

2012 STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Running for: Illinois Senate Illinois House | District: 24 | Democrat Republican

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

Depends which ONE.
(Please provide a one-page bio with this questionnaire)

Bio under separate cover via - email

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? *with limits* Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose making Illinois a right-to-work state? *Depends on how it is drafted. I support card check -- Sector ballot Adjust.* 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? *Depends on type of labor* Support Oppose

STATE PENSIONS

Do you support/oppose a "hard pension cap", which would establish a salary ceiling? *For most employees.* 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? *I support tuition tax credits, vouchers for private schools, & charter schools.* Support Oppose

Do you support/oppose per-pupil-spending of state education funds following students to whatever school parents deem best? *If I have support of tax breaks + financial support for private, etc.* 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? *Needs to be guidelines, though.* 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? *Yes, but it depends, which ones.* 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? - *Sponsored the bill* Support Oppose
I am also the sponsor of the new Medicaid recipient audit law!

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
We need to amend the constitution so that each county does not get 3 justices *7!!!*

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
with permit & background check
- 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
Support of Right turn on Red light ticket ban.
- 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
to sponsor of it
- 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
It is a litigious nightmare!!

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Legislative Accomplishments

Sen. Dillard was first sworn-in as an elected Senator to the General Assembly beginning in 1995. Since that time, Kirk Dillard has been the chief sponsor of many landmark pieces of legislation, including most recently a new law banning sex offenders from practicing medicine in Illinois. Sen. Dillard also sponsored Illinois' first campaign finance/ethics reforms in 25 years, and was the sponsor of the law to create the Illinois Internet Portal to disclose online every salary, contract, tax break, and tax deadbeat.

Kirk Dillard was the sponsor of the truth-in-sentencing law to ensure felons serve their full sentences, mandatory DNA testing of all felons, the "Safe to Learn" Act ensuring school safety, the reorganization of the public higher education system, the tough anti-gun crime law known as "15-20-Life," and a new Dillard law made it a felony to commit a drive-by shooting from a motor vehicle.

Senator Dillard authored the first statute outlawing date rape or designer drugs. A Dillard bill bolstered public access to Internet information about sexual predators and established and improved the Amber Alert Child Emergency Location system in Illinois. He also sponsored a new law to give citizens access to more information about sex offenders.

Kirk Dillard cosponsored the comprehensive reform of Illinois' capital punishment system, and has been a strong advocate for tort reform and medical malpractice insurance reform to ensure access to health care in Illinois, especially for cases involving women, children and in emergency situations.

Dillard created thousands of jobs by shepherding the legislation to expand McCormick Place and Navy Pier. He also sponsored the law encouraging the Boeing Company to establish its headquarters in Chicago, as well as legislation to encourage Navistar to move its headquarters back to Lisle, Illinois. A Dillard bill was responsible for returning the Pledge of Allegiance to Illinois high schools after a 30-year absence, and he successfully sponsored the Secretary of State's railroad safety initiatives, which have dramatically reduced railroad crossing deaths.

Experience	From December 1990 to December 1993, Dillard served with distinction as Chief of Staff to former Governor Jim Edgar. He was a Judge on the Court of Claims from February 1987 to December 1990, and Director of Legislative Affairs for former Governor James Thompson from October 1983 to February 1987.
Committees	Kirk Dillard is the minority spokesman for both the Senate Assignments Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee. Sen. Dillard is also a member of the Senate Energy Committee, member of the Senate Licensed Activities Committee, member of the Senate Redistricting Committee and a member of the Senate Criminal Law Committee.
Organizations	<p>Dillard serves on the Board of Directors for the Robert Crown Center for Health Education in Hinsdale, as well as the College of DuPage Foundation Board. He is also a member of the Dean's Advisory Council for the DePaul University College of Law, and the Advisory Board of Friends of Rush Children's Hospital. The Senator also serves as a mentor for the University of Chicago Graduate School of Public Policies Studies.</p> <p>Dillard was a member of the "Illinois Coalition," a corporate, academic and government board that worked to strengthen the Illinois economy by promoting science and technology. He is also a past president of the Western Illinois University Alumni Council, member of the Union League Club of Chicago, Economic Club of Chicago, and chairman of the DuPage County Republican Party. He is a founding member of the Education Foundation of Downers Grove District 58.</p>
Honors	In 2011, Sen. Dillard was the recipient of the first-ever Presidential Leadership Medal presented by the College of DuPage. He was awarded the 2009 Award for "Outstanding Service to DePaul University." <i>Crain's Chicago Business</i> named Dillard to its "Who's Who in Chicago Business." He was inducted into the University of Illinois: <i>Illinois Issues</i> magazine's Legislative Staff "Hall of Fame" and the Hinsdale Central High School Foundation's "Hall of Fame." He was named 2005 "Legislator of the Year" by the Illinois State Crime Commission for his record in combating crime. In October 2005, the Illinois Equal Justice Foundation presented Senator Dillard with its 2005 "Champion of Justice Award." He was named the 2002 "Champion of Free Enterprise" by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce for his support of legislation designed to strengthen the state's job climate. He was named 2005 Friend of Agriculture by the Illinois Farm Bureau. He received the 2005 DuPage County Bar Association's Board of Directors Award. The Chicago Bar Association awarded him a "Commendation of Merit" for his longstanding service to the legal profession. In 2005, he was named a "Leading Lawyer" in a survey of his peers in the Illinois legal community. The Illinois Hospital and Health Systems Association named Dillard an "Outstanding Legislator for 1999." The National Republican Legislators Association presented him with its prestigious 1996 "Legislator of the Year Award" for his extraordinary achievements in public service. He was chosen the 1995 "Legislative Member of the Year" by the American Legislative Exchange Council, the nation's

largest bipartisan legislators' organization. He has received the American Bar Association Award for "Best Performance" on Land Use and Local Government Law. Dillard was named a "Guardian of Small Business" in 1998 and 2000 by the National Federation of Independent Businesses. He received the 1997 "Jobs Defender" Award from the Employment Law Council. Other organizations honoring Dillard include the Illinois Alcohol and Drug Dependence Association, Family-PAC, DuPage County Farm Bureau, Bolingbrook Medical Center, Hinsdale Hospital and its Cancer Wellness House, Community Hospitals Against the Medicaid Provider Tax, ABATE, and DuPage County Respite House for medically-fragile children.

Personal

Dillard lives in Hinsdale with his wife, Stephanie, and daughters, Emma and Ava. A graduate of Hinsdale Central High School, he earned, with honors, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Economics from Western Illinois University and a Juris Doctor degree from DePaul University College of Law. He is a partner with Locke Lord, one of Chicago's largest law firms.

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