



GOVERNMENT AND ETHICS REFORM

THE PROBLEM

Corruption in Illinois has caused citizens to lose faith in its government and made the State a national laughingstock. During freshman Senator Noland's first term, he developed a reputation as one of the leading voices for ethics reform.

SENATOR NOLAND'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Sen. Noland voted to **impeach Rod Blagojevich**. He also negotiated and sponsored a constitutional amendment to allow the public to **recall a governor**. That measure will be on your ballot at this election.
- Sen. Noland was the chief co-sponsor of SB 1466, which enacted comprehensive **campaign finance reform**. The bill puts campaign contribution caps in place, significantly limiting the amount of dollars coming into the political system.
- Sen. Noland co-sponsored a new law (HB 824) to **put an end to "pay-to-play"** in government-issued contracts. The law prohibits business entities and individuals with annual contracts over \$50,000 from donating to the constitutional officer who awarded the contract or any declared opponent. The bill also created a searchable disclosure database.
- Sen. Noland was chief co-sponsor of SB 1946, the new **public pension reform law** that ends double dipping and brings pension benefits for public employees more in line with retirement benefits in the private sector.

SENATOR NOLAND'S PLAN

Sen. Noland has significant plans for continuing to shake up the status quo and bring real reform to Springfield. He co-sponsored a bill this year to provide for open primary elections, in which voters would not have to declare one party or another when voting in the primary. Noland will continue to push for this reform.

The process of re-drawing the legislative map is already in the early stages. Reformers have advocated that the process be made independent. Sen. Noland supported Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 121, which reformed that process. That measure did not pass the House. Sen. Noland plans to fight for agreed legislation to bring fairness to the redistricting methodology.

Noland also plans to push for "four days of sunshine" before final action can be taken on the budget. He co-sponsored a bill to this end, but that bill was held up in the House.

Legislators need to have time to review the spending bill before voting to allocate taxpayer money.

The new campaign finance reform law contains many valuable reforms. But there is more that must be done. Contribution caps should be lowered and should apply to contributors across the board. Noland filed SB 2470, containing all the modifications to HB 7 that were suggested by reform groups. He plans to continue pushing for these aggressive reforms. These include disclosure of contribution bundlers, lower contribution limits, stronger audits, and reduction in the power of political parties.