



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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STATE

Quinn Vetoes Campaign Finance Reform

Issue will be revisited in Fall Veto Session

Standing with the four legislative leaders, Gov. Pat Quinn vetoed House Bill 7 the far-reaching, but troubled campaign finance reform legislation on Thursday. Although, HB 7 has been vetoed by the Governor, significant reforms in campaign finance are still very much alive.

Quinn and legislative leaders have stated their commitment to passing meaningful campaign reform – possibly as early as this fall. Quinn cited feedback from the community and legislative leaders as the reason for his veto.

House Bill 7 included contribution caps, increased reporting requirements, independent expenditure limits and created excessive administrative burdens for labor organizations. Many of these components will likely be part of the crafting of new legislation.

“We will be watching this closely,” said President Michael T. Carrigan. “Working families in this state need to have a strong voice in Springfield. We can’t have that voice stifled.”

Governor Quinn Takes Action on Legislation

HB 441 – Expanding TIF

Rep. Jefferson (D – Rockford)
Sen. Syverson (R – Rockford)

Monitor

Provides that in the City of Rockford an area can be designated as a redevelopment planning area (TIF) for 10 years (current law provides for 5 years).

5/27/09 – Passed both chambers. Signed by Governor. PA 96-0606

HB 2625 – Teamster and UAW License Plates

Rep. Walker (D – Arlington Heights)
Sen. Hutchinson (D – Chicago Heights)

SUPPORT

Provides for the creation of special Illinois license plates for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the United Auto Workers. The fees associated from the plates will be sent to each union’s charitable trust fund.

5/30/09 – Passed the both chambers. Signed by Governor. PA 96-0687

SB 1133 – E-Verification

Sen. Martinez (D – Chicago)
Rep. Currie (D – Chicago)

SUPPORT

Employers are urged to consult the Illinois Department of Labor’s website

for current information on the accuracy of E-Verify and to review and understand an employer’s legal responsibilities relating to the use of the voluntary E-Verify program.

5/27/09 – Passed both chambers. Signed by Governor. PA 96-0623

SB 1479 – Furlough Days toward Pension

Sen. Raoul (D – Chicago)
Rep. Howard (D – Chicago)

SUPPORT

Allows a state employee to establish pension service credit for up to 5 days of voluntary or involuntary furlough used to address a State fiscal emergency. Effective immediately.

5/29/09 – Passed both chambers. Signed by Governor. PA 96-0718

SB 1595 – Video Gaming

Sen. Syverson (R – Rockford)
Rep. Winters (R – Rockford)

Monitor

As passed by the General Assembly, specifies that an inter-track wagering facility may not be located near an elementary or secondary public or private school recognized by the State Board of Education. Governor Quinn amendatorily

vetoed the legislation Tuesday to lower the threshold for signatures to place a video gaming referendum on the ballot in a municipality or county election.

5/30/09 – Passed both chambers. Governor Quinn amendatory veto (8/25/09)

SB 1662 – Elections

Sen. Murphy (R – Palatine)
Rep. Mathias (R – Arlington Heights)

Monitor

As passed by the General Assembly, it required political committees formed within 30 days prior to an election to register electronically with the State Board of Elections within 2 days. Governor Quinn amendatorily vetoed the legislation on Monday by adding language that would allow voters to adopt ethics ordinances by referendum.

5/27/09 – Passed both chambers. Governor Quinn amendatory veto (8/24/09)

SB 1729 - Amtrak Public/Private Partnerships

Sen. Schoenberg (D – Evanston)
Rep. Hamos (D – Evanston)

SUPPORT

Amends the Department of Transportation



Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Authorizes the Department, on behalf of the state, to enter into public-private partnerships for the acquisition of equipment for Amtrak passenger rail service.

5/29/09 – Passed both chambers. Signed by Governor. PA 96-0728

SB 1770 – Victims Economic Security & Safety Act (VESSA)

Sen. Steans (D – Chicago)
Rep. Harris (D – Chicago)

SUPPORT

The original act, sponsored by then State Senator Barack Obama, was passed in 2003. The act permits eligible employees to take unpaid, job-guaranteed leave from employment to deal with domestic violence, sexual violence, dat-

ing violence, or stalking. SB 1770 expands the number of people being covered under the act by including employees who employ 15 or more employees (was 50). In addition, the act is expanded to include individuals related by blood or by present or prior marriage, and individuals who share a relationship through a son or daughter.

5/27/09 – Passed both chambers. Signed by Governor. PA 96-0635

NATIONAL

Senator Kennedy was a Lifelong Champion for Working Families

Statement from Michael T. Carrigan, president of the Illinois AFL-CIO

“We’ve all stopped this week to watch and listen to the dedications, reports and pictorials in the media on Senator Edward Kennedy, who passed away on Tuesday. We all know what a friend he was to Labor and what a champion he was for the causes of working-class Americans. But it bears repeating here because this man over the course of his 46-year career in the U.S. Senate accomplished so much for us and felt such compassion for those who struggle with poverty, discrimination, disabilities and health care issues. He helped craft over 300 pieces of legislation during his time in the Senate and each bill was like an improved bill of rights for workers, the elderly, students and minorities. We will most likely not see another legislator like Senator Kennedy in our lifetimes. We thank him for his service to this country, to working-class citizens and to the Democratic Party ideals.”

2009 Labor Day Events

All across Illinois union members and their families are planning events to celebrate the contributions working men and women make to America.

Labor-sponsored events are planned in 15 communities including Alton, Bloomington, Champaign, Charleston, Chicago, Decatur, DuQuoin, Granite City, Marseilles, Peoria, Quad Cities, Quincy, Rockford, Springfield and Streator.

For a complete listing of times and places for all Labor Day events go to www.ilaf-cio.org, look under **EVENTS/INFORMATION, RALLIES/EVENTS.**

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