

# 2012 STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Running for:  Illinois Senate  Illinois House | District: \_\_\_\_\_ |  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)**

## 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

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

- 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

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Candidate Signature

01/10/2012  
Date