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Veteran tattoo artist Zach Dole poses in his new studio Brass Eagle Tattoo in a former printing business at 718 SW Adams St. in Peoria's Warehouse District. Dole opened his shop in early April after a long tenure at Freedom Ink Tattoos in Downtown Peoria. PHOTOS BY MATT DAYHOFF/JOURNAL STAR

POLL

## Residents support regulation for data centers

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SPRINGFIELD – As the number of data centers keeps increasing in Illinois, a new poll found many residents are in favor of regulations for the data centers.

A recent poll conducted by Global Strategy Group surveyed 800 likely voters across the state. The results showed many are in favor of the POWER Act, which would establish environmental, water, and energy regulations for hyperscale data centers.

The proposed legislation was supported by a three-to-one margin, the poll found.

Findings

Across party lines, support for the "POWER Act" was a net positive for voters.

Those who oppose the POWER Act primarily were Republican, and broken down by upstate and downstate, the majority of those who oppose the legislation were in Cook County and Chicago.

Out of the demographic, 52%, or just over 400 voters said increasing utility costs for local residents are one of their top two biggest concerns about data centers, behind transparency in agreements between companies and politicians toward the creation and management of centers.

Methodology

Global Strategy Group conducted a survey of 800 likely 2026 voters in Illinois between March 16 and March 19, 2026. The survey has a margin of error of +/- 3.5%, according to Global Strategy Group. Voters were given a brief description "This would regulate data centers to minimize their impact on our utility bills, climate, and water, while still allowing them to be built."

Of the 800 interviews, 530 were conducted by telephone and 270 via text invitation to a web-based survey. Global Strategy Group said care was taken to ensure the geographic, political, and demographic divisions of the population of likely primary voters were properly represented.

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## 'MAKE OUR MARK'

### Local tattoo artists open up new studio in Peoria

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PEORIA – A space once home to an iconic local printing business recently welcomed a new artistic medium.

Brass Eagle Tattoo opened its doors at 718 SW Adams St. in early April. The location was previously home to Rolan A. Johnson Co. – whose founder and namesake was known for creating elaborate Christmas prints beloved by the community.

"It's just kind of cool to be, you know, in a building where there's more art that was being made here to begin with and to continue it," said Zach Dole, owner of Brass Eagle Tattoo.

'Make our mark here in Peoria'

He and three colleagues – Ezra Coates, Sam Lott and Terry Lessard – are operating out of the space. All formerly worked for Freedom Ink Tattoos.

Dole said he has "nothing but respect" for mentor and former Freedom Ink owner Tim Beck, who passed away in early 2024. In the latter half of last year, he and his colleagues decided it was time to "make our mark here in Peoria" and embark on their own business venture.

"We all felt that it was time for us to do our thing and spread our roots, you know, in this community," Dole said.

They began searching for a storefront in Down-



Tattoo artist Sam Lott works on a client at his station.

town Peoria and eventually came across the space on Southwest Adams Street. Dole said the location, situated by Dozer Park and the growing Warehouse District, seemed to be the "right fit for us."

Developer Bill Sullivan purchased the building last year. He said it needed new electrical, plumbing, HVAC and other updates.

Along with this, Dole said he and his colleagues worked to improve the floors, paint and decorate the space.

"There's been a lot of work," he said, "but it's been worth every bit of it."

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