

Looking Up Your Legislators



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Thank you!



Knowledge Check: Pre-module Questions

1. Do you know the three levels of government?
2. Do you know what information you need to look up your legislators?
3. Do you know one website you can use to look up your legislators?
4. Do you know how to find the contact information of your elected officials?



Advocacy

Definition of Advocacy

- Advocacy is defined as **any action that speaks in favor of, recommends, argues for a cause, supports or defends, or pleads on behalf of others.**



Advocacy – Different Ways to Advocate

Volunteer

Your time

Contribute \$

Educate Others

Support Causes that Align with your Interests

Run for Office

Sit on a Board



Advocacy – Different Ways to Advocate

Speak Up and Speak Out Tell your Story:

In Person

Newspaper

Radio

Social Media

Vote

Meet with your Legislators



Three Levels of Government - Federal

Federal Government

- **Senate:** 100 Senators
- **House of Representatives:** 435 Representatives



Three Levels of Government - State

State Governments

- Almost every state has a state legislature consisting of State Senators and State Representatives
- States cannot pass laws that conflict with federal laws



Three Levels of Government - Local

Local Governments

- Cities are generally run by a **mayor or city manager** and a city council, composed of elected representatives from each ward
- In Chicago, these representatives are called **aldermen**



Three Ways to Look Up Your Legislators

1. ILGA Legislator Lookup



ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2. Plural



3. The Humane Society



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ILGA Legislator Lookup

- The first website is called Legislator Lookup, and you can find it on the [Illinois General Assembly website](https://www.ilga.gov):
<https://www.ilga.gov>.

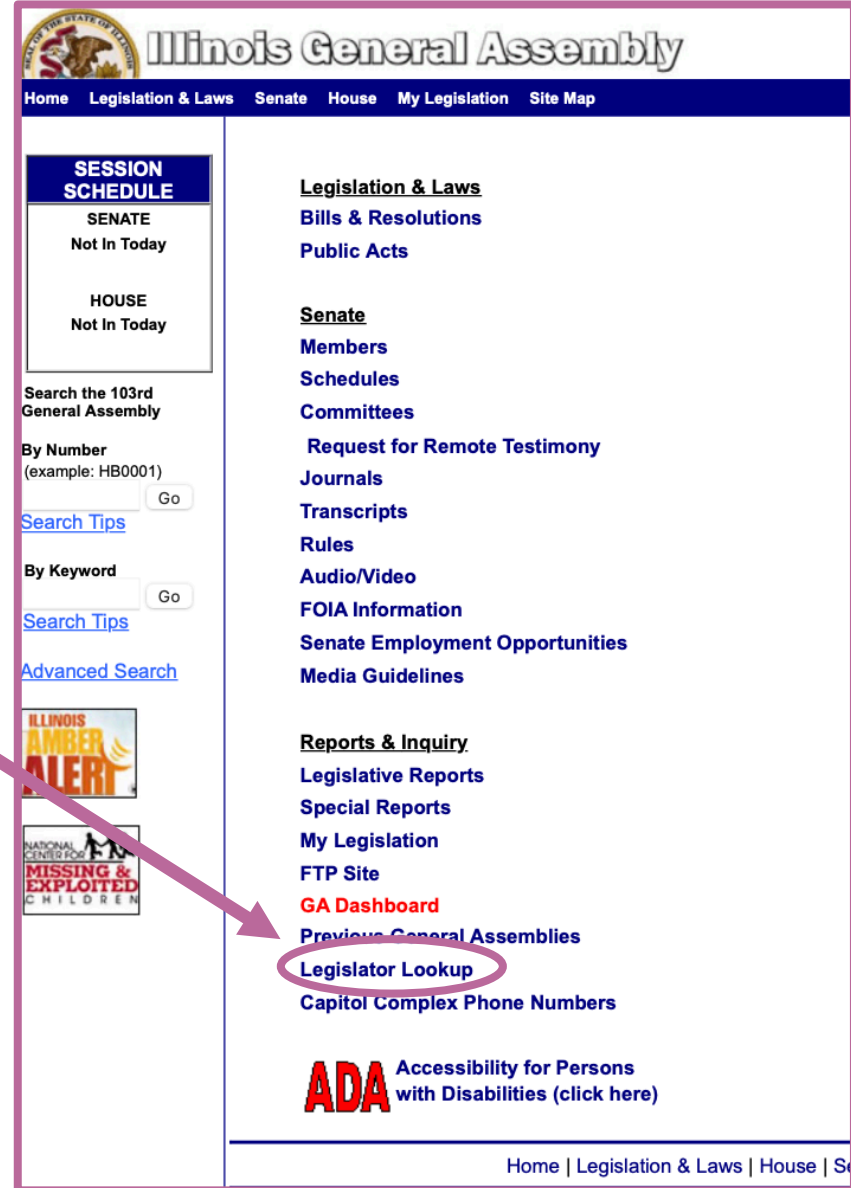


ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY



ILGA Legislator Lookup

- Select “Legislator Lookup” near the bottom of the screen.



The screenshot shows the Illinois General Assembly website. The navigation bar includes links for Home, Legislation & Laws, Senate, House, My Legislation, and Site Map. A sidebar on the left contains a 'SESSION SCHEDULE' section with 'SENATE Not In Today' and 'HOUSE Not In Today', a search box for the 103rd General Assembly (with 'By Number' and 'By Keyword' options), and two logos: 'ILLINOIS AMBER ALERT' and 'NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN'. The main content area lists various services under several categories: 'Legislation & Laws' (Bills & Resolutions, Public Acts), 'Senate' (Members, Schedules, Committees, Request for Remote Testimony, Journals, Transcripts, Rules, Audio/Video, FOIA Information, Senate Employment Opportunities, Media Guidelines), 'Reports & Inquiry' (Legislative Reports, Special Reports), 'My Legislation' (FTP Site, GA Dashboard, Previous General Assemblies, Legislator Lookup), and 'Capitol Complex Phone Numbers'. At the bottom, there is an 'ADA Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities (click here)' link. The footer contains the text 'Home | Legislation & Laws | House | Senate'.

ILGA Legislator Lookup

- Follow the link to this page and click on the photo to search for your elected officials.

The screenshot displays the Illinois State Board of Elections website. At the top, the header reads "ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS" with navigation tabs for "Information For Voters", "Campaign Disclosure", "Voting Systems", "Running for Office", "Candidate Filing and Results", and "Business Reg". Below the header is a blue banner for the "State of Illinois Coronavirus Response Site". The main content area features a large background image of the Illinois State Capitol building. A dark blue button labeled "Find My Elected Officials" is prominently displayed. Below this button is a map of Illinois with a red arrow pointing to a specific district. A yellow box with the text "Click on the photo to search for your District Officials" is overlaid on the map. A red arrow points from this box to a blue link labeled "Click to Find My Elected Officials". At the bottom of the page, there is a disclaimer: "While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, if a voter has a question concerning their Legislative or Congressional district, the Board suggests contacting your local election authority. Click here to go to the Election Authorities page."

ILGA Legislator Lookup

The screenshot displays the 'My Elected Representative' website, presented by the Illinois State Board of Elections (ISBE). The main area features a map of Illinois with its legislative districts outlined. A search panel on the right is titled 'Find My Elected Representative' and includes a search bar with the placeholder text 'Find address', a search icon, and a slider set to '0' miles. The website header includes the ISBE logo and the text 'My Elected Representative presented by the Illinois State Board of Elections ISBE Website'.

- Next, enter your address.



ILGA Legislator Lookup

The screenshot shows the 'My Elected Representative' tool on the ISBE Website. The map displays the Chicago area with a search result for '4141 N Kedvale Ave, Chicago, IL, 60641, USA'. A sidebar on the right lists various elected offices, with 'President of the United States' selected.

Find My Elected Representative	
Search for an address or locate on map	
4141 N Kedvale Ave, Chicago, IL, 60641 X	Q
Show results within 0 Miles	
0	1
President of the United States	>
Vice President of the United States	>
United States Senator	>
United States Congressperson	>
Governor	>
Lieutenant Governor	>
Attorney General	>
Secretary of State	>
State Comptroller	>
State Treasurer	>
State Senator	>
State Representative	>
Judicial District	>
Cook County Board of Review	>

- You will then see a drop-down list of your elected officials.



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Find Your Legislators

Enter your address

ENTER ADDRESS



- <https://pluralpolicy.com/open/>.
Plural's legislator lookup website.



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- Enter your address or select "Use my current location."

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- Plural shows you your state and federal legislators.

Find your Local Legislator.

Data here now has been updated to reflect the 2020-2022 redistricting process. Results here now show who currently represents you, under the new maps.

Known exceptions: Montana has not finalized redistricting, so results in Montana will reflect the pre-redistricting (2022) districts.

ENTER ADDRESS

SEARCH

 Use my current location

State Legislators



Lindsey LaPointe
Democratic

District
19

Chamber
 Lower



Robert F. Martwick
Democratic

District
10

Chamber
 Upper

Federal Legislators



Mike Quigley
Democratic

District
IL-5

Chamber
House



Richard J. Durbin
Democratic

District
Illinois

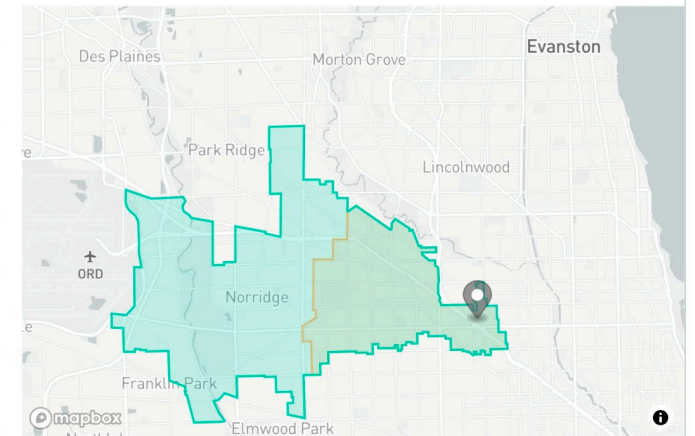
Chamber
Senate



Tammy Duckworth
Democratic

District
Illinois

Chamber
Senate



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You can click on any of your legislators to see their:

- Contact information
- Committee assignments
- Bills they have sponsored
- Other important information

The screenshot displays a legislative profile for Ladda Tammy Duckworth. On the left, a sidebar contains her initials 'LD' in a green circle, her name, and various biographical details: TITLE (Senator), STATE (US Congress), CHAMBER (Senate), DISTRICT, PARTY (Democrat), and GENDER (F). Below this are expandable sections for CONTACT INFO and COMMITTEES, and a Source link. The main content area is titled 'BILLS SPONSORED' and shows a list of three bills. Each bill entry includes the status 'INTRODUCED', the bill number (S.384, S.3530, S.RES.505), the title, the committee name, and the congress number (118TH CONGRESS). A 'TRACK' button is present for each bill. At the top of the main area, there are navigation tabs for 'BILLS SPONSORED', 'ACTIVITY', 'VOTE HISTORY', and 'STAFF DIRECTORY'. A 'Filter by Session' dropdown and a 'Sort by Latest Action' dropdown are also visible.

Humane Society



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- https://secured.humanesociety.org/page/78532/action/1?&t=ab=state&ea.tracking.id=wpe_redirect. Humane Society's find your legislators website.

Find your legislators

Enter your address below to look up your elected officials.

Enter your full home address:

Humane Society

The Humane Society website shows you your:

- Federal legislators
- State legislators
- Local legislators

Find your legislators

Enter your address below to look up your elected officials.

Enter your full home address:

4141 North Kedvale Avenue, Chicago, IL, USA

Show all

Federal

Illinois

Local

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Knowledge Check: Post-module Questions

What are the three levels of government?



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What are the three levels of government?

- Federal
- State
- Local



Knowledge Check: Post-module Questions

What information do you need to look up your legislators?



Knowledge Check: Post-module Questions

What information do you need to look up your legislators?

- Your address



Knowledge Check: Post-module Questions

How can you find the contact information of your elected officials?



Knowledge Check: Post-module Questions

How can you find the contact information of your elected officials?

- All the websites we showed you today provide you with your elected officials' contact information



Knowledge Check: Post-module Questions

What are the names of the websites you can use to look up your legislators?



Knowledge Check: Post-module Questions

What are some tools you can use to look up your legislators?

- ILGA Legislator Lookup
- Plural
- The Humane Society
- Or another website





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