Election 2014: Now What?

Joint Session:
ED-RED and NWSSBO
Finance-Legislation
Meeting

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Election Day Issues

- 2,000 - Election Judges - No Show
- Polling locations opened late
- Voters did not receive full ballots
- Day of Voting
  - 5 City of Chicago
  - 17 Suburban Cook
- City of Chicago voting 12 pm - 3:30 am

What won it for Rauner:

- 20.74% - City of Chicago
- 101 Counties
- Minorities
- Pro-Business/Economic Growth agenda
- $5 - $65 million own
Democrats Hold Control of Statehouse
12 new legislators in 2015 Spring Session

- GOP: Gov/Lt. Gov (Rauner/Sanguinetti), Comptroller (Topinka)
- Dems: AG (Madigan) SOS (White)
- Treasurer (Pending - GOP leading)
- House: 0 net change – Dems maintain veto proof majority
  - 98th GA: 71 Dems – 47 GOP
  - 99th GA: 71 Dems – 47 GOP
- Senate: 1 net changes – Dems maintain veto proof majority
  - 98th GA: 40 Dems – 19 GOP
  - 99th GA: 39 Dem – 20 GOP
- Supreme Court: Karmeier retention (4D-3R)

Gubernatorial Powers in 2015

- Appoint – State Agency Heads
- Fill Agency Liaison positions
- Appoint ISBE Board
  - 4 of 9 positions up in January 2015, including Chair
  - Statutory requirements regarding residency and political affiliation
- Appoint Bd of High Ed – 2 Public Members
- Appoint – Advisory Council on Children with Disabilities
  - 7 of 23 voting members
- Appoint State Charter School Commission
  - 4 of 9 positions up in January 2015

Federal Changes

- House Dems lost at least 12 seats
  - 113th Congress: 119 Dems – 233 GOP – 3 vacancies
  - 114th Congress: 181 Dems – 243 GOP – 11 undecided
- Senate Dems lost at least 7 seats
  - 113th Senate: 53 Dems – 45 GOP – 2 Independents
  - 114th Senate: 44 Dem – 52 GOP – 2 Independents
  - 2 undecided – Alaska and Louisiana
- Executive Branch: Dems lost 4 Gubernatorial positions
  - Arkansas, Illinois, Maryland and Massachusetts

Veto/Lame Duck

- Minimum Wage Increase
- Education Funding Reform
  - Nov. 18th Hearing
- Pension Cost Shift
- Student Discipline – SB 3004
- Student Data Privacy – HB 4558
Spring Session Issues

- #1, #2, #3 – Revenue, revenue, revenue
- #4, #5, #6 – Budget, budget, budget
- Education Funding Reform
  - GSA 50/50 Charter and Public Schools
  - Removal of State Charter School cap
- Minimum Wage Increase
- Workers’ Comp/Tort Reform/Tax Reform Package
- Local Government Consolidation
- Pro-Business Initiatives
  - Public/Private Partnerships
  - Tax Incentives
- Pension reform
  - 401k style, defined contribution