

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

BOMA/SUBURAN CHICAGO

January 18, 2019

On Monday, JB Pritzker was sworn in as Illinois' 43rd Governor. In his address, Governor Pritzker drew on Illinois' history of hope and progress to share his vision to work together to create another century of boundless opportunity and fulfill the state's possibility and promise.

"At 200 years old, Illinois is still a young promise. Our time here has been but a blink. In 2019, we must begin a new century with new maturity – and enough foolishness to believe we can make a difference," Governor Pritzker said.

"Our history is a story of leaps forward and occasional stumbles back – and a promise renewed with each generation that we will try harder, that we will do better, that big breakthroughs are built of centuries of selfless effort by unheralded heroes. That big change rides on what we can do together, not what one person attempts alone.

"That's the Illinois I see – one of possibility and promise. That's the Illinois I know, one whose people are fearless and audacious. That's the vision I have for our state – another century of boundless opportunity."

The Governor also made clear that he will move swiftly on priorities for working people and will confront the state's deep challenges with honesty and courage – with an understanding that "the seemingly dry acts of government really do affect the richness and joy of our lives."

The General Assmebly resumes action on January 29.

UPCOMING DATES

- February 1 – House & Senate Deadline for LRB Requests
- February 20 – Governor's Budget Address
- February 26 – Consolidated Primary Election
- April 2 – Consolidated Election

GOV.-ELECT PRITZKER STAFF ANOUNCEMENTS

On Thursday, the Governor named another deputy governor and new directors of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR) and the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL).

Deputy Governor – Sol Flores will serve as Deputy Governor. Flores is the founding Executive Director of La Casa Norte, a non-profit organization established in 2002 that has served more than 30,000 youth and families confronting homelessness.

IEPA – John Kim will serve as Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Kim has served in many senior roles during his distinguished 25 years at the department under five governors of both parties. He currently serves as chief legal counsel, where he supervises a legal staff of approximately 40 employees.

IDHR – Jim Bennett will serve as Director of the Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR). Bennett served as the Midwest Regional Director at Lambda Legal, the nation’s largest legal organization dedicated to securing the full civil rights of the LGBTQ community and people with HIV.

IDOL – Michael Kleinik will serve as Director of the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL). Kleinik currently serves as executive director of the Medical Cannabis Alliance Of Illinois. He previously served as the executive director of the Chicago Laborers’ District Council’s Labor-Management Cooperation Committee from 2008 to 2018.

Previous appointments to the Pritzker administration include:

State agency directors

- ❖ John Sullivan, director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA)
- ❖ Janel L. Forde, director of the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS)
- ❖ Erin Guthrie, director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)
- ❖ Alicia Tate-Nadeau, director of the homeland security and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)
- ❖ Theresa Eagleson, director of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)
- ❖ Heidi Mueller, director of the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ)
- ❖ David Harris, director of the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR)
- ❖ Alexis Sturm, director of the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget (GOMB)
- ❖ Matt Perez, Illinois Fire Marshal

Office of the Governor

- ❖ Anne Caprara, chief of staff
- ❖ Dan Hynes, deputy governor
- ❖ Christian Mitchell, deputy governor
- ❖ Jesse Ruiz, deputy governor
- ❖ Nikki Budzinski, senior adviser
- ❖ Ann Spillane, general counsel

- ❖ Emily Bittner, deputy chief of staff for communications
- ❖ Jordan Abudayyeh, press secretary
- ❖ Sean Rapelyea, deputy chief of staff for external affairs
- ❖ Tiffany Newbern-Johnson, deputy chief of staff for legislative affairs

SENATE REPUBLICANS LEADERSHIP TEAM

Senate Minority Leader Bill Brady announced the Senate Republican Caucus leadership team on Wednesday.

- Senator Dave Syverson, Deputy Republican Leader
- Senator Sue Rezin, Assistant Republican Leader
- Senator Chapin Rose, Assistant Republican Leader
- Senator Jason Barickman, Assistant Republican Leader
- Senator Neil Anderson, Assistant Republican Leader
- Senator Dale Righter, Senate Republican Caucus Chair
- Senator Jim Oberweis, Senate Republican Whip
- Senator Jil Tracy, Senate Republican Whip

SENATE DEMOCRAT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Senate President John Cullerton announced the Senate Democratic caucus leadership team.

- Kimberly Lightford, Majority Leader
- Don Harmon, Assistant Majority Leader
- David Koehler, Assistant Majority Leader
- Terry Link, Assistant Majority Leader
- Iris Martinez, Assistant Majority Leader
- Antonio Munoz, Assistant Majority Leader
- Mattie Hunter, Majority Caucus Chair
- Jacqueline Collins, Majority Caucus Whip
- Linda Holmes, Majority Caucus Whip
- Martin Sandoval, Majority Caucus Whip

HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP TEAM

House Republican Leader Jim Durkin announced the House Republican caucus leadership team.

- Dan Brady, Deputy Republican Leader
- Tom Demmer, Deputy Republican Leader
- Avery Bourne, Assistant Republican Leader
- C.D. Davidsmeyer, Assistant Republican Leader

- Norine Hammond, Assistant Republican Leader
- Michael McAuffe, Assistant Republican Leader
- Grant Wehrli, Assistant Republican Leader
- Keith Wheeler, Assistant Republican Leader

HOUSE DEMOCRAT LEADERSHIP TEAM

House Speaker Michael Madigan announced the House Democratic caucus leadership team.

- Greg Harris, Majority Leader
- Kelly Burke, Assistant Majority Leader
- Linda Chapa LaVia, Assistant Majority Leader
- Will Davis, Assistant Majority Leader
- Jehan Gordon-Booth, Assistant Majority Leader
- Jay Hoffman, Assistant Majority Leader
- Art Turner, Assistant Majority Leader

MENDOZA POLL SHOWS PRECKWINKLE SLIPPING

POLLING MEMO

Recent poll results clearly point to Susana Mendoza as a frontrunner in the crowded field for Mayor. Toni Preckwinkle has seen a significant dip in favorability and a clear drop in vote share, while Bill Daley has failed to move his vote share in both the multi-candidate and head-to-head ballots. Given Mendoza's name ID advantage, top vote-getting status in a multi-candidate race, and significant lead in run-off scenarios with either Preckwinkle or Daley, Mendoza continues to be well-positioned to become the next Mayor of Chicago.

Key findings from a recent citywide survey of 600 likely 2019 municipal voters conducted by Global Strategy Group are as follows.

KEY FINDINGS:

- ❖ Voters' opinions of Preckwinkle have taken a negative turn. Since December, Preckwinkle's net favorability has dropped 26 points. Once +16 (December 2018: 47% favorable/31% unfavorable, 78% familiar), she is now underwater at -10 (January 2019: 36% fav/46% unfav, 82% fam).
- ❖ Preckwinkle's support has dwindled along with her favorability. In December, Preckwinkle held the lead in the multi-candidate race with 19% of the vote, with Mendoza in second with 11%. But Preckwinkle has lost her edge and is now tied with Mendoza for the top spot at 11%. Daley remains in third place with 9%, seeing little change in his vote share since December (Dec. 2018: Daley 8%), despite a significant investment in advertising. The remaining eight candidates trail him.

- ❖ Mendoza surges past Preckwinkle in a head-to-head. In a run-off scenario, Mendoza leads Preckwinkle by 13 points (Jan. 2019: Mendoza 43%/Preckwinkle 30%), significantly increasing her slight December lead (Dec. 2018: Mendoza 39%/Preckwinkle 38%).
- ❖ Mendoza continues to top Daley. Daley's multi-candidate margin has yet to improve since December, and he has been unable to gain any ground against Mendoza in a head-to-head. Mendoza's December lead (Dec. 2018: Mendoza 46%/Daley 31%) is virtually unchanged (Jan 2018: Mendoza 45%/Daley 30%).

BILL REPORT

HB20 MIN WAGE-\$15 PER HOUR *(FLOWERS M)*

Amends the Minimum Wage Law. Increases the minimum wage to \$15 per hour on October 1, 2019. Effective immediately.



RECENT STATUS

11/30/2018 - Prefiled with Clerk by Mary E. Flowers

HB28 HOUSING-WAIVER-UNPAID TAXES *(THAPEDI A)*

Amends the Abandoned Housing Rehabilitation Act. Permits any organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that files a petition for temporary possession of property to also request a court order waiving or extinguishing any county property tax lien or unpaid property taxes existing on the property if the property has been vacant for at least 3 years. Requires the petitioner to provide notice of any order waiving or extinguishing the tax lien or unpaid property taxes to the office of the county collector or county treasurer of the county in which the property is located. Requires any petition to waive or extinguish a tax lien or unpaid property taxes to be filed by the petitioner within 90 days of commencing the action, unless such time is extended by the court for good cause. Provides that a hearing on the organization's petition need not occur immediately, but must be held prior to the closure of the case and that the order waiving or extinguishing the tax lien or unpaid property taxes shall only exist for the benefit of the organization that files a petition, and shall not inure to, pass to, or benefit any other party in interest of the property.



RECENT STATUS

11/30/2018 - Prefiled with Clerk by André M. Thapedi

HB29 CONDO/CICA ACT-HOME RULE LIMIT *(THAPEDI A)*

Amends the Common Interest Community Association Act. Limits the concurrent exercise by units of local government of powers and functions exercised by the State with respect to amendments to the community instruments and accounting practices. Amends the Condominium Property Act. Limits the concurrent exercise by units of local government of powers and functions exercised by the State with respect to an association's: budgeting practices; sale of property; notice requirements; contracts with board members; voting procedures; property improvement procedures; accounting practices; collection and sharing of records; amendment to the condominium instruments; and subdivision or combination of units. Effective immediately.



RECENT STATUS

11/30/2018 - Prefiled with Clerk by André M. Thapedi

HB43 PROP TX-SOUTHLAND PROPERTY *(DELUCA A)*

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that certain property located in Bloom, Bremen, Calumet, Rich, Thornton, or Worth Township may be certified by the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority as a southland reactivation site. Provides that southland reactivation property shall be valued at 33 1/3% of the fair cash value of the land, without regard to buildings, structures, improvements, and other permanent fixtures located on the property. Provides that, for the first 3 tax years after the property is certified as southland reactivation property, the aggregate tax liability for the property shall be no greater than \$75,000. Provides that, beginning with the fourth tax year after the property is certified as southland reactivation property and continuing through the twelfth tax year after the property is certified as southland reactivation property, the property's tax liability for each taxing district in which the property is located shall be increased over the tax liability for the preceding year by the percentage increase, if any, in the total equalized assessed value of all property in the taxing district.



RECENT STATUS

11/30/2018 - Prefiled with Clerk by Anthony DeLuca

HB189 ABANDONED REAL PROPERTY-TITLE *(FORD L)*

Creates the Blight Mitigation Act. Provides that a property owner that lives within one-fourth of a mile of and on the same street as residential real property that has been abandoned may, after the property has been continuously abandoned for 12 months, petition the court for title to the land. Provides that the court shall order that title to the real property be transferred to the petitioner if the petitioner presents clear and convincing evidence that: (1) the property is abandoned; (2) the owner of the property

has been made a party to the action in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure and court rules; and (3) the property is not: listed for sale on a multiple listing service; being maintained in receivership status; or under contract for sale.

 **RECENT STATUS**

12/18/2018 - Prefiled with Clerk by La Shawn K. Ford

SB7 **CANNABIS-TECH** (*STEANS H*)

Creates the Cannabis Regulation and Taxation Act. Contains only a short title provision.

 **RECENT STATUS**

1/9/2019 - Referred to Assignments

1/9/2019 - FIRST READING

1/9/2019 - Filed with Secretary by Sen. Heather A. Steans