

2012 STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Running for: Illinois Senate Illinois House | District: 59th | Democrat Republican

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If offered, would you ~~accept~~ the support of a public-sector union? Yes No

(Please provide a one-page bio with this questionnaire) ** WITH QUALIFICATIONS*

POLICY QUESTIONS

BUDGET & TAXES

Do you support/oppose ~~any~~ increase in taxes or fees? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose ~~repealing~~ the 2011 Income tax increase? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose ~~repealing~~ Illinois' inheritance tax? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose ~~tax~~ incentives for select companies that keep their business in Illinois? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose ~~the~~ reestablishment of comprehensive public hearings on major program spending? Support Oppose
** I SUPPORT BUSINESS JOBS AND CUTTING TAXES*

Do you support/oppose ~~putting~~ administrative agency and executive branch witnesses under oath before they testify to legislative committees? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose ~~requiring~~ the Senate President and Speaker of the House to certify, under penalty of sanction, that the state budget appropriations bills constitute a balanced budget? Support Oppose

STATE EMPLOYMENT

Do you support/oppose ~~a~~ statewide hiring freeze, to only be waived on an individual basis by the Governor's signature? Support Oppose
** I SUPPORT LANGUAGE IN SENATE REPEALS
'Reality Check' TACITUS CUTS*

- Do you support/oppose a freeze on state employee promotions, to only be waived on an individual basis by the Governor's signature? Support Oppose
- Do you support/oppose the right of public employees to strike? Support Oppose
- Do you support/oppose making Illinois a right-to-work state? Support Oppose
- Do you support/oppose project labor agreements (PLAs), which prevent any non-union company from bidding on state work? Support Oppose
- Do you support/oppose exempting school districts and local governments from the Illinois Prevailing Wage Law? Support Oppose

STATE PENSIONS

- Do you support/oppose a "hard pension cap", which would establish a salary ceiling? Support Oppose
- Do you support/oppose replacing the current pension system with a 401K-like plan for new and future public employees? Support Oppose
- Do you support/oppose increasing existing and future public employees' contributions to the pension system? Support Oppose
- Do you support/oppose prohibiting any pension benefit increase that is not fully funded when granted? Support Oppose
- Do you support/oppose raising the retirement age for public employees? Support Oppose

EDUCATION

- Do you support/oppose taxpayer-funded scholarships for elementary/secondary student to attend private schools? Support Oppose
- Do you support/oppose per-pupil-spending of state education funds following students to whatever school parents deem best? Support Oppose
- Do you support/oppose registration of home school students with state or local authorities? Support Oppose
- Do you support/oppose the state licensing of home school parents? Support Oppose
- Do you support/oppose the approval of home school curriculum by the State Board of Education? Support Oppose
- Do you support/oppose lowering the compulsory school age from 7? Support Oppose

MEDICAID

- Do you support/oppose a periodic re-qualification program for all Medicaid participants requiring proof of income, citizenship, and reasonable asset test? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose ~~suspending~~ all discretionary grant programs related to hospitals and Medicaid? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose ~~a full~~ accounting of all spending grouped in the budget as "Other Related Medicaid Services"? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose the elimination of the Health Facilities Planning Board? Support Oppose

STATE COURTS

Do you support/oppose ~~the~~ elimination of one of the two separate chambers for the Illinois Supreme Court? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose ~~the~~ elimination of food service and lodging at all Appellate Courthouses? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose ~~the~~ election of Supreme Court Judges? Support Oppose

GOVERNMENT REFORM

Do you support/oppose ~~full~~ and public financial disclosure of all sources of income for every elected official? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose ~~repealing~~ the contribution limits imposed under recent changes to the Illinois Campaign Finance laws? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose ~~General~~ Assembly leadership PACs being subject to the same campaign finance rules as all other PACs? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose ~~term~~ limits for General Assembly presiding officers and legislative leaders? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose ~~a ban~~ on all outside employment for state constitutional officers, including the Speaker of the House and Senate President? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose ~~a~~ prohibition on pensions and healthcare benefits for "part-time" elected officials statewide? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose ~~the~~ public election of House and Senate committee chairs by their membership? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose ~~a~~ mandate that any bill with 5+ sponsors be entitled to a public hearing? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose ~~civil or~~ criminal sanctions against legislators who lie about legislation during committee hearings or floor debate? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose ~~a~~ requirement of 24 hour, online publication of all legislation before final passage? Support Oppose

ELECTION INTEGRITY

Do you support/oppose the repeal of Illinois' Motor Voter program? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose a law requiring photo ID to vote? Support Oppose

SOCIAL POLICY

Do you support/oppose the expanded use of eminent domain for economic development? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose the ban on smoking on private property? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose concealed carry? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose sanctuary cities and counties in Illinois? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose the use of capital punishment in Illinois? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose the enforcement of traffic laws by means of red light or speed cameras? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose the expansion of gaming in Illinois? Support Oppose


Do you support/oppose requiring abortion clinics to be licensed under the Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center Act? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), which would eliminate all restrictions on abortion in Illinois? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose a state constitutional amendment defining marriage as between one man and one woman? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose mandatory mental health screening of pregnant/new mothers and/or children by state agencies or medical practitioners? Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose the repeal of the civil unions law? Support Oppose


Candidate Signature

1/30/12
Date

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Married: Pamela (Cook) Minor
Five children: Brian, Nathan, Emily, Erin, Elizabeth
Eight Grandchildren

EDUCATION:

Benton Consolidated High School, Benton, IL
Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA: B.S., Psychology
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL: M.S., Educational Psychology

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Clerk, Western Auto, Benton, IL (1973)
Managing Editor, *Illinois Magazine*, Benton IL (1974, 1976-77)
Musician/Counselor, *Good News Circle, Inc.*, Niles, MI (1975-'76)
Laborer, *Michael-Walters Industries*, Valier, IL (1977-1978)
Pastor— *Whittington Church*, Whittington, IL: (1978-present)

OTHER EXPERIENCE:

Member, Board of Education, *Ewing Northern Grade School*; 1977- 1994
Member, President of Board of Education, *Benton Consolidated High School*, 1989-present
President, *Franklin-Jefferson Special Education District*, 1998-present
Instructor, *Rend Lake College (Psychology, Child Psychology)*
1998-present
IHSA Sports Official (*baseball, softball*); 1987-1998
Volunteer Chaplain, *Big Muddy River Correctional Center*, (Ina, IL), 1997-present
Member, Board of Directors, *Baptist Children's Home and Family Services*
(2008 to present)
Member, *Partnership for Youth Council (Marion, IL)*
Member, *State of Illinois: Balanced and Restorative Justice Council*
Member, *Illinois Farm Bureau*