

Pledge to Refuse a Legislative Pension

Whereas, being an Illinois state legislator is a part-time job;

Whereas, receiving the nation's 5th-highest legislative salaries and overly generous pension benefits creates career politicians;

Whereas, those benefits create a conflict of interest for lawmakers when considering much-needed pension reforms;

Whereas, elected officials should not have their retirements guaranteed by constituents when constituents have no retirement guarantees themselves;

Whereas, Illinois lawmakers have consistently failed in their duty to pass balanced budgets;

Therefore,

I, being a candidate for election to the Illinois General Assembly, hereby pledge that I will not seek or accept any pension payment from the State of Illinois for my service in the General Assembly from the date I take office or thereafter.

Signed,

(Signature)

(Date)