

# State of New Illinois

## NOTICE TO ALL ILLINOISANS!

# Grievance 4

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## 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...*

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

*...Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.*

**The Illinois Constitution, Article IV, Section 8, subsection (d) states in part:**

*A bill shall be read by title on three different days in each house. A bill and each amendment thereto shall be reproduced and placed on the desk of each member before final passage. Bills, except bills for appropriations and for the codification, revision or rearrangement of laws, shall be confined to one subject.*

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

**A Republican Form of Government** is government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Power is to benefit the people, not the rulers. In a republican form of government, the government derives all its powers directly or indirectly from the people.

To function as intended, a republican form of government requires transparency. Without transparency, the people don't know what their lawmakers are doing, and are therefore cheated of their ability to act. Transparency provides a defense against corruption and tyranny.

### What is a shell bill?

Shell bills are vehicles of legal corruption. Also called fake bills, trojan horses, or carrier vehicles, they are designed to sidestep the state constitution and avoid transparency. Shells begin as legislative bills with little content. Their only purpose is to be amended later.

The Illinois Constitution, Article IV, Sec. 8(d), requires a bill to be read by title on 3 different days in each house. Rules require that bills must be posted 6 days before a hearing so the public

can know about it, and so there will be time for debate and media scrutiny. However, amendments only need to be posted for an hour.

Both parties use shell bills. In 2017, Speaker Madigan passed 936 of them, and Minority Leader Durkin passed 528.

There are 2 uses for shell bills.

First, they are often used as placeholders for yet unwritten bills in order to circumvent the filing deadlines.

A bill may be one-page long in January, appropriating \$2 for a government bureau. In late May, right before the end of the legislative session, it is amended and morphs into a \$40 billion budget bill. It's now 1500 pages long and lands on the legislators' desks two hours before the vote. In 2016, such a bill was introduced, passed, and signed into law on a single day.

*Article IV, Sec. 8 of the IL Constitution requires that A bill and each amendment thereto shall be reproduced and placed on the desk of each member before final passage. Shell bills render this requirement meaningless. It is not representative government if the legislators you elected don't know what they're voting on.*

This practice allows legislators to rush through things like pay raises for themselves or goodies for special interest groups without giving the public an opportunity to know or respond.

The second use of shell bills is to facilitate a more serious betrayal of the citizens' trust. One could even call it treachery.

Politicians use this shell game to hide the real content of bills. Toward the end of the legislative session, they amend the bill by gutting the original language and replacing it with something else. They unethically rush through major, and sometimes controversial bills at the end of the session. A questionable amendment can get voted on immediately with no opportunity for debate and review. Laws are created that would never pass without sneaking it through so that citizens or even legislators are unaware of it.

The principle of germaneness is essential for orderly legislation. The US House of Representatives adopted a germaneness rule early on. It is not germane to add an amendment unrelated to the original topic. It is not germane when the content of the bill is unrelated to its title. The goal is to hide it from YOU so that YOU are hindered from acting.

### Examples of Shell Bills

In 2007, HB1685 was introduced as a 2-page bill allowing high school students to be appointed as election judges. The name of the bill was, and remains, "Junior Judges." A few months later, the entire content was replaced with the ratification of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. This means that Illinois' electoral votes will not go to the presidential candidate who

wins Illinois, but to whoever wins the popular vote of the whole country. This compact violates the U.S. Constitution, but it passed the Illinois General Assembly.

In 2019, HB1438 was filed on the topic of pawnbroker regulation. At the end of the legislative session, the bill was amended, removing all language and replacing it with the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. This bill passed.

In 2019, SB 25 began as a non-controversial bill about psychiatric exams. An amendment at the end of the legislative session changed it to the Reproductive Health Act, a bill concerning abortion. This bill passed.

In 2019, SB1966 was introduced as the Public Defender Bail Program, but near the end of the legislative session it was changed to a bill raising the price of the Firearm Owner's Identification Card (FOID) and including requirements for fingerprinting and insurance.

In February 2019, HB3653 was introduced, addressing the topic of inmates registering to vote upon discharge. Nearly 2 years later, on January 13, 2021, Amendment 2 deleted all previous language and replaced it with a massive criminal justice reform plan. It passed both houses on the same day the language was changed, the last day of the lame-duck session. This law was opposed almost universally by district attorneys and police chiefs throughout the state.

In 2020, SB2762 was introduced. It was a ½ page bill amending the school code about English language instruction in public schools. It changed the word "and" to the word "and." (You heard me right.) It was later amended to become a 45-page bill about sex education.

James Madison, the main author of the U.S. Constitution, stated that: *"a people who mean to be their own Governors must arm themselves with the power knowledge gives."*

Shell bills are a tool used by the corrupt government of the State of Illinois to deprive the people of knowledge and thus undermine a republican form of government.

Limiting or abolishing shell bills would require the approval of the very politicians who benefit from them. This problem will only be solved through the constitutional formation of a new state.

**This Concludes These Proceedings**