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General Election Results in Historic Changes

Illinois bucked the national trend of Republican control during this past General Election. Republicans now control both chambers of Congress and the Presidency at the national level. In Illinois the November 5th General Election led to Democratic control of the General Assembly and Governor's office. Democrats won control of the Senate and maintained control of the House. The Republicans had held a 32-27 edge over Democrats in the Senate, but the election changed the representation to 32 Democrats, 26 Republicans and 1 Independent. This marks the first time in ten years that Democrats will control both chambers. The House added one more Democrat bringing the totals to 66 Democrats and 52 Republicans. Even more surprising was Rod Blagojevich's 53 to 44% victory over Attorney General Jim Ryan for the Governor's office. Pat Quinn will serve as Rod Blagojevich's

Lieutenant Governor. Blagojevich, a 45 year old Congressman from Chicago's North Side, will be the first Democrat in the Governor's office in three decades, not since Dan Walker, who held the office from 1973-76.

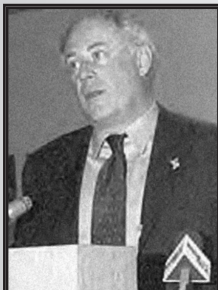
The only statewide constitutional race the Democrats did not claim was the Treasurer's office, which Judy Baar Topinka has held since 1995. With Democrats dominating the Illinois Supreme Court 5-2, the Democrats will now control all three branches of the government in the state. Only three times in the last 100 years have the Democrats controlled the Senate, House, and Governor's office: in the 1930's, mid 1970's, and next year. Concerning constitutional offices, Senator Lisa Madigan defeated Joe Birkett, incumbent Daniel Hynes defeated Thomas Ramsdell for Comptroller, and Secretary of State Jesse White retained his office.



The Illinois State Constitutional Officers



Rod Blagojevich
Governor



Patrick Quinn
Lieutenant
Governor



Jesse White
Secretary of
State



Daniel Hynes
Comptroller



Lisa Madigan
Attorney
General



*Judy Baar
Topinka*
Treasurer

Senate Incumbents from the 92nd General Assembly Not Returning

A number of incumbent senators will not be returning for the 93rd General Assembly for a variety of reasons. Kathleen Parker (R-Northbrook), Laura Kent Donahue (R-Quincy), Bill Shaw (D-Chicago), and William O'Daniel (D-Mount Vernon) were defeated in the General Election on November 5th. William Mahar (R-Orland Park) and Judith Myers (R-Danville) lost their races in the March Primary. Evelyn Bowles (D-Edwardsville), Stanley Weaver (R-Urbana), and Duane Noland (R-Blue Mound) will be retiring. Some incumbents appointed to fill unexpired legislative terms chose not to run to retain their seats. These included Frederick Rupley, who replaced Walter Dudycz (R-Chicago); Matthew O'Shea, who replaced Thomas Walsh (R-LaGrange Park); and Claude "Bud" Stone, who replaced Robert Madigan (R-Lincoln). Lisa Madigan, Carl Hawkinson, and Patrick O'Malley chose to run for higher offices. Only Lisa Madigan prevailed in her race for Attorney General.



House Incumbents from the 92nd General Assembly Not Returning

Several incumbent representatives will not be joining the roster of the 93rd General Assembly. Thomas Berns (R-Urbana), Anne Zickus (R-Palos Hills), and Robert Bugielski (D-Chicago) lost their seats in the General Election. Meanwhile, Mary Lou Cowlshaw (R-Naperville), Ron Lawfer (R-Stockton), and Judy Erwin (D-Chicago) will be retiring. Gwenn Kingler (R-Springfield) lost earlier in the March Primary. A couple of representatives, Thomas Dart (D-Chicago) and Jim Durkin (R-Westchester), were unsuccessful in their bids for other offices. Three appointed incumbents chosen as replacements within the last year decided not to seek to retain their seats in the General Election. Suzanne Simpson (R-Libertyville) replaced Andrea Moore; Roger Marquardt (R-Glen Ellyn) was Vince Persico's replacement; and Jonathan Wright (R-Atlanta) was appointed to replace John W. Turner. James Fowler (D-Harrisburg), Thomas L. Johnson (R-West Chicago), Shirley Jones (D-Chicago) and William O'Connor (R-Riverside) complete the list of those incumbents who chose not to seek re-election this year.



New Faces at the Senate and House

Illinois citizens will be losing representation of numerous incumbents with a wealth of legislative experience. There will be plenty of new people at the Capitol next spring to accept the challenges that lie ahead. Some of the new legislators have actually shifted from House to Senate while one has gone from the Senate to the House. The State Board of Elections will officially certify the results of the General Election on November 25th. However, one or more legislative races may result in a challenge. If this is the case, the results in those situations may not be resolved officially until next spring. Following are the lists of new members of the 93rd General Assembly we will most likely be encountering at the Capitol. The names reflect the leaders commonly referenced in the press and should not vary from the results the Board of Elections certifies on November 25th.



New Senators

District	Name
9	<i>Jeffrey Schoenberg</i> (D-Evanston)
12	Martin Sandoval (D-Chicago)
15	James Meeks (D-Chicago)
16	Jacqueline Collins (D-Chicago)
18	Edward Maloney (Chicago)
19	<i>M. Maggie Crotty</i> (D-Oak Forest)
20	Iris Martinez (D-Chicago)
29	<i>Susan Garrett</i> (D-Lake Forest)
37	Dale Risinger (R-Peoria)
39	Don Harmon (D-Oak Park)
44	Bill Brady (R-Bloomington)
47	John Sullivan (D-Rushville)
52	<i>Richard Winkel, Jr.</i> (R-Champaign)
53	<i>Dan Rutherford</i> (R-Chenoa)
54	<i>John Jones</i> (R-Mount Vernon)
55	<i>Dale Righter</i> (R-Mattoon)
56	William Haine (D-Alton)

Italics designates incumbent House Member
Incumbents in **Bold** –Some are serving unexpired terms, thus the “new face” status

New Representatives

District	Name
5	Kenneth Dunkin (D-Chicago)
6	Patricia Bailey (D-Chicago)
21	<i>Robert Molaro</i> (D-Chicago)
24	Frank Aguilar (R-Cicero)
28	Robert Rita (D-Blue Island)
30	William Davis (D-Hazel Crest)
33	Marlow Colvin (D-Chicago)
35	Kevin Carey Joyce (D-Chicago)
38	Robin Kelly (D-Matteson)
39	Maria Antonia Berrios (D-Chicago)
42	Sandra Pihos (R-Glen Ellyn)
51	Ed Sullivan, Jr. (R-Mundelein)
55	John Millner (R-Carol Stream)
57	Elaine Nekritz (D-Northbrook)
59	Kathleen Ryg (D-Vernon Hills)
60	Eddie Washington (D-Waukegan)
62	*Robert Churchill (R-Lake Villa)
67	Charles Jefferson (D-Rockford)
78	Deborah Graham (D-Chicago)
83	Linda Chapa-La Via (D-Aurora)
89	Jim Sacia (R-Pecatonica)
96	Joe Dunn (R-Naperville)
97	Jim Watson (R-Jacksonville)
100	Rich Brauer (R-Petersburg)
103	Naomi Jakobsson (D-Urbana)
105	Shane Cultra (R-Onarga)
109	Roger Eddy (R-Hutsonville)
110	Chapin Rose (R-Urbana)
118	Brandon Phelps (D-Norris City)

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Fall Veto Session Begins

Although the legislature already held an unprecedented special veto session on June 10th, it is that time of year again for the fall veto session. The spring veto session dealt solely with budgetary issues whereas the fall session will address vetoed bills and other matters as well. The budget will probably be discussed but the General Assembly may also consider any other issues it deems relevant or important enough, in addition to the vetoes. The legislature will most likely address House Bill 2058, the anti-terrorism bill, which received an amendatory veto. In his veto message, Ryan suggests adding some of the 85 death penalty reforms his Commission on Capital Punishment recommended in a report issued April 15, 2002.

House and Senate members have a number of options available to them in responding or not responding to Governor Ryan’s vetoes during the veto session. See the chart titled “Veto Session Options” to see what actions and potential results are at the legislature’s disposal.

This fall the General Assembly will take a look at 13 bills Governor George Ryan vetoed, 13 bills receiving an amendatory veto, and one item veto. For both chambers, November 7 is Perfunctory. They will also meet on November 19, 20, and 21. The veto session continues into December this year with the legislature meeting on December 3, 4, and 5.



VETO SESSION OPTIONS

Governor's Action	Legislature's Options	Vote Required In Each House	Result
Sign the bill	-----	-----	Bill becomes law
Do nothing for 60 days	-----	-----	Bill becomes law
Veto the bill	Override	Three-fifths	Bill becomes law as originally passed
	Fail to override	Less than three-fifths	Bill dies
Amendatory veto	Override	Three-fifths	Bill becomes law as originally passed
	Accept	Majority	Bill becomes law with Governor's changes
	Do nothing	-----	Bill dies

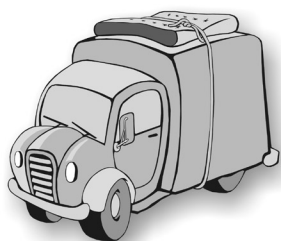
An Old Theme – Illinois' Budget Crisis

The 27 vetoes will definitely be the highlight of the veto session in the next couple of weeks. Most likely the growing budgetary problem will be revisited during the fall veto session although whether it will be resolved remains to be seen. While the worsening budget conditions have been at the forefront of the news lately, legislators may decide to wait to address the problem until the new year when the shifts in control of the Senate and governor's office take place. Governor George Ryan's final budget was based on a recovery in revenue collections but that has not happened. Lawmakers estimated in the FY 2003 budget that \$1 billion more in revenue would be collected. Revenues, income and sales taxes – the biggest revenue sources, have not been as high as hoped for in the first three months of the current fiscal year. Revenues are actually \$81 million lower than expected. Spending on Medicaid (medical care for the poor and disabled) and state employees health insurance costs are increasing at rapid rates. It is estimated these costs may add another \$300 million to the state's debt load. Exacerbating the financial crisis is the need to repay by next summer the \$1 billion the state borrowed to ease cash flow problems caused by a backlog of unpaid bills. AFSCME, the union representing many state employees would like legislators to approve a supplemental spending bill during the November Veto Session. They would also like to see facilities closed by budget cuts reopened and displaced workers rehired. How-

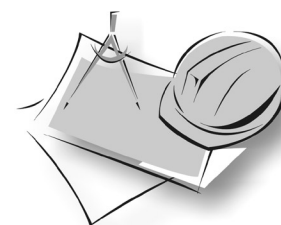
ever, it is still not known whether the growing budgetary problem will even be addressed by the legislature in the upcoming weeks.

The General Assembly's budget experts at the Economic and Fiscal Commission anticipate a \$500 million shortfall for the current fiscal year. There is speculation that there could be a \$2 billion shortfall by next summer. The Economic and Fiscal Commission still hopes \$800 million in new revenue will be collected for this fiscal year (\$300 million from an improved economy and \$500 million from higher taxes on such things as gambling and cigarettes.) But even with the \$800 million, the state would still be \$200 million in the hole. As of November 13, the Comptroller's office states that the current backlog of unpaid bills hovers at \$1.36 billion, with a turnaround payment time of about 27 days. Currently, Illinois is facing two years in a row in which revenues have not grown.

Recently, Governor Ryan asked state agencies to find another \$250 million, or two percent, to cut from their general revenue spending. Governor-elect Rod Blagojevich will have to deal with a financial picture just as bleak as it was last spring though. More spending cuts or possible tax increases are likely scenarios the Governor-elect may be faced with although Blagojevich was emphatic during his campaign that tax increases would not occur upon his election.



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