



ILLINOIS PUBLIC PENSION FUND ASSOCIATION

An Association of Police and Fire Pension Funds

LEADING PUBLIC PENSION FUNDS THROUGH THE 21st CENTURY

Constitutional Convention – Vote NO!

Top reasons to vote no! The total cost of a convention is predicted at least \$80 million at a time when the state is running budget deficits and having a tough time funding roads and schools!



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There is no question there has been too much inaction and fighting in Springfield. But it's the politicians, not the system, that are at fault.



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A constitutional convention opens the door to more political mischief. The General Assembly, by law, gets to decide how a constitutional convention would be run. And the constitution is unclear about who would get to pick delegates.



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Scheduling a convention for 2010 would give politicians a pass to do nothing until then to address the state's problems.



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Illinois cannot afford more discord and distractions. Some groups are calling for a state convention because they want to push their own agendas.



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The uncertainty of a constitutional convention more than two years away could make it very difficult to attract and retain businesses and jobs at a time when the state's economy is already struggling.



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The constitution already allows for amendments without a convention. In fact voters have already changed the constitution 10 times without a convention.



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Voters would get to approve or reject the new document proposed by the constitutional convention. But that would be an up or down, all or nothing vote.



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