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Leadership by Example An Agenda of Real Reform, Real Change

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Setting the Example.

With a base salary of nearly \$68,000, Illinois state representatives and senators earn the 5th highest legislator salary in the country.*

“End pensions for Illinois legislators”

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“These are part-time jobs. This is public service. Why should legislators build a retirement out of them? At a time when the state budget must take severe cuts, legislative pensions ought to be one of the cuts on the table.”

David McSweeney believes government must start tightening its belt – with legislators leading by example and cutting their own budgets first. McSweeney supports a responsible reform agenda that will rein in legislator salaries and end their pensions, beginning with his own.

The McSweeney Reform Agenda:

- Eliminate legislator pensions
- Cut legislative salaries by 10%
- Eliminate wasteful taxpayer funded mailings
- Cut the administrative budget of the legislature by 10%
- Prohibit the use of legislative staff for campaign work
- End special legislative scholarships

“We can’t tell taxpayers to tighten their belts without the legislators setting the example. As your State Representative, I will not accept a pension and I will push for a 10% pay cut. Keep in mind that the legislature is only in session for part of the year.”



*David McSweeney
at age 14 meeting
President Reagan*



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