

# How Illinois County Boards are Elected



The 1970 Illinois Constitution states that a county board shall be elected in each county. The number of members of the county board shall be fixed by ordinance in each county within the limitations provided by law. The Constitution provides for two kinds of counties: Cook and all others. No county, other than Cook, may change its method of electing board members except as approved by county-wide referendum. Presently, by statute, the General Assembly has provided for three kinds of counties: under township organization, under a commission form, and under a county executive form of government.

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County	Form of Government	Board Size	Type of District or At-Large	Number of Districts	Members per District
Adams	Township	21	Multi-Member	7	3
Alexander	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Bond	Township	5	Single-Member	5	1
Boone	Township	12	Multi-Member	3	4
Brown	Township	9	At-Large	1	9
Bureau	Township	26	Single-Member	26	1
Calhoun	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Carroll	Township	15	Multi-Member	3	5
Cass	Township	11	Multi-Member	4	Varies
Champaign	Township	27	Multi-Member	9	3
Christian	Township	16	Multi-Member	4	4
Clark	Township	7	Single-Member	7	1
Clay	Township	14	Single-Member	14	1
Clinton	Township	15	Multi-Member	5	3
Coles	Township	12	Single-Member	12	1
Cook	Township	17	Single-Member	17	17
Crawford	Township	10	Multi-Member	5	2
Cumberland	Township	6	Multi-Member	3	2
DeKalb	Township	24	Multi-Member	12	2
Dewitt	Township	12	Multi-Member	4	3
Douglas	Township	7	Single-Member	7	1
DuPage	Township	18	Multi-Member	6	3
Edgar	Township	7	Single-Member	7	1
Edwards	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Effingham	Township	9	Single-Member	9	1
Fayette	Township	14	Multi-Member	7	2
Ford	Township	12	Multi-Member	3	4
Franklin	Township	9	Multi-Member	3	3
Fulton	Township	21	Multi-Member	3	7
Gallatin	Township	5	At-Large	1	5
Greene	Township	7	Single-Member	7	1
Grundy	Township	18	Multi-Member	3	6
Hamilton	Township	5	At-Large	1	5
Hancock	Township	15	Multi-Member	5	3
Hardin	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Henderson	Township	11	At-Large	1	11
Henry	Township	24	Multi-Member	3	8
Iroquois	Township	25	Multi-Member	5	5
Jackson	Township	14	Multi-Member	7	2
Jasper	Township	12	Multi-Member	3	4
Jefferson	Township	15	Single-Member	15	1
Jersey	Township	12	Multi-Member	4	3
JoDaviess	Township	17	Single-Member	17	1
Johnson	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Kane	Township	26	Single-Member	26	1
Kankakee	Township	28	Single-Member	28	1
Kendall	Township	10	Multi-Member	2	5
Knox	Township	15	Multi-Member	5	3

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Lake	Township	23	Single-Member	23	1
LaSalle	Township	29	Single-Member	29	1
Lawrence	Township	7	Single-Member	7	1
Lee	Township	28	Multi-Member	4	7
Livingston	Township	24	Multi-Member	3	8
Logan	Township	12	Multi-Member	6	2
Macon	Township	21	Multi-Member	7	3
Macoupin	Township	27	Multi-Member	9	3
Madison	Township	29	Single-Member	29	1
Marion	Township	15	Multi-Member	5	3
Marshall	Township	12	Multi-Member	3	4
Mason	Township	8	Multi-Member	2	4
Massac	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
McDonough	Township	21	Multi-Member	3	7
McHenry	Township	24	Multi-Member	6	4
McLean	Township	20	Multi-Member	10	2
Menard	Commission	5	Single-Member	5	1
Mercer	Township	10	Multi-Member	5	2
Monroe	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Montgomery	Township	21	Multi-Member	7	3
Morgan	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Moultrie	Township	9	At-Large	1	9
Ogle	Township	24	Multi-Member	4	6
Peoria	Township	18	Single-Member	18	1
Perry	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Piatt	Township	6	Multi-Member	3	2
Pike	Township	9	At-Large	1	9
Pope	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Pulaski	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Putnam	Township	5	At-Large	1	5
Randolph	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Richland	Township	7	At-Large	7	1
Rock Island	Township	24	Single-Member	24	1
Saline	Township	13	At-Large	1	13
Sangamon	Township	29	Single-Member	29	1
Schuyler	Township	11	Multi-Member	2	4; 3
Scott	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Shelby	Township	22	Multi-Member	11	2
Stark	Township	8	At-Large	2	4
St. Clair	Township	29	Single-Member	29	1
Stephenson	Township	22	Multi-Member	11	2
Tazewell	Township	21	Multi-Member	3	7
Union	Commission	3	At-Large	3	1
Vermilion	Township	27	Multi-Member	9	3
Wabash	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Warren	Township	16	Multi-Member	4	4
Washington	Township	15	Multi-Member	3	5
Wayne	Township	14	Multi-Member	7	2
White	Township	5	By-District	5	1
Whiteside	Township	27	Single-Member	3	9
Will	Executive	27	Multi-Member	9	3
Williamson	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Winnebago	Township	28	Multi-Member	14	2
Woodford	Township	15	Multi-Member	3	5