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LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY



Back in January, I took the oath of office to become the 38th Illinois Secretary of State.

The first 100 days of my administration have been a whirlwind. It's truly been an honor and privilege to serve as your new Secretary – the first in nearly a quarter century.

In my inaugural address, I laid out my vision for the office and promised that my administration would work for all Illinoisans.

This report outlines some of our top accomplishments that demonstrate our commitment to taking care of business and getting things done.

During the first three months, my administration has focused on addressing key issues that matter to Illinoisans. From signing a comprehensive Executive Ethics Order on Day One to modernizing the office and reducing the 'Time Tax,' we have begun implementing our plans and delivering results.

I could not have done it alone. I have a dedicated staff and nearly 4,000 Secretary of State employees who are working hard – every single day – to ensure we deliver quality programs and services across the entire state.

During my inaugural address, I made a promise that the Secretary of State's office can improve the lives of Illinoisans and that we will be relentless in making sure that happens – regardless of who you are or where you live.

Our work is far from over, and the true test of what the office can accomplish lies ahead, but we will continue to push forward our vision and set the standard when it comes to service, innovation and ethics.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alexi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alexi Giannoulias
Illinois Secretary of State

EXECUTIVE ETHICS ORDER

ACTION: An hour after taking the oath of office, Secretary Giannoulis signed a comprehensive executive ethics order governing the office.

BENEFIT: Sets the bar for adherence to the highest ethical standards in state government.

ISSUE: Demonstrating the office's commitment to good government, the order prioritizes ethics and transparency in the new administration.

100-DAY SOLUTION: This action cuts waste, increases transparency, enhances protections afforded to victims of sexual harassment or threats of violence, and simplifies the public's ability to submit complaints to the Inspector General's office.

“During my campaign, I pledged to issue, implement, and enforce a comprehensive ethics package on Day One. Illinois needs to take immediate action to change the culture of corruption in our state and enact meaningful, ethical safeguards that demand accountability among those who serve the public and operate within our government. We need to end ‘business as usual’ and restore the trust in our public institutions and the public officials whom we expect to serve the public's interests – not their own.”



DMV APPOINTMENTS/SKIP THE LINE

ACTION: Expanded the SOS's appointment scheduling system and implemented a “Skip the Line” feature at the busiest DMVs across the state.

BENEFIT: Decreases wait times and reduces lines at Illinois DMVs.

ISSUE: Long lines and waits at DMVs have caused headaches for Illinoisans who must devote time to make in-person visits to DMVs to renew their driver's licenses and obtain basic services.

100-DAY SOLUTION: Allow Illinois residents to schedule appointments at all 30 Chicago and suburban DMVs and at least one DMV within 10 miles of every community with a population of at least 25,000.

The SOS also supplies each DMV with tablets and the ability to check in customers upon arrival to the DMV, enabling those with appointments to “Skip the Line,” and sign up customers who arrive without an appointment so they are not turned away.

“Secretary of State offices act as retail operations, providing service to customers – just like stores and restaurants – and need to do better when it comes to serving the public and improving the customer experience. Enabling more people to make appointments online and introducing our new “Skip the Line” program allows customers to move to the front of the line when they arrive at a facility, avoiding long waits and headaches.”



TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT

ACTION: As part of its modernization effort, the SOS worked with outside consultants to conduct a comprehensive assessment of all 24 departments.

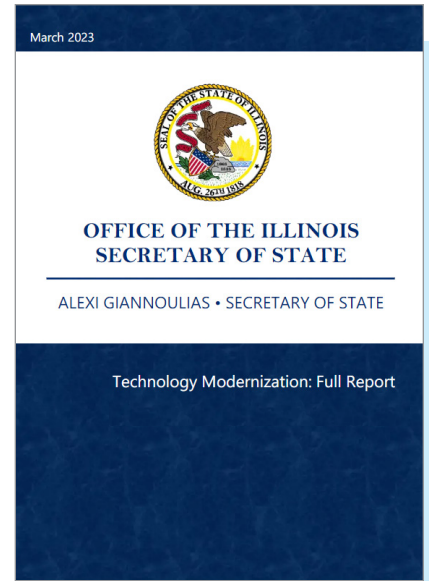
BENEFIT: Identifies and prioritizes IT needs and shortcomings to improve the security and performance of the office.

ISSUE: The office’s 1980s technology poses operational risks and threats of cybersecurity attacks and data breaches related to personal and financial information.

100-DAY SOLUTION: Creating this blueprint lays the foundation for the SOS to upgrade the office’s aging IT infrastructure. These efforts will protect and safeguard Illinoisans’ personal data and modernize its outdated 1980s technology to better serve the public, create efficiencies, and save money in the long run.



The Secretary of State’s long-outdated technology infrastructure has left the office vulnerable to cyberattacks and security breaches. Modernizing the office by upgrading technology has been at the core of everything we do. Addressing these issues now will safeguard Illinoisans’ personal information, streamline services for the public and employees, and improve the overall customer experience.”



STATE VEHICLE USE

ACTION: Restricted the use of state-owned vehicles to government-related use only.

BENEFIT: Prohibits the use of state vehicles for personal use, cuts waste, saves taxpayer dollars.

ISSUE: More than 100 SOS employees were allowed to use state vehicles for personal use, including driving back and forth from work and billing the state for gas, parking and tolls.

100-DAY SOLUTION: The SOS updated its personnel policy regarding vehicles, banning usage for non-state related business and requiring fleet vehicles to be parked overnight at SOS facilities.



This measure demonstrates that the Secretary of State’s office is committed to leading by example. We need to start by changing the culture internally and show that we are serious about holding ourselves accountable, operating more efficiently, cutting waste, and restoring public trust.”

SOS Vehicle Policy

- Prohibits employees from using state vehicles outside of work hours
- Bans usage for non-state related business
- Requires fleet vehicles to be parked at SOS facilities overnight
- Sets new guidelines for employee vehicle usage
- Review underway to reduce SOS vehicle fleet to reduce emissions and save taxpayer dollars

ELECTRONIC TITLING SYSTEM

ACTION: Within weeks of taking office, Secretary Giannoulis' office issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to implement an Electronic Lien and Title System (ELT) allowing for liens to be recorded, assigned, and released electronically.

BENEFIT: An ELT allows for electronic lien releases and titles to be transferred and secured by new owners within minutes, eliminating delays.

ISSUE: Transferring vehicle titles that prove legal ownership can take several weeks—if not months—under the current paper-based system, which is antiquated and prone to errors and delays.

100-DAY SOLUTION: Implementing an ELT System that allows the holding and release of a lien electronically without needing to print or mail the title. The SOS will select a vendor and adopt administrative rules to ensure that the implementation of the system is efficient and meets the needs of customers and dealers without the need to print or mail documents.

“A vehicle is often regarded as the second-largest purchase in a person's life. Instead of wait times that can last several months, consumers can gain access to their title within minutes. E-titles can reduce administration costs because our office and auto dealers will not have to process, file, store, or mail paper documents. An ELT system will streamline document handling, allowing for a faster process, which eliminates tedious paperwork and decreases the risk of forgeries and fraud.”



FILLING JOB VACANCIES

ACTION: Implemented a hiring and advertising campaign to raise awareness about job openings, attract top talent, and develop strategies to fill vacancies faster.

BENEFIT: Expedites the hiring of high-quality applicants for hundreds of vacant positions, improving service and the customer experience.

ISSUE: When Secretary Giannoulis took office in January, there were 251 vacant positions, including 156 openings at DMVs. A majority had no applicants and many vacancies had gone unfilled for more than a year.

100-DAY SOLUTION: The SOS developed a comprehensive advertising plan through Indeed.com, LinkedIn, and IllinoisJobLink.com, targeting locations with the most vacant job positions. The SOS received almost 10,000 applicants, which filled the vacancies with qualified workers, resulting in improved customer service and shortened wait times.

“The role of the Secretary of State's office is rooted in customer service, and I want to make our DMVs among the most customer-centric and accessible in the country. This includes ensuring vacant DMV jobs are filled quickly with customer service-oriented employees who care deeply about serving our customers professionally, efficiently, and in a friendly manner.”

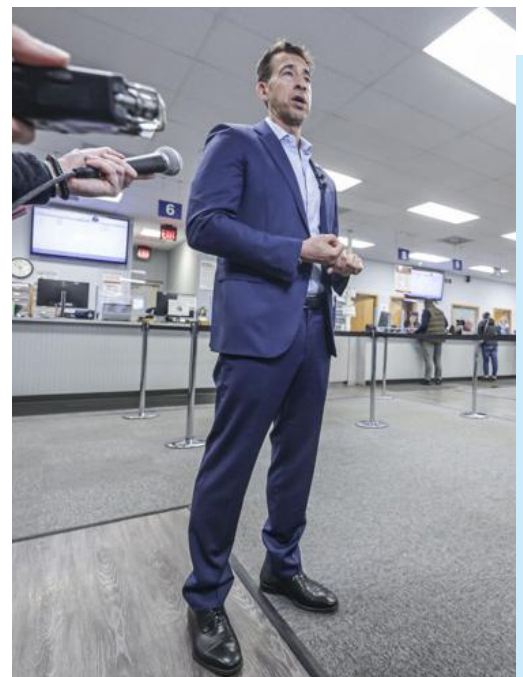


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CARJACKING & VEHICLE THEFT GRANTS

ACTION: Awarded \$21 million in grants to law enforcement task forces across the state overseen by Secretary Giannoulias' office. This funding originates from the Illinois Vehicle Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council.

BENEFIT: Combats the surge of carjackings and motor vehicle thefts in Illinois.

ISSUE: Statewide, vehicle thefts rose from 28,557 in 2021 to 40,505 in 2022. Carjackings have tripled in Chicago over the last 10 years, and auto thefts rose 55% in the city in 2022, an increase greater than any other city in the nation.

100-DAY SOLUTION: Providing financial grants to six law enforcement organizations to increase workforce, purchase tools and improve strategies to combat carjackings and motor vehicle thefts.



These grants give law enforcement needed financial resources, providing a greater sense of focus and effort to recover stolen vehicles and prevent carjackings occurring all too frequently throughout our state. People doing something so routine as getting in their car and driving shouldn't fear being robbed of their vehicle at gunpoint. Working together, we will continue to make not only our roads safer but also our communities, neighborhoods, and business districts."

CARVANA SETTLEMENT

ACTION: Within three weeks of taking office, Secretary Giannoulias announced a settlement agreement with online used-car retailer Carvana, which admitted to violating Illinois law, surrendered its \$250,000 bond, and agreed to abide by new restrictions aimed at protecting consumers.

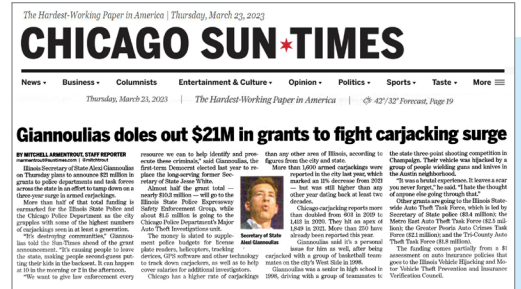
BENEFIT: Establishes safeguards to protect Illinois consumers.

ISSUE: The SOS Police began investigating Carvana's practices in February 2022 after customers alleged it was issuing out-of-state temporary registration permits and failing to transfer titles in a timely manner as required by the state's vehicle code.

100-DAY SOLUTION: Carvana admitted to violating Illinois law and agreed to abide by new restrictions outlined in the settlement agreement aimed at protecting consumers. The agreement allows Carvana to conduct business in Illinois provided it satisfies stringent requirements geared to protect consumers and continues to adhere to Illinois laws in the future. The SOS can suspend and revoke Carvana's dealership license once again if it fails to comply with the agreement or the laws.



The admission by Carvana demonstrates what we knew all along: that Carvana was violating the law in a manner that was harmful to Illinois consumers. Under my administration, I will do everything to ensure that proper safeguards are in place that protect Illinois consumers regardless of how they purchase a vehicle."



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PUBLIC & SCHOOL LIBRARY GRANTS

ACTION: In his capacity as State Librarian, Secretary Giannoulas is issuing more than \$60 million in Fiscal Year 2023 grants to over 1,400 public and school libraries.

BENEFIT: Supports local communities by providing new funding for Illinois libraries.

ISSUE: Public and school libraries rely on state grants awarded by the SOS to help serve the needs of their communities.

100-DAY SOLUTION: The Illinois State Library has reviewed more than 1,400 applications that support \$60 million in grant allocations for school districts, public libraries, library service providers and the Illinois Library Association that enhance local library services, provide continuing education programs for library administrators, and fund public library renovation and new construction.



As State Librarian, I understand how important it is for libraries, school districts, and organizations to take advantage of these grant programs that support our state's cultural and educational resources. I'm committed to ensuring that my office can continue to offer grant programs for the benefit of all our residents, and to provide access and equity in distribution."



ORGAN/TISSUE DONOR CAMPAIGN

ACTION: Secretary Giannoulas launched a comprehensive public awareness campaign to increase the number of Illinois organ donors during National Donate Life Month in April.

BENEFIT: Raise awareness of the importance of life-saving organ and tissue donations.

ISSUE: Approximately 4,000 people are on the state's transplant waiting list; about 300 die waiting for a transplant every year; and a single donor can save or improve the lives of up to 25 people.

100-DAY SOLUTION: The SOS's month-long campaign encourages Illinoisans to "Join Together" and "Change Someone's Story" by becoming organ and tissue donors. The campaign, launched with a press release and press conference, features a public service announcement (PSA) that urges people to enroll in the SOS's Organ and Tissue Donor Registry featuring donor families and real people who have received organs. Television, radio, digital display, and social media ads are running in English and Spanish statewide throughout the month.



Some 4,000 Illinois residents need a transplant, including many whose lives hang in the balance waiting for a suitable organ. April highlights how someone's decision to take 30 seconds to sign up can save lives and showcases why it's so important to get more people to register as donors."



COAL PLANT SHUTDOWN

ACTION: Secretary Giannoulis called for phasing out the Capitol power plant and exploring cleaner alternative energy sources.

BENEFIT: Eliminates fossil fuels as the power supplier to Capitol Complex buildings.

ISSUE: The aging Capitol power plant, located in a high-density area, emits harmful particulate matter and toxins, including mercury, nitrogen oxide, and sulfur dioxide.

100-DAY SOLUTION: Secretary Giannoulis issued a directive that the SOS will no longer use coal to heat and cool Capitol Complex buildings and requested the Capitol Development Board move forward with installing electric boilers.



Besides serving as one of the leading contributors to global warming, these emissions have been linked to heart disease and respiratory illnesses. With the state moving toward a clean energy future, the government must upgrade its own infrastructure. Not only will a new power source operate more cleanly for the public, but it will run more efficiently for the state and taxpayers."



Mounds of coal awaiting use sit outside of the Capitol Power Plant, located in a residential area in Springfield.

RETURNING CITIZENS ID CARDS

ACTION: Expanded the state's Returning Citizens ID Card Program to the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ).

BENEFIT: Fosters better outcomes for young people to reenter society following detainment.

ISSUE: Up to 500 juveniles are released every year from the IDJJ. Many do not have the necessary records to establish residence and obtain valid identification – often because of unstable family situations or uncooperative family members.

100-DAY SOLUTION: By expanding this program to returning citizens from the IDJJ, younger people would have an easier time reentering society following detainment because they can obtain valid identification, which is a critical first step for a fresh start.



Providing Illinoisans who have completed their sentences with essential resources and tools upon their release will increase their chances to successfully reenter society, become self-sufficient, and rebuild their lives. This is even more important for young people reentering society, noting that finding a job and a place to live are nearly impossible without valid identification."

SOS Fact

The SOS's Returning Citizens ID Card Program for adults has been operating since April 2021 with the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC).

- 75 ID cards per month issued to returning citizens
- Nearly 900 issued in 2022
- 234 issued in the first three months of 2023

ELECTRONIC NOTARIES

ACTION: Allows for electronic notaries to legally operate in Illinois by finalizing administrative rules, approving e-notary technology platform providers, and training staff to process applications.

BENEFIT: Provides more convenience for Illinoisans by offering electronic notaries.

ISSUE: The Illinois General Assembly passed legislation to allow the SOS to implement electronic notarization by July 1, 2022. The former administration had proposed rules that had been rejected by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR).

100-DAY SOLUTION: The SOS has redrafted rules to enable certified notaries to work virtually, making the notarization process faster, more convenient, and more secure for individuals and businesses.

“We live in a digital world where so many transactions and services are facilitated online, making it simple and quick to conduct day-to-day activities. No longer will Illinoisans have to physically travel to meet with a notary. Along with the convenience, electronic notarization will expedite the process, which now can take up to several weeks to complete. It also enhances security as e-notaries have advanced security measures to identify the signer and ensure the integrity of the process.”



BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

ACTION: For the first time, the SOS implemented an internal policy that adheres to the goals of Illinois’ Business Enterprise Program (BEP).

BENEFIT: Increases opportunities for Illinois businesses owned by minorities, women and people with disabilities.

ISSUE: The state’s BEP initiative only applies to the Governor’s office and state agencies it oversees – not any other constitutional office.

100-DAY SOLUTION: The SOS will require that it follows the aspirational goals set forth by Illinois’ BEP, which call for businesses owned by minorities, women, and persons with disabilities to receive at least 30% of the total dollar amount of office contracts.

“Businesses owned by people of color, women and persons with disabilities are vital to the state’s economy and need more representation within the state’s procurement process to bring about social, racial and economic equity. Making it easier to access these opportunities will not only help diverse businesses grow and expand but also enable them to hire more workers and provide opportunities and careers for Illinois residents.”

SOS BEP Plan

- Adheres to the aspirational goals set forth by Illinois’ BEP
- Follows established BEP subcontracting goals for public procurements
- Creates an Oversight Committee to closely monitor contractors’ commitments
- Increases efforts to expand pools of prime and subcontractors

SEARCHABLE LOBBYIST DATABASE

ACTION: Redesigned the website's interface to enhance navigating and searching its lobbyist database.

BENEFIT: Improves search functionality for faster, more accessible information on lobbyists, clients, and expenditures.

ISSUE: The lobbyist database, which the SOS must maintain by state law on its website, was challenging to find, navigate, and cross-reference information.

100-DAY SOLUTION: The SOS office developed a more user-friendly, publicly accessible and searchable database, combining registered lobbyist disclosures, contributions by registered lobbyists, and statements of economic interest.



We must prioritize transparency and demand more accountability from our public officials, which means changing how we do business. This creates a comprehensive lobbyist disclosure database, including a searchable online system for registration and reporting that allows information to be posted in real-time. This will help rein in the influence of lobbyists and ensure state government is working for taxpayers."

New and Improved Lobbyist Database

- Improves transparency
- Promotes accountability
- Ensures state government works for taxpayers

ELECTRONIC-FILING SYSTEM

ACTION: Implementing an e-filing system will significantly reduce the processing time from months and weeks to days, and days and hours to minutes. The program will grant court staff, judges, and claimants real-time access to the Court of Claims, which processes 6,000 to 8,000 cases annually.

BENEFIT: Saves time and waste by granting real-time access to the Court of Claims.

ISSUE: The Court of Claims is the only court system in the state that does not offer e-filing. When filing a new claim or pleading, claimants must supply the court with four paper copies, which they can only file by mail or in person in Chicago or Springfield, causing delays and backlogs.

100-DAY SOLUTION: The SOS is preparing a Request for Proposal (RFP) scheduled for release in early spring to build an e-filing system accessible online to the public when filing claims for monetary damages or personal injury against the state.



It's imperative that the state move into the digital age by launching an electronic filing, storage, and case management system. This will significantly reduce the amount of paperwork handled and transmitted, in addition to creating efficiencies for all users of the Court of Claims – both internally and publicly."

The Court of Claims

- Decides monetary claims and lawsuits against the state
- Maintains case files and official records of the court; provides support to the judges, commissioners, and claimants; and disburses awards
- Provides compensation to victims of violent crimes and benefits to families of police officers, firefighters, and military personnel killed in the line of duty

REAL ESTATE REVIEW COMMITTEE

ACTION: Established a new Real Estate Review Committee (RERC) and issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to engage real estate brokers to review the leasing of DMV and office space across the state through market analysis to ensure cost savings, avoid possible conflicts of interest, and provide convenience and more pleasant surroundings for customers.

BENEFIT: Improves the customer experience and safeguards taxpayer dollars.

ISSUE: The SOS had not regularly reviewed or compared its leases to ensure it gets the best value and quality facilities conveniently located to meet the needs of residents.

100-DAY SOLUTION: Re-establishing this committee with real estate experts and brokers will create the oversight of leases negotiated for approval and ensure the SOS is paying fair market rates in a competitive real estate market.



The new Real Estate Review Committee will provide extra checks and balances to ensure that no conflicts of interest exist, that the fair market rates in any given corner of the state are competitive, and that each lease provides the maximum fiscal advantage to the taxpayers that rely on Secretary of State services. Our goal is to ensure that locations are strategically selected in areas where they are most needed."



ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

ACTION: Allowed the SOS to execute and accept electronic signatures from the public.

BENEFIT: Improves ease and speed in receiving services from SOS departments.

ISSUE: There was no single practice or platform for issuing or accepting electronic signatures, which wastes paper and time, delaying filings and document access for months.

100-DAY SOLUTION: The SOS took executive action to enable the office to accept, process and issue e-signatures and entered into a contract with DocuSign.



Allowing employees and the public to execute and accept electronic signatures is another step in our overall process to modernize the Secretary of State's office. This initiative will make the process faster and more efficient to receive services and complete transactions."

Allowing the office to execute and accept electronic signatures will:

- Reduce wasted time and resources
- Increase efficiencies
- Eliminate paper
- Reduce service delays

DISSOLVING LLCs ONLINE

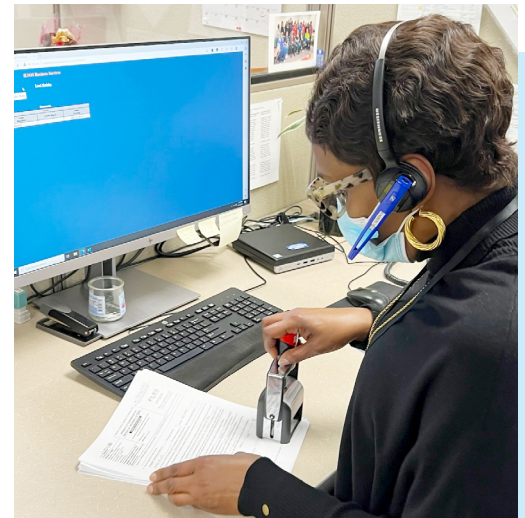
ACTION: Updated the Business Services website to allow businesses to terminate or withdraw a Limited Liability Company (LLC) online.

BENEFIT: Makes it easier for business owners to receive service from the state.

ISSUE: The SOS allows business owners to apply to create an LLC online, but terminations and withdrawals of LLCs must be made by mail or in person, causing unnecessary delays and extra fees.

100-DAY SOLUTION: The SOS office has created a webpage that allows users to look up their LLC, terminate or withdraw an LLC, and pay the fees online. The website sends an email confirmation upon successful completion of the transaction, which is immediately reflected on the LLC search page.

“This is another step to modernize the office, which will make managing a business in Illinois easier and more efficient. In addition, it will expedite services, streamline the process, and eliminate the reliance on paper.”



Business owners will no longer need to visit the office and file paperwork to dissolve an LLC. More than 9,000 LLCs are terminated or withdrawn each year.

TIME AND ATTENDANCE

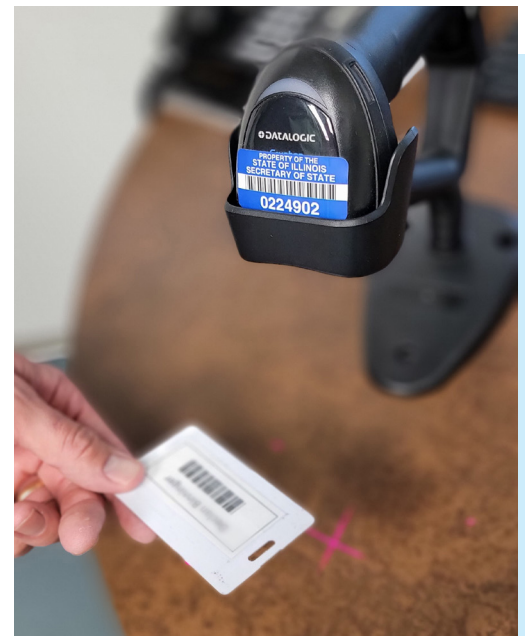
ACTION: The SOS has begun a test pilot, replacing the sign-in processes that consist of using a clipboard, pen and paper with an automated barcode scanner that records digitized entries for daily attendance.

BENEFIT: Eliminates the cumbersome, manual reconciliation of time sheets at the end of each month, reduces the reliance on paper and makes the timekeeping process more efficient and accurate while reducing errors when recording time worked and benefits due.

ISSUE: SOS employees had been recording hours worked on paper timeslips while each department maintained a dedicated timekeeper to manually enter time into a back-end system and verify hours with each employee.

100-DAY SOLUTION: SOS is testing alternative systems to replace the paper-reliant process and is identifying departments and facilities to pilot the proposed solution.

“Moving from pen and ink entries on paper to an electronic solution to track time and attendance will make it easier for employees to start and end their days. Paper-based time sheets are outdated and prone to payroll errors, leading to inaccuracies in record keeping that could cost employees earned time and benefits.”





LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Secretary Giannoulias is pursuing a robust legislative agenda to:

- Combat Distracted Driving
- Prevent Book Banning
- Protect Motorists' Privacy
- Stop Pretextual Traffic Stops
- Improve Library Access
- Increase Voter Registration

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

MAKING ROADS SAFER HOUSE BILL 2431

SUMMARY:

Prohibits the operator of a motor vehicle on a roadway from using electronic communication to watch or stream videos, participate in video conferencing, or access any social media site.

SPONSORS:

Representative Marcus J. Evans, Jr. / Senator Javier Cervantes



We need to take steps to change the culture surrounding distracted driving, which will lead to more responsible drivers and ultimately save lives. Zooming takes hands, eyes and minds off the focus of driving. Our goal is that a combination of increased education, stronger laws and tougher enforcement will encourage drivers to change bad behaviors for the better."



PREVENTING BOOK BANS HOUSE BILL 2789

SUMMARY:

Prevents public and school libraries from banning, removing, or restricting access to books or other materials. It also unites libraries against censorship and protects librarians from extremist groups like the Proud Boys.

SPONSORS:

Representative Anne Stava-Murray / Senator Laura M. Murphy



This is an alarming phenomenon that's occurring throughout the nation, including Illinois, which is designed to polarize and disrupt our communities. This scourge of censorship has a chilling effect on our democracy. These efforts have nothing to do with books. Instead, they are about ideas that certain individuals disagree with and believe no one should think, or be allowed to think."



Illinois seeks library pledge against 'banning' books

At stake is about \$61 million annually to 1,600 public and school libraries. The legislation won House approval and awaits Senate action.

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

SAFEGUARDING PRIVACY & ABORTION RIGHTS HOUSE BILL 3326

SUMMARY: Protects individuals seeking abortion care or individuals assisting them by limiting and restricting the use of Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology. It will also ensure that ALPR data is not used to criminalize a person's immigration status and will limit the length of time the data can be kept.

SPONSORS: Representative Ann Williams / Senator Sara Feigenholtz



Anyone seeking abortion care in Illinois should not be harassed in any fashion, and this legislation will prevent ALPRs from being used as a tool for tracking, and harassing or criminalizing lawful behavior. I am committed to allowing individuals to pursue and obtain the healthcare they need without government intrusion. This legislation sets common-sense standards and protocols to ensure that ALPR data is used properly."



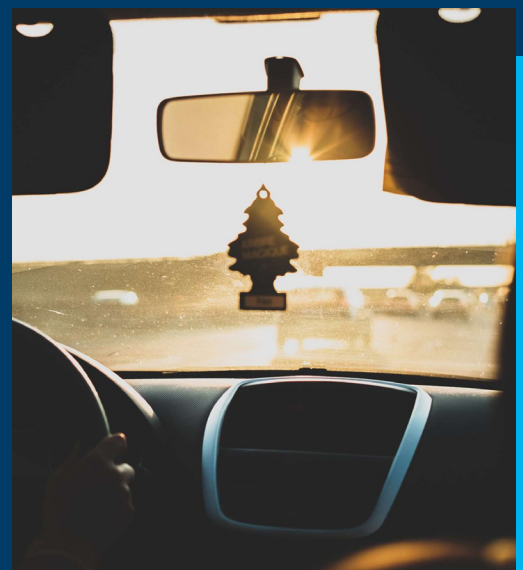
PROTECTING CIVIL RIGHTS HOUSE BILL 2389

SUMMARY: Makes it illegal for police to pull over motorists just for having items hanging from their rearview mirror, such as an air freshener, which often serve as a pretext for traffic stops.

SPONSORS: Representative La Shawn Ford / Senator Christopher Belt



Amending the current law will result in greater equity on the road and improve relationships between police and community by eliminating discriminatory traffic stops. Pulling someone over for merely having an air freshener attached to the rearview mirror is not only archaic, it's ridiculous. Prohibiting traffic stops that encourage discriminatory practices will ultimately make our streets safer for both motorists and police officers."



LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

INCREASING LIBRARY ACCESS SENATE BILL 2419

SUMMARY: Authorizes the SOS to negotiate with e-book and e-audiobook publishers to acquire digital rights to these materials at lower prices than publishers charge libraries for e-books and audiobooks and make them more available to residents across the state, regardless of where people live.

SPONSORS: Senator Laura M. Murphy / Representative Nabeela Syed



Libraries are the cornerstones of our communities. But residents are no longer tied to visiting buildings when they want to borrow a book. That's why I am advocating for the increased acquisition of e-books – so that readers can borrow more digital books from our libraries. Libraries can negotiate for better prices from publishers when they work together. As State Librarian, I want to lead the efforts to help local libraries expand their selection of e-books to better serve our customers."



EXPANDING AND INCREASING VOTER REGISTRATION OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMARY: Three legislative proposals awaiting an assigned bill number will:

- Establish a back-end automatic voter registration system that would automatically add eligible voters to the rolls who present a document demonstrating their citizenship;
- Allow young people to register to vote when they become of voting age by implementing a pre-registration process for teens when they are 16 and 17 years old;
- Expand voter registration for all Illinoisans by allowing a resident to register to vote in person at a DMV without conducting any other SOS business transactions.



"Voting is one of our country's most cherished rights. That's why I'm committed to making the office the national model for voter access, engagement and turnout. This includes increasing voter participation through the expansion of equitable access, driving voter registration in settings where people are less likely to be registered to vote, and proactively informing constituents about voting locations and election dates."





Secretary Giannoulias visited Macon Resources Inc. with State Sen. Doris Turner during “National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month” in March. Located in Decatur, MRI makes over 5 million license plates a year for Illinois. About 60% of the workforce are people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



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