

Illinois Senate

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# Freshman Senators



# About

The 102nd Illinois General Assembly will include at least 27 freshmen members. By comparison, the 101st General Assembly had at least 47 freshmen at the start of it, with several more who joined the body in 2019 and 2020.

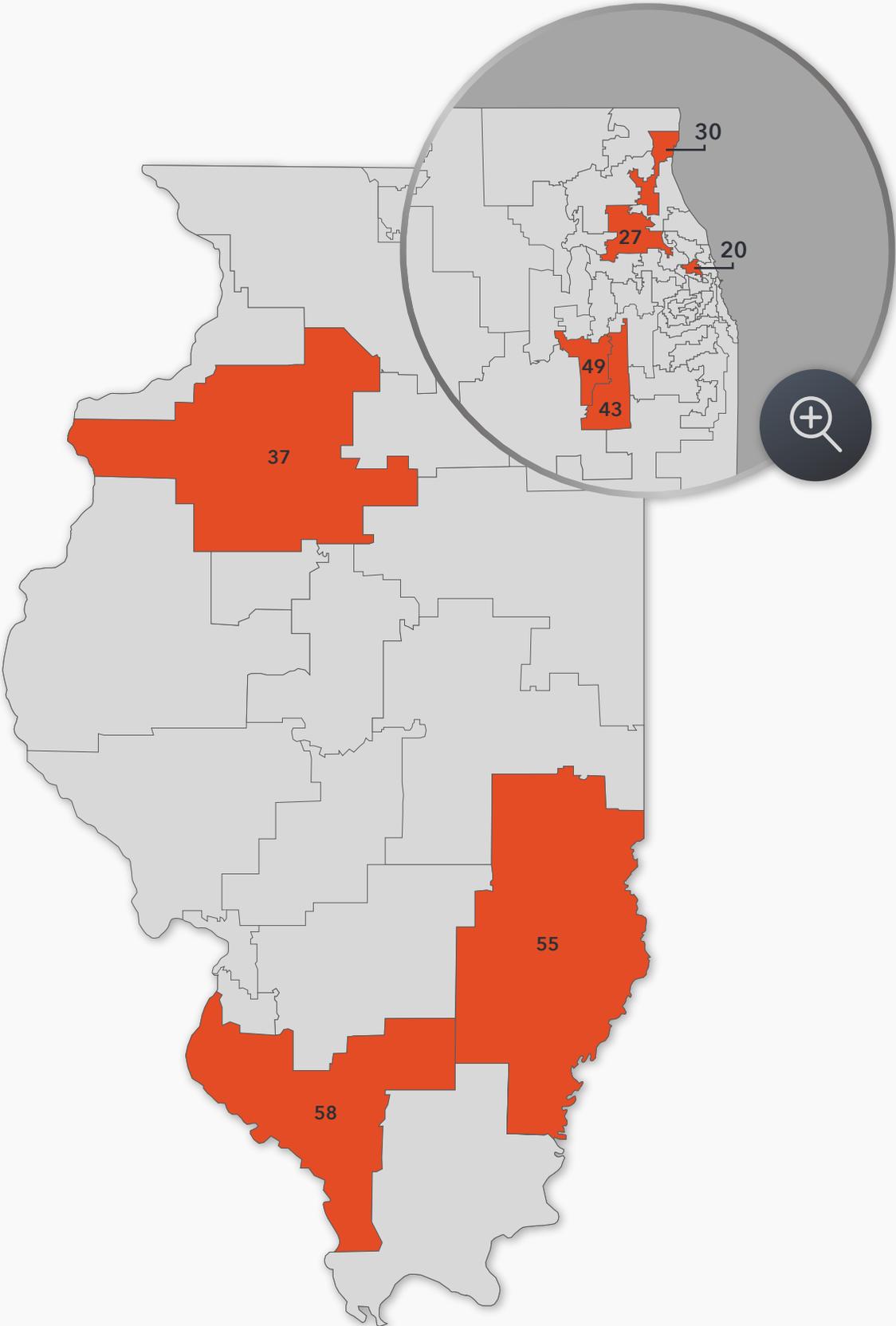
The Senate's political makeup for the 102nd General Assembly includes 41 Democrats and 18 Republicans.

In the Senate, the freshman class includes five Democrats, two of which were recently appointed, and three Republicans. Two more senators are set to join the freshman class after replacements are picked to fill the seats held by Sen. Bill Brady (R-Bloomington) and Sen. Andy Manar (D-Bunker Hill), who recently announced their resignations.

The Daily Line's freshman guide offers a concise overview of this year's class of newcomers. The information included in the guide is based on public records and the member's campaign and legislative websites.

Throughout the legislative session, this guide will be updated to reflect newly available information.

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**Darren Bailey**

54 years old



<b>District</b> 55	<b>Party</b> Republican	<b>Twitter</b> @DarrenBaileyIL	<b>Phone</b> updated soon	<b>Email</b> updated soon
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**Residence**

Xenia

**Predecessor (Party)**

Dale Righter (GOP)

**Previous work/career**

Elected official

**Previous experience in public office**

Illinois House of Representatives

**Major endorsements**

Illinois Family Action, National Rifle Association, National Federation of Independent Business-Illinois

**Top Issues**

Abortion, 2nd Amendment, education, jobs, transparency, taxes

**Top donors**

AT&T, Realtors PAC, Ameren, Tri-County Welding

**Committees**

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**Terri Bryant**

57 years old



<b>District</b> 58	<b>Party</b> Republican	<b>Twitter</b> @SenTerriBryant1	<b>Phone</b> updated soon	<b>Email</b> updated soon
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**Residence**

Murphysboro

**Predecessor (Party)**

Paul Schimpf (GOP)

**Previous work/career**

Elected official

**Previous experience in public office**

Illinois House of Representatives

**Major endorsements**

Illinois Federation of Teachers, National Rifle Association, National Federation of Independent Business-Illinois

**Top Issues**

Pro-life, 2nd Amendment, education, finances

**Top donors**

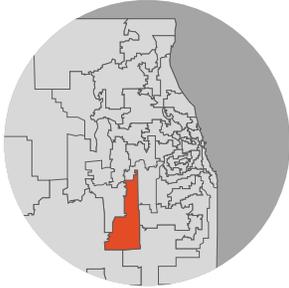
Ameren, AFSCME Council 31, Facebook, Illinois Retired Teachers

**Committees**

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**John Connor**  
Age: updated soon



<b>District</b> 43	<b>Party</b> Democrat	<b>Twitter</b> @connorforIL	<b>Phone</b> updated soon	<b>Email</b> updated soon
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**Residence**

Lockport

**Predecessor (Party)**

Pat McGuire (Dem)

**Previous work/career**

Elected official

**Previous experience in public office**

Illinois House of Representatives

**Major endorsements**

Illinois Sierra Club, Planned Parenthood Illinois, Illinois Federation of Teachers, Illinois AFL-CIO

**Top Issues**

Water, broadband, infrastructure, taxes, education, seniors, health care, veterans, pension reform, responsible gun laws

**Top donors**

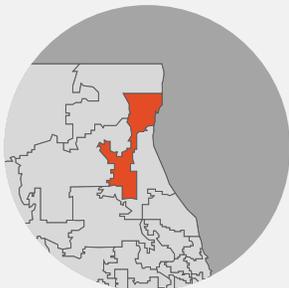
Illinois Trial Lawyers Assn, Ameren Illinois, SEIU Illinois

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**Adriane Johnson**  
Age: updated soon



<b>District</b> 30	<b>Party</b> Democrat	<b>Twitter</b> @SenALJohnson	<b>Phone</b> updated soon	<b>Email</b> updated soon
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**Residence**

Riverwoods

**Predecessor (Party)**

Terry Link (Dem)

**Previous work/career**

Chair of the Illinois Association of Park Districts' Board of Trustees, human resources professional

**Previous experience in public office**

Buffalo Grove Park District board member

**Major endorsements**

n/a

**Top Issues**

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**Top donors**

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**Committees**

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**Meg Loughran Cappel**

Age: updated soon



<b>District</b> 49	<b>Party</b> Democrat	<b>Twitter</b> @megcappel	<b>Phone</b> updated soon	<b>Email</b> updated soon
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**Residence**

Shorewood

**Predecessor (Party)**

Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant (Dem)

**Previous work/career**

Teacher

**Previous experience in public office**

Joliet Township High School Board

**Major endorsements**

Illinois Sierra Club, SEIU Illinois, Illinois AFL-CIO

**Top Issues**

Education, health care, property taxes, corruption, pensions, seniors

**Top donors**

Chicago Teachers Union, Illinois Pipe Trades, Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois, IBEW Illinois

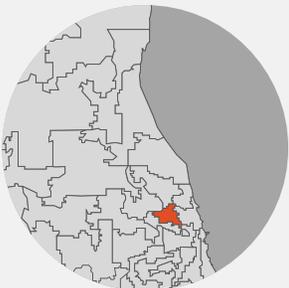
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**Cristina Pacione-Zayas**

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<b>District</b> 20	<b>Party</b> Democrat	<b>Twitter</b> @pacionezayas	<b>Phone</b> updated soon	<b>Email</b> updated soon
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**Residence**

Chicago

**Predecessor (Party)**

Iris Martinez (Dem)

**Previous work/career**

Associate vice president of policy at Erikson Institute

**Previous experience in public office**

n/a

**Major endorsements**

n/a

**Top Issues**

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**Top donors**

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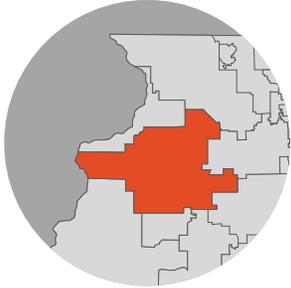
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**Win Stoller**

Age: updated soon



<b>District</b> 37	<b>Party</b> Republican	<b>Twitter</b> @WinStoller	<b>Phone</b> updated soon	<b>Email</b> updated soon
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**Residence**

East Peoria

**Predecessor (Party)**

Chuck Weaver (GOP)

**Previous work/career**

Businessman

**Previous experience in public office**

n/a

**Major endorsements**

Illinois Family Action, National Rifle Association, National Federation of Independent Business-Illinois

**Top Issues**

Finances, taxes

**Top donors**

AT&T, Ameren Illinois, Associated Beer Distributors of IL

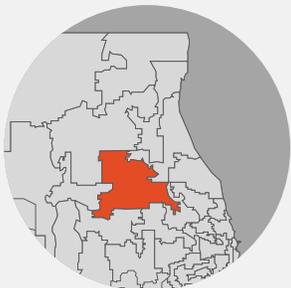
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**Karina Villa**

Age: updated soon



<b>District</b> 27	<b>Party</b> Democrat	<b>Twitter</b> @citizens4karina	<b>Phone</b> updated soon	<b>Email</b> updated soon
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**Residence**

West Chicago

**Predecessor (Party)**

Jim Oberweis (GOP)

**Previous work/career**

Elected official

**Previous experience in public office**

Illinois House of Representatives

**Major endorsements**

Illinois AFL-CIO, Illinois Federation of Teachers, Planned Parenthood Illinois, SEIU Illinois, Illinois Sierra Club

**Top Issues**

Education, health care, immigrant rights, environment

**Top donors**

AT&T, Illinois Trial Lawyers Assn, Associated Fire Fighters of IL, Illinois Pipe Trades, IBEW Illinois, SEIU Illinois

**Committees**

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