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Paul Schimpf

Paul Schimpf (Republican Party) was a member of the Illinois State Senate.
Schimpf was first elected to the Illinois State Senate in 2012. He left office on January 13, 2021.

Schimpf (Republican Party) ran for Governor of Illinois. He lost in the Republican primary on June 28, 2022.

Paul Schimpf

Republican Party
Illinois State Senator
Illinois State Senate District 58
Incumbent Tom Bennett
Previous: Illinois State Senator District 54
Last election: June 28, 2022
Born: 1977
Service: 7 years, 5 months
Term: 4 years
Personal
Profession: Lawyer
Contact
Campaign website: Campaign Facebook
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Personal Linkedin:

Biography

Paul Schimpf was born in Kansas City, Missouri. Schimpf served in the U.S. Marine Corps and retired as an officer. He attended the United States Naval Academy.

Committee assignments

2019-2020

Schimpf was assigned to the following committees:

- Agriculture
- Energy and Public Utilities Committee
- Senate Financial Institutions Committee
- Judiciary Committee
- Local Government Committee
- Committee of the Whole
- Veterans Affairs Committee

2017 legislative session

At the beginning of the 2017 legislative session, this legislator served on the following committees:

Illinois committee assignments, 2017	Delete
Agriculture	
Commerce and Economic Development	
Committee of the Whole	
Financial Institutions	
Judiciary	
Telecommunications & Infrastructure	
Veterans Affairs	

Sponsored legislation

The following bills he/she/they sponsored in this legislative. Bills are monitored by BillTrack50® and sorted by action history. The following list may not be comprehensive. To see all bills sponsored by this person, click on the legislator's name in the title of the table.

Bills Sponsored By: Paul Schimpf	
SL 5010/HB - SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DIST	
Amends the Soil and Water Conservation Districts Act. Provides for the purpose of soil and water conservation districts include the conservation of soil health, organic matter, and soil packs, and water quality (rather than just water).	
01/14/2021 - Added as CHAP Co-Sponsor Sen. Kimberly A. Lightfoot	
SL 5009/HB - DV 2018-19 - EXAMPTIONS	
Creates the Domestic Violence Order 2018-19 In-lieu exemption.	
01/13/2021 - Senate Bill 5	
SB 1217 - PREPAID TUITION ACT APPROP	

Elections

2022

See also: Illinois gubernatorial and lieutenant gubernatorial election, 2022

General election

General election for Governor of Illinois

Vote for one

Candidate	%	Votes
J.B. Pritzker (D)	54.9%	2,253,748
Darren Bailey (R)	39.0%	1,739,995
Scott Mitchell Schafer (L)	1.2%	50,752
Willie Fujan Norton (Independent) (Write-in)	0.0%	1,000
Jerry Johnson (Independent) (Write-in)	0.0%	29
Elizabeth Sadowski (Independent) (Write-in)	0.0%	38

Incumbency or political party affiliation: Three results have been combined. Source: Illinois State Board of Elections
Source: Illinois State Board of Elections, "Statewide Election Results," accessed November 9, 2022

Withdrawn or disqualified candidates

- Marcusie Muller (Independent)

Democratic primary election

Democratic primary for Governor of Illinois

Vote for one

Candidate	%	Votes
J.B. Pritzker	74.7%	455,005
Beverly Miles	25.3%	153,273

Incumbency or political party affiliation: Source: Illinois State Board of Elections
Source: Illinois State Board of Elections, "Statewide Election Results," accessed November 9, 2022

Republican primary election

Republican primary for Governor of Illinois

Vote for one

Candidate	%	Votes
Darren Bailey	57.9%	378,423
Jesse Sullivan	16.7%	104,394
Richard Irvin	12.1%	105,793
Gary Rabine	7.7%	41,452
Paul Schimpf	4.7%	29,127
Max Solomon	1.1%	6,113

Incumbency or political party affiliation: Source: Illinois State Board of Elections
Source: Illinois State Board of Elections, "Statewide Election Results," accessed November 9, 2022

Withdrawn or disqualified candidates

- Gary Dorsey (Libertarian)
- Christopher Rose (R)
- Natalie Smith (R)
- Cheryl Erickson (R)

2026

See also: Illinois State Senate elections, 2026

Paul Schimpf did not file to run for re-election.

2024

See also: Illinois State Senate elections, 2024

Elections for the Illinois State Senate were held in 2020. The primary election was held on March 20, 2020, and the general election was held on November 3, 2020. The candidate filing deadline was November 20, 2020.[1][2] Incumbent David Luechtefeld (R) did not seek re-election.

Paul Schimpf defeated Dennis Fitzsimon in the Illinois State Senate District 58 general election.[3][4]

Illinois State Senate, District 58 General Election, 2020		
Candidate	Votes	%
Republican **Paul Schimpf**	50,109	50.1%
Democratic Dennis Fitzsimon	49,891	49.9%
Total Votes	**100,000**	

Source: Illinois State Board of Elections

Sheila Simmons unopposed in the Illinois State Senate District 58 Democratic primary.[5][6]

Paul Schimpf defeated Darren Lagerstrom in the Illinois State Senate District 58 Republican primary.[5][6]

Illinois State Senate, District 58 Republican Primary, 2020		
Candidate	Votes	%
Republican **Paul Schimpf**	10,394	52.4%
Republican Darren Lagerstrom	9,441	47.6%
Total Votes	**19,835**	

Source: Illinois State Board of Elections

2014

See also: Illinois attorney general election, 2014

Schimpf ran on the Republican ticket for election to the office of Illinois Attorney General. He faced incumbent Lisa Madigan (D) and Ben Aqui (L) in the general election on November 4, 2014.

Campaign themes

2022

Ballotpedia survey responses

See also: Ballotpedia's Candidate Connection

Paul Schimpf did not complete Ballotpedia's 2022 Candidate Connection survey.

Campaign website

Schimpf's campaign website stated the following:

> **I WILL CLEAN UP CORRUPTION AND STOP GOVERNMENT OVERREACH.**
> I will trust individuals to make their own healthcare decisions. I am opposed to mandates and will stop government overreach by limiting the power of the Illinois administrative agencies. As a former member of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR), I have the experience to curtail the expansion power of the administrative state in Illinois.
>
> I will stop the Democrats' attempt to use COVID-19 to demand concept Speaker Madigan stop-down orders, mandatory testing and treatment, and corruption scandals. Instead, he codesponsored Madigan's backroom deals and unilateral backpedals. And he's hypocritically flaunted his own COVID-19 rules. Traveling out of state, protesting with Chicago Black Lives Matter activists, and partying in Springfield are all hypocrisy he's guilty of.
>
> I will clean up corruption in Illinois. My entire life, I've stood up for what's right, even when it was hard. As a prosecutor and a tough, independent leader, I will make politicians abide by the laws they create. I will bring transparency to our state government, but unlike the Democrats, I will not be afraid of transparency. And I will always do what's right for you and your family, regardless of pressure from the political class.

2016

During his campaign announcement, Schimpf said:

> If you have had a successful career in the United States military, you bring two things to the table. First, you are able to work with people from across the political and social spectrum. Second, you are not afraid of a challenge and you are not afraid to be thrown into the proverbial deep end of the pool.
>
> I will be a leader who will not be intimidated by the politicians that currently reign in Springfield and I believe we can turn Illinois around.
>
> We will not, however, turn our state around until we get our fiscal house in order. This will be my top priority as a state senator and it is the reason I am running for office.
>
> Balancing our budget, however, cannot be accomplished without doing two things. First, we must revitalize our economy. We must make it easier for people to through doing taxes to a strong economy. We must grow our economy. I am willing to make the difficult decisions necessary to bring that stability to our state.
>
> Second, we must decentralize our government. Illinois is dominated by examples in this area and we have to accept a person from the State of Illinois.

I will also insist that any person reforms comply with the Illinois Constitution. This is consistent with my position from my campaign for Illinois Attorney General when I strongly opposed the proposition 7th because I believed it was blatantly unconstitutional. My position was validated by a 7-0 ruling by the Illinois Supreme Court.[7][8][9]

Campaign donors

Note: The finance data shown here comes from the disclosures required of candidates and parties. Depending on the election at stake, this may represent only a portion of all the funds spent on their behalf. Satellite spending groups may or may not be required to report ties related to the candidate or politician on campaign pay-ons reading this disclaimer. Campaign finance data from elections may be incomplete. For elections in federal offices, complete data is available at the FEC website. For elections in state offices, consult your state's campaign finance law and rules for more on what campaign finance is required.

Paul Schimpf campaign contribution history

Year	Office	Result	Contributions
2020	Illinois State Senate District 58	W	$1,301,922
	Grand Total		**$1,301,922**

Source: Illinois State Board of Elections

2016

Schimpf received donations in the Illinois State Senate District 54 primary election cycle. Schimpf raised a total of **$1,301,922**.

Illinois State Senate 2016 election - campaign contributions	Delete
Top contributors to Paul Schimpf's campaign in 2016	
Republican State Senate Campaign Committee Of Illinois	$740,400
Illinois Republican Party	$232,065
Illinois Realtors Association	$12,846
Johnson, Richard Erik (Erik)	$10,800
Illinois Farm Bureau	$8,539
Total raised in 2016	**$1,301,922**

Source: Follow the Money ↗

Scorecards

See also: State legislative scorecards and State legislative scorecards in Illinois

A scorecard evaluates a legislator's voting record. Its purpose is to inform voters about the legislator's political positions. Because scorecards have varying purposes and methodologies, each report should be considered on its own merits. For example, an advocacy group's scorecard may focus on issues important to advocacy groups, while a nonprofit newspaper's scorecard may include issues that are important to a wide variety of readers.

Ballotpedia's scorecard includes a variety of scorecards from different established scorecards. Some states have a limited number of scorecards, while others have a number of scorecards produced by select groups. It is Ballotpedia's goal to incorporate all available scorecards regardless of ideology or number.

Click here for an overview of legislative scorecards in all 50 states. To contribute to the list of Illinois scorecards, email suggestions to editorial@ballotpedia.org.

2020

In 2020, the Illinois State Legislature was in session from January 8 to May 23.

- Illinois Environmental Council ↗

Legislators are scored on their votes on bills related to environmental issues.

- Illinois Parents of Adults with Developmental Disabilities ↗

Legislators are scored on their votes on bills that "help or hinder Illinois citizens with developmental disabilities across more included in their homes and communities."

- National Federation of Independent Business ↗

Legislators are scored on their votes on bills related to business issues.

- The American Conservative Union ↗

Legislators are scored on their votes on conservative issues.

2019

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