

Gubernatorial Action on Bills

Section 9 of the Illinois Constitution provides that every bill passed by the General Assembly shall be presented to the Governor within 30 calendar days of its passage. The Governor then has 60 days from that date in which to act on a bill by either signing or vetoing the legislation. If the

Governor chooses not to act on the legislation it automatically becomes law after the 60 day period.

Below is a chart to indicate the appropriate action that follows gubernatorial action:

GOVERNOR'S ACTION	LEGISLATURE'S OPTIONS	VOTE REQUIRED IN EACH CHAMBER	RESULT
Sign the Bill	—	—	Bill Becomes Law
Do nothing for 60 days	—	—	Bill Becomes Law
Veto the bill	Override	3/5	Bill becomes law as originally passed
	Fail to override	—	Bill dies
Amendatory Veto	Override	3/5	Bill becomes law as originally passed
	Accept Veto	Majority	Bill becomes law with governor's changes
	Do Nothing	—	Bill dies
Reduce item of appropriation	Override	Majority	Item becomes law at original amount
	Fail to override	—	Item becomes law at reduced amount
Veto an item of appropriation	Override	3/5	Item becomes law at original amount