



Brown says jobs are his top priority

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Adam Brown said his first priority as state representative in the new legislative session is job creation.

Brown, 25, was sworn in Wednesday, replacing Bob Flider, D-Mount Zion, whom Brown defeated Nov. 2.

"I plan on standing by my promises throughout the election cycle," the Decatur Republican said.

Brown said he has signed on to a bill that would cut state legislators' pay by 10 percent. He said he's also concerned that illegal immigrants receive state benefits such as in-state tuition.

Brown is a fifth-generation family farmer. Before being elected state representative, he served on the Decatur City Council. He is engaged to Stephanie Ashe and is completing a master's in public administration at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Brown's 101st House District covers Moultrie County, and parts of Macon and Shelby counties.

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