



Want to help pass the Illinois Civil Union Bill? Schedule a meeting with your state representative!

In Champaign County, we have a wonderful opportunity to encourage three of our representatives to be on the right side of history. Representatives Black, Cultra, and Rose have not publicly indicated their support for the Illinois Civil Union Bill (HB 1826). We need to let them know that Champaign County voters support fairness for all families in Illinois.

Although it sounds intimidating to meet with legislators, they really want to hear from constituents. In fact, legislators consistently tell us that personal face-to-face meetings are the most effective way of getting their attention about an issue.

Meeting with your legislator consists of four easy steps:

First Step

Schedule an appointment with your legislator. If you'd prefer, representatives from our local Equal Marriage group can schedule the meeting for you and/or attend with you (contact jerryc@equalmarriagecc.org).

104th District: Rep. Bill Black 7 E. Fairchild Danville, IL 61832 (217) 431-1986	105th District: Rep. Shane Cultra 104 W. Lincoln Ave. Onarga, IL 60955 (815) 268-4090	110th District: Rep. Chapin Rose 1113 Lincoln Ave. Charleston, IL 61920 (217) 348-7673
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If you need to confirm who your state legislator is, please visit:
<http://tinyurl.com/7ug4a>

Second Step

Familiarize yourself with the basic facts about this bill. You don't need to be an expert about the bill! Our local Equal Marriage group can help answer your questions before the meeting. A basic flier about the bill is available here:
<http://tinyurl.com/36p82l>

Third Step

Meet with the legislator. *Your legislator won't expect you to be an expert on the bill.* Instead, your legislator wants to hear why this bill is important to you. For example, how will you, your friends, or your relatives benefit from civil unions?

Fourth Step

Contact us. After the meeting, please let us know how the meeting went. Send a note to jerryc@equalmarriagecc.org