

THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE STATE OF ILLIOIS
SITTING AS AN IMPEACHMENT TRIBUNAL

In the Matter of the)
Impeachment of:)
ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH,)
Governor of the State of Illinois.)



JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION AND DISQUALIFICATION

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2009, the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois passed an Article of Impeachment, and presented to the Senate of the State of Illinois the same In the Matter of the Impeachment of Rod R. Blagojevich as Governor of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2009, the Senate organized itself in accordance with Article IV, Section 14, of the Constitution of 1970, as an Impeachment Tribunal for the purpose of trying the Article of Impeachment; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2009, Summons was issued by the Senate and duly served by the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate upon the Governor in the manner prescribed by the Senate Impeachment Rules; and

WHEREAS the House of Representatives was represented by the House Prosecutor, David W. Ellis, together with his co-counsel, Michael J. Kasper and Heather Wier Vaught; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2009, the Governor was granted leave to appear and participate in the proceedings; and

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WHEREAS, on January 29, 2009, the Senate sitting as an Impeachment Tribunal sustained, by the constitutionally required two-thirds majority, the Article of Impeachment against Rod R. Blagojevich; and


WHEREAS, on January 29, 2009, the Senate sitting as an Impeachment Tribunal voted, by the constitutionally required two-thirds majority, to disqualify Rod R. Blagojevich from holding any future public office of the State of Illinois; and


WHEREAS, the procedures of the Senate sitting as an Impeachment Tribunal are in all respects consistent with the Senate's Impeachment Rules and the requirements of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; now, therefore it is

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED by the Senate of the State of Illinois, sitting as an Impeachment Tribunal, that:

1. Rod R. Blagojevich is convicted of Impeachment, and is therefore removed from the Office of Governor of the State of Illinois, effective immediately; and
2. Rod R. Blagojevich is disqualified from holding any future public office of the State of Illinois.

Given under my hand, this 29th day of January, 2009.

By: 
Thomas R. Fitzgerald
Chief Justice, Illinois Supreme Court
Presiding Officer, Impeachment Tribunal

Attest: 
Deborah Shipley
Secretary of the Senate