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## Voters Elect Divided State and National Governments

This year’s November election strongly favored Republicans nationally, but that effect was muted in Illinois. Republicans won at least two statewide races (including Governor-Lieutenant Governor), and picked up two seats in Illinois’ Congressional delegation. On the other hand, Democrats kept supermajorities in both houses of the General Assembly. Two proposed constitutional amendments and three advisory referenda were also approved.

Bruce Rauner was elected Governor (with Evelyn Sanguinetti as Lieutenant Governor) and Judy Baar Topinka was re-elected Comptroller. The race for Treasurer, between Representative Tom Cross and Senator Michael Frerichs, was too close to call at press time. Democrats won the remaining statewide races: Jesse White was re-elected Secretary of State, and Lisa Madigan was re-elected Attorney General.

In legislative races, only one incumbent nominated in the primary was not re-elected. Neil Anderson’s victory over Senator Mike Jacobs in the 36th Senate district was the only change in party control. Democrats will have veto-proof majorities of 71 (60.2%) in the House (the same as in the 98th General Assembly) and 39 (67.2%) in the Senate (one fewer than in the 98th). This will be the second consecutive General Assembly in which Democrats had veto-proof majorities in both chambers, and only the second time since 1927-28 that one party has had a three-fifths majority in each house.

Eleven Republicans will be new to the House in the 99th General Assembly, and four will return after being appointed to the 98th General Assembly. Three Democrats will be new to the Illinois House; three others will return after being appointed. In addition to Neil Anderson, former Representative Chris Nybo was elected to the Illinois Senate, after having been appointed in 2013.

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin won re-election to his fourth 6-year term; but two incumbent Congressmen were defeated. Former U.S. Representative Robert Dold won a race against Congressman Brad Schneider in the 10th Congressional district, and State Representative Mike Bost defeated Congressman William Enyart in the 12th. Illinois’ delegation to the

House of Representatives of the 114th Congress will have 10 Democrats and 8 Republicans.

Five ballot measures proposed by the General Assembly were also considered by voters. Two constitutional amendments were passed by over 70% of those voting on them: one to amend victims’ rights provisions in Article 1, and one to add a section on voter discrimination to Article 3. Three advisory referenda were also passed, each by about two-thirds of those voting on them. One asked whether the minimum wage for persons over 18 should be raised to \$10 per hour by 2015; a second asked whether the Illinois Constitution should be amended to add a 3% tax on incomes over \$1 million to support schools; and a third asked whether health plans in Illinois that cover prescription drugs should be required to cover prescription birth control (as current law provides). □

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## Biographies of New House Members

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**Carol Ammons (D-103, Urbana)** is a member of the Urbana City Council and formerly was on the Champaign County Board. She has been a staff member for Catholic Charities, the Boys and Girls Club, and the R.E.A.D.Y. Program through the local Regional Office of Education. She is currently a consultant for local social service agencies.



**Steven A. Andersson (R-65, Geneva)** has undergraduate and J.D. degrees from Northern Illinois University, where he was editor of the law review. He is a partner in the Aurora law firm of Micky, Wilson, Weiler, Renzi & Andersson; was a Geneva Library Board trustee; and is a partner with the Elder Law Center. He has served on several local government advisory committees and been general counsel to several local governments and organizations, including the MetroWest Council of Government.



**Jaime M. Andrade, Jr. (D-40, Chicago)** was appointed in August 2013 to replace Representative Deborah Mell after her appointment to the Chicago City Council, and was elected in November 2014. He studied at DePaul University's Driehaus College of Business in the School of Accountancy. He was Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms for the Chicago City Council, and was an aide to former Chicago Alderman Dick Mell. His House assignments are to the Committees on Economic Development; Health Care Availability and Accessibility; Housing; International Trade & Commerce; Mass Transit; Public Safety: Police & Fire; State Government Administration; and Transportation: Vehicles & Safety.



**John D. Anthony (R-75, Morris)** was appointed to the House in August 2013 after Representative Pam Roth resigned. He was elected in November 2014. He has a bachelor's degree from Christian Bible College and Seminary, and has served as a law enforcement officer with the Champaign Police Department and the Kendall County Sheriff's Office. His committee assignments in the House are Appropriations—Human Services; Business Growth & Incentives; Energy; Insurance; Judiciary; and Restorative Justice. He also is on the Joint Criminal Justice Reform Committee.



**Mark Batinick (R-97, Plainfield)** has a B.S. in business education from the University of Illinois. He is a commercial real estate broker, and has founded or led organizations to promote government transparency and efficiency.



**Thomas M. Bennett (R-106, Gibson City)** has a B.S. in education from Eastern Illinois University, a B.S. in applied computer science and M.B.A. from Illinois State University, and a doctorate in business administration from Nova Southeastern University. He is a former president of the Illinois Community College Trustee Association and chair of the Association of Community College Trustees. He currently chairs the Parkland College Board of Trustees, and is an IT manager for State Farm.



**Peter Breen (R-48, Lombard)** is a Lombard village trustee. He has a degree in electrical engineering from Vanderbilt University and a J.D. from the University of Notre Dame. He is Vice President and Senior Counsel for the Thomas More Society. He founded a local nonprofit organization to help pregnant women in need and their children.



**Terri Bryant (R-115, Murphysboro)** manages the dietary department at the Pinckneyville Correctional Center and the DuQuoin Impact Incarceration Program. She also is an auditing member of the executive board of ISEA/Laborers' Local 2002. She formerly worked on a family farm and helped run Bluebell Restaurant in Murphysboro.



**C.D. Davidsmeyer (R-100, Jacksonville)** was appointed in December 2012 to replace retiring Representative Jim Watson for the remainder of his term in the 97th General Assembly and for his entire term in the 98th General Assembly. He has now been elected. He has a B.A. from Miami University of Ohio. He served on the Jacksonville City Council and was Vice President of a subsidiary of Illinois Road Contractors, Inc. His House committee appointments are Appropriations—General Services; Appropriations—Human Services; Biotechnology; Business & Occupational Licenses; Cities & Villages; Public Safety: Police & Fire; and Veterans' Affairs.



**Randy E. Frese (R-94, Quincy)** has been the Adams County Circuit Clerk for the last 8 years. He has a B.S. in applied sciences/agriculture from Western Illinois University. He formerly sold farm equipment and industrial minerals, and founded several small businesses. He has also served on the Adams County Fair board of directors.



**Will Guzzardi (D-39, Chicago)** has an A.B. from Brown University. He serves on the advisory board of Chicago Votes, a voting rights organization. He formerly was Associate Editor at Huffington Post Chicago, and head writer at the University of Chicago Office of College Admissions.



**Sheri L. Jesiel (R-61, Gurnee)** was appointed in July 2014 after Representative JoAnn Osmond resigned, and has now been elected. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting from Carthage College, and is a CPA. She currently is a business manager and accountant. In the House, her assignments are to the Appropriations—Public Safety; Human Services; Insurance; Public Safety: Police & Fire; Tourism & Conventions; and Veterans' Affairs Committees.



**Margo McDermed (R-37, Mokena)** is a member of the Will County Board. She has a J.D. from DePaul University and spent 30 years practicing law with Amoco and BP. After retiring, she served as Frankfort Township Collector, Trustee, and then Clerk. She founded the Mokena Educational Foundation, and serves with several community organizations.



**Anna Moeller (D-43, Elgin)** was appointed to the House in March 2014 to replace Representative Keith Farnham, and has now been elected. Before her appointment, she was a member of the Elgin City Council. She has a B.A. in history and an M.P.A. from Northern Illinois University. She has been the Executive Director of the McHenry County Council of Governments, and was in the first class of the Edgar Fellows Program at the University of Illinois. Her House committee assignments are Economic Development; Public Safety: Police & Fire; State Government Administration; and Transportation: Vehicles & Safety.



**Reginald Phillips (R-110, Charleston)** attended Lakeland Community College and has a B.S. from Eastern Illinois University. He founded and owns a residential and commercial building company, which owns and operates student housing and assisted living facilities.



**Pamela Reaves-Harris (D-10, Chicago)** attended the University of Illinois and has a J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law. She currently is a lawyer in private practice, and an administrative law judge.



**Brian W. Stewart (R-89, Freeport)** was appointed in 2013 after Representative Jim Sacia retired, and has now been elected. He served in the Army and later as a Stephenson County Deputy Sheriff. He currently manages several companies and is a member of several social, veterans', and business organizations. His House committee assignments are Accountability & Administrative Review; Agriculture & Conservation; Judiciary; and Tourism & Conventions.



**Litesa E. Wallace (D-67, Rockford)** was appointed in July 2014 after the retirement of Representative Charles Jefferson (for whom she was chief of staff), and has now been elected. She has a B.A. from Western Illinois University, and an M.A. in applied and child studies and a Ph.D. in educational psychology from Northern Illinois University. She has taught undergraduate and graduate-level psychology courses at Northern Illinois University. She has been a counselor at Rosecrance Health Network, and later at Rock Valley College.



**Grant Wehrli (R-41, Naperville)** is a member of the Naperville City Council. A former corporate pilot, he studied aviation at Florida Institute of Technology and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He has served on several development and education boards, including the Naperville Development Partnership, and has coached several youth athletic teams.



**Keith R. Wheeler (R-50, Oswego)** has a B.A. in economics from the University of Illinois. He owns an information technology business, and is a partner in an excavating company. He has served in several business and civic organizations, including as chairman of the National Federation of Independent Business' Fox Valley Area Action Council and chairman of the Kendall County Food Pantry's Board of Directors.



**Christine Jennifer Winger (R-45, Wood Dale)** has been on the Wood Dale City Council for 11 years, and was appointed Deputy Mayor in 2013. She has a B.S. in social science from Illinois State University, and worked as a project manager with IBM. She is currently a financial advisor.

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## Biographies of New Senate Members

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**Neil Anderson (R-36, Moline)** attended Iowa Central Community College, and has a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he was a member of the football team. He served as a volunteer firefighter after college, and has been a member of the Moline Fire Department since 2006.



**Chris Nybo (R-24, Elmhurst)** was appointed to the Senate in August 2014 after Senator Kirk Dillard resigned, and has now been elected. He served in the House from 2011 to 2013, and before that on the Elmhurst City Council. He has a B.A. from Dartmouth College and a J.D. from the University of Chicago. A former law clerk for Judge James B. Zagel of the U.S. District Court in Chicago, he now practices employment law at Much Shelist PC. His Senate committee assignments are Energy; Executive Appointments; Judiciary; State Government & Veterans Affairs (minority spokesperson); and Transportation.

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## Persons Elected to the 99th General Assembly Senate

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### New Member (1)

#### District

36 Neil Anderson (R)

### Appointed to 98th General Assembly, elected to 99th General Assembly (1)

#### District

24 Chris Nybo (R)

### Regular incumbents (57)

#### District

1 Antonio Muñoz (D)  
2 William Delgado (D)  
3 Mattie Hunter (D)  
4 Kimberly A. Lightford (D)  
5 Patricia Van Pelt (D)  
6 John J. Cullerton (D)  
7 Heather A. Steans (D)  
8 Ira I. Silverstein (D)  
9 Daniel Biss (D)  
10 John G. Mulroe (D)  
11 Martin A. Sandoval (D)  
12 Steven M. Landek (D)  
13 Kwame Raoul (D)  
14 Emil Jones III (D)  
15 Napoleon Harris III (D)  
16 Jacqueline Y. Collins (D)  
17 Donne E. Trotter (D)  
18 Bill Cunningham (D)  
19 Michael E. Hastings (D)  
20 Iris Y. Martinez (D)  
21 Michael Connelly (R)  
22 Michael Noland (D)  
23 Thomas Cullerton (D)

### Incumbents (cont'd)

#### District

25 Jim Oberweis (R)  
26 Dan Duffy (R)  
27 Matt Murphy (R)  
28 Dan Kotowski (D)  
29 Julie A. Morrison (D)  
30 Terry Link (D)  
31 Melinda Bush (D)  
32 Pamela J. Althoff (R)  
33 Karen McConaughay (R)  
34 Steve Stadelman (D)  
35 Dave Syverson (R)  
37 Darin M. LaHood (R)  
38 Sue Rezin (R)  
39 Don Harmon (D)  
40 Toi W. Hutchinson (D)  
41 Christine Radogno (R)  
42 Linda Holmes (D)  
43 Pat McGuire (D)  
44 William E. Brady (R)  
45 Tim Bivins (R)  
46 David Koehler (D)  
47 John M. Sullivan (D)  
48 Andy Manar (D)  
49 Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant (D)  
50 Wm. Sam McCann (R)  
51 Chapin Rose (R)  
52 Michael W. Frerichs (D)  
53 Jason A. Barickman (R)  
54 Kyle McCarter (R)  
55 Dale A. Righter (R)  
56 William R. Haine (D)  
57 James F. Clayborne, Jr. (D)  
58 David S. Luechtefeld (R)  
59 Gary Forby (D)

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# Persons Elected to the 99th General Assembly House

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## New Members (14)

### District

10	Pamela Reaves-Harris (D)
37	Margo McDermed (R)
39	Will Guzzardi (D)
41	Grant Wehrli (R)
45	Christine Jennifer Winger (R)
48	Peter Breen (R)
50	Keith R. Wheeler (R)
65	Steven A. Andersson (R)
94	Randy E. Frese (R)
97	Mark Batinick (R)
103	Carol Ammons (D)
106	Thomas M. Bennett (R)
110	Reginald Phillips (R)
115	Terri Bryant (R)

## Appointed to 98th General Assembly, elected to 99th General Assembly (6)

### District

40	Jaime M. Andrade, Jr. (D)
43	Anna Moeller (D)
61	Sheri L. Jesiel (R)
67	Litesa E. Wallace (D)
75	John D. Anthony (R)
89	Brian W. Stewart (R)

## Appointed to 97th and 98th General Assemblies, elected to 99th General Assembly (1)

### District

100	C.D. Davidsmeyer† (R)
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## Regular incumbents (97)

### District

1	Daniel J. Burke (D)
2	Edward J. Acevedo (D)
3	Luis Arroyo (D)
4	Cynthia Soto (D)
5	Kenneth Dunkin (D)
6	Esther Golar (D)
7	Emanuel Chris Welch (D)
8	La Shawn K. Ford (D)
9	Arthur Turner (D)
11	Ann Williams (D)
12	Sara Feigenholtz (D)
13	Greg Harris (D)
14	Kelly M. Cassidy (D)
15	John D'Amico (D)
16	Lou Lang (D)
17	Laura Fine (D)
18	Robyn Gabel (D)
19	Robert F. Martwick (D)
20	Michael P. McAuliffe (R)
21	Silvana Tabares (D)
22	Michael J. Madigan (D)
23	Michael J. Zalewski (D)
24	Elizabeth Hernandez (D)
25	Barbara Flynn Currie (D)
26	Christian L. Mitchell (D)
27	Monique D. Davis (D)
28	Robert Rita (D)
29	Thaddeus Jones (D)
30	William Davis (D)
31	Mary E. Flowers (D)
32	André M. Thapedi (D)
33	Marcus C. Evans, Jr. (D)
34	Elgie R. Sims, Jr. (D)
35	Frances Ann Hurley (D)
36	Kelly Burke (D)
38	Al Riley (D)



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**Incumbents (cont'd)****District**

42	Jeanne M. Ives (R)	92	Jehan A. Gordon-Booth (D)
44	Fred Crespo (D)	93	Norine Hammond (R)
46	Deborah Conroy (D)	95	Wayne Rosenthal (R)
47	Patricia R. Bellock (R)	96	Sue Scherer (D)
49	Mike Fortner (R)	98	Natalie A. Manley (D)
51	Ed Sullivan, Jr. (R)	99	Raymond Poe (R)
52	David McSweeney (R)	101	Bill Mitchell (R)
53	David Harris (R)	102	Adam Brown (R)
54	Thomas Morrison (R)	104	Chad Hays (R)
55	Martin J. Moylan (D)	105	Dan Brady (R)
56	Michelle Mussman (D)	107	John D. Cavaletto (R)
57	Elaine Nekritz (D)	108	Charles E. Meier (R)
58	Scott Drury (D)	109	David Reis (R)
59	Carol A. Sente (D)	111	Daniel V. Beiser (D)
60	Rita Mayfield (D)	112	Dwight Kay (R)
62	Sam Yingling (D)	113	Jay Hoffman (D)
63	Jack D. Franks (D)	114	Eddie Lee Jackson, Sr. (D)
64	Barbara Wheeler (R)	116	Jerry F. Costello II (D)
66	Michael W. Tryon (R)	117	John E. Bradley (D)
68	John M. Cabello (R)	118	Brandon W. Phelps (D)
69	Joe Sosnowski (R)		
70	Robert W. Pritchard (R)		
71	Mike Smiddy (D)		
72	Patrick J. Verschoore (D)		
73	David R. Leitch (R)		
74	Donald L. Moffitt (R)		
76	Frank J. Mautino (D)		
77	Kathleen Willis (D)		
78	Camille Y. Lilly (D)		
79	Katherine Cloonen (D)		
80	Anthony DeLuca (D)		
81	Ron Sandack (R)		
82	Jim Durkin (R)		
83	Linda Chapa LaVia (D)		
84	Stephanie A. Kifowit (D)		
85	Emily McAsey (D)		
86	Lawrence M. Walsh, Jr. (D)		
87	Rich Brauer (R)		
88	Keith P. Sommer (R)		
90	Tom Demmer (R)		
91	Michael Unes (R)		

**2014  
VETO SESSION****November****7 Perfunctory****19, 20, 21 Session****December****2, 3, 4 Session**

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# Members Not Returning to Current Office

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## Senate Members Not Returning (2)

Kirk W. Dillard (R), appointed Regional  
Transportation Authority Chair\*

Mike Jacobs (D), lost general election

## House Members Not Returning† (20)

Derrick Smith (D), lost in primary

Renée Kosel (R), did not run

Maria Antonia Berrios (D), lost in primary

Deborah Mell (D), appointed to Chicago City  
Council\*

Darlene J. Senger (R), did not run

Keith Farnham (D), did not run\*

Dennis M. Reboletti (R), ran for the Senate but  
lost

Sandra M. Pihos (R), lost in primary

Kay Hatcher (R), did not run

JoAnn D. Osmond (R), did not run\*

Timothy L. Schmitz (R), did not run

Charles E. Jefferson (D), did not run\*

Pam Roth (R), did not run\*

Jim Sacia (R), did not run\*

Jil Tracy (R), ran for Lt. Governor but lost

Tom Cross (R), ran for Illinois Treasurer

Naomi D. Jakobsson (D), did not run

Josh Harms (R), did not run

Brad E. Halbbrook (R), did not run

Mike Bost (R), elected to U.S. Congress

\* These members vacated their offices by resignation and were replaced by appointed members before the November 2014 election.

† Representative Jim Watson was elected to but did not serve in the 98th General Assembly. He resigned during the 97th General Assembly, and was replaced by Representative Davidsmeyer for the remainder of that General Assembly and for the entire 98th General Assembly.

## Correction

The Legislative Research Unit's "Biennial Calendar" for January 2013 through February 2015 said that the 99th General Assembly would convene on January 7, 2015. The correct date, of course, is January 14 (the second Wednesday in January)—as provided by the Illinois Constitution, Article 4, subsection 5(a). The LRU regrets this error.

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# Abstracts of Reports Required to be Filed with General Assembly

The Legislative Research Unit staff is required to prepare abstracts of reports required to be filed with the General Assembly. Legislators may receive copies of entire reports by sending the enclosed form to the State Government Report Distribution Center at the Illinois State Library. Abstracts are published quarterly. Legislators who wish to receive them more often may contact the executive director.

## **Auditor General**

### *Annual report 2013*

Compliance Audit Division did 92 audits in FY 2012, consisting of compliance exams, financial audits, and federal audits.

Highlights from accountability audits: State's financial reporting process does not allow it to prepare complete, accurate, and timely financial reports; state lacks sufficient controls over its finances to ensure that obligations are paid; Lottery's yearend financial reporting contained numerous errors, inaccuracies, and incomplete data; and Corrections Dept. could not account for \$150,127 in computer inventory and lacked adequate controls over accounts receivable.

Performance audits at legislative direction examined Dept. of Central Management Services' administration of state's space use program; Illinois International Port District's management; Illinois public universities' management structure, expenditures, and salaries; Road Fund revenue and Transportation Dept. expenditures; Dept. of Healthcare and Family Services implementation of SMART Act; program audit of Covering All Kids Program; management positions in the executive branch; 2013 reviews of Chicago Transit Authority employees' retirement plan and Retiree Health Care Trust; and Regional Offices of Education.

Information System Audit Division audited computer operations at several executive agencies and state universities. It found security weaknesses at several places, including a Central Management Services computer center serving 11 agencies. Four agencies had not adequately developed or tested recovery plans to provide for continuation of critical computer operations after a disaster;

six had not ensured adequate security of confidential information; 23 failed to draft and approve an identity protection policy as required by law; two had weaknesses in project management for computer system development; and four lacked an effective process to control and manage changes to computer systems.

Lists all agencies audited and types of audits; current audits; and performance audits, inquiries, and special reports. (30 ILCS 5/3-15; issued & rec'd Feb. 2014, 40 pp.)

## **Central Management Services Dept.**

### *Bilingual employees, 2014*

CMS had 6 bilingual employees in March 2014; all spoke Spanish. (5 ILCS 382/3-20; March 2014, rec'd April 2014, 20 pp.)

## **Commerce Commission**

### *Electric, gas, water, and sewer utilities annual report, 2013*

Major electric utilities' 2012 average prices per kilowatt-hour were: Commonwealth Edison, 11.56¢; AmerenIL, 8.94¢; and MidAmerican Energy, 6.5¢. Major gas utilities' average prices per therm were: MidAmerican, 78.36¢; Nicor Gas, 58.26¢; North Shore, 75.88¢; Peoples Gas, 86.25¢; AmerenIL, 99.82¢; Consumers Gas 81.70¢; and Illinois Gas, 78.84¢. Discusses Illinois utility industry's energy planning; availability of utility services to all persons; studies and investigations required by state law; and impacts of federal actions on state utility service. There were no legislative recommendations at issuance. (220 ILCS 5/4-304; Jan. 2014, rec'd Feb. 2014, 64 pp. + 2 appendices)

## **Human Services Dept.**

### *Redeploy Illinois annual report, 2012*

The program has 12 sites serving non-violent youth in 42 counties. A study reported that it almost halved rates of commitment to the Department of Juvenile Justice, helping save \$59.6 million. Gives demographic data on participating youth. Also gives site summaries, detention analysis, and recommendations for expanding and improving the program. (730 ILCS 110-16.1(g)(1)(ii)(F); March 2014, rec'd April 2014, 44 pp.)

### *Supportive Housing Program, FY 2013*

Services provided include alcohol and drug abuse counseling, mental health programs, transportation, advocacy, child care, and case management to help low-income homeless persons and families live in community transitional or permanent housing. Support was provided to 10,576 persons (7,402 adult and 3,174 child) in 6,792 households with a \$10.8 million budget. Reports services provided and recipient demographic data. (305 ILCS 5/12-4.5; undated, rec'd April 2014, 20 pp.)

## **Illinois Power Agency**

### *Annual report FY 2013*

IPA had no new procurements for FY 2013. No additional renewable energy credits (RECs) were bought for ComEd or Ameren. FY 2013 was the first year of delivery of RECs from 2010 Long-Term Power Purchase Agreements. Due to contracts made in 2010, Ameren received 563,883 RECs at \$10.36 each, and ComEd received 1,205,144 at \$16.71 each. Includes FY 2013 financial statement. (20 ILCS 3855/1-125; Dec. 2013, rec'd April 2014, 12 pp. + appendix)

## **Transportation Dept.**

### *Safe Routes to School Construction Program, 2014 annual report*

Federally funded program received \$45 million for 513 projects in Illinois over three funding cycles. Projects encourage walking or biking to school through safety improvements. They also reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and pollution near schools. (20 ILCS 2705/2705-317(c); March 2014, rec'd April 2014, 2 p.)



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