

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 the Legislative Research Unit.

The bipartisan joint committee is composed of the four legislative leaders: Senators Emil Jones, Jr. and Frank Watson, 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 a review program for proposed, emergency and preemptory rulemaking, a review of 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 20-25 staff members.

Two purposes of the committee are to ensure that the General Assembly is adequately informed of how laws are implemented through agency rulemaking, and to facilitate 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, James F. Clayborne, Jr., Steve Rauschenberger, Dan Rutherford and Ira Silverstein; and Representatives Brent Hassert, *co-chair*, Tom Holbrook, David R. Leitch, Larry McKeon, David Miller and Rosemary Mulligan.

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

OFFICE OF THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL



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The Office of the Architect of the Capitol (formerly the Legislative Space Needs Commission) reviews and approves all contracts for the repair, rehabilitation, construction, renovation or alteration of all state buildings in the Capitol Complex, including tunnels, power and heating plants, and surrounding grounds. The office is responsible for developing and implementing a long-range master plan of development for the Capitol Complex. 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: Linda Hawker, Secretary of the Senate, *co-chair*; Mark Mahoney, Clerk of the House, *co-chair*; Scott Kaiser, Assistant Secretary of the Senate; and Brad Bolin, Assistant Clerk of the House.

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COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT FORECASTING & ACCOUNTABILITY



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The Commission on Government Forecasting & Accountability (formerly the Economic & Fiscal Commission) was created in 1972 by the 77th General Assembly to provide the legislature with research and information regarding state and national economies, revenue projections and operations of Illinois Government. In 1979, the commission was further charged with monitoring the long-term debt position of Illinois. The commission later became responsible for monitoring the 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 (formerly the Department of Public Aid).

In administering these duties, the commission prepares general studies and analyses, including periodic revenue estimates, economic updates and an annual capital plan analysis. The commission also 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 on various economic issues 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.

The commission reviews the laws and practices relating to public pensions, retirement and disability benefits for state and local government employees and their survivors and dependents. It also evaluates existing laws and practices, 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 as mandated by the Legislative Commission Reorganization Act of 1984. The four legislative leaders each appoint three members.

Members: Senators Jeffrey M. Schoenberg, *co-chair*, Don Harmon, Christine Radogno, Steven Rauschenberger, David Syverson and Donne Trotter; and Representatives Terry R. Parke, *co-chair*, Mark Beaubien, Frank Mautino, Robert Molaro, Richard Myers and Elaine Nekritz.

Staff: Dan R. Long, *executive director*; Trevor J. Clatfelter, *deputy director*; Jim Muschinske, *revenue manager*; Tim Blair, *pension manager*; Donna Belknap, Victoria Copp, Daniel Hankiewicz, Lynnae Kapp, Michael Moore, Eric Noggle, Nicole Krneta-Rogers, Briana Stafford and Benjamin Varner.

LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMISSION



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The Legislative Audit Commission is responsible for overseeing the State Audit Program, reviewing the stewardship of public funds, and monitoring the correction of weaknesses disclosed by the audits of state agencies. The membership consists of 12 legislators appointed by the General Assembly leadership and is equally apportioned between the two houses and political parties.

The commission is empowered to direct the State Auditor General to undertake management, efficiency and program audits and special studies. In 2005, the commission reviewed and took action on 210 financial and compliance reports, the fiscal year 2003 and 2004 Statewide Single Audits and three performance reports, and adopted five resolutions to initiate 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, Iris Martinez, Dale Righter, Dale Risinger and George Shadid; and Representatives Frank Mautino, *co-chair*, Rich Brauer, Marlow Colvin, Sidney Mathias and Sandra Pihos.

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The Legislative Information System (LIS) 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* data-

bases. LIS also supplies and supports the electronic voting system in the Senate, laptop computers used by legislators to consider legislation and the General Assembly Web site.

Members: Senators Todd Sieben, *co-chair*, Dave Luechtefeld, Edward Maloney, Carol Ronen and John Sullivan; and Representatives Ruth Munson, JoAnn D. Osmond and Jim Sacia.

Ex-officio Members: President of the Senate Emil Jones, Jr., Senate Minority Leader Frank Watson, Speaker of the House Michael J. Madigan and House Minority Leader Tom Cross.

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

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 Legislative Printing 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, Kimberly A. Lightford, John J. Millner, Martin A. Sandoval and Gary Forby; and Representatives Mike

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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 bureau carries out a wide range of functions relating to the legal and technical operation of the General Assembly. 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 27,000 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 that combine multiple enactments, correct technical errors, and revise, renumber and rearrange laws. It also is responsible for maintaining 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 the current statutes of all 50 states, federal statutes and regulations, Illinois and federal case reports, 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 Jacqueline Y. Collins, Dan Cronin, John J. Cullerton, Kirk W. Dillard, Adeline Jay Geo-Karis and William R. Haine; and Representatives Roger L. Eddy, Randall M. Hultgren and Robert Pritchard.

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LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH UNIT



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Established in 1937 as the Illinois Legislative Council, the Legislative Research Unit (LRU) 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* and *Visitors' Guide to the Illinois General Assembly* (annual), *Preface to Lawmaking*, *County Data Book*, *Penalties for Crimes in Illinois* chart (revised as needed), and the *1970 Illinois Constitution Annotated for Legislators* (4th ed. 2005). Several LRU publications are available at www.ilga.gov.

Other services include a conference for newly elected legislators after each General Election, the Legislative Staff Internship Program in cooperation with the University of Illinois at Springfield, and the Legislative Information Booth on the third-floor rotunda of the State House.

Members: Senators Larry K. Bomke, *co-chair*, John O. Jones, Edward D. Maloney, Kwame Raoul, Dale Risinger and Ira I. Silverstein; and Representatives Sara Feigenholtz, *co-chair*, Constance “Connie” Howard, Susana Mendoza, James H. “Jim” Meyer, Chapin Rose and Ed Sullivan, Jr.

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