



GOVERNOR

RAUNER REFORM AGENDA

■ Term Limits

We need a constitutional amendments to impose term limits on legislators and constitutional officers.

■ Lower Property Taxes

Pass common-sense reforms that help reduce the pressure on our property taxes, including a freeze on property taxes, consolidation of redundant units of government and relief from unfunded mandates that force higher costs, including mandates related to work rules, health care, third-party contracting, driver's education and physical education requirements, etc.

■ More Jobs

Illinois job creators and local governments pay some of the highest workers' compensation costs in the nation. Worker's Comp costs force higher property taxes and is the primary reason Illinois continues to lose manufacturing jobs. The General Assembly should pass reforms to lower workers' compensation costs by addressing key issues related to the definition of a "traveling employee," the use of AMA guidelines in determining awards, limiting an employer's liability for a non-work related injury, and curbing the price-gouging in workers' compensation medical fees (in certain specialties).

■ Education Reform

We should better prepare students for college and career by adopting a more equitable and adequate K-12 funding formula accompanied by education reforms, including a rigorous statewide accountability system that reflects student growth; funding equity for children who attend charter schools; tax credits for low-income families who choose high-quality private schools; and adequate funding to support high quality early childhood and post-secondary options as part of a balanced budget.

■ Pension Reform

President Cullerton has proposed a new consideration model for constitutional pension reform to help the state save money in its pension systems, freeing up revenue to invest in social services and education. The General Assembly should pass a form of this consideration model – one that would generate maximum savings, maintain constitutionality and apply to all state and local pension systems.