

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

Republican Nominee

[Governor Bruce Rauner](#)

Governor Bruce Rauner was a first-time candidate in 2014 and promised to shake things up in Springfield – a similar brand runs through his re-election campaign. Governor Rauner believes the state has been held back by career politicians. The governor is advocating for [additional](#) ethics reforms and is in favor of term limits.

Governor Rauner has proposed a \$1 billion tax cut. He has vetoed minimum wage legislation and legislation that would have increased the state's income tax. He is in favor of freezing property taxes. His campaign touts that his administration has footed out fraud and cut spending in state operating costs. Governor Rauner is in favor of reforming the state's workers compensation system.

Governor Rauner is also making education a key focus in his re-election bid. He is in favor of giving more control to localities and support school choice. His campaign talks of increased K-12 education funding and early childhood education funding while he's been at the helm.

Governor Rauner has tried his best to put distance between his administration and the President's. He has stated that he is [deeply troubled](#) by the President's comments about election interference. He has also [denounced](#) neo-Nazi Arthur Jones who is running as a Republican in the 3rd Congressional. Though, the Governor has come under pressure from his party at times, such as when he signed a women's' healthcare funding bill and a transgender measure into law.

Trivia: Governor Rauner is a Harley man.