

## Brady: Madigan should reveal investigation results

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SPRINGFIELD -- A Republican state senator from Bloomington wants Attorney General Lisa Madigan to reveal the results of an investigation of Gov. Rod Blagojevich's administration within the next 90 days.

In a letter to the Democratic attorney general, state Sen. Bill Brady said his constituents "deserve to know quickly if the allegations against the Blagojevich administration are founded."

Hiring practices within the governor's office are already being probed by federal, state and local officials.

But Brady, who ran an unsuccessful bid for the GOP gubernatorial nomination this spring, issued his request to Madigan in the wake of a new report by the Associated Press that the governor's aides reviewed and approved hundreds of employment decisions by name, rather than by merit.

That report comes just a week after Lee News Service obtained a separate hiring list of nearly 300 job seekers and their politically connected sponsors.

"The people of Illinois are fed up with politics as usual," Brady said. "These violations of giving taxpayer-funded jobs to campaign donors and political allies, if founded, are serious violations of the public trust and may even be criminal."

A spokeswoman for Madigan declined to discuss Brady's request. "We do not comment on ongoing criminal investigations," Madigan spokeswoman Melissa Merz said.