



## Defeat the Madigan Machine. Take Back the Illinois Supreme Court.

### Justice Thomas Kilbride & the Illinois Supreme Court

- Thomas Kilbride is an Illinois Supreme Court Justice who represents the 3<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Court District. The district stretches from Will, Kankakee, and Iroquois counties in the East through Rock Island and Whiteside counties in the West and down to West Central Illinois. Kilbride, an extreme liberal and staunch ally of House Speaker Mike Madigan, has represented this Republican-leaning district since 2000.
- The Illinois Supreme Court is made up of 7 justices, 4 Democrats & 3 Republicans. This November, Kilbride is up for his retention on the ballot, and he must earn 60% of the vote to retain his seat.
- If we defeat Kilbride's retention, we can turn a 4-3 liberal majority to 4-3 conservative majority and enable good-government advocates and fiscal conservatives the opportunity to achieve reform in Illinois. The path to winning control of the Illinois Supreme Court runs through the 3<sup>rd</sup> District.

### Madigan's Handpicked Supreme Court Justice

Over the years, Madigan has orchestrated a secret power play to control the Supreme Court. Madigan has used his money & power to ensure that his handpicked judges rule the bench. Thomas Kilbride is his closest ally, routinely ruling on cases for Madigan's direct benefit, in return for campaign funding to keep him on the Court.

- **Madigan's Millions:** Kilbride has taken over \$4 million from Madigan-controlled entities and in return has consistently voted to help Madigan retain his power by striking down fair maps, term limits, pension reform, and other good government reforms. ("Kilbride & Madigan," Editorial, *Chicago Tribune*, Oct. 26, 2010)
- **Madigan's Greatest Victory:** Kilbride's retention victory in 2010 was dubbed as "Madigan's Greatest Victory" by the *Chicago Sun-Times*. ("Mr. Speaker, you've got work to do," *Chicago Sun Times*, Nov. 7, 2010)

### Kilbride Blocked Fair Maps & Term Limits

Madigan has weaponized the Supreme Court to block any challenge to his political power by consistently striking down citizen-led attempts to reform government, including fair maps and term limits.

- **Kilbride Killed Fair Maps:** In 2021, Madigan will draw new districts, and the Court will rule on that map. In 2001, Kilbride delivered the Supreme Court opinion in favor of Madigan's gerrymandered maps. In 2016, he again ruled in favor of Madigan's map and struck down a nonpartisan redistricting effort by the bipartisan Independent Map Coalition. ("Madigan clout derails fair maps," *Rockford Register Star*, Aug. 28, 2016)
- **Kilbride Killed Term Limits:** In another demonstration of loyalty to his political kingmaker, Justice Kilbride voted against Illinois citizen's demand for term limits in 2016. ("Illinois Court Blocks Term Limits," *Wall Street Journal*, Aug. 22, 2014)

### Path to Reform: Defeating Justice Thomas Kilbride

With conservative control of the Court, key reforms to save Illinois will finally be within reach. The Chicago Machine will spend whatever it takes to keep control of the Court, so we must build a forceful grassroots army to coincide with a powerful messaging campaign.

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