

# Amendment 1: Vote **NO** on November 8<sup>th</sup>

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Illinois would become the first state to place a constitutional ban on any non-union efforts if 50 percent plus 1 choose “Yes” on the first question asked on their November 8, 2022 General Election ballot.

“Amendment 1,” as it is known, will hand over to Illinois’ 15 (and shrinking) percent of the state’s unionized work force unprecedented powers over the other 85 percent of the non-unionized work force, essentially giving unions more power than the legislature

And knowing well how union bosses wield much more influence and power than the average rank and file union members do, in reality, those unprecedented powers would be in the hands of an elite group of union leaders — people that are commonly directly involved in the radically-Left Democratic Party.



## Illinois’ proposed Amendment 1 would:

- 1 Use the state constitution to create a “fundamental right” for an employee to unionize — and eliminate alternatives for employees that do not want to unionize.
- 2 Give labor unions the “fundamental right” to implement negotiating tactics — including labor strikes and walkouts at their discretion — over a limitless array of issues: from wages, working conditions to workplace safety and anything they perceive as affecting the union members’ economic welfare.
- 3 Increase property taxes by an average of \$2100 per year, according to tax policy experts.

Amendment 1 would push public and private sector unions into new powerful positions at a time when public sector unions — such as the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and the National Education Association (NEA) — are under heavy criticism by taxpayers and parents.

According to a 2022 NEA survey, NEA President Randi Weingarten reported nearly nine out of ten of the membership respondents complained that “schools have become too politicized.”

Yet, in spite of the rank and file complaints, the NEA’s 2022 annual conference resolutions focus on promoting and instituting strong Leftist public policies in local schools, such as the LGBTQ/transgender agenda, Critical Race Theory curriculum, and radical

ideologies about global warming, gun control and sex education.

Public sector labor union bosses and their collusion with political action committees hold partial responsibility for hoisting Marxist candidates to elected offices, attempting to radically transform the American culture.

Powers granted to union leaders if Amendment #1 is added to the state constitution will include “fundamental rights” to:

- 1 require — with no countering arguments — Illinois’ small, midsize and large businesses to consider unionizing their non-union employees, if only one introduces the idea;
- 2 overrule any state law and state lawmakers’ public proposals that may encourage non-union policies and, place upon the state’s taxpayer ranks an unlimited demand on their limited incomes.

On the other hand, if Amendment 1 does not pass with the support of 50 percent plus 1 of those voting, workers will still have broad protections and lawmakers will be allowed to change laws in the best interest of workers and taxpayers.

The question Illinois voters will need to ask themselves when they go to the polls in November and see the Amendment 1 question at the top is “**Do I want union bosses of 15 percent of Illinois’ workforce to be the ones to determine the state’s economic and labor policy?**” ▲