

# IL-ACOFP Legislative Update

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## Overview

After a very long and very expensive campaign season nationwide, there were a few notable shifts in party affiliation regarding Illinois statehouse races. However, with the start of the next General Assembly set for January 11, 2017 questions still remain regarding **how** the election results may impact activity (or continued non-activity as has been the case for the past year) in Springfield, and **more importantly, how will these results impact IL-ACOFP.**

## State Comptroller

In the statewide race for Comptroller, the Democratic challenger Susana Mendoza defeated the Republican incumbent Leslie Munger with slightly less than 50% of the vote. The two third party candidates received approximately 6% of the vote. The Comptroller's office is the office that writes and sends the checks after each agency has given their approval.

**It is important for IL-ACOFP to have a good working relationship with the Comptroller in Illinois. First, because it is the Comptroller's responsibility to send the checks, it is important for the Illinois Comptroller to understand that Family Physicians are on the frontline when it comes to caring for most patients in need of medical care. Second, in the past the Comptroller has the power to provide a one-time emergency check to providers who can show immediate need.**

## **Six State House Seats Shift**

In the Illinois House races, the Republicans shifted the overall makeup of the chamber by four seats as a result of taking five districts previously held by Democrats and losing one district previously held by a Republican. The House chamber will go from 71 (D) vs. 47 (R) to 67 (D) vs. 51 (R). The districts that shifted are below, with the incumbent party's candidate listed first.

**Please note: if any of these new faces are in your area, it is up to you to meet with the soon-to-to-be elected official as soon as possible to educate them about all the great work you do as a Osteopathic Family Physician. Become their health expert.**

<b>District</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>% Total</b>
IL House 63 Woodstock	Bartman	John	D	19,560	43.38%
	Reick	Steven	R	25,525	56.62%
IL House 71 Hillsdale	Smiddy	Mike	D	18,053	37.12%
	McCombie	Tony	R	30,586	62.88%
IL House 76 Spring Valley	Skoog	Andy	D	22,512	49.33%
	Long	Jerry	R	23,119	50.67%
IL House 79 Kankakee	Cloonen	Kate	D	20,366	46.27%
	Parkhurst	Lindsay	R	23,649	53.73%

IL House 112 Glen Carbon	Kay	Dwight	R	25,753	48.40%
	Stuart	Katie	D	27,454	51.6%
IL House 117 Marion	Bradley	John	D	23,949	47.12%
	Severin	Dave	R	26,878	52.88%

### **Two State Senate Seats Shift**

In the Illinois Senate races, the Republicans shifted the overall makeup of the chamber by two seats as a result of taking two districts previously held by Democrats. The Senate chamber will go from 39 (D) vs. 20 (R) to 37 (D) vs. 22 (R). The districts that shifted are:

<b>District</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>% Total</b>
Senate 47 Quincy	Tracy	Jil	R	-	100.00%
	No Opponent				
Senate 59 Benton	Forby	Gary	D	43,206	44.75%
	Fowler	Dale	R	53,347	55.25%

## 31 New Faces

Eight new faces join the 100<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in 2017 as result of general election challengers defeating the incumbent party's candidate:

<b>District</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Replacing</b>
IL Hse 063 Woodstock	Reick	Steven	R	Jack Franks (D)
IL Hse 071 Hillsdale	McCombie	Tony	R	Mike Smiddy (D)
IL Hse 076 Spring Valley	Long	Jerry	R	Frank Mautino (D)
IL Hse 079 Kankakee	Parkhurst	Lindsay	R	Kate Cloonen (D)
IL Hse 112 Metro East	Stuart	Katie	D	Dwight Kay (R)
IL Hse 117 Marion	Severin	Dave	R	John Bradley (D)
IL Sen 047 Quincy	Tracy	Jil	R	John Sullivan (D)
IL Sen 059 Benton	Fowler	Dale	R	Gary Forby (D)

In addition, there are 23 recently elected individuals who will be a part of the 100<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2017-18) but were not members at the start of the 99<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2015-16). **IL-ACOFP members need to make sure they have met these relatively new legislators.**

District	Last Name	First Name	Party	Replacing
IL Hse 002 Chicago	Mah	Theresa	D	Ed Acevedo (D)
IL Hse 005 Chicago	Stratton	Juliana	D	Ken Dunkin (D)
IL Hse 006 Chicago	Harper	Sonya	D	Esther Golar (D)
IL Hse 010 Chicago	Conyears	Melissa	D	Pamela Reaves-Harris (D)
IL Hse 051 Mun- delein	Sauer	Nick	R	Ed Sullivan (R)
IL Hse 066 Cyrstal Lake	Skillicorn	Allen	R	Michael Tryon (R)

IL Hse 072 Quad Cities	Halpin	Michael	D	Pat Verschoore (D)
IL Hse 073 Peoria	Spain	Ryan	R	David Leitch (R)
IL Hse 074 Gales- burg	Swanson	Dan	R	Don Moffitt (R)
IL Hse 075 Morris	Welter	David	R	John Anthony (R)
IL Hse 081 Lombard	Olsen	David	R	Ron Sandack (R)
IL Hse 087 Spring- field	Butler	Tim	R	Rich Brauer (R)
IL Hse 095 South of Springf- ield	Bourne	Avery	R	Wayne Rosenthal (R)
IL Hse 099 Spring- field	Jimenez	Sara Wojcicki	R	Raymond Poe (R)

IL Hse 102 Decatur	Halbrook	Brad	R	Adam Brown (R)
IL Hse 114 Metro East	Greenwood	LaToya	D	Eddie Lee Jackson (D)
IL Sen 02 Chicago	Aquino	Omar	D	William Delgado (D)
IL Sen 22 Elgin	Castro	Cristina	D	Michael Noland (D)
IL Sen 26 Lake Barrington	McConchie	Dan	R	Dan Duffy (R)
IL Sen 27 Palatine	Rooney	Tom	R	Matt Murphy (R)
IL Sen 28 Park Ridge	Murphy	Laura	D	Dan Kotowski (D)
IL Sen 37 Peoria	Weaver	Chuck	R	Darin LaHood (R)
IL Sen 58 Southern Illinois	Schimpf	Paul	R	David Luechtefeld (R)

In the end, both parties were battling over the supermajority threshold in the House and Senate this election season, with the Democrats currently controlling both chambers: House (71 Dems vs. 47 GOP) and Senate (39 Dems vs. 20 GOP). The Republicans were looking to pick up at least one seat in the House and four seats in the Senate to shift Democratic control below the supermajority threshold of 71 and

36, respectively. Based on the election results summarized above, the House Democrats will lose their supermajority status but the Senate Democrats will retain the supermajority by two votes. This means that the House Democrats can no longer override a Governor's veto. Many hope this will help change the course of the continued impasse.

**Never hesitate to contact me ([Betsy@cook-witter.com](mailto:Betsy@cook-witter.com)) if you have questions or would like assistance in meeting your legislators.**

### **[Upcoming Legislative Sessions](#)**

In Illinois we have three different legislative sessions on the horizon. First up is the Veto Session. Today, Senate Bill 870 was filed to extend the Medical Practice Act, which expires on 12-31-16, to 12-31-17. This has almost become the norm for the Illinois Medical Practice Act, unlike other medical practices in Illinois which are extended for 10 years. However, at this moment, it does appear, Illinois will have pass SB870 to allow the Medical Practice Act to be extended for another year.

Prior to the members of 100th Illinois General Assembly taking their oath of office in January 2017, the 99th Illinois is expected to make one last appearance for consideration of the second half of the Fiscal Year 2016 budget. In July 2016, after an impasse, the Illinois legislature could only pass a six month budget which expires on 12-31-16. Therefore, the Illinois legislature is expected to hold a lame duck session to try and complete the budget.

Then on January 11, the 100th Illinois General Assembly will be sworn into office. Anticipated issues facing osteopathic family physicians include: licensure of naturpathic physicians, licensure of lay midwives, a possible continued state budget impasse and severely delayed Medicaid payments, a comprehensive behavioral health bill, extension of the Medical Practice Act, and several unexpected surprises.