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PRESS RELEASE

STATE'S ATTORNEY TO DEPLOY PROSECUTORS TO MONITOR UPCOMING ELECTIONS THROUGHOUT KANKAKEE COUNTY

KANKAKEE, IL – The Kankakee County State's Attorney will deploy prosecutors to polling places throughout Kankakee County on Tuesday, February 28th, and again on Tuesday, April 4th, to monitor polls during the municipal primary and consolidated elections.

State's Attorney Jim Rowe, along with personnel from his Office's civil and criminal division, will visit random polling places throughout Kankakee County to ensure that laws protecting voters' access to the ballot, and the integrity of those ballots, are enforced. A prosecutor will also be available to the County Clerk's Office to assist with any legal issues that may arise throughout the day.

Rowe said "[t]he State's Attorneys' Office will perform these duties impartially, with one goal in mind: protecting the legitimacy of the ballot. In light of the troubling allegations of vote fraud and vote suppression from last November's election cycle, I want citizens in Kankakee County to know that I am deeply committed to the fair and unbiased application of our voting rights and we will work tirelessly to ensure that every eligible person that wants to vote is able to cast a ballot without undue influence. Toward that end, we will respond to any reported violations of the Illinois Election Code, which governs the conduct of elections, polling place operations, and election observation."

In addition to his office's pro-active efforts, Rowe also encourages citizens to "act as poll-watchers in their own right on Election Day by reporting any irregularities to the State's Attorneys' Office. We will have employees at the ready to field phone calls and complaints from anyone who wishes to report concerns at a polling place. They can call (815) 936-5800 and we will respond."

For further information, contact State's Attorney Jim Rowe at (815) 936-5800.