

Obama Victory Tops 2008 Election Results

The highlight of this year's general election in Illinois was U.S. Senator Barack Obama's election to be the 44th President. He received over 61% of the vote in Illinois, and was the first Presidential candidate to win 3 million Illinois votes at an election.

Illinois House Democrats gained 3 seats, but fell 1 short of a veto-proof majority. Senate Democrats defeated a few strong challengers to keep their veto-proof majority, but gained no net seats. The House will have 70 Democratic and 48 Republican members; the Senate will have 37 Democrats and 22 Republicans.

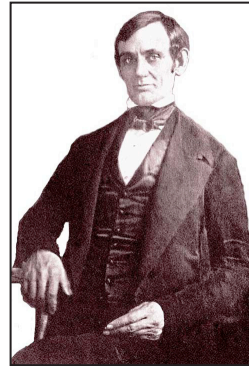
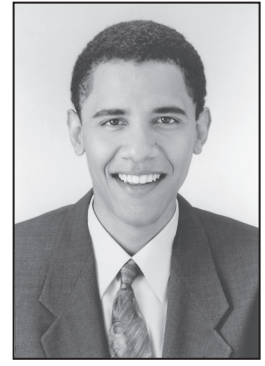
Among the 10 open Illinois House seats, three had changes in party control—two from Republican to Democratic and one from Democratic to Republican. The two open Senate seats stayed in the same party. Senator Debbie Halvorson won her U.S. House race and will be replaced by a Democratic appointee.

All but two incumbents (both House members) nominated in the primary were re-elected. In a large upset, Democratic challenger Emily Klunk-McAsey defeated House Deputy Republican Leader Brent Hassert by a wide margin. Democrat Keith Farnham eked out a 322-vote win over Republican Representative Ruth Munson. The House will have 12 totally new members, and the Senate 3.

Democrats added a seat in Illinois' U.S. House delegation, for a partisan split of 12 Democrats to 7 Republicans. All 17 incumbents who ran were re-elected. Illinois Senate Majority Leader Debbie Halvorson won retiring Congressman Jerry Weller's seat, changing it from Republican to Democratic control. Representative Aaron Schock won retiring Congressman Ray LaHood's seat, keeping it in Republican control and making him the youngest member of the 111th Congress. U.S. Senator Dick Durbin was re-elected to a 3rd term.

The only statewide referendum on the ballot was on whether to call a constitutional convention. It needed the votes of either 60% of those voting on that question or a majority of all voters in the election, but got only about 40%.

Illinois set records this year for both registration and total voters. About 700,000 people voted early in the first Presidential election in which it was offered in Illinois.

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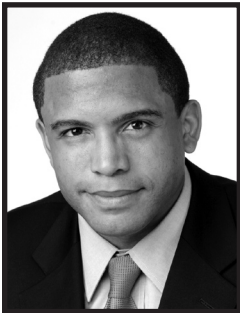
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Biographies of New House Members



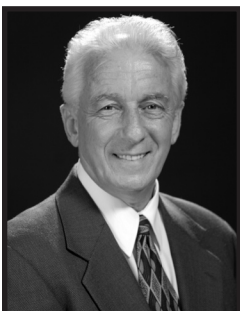
Will Burns (D-26, Chicago) has bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Chicago. He most recently served as deputy chief of staff and senior advisor to Senate President Emil Jones, Jr. Previously he was the education and tax policy manager for the Metropolitan Planning Council, and the vice president of program and field offices for the Chicago Urban League. He has been active in political campaigns, including being deputy campaign manager in then-state Senator Barack Obama's bid for a U.S. House of Representatives seat in 2000, and served as campaign coordinator for the Illinois Democratic Party.



John D. Cavaletto (R-107, Salem) has bachelor's and master's degrees from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He served as a teacher, coach, and school administrator for 37 years, completing his educational career in 2001 as the principal of Salem Community High School, and is an inductee into the Illinois Athletic Directors Hall of Fame. He has also been the director of a resident camp and day camps for children with mental or physical disabilities.



Michael G. Connelly (R-48, Lisle) has a B.A. from Loyola University of Chicago and a J.D. from John Marshall Law School. He has been a member of the DuPage County board since 2006, and chairs its Economic Development Committee among other positions. He served as an assistant Cook County state's attorney in 1989, and as law clerk to an Illinois Appellate Court justice in 1990-92. He has practiced law privately for 16 years, and also been a Lisle village trustee.



Keith Farnham (D-43, Elgin) served in the Navy from 1964 to 1968 as an electronics technician on a guided missile destroyer. He later entered the painting business, and in 1986 founded a commercial and industrial painting firm that did projects throughout the U.S. and the Caribbean. A past president of the Chicago Finishing Contractors Association and chairman of its Health and Welfare Fund, he also helped found the Finishing Contractors Association (made up of union contractors in the U.S. and Canada), was a member of its board, and chaired its Government Relations Committee for 8 years. As part of its Labor Management Cooperation Initiative, he helped create safety training programs for supervisors at finishing contractors nationwide. More recently he has been involved in real estate development.



Jehan Gordon (D-92, Peoria) is a graduate in speech communications of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She has been on the staff of Bradley University's Small Business Development Center, and later at Illinois Central College as coordinator of retention efforts to help students succeed. She chaired Peoria's Promise which helps qualified students apply for scholarships at the College, and developed the Emerging Leaders program to connect college students with outside mentors. She is a member of the Pleasant Hill school board, and a Junior Achievement volunteer among other service activities.



Kay Hatcher (R-50, Yorkville) received corporate communications training at Boston College's Carroll School of Management. She was a member of the Oswego school board from 1985 to 1991 and of the Kendall County board from 1991-1996 and 2002 to the present, and has been the president of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District since 2002. She has also been external affairs director for SBC Communications, and senior marketing director for Senior Services Associates of Crystal Lake, and has served on many local, area, or state civic, business, social service, and women's organization boards. She is the founder and owner of Reputation Management, Inc. (a media management, planning, and marketing firm). In 2004-05 she was the state president of the Illinois Federation of Republican Women, and a member of the national board of the National Federation of Republican Women. She is currently on the board of governors of Illinois Lincoln Series, which trains prospective Republican women political leaders.



Emily Klunk-McAsey (D-85, Lockport) is a graduate of the College of William and Mary, and of the Loyola University of Chicago School of Law. Before entering law school, she taught 8th grade social studies. She worked in the Will County State's Attorney's office in summers while in law school. After graduation, she joined the office as an assistant state's attorney prosecuting criminal cases.



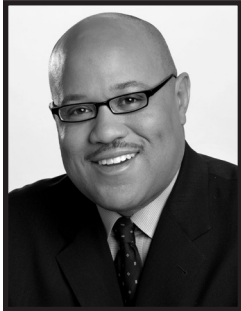
Deborah Mell (D-40, Chicago) has a B.A. in political science and history from Cornell College and has studied at the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco. She has worked as a project manager and supervisor in Chicago's largest landscaping company, and currently is employed in a catering company. She is a member of Mayor Daley's Advisory Council on Human Relations, and in 2004 was recognized for activism by the National Organization for Women.



Al Riley (D-38, Olympia Fields) was appointed in 2007 to replace Representative Robin Kelly (who became Chief of Staff to the State Treasurer), and has now been elected. He has a bachelor's degree in economic geography and secondary education from Chicago State University and a master's degree in urban planning and policy analysis from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He served in the Army Reserve in 1972-78; has been an Olympia Fields trustee; and has advised the campaigns of numerous local or state officials. He has taught at various universities, including 10 years as an adjunct professor of business and public administration at Governors State University. He serves on the House Committees on Appropriations—General Services and Appropriations—Human Services; Environmental Health; Human Services; Local Government; Mass Transit; and Smart Growth & Regional Planning.



Darlene Senger (R-96, Naperville) has a bachelor's degree in finance from Purdue University, and an MBA in finance from DePaul University. She has served on the Naperville city council since 2002, and on the Naperville Plan Commission and several other local governmental or civic boards. She is a financial advisor in the Oak Brook office of GCG Financial, Inc. (a nationwide insurance and financial services firm based in Bannockburn), and a Naperville township Republican committeeman.



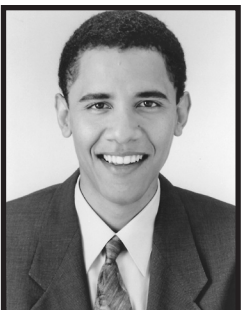
André Thapedi (D-32, Chicago) is a graduate of Morehouse College and of John Marshall Law School, where he was president of the Black Law Students Association and won national mock trial and moot court competitions. He has served in the Cook County state's attorney's office and the Chicago Transit Authority's law department, and worked for 8 years in two Chicago law firms. He is now a partner in the firm of Thapedi and Thapedi, engaging principally in personal injury and business litigation. He is also a managing broker for Shore Realty; sponsors a free legal clinic in the Englewood community; and is the legal counsel to several nonprofit organizations.



Mark Walker (D-66, Arlington Heights) has A.B. and M.A. degrees from Brown University. He is also a Vietnam veteran and was awarded the Bronze Star. After being a senior executive at Citibank/Citigroup, including heading worldwide credit card operations, he founded a firm that helps in the buying and selling of companies. For the last 13 years he has been a vice president for consulting at Walker Information, providing expertise to businesses worldwide. He has also been a soccer coach and member of the Arlington Heights Park District Foundation board, and has co-chaired the Northwest Suburban Veterans Advisory Council.



Michael Zalewski (D-21, Chicago) is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and of the John Marshall Law School. After being an aide in the Governor's office, he served from 2004 to 2007 as an assistant Cook County state's attorney prosecuting criminal cases. He then became an associate in Chico & Nunes P.C., where he has handled corporate and local government matters.



A Former New Member

(From *First Reading*, December 1996)

Barack Obama (D-13, Chicago) is a senior lecturer in constitutional and civil rights law at the University of Chicago Law School. He has a B.A. from Columbia University and a J.D. magna cum laude from Harvard Law School. He was the Illinois Executive Director of Project VOTE! in 1992 and has practiced law in Chicago. He chairs the Chicago Annenberg Challenge for public school reform. He is also on the boards of the Joyce Foundation, the Wood Fund of Chicago, and the Cook County Bar Association's Community Law Project.



Biographies of New Senate Members



Tim Bivins (R-45, Dixon) was appointed in March to replace retiring Senator Todd Sieben, and has now been elected. He served for over 32 years in law enforcement, including 20 years as Lee County's sheriff. He has also been the President of the Illinois Sheriffs' Association and a member of the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission. His Senate assignments are to the Committees on State Government & Veterans Affairs (Minority Spokesperson); Agriculture & Conservation; Licensed Activities; and Commerce & Economic Development.



Dan Duffy (R-26, Lake Barrington) is a graduate of Augustana College in Rock Island. He is a co-founder and co-owner of Effective Data, a computer consulting firm specializing in electronic data interchange between companies. He also chairs the Lake and Cook County Area Action Council for Independent Businesses, and is a member of the Illinois Leadership Council for the National Federation of Independent Business.



Emil Jones, III (D-14, Chicago) attended Chicago State University. He has served in various positions in state government, most recently as an administrator in the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, helping small businesses get state grants and technical assistance. He is also on the advisory board of the Division Street Business Development Association.



Heather Steans (D-7, Chicago) was appointed in February to replace retiring Senator Carol Ronen, and has now been elected. She has a B.A. in urban studies from Princeton and an M.A. in public policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. She has been a strategic planner for the Chicago Public Schools; Budget Director for the Wisconsin Department of Industry, Labor & Human Relations; and a consultant for Ernst and Young on implementing software systems for states. Senator Steans recently chaired the board of Chicago Public Radio. Her committee assignments are to the Senate Human Services, Insurance, Labor, and Local Government Committees.

96th General Assembly Senate Members

New Members (2)

District

- 14 Emil Jones III (D)
- 26 Dan Duffy (R)

Appointed to 95th General Assembly, elected to 96th General Assembly (2)

District

- 7 Heather Steans (D)
- 45 Tim Bivins (R)

Incumbents (55)

District

- 1 Antonio “Tony” Munoz (D)
- 2 William “Willie” Delgado (D)
- 3 Mattie Hunter (D)
- 4 Kimberly A. Lightford (D)
- 5 Rickey R. Hendon (D)
- 6 John J. Cullerton (D)
- 8 Ira I. Silverstein (D)
- 9 Jeffrey M. “Jeff” Schoenberg (D)
- 10 James A. DeLeo (D)
- 11 Louis S. Viverito (D)
- 12 Martin A. Sandoval (D)
- 13 Kwame Raoul (D)
- 15 James T. Meeks (D)
- 16 Jacqueline Y. “Jacqui” Collins (D)
- 17 Donne E. Trotter (D)
- 18 Edward D. Maloney (D)
- 19 M. Maggie Crotty (D)
- 20 Iris Y. Martinez (D)
- 21 Dan Cronin (R)
- 22 Michael Noland (D)

- 23 Carole Pankau (R)
- 24 Kirk W. Dillard (R)
- 25 Chris Lauzen (R)
- 27 Matt Murphy (R)
- 28 John Millner (R)
- 29 Susan Garrett (D)
- 30 Terry Link (D)
- 31 Michael Bond (D)
- 32 Pamela Althoff (R)
- 33 Dan Kotowski (D)
- 34 Dave Syverson (R)
- 35 J. Bradley “Brad” Burzynski (R)
- 36 Mike Jacobs (D)
- 37 Dale Risinger (R)
- 38 Gary G. Dahl (R)
- 39 Don Harmon (D)
- 40 Debbie Halvorson (D)*
- 41 Christine Radogno (R)
- 42 Linda Holmes (D)
- 43 Arthur J. “AJ” Wilhelmi (D)
- 44 Bill Brady (R)
- 46 David Koehler (D)
- 47 John M. Sullivan (D)
- 48 Randall M. “Randy” Hultgren (R)
- 49 Deanna Demuzio (D)
- 50 Larry K. Bomke (R)
- 51 Frank C. Watson (R)
- 52 Michael Frerichs (D)
- 53 Dan Rutherford (R)
- 54 John O. Jones (R)
- 55 Dale A. Righter (R)
- 56 William R. “Bill” Haine (D)
- 57 James F. Clayborne, Jr. (D)
- 58 David S. Luechtefeld (R)
- 59 Gary F. Forby (D)

* Debbie Halvorson won a U.S. House seat

96th General Assembly House Members

New Members (12)

District

21	Michael Zalewski (D)
26	Will Burns (D)
32	André Thapedi (D)
40	Deborah Mell (D)
43	Keith Farnham (D)
48	Michael Connelly (R)
50	Kay Hatcher (R)
66	Mark Walker (D)
85	Emily Klunk-McAsey (D)
92	Jehan Gordon (D)
96	Darlene Senger (R)
107	John D. Cavaletto (R)

Appointed to 95th General Assembly, elected to 96th General Assembly (1)

District

38	Al Riley (D)
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Incumbents (105)

District

1	Susana A. Mendoza (D)
2	Edward Acevedo (D)
3	Luis Arroyo (D)
4	Cynthia Soto (D)
5	Kenneth “Ken” Dunkin (D)
6	Esther Golar (D)
7	Karen A. Yarbrough (D)
8	LaShawn K. Ford (D)
9	Arthur L. Turner (D)
10	Annazette R. Collins (D)
11	John A. Fritchey (D)
12	Sara Feigenholtz (D)
13	Gregory Harris (D)

14	Harry Osterman (D)
15	John C. D’Amico (D)
16	Louis I. Lang (D)
17	Elizabeth Coulson (R)
18	Julie Hamos (D)
19	Joseph M. Lyons (D)
20	Michael P. McAuliffe (R)
22	Michael J. Madigan (D)
23	Daniel J. “Dan” Burke (D)
24	Elizabeth Hernandez (D)
25	Barbara Flynn Currie (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)
39	Maria Antonia “Toni” Berrios (D)
41	Robert A. “Bob” Biggins (R)
42	Sandra M. Pihos (R)
44	Fred Crespo (D)
45	Franco Coladipietro (R)
46	Dennis Reboletti (R)
47	Patricia R. “Patti” Bellock (R)
49	Timothy L. Schmitz (R)
51	Ed Sullivan, Jr. (R)
52	Mark H. Beaubien, Jr. (R)
53	Sidney H. Mathias (R)
54	Suzanne “Suzie” Bassi (R)
55	Harry Ramey, Jr. (R)
56	Paul D. Froehlich (D)
57	Elaine Nekritz (D)
58	Karen May (D)
59	Kathleen A. Ryg (D)
60	Eddie Washington (D)
61	JoAnn Osmond (R)
62	Sandy Cole (R)
63	Jack D. Franks (D)
64	Michael W. “Mike” Tryon (R)

65	Rosemary Mulligan (R)	93	Jil Tracy (R)
67	Charles E. “Chuck” Jefferson (D)	94	Richard P. Myers (R)
68	Dave Winters (R)	95	Mike Fortner (R)
69	Ronald A. Wait (R)	97	Jim Watson (R)
70	Robert W. “Bob” Pritchard (R)	98	Gary Hannig (D)
71	Mike Boland (D)	99	Raymond Poe (R)
72	Patrick J. Verschoore (D)	100	Rich Brauer (R)
73	David R. Leitch (R)	101	Robert F. Flider (D)
74	Donald L. Moffitt (R)	102	Ron Stephens (R)
75	Careen M. Gordon (D)	103	Naomi D. Jakobsson (D)
76	Frank J. Mautino (D)	104	William B. Black (R)
77	Angelo “Skip” Saviano (R)	105	Shane Cultra (R)
78	Deborah L. Graham (D)	106	Keith P. Sommer (R)
79	Lisa Dugan (D)	108	David B. Reis (R)
80	George F. Scully, Jr. (D)	109	Roger L. Eddy (R)
81	Renée Kosel (R)	110	Chapin Rose (R)
82	Jim Durkin (R)	111	Dan Beiser (D)
83	Linda Chapa LaVia (D)	112	Jay C. Hoffman (D)
84	Tom Cross (R)	113	Thomas “Tom” Holbrook (D)
86	John C. “Jack” McGuire (D)	114	Wyvetter H. Younge (D)
87	Bill Mitchell (R)	115	Mike Bost (R)
88	Daniel P. “Dan” Brady (R)	116	Dan Reitz (D)
89	Jim Sacia (R)	117	John E. Bradley (D)
90	Gerald L. “Jerry” Mitchell (R)	118	Brandon W. Phelps (D)
91	Michael K. Smith (D)		

Members Not Returning to Current Office

Senate Members Not Returning (3)

District

14	Emil Jones, Jr. (D), did not run
26	William E. Peterson (R), did not run
40	Debbie Halvorson (D), won U.S. House seat

House Members Not Returning (12)

District

21	Robert S. Molaro (D), did not run
26	Elga Jefferies (D), lost primary election
32	Milton “Milt” Patterson (D), did not run
40	Richard T. Bradley (D), did not run
43	Ruth Munson (R), lost general election
48	James H. “Jim” Meyer (R), did not run
50	Patricia Reid Lindner (R), did not run
66	Carolyn H. Krause (R), did not run
85	Brent Hassert (R), lost general election
92	Aaron J. Schock (R), won U.S. House seat
96	Joe Dunn (R), did not run
107	Kurt M. Granberg (D), did not run

Abstracts of Reports Required to be Filed with General Assembly

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Commerce Commission

Crossing Safety Improvement Program: FY 2009-2013 Plan

Lists \$139.5 million in proposed grade crossing safety improvements on local roads and streets using funding from Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF). Includes projects totaling \$28.3 million for FY 2009 and over \$111.2 million for FYs 2010-2013. Subject to local matching funds, Commission plans 67 grade crossing improvements and 7 bridge projects. Voluntary crossing closures plus emergency and experimental projects at an estimated 900 crossings are also planned. Lists types of improvements by county. Public crossings had 130 collisions in Illinois in 2007, a 14% decrease from 2006. (35 ILCS 505/8(c); Apr. 2008, 8 pp. + 4 appendices)

Corrections, Dept. of

Quarterly report to the legislature, July 1, 2008

As of May 31, 2008, there were 45,407 inmates in all adult facilities, 0.88% lower than the 45,810 projected by FY 2007 data. By June 2009, the total adult population is expected to rise to 46,185. Total population in adult transition centers was 1,266 (14 below the total capacity of 1,280). Enrollment in educational and vocational programs was 9,161 (non-duplicated). Ratio of security staff to inmates was 0.175. A majority of inmates (66%) were double-celled, with approximately 37 square feet of allocated floor space per inmate. One capital project is currently being funded: maximum

security correctional center at Thomson (1,600 beds, occupancy expected in fall 2009). (730 ILCS 5/3-5.31; July 2008, 14 pp.)

Distracted Drivers Task Force

Final report, 2008

Task Force was created to study the growing problem of distracted driving in Illinois. Task Force recommends the following legislative action: (1) prohibiting text messaging while driving; (2) establishing the offenses of Negligent Vehicular Operation, Aggravated Negligent Vehicular Operation, and Negligent Vehicular Homicide; (3) adopting H.J.R. 10 (2007) to direct that accident reports to indicate cell phone usage and the Illinois Department of Transportation report such statistics; (4) requiring distracted driver curriculum in driver education training; and (5) prohibiting cell phone use while driving in a construction or school zone. (H.J.R. 22 (2007); undated, rec'd Sept. 2008, 16 pp.)

Education, State Board of

Re-enrolling dropouts Task Force, final report 2008

Task Force conducted 27 public hearings to discuss the high school dropout crisis, review dropout data from Illinois and other states, and investigate potential funding mechanisms. Task Force recommends creating a Re-enrolled Student Program; issuing an annual report on re-enrolled students; implementing the National Governors Association recommendation on reporting high school graduation rate; advocating increased federal funding

for re-enrollment programs; excluding re-enrolled students from a school district's dropout numbers; developing performance standards for re-enrolled students; and tracking re-enrolled students in the ISBE Student Information System. (H.J.R. 87 (2006); Jan. 2008, 59 pp.)

Strategic Plan progress report, 2008

Strategic plan focuses on: (1) promoting literacy through such programs as Pre-School for All; (2) improving educator quality through such programs as principal and teacher mentoring and bilingual teacher recruitment; and (3) expanding data-informed school management and support practices through such programs as increased testing data and expanded access and support to the interactive report card. In FY 2008, the State Board of Education received a \$500,000 appropriation for Strategic Plan activities. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.47a(b); June 2008, 13 pp.)

Waivers of school code mandates, spring 2008

Summary chart classifies 209 requests for waivers into 12 categories and lists their status: bonds (1 transmitted to GA), Content of Evaluation Plans (5 transmitted), driver education (2 approved, 31 transmitted, 1 withdrawn or returned), general state aid (1 transmitted), legal school holidays (86 approved, 5 withdrawn or returned), limitation of administrative costs (25 transmitted, 1 withdrawn or returned), nonresident tuition (7 transmitted), parent-teacher conferences (15 transmitted, 1 withdrawn or returned), physical education (13 transmitted, 2 withdrawn or returned), school food programs (1 approved), school improvement/in-service training (9 transmitted, 1 withdrawn or returned), and substitute teachers (2 transmitted). Section I describes the 109 requests transmitted to the General Assembly. Section II describes the 89 requests approved by the State Superintendent of Education. Section III describes the 11 requests withdrawn or returned.

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Section IV shows all requests submitted, organized by Senate and House districts. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g; March 2008, 77 pp. + executive summary)

Government Forecasting and Accountability, Commission on

Budget summary, FY 2008

The FY 2008 operating budget as passed by the General Assembly totaled almost \$51.2 billion, a \$2.7 billion increase over FY 2007. The Governor vetoed \$463.1 million (at the time of publication, the General Assembly had not taken action on the vetoes). Of the total, 55% is General Revenue Funds, 34% is other state funds, and 11% is federal funds.

The major purposes of the operating budget are human services (48.6%), education (26.4%), government services (10.9%), economic development and infrastructure (7%), public safety (5.1%), environment and business regulation (1.6%), and additions (0.4%). Current G.O. bond authorization for new projects is \$16.9 billion, with approximately \$2.0 billion unissued as of June 30, 2007. Build Illinois bond authorization is \$3.8 billion, with approximately \$472 million unissued as of June 30, 2007. No increases have been authorized since January 2004. The FY 2008 appropriation for the State Employee Group Insurance Program is \$1.9 billion, up 5.2% over FY 2007. The FY 2008 budget was enacted by one omnibus appropriation, P.A. 95-348. As of October 1, 2007, the budget implementation bill (S.B. 783) had not been enacted. (25 ILCS 155/3(12); Dec. 2007, 147 pp.)

Legislative capital plan analysis, FY 2009

Governor's capital budget proposal for FY 2009 included \$7.137 billion in new appropriations and \$6.406 billion in reappropriations. Proposed new

appropriations were for Illinois Works (\$4.606 billion), various revenue funds (\$2.371 billion), and federal or trust funds (\$161 million). New appropriations were for 23 agencies, including: Transportation (\$3.945 billion), Capital Development Board (\$898 million), Commerce and Economic Opportunity (\$737 million), and Higher Education (\$607 million). Current General Obligation bond authorization for new projects is \$16.9 billion, with \$2 billion unissued as of March 31, 2008. In FY 2009, debt service from general obligation bonds is expected to cost \$1.16 billion, \$545 million for pension obligation bonds, and \$279 million for state-issued revenue bonds. In FY 2008, debt service was \$1.19 billion from general obligation bonds, \$546 million for pension obligation bonds, and \$280 million for state-issued revenue bonds. Describes capital projects of agencies recommended for new appropriations. (25 ILCS 155/3(8); Feb. 2008, 59 pp. + 10 tables + 10 charts)

Liabilities of State Employees' Group Insurance Program, FY 2009

Commission projects program will cost \$2.021 billion; Department of Healthcare and Family Services projects \$1.998 billion; Governor requested \$1.991 billion. In FY 2009, a projected 349,640 participants will cost an average of \$5,764 per year, a 5.5% increase over FY 2008. Managed care plans (HMO and OAP) account for 56.6% of projected costs; Quality Care Health Plan 31.5%; and dental care, life insurance, vision care, and other charges 11.9%. Payment cycle for both preferred and non-preferred providers is 20 days. (25 ILCS 155/4(b)(2); Mar. 2008, 14 pp. + 3 appendices)

Housing Development Authority
Housing plan, 2008

State must coordinate resources to address special needs; preserve, plan, and target development; develop sustainable homeownership; and provide leadership for housing plan expansion. For FY 2008, \$435 million in federal,

state, and private funds is targeted for multi-family developments to provide 1,852 units for low-income families; 1,074 units for low-income seniors; 568 units for the disabled; and 297 units for the homeless. Over \$274 million is targeted for single-family developments to provide 2,893 units for low-income families; 744 units for disabled persons; and 503 units for low-income seniors. Nearly \$270 million in state and federal funds is targeted for residential services programs in 7 state agencies. (310 ILCS 110/15; undated, rec'd Jan. 2008, 57 pp.)

Human Resources, Dept. of

Electronic monitoring and recording final report, 2008

Discusses the potential benefits and drawbacks of using electronic monitoring and recording devices to prevent abuse and neglect in state-operated developmental centers and developmental disabilities services programs. Recognizes complexity of the issue; fiscal concerns for equipment purchase and repair; and need for clearly defined goals and outcome measures to ensure quality and effectiveness. (20 ILCS 1705/70; Feb. 2008, 14 pp.)

Human Services, Dept. of
Bilingual employees, April 1, 2008

The State Services Assurance Act requires each executive branch agency, board, and commission to report on the staffing of bilingual employees. As of April 1, 2008, the Department of Human Services had 1,081 bilingual employees in 45 divisions. Languages spoken were: Spanish (647 employees); Manual Communication (399); Braille (24); Polish (4); Chinese (3); Russian (2); Serbo-Croatian (1); and not listed (1). Lists names; division, section, and unit numbers; position titles; working titles; and languages spoken. (5 ILCS 382/3-20; Apr. 2008, 31 pp.)

Institutional services for disabled children report

Describes status of children through age 17 with developmental disabilities or mental or emotional disorders who are receiving DHS-funded institutional care. In FY 2007, nearly 9,700 youth with developmental disabilities received services from DHS. Of these, 9,250 (96%) received care in their own homes or small group homes, and 428 (4%) received care in large institutional settings; 152 received care in private child care institutions; and 275 received care in pediatric private skilled nursing facilities. During FY 2007, 37,600 youth with mental illness were served by 151 community mental health agencies; of these, 12,579 had Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED). Although most SED youth receive nonresidential care through community agencies, 276 received care in child care institutions. (20 ILCS 1305/10-55; March 2008, 13 pp.)

Investment, State Board of

Report on emerging money managers, FY 2008

In FY 2004 the Board implemented a policy requiring that 5% of assets (currently \$571 million) be allocated to emerging managers. Over \$788 million, 6.9% of the Board's total assets, are managed by emerging managers. Minority broker/dealer commissions totaled 33% of all domestic equity commissions. (40 ILCS 5/1-109.1(4); July 2008, 3 pp.)

Juvenile Justice, Dept. of

Quarterly report to the legislature, January 1, 2008

As of November 30, 2007, there were 1,409 youth in all juvenile facilities. The total capacity of youth facilities was 1,754. By December 2008, total youth population is projected to fall to 1,367 (a 3% decrease). Enrollment in academic and vocational programs was 1,238 (nonduplicated). Ratio of security staff to youth was 0.546. Most youth were single-celled (54%)

or double-celled (41%), with approximately 80 square feet of actual living area each. No capital projects are being currently funded. (730 ILCS 5/3-5-3.1; Jan. 2008, 9 pp.)

School Leader Task Force

Report, 2008

The Task Force met six times from October 2007 through January 2008 to develop steps to improve school leadership and the overall performance of Illinois schools. The task force identified "three primary instruments" that would promote positive change: (1) adopt state policies that set high standards for school leadership certification; (2) form partnerships between school districts and institutions of higher education to support principal preparation and development; and (3) refocus preparation programs to include rigorous assessments for aspiring principals. (H.J.R. 66 (2007); Feb. 2008, 36 pp.)

School Wellness Policy Task Force

School wellness policies, Jan. 2008

Purpose was to evaluate the effectiveness of school wellness policies by reviewing a sample size of five to ten school districts. Survey asked questions based on policy implementation, nutrition guidelines and education, physical education and activity, environment, and staff wellness. Based on the responses, the Task Force recommends: adopting a statewide Coordinated School Health Program; developing measurable outcomes; monitoring district progress on wellness policies; funding facilities, nutrition curriculum, and staff to change the school wellness environment; and evaluating Local Wellness Policy implementation again in 2 years. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.137; Jan. 2008, 49 pp.)

State Universities Retirement System

Minority- or female-owned investment managers, FY 2008

As of June 30, 2008, 21 of SURS' 41 investment management firms (51.2%) are minority- or female-owned firms. They managed \$1.97 billion (13.4%) of the total investment portfolio of \$14.64 billion — a 13% decrease from the \$2.27 billion managed in 2007. Explains SURS' method of selecting investment managers and includes affirmative action reports of emerging businesses and others providing investment services to SURS. (40 ILCS 5/1-109.1; Aug. 2008, 14 pp. + appendices)

Transportation, Dept. of

Diesel emissions annual report, FY 2008

Department of Transportation diesel testing program operates in 9 counties and 3 townships with 53 public and 39 private official testing stations. Department tested 4,531 vehicles, passing 4,377 and failing 35. One vehicle failed the inspection more than once. (525 ILCS 5/13-102.1; June 2008, 1 p.)

Workforce Investment Board

Measuring progress: Benchmarking workforce development in Illinois, 2008

Board tracks ten benchmarks for workforce development through education, earnings, job growth, and productivity. Reports that Illinois is keeping pace with other benchmark states in its percentage of population with a high school diploma, and has moved ahead of the nation and most benchmark states in the percentage of population with a bachelor's degree or higher. Board recommends revising some benchmarks and adding information on other population groups including people with disabilities. (20 ILCS 3975/4.5(b); March 2008, 30 pp.)

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