

State Government Fact Sheet

Illinois Constitution (present one adopted in 1970)

Voters of Illinois

- qualified voters choose our elected representatives

3 Different Branches of Government

Judicial Branch

- administers justice

Legislative Branch

- makes the law

Executive Branch

- enforces the law

Legislative Branch

- House of Representatives (118 State Representatives)
- Illinois Senate (59 Senators)

Executive Branch

- Governor
- Executive Officers (Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Comptroller)

Judicial Branch

- Supreme Court (oversee these courts: appellate courts and circuit courts)

Legislative Branch:

Body	Members	Terms	Annual Salary	qualifications
Senate	59	4 years	\$67, 836	
House Of Representative	118	2 years	\$67, 836	

Each member of the General Assembly, both Senate and House of Representative, must be 21 years old or older, a resident of the district for two years and a citizen.

Executive Branch

Executive Officer	terms	Annual Salary	Notes
Governor	4 years	\$177,412	
Lieutenant Governor	4 years	\$137,200	
Secretary of State	4 years	\$158,300	
Attorney General	4 years	\$158,300	
State Treasurer	4 years	\$137,200	
Comptroller	4 years	\$137,200	

****To be eligible for each of the executive offices of IL, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 25 years old and a resident of the state for three years before the election.**

Circuit Court	Appellate Court	Supreme Court
organized within 22 judicial circuits	organized into five judicial districts	final court of appeal for state matters
divided into felony, misdemeanors, small claims, family, juvenile, and other courts	three justices hear each appellate case	seven Supreme Court judges, select one of their members to act as chief of justice for three year term
judges elected by the voters in each circuit to a 6 year term	judges elected by the voters in each district to 10 year term	judges elected by the voters to 10 year terms
associate judges are appointed to four year terms	a panel of three judges hears the appeal and makes a ruling	all courts of the state are under the supervision of the chief justice

