

August 29, 2008

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois Senate
95th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return Senate Bill 2190, entitled "AN ACT concerning elections.", with the following specific recommendations for change:

on page 1, line 5, after "9-1.8", by inserting "and adding Section 9-35"; and

on page 4, below line 14, by inserting the following:

"(10 ILCS 5/9-35 new)

Sec. 9-35. Prohibited Contributions. Any political committee established to promote the individual candidacy of a candidate for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller, Treasurer, or for membership in the General Assembly may not accept any contribution made by an employee of a State agency, or an employee of a municipality or unit of local government. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit an individual from making a contribution to a political committee established to promote his or her own candidacy for public office. If a political committee receives a contribution in violation of this Section, then the State Board may assess a civil penalty up to \$10,000 for each violation."

With these changes, Senate Bill 2190 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,

ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor