

State of New Illinois

NOTICE TO ALL ILLINOISANS!

Grievance 1

December 31, 2020

Introduction

New Illinois is a new state in development exercising its Constitutional Right to form from the State of Illinois. The process to form New Illinois is authorized and codified in Article IV, Section 3 of the United States Constitution (the Admissions Clause).

The United States Constitution, Article IV Section 3 states:

New States may be admitted by the Congress into this Union; but no new States shall be formed or erected within the Jurisdiction of any other State; nor any State be formed by the Junction of two or more States, or parts of States, without the Consent of the Legislatures of the States concerned as well as of the Congress.

Excerpts From the New Illinois Declaration of Independence October 17, 2020:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, Property, and the pursuit of Happiness.

To secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

Whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it, and to institute new Government...

...there has been a long train of abuses and acts to seize and hold the People's power without legal authority. When such efforts clearly demonstrate a design to reduce them under absolute

Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Protections for their future security.

The history of the present Governor, other recent Governors, and the Government of Illinois, is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having the direct objective of establishing a Tyranny over the Counties of New Illinois and the State of Illinois.

The government of the State of Illinois has become destructive of these ends by violating the People's unalienable Rights and by ceasing to derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. It is the right of the People to seek a constitutional remedy to the abuse of powers.

Statement of Intent

The Citizens of New Illinois have decided to remedy the abuse of power by the government of Illinois by exercising their right to form a new state, as provided in the United States Constitution, Article IV Sections 3. *We are determined to live under a state government in the United States of America and under the Constitution of the United States.*

Therefore, the counties of New Illinois bring forward 40 grievances against the government of Illinois to be announced in public in the various counties over the next 40 weeks.

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Declaration of Grievance

The United States Constitution, Article IV Section 4 states in part:

The United States shall guarantee to every state in this union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against invasion; and on application of the legislature, or of the executive (when the legislature cannot be convened) against domestic violence.

The Illinois Constitution Bill of Rights, Article I, Section 1 declares that:

All men are by nature free and independent and have certain inherent and inalienable rights among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. To secure these rights and the protection of property, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

Failure of the Government of Illinois to provide a Republican Form of Government

In a republican form of government:

- Power benefits the people, not just a ruler and his cronies.
- In a republican form of government, unlike a pure democracy, there is a check on the majority in order to protect the minority (James Madison, Federalist #10).
- In a republican form of government, we have “Government of the people, by the people, for the people” (Abraham Lincoln, *Gettysburg Address*).
- In a republican form of government, the government derives all its powers directly or indirectly from the people (James Madison, Federalist #39).

The U.S. Supreme Court ruling *Reynolds v. Sims* (1964) removed any geographic element from districting for the state legislature. At that time, Illinois’ U.S. Senator Everett Dirksen warned that this would cause power to be concentrated in the major metropolitan area of Chicago and Cook County and result in rural areas losing their voice in state government.

This concentration of power led to a lack of accountability, which allowed extreme gerrymandering, further eroding the voice of the people and consolidating power in a political machine.

This concentration of power allowed one county with 40% of the population to dominate the other 101 counties with 60% of the population. The people of rural, small town and suburban Illinois do not experience a republican form of government. Because the General Assembly is dominated by one county, outstate Illinoisans have experienced legislation, taxation, and regulation without representation.

In addition, rules of the Illinois House of Representatives have placed dictatorial power into the hands of the speaker. No legislation can go forward without his approval, thus destroying the vestiges of representative government by silencing those representing outstate Illinoisans.

This Concludes These Proceedings