



Community Bankers Association of Illinois
Department of Governmental Relations

Updated! \$15 Minimum Wage Bill Passes Illinois House

The Illinois House of Representatives voted 69-47-1 to approve [SB 1](#) which will raise the minimum wage from \$8.25 to \$15 an hour over a 6 year period. The bill was approved 39-18 last week in the Senate. It now heads to Governor JB Pritzker, who is expected to sign the bill into law next Tuesday.

Under the new law, the minimum wage will be raised from **\$8.25 to \$9.25 on January 1, 2020**. It will again increase to \$10 on July 1, 2020. After that it will continue to rise by \$1 every year until it reaches \$15 in 2025.

CBAI and a large coalition of associations representing employers including retailers and manufacturers have been working to educate lawmakers on the impact of raising the minimum wage too high or too quickly. We offered several compromise proposals, including regional minimum wages that reflect the differing costs of living in Chicago, Collar Counties and Downstate. We also proposed tiered implementation dates for different regions of the state and an elongated implementation ramp.

Unfortunately, Governor Pritzker and Democrat legislative leaders chose to ignore the input of the employer community and forged ahead without making a sincere effort to find a compromise.

Thank you to all the community bankers who took time to contact your local legislators to discuss this legislation. Privately, many downstate Democrats told us they had reservations about the bill and would have preferred a version that included the employer coalition compromise provisions. Unfortunately, they ultimately capitulated to the demands of the Governor and legislative leaders.

It is important that in the future we continue to remind lawmakers about the escalating impact this law will have on the communities we serve and hold them accountable for their votes. You can see how your local legislators voted at these links [Senate Roll Call](#). [House Roll Call](#).

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