

Illinois

Voters in Illinois will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 118 seats in the State House are up as well as 39 of the 59 seats in the State Senate. Democrats are likely to keep control of both houses of the legislature.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

[J.B. Pritzker](#)

J.B. Pritzker is heir the Hyatt fortune. In 2008, he served as national co-chairman of Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. He then founded a national organization – Democratic Leadership for the 21st Century – to attract members under the age of 40 to join the Democratic Party.

Pritzker is running on progressive issues. He is in favor of universal healthcare, legalizing recreational marijuana, protecting immigrant families, and raising wages. His campaign is also trying to tie Governor Rauner to President Trump with every chance it gets – the President lost Illinois by 17 points.

When asked what the most important issue in Illinois is, Pritzker has stated that it is the state's fiscal woes. He blames the current administration for not putting forth balanced budgets. Pritzker wants to invest in new statewide infrastructure projects including rail and broadband. He also is in favor of a Truth in Lending Act to protect small business owners from online and alternative lending products.

Pritzker has proposed a public health insurance option to allow every resident to buy into the state's Medicaid system. He supports legislation to implement comprehensive opiate prescribing guidelines and wants to work with insurance companies to ensure opioid addiction is fully covered. He wants to restore funding for reproductive and preventative healthcare services for low-income women.

He is in favor of raising the minimum wage to \$15 and repealing the Illinois Prevailing Wage Law. He has stated that he would advocate the use of Project Labor Agreements by all State agencies via executive order. Pritzker also is in favor of expanding the Illinois Equal Pay Act to include language requiring females to receive notice when they are being paid less than male counterparts and to include harsher penalties for companies not in compliance.

Trivia: "J.B." stands for Jay Robert.