

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.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee

[State Senator Kwame Raoul](#)

State Senator Kwame Raoul is from the Hyde Park/Kenwood area of Chicago. He currently serves as Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee. He is mostly running on his record as a State Senator.

If Senator Raoul is elected, one of his top priorities would be to improve government transparency. He sponsored legislation that created the Public Access Counselor in the Attorney General's Office and wants to see it properly funded to tackle the backlog of FOIA requests and Open Meetings Act complaints. He wants to adequately staff the Workplace Rights Bureau which handles complaints of wage theft and other violations.

Senator Raoul is in favor of raising the minimum wage and advocates for a more progressive income tax structure. He is also in favor of criminal justice reform. He wants to see non-violent offenders given second chances while also cracking down on repeat gun offenses.

Senator Raoul is a son of Haitian-born immigrants and has stated that he will fight for every immigrant who is working in this country. He has been a vocal opponent of the Trump Administration's stance on DACA and family separation.

Raoul sponsored legislation establishing penalties for the knowing manufacture, delivery or possession of fentanyl, a highly dangerous and addictive substance. Senator Raoul is a supporter of the Affordable Care Act and has stated that the Office will be a last line of defense for women's reproductive healthcare.

Trivia: Raoul got his start in politics in 2004. He was appointed to a State Senate vacancy caused by President Barack Obama's successful U.S. Senate run.