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**Primary Election Edition**

**Governor**

Republican Governor Bruce Rauner's first term has been marked by nearly two and a half years of operating without an approved state budget, a state income tax increase on both individuals and corporations after the legislature overrode the Governor's veto, a continuing backlog of unpaid state bills in the billions of dollars, and a bitter partisan battle against Democrats. After three-plus years of pushing for structural reforms, including lower property taxes, workers' compensation reforms, changes to collective bargaining rules and state pensions, and term limits for politicians, there are few successes for the Rauner administration to highlight in his bid for reelection. Admittedly, Governor Rauner faced strong Democrat majorities – and strong caucus leaders – in both chambers as he attempted to face down labor unions, but his ongoing public battle with House Speaker Michael Madigan reduced the possibility of cooperation and compromise.

After signing a bill into law that would allow Illinois' Medicaid program and state employee health insurance to pay for abortions, the governor lost support of much of the conservative Republican base. Representative Jeanne Ives of Wheaton, a West Point graduate and mother of five, entered the primary race to challenge Rauner's pursuit of a second term. Illinois Liberty PAC backed Ives against Rauner, whom the organization previously supported. The conservative PAC also funded primary challenges to several Republican incumbents in the House, including the House Republican Leader Jim Durkin.

In the end, with a campaign war chest of over \$70 million, Governor **Bruce Rauner** narrowly defeated Ives for the Republican nomination and will run for reelection in November. However, with after winning only 52 percent of the vote, Rauner will need to mend fences and reengage the Republican base if he hopes to defeat a very strong Democrat challenge in an off-presidential election year and an energized Democrat base.

Illinois Democrats are facing their own party identity crisis with a growing call for more progressive, less moderate candidates. Billionaire JB Pritzker was the frontrunner from the

beginning, but he stumbled after the release of FBI-wiretapped phone conversations with then-governor Rod Blagojevich about the infamous Senate seat “for sale.” The race for the Democrat nominee drew a large field, including: Chris Kennedy, son of Robert Kennedy; self described independent progressive State Senator Dan Biss; Bob Daiber of downstate Madison County; and Tio Hardiman, former director of Cease Fire.

Even with spending over \$60 million of personal money, Pritzker could never pull far ahead enough from Biss or Kennedy, who led the strongest anti-Madigan sentiment, to put the campaign away. Biss gained momentum from the far left early while Kennedy attracted money in the last few weeks of the campaign, making it a tight race for the top three to the end. **JB Pritzker** ultimately earned roughly 45 percent of the total vote, while Biss and Kennedy split second and third at about 26 and 24 percent. Pritzker is running with State Rep. Juliana Stratton as lieutenant governor.

Going into a general election, Illinois candidates will likely spend the most money of any statewide political campaign for the governor’s race this year. Pritzker spent \$63 million of his own money during the primary, Rauner spent \$50 million of his personal money and raised \$22 million from Illinois’ wealthiest person Ken Griffin. Biss raised \$6.2 million, Kennedy \$5.6 million, and Ives \$3.6 million, for an overall total of roughly \$150 million spent, just for the governor’s primary election.

### **Attorney General**

Attorney General Lisa Madigan, who held the office since 2003, decided not to run for reelection in 2018. In the biggest toss-up race of the campaign cycle, eight Democrats worked against each other for the nominee for Attorney General, led by former Governor Pat Quinn and State Senator Kwame Raoul, but challenged by State Rep. Scott Drury, Renato Mariotti, Nancy Rotering, Sharon Fairley, Jesse Ruiz, and Aaron Goldstein. With a large field spreading out the percentages, Quinn attempted to take advantage of his high name recognition, but Senator Raoul garnered more endorsements. At the end of election day, **Senator Kwame Raoul** prevailed and will run for Attorney General.

Harvard Law educated attorney and former Miss America **Erika Harold** easily won the Republican primary for Attorney General and will be a viable candidate against Raoul.

In other constitutional offices, Secretary of State **Jesse White** will face Republican **Jason Helland**; Treasurer **Michael Frerichs** will face Republican **Jim Dodge**; Comptroller **Susana Mendoza** will face Republican and former State Rep. **Darlene Senger**.

## Legislative Races

In the General Assembly all 118 House seats and 39 of the 59 Senate seats (21 of 37 Democrats and 18 of 22 Republicans) are up for election in November. There were 5 primary contests in the Senate and 42 in the House. In the 2018 election cycle, there are 28 legislators not seeking re-election to their current office: 7 Senators and 21 Representatives.

The Illinois Liberty PAC spent \$3.6 million to challenge several long-serving Republican representatives in the primary, mostly due to their support of the income tax increase, and compete in the many open races created by retiring incumbents. Much of that money, \$1.2 million, was spent to defeat House Republican Leader **Jim Durkin**, who ultimately carried his district by a large margin.

Downstate incumbents Rep. **Charlie Meier**, **Terri Bryant**, **Norine Hammond**, **Dan Brady**, and **CD Davidsmeyer** retained their right to run in the November general election, overcoming challenges from the far right. Rep. David Reis of Effingham, who lost his seat to **Darren Bailey**, was the only Republican incumbent that lost to a Liberty PAC backed challenger. However, the PAC did succeed in winning many open primary races across the state.

The Democrat party's movement to the left was also evident in primary legislative races. **Aaron Ortiz** defeated longtime representative Dan Burke (D) of Chicago. Other Democrat incumbents won their races, including Rep. **Robert Martwick**, Rep. **Bob Rita**, Rep. **Mary Flowers**, Rep. **Thaddeus Jones**, and Rep. **Lisa Hernandez**.

The most prominent Senate primary race was Senator Ira Silverstein's (D) race after he was the focus of a sexual harassment allegation. Silverstein lost the primary to **Ram Villivalam**. **Senator Iris Martinez** (D) of Chicago defeated her primary challenger handily. **Jason Plummer** (R), who previously ran with Senator Bill Brady as his lieutenant governor candidate, won the Republican primary for the 54<sup>th</sup> Senate district.

## US Congress

All 18 Congressional seats are up for re-election. Currently the Democrats control 11 of the state's 18 Congressional seats. There is one Congressional seat being vacated by retiring Congressman Luis Gutiérrez. There were 4 Congressional Democrats facing a primary: Robin Kelly, Dan Lipinski, Mike Quigley and Danny Davis. There were 3 Congressional Republicans facing a primary: Mike Bost, Adam Kinzinger and Darin LaHood. Please note that as of the time of this writing, a winner has not been declared in the 6<sup>th</sup> District Democratic Congressional primary race.

The most competitive primary election for Congressional Democrats was between incumbent **Dan Lipinski** of Chicago, and Marie Newman. The moderate Lipinski survived the challenge more liberal wing of the party.

Below is a breakdown of the contested primary races. The winner of each contested race is highlighted.

<b>2018 Congressional Candidates</b>		
<b>District</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>
<b>2</b>	Marcus Lewis <b>Robin Kelly (I)</b>	Patrick Harmon David Merle John Morrow
<b>3</b>	<b>Dan Lipinski (I)</b> Marie Newman	Arthur Jones
<b>4*</b>	Sol Flores <b>Jesus Garcia</b> Richard Gonzalez	Mark Lorch
<b>5</b>	<b>Mike Quigley (I)</b> Sameena Mustafa Steve Schwartzberg Benjamin Wolf	Tom Hanson
<b>6</b>	Sean Casten Carole Cheney Amanda Howland Ryan Huffman Kelly Mazeski Jennifer Zordani	Peter Roskam (I)
<b>7</b>	<b>Danny Davis (I)</b> Anthony Clark	<b>Craig Cameron</b> Jeffrey Leef
<b>9</b>	Jan Schakowsky (I)	<b>John Elleson</b> Max Rice Sargis Sangari D. Vincent Thomas Jr.
<b>10</b>	Brad Schneider (I)	<b>Doug Bennett</b> Sapan Shah Jermy Wynes
<b>11</b>	Bill Foster (I)	<b>Nick Stella</b> Connor Vlakancic
<b>12</b>	David Bequette <b>Brendan Kelly</b>	<b>Mike Bost (I)</b> Preston Nelson
<b>13</b>	Jonathan Ebel David Gill Erik Jones <b>Betsy Londrigan</b> Angel Sides	Rodney Davis (I)
<b>14</b>	Matt Brolley John Hosta	Randy Hultgren (I)

	Daniel Roldan-Johnson Victor Swanson <b>Lauren Underwood</b> Jim Walz George Weber	
15	<b>Kevin Gaither</b> Carl Spoerer	John Shimkus (I)
16	Amy Murri Briel <b>Sara Dady</b> Neill Mohammad Beth Vercolio-Osmund	<b>Adam Kinzinger (I)</b> Jim Marter
18	Brian Deters Darrel Miller <b>Junius Rodriguez</b>	<b>Darin LaHood (I)</b> Donald Rients
Notes	<i>An (I) denotes an incumbent. * Denotes an Open Seat</i>	

Two Democratic Senators faced primary challengers in Tuesday's contest: Ira Silverstein and Iris Martinez. There are three Democratic Senators not seeking reelection this year: Daniel Biss, who vacated his seat to run for the Democratic nomination for Governor; James Clayborne and Bill Haine. No incumbent Republican Senators faced a primary challenge. There are four Republican Senators who are not seeking reelection this year: Tim Bivins, Pam Althoff, Kyle McCarter and Sam McCann.

<b>2018 State Senate Candidates</b>		
<b>District</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>
8	Ira Silverstein (I) Caroline McAteer-Fournier <b>Ram Villivalam</b> David Zulkey	No Candidate
20	<b>Iris Martinez (I)</b> Bart Goldberg	No Candidate
27	<b>Ann Gillespie</b> Joe Sonnefeldt	Tom Rooney (I)
54 *	No Candidate	George Barber Rafael Him <b>Jason Plummer</b> Benjamin Stratemeyer
57 *	Christopher Belt	<b>Tanya Hildenbrand</b> Bob Romanik
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Eight House Democrat incumbents faced primary challengers on Tuesday: Dan Burke, Kelly Cassidy, Robert Martwick, Elizabeth Hernandez, Justin Slaughter, Robert Rita, Thaddeus Jones,

and Mary Flowers. There are 8 House Democrats that are not running for re-election in November: Scott Drury, who vacated his seat to run for the Democratic nomination for Attorney General; Cynthia Soto; Julianna Stratton and Litesa Wallace, both of whom vacated their seats to run for Lt. Governor; Carol Sente; Barbara Flynn Currie; Al Riley and Laura Fine who ran to replace State Senator Daniel Biss.

Seven House Republican incumbents faced primary challengers on Tuesday: House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, C.D. Davidmeyer, Dan Brady, Norine Hammond, Charlie Meier, David Reis, and Terri Bryant. Thirteen House Republicans are not seeking re-election this year: Bob Pritchard, Chad Hays, Barbara Wheeler, Patti Bellock, Bill Mitchell, Mike Fortner, Steve Andersson, Sara Jimenez, Reggie Phillips, John Cavaletto, David Harris and Jeanne Ives who challenged Republican Governor Bruce Rauner in the primary.

<b>2018 State House Candidates</b>		
<b>District</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>
<b>1</b>	Dan Burke (I) <b>Aaron Ortiz</b>	No Candidate
<b>4*</b>	Iris Millan Alyx Pattison <b>Delia Ramirez</b> Anne Shaw	No Candidate
<b>5*</b>	Felicia Bullock Kenneth Dunkin <b>Lamont Robinson Jr.</b> Dilara Sayeed	No Candidate
<b>14</b>	<b>Kelly Cassidy (I)</b> Arthur Siegel	No Candidate
<b>17*</b>	Candance Chow Pete Dagher Alexandra Eidenberg <b>Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz</b> Mary Rita Luecke	Peter Lee
<b>19</b>	<b>Robert Martwick (I)</b> Jeffrey Laporte	Ammie Kessem
<b>24</b>	<b>Elizabeth Hernandez (I)</b> Robert Reyes	No Candidate
<b>25*</b>	William Calloway Grace Chan McKibben Angelique Collins Adrienne Irmer Anne Marie Miles Flynn Rush <b>Curtis Tarver II</b>	No Candidate
<b>27</b>	<b>Justin Slaughter (I)</b> Tawana Robinson	No Candidate

28	<b>Robert Rita (I)</b> Mary Carvlin Kimberly Koschnitzky	No Candidate
29	<b>Thaddeus Jones (I)</b> Corean Davis	No Candidate
31	<b>Mary E. Flowers (I)</b> Willie Preston	No Candidate
38*	David Bonner Cecil Matthews Jr. <b>Debbie Meyers-Martin</b> Max Solomon	No Candidate
42*	Kathleen Carrier	Ryan Byrne <b>Amy Grant</b> Burt Minor
46	Deborah Conroy (I)	<b>Gordon Kinzler</b> Roger Orozco
47*	<b>Jim Caffrey</b> Anne Sommerkamp	Deanne Mazzochi
49*	Karina Villa	<b>Tonia Khouri</b> Nic Zito
53*	Mark Walker	<b>Eddie Corrigan</b> Katie Miller
56	Michelle Mussman (I)	<b>Jillian Bernas</b> Charlotte Kegarise
59*	<b>Daniel Didech</b> Susan Malter	<b>Karen Feldman</b> Marko Sukovic
62	Sam Yingling (I)	<b>Ken Idstein</b> Adam Solano
67*	Gerald Albert Valeri DeCastris Angela Fellars <b>Maurice West II</b>	No Candidate
70*	Howard Solomon <b>Paul Stoddard</b>	Jeff Keicher
76	Jill Bernal <b>Lance Yednock</b>	Jerry Long (I)
82	Tom Chlystek	<b>Jim Durkin (I)</b> Michael Straub
89*	Nicholas Hyde	<b>Andrew Chesney</b> Steven Fricke
93	John Curtis	<b>Norine Hammond (I)</b> Joshua Griffith
99*	Marc Bell	<b>Mike Murphy</b> Steven Westerfield ( <i>write-in</i> )

<b>100</b>	No Candidate	<b>C.D. Davidsmeyer (I)</b> Jonas Hicks Petty
<b>101*</b>	Jennifer McMillin	<b>Dan Caulkins</b> Todd Henricks Randy Keith
<b>104*</b>	<b>Cynthia Cunningham</b> Frank McCullough Jr.	Mike Marron
<b>105</b>	Benjamin Webb	<b>Dan Brady (I)</b> David Blumenshine
<b>107*</b>	David Seiler	Laura Myers <b>Blaine Wilhour</b>
<b>108</b>	No Candidate	<b>Charles E. Meier (I)</b> Don Moore
<b>109</b>	Cynthia Given	David Reis (I) <b>Darren Bailey</b>
<b>110*</b>	Shirley Bell	Terry Davis <b>Chris Miller</b>
<b>112</b>	Katie Stuart (I)	Wendy Erhart <b>Dwight Kay</b>
<b>115</b>	Marsha Griffin Tamiko Mueller	<b>Terri Bryant (I)</b> Paul Jacobs
<b>118</b>	Natalie Phelps Finnie (I)	Wes Sherrod Samuel Stratemeyer <b>Patrick Windhorst</b>
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The focus will now turn to the 2018 general election. Democrats have the majority in the House, and super majority in the Senate. Senate Democrats hold 37 of the Chamber's 59 seats and House Democrats hold 67 of the Chamber's 118 seats. Even if Republicans do pick up some seats in the fall election, Democrats are expected to retain control of both chambers.

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