

Data from a recently conducting survey indicates that Illinois voters overwhelmingly favor the components of Senate Bill 1849.

Where we stand now

73% believe the state is on the wrong track.

90% understand the state faces a budget shortfall.

55% would be more likely to re-elect a state legislator who supports a gaming solution.

63% don't consider gaming saturation to be an important issue.

Finding a solution

74% prefer finding new revenue sources to raising taxes or cutting government programs.

62% support the overall gaming solution laid out in SB 1849.

70% of Collar County voters support the bill

68% of Northern Illinois voters support the bill

61% of Southern Illinois voters support the bill

60% of Cook County voters support the bill

54% of Central Illinois voters support the bill

77% would or could favor adding slot machines at racetracks as a revenue generating solution as opposed to raising taxes or cutting programs.

Once voters heard more information, they were asked: *Would you support or oppose a proposal to generate revenues to state and local governments by increasing the number of slot machines allowed at riverboats, allowing slot machines at the six racetracks, and by adding a land-based Chicago Casino and four additional riverboat casinos?*

70% said they would support that proposal.

When asked whether voters prefer slot machines or annual subsidies,

76% favored slots vs. only 16% for annual subsidies.

How Illinois voters view the different components of SB 1849

68% favor adding slots to the state's six existing racetracks.

69% support increasing the number of slot machines on Illinois riverboats.

62% support a land-based casino in Chicago.

64% support authorizing four new riverboat casinos throughout the state.

The Public Opinion Strategies poll of 800 likely Illinois voters was conducted April 10-12. It has a plus or minus error rate of 3.46 percent.