

LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES

The Joint Committee on Legislative Support Services provides general administration and policy oversight of the various legislative support agencies and commissions that assist the General Assembly: Joint Committee on Administrative Rules; Office of the Architect of the Capitol; Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability; Legislative Audit Commission; Legislative Information System; Legislative Printing Unit; Legislative Reference Bureau and Legislative Research Unit.

The bipartisan joint committee is composed of the four legislative leaders: Senators John J. Cullerton and Christine Radogno, and Representatives Michael J. Madigan and Tom Cross. Chairmanship of the committee rotates among the legislative leaders on an annual basis.

Joint Committee on Administrative Rules



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The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules is a bipartisan legislative oversight committee created by the General Assembly in 1977. Pursuant to the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, the committee is authorized to conduct systematic reviews of administrative rules promulgated by state agencies. The committee conducts several integrated review programs, including one for proposed, emergency and peremptory rulemaking, one for new public acts and a complaint review program.

The committee is composed of 12 legislators who are appointed by the legislative leadership and serve two-year terms. The committee is co-chaired by a member of each party and legislative chamber. Support services for the committee are provided by 16 staff members.

The committee ensures that the General Assembly is adequately informed on how laws are implemented through agency rulemaking, and facilitates public understanding of rules and regulations. In addition to the review of new and existing rulemaking, the committee monitors legislation that affects rulemaking and conducts a public act review to alert agencies to the need for rulemaking.

The committee distributes the weekly *Flinn Report* to inform and educate Illinois citizens about current rulemaking activity. It also maintains the state's database for the *Illinois Administrative Code* and the *Illinois Register*.

Members: Senators Maggie Crotty, *co-chair*, J. Bradley Burzynski, Randy Hultgren, Mattie Hunter, Dan Rutherford and Ira I. Silverstein; Representatives Angelo "Skip" Saviano, *co-chair*, John A. Fritchey, Louis I. Lang, David E. Miller and Rosemary Mulligan.

Staff: Vicki Thomas, *executive director*, and Claire B. Eberle, *deputy director*.

Office of the Architect of the Capitol



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The Office of the Architect of the Capitol is responsible for preparing, refining and implementing a long-range master plan for continued development of the Capitol Complex. The office addresses, reviews and approves all contracts for the preservation, repair, rehabilitation, renovation or alteration of all state buildings in the Capitol Complex, including ancillary and supporting functions and the surrounding grounds. The office has authority to allocate space within the Capitol Complex for the use of the General Assembly and its related agencies, and to acquire land for the operation or expansion of state facilities within the complex. The Office of the Architect of the Capitol is governed by a four-member board.

Members: Secretary of the Senate Jillayne Rock, *co-chair*; Clerk of the House Mark Mahoney, *co-chair*; Assistant Secretary of the Senate Scott Kaiser and Assistant Clerk of the House Bradley S. Bolin.

Staff: J. Richard Alsop III, *Architect of the Capitol*; Dean McGeath, *deputy director*; Mark Flowers, *senior project manager*; and Sue Friedrich, *administrative assistant*.

Commission on Government Forecasting & Accountability



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The Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability was created originally as the Economic and Fiscal Commission in 1972 by the 77th General Assembly. The commission provides the legislature with research and information on state and national economies, revenue projections and operations of Illinois government, while monitoring the long-term debt position of the state. It also monitors administration of the State Employee Group Insurance Program, as well as the annual review and approval of contracts entered into by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services. The commission conducts periodic revenue estimates, economic updates and an annual capital plan analysis, and prepares specific revenue, debt impact and pension notes on proposed legislation in those areas.

The commission is mandated to report to the General Assembly “on economic trends in relation to long-range planning and budgeting; and to study and make such recommendations as it deems appropriate on local and regional economic and fiscal policies and on federal fiscal policy as it may affect Illinois . . .” This mandate results in several reports being published throughout the year, including: *Revenue Estimate and Economic*

Outlook, which describes and projects economic conditions and its impact on state revenues; *Illinois Bonded Indebtedness Report*, which examines the state's debt position and other issues related to conditions in the financial markets; *Legislative Capital Plan Analysis*, a five-year analysis of the state's capital needs; and *Liabilities of the State Employees' Group Insurance Program*. The commission also publishes an annual fiscal-year budget summary and special reports on issues that could impact the financial well-being of Illinois. Additional responsibilities include administration of the State Facility Closure Act and statutory duties set out in the Debt Responsibility Act.

The commission reviews the laws and practices relating to public pensions, retirement and disability benefits for state and local government employees and their families. It also makes recommendations on proposed changes to the Illinois Pension Code and annually issues a *Report on the Financial Condition of Illinois' Public Pension Systems*.

The commission consists of 12 members, with the four legislative leaders each appointing three members.

Members: Senators Jeffrey M. Schoenberg, *co-chair*; Bill Brady, Michael W. Frerichs, Matt Murphy, Dave Syverson and Donne E. Trotter; Representatives Richard P. Myers, *co-chair*; Patricia "Patti" Bellock, Kevin A. McCarthy, Elaine Nekritz, Raymond Poe and Al Riley.

Staff: Dan R. Long, *executive director*; Trevor J. Clatfelter, *deputy director*; Jim Muschinske, *revenue manager*; Edward H. Boss, Jr., *chief economist*; Daniel Hankiewicz, *pension manager*; Donna Belknap, Victoria Copp, Briana Jackson, Lynnae Kapp, Michael Moore, Mallory Morton, Eric Noggle, Gregg Scott and Benjamin Varner.

Legislative Audit Commission



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The Legislative Audit Commission was created in 1957 and is responsible for overseeing the State Audit Program, reviewing the stewardship of public funds, and monitoring agency action to correct weaknesses disclosed by the audits of state agencies.

The commission is empowered to direct the Auditor General to undertake management, efficiency and program audits and special studies. In 2008, the commission reviewed and took action on 210 financial and compliance reports, the fiscal year 2007 Statewide Single Audit and three performance audits.

The commission makes recommendations to the General Assembly for remedial legislation. It also recommends improvements to be implemented through administrative action by state agencies.

Members: Senators Chris Lauzen, *co-chair*, Deanna Demuzio, Dan Kotowski, Iris Y. Martinez, Dale A. Righter and Dale E. Risinger; Representatives Frank J. Mautino, *co-chair*; Rich Brauer, Marlow H. Colvin, Julie Hamos, Sidney H. Mathias and Sandra M. Pihos.

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Legislative Information System



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The Legislative Information System provides information technology services to the General Assembly by researching, recommending, developing, implementing and supporting the necessary and appropriate hardware, software and technology infrastructure.

Among the services provided by LIS are systems used throughout the legislative process by associated staff and agencies to create, file, track, and engross and enroll legislation; to create and maintain the daily calendar, the daily and final journals, and the daily transcripts; and to maintain the *Illinois Compiled Statutes* and the *Illinois Administrative Code* databases. LIS also supplies and supports the electronic voting systems in the Senate and House, laptop computers used by legislators to consider legislation and the General Assembly Web site.

Members: Senators Dan Duffy, *co-chair*; Pamela J. Althoff, Tim Bivins, Michael Bond, Toi W. Hutchinson and David Koehler; Representatives Michael G. Connelly, Jim Sacia and Jil Tracy.

Ex-officio Members: Senate President John J. Cullerton, Senate Minority Leader Christine Radogno, House Speaker Michael J. Madigan and House Minority Leader Tom Cross.

Staff: Tim Rice, *executive director*; Donna J. Burke, *administrative services manager*; Mark Wenda, *application services manager*; and Daniel Winchester, *systems services manager*.

Legislative Printing Unit

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The Legislative Printing Unit was established by the Legislative Commission Reorganization Act of 1984. The unit provides printing services to members of the General Assembly, legislative committees and commissions, and other legislative agencies in accordance with policies established by the Joint Committee on Legislative Support Services and with reasonable rules promulgated by the Legislative Printing Unit. The unit may make and collect reasonable charges for these services and pay any amount collected into the state's General Revenue Fund.

Among the services rendered are the designing and printing of stationery, envelopes, business cards, postal cards, news release headings, brochures, newsletters and annual reports. The unit also prints the Senate and House daily calendars and final journals, budget amendments and the *Legislative Digest*.

Members: Senators Carole Pankau, *co-chair*, Larry K. Bomke, Jacqueline Y. Collins, Kimberly A. Lightford, John J. Millner and Antonio "Tony" Muñoz; Representatives Michael P. McAuliffe, *co-chair*, Sandra M. Pihos and Raymond Poe.

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Legislative Reference Bureau



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The Legislative Reference Bureau was created in 1913, the first of the modern legislative service agencies in Illinois. The primary task of the bureau is the drafting and preparation of legislation, including bills, amendments, resolutions and conference committee reports. The vast majority of all legislation considered by the General Assembly is drafted by the bureau's staff, which in a typical biennium produces more than 30,000 documents. The bureau maintains a computer database of current Illinois statutes at www.ilga.gov.

The bureau is responsible for recommending and preparing technical changes in the law. It prepares revisory bills and maintains organization of the *Illinois Compiled Statutes* through periodic filings with the Secretary of State.

The bureau prepares and publishes the *Legislative Synopsis and Digest*, which contains a summary of legislative documents considered by the General Assembly, a record of all legislative actions on the documents and several indexes. The digest is available online through the Legislative Information System. It also is published in book form during most weeks the General Assembly is in session and is available to the public by subscription.

After the end of each spring legislative session, the bureau's legal staff reviews all reported decisions of the federal courts, the Illinois Supreme Court and the Illinois Appellate Court from the previous year. Cases that affect the interpretation of the Illinois Constitution, or statutes and cases that indicate a possible need for legislative action, are identified and summarized in an annual case report published by the bureau.

The bureau maintains a law library, which includes an extensive collection of historical materials relating to Illinois statutes and legislative documents and other materials relating to the development and interpretation of Illinois law.

Members: Senators Dan Cronin, William Delgado, Kirk W. Dillard, William R. Haine, Emil Jones III and John J. Millner; Representatives Roger L. Eddy, Robert W. Pritchard and Randy Ramey.

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Legislative Research Unit



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Established in 1937 as the Illinois Legislative Council, the Legislative Research Unit is a bipartisan research agency for legislators and their staffs.

The LRU researches subjects such as the Illinois Constitution, laws and court decisions; federal laws, regulations and bills; laws of other states and suggested or “model” laws; infectious and other diseases; health care; legal and illegal drugs; hazardous substances; environmental protection; water and energy resources; public utilities; business and economic development; insurance, tort and transportation laws; medical regulation and cost containment; taxation and revenue issues; campaign and election laws; local government and public school law and finance; public assistance programs and social services; and occupational licensing.

Major LRU publications include: *First Reading*, a legislative newsletter; the *Directory of Illinois State Officials*; *Illinois Tax Handbook for Legislators*; *Visitors' Guide to the Illinois General Assembly* (annual); *Preface to Lawmaking*; *County Data Book*; *Penalties for Crimes in Illinois* chart; and the *1970 Illinois Constitution Annotated for Legislators*. Several LRU publications are available at www.ilga.gov. Other LRU services include a conference for newly elected legislators after each general election, and the Legislative Staff Internship Program in cooperation with the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Members: Senators Larry K. Bomke, *co-chair*, Dan Duffy, David Koehler, Carole Pankau, Ira I. Silverstein and Heather Steans; Representatives Sara Feigenholtz, *co-chair*, Franco Coladipietro, Constance A. “Connie” Howard, Susana A. Mendoza, Chapin Rose and Edwin O. Sullivan.

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