



## Stop the culture of corruption that is stealing the future of Illinois with your informed vote!

Use [www.reclaimillinois.com](http://www.reclaimillinois.com) to become an informed voter by the primary election. The 2010 General Primary Election will be conducted on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. The General Election will be conducted on Tuesday, November 2, 2010.

### It's Critical that you take action on the following items, and Reclaim Illinois is here to help:

- Sign the PutBack Amendment Petition. Putback is a Constitutional Amendment to Reform the Illinois Legislature through such measures as long overdue Term Limits! Citizens deserve the opportunity to consider and vote on this amendment on November 2, 2010.
- Become truly informed about the candidates before February 2, 2010, so you can see through the propaganda they often spout, and make the best choices in the voting booth. (i.e. GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, ATTORNEY GENERAL, SECRETARY OF STATE, STATE COMPTROLLER, STATE TREASURER, etc.)
- Consider candidates regardless of party in order to find the BEST person for the job.
- Put the current office holders, such as Quinn, Hynes and Lisa Madigan, at the bottom of your list since they have had the opportunity to lead. It's now time for fresh leadership to clean up the mess and put Illinois on a winning path.
- Register to vote if you haven't already.
- Vote in the primary (February 2, 2010) and general election (November 2, 2010).
- Urge your family, friends and co-workers to become informed and Vote.
- Enable others to Vote by helping them get to the voting booth.
- Actively support candidates who would make great public servants through donations, volunteering and spreading the word.
- **Challenge: Copy and share this flier with 3 people**

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**Thanks for your investment in a better future!!**

# ***Help Reform the tainted Illinois Legislature***

**Get the Put-Back Amendment on the ballot:**

**An Amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of the  
State of Illinois**

## **What's Put-Back Do?**

The Bambenek Put-Back Amendment is designed to decentralize the power in the Legislature so that local legislators have the ability to represent their districts instead of representing the interests of Springfield power brokers. It is also designed to withstand legal challenges that are likely to be filed to keep the amendment from ever reaching the voters. The General Assembly has no ability to modify this language nor can they prevent the amendment from reaching the ballot. The only recourse they have is the courts to declare the amendment unconstitutional, and the amendment was written with that in mind (as well as having a federal court challenge to force the state to put the amendment for a vote).

The amendment primarily makes the Legislature a unicameral (one chamber body) called the Senate made of 59 districts where 3 Senators represent a single district. It returns Illinois to "bullet voting" which we had prior to 1980 (its repeal resulting in the centralized power we see today). What this means is that a voter can give all three votes to one candidate or give up to three candidates each one vote. It ensures minority representation in every district.

## **In addition, the Amendment does the following:**

- **Term Limits** - Establishes term limits of four terms, maximum of eight years for every legislator. The Legislature is a part-time body, it makes no sense for people to use it for a political career.
- **Limits Power of Legislative Leaders** - Limits legislative leaders (Senate President, minority leader, committee chairs) to a maximum of two terms, or four years total.
- **Reforms redistricting** - so that legislative maps are drawn on objective criteria instead of the current method where politicians pick their voters to ensure their reelection.
- It requires **7-day public viewing** of all legislation before the final vote.
- **It allows 25 (of 177) Senators to force an up or down vote on any legislation.**
- It **equalizes ballot access** and bans the practice of removing candidates from the ballot for spurious reasons. The right to vote doesn't make sense if they don't give you choices.
- It **repeals the amendatory veto** which was abused to a great degree by former Governor Blagojevich.
- It **prohibits the practice of "shell bills"**, the method of using literally empty legislation to allow for backroom negotiation of legislation.
- Makes related changes to handle transition from bicameral to unicameral legislature.

To get more information on why the amendment was structured the way it was and why certain things were included go to <http://www.putbackamendment.com/>

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