

# AMENDMENT 1

Impact on Illinoisans

## If you care about:

Property taxes, parents' rights or union powers – and the future of Illinois – you should care about Amendment 1, a referendum on Illinois' Nov. 2022 ballot.

It's the most important vote Illinoisans will take this election, and perhaps the most important in decades.

### A vote for Amendment 1:

- **Makes Illinois the nation's extreme outlier when it comes to giving government unions power over taxpayers.** Illinois would go further than any other state in the country by cementing public union powers and "rights" directly into the Illinois Constitution.
- **Ensures Illinoisans' property taxes, already the nation's highest, will rise faster to pay for higher public worker pay and benefits.** The vast increase in union powers, coupled with lawmakers' inability to "diminish" union bargaining rights going forward, means property taxes would rise faster than in the past.
- **Helps teacher unions maintain control over Illinois' education system.** The public sector's new "economic welfare" and "safety" rights would mean teacher unions could negotiate issues like sexuality education directly into their labor contracts, with parents and lawmakers having no way to stop them.
- **Requires private sector workers to join unions as a condition of employment.** The amendment's ban of Right-to-Work would deprive workers of ever having the freedom to choose whether or not to join a union. An outright ban on Right-to-Work laws would harm Illinois' economic competitiveness, causing more people and companies to flee to other states.
- **Strips lawmakers of their power to pass needed labor and spending reforms.** Amendment 1 would rob Illinoisans of representation in Springfield. It says new laws can't "interfere with, negate, or diminish" public sector rights, blocking the Illinois legislature from passing needed reforms.

**IMPORTANT:** Supporters of the amendment say the new rights and powers apply to both public and private sector workers. That's not true. Private sector labor law is governed and preempted by federal law. The reality is the amendment's rights apply only to public sector workers.



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