

98. COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

We support legislation to require Congress and the Illinois General Assembly to vote by a roll call vote on any legislation that would increase the pay or pension of its members.

Pay and pension legislation should be voted on as a separate issue and not be tied to unrelated legislation.

We support and encourage legislation that would deny all state employment-related benefits to any state employee who is convicted under any federal, state, or local law of theft, embezzlement, or accepting bribes in connection with the employee's service as a state employee. We support and encourage an amendment to the Illinois Pension Code and/or other current law to the extent necessary to implement this proposed legislation.

We support capping the pension amount that a state legislator can receive regardless of their length of service or the position(s) they hold with the state after leaving the legislature. We support enabling elected local and state officials having access to a 457 plan rather than a taxpayer-funded pension.

We support a requirement for public employees to contribute a greater amount to their public pensions.