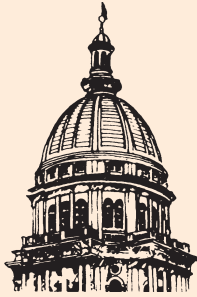


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Democratic Lead Narrows Slightly

In an election dominated by races for the Presidency and a U.S. Senate seat, voters sent seven new members to the Illinois House and one to the Senate. The overall result appears to be a loss of one Democratic seat in each house, although the Democrats still have significant majorities (65-53 in the House and 31-27 with one independent in the Senate).

Unexpected results included Republican Gary Dahl's defeat of veteran Democratic Senator Patrick Welch, and a narrow win by Republican Aaron Schock over Democratic Representative Ricca Slone. Democrats gained a seat in Cicero, where challenger Michelle Chavez defeated Republican incumbent Frank Aguilar.

In a bitterly fought election for the Illinois Supreme Court seat to be filled from the Fifth District, Republican-backed Lloyd Karmeier defeated Democratic-backed Illinois Appellate Court Judge Gordon Maag.

Illinois will send to the U.S. Senate in the 109th Congress its only African-American member. Democratic state Senator Barack Obama was elected to fill the seat of outgoing Republican Senator Peter Fitzgerald. Senator-elect Obama then resigned from the Illinois Senate, and was replaced by Kwame Raoul.

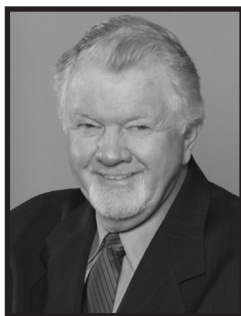
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Biographies of New Senate Members



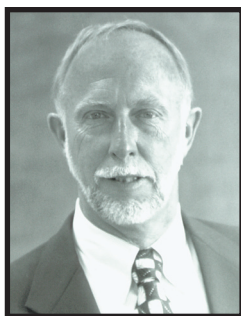
Pamela Althoff (R-32, McHenry) was appointed in March 2003 to replace Senator Dick Klemm, and has now been elected. She has a bachelor's degree in education from Illinois State University and a master's in education from Northeastern Illinois University. She has been an elementary school teacher; McHenry County clerk and collector; and City of McHenry clerk and mayor. In the Senate she serves on the Local Government and State Government Committees.



Gary Dahl (R-38, Granville) is a businessman in the truck leasing and warehousing industry. He served in the Army and farmed briefly before becoming a truck driver. Since 1985 he has founded Double D Express (a 200-employee company) and related truck leasing, warehousing, and real estate firms. He is a member of the Mid-West Truckers Association and of the Illinois and American Trucking Associations, and a past president of the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce.



Deanna Demuzio (D-49, Carlinville) was appointed in April 2003 to fill the seat of her late husband Vince Demuzio, and has now been elected. She has worked for the former Auditor of Public Accounts, the State's Attorneys Appellate Service Commission, and three state senators among other public officers. She is president of the Carlinville Public School Foundation, and has been president of the Carlinville Chamber of Commerce and Carlinville Business and Professional Women. She has also been active in state or local religious, civic, and health-care organizations. Her current committee assignments are to the Senate Education, Executive Appointments, and Appropriations I Committees.



Gary F. Forby (D-59, Benton) served in the House starting in 2001, and in June 2003 was appointed to replace Senator Larry Woolard. He has now been elected. He is a former farmer and past owner of Forby Excavating in Benton. He has been a member of, and chaired, the Franklin County board. He serves on the Southern Illinois Workforce Man-Tra-Con Board. His Senate committee assignments are to the Agriculture and Conservation, Education, and Labor and Commerce Committees.



Mattie Hunter (D-3, Chicago) was appointed in December 2002 to replace Senator Margaret Smith, and has now been elected. She has a bachelor's degree in government from Monmouth College, and a master's in sociology from Jackson State University in Mississippi. She has been the managing director of the Center for Health and Human Services in Johannesburg, South Africa, and is the Chicago Department of Human Services' director for the Chicago Housing Authority Service Connector program. In the Senate she vice-chairs the Committee on Health and Human Services, and is a member of the Local Government and State Government Committees and the Alzheimer's Disease Task Force.



Carole Pankau (R-23, Roselle) has been a member of the House since 1993, and has now been elected to the Senate. She has a B.S. in accounting with honors from the University of Illinois. She served 8 years on the Keeneyville District 20 school board and 8 years on the DuPage County board. In the House she is the Republican spokesperson on the Executive Committee, and a member of the Gaming, Insurance, and Revenue Committees.



Kwame Raoul (D-13, Chicago) was appointed this month to replace U.S. Senator-elect Barack Obama, who resigned from the Illinois Senate. He has a B.A. from DePaul University and a J.D. from the Chicago-Kent College of Law. He has been a Cook County prosecutor and worked in the private practice of law. Before being appointed to the Senate, he was a senior attorney for the City Colleges of Chicago.

Photo by Walter S. Mitchell III



Kathleen L. "Kay" Wojcik (R-28, Schaumburg) served in the House from 1983 until February 2003 when she was appointed to replace Senator Doris Karpel, and has now been elected. She is a licensed real estate broker and former Schaumburg Township clerk. In the Senate she is Republican Spokesperson on the Labor and Commerce Committee, and a member of the Health and Human Services Committee.



Biographies of New House Members



John C. D'Amico (D-15, Chicago) attended Northeastern Illinois University. He has been employed by the Chicago Aviation Department, and since 1982 by the Chicago Water Department, rising to district foreman for the North Region in 2002. He was Representative Ralph Capparelli's district coordinator. He is also active in adult sports organizations and coaching of youth sports teams.



John E. Bradley (D-117, Marion) was appointed in June 2003 when Representative Gary Forby moved to the Senate, and has now been elected. He has a B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin, and a J.D. from the University of Illinois. In addition to practicing law, he has been a member of the Williamson County Airport Authority. He is a member of the House Agriculture and Conservation, Appropriations—Elementary and Second Education, Commerce and Business Development, Judiciary I—Civil Law, and Tourism Committees.



Michelle Chavez (D-24, Cicero) attended the Colegio Hispano Americano in Mexico City and graduated from Wells High School in Chicago. She has been a supervisor in several businesses, most recently supervising and training nearly 100 employees of A&R Janitorial Services. She has been active in the Mexican-American Civic Society of Cicero's Mexican Independence Day Parade and Festival, and in the Federación De Clubs Jaliciences which helps local Spanish-speaking people.



Lisa Dugan (D-79, Bradley) was appointed in November 2003 to replace Representative Phil Novak, and has now been elected. She was the first Kankakee County woman to be a certified electrician. She was elected a Bradley Village trustee in 1995. She helped found the Bradley-Bourbonnais Chamber of Commerce, and was its president from 1998 to 2003. She has also served on a regional planning commission, and on the boards of numerous social-service organizations. In the House she serves on the Agriculture and Conservation; Appropriations—Elementary and Secondary Education; Commerce and Business Development; and Veterans' Affairs Committees.



Robert Flider (D-101, Mt. Zion) was appointed in January 2003 to replace Representative Julie Curry, and has now been elected. He has a B.A. in journalism from Eastern Illinois University. He was a Mt. Zion village trustee from 1991 to 1995, and its mayor from 1995 to 2003. He has also served on the board of the Economic Development Corporation of Decatur and Macon County, and on the Downtown Decatur Council. In the House he is a member of the Agriculture and Conservation, Appropriations—Elementary and Secondary Education, Commerce and Business Development, Local Government, and Veterans' Affairs Committees.



Paul D. Froehlich (R-56, Schaumburg) was appointed in February 2003 to replace then-Representative Kay Wojcik, and has now been elected. He has a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's in history. He has been a high school social studies teacher; a member of the District 54 school board; a township school trustee; and a township assessor. He also has worked in the Secretary of State's Police on identity theft and fraud, and served on the Illinois State Crime Commission. His legislative committees are Appropriations—Public Safety; Housing & Urban Development; Judiciary I—Civil Law; Local Government; and the special committee on Developmental Disabilities & Mental Illness.



Careen Gordon (D-75, Coal City) was appointed in December 2003 to replace Representative Mary O'Brien, and has now been elected. She has B.A. degrees in political science and English from the University of Illinois, and a J.D. from John Marshall Law School. She has been an assistant state's attorney in Kankakee and Will Counties, and an Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Division from 2001 to 2003. She is a member of the House Agriculture and Conservation, Appropriations—Elementary and Secondary Education, Commerce and Business Development, and Judiciary II—Criminal Law Committees.



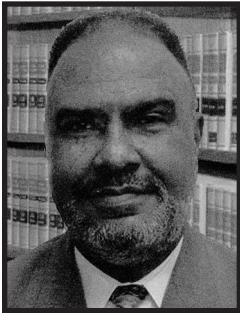
Roger Jenisch (R-45, Bloomingdale) is an insurance producer licensed to sell several lines of insurance, and president of an insurance-services firm in Addison. He has been a DuPage County board member for the last 7 years. He also served on the DuPage County Forest Preserve Commission and on governmental and civic bodies in Addison and Bloomingdale, including the Bloomingdale Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals which he chaired before joining the county board. He was a member of the Government Relations/PAC Committee of the Professional Independent Insurance Agents of Illinois from 1997 to 2003.



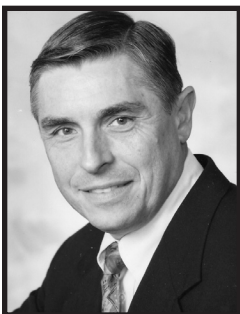
Ruth Munson (R-43, Elgin) was appointed in December 2002 to replace the late Representative Douglas Hoeft, and has now been elected. She has a bachelor's degree in political science from Northern Illinois University. She is the founder and owner of EveryWare Inc., a software development firm in Elgin, and has served on the Elgin city council. Her House committee assignments are to the Appropriations—Human Services, Computer Technology, Health Care Availability & Access, Housing & Urban Development, and Tourism Committees.



JoAnn D. Osmond (R-61, Antioch) was appointed in December 2002 to the seat of her late husband, Representative Timothy Osmond, and has now been elected. She is a licensed insurance broker and owner of Osmond Insurance Services, and earlier was a legislative aide to Representatives Robert Churchill and Sidney Mathias. She serves on the House Committees on Appropriations—Public Safety; Elections & Campaign Reform; Insurance; Judiciary I—Civil Law; and Tourism, and on the Special Committees on Mass Transit for Northeastern Illinois and on the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority.



Milton Patterson (D-32, Chicago) has a B.S. with honors in fire science and fire protection engineering from Southern Illinois University, and an M.P.A. from the University of Illinois—where he also has done postgraduate study in electrical engineering. He has taught circuit analysis and electrical design, and served as Chief Electrical Inspector and Deputy Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Buildings. He is a member of several professional engineering, electrical, or fire protection organizations.



Robert Pritchard (R-70, Hinckley) was appointed in November 2003 to replace Representative David Wirsing, and has now been elected. He has bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Illinois, and has owned and operated a family farm since 1974. He has also been a radio and television farm and weather reporter in Cedar Rapids, and an assistant professor at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa; managed public and governmental relations for DeKalb Genetics Corp. and Monsanto; been a member of the DeKalb County board, and chaired it for 5 years; and been the executive director of the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation, among other agriculture-related activities. He serves on the House Agriculture and Conservation, Appropriations—Higher Education, Higher Education, Housing and Urban Development, and Local Government Committees.



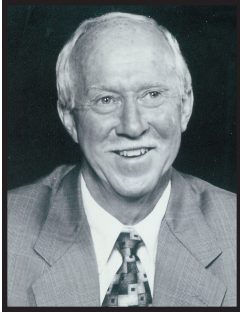
David Reis (R-108, Willow Hill) is a farmer and businessman in Jasper County. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois College of Agriculture. He worked as an executive recruiter in Chicago before returning to the family farm after his father's death. He co-founded a Jasper County farmers' cooperative in 1993 and was its general manager for 7 years. He also helped establish Meadowbrook Farms Co-op, a pork processor owned by producers. He became president-elect of the Illinois Pork Producers Association, but did not assume the presidency due to running for the House in 2002. The University of Illinois College of Agriculture Alumni Association named him its Outstanding Young Alumnus in 2001.



Aaron Schock (R-92, Peoria) is the president of the Peoria District 150 school board, and chairs its School/Community Relations and Building Committees. He earned a B.S. degree in finance from Bradley University, and afterward started a small business called GarageTek. He has been a member of several boards of directors or task forces dealing with youth or education, and received the Peoria Jaycees Good Government Award in February 2004.



Mike Tryon (R-64, Crystal Lake) has a degree in environmental health science from Indiana State University. He founded McHenry Analytical (a water and wastewater testing laboratory) in 1986. He has been a member of, and chaired, the McHenry County Board, and is vice-chairman of the Metro Counties Council which represents the 10 most populous counties in Illinois. He is also a member of the Chicago Area Transportation Study policy committee, and a past fellow of the University of Illinois Public Health Leadership Institute.



Patrick Verschoore (D-72, Milan) was appointed in March 2003 to replace Representative Joel Brunsvold, and has now been elected. He has been a business development representative at the Quad City Bank & Trust Company in Moline. He has held several positions with the Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 25, including president, business manager/financial secretary, and fund administrator and trustee. He was also Vice President of the Illinois Pipetrades Association for 8 years. His House committee assignments are to the Agriculture and Conservation, Appropriations—General Services, Computer Technology, and State Government Administration Committees.



Senate Chamber



House Chamber

94th General Assembly House Members

New Members (7)

Dist.

| | |
|-----|-----------------------------|
| 15 | John C. D’Amico (D) |
| 24 | Michelle Chavez (D) |
| 32 | Milton “Milt” Patterson (D) |
| 45 | Roger A. Jenisch (R) |
| 64 | Michael Tryon (R) |
| 92 | Aaron Schock (R) |
| 108 | David B. Reis (R) |

Appointed to 93rd General Assembly, elected to 94th General Assembly (9)

Dist.

| | |
|-----|----------------------------|
| 43 | Ruth Munson (R) |
| 56 | Paul D. Froehlich (R) |
| 61 | JoAnn Osmond (R) |
| 70 | Robert “Bob” Pritchard (R) |
| 72 | Patrick J. Verschoore (D) |
| 75 | Careen Gordon (D) |
| 79 | Lisa Dugan (D) |
| 101 | Robert F. Flider (D) |
| 117 | John E. Bradley (D) |

Incumbents (102)

Dist.

| | |
|----|------------------------------|
| 1 | Susana Mendoza (D) |
| 2 | Edward Acevedo (D) |
| 3 | William “Willie” Delgado (D) |
| 4 | Cynthia Soto (D) |
| 5 | Kenneth “Ken” Dunkin (D) |
| 6 | Patricia Bailey (D) |
| 7 | Karen A. Yarbrough (D) |
| 8 | Calvin L. Giles (D) |
| 9 | Arthur L. Turner (D) |
| 10 | Annazette R. Collins (D) |
| 11 | John A. Fritchey (D) |
| 12 | Sara Feigenholtz (D) |
| 13 | Larry McKeon (D) |
| 14 | Harry Osterman (D) |
| 16 | Louis I. Lang (D) |

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| 17 | Elizabeth Coulson (R) |
| 18 | Julie Hamos (D) |
| 19 | Joseph M. Lyons (D) |
| 20 | Michael P. McAuliffe (R) |
| 21 | Robert S. Molaro (D) |
| 22 | Michael J. Madigan (D) |
| 23 | Daniel J. “Dan” Burke (D) |
| 25 | Barbara Flynn Currie (D) |
| 26 | Lovana S. “Lou” Jones (D) |
| 27 | Monique D. Davis (D) |
| 28 | Robert “Bob” Rita (D) |
| 29 | David E. Miller (D) |
| 30 | William “Will” Davis (D) |
| 31 | Mary E. Flowers (D) |
| 33 | Marlow H. Colvin (D) |
| 34 | Constance A. “Connie” Howard (D) |
| 35 | Kevin C. Joyce (D) |
| 36 | James D. “Jim” Brosnahan (D) |
| 37 | Kevin A. McCarthy (D) |
| 38 | Robin Kelly (D) |
| 39 | Maria Antonia “Toni” Berrios (D) |
| 40 | Richard T. Bradley (D) |
| 41 | Robert A. “Bob” Biggins (R) |
| 42 | Sandra M. Pihos (R) |
| 44 | Terry R. Parke (R) |
| 46 | Lee A. Daniels (R) |
| 47 | Patricia R. “Patti” Bellock (R) |
| 48 | James H. “Jim” Meyer (R) |
| 49 | Timothy L. Schmitz (R) |
| 50 | Patricia Reid Lindner (R) |
| 51 | Ed Sullivan, Jr. (R) |
| 52 | Mark H. Beaubien, Jr. (R) |
| 53 | Sidney H. Mathias (R) |
| 54 | Suzanne “Suzie” Bassi (R) |
| 55 | John J. Millner (R) |
| 57 | Elaine Nekritz (D) |
| 58 | Karen May (D) |
| 59 | Kathleen A. Ryg (D) |
| 60 | Eddie Washington (D) |
| 62 | Robert W. Churchill (R) |
| 63 | Jack D. Franks (D) |
| 65 | Rosemary Mulligan (R) |
| 66 | Carolyn H. Krause (R) |
| 67 | Charles E. “Chuck” Jefferson (D) |
| 68 | Dave Winters (R) |
| 69 | Ronald A. Wait (R) |
| 71 | Mike Boland (D) |
| 73 | David R. Leitch (R) |

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|----|---------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| 74 | Donald L. Moffitt (R) | 96 | Joe Dunn (R) |
| 76 | Frank J. Mautino (D) | 97 | Jim Watson (R) |
| 77 | Angelo “Skip” Saviano (R) | 98 | Gary Hannig (D) |
| 78 | Deborah L. Graham (D) | 99 | Raymond Poe (R) |
| 80 | George F. Scully, Jr. (D) | 100 | Rich Brauer (R) |
| 81 | Renée Kosel (R) | 102 | Ron Stephens (R) |
| 82 | Eileen Lyons (R) | 103 | Naomi D. Jakobsson (D) |
| 83 | Linda Chapa LaVia (D) | 104 | William B. Black (R) |
| 84 | Tom Cross (R) | 105 | Shane Cultra (R) |
| 85 | Brent Hassert (R) | 106 | Keith P. Sommer (R) |
| 86 | John C. “Jack” McGuire (D) | 107 | Kurt M. Granberg (D) |
| 87 | Bill Mitchell (R) | 109 | Roger L. Eddy (R) |
| 88 | Daniel P. “Dan” Brady (R) | 110 | Chapin Rose (R) |
| 89 | Jim Sacia (R) | 111 | Steve Davis (D) |
| 90 | Gerald L. “Jerry” Mitchell (R) | 112 | Jay C. Hoffman (D) |
| 91 | Michael K. Smith (D) | 113 | Thomas “Tom” Holbrook (D) |
| 93 | Arthur “Art” Tenhouse (R) | 114 | Wyvetter H. Younge (D) |
| 94 | Richard P. Myers (R) | 115 | Mike Bost (R) |
| 95 | Randall M. “Randy” Hultgren (R) | 116 | Dan Reitz (D) |
| | | 118 | Brandon W. Phelps (D) |

Members Not Returning to Current Office

Senators (3)

Barack Obama (D), won U.S. Senate seat
 Ray Soden (R), did not run
 Patrick D. Welch (D), lost general election

Representatives (7)

Frank Aguilar (R), lost general election
 Ralph C. Capparelli (D), lost in general election
 William J. Grunloh (D), lost general election
 Rosemary Kurtz (R), did not run
 Charles G. Morrow III (D), lost primary
 Carole Pankau (R), won in 23rd Senate district
 Ricca C. Slone (D), lost general election

94th General Assembly Senate Members

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|------------------------------------|
| New Member (1) | 10 | James A. DeLeo (D) |
| Dist. | 11 | Louis S. Viverito (D) |
| 38 | 12 | Martin A. Sandoval (D) |
| | 14 | Emil Jones, Jr. (D) |
| | 15 | James T. Meeks (I) |
| | 16 | Jacqueline Y. “Jacqui” Collins (D) |
| | 17 | Donne E. Trotter (D) |
| Representative in 93rd General Assembly, elected to 94th Senate (1) | 18 | Edward D. Maloney (D) |
| Dist. | 19 | M. Maggie Crotty (D) |
| 23 | 20 | Iris Y. Martinez (D) |
| | 21 | Dan Cronin (R) |
| | 22 | Steven J. Rauschenberger (R) |
| | 24 | Kirk W. Dillard (R) |
| | 25 | Chris Lauzen (R) |
| | 26 | William E. Peterson (R) |
| Appointed to 93rd General Assembly, elected to 94th General Assembly (5) | 27 | Wendell Jones (R) |
| Dist. | 29 | Susan Garrett (D) |
| 3 | 30 | Terry Link (D) |
| 28 | 31 | Adeline Jay Geo-Karis (R) |
| 32 | 33 | Dave Sullivan (R) |
| 49 | 34 | Dave Syverson (R) |
| 59 | 35 | J. Bradley “Brad” Burzynski (R) |
| | 36 | Dennis J. “Denny” Jacobs (D) |
| | 37 | Dale Risinger (R) |
| | 39 | Don Harmon (D) |
| | 40 | Debbie Halvorson (D) |
| | 41 | Christine Radogno (R) |
| Appointed to 94th General Assembly to replace elected U.S. Senator (1) | 42 | Edward F. Petka (R) |
| Dist. | 43 | Lawrence M. “Larry” Walsh (D) |
| 13 | 44 | Bill Brady (R) |
| | 45 | Todd Sieben (R) |
| | 46 | George P. Shadid (D) |
| | 47 | John M. Sullivan (D) |
| | 48 | Peter Roskam (R) |
| | 50 | Larry K. Bomke (R) |
| Incumbents (51) | 51 | Frank C. Watson (R) |
| Dist. | 52 | Richard J. Winkel, Jr. (R) |
| 1 | 53 | Dan Rutherford (R) |
| 2 | 54 | John O. Jones (R) |
| 4 | 55 | Dale A. Righter (R) |
| 5 | 56 | William R. “Bill” Haine (D) |
| 6 | 57 | James F. Clayborne, Jr. (D) |
| 7 | 58 | David S. Luechtefeld (R) |
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Abstracts of Reports Required to be Filed with General Assembly

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Corrections Dept.

Quarterly report on adult and juvenile facilities, April 1, 2004

There were 43,726 inmates in all adult facilities on February 29, 2004. This was 209 over the 43,517 total projected for February 2004. The total population in adult transition centers was 1,352, 72 over the total capacity of 1,280. There were 9,664 inmates participating in educational and vocational programs. The ratio of security staff to inmates is 1:5. A majority of inmates, 65%, are double-celled with approximately 38 square feet of actual living area per inmate. There were 1,513 youth in all juvenile institutions. This is below the 1,580 rated capacity. There were 1,475 juveniles in educational and vocational programs. Juveniles in single-cells are 44% of the population; double-cells, 46%; and multi-cells, 9%. (730 ILCS 5/3-5-3.1, April 1, 2004, 23 pp.)

Guardianship and Advocacy Commission

Annual report, 2003

The Commission protects rights of persons with disabilities through the Office of State Guardian, Legal Advocacy Service, and Human Rights Authority. In FY 2003, the Office of State Guardian helped 5,484 adult wards with medical, residential, and financial matters; the average caseload per guardianship representative was 133. Legal Advocacy provided representation, information, and referrals to 8,508 clients. The Human Rights Authority investigated 666

cases of alleged violations of rights of disabled persons, up by 47 from 2002. (20 ILCS 3955/5; undated, rec'd Aug. 2004, 19 pp.)

Housing Development Authority

Annual report, 2003
IHDA allocated \$236.4 million to house 951 elderly, 3,218 families, and 582 people with special needs. It loaned \$110.3 million to 1,297 families of moderate income for first-time home ownership and gave \$4 million in grants for down payments and closing costs. It gave \$7 million in loans and grants to 508 families for house repairs and renovations. It has financed 99,406 rental housing units and helped 62,952 families buy homes with over \$6 billion. Tables show locations and costs of IHDA projects. (20 ILCS 3805/5; 2004, 24 pp.)

Human Services Dept.

Homeless Prevention Program annual report, FY 2003

The Homeless Prevention Program was created to reduce time in shelters and assist in securing permanent housing. In FY 2003, the program received \$3 million from the General Revenue Fund and \$2 million from federal TANF funds. Another \$456,328 came from the Emergency Food & Shelter Program. Funds were divided among a network of twenty-one care centers throughout Illinois. The Homeless Prevention Program serviced 11,284 households, up 58% from FY 2002. Families with children were 81% of those serviced. An

average of 537 households per center received benefits, averaging \$482 spent per household. Eighty percent of participants remained housed at least six months after FY 2003. (310 ILCS 70/13; Apr. 2004, 44 pp. + 2 tables and 15 graphs)

Emergency Food & Shelter Program annual report, FY 2003

Using public and private shelters, the program provided 1.7 million nights of shelter, 2.8 million meals, and 0.6 million units of supportive services to homeless persons in FY 2003. The average total cost of contracts with providers was \$12.7 million. Appendices list demographics and geography of populations served; type of service provided; cause of homelessness; and list of providers. (305 ILCS 5/12-4.5; June 2004, 30 pp. + 3 appendices)

Prisoner Review Board

Annual report, 2003

Board heard a total of 50,234 adult and juvenile requests in 2003. It granted 5 (2.2%) of 225 adult parole requests. It granted 9 (1.9%) of 457 reconsideration reviews. It revoked good conduct credits for 2,157 (62.8%) of 3,431 adult cases, and restored such credit to 876 (87.2%) of 1,004 adult cases. Of the 735 petitions received for clemency 14 (1.9%) were granted, one was denied, and 720 are still pending. Board granted 1,842 (89.7%) out of 2,053 juvenile parole requests and revoked parole in 1,126 (80.1%) out of 1,404 cases. Fourteen tables summarize activity. (730 ILCS 5/3-3-2 (h) undated, rec'd Sep. 2004, 20 pp.)

State Board of Education

Educator supply and demand annual report, 2003

In 2003 Illinois had 138,119 educators and a retention rate of 93% from 2002. The number of first-time teacher certificates rose 11%. The Board

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expects secondary school enrollments to increase and elementary enrollments to decrease during the next few years. Educational areas with likely under-production of qualified applicants are special education, math, music, and physical education. Areas with likely over-production are guidance counseling, social science, English, and health. There were 1,630 unfilled positions in 2002 with over three-fourths of them in the Chicago School District. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.11c; undated, rec'd July 2004, 24 pp. + 4 appendices)

Prekindergarten Program for children at risk of academic failure, FY 2003
The program received \$198.7 million in FY 2003 and served 55,984 children ages 3-5. Of those eligible, 66% were served and 10,912 were on a waiting list at the end of the 2003 school year. Of participating children, 78% were ranked as average or above average in their kindergarten readiness skills. The State Board estimates that programs were able to serve about 40% of the total at-risk children. The State Board recommends: (1) efforts to educate parents and increase parental involvement be strengthened; (2) Chicago Schools improve their data collection systems; (3) Chicago schools provide more help to all students and increase retention rates; and (4) more services be provided to help students retain their academic progress. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.71(6); June 2004, 46 pp. + 6 figures, 18 tables and 4 appendices)

State Board of Investment *Report on Emerging Money Managers, FY 2004*

In FY 2004 Board implemented a policy requiring 5% of assets, currently \$500 million, be allocated to emerging managers. Board distributed \$360 million to 2 firms and \$80 million to three new firms. Over \$1.3 billion, 12.7% of the Board's total assets, is managed by minority-or women-owned firms. Minority broker/dealer commissions totaled 33% of all domestic equity commissions, up from 17% in FY 2003. (40 ILCS 5/1-109.1 (4); Aug. 2004, 3 pp.)

Transportation Dept.

Rental of Right of Way Parcels annual report, FY 2004

Bureau of Land Acquisition rents out parcels until needed for construction of highways. The Bureau rented out 332 parcels, including 28 with buildings or other improvements, receiving over \$1.2 million in rent. (605 ILCS 5/4-201.16; July 2004, 3 pp.)

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