



Blagojevich to meet fate on Dec. 16

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The conduct of the scandal-plagued governor of Illinois has prompted a fierce debate as Democrats are preparing to determine his fate.

The Illinois House of Representatives is scheduled to convene on December 15 to discuss the possibility of relieving Rod Blagojevich of his authority.

The possible approval of the proposal by the House and Senate on December 16 will open ballots for voters to choose Obama's heir in a special election.

Illinois Democrats, who were about to appoint a contender to replace President-elect Barack Obama in the US Senate, will enter a face-off with Republicans in case a special election is held.

Four Illinois Democratic State representatives have begun circulating a letter among their colleagues, requesting that names be added to a pending impeachment resolution against Governor Blagojevich.

The four, namely John Fritchey (D-Chicago), Rep. David Miller (D-Dolton), Rep. James Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) and Rep. Thomas Holbrook (D-Alton), find impeachment as the best option to settle the Senate-seat dispute.

"Impeachment allows the Legislature to assume full responsibility for addressing the crisis which faces our state, and by virtue of the vacant Senate seat, our entire country," Fritchey told Sun-Times.

Under state law, the soonest Illinois voters can cast their ballots for the primary vote would be in February.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich was arrested Tuesday on corruption charges that include attempting to auction the Senate seat vacated by President-elect Barack Obama.

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