

Illinois Constitution Fact Sheet

1. Mahomet is in the _____ House district and our representative is _____.
2. Mahomet is in the _____ Senate district and our state senator is _____.

Quick Facts:

1. The Illinois state government has _____ branches.
2. There are _____ elected members of the executive branch.
3. The State Senate and House of Representatives make up the _____.
4. There are _____ Senators and _____ Representatives at the state level in Illinois.
5. Illinois has a _____ member Supreme Court.
6. The Current Illinois Constitution was adopted in _____.
7. There have been how many state constitutions in Illinois History? _____

State Symbols:

1-12 List the state symbols for the following:

State Fish _____
State Mineral _____
State Flower _____
State Mammal _____
State Dance _____
State Soil _____

State Bird _____
State Tree _____
State Prairie Grass _____
State Insect _____
State Fossil _____
State Slogan _____

History:

1. Who discovered Illinois and in what year? _____, _____
2. What is Illinois oldest official town? _____
3. Illinois became state number _____ in _____.
4. In order, what were the three capitols of Illinois? _____, _____,
5. _____
Who decided that Springfield would be the location for Illinois third capitol?
6. How many official flags has Illinois had? _____
7. What two years currently appear on the flag? _____ and _____

Executive Officers:

1-7 Who currently holds the following offices?

- Governor: _____
- Lieutenant Governor: _____
- Attorney General: _____
- Secretary of State: _____
- Comptroller: _____
- Treasurer: _____
- Auditor General: _____

- 8. Who is first in line for succession of the Governorship? Second?
 - a. .
 - b. .
- 9. What are the three responsibilities of the Governor?
 - a. .
 - b. .
 - c. .
- 10. What is the major duty of the office of the Attorney General?

- 11. What department is responsible for issuing your driver's license and car title?

- 12. What is the central mission of the Comptroller? _____
- 13. What office is responsible for ensuring that the state's monetary worth is growing?

- 14. Who protects the state from fraud? _____

The Illinois Constitution

- 1. Our current state constitution was adopted in what year? _____
- 2. How many different rights are addressed in the Illinois Bill of Rights? _____
- 3. T/F Discrimination on the basis of all of the following is specifically illegal in Illinois: race, color, creed, religion, sex, and handicap
- 4. To vote in Illinois, one must be at least _____ years of age and a resident for _____.
- 5. T/F in Illinois, convicted felons permanently lose the right to vote.
- 6. How many senators are elected from each state district? _____
- 7. In order to assure a rotation of senators in the Illinois senate, what are the three grouping of senatorial terms? _____, _____ and _____.
- 8. Each district also has _____ house members and representatives serve alternative _____ year terms.
- 9. What are the three qualifications for General Assembly candidates?
_____.
- 10. How often are the legislative districts redrawn? _____
- 11. In order for a bill to become a law, who must approve it?
_____.
- 12. What happens to a bill if it is left on the governor's desk for 60 days?
_____.

13. What is a line-item veto? _____
14. Who is the presiding officer of the Illinois House of Representatives? The Senate? _____ and _____
15. Members of the Executive branch hold office for _____ years and must have the following three qualifications: _____
16. How is a tie in the gubernatorial election decided? _____
17. How is membership on the Supreme Court divided up amongst the judicial districts in the state of Illinois? _____
18. The Circuit courts have original jurisdiction in all cases except where the Supreme Court has jurisdiction because the case:
- a. .
 - b. .
19. The terms for judges are as follows:
- a. Circuit:
 - b. Appellate:
 - c. Supreme:
20. What are the three qualifications to be a judge in the state of Illinois?

Branch Powers:

1-10. Identify to which branch the following powers belong (if the answer is legislative, indicate Senate, house, or both)

- Creates and approves bills: _____
- Appoints official officers: _____
- Enforces the law: _____
- Approves appointments: _____
- Impeaches officers: _____
- Holds impeachment hearings: _____
- Interprets the law: _____
- Grants Pardons: _____
- Commands the state militia: _____
- Selects judges for Illinois: _____