

THE 2022 ILLINOIS ELECTION: The Most Consequential Illinois Election in More than 50 Years for Reproductive Rights

“60, 30 and one. Otherwise, it’s all just rhetoric.” – Rich Miller

What the Census & Redistricting Means for Illinois

- The U.S. Census is conducted every 10 years, with the most recent taking place in 2020, preceded by counts in 2010 and 2000.
- Following each census, state legislatures then redraw district boundaries based on census results. The 2022 Illinois election will take place in all new districts.
- The Illinois judicial district boundaries have also been redrawn for the first time since they were established in 1964.

Why 2022 is a Once-In-A-Decade & Once-In-A-Generation Election

- Because of the 2022 election schedule for State Representatives and Senators and the redistricting process, **every single seat** is up for election this year. This includes all 177 House and Senate seats, all Constitutional offices including Governor and Attorney General, and all Cook County Commissioner seats as well as Cook County Board President.
- This has not happened since 2012 and will not happen again until 2032.
- The 2022 election will determine the fate of legal abortion in the post-*Roe* era for those in Illinois – and beyond.

The Illinois Supreme Court is Elected (Not Appointed)

- The Illinois Supreme Court determines the constitutionality and enforcement of laws in Illinois.
- There are seven Supreme Court Justices, each serving ten year terms.
- Anti-choice extremists are **just one seat away** from controlling the court in the same way they now control the U.S. Supreme Court. If we allow them to gain the majority this year, they could immediately erase all the protections and rights (HB 40, RHA, PNA Repeal) that we have worked so hard to ensure.
- That is why it is essential that we elect judges who respect the right to privacy in their decisions.

The Illinois General Assembly (ILGA)

- The ILGA is composed of 118 State Representatives and 59 State Senators.
- State Representatives serve two-year terms.
- State Senators serve two four-year terms and one two-term year; election to Senate seats are staggered, with Senators serving terms of either 2-4-4 year, 4-2-4 year, or 4-4-2 year terms.
- The ILGA introduces, votes on, and passes legislation for the state of Illinois, and it also sets budget priorities with the Governor.

60, 30, 1 – What it Means & Why it Matters

- “60, 30 and one. Otherwise, it’s all just rhetoric.” –Rich Miller, Statewide Syndicated Columnist, referring to the only thing that matters in Springfield when trying to pass legislation: 60 votes in the House, 30 votes in the Senate, and one Governor to approve or veto a bill.
- Because of these requirements, it is critical we maintain our pro-choice majority in the ILGA because without it, we cannot protect or advance reproductive rights legislation.

Why We Need You

- We cannot emphasize how profoundly important and consequential this particular election will be for the future of reproductive freedom. Since Illinois is currently the only state in the Midwest with laws that explicitly protect abortion rights, people between the two coasts will have no place to turn for their reproductive healthcare if we don’t succeed in the 2022 Illinois elections.
- But with your support, we can fight back... and win! Please make a donation to support a pro-choice victory in the June primary election and November general election: www.personalpac.org/donate/