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**APPENDIX
TO
DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' EMERGENCY MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION AND/OR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER**

Exhibit A – Defendants' Proposed Preliminary Injunction

Exhibit B – State of Illinois 2020 Candidate's Guide

Exhibit C – State of Illinois 2020 Election & Campaign Finance Calendar

Exhibit A

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PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION ORDER

Plaintiffs have moved for a preliminary injunction seeking relief from certain provisions of the Illinois Election Code because of the difficulties caused by the current pandemic.

Defendants, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, and the members of the Illinois State Board of Elections, do not oppose entry of an order enjoining enforcement of certain provisions of the Election Code for the November 2020 election cycle only. Based on the circumstances as set out in the Motion for Preliminary Injunction and the Defendants' Response to the Motion, and the lack of opposition to this proposed injunction, the Court has determined that entry of a preliminary injunction is proper. Accordingly, it is ORDERED:

1. The in-person signature requirement, circulator statement, and notarization requirement of 10 ILCS 5/10-4 is enjoined from having effect for new political party and independent candidates, as defined in 10 ILCS 5/10-2 and 10 ILCS 5/10-3, for the November 2020 general election only. Specifically, the following portion of 10 ILCS 5/10-4 is enjoined:

At the bottom of each sheet of such petition shall be added a circulator's statement, signed by a person 18 years of age or older who is a citizen of the United States; stating the street address or rural route number, as the case may be, as well as the county, city, village or town, and state; certifying that the signatures on that sheet of the petition were signed in his or her presence; certifying that the

signatures are genuine; and either (1) indicating the dates on which that sheet was circulated, or (2) indicating the first and last dates on which the sheet was circulated, or (3) certifying that none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petition; and certifying that to the best of his knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition duly registered voters under Articles 4, 5 or 6 of the Code of the political subdivision or district for which the candidate or candidates shall be nominated, and certifying that their respective residences are correctly stated therein. Such statement shall be sworn to before some officer authorized to administer oaths in this State.

2. The requirement in 10 ILCS 5/10-4 that a new party or independent candidate must file the “original sheets which have been signed by the voters and by the circulator, and not photocopies or duplicates of such sheets” is also enjoined.

3. The number of signatures required for any new party or independent candidate to qualify for the ballot for the November 2020 general election is reduced by 50% of the number set forth in the State of Illinois 2020 Candidate’s Guide for that office.

4. Good cause exists to waive the posting of any bond, therefore the requirement of posting a bond is hereby waived.

So Ordered.

Dated:

U.S. District Judge

Exhibit B

State of Illinois

2020 CANDIDATE'S GUIDE

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AMENDMENTS

Amendment Date	Revised Page Number	Change Made
7/26/2019	47 & 48	County Board of Review Member was mistakenly included with offices elected at-large and has been updated to be with offices elected by district. As such, signature requirement calculations should be by district and not at-large.
8/20/2019	48	County Board Chair was changed to County Board Chairman to match language in 55 ILCS 5/2-3007.
8/26/2019	24	The Green Party is not established in any congressional district; therefore, the signature requirement has been removed.
9/6/2019	52	The signature requirement for Adams/Brown/Cass/Morgan/Pike/Scott for the office of Regional Superintendent of Schools has been removed. The only vacancy in office is for Mason/Tazewell/Woodford, for which the signature requirements have been added.
9/6/2019	47	Corrected to cover all county offices elected on a countywide basis.
9/6/2019	48	Corrected to cover all county offices elected by district (excluding Cook County Board of Review Commissioners).
3/16/2020	25	Corrected term of office for Illinois State Senate to two years instead of four years.

PREFACE

THE 2020 CANDIDATE'S GUIDE

This Candidate's Guide has been prepared to provide information for candidates seeking office in 2020. It includes a listing of offices nominated or elected, filing dates, general requirements for filing, and specific requirements for individual offices. In addition, information is provided regarding nomination procedures and the objection process. Also included is a section that provides answers to some of the more frequently asked questions about nominating petitions and procedures. A signature requirements section is included with each specific office in this guide.

All citations contained herein refer to the Illinois Election Code [10 ILCS 5/1-1 et seq., as amended] or as otherwise indicated. This guide may be amended to include new legislation and court decisions as they arise. Please visit the Illinois State Board of Election's website for any updates.

Legal information contained in this guide is not binding and should not be construed as sufficient argument in response to an objection to any candidate's nominating papers. The State Board of Elections recommends that all prospective candidates consult with competent legal counsel when preparing their nomination papers.

Statutory deadlines for filing objections and for withdrawing from all but one incompatible office will depend on the filing period. Specific deadline dates can be found in the [SBE Election and Campaign Finance Calendar for 2020](#) located under "Election Guides." The calendar, this guide, and filing date announcements can be found on the State Board of Elections website.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting your election authority or the State Board of Elections.

APPARENT CONFORMITY

The State Board of Elections conducts an "apparent conformity" review of all nominating petitions filed therein. The review will take place after a petition is filed and will be limited to determining the following:

(1) Whether a signed Statement of Candidacy has been filed, and (2) whether the filed nominating sheets contain gross signatures equal to or exceeding 10% of the minimum number of signatures required for the office sought.

All candidates whose petitions fail the apparent conformity review will be notified in writing and given the opportunity to appear before the State Board of Elections at its first meeting held to call petition objection cases before a determination is made to reject the candidate's petition on the basis of non-conformity.

Additionally, SBE employees will no longer be available during filing periods to notarize documents.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

The State Board of Elections also produces additional guides that can be helpful when preparing to run for office. The [Election and Campaign Finance Calendar](#) lists more specific dates and deadlines to follow, and the [County Officials book](#) and [Federal and State Officers book](#), located under "Directory of Officials," has relevant contact information for elected officials. On our website under [Campaign Disclosure](#) you can also find information in regards to understanding disclosure and different tutorials on the financial filing process.

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GLOSSARY

BUSINESS DAY

Any day in which the office of an election authority, local election official or the State Board of Elections is open to the public for a minimum of seven hours. [10 ILCS 5/1-3(22)]

Note: If the first or last day fixed by law to do any act required or allowed by the election code falls on a State holiday or a Saturday or a Sunday, the period shall extend through the first business day next following the day otherwise fixed as the first or last day, irrespective of whether any election authority or local election officials conducts business on the State holiday, Saturday or Sunday. [10 ILCS 5/1-6(a)]

CALL

A notice to members of the electoral board, the objector and the candidate (or proponent of the referendum) of the time and place that the electoral board will convene to begin the hearing on the objection.

DISTRICT

Any area which votes as a unit for the election of any officer, other than the State or a unit of local government or school district, including but not limited to, legislative, representative, congressional and judicial districts, judicial circuits, county board districts, municipal and sanitary district wards, school board districts and precincts. [10 ILCS 5/1-3(14)]

ELECTION AUTHORITY

The County Clerk or the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/1-3(8)]

ELECTION JURISDICTION

- 1) An entire county, in the case of a county in which no city board of election commissioners is located or which is under the jurisdiction of a county board of election commissioners;
- 2) The territorial jurisdiction of a city board of election commissioners; and
- 3) The territory in a county outside of the jurisdiction of a city board of election commissioners.

In each instance, election jurisdiction shall be determined according to which election authority maintains the permanent registration records of qualified electors.

ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY

A political party which at the last election received more than 5% of the entire vote cast in the district or political subdivision. For more information on established political parties, see [page 14](#).

LEADING POLITICAL PARTY

One of the two political parties whose candidates for governor at the most recent three gubernatorial elections received either the highest or second highest average number of votes. The political party whose candidates for governor received the highest average number of votes shall be known as the first leading political party and the political party whose candidates for governor received the second highest average number of votes shall be known as the second leading political party. [10 ILCS 5/1-3(21)]

NEW POLITICAL PARTY

Initially formed by a petition filed with the local election official for that unit of government. For more information on new political parties, see [page 14](#).

NOTARY

A public officer who attests or certifies writings to make them authentic.

POLITICAL SLOGAN

Any word or words expressing or connoting a position, opinion or belief that the candidate may promote, including but not limited to, any word or words conveying any meaning other than that of the personal identity of the candidate.

POLITICAL OR GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISION

Any unit of local government or school district in which elections are or may be held.

REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE STATE, POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR DISTRICT

Whenever a statute requires that a nomination petition or a petition proposing a public question shall be signed by a specific percentage of the registered voters of the state, political subdivision or district, the total number of voters to which the percentage is applied shall be the number of voters who are registered in the state, political subdivision or district, as the case may be, on the date registration closed before the regular election next preceding the last day on which such petition may be filed. (10 ILCS 5/3-1.3)

VOTER

For the purpose of determining eligibility to sign a nominating petition or a petition proposing a public question, the terms “voter,” “registered voter,” “qualified voter,” “legal voter,” “elector,” “qualified elector,” “primary elector” and “qualified primary elector” as used in the Election Code or in another statute shall mean a person who is registered to vote at the address shown opposite their signature on the petition or was registered to vote at such address when they signed the petition. Any person, otherwise qualified under this section, who has not moved to another residence but whose address has changed as a result of implementation of a 9-1-1 emergency telephone system shall be considered a “voter,” “registered voter,” “qualified voter,” “legal voter,” “elector,” “qualified elector,” “primary elector” and “qualified primary elector.” (10 ILCS 5/3-1.2)

GENERAL PRIMARY MARCH 17, 2020

Third Tuesday in March
[10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(a)]

GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2020

First Tuesday after first Monday in November
[10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(a)]

OFFICERS NOMINATED AT THE PRIMARY & ELECTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION

President of the United States	County Auditors in counties with a population of 75,000-3,000,000
United States Senator	County Board Members (in counties under township organization)
Representatives in Congress, Districts 1-18	County Board of Review Members
State Senators (10 ILCS 5/29C-15), Districts: 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 31, 34, 37, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52, 55, 58	County Commissioners (in counties not under township organization)
Representatives in the General Assembly, Districts 1-118	County Circuit Clerks
Judges: Supreme Court, Appellate Court, Circuit Court, Resident Circuit Court, Subcircuits, all judges seeking retention, and addition judgeships if required	County Coroners
Regional Superintendent of Schools (vacancies)	County Recorder of Deeds (population over 60,000)
Sanitary District Commissioners and Trustees	States Attorneys

OFFICERS ELECTED AT THE PRIMARY

Delegates and Alternate Delegates (requirements available in the President & Alternate Delegates publication)	Precinct Committeeperson (all counties except Cook County)
Ward Committeeperson (City of Chicago)	School Districts under Article 33 of the School Code (members)
Special Charter Municipalities, Annual Municipal Election (officers)	

ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Municipal Primary (if required) February 4, 2020	Municipal General Election March 17, 2020
Contact your county clerk, board of election commissioners or municipal clerk for filing information. [10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2(b)(3)]	

CANDIDATE FILING PERIODS

Federal, State, and County

	FILING PERIOD	PETITION CIRCULATION
Established Political Parties	November 25 – December 2, 2019 [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12(1)] <i>The SBE will be closed November 28th & 29th for the Thanksgiving holiday.</i>	September 3, 2019
Special Judicial Filing Period	December 16 – December 23, 2019 [10 ILCS 5/7-12(1)] <i>For Supreme, Appellate and Circuit Court judges when a vacancy occurs between the three week filing period prior to the filing deadline, November 11 – December 2, 2019.</i>	
Republican Presidential Preference and Delegates/Alternate Delegates Democratic Presidential Preference and Delegates	January 2 – January 3, 2020 (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-11)	October 5, 2019
New Political Parties and Independents	June 15 – June 22, 2020 (10 ILCS 5/10-4, 10-6)	March 24, 2020

Municipal

	FILING PERIOD	PETITION CIRCULATION
Established Political Parties and Nonpartisan	October 14 – October 21, 2019 [10 ILCS 5/10-4, 10-6(5)]	July 23, 2019
New Political Party	November 25 – December 2, 2019 [10 ILCS 5/10-4, 10-6(3)]	September 3, 2019

School Boards Under Article 33 – City of Peoria only

	FILING PERIOD	PETITION CIRCULATION
Nonpartisan	October 28 – November 4, 2019 (10 ILCS 5/10-4, 10-6) (105 ILCS 5/33-1)	August 6, 2019

Sanitary District Act of 1936

	FILING PERIOD	PETITION CIRCULATION
Nonpartisan	June 15 – June 22, 2020 (10 ILCS 5/10-4, 10-6)	March 24, 2020

CANDIDATE CHECKLIST

- ☐ Meet **residency, age, and other qualifications** for the specific office
- ☐ File paperwork with the **SBE Campaign Disclosure division** or the **Federal Election Commission** regarding finances (if needed)
- ☐ File a notarized **Statement of Candidacy** including (but not limited to):
 - Your name
 - Your address
 - Office sought
 - Party
 - Office location (for example, the district or county)
 - Date of the election
- ☐ File a **Statement of Economic Interests receipt** (does not apply to federal offices or political party offices)
- ☐ File a **Loyalty Oath** (optional)
- ☐ File a **Code of Fair Campaign Practices** (optional)
- ☐ File notarized **petition sheets** with the required number of signatures, numbered consecutively starting with the number "1"
- ☐ Include **Certificate of Deletions** with petitions, numbered consecutively starting with the number "1" (if applicable)
- ☐ Fill out **data entry card** (for people who file with the State Board of Elections) and place on top of nominating petition packet (does not need to be attached to packet)
- ☐ **File with the appropriate** election authority (see specific office in this guide for details)

Note: This checklist is not binding and should not be construed as sufficient argument in response to any objection or legal argument. If you have further questions, you may contact the division of Election Operations at the State Board of Elections or your legal counsel.

FILING FOR OFFICE

GENERAL FILING INFORMATION

OBTAIN LEGAL COUNSEL

Candidates are strongly advised to obtain legal counsel regarding their legal qualifications for office, the proper method for completing the petition forms with respect to the office, the minimum and maximum number of signatures required, the qualifications of signers and circulators, and other information.

FORMAT OF NOMINATION PAPERWORK

Election laws prescribe the general format to be submitted when seeking nomination to office. The State Board of Elections has prepared suggested forms for petitions, statements of candidacy and other applicable forms. The official SBE form number to be used is included under each office in this guide. The forms can be downloaded by clicking on the link or they may be obtained from your election authority. You may also purchase forms from election supply vendors.

FILING NOMINATING PAPERWORK

Nominating papers may be filed by mail or in person, either by the candidate or an agent of the candidate, in the appropriate filing period noted on [page four](#) (10 ILCS 5/7-12). The location of where to file is included under each office in this guide.

Filings must be received no earlier than 8:00 AM, or the normal opening hour of such office, on the first day of the filing period, and no later than 5:00 PM, or the close of business (whichever is later), on the last day of that filing period.

Welsh vs. Education Officer's Electoral Board, 322 Ill.App.3d 568, 750 N.E. 2d 222, Ill.Dec. 641 (1st Dist. 2001) (10 ILCS 5/1-4, 7-12(6), 10-6.2)

Note: The SBE **will not** accept any petition(s) for filing after 5:00 PM on the last day of the filing period. This applies to any individual(s) waiting in line as of the 5:00 PM deadline who have not yet filed their petition(s).

Candidates file nomination papers with the State Board of Elections for federal, state, judicial and multi-county offices. Nomination papers for county offices are filed with the county clerk. Candidates in Peoria County file with the Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners.

PETITIONS SENT IN BY MAIL

Petitions sent by mail (United States Post Office only) and received after midnight of the first day for filing, and in the first U.S. Postal Service delivery of that day, shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 AM or as of the normal opening hour of such day. Candidates who file by mail with the SBE, and who wish to qualify for the lottery, must mail petitions to the Springfield office at 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704-4503. Nominating petitions received through other delivery systems are not considered "mail" and will not be included in the lottery. **It is important to note that petitions received before the first day of filing cannot be accepted.** (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 8-9, 10-6.2)

BALLOT POSITION LOTTERY

The lottery is held within nine days following the last day to file petitions. Petitions filed in person at 8:00 AM on the first filing day or at the normal opening hour of such day, and petitions filed by mail and received in the first mail delivery of the first filing day, are included in the lottery drawing to determine the first ballot position. All other petitions, besides ones filed in the last hour of the filing deadline, are placed on the ballot in the order they are filed.

Two or more petitions filed within the last hour of the filing deadline (between 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM on the last filing day) shall be deemed filed simultaneously and are included in the lottery drawing to determine the final ballot position. For further information on the lottery process, see [page 20](#). (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 8-9, 10-6.2)

MULTIPLE FILINGS OF NOMINATION PAPERS

If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed for a candidate for the same office, the SBE, appropriate election authority or local election official where the petitions are filed shall, within two business days, notify the candidate of the multiple petition filings and that the candidate has **three business days after receipt of the notice** to notify the appropriate filing authority that the prior set of petitions may be canceled.

If the candidate notifies the proper filing authority, the last set of petitions filed shall be the only petitions to be considered valid. If the candidate fails to notify the proper filing authority, only the first set of petitions filed shall be valid and all subsequent petitions shall be void. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(11), 8-9(4), 10-6.2)

Note: If petitions for nomination have been filed for the same person for more than one political party, the candidate's name shall not be certified for the primary ballot for any party. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(9)]

INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES

If petitions for nomination have been filed for the same person for two or more offices that are incompatible (i.e. State Representative and State Senator), where the same person could not serve in more than one of such offices if elected, that person must withdraw as a candidate from all but one of such offices **within five business days** following the last day for petition filing. If petitions are filed for the same person for more than one political party, the candidate shall not be certified for either primary ballot. Judicial candidates at the circuit court level are limited to filing a petition for one circuit court vacancy and/or a petition for one subcircuit vacancy in any filing period. (10 ILCS 5/7-12, 8-9, 10-7)

Note: When a candidate withdraws their nomination papers, the original petition is not returned to the individual, but remains in the office of either the State Board of Elections, the election authority or local election official in which they filed. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

The Office of the Illinois Attorney General has issued a number of opinions on incompatibility of offices. For questions concerning the same, contact the Opinions Division of the Attorney General's office at (217) 782-9070.

CANDIDATES MUST FILE AS:

A candidate of an established political party;
A candidate of a new political party;
An independent candidate; or
A nonpartisan candidate [certain sanitary districts, school boards and nonpartisan municipalities].

CANDIDATES MUST FILE:

Statement of Candidacy
Loyalty oath (optional)
Receipt of filing a Statement of Economic Interests (not required for federal or political party offices – see [page 12](#))
Nominating petitions containing a sufficient number of original signatures*
Certificate of officers authorized to fill vacancies (for new political parties)
(10 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-11)

*The SBE has provided signature requirements located with each office in this guide for offices that file with the SBE. For candidates that file with the election authority or local election official, contact their office for specific signature requirements.

NOMINATION PAPERWORK & FORMATTING

COMPLETING A STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

Each candidate, whether an individual candidate or one whose name appears on a slate or certificate of nomination, must complete and file a Statement of Candidacy. The form of the candidate's name, as printed and signed, should match the name as printed on the petition. The address of the candidate, the office which the candidate is running for, the political party designation, if applicable, and statements that the person is qualified for the office specified, should also match the information that is printed on the petition. See each individual office in this guide for the correct SBE suggested Statement of Candidacy form.

The candidate must swear to or affirm and sign the Statement of Candidacy, and the statement must be notarized. The Statement of Candidacy must accompany the nomination papers and should be attached at the beginning of the packet.

PREPARING PETITION SHEETS

The petition signature sheets must be original, all one uniform size, and numbered consecutively, beginning with the top petition signature sheet as the number "1." The Statement of Candidacy, optional Loyalty Oath and receipt for filing the Statement of Economic Interests should be attached to the petition sheets, preferably on top, and do not need to be of uniform size to the petition sheets nor be numbered. The petition signature sheets must be neatly fastened together in book form at one edge in a secure and suitable manner (paperclips, clipboards, etc., are not secure ways to fasten petitions and will not be accepted by the State Board of Elections). The petitions must contain the original signatures of the voters and the original signature of the circulator, and shall not be photocopies or duplicates of such sheets.

(10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4)

Note: Once the petition has been filed it cannot be altered or added to. The only exception to this is the receipt for an economic interest statement, which must be filed no later than 5:00 PM for the State Board of Elections filers, or the close of business for other offices, on the last day to file nomination papers. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12, 10-4, 10-5)

The heading of the nomination petition pages must include information relative to the election, the candidate, the office, political party (when applicable) and the candidate's place of residence. The headings must be completed prior to the circulation of the petition sheet. **The State Board of Elections will certify each candidate's information as it appears on the first numbered page of the petition;** however, other election authorities may follow a different policy in regards to petition filing. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

NAMES ON PETITION SHEETS AND STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

A candidate's name on the petition sheets should match their name on the Statement of Candidacy. **The candidate's name should appear in exactly the same form on the petition sheet, Statement of Candidacy and Loyalty Oath.** The SBE will certify each candidate's name as it appears on the first numbered page of the petition (other election authorities may follow a different policy with regards to petitions filed with their offices). Failure to match the name on the petition to the name on the Statement of Candidacy may result in the candidate not being certified for the ballot.

Note: Petitions of candidates for specified offices, which are to be filed with the same officer, may contain the names of two or more candidates of the same political party for the same or different offices; however, each candidate must submit their own Statement of Candidacy, receipt for filing Statement of Economic Interests, and optional Loyalty Oath. (10 ILCS 5/7-10)

USING A NICKNAME OR OTHER TITLES ON FORMS

The candidate's given name or names, initial or initials, nickname by which the candidate is commonly known, or a combination thereof may be used in addition to the candidate's surname. No other designation such as a title, degree or nickname suggesting or implying possession of a title, degree or professional status, or similar information may be used in connection with the candidate's surname. Also, a candidate may not use a political slogan as part of their name on the ballot, notwithstanding that the political slogan may be part of the candidate's name

[10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17(b), 8-8.1, 10-5.1, 16-3(e)]

A candidate may not use a political slogan as part of their name on the ballot, notwithstanding that the political slogan may be part of the candidate's name. [10 ILCS 5/7-17(b), 16-3(e)]

Note: The State Board of Elections, local election official or election authority shall not certify to any election authority any candidate name designation that is inconsistent with this statutory reference. [10 ILCS 5/7-17(c), 16-3(f)]

CANDIDATE LEGAL NAME CHANGE

If a candidate has changed their name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in Illinois or any other jurisdiction within three years before the last day for filing the petition or certificate for that office, whichever is applicable, then the following must ensue:

- 1) The candidate's name on the petition or certificate must be followed by "formerly known as (list all prior names during the three year period) until name changed on (list date of each name change)";
- 2) The petition or certificate must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the candidate's previous names during the specified period; and
- 3) The date(s) each of those name(s) were changed.

Failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds for denying certification of the candidate's name for the ballot or removing the candidate's name from the ballot, as appropriate, but these requirements **do not** apply to name changes resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent's or parents' surname, marriage to assume a spouse's surname, or dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage to assume a former surname.

[10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17(b), 8-8.1, 10-5.1, 16.3(e)]

VOLUNTARY FILINGS:

Loyalty Oath: The filing of the Loyalty Oath is optional for candidates. The following court cases have held that the requirement for filing the Loyalty Oath is unconstitutional: Communist Party of Indiana v. Witcomb, 94 S. Ct. 656 414 U.S. 441 (1974); Communist Party of Illinois v. Ogilvie, 357 F. Supp. 105 (N.D. Ill. 1972); and Socialist Workers Party v. Ogilvie, 357 F. Supp. 109 (N.D. Ill. 1972).

Fair Campaign Practices Act:

Candidates and committees are urged to abide by the provisions for campaigning outlined in the Fair Campaign Practices Act. This is a voluntary statement made and filed prior to an election, vowing that the candidate making the statement will conduct a positive, rather than a negative, campaign. If a candidate or committee chooses to make such a statement, it shall be filed with the county clerk if the candidate is a local candidate or committee, or the State Board of Elections for offices that file within. (10 ILCS 5/29B et. seq.)

SIGNING AND CIRCULATING PETITIONS

PETITION CIRCULATOR REQUIREMENTS

Must be at least 18 years of age or will be 18 by the date of the upcoming General Election, and
A citizen of the United States (can be from outside of the district, county or state).

The circulator must personally witness all signatures given and sign the required circulator's statement affirming that all signatures were taken in their presence. No one may be considered a circulator of any petition page except the person who signs the circulator's statement. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4)

Petition sheets **must not** be circulated more than 90 days prior to the last day for the filing of the petitions. The circulator's statement on a candidate's petition sheet must specify either the dates on which the sheets were circulated, the first and last dates on which the sheet was circulated, or that none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing the petitions. See [page four](#) for dates when candidates may start circulating petition sheets. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4)

Note: Blank nomination petitions may be reproduced prior to circulation. The signatures of the signers, circulator and the notary public must be original. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

CIRCULATOR'S STATEMENT

A petition circulator must complete the circulator's statement at the bottom of each petition sheet certifying their address, age, citizenship information and that the signatures on that sheet were signed in their presence. They must certify that the signatures are genuine and, to the best of their knowledge, that the persons signing were duly registered voters of the political subdivision for which the candidate or candidates shall be nominated, or elected, and that their respective registration addresses are correctly stated therein. This statement shall be sworn to and signed by a notary. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4)

Petition circulators shall indicate on such petition their residence address (written or printed) including the street address or rural route number, as well as, city, village or town. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

SIGNING A PETITION

A signer must sign their own signature on the petition, meaning they cannot sign for someone else, such as another member of the family or another person in the household. Signers must also be registered voters in the political subdivision in which the candidate is seeking nomination or election. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-2, 10-3, 10-4)

CIRCULATING RESTRICTIONS:

A circulator may not circulate petitions for **more than one** political party. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)
Schober v. Young, 322

Ill.App.3d 996, 751 N.E. 2d 610, 256 Ill.Dec. 220 (4th Dist. 2001)

A circulator may not circulate petitions for an independent candidate(s) **in addition to** candidates for a new political party. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)

A circulator may not circulate petitions for **more than one new** political party. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)

A circulator may not circulate petitions for an established party **and** an independent or new party candidate. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)

Petition signers shall indicate on such petition their residence address (written or printed) including the street address or rural route number, as well as their city, village or town, county, and state. The state, county, city, village and town of residence may be pre-printed on the petition form when all of the electors signing the petition form reside therein. Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the residence address. A petition signer must be a registered voter from the address shown opposite their signature on the petition. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 3-1.2, 8-8, 10-3)

Note: A petition signer may change party affiliation from one election to another. *Kusper v. Pontikes*, 414 U.S. 51, 94 S. Ct. 303 (1973); *Sperling v. County Officers Electoral Board*, 57 Ill.2d 81, 209 N.E. 2d 589 (1974)

STRIKING SIGNATURES FROM A PETITION

Signatures may be struck from a petition by the circulator or the candidate prior to filing the petition. **All** of the following requirements are necessary to effect a valid striking of any signature (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-3):

The person striking the signature must initial the petition at the place where the signature is struck;

The person striking the signature must sign a certification (such as [SBE Form P-2A](#)) listing the page number and line number of each signature struck from the petition, which is to be filed as a part of the petition; and

The person striking signatures from independent candidate petitions must sign an additional certificate ([SBE Form P-2B](#)) specifying the number of certification pages listing stricken signatures, which are attached to the petition, and the page numbers indicated on such certifications. This additional certificate must be filed as part of the petition, shall be numbered and shall be attached immediately following the last page of voters' signatures and before the certifications of stricken signatures.

COMPUTING SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

When figuring signature requirements, the number of primary electors is determined as follows (10 ILCS 5/7-10):

In a **district**: total votes cast for the candidate for such political party who received the highest number of votes, statewide, at the last General Election in the state at which electors for President of the United States were elected.

In a **political subdivision**: total votes cast for the candidate for such political party who received the highest number of votes in such political subdivision at the last regular election at which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from that subdivision.

Note: Signature calculations can be found with each office in this guide for offices that file with the State Board of Elections. For offices that do not file with the SBE, signature requirement information has been provided, but the candidate will need to contact the individual county/election authority to determine the exact signature calculations for that office.

SIGNING RESTRICTIONS:

A signer **may not** sign petitions for a candidate of **more than one** political party for the same election. (10 ILCS 5/7-10)

A signer **may** sign petitions of one established political party for a primary election **and** one new political party or independent candidate for the following General Election. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

A signer may sign petitions of as many candidates of the same political party as they desires.*

*This differs for Nonpartisan/Independent candidates. The number of seats to be elected is the number of petitions that a voter can sign.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS RECEIPT

OBTAINING A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FORM

Candidates filing with the State Board of Elections may obtain Statement of Economic Interests forms from the State Board of Elections or the Index Division in the office of the Secretary of State. Candidates filing with the county or local election authorities may obtain Statement of Economic Interests forms from the county clerk's office.

FILING THE FORM

The completed Statement of Economic Interests **form** must be filed with the Index Division in the office of the Secretary of State, 111 East Monroe, Springfield, IL 62756, for candidates that file petitions with the State Board of Elections, or they may be filed with the county clerk in the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. For more information on filing the form, contact your election authority or the Index Division at (217) 782-7017 or (312) 814-8218. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)

Exception: The Statement of Economic Interests is not required for federal or party offices.

FILING THE RECEIPT

Each candidate must file a **receipt** indicating that they have filed a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12, 8-8, 10-5; 5 ILCS 420/1-101 et seq.)

Exception: The receipt is not required if the Statement of Economic Interests is filed with the same officer with which the nominating papers are filed (i.e. county officers). [10 ILCS 5/7-12(8)]

Candidates are advised to file their receipt at the same time they file their nominating petitions. While the receipt does not need to accompany the nominating petitions at the time of filing, it must be filed not later than 5:00 PM for the State Board of Elections, or the close of business for other offices, on the last day to file those petitions.

Note: The date and time at which a nominating petition was filed is not changed when the receipt of economic interests is filed at another time during the filing period. (10 ILCS 5/7-12, 10-5)

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

NOTICE OF OBLIGATION

The official with whom nomination papers are filed must provide to each candidate at the time they file nomination papers a notice of obligation to comply with the Illinois Campaign Financing Act. If a candidate files their nomination papers by mail, or an agent of the candidate files the nomination papers, the clerk or secretary with whom the petitions were filed will send the notice to the candidate by first class mail. The notice will state that the manual of instructions and forms for statements required to be filed under Article 9 of the Election Code are available from the State Board of Elections. Forms may also be downloaded from the SBE's website. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(7), 9-16, 10-6.1)

WHO IS REQUIRED TO FILE WITH THE SBE?

Candidates, groups or individuals who raise or spend more than \$5,000 in any 12 month period in support of or in opposition to a candidate, question of public policy, or for electioneering communication, generally must file paperwork to create a political committee with the State Board of Elections. Once created, political committees must then file disclosure reports with the Board, detailing the money they raise and spend. This filing obligation continues until a committee ceases operations, disposes of any remaining assets and files an acceptable "Final Report" with the Board.

Note: Electioneering communication is defined as any broadcast, cable, or satellite communication, including radio, TV or internet communication, that refers to a clearly identified candidate, political party or question of public policy that will appear on the ballot, is made within the 60 days before a general or consolidated election, or 30 days before a primary election, is targeted to the relevant electorate, and is clearly an appeal to vote for or against the candidate or question. Electioneering communication does not include communications by Section 501(c)(3) organizations, exclusively between labor unions and their members or Section 501(c)(6) organizations and their members.

Any entity other than a natural person who spends more than \$5,000 during a 12 month period on independent expenditures, or other expenditures supporting or opposing a candidate, must organize as a political committee and file disclosures with the Board. Individuals who spend more than \$3,000 during any 12 month period on independent expenditures supporting or opposing a particular candidate are required to file a special written disclosure with the Board. This disclosure, which must be filed within two business days of exceeding the \$3,000 threshold, gives information about the person making the independent expenditure as well as the dates, amounts and nature of the spending. Once the threshold is reached, the individual is required to report additional independent expenditures made in connection with the same election, in \$1,000 increments, until the conclusion of the election.

Note: Independent expenditures are roughly defined as any payment or expenditure including an electioneering communication, made to expressly advocate for or against a candidate or question of public policy, provided the spending is not made in concert or connection with a candidate or their committee.

INFLUENCING VOTERS WITH PUBLIC FUNDS

No public funds shall be used to urge any elector to vote for or against any candidate or proposition, or be appropriated for political or campaign purposes to any candidate or political organization. This provision shall not prohibit the use of public funds for dissemination of factual information relative to any proposition appearing on an election ballot, or for dissemination of information and arguments published and distributed pursuant to law in connection with a proposition to amend the Constitution of the State of Illinois. (10 ILCS 5/9-25.1)

MORE ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

For more information on filing reports, campaign finance questions and committee related questions, click [here](#) for frequently asked questions on campaign disclosure. If you have further questions, visit the Campaign Disclosure section of our website or contact our office to speak to a member of our Campaign Disclosure staff.

TYPES OF CANDIDATES

ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES

WHAT DEFINES AN ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY STATEWIDE?

A political party which at the last General Election for state and county offices polled for its candidate for Governor more than 5% of the entire vote cast for Governor, is an “established political party” as to the state and as to any district or political subdivision thereof. If any other statewide candidates of such political party polled more than 5% of the entire vote cast for the office for which they were running, then such political party shall be an “established political party” in the State, but not as to any district or political subdivision within the State. (10 ILCS 5/7-2, 10-2)

For example, if a Governor for the “Imaginary” party received more than 5% of the entire votes cast for Governor in Illinois, the “Imaginary” party would be an established political party throughout the entire state and for every office running established party candidates. If the Attorney General for the “Imaginary” party received more than 5% of the entire votes cast for Attorney General, the “Imaginary” party would only be an established political party for statewide offices and not for any district offices, such as State Representative or State Senator.

WHAT DEFINES AN ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY WITHIN THE JURISDICTION?

A political party which at the last election in any congressional district, legislative district, county, township, municipality or other political subdivision or district in the State polled more than 5% of the entire vote cast within such territorial area or political subdivision, as the case may be, has voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve the respective territorial area of such district or political subdivision, is an “established political party” as to such district or political subdivision. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

For example, if a candidate of the “Imaginary” party for State Senator in the 51st district received more than 5% of the entire votes cast in that district, the “Imaginary” party would be an established political party to just the 51st Senate district.

FILING PARTISAN IN THE PRIMARY & GETTING DEFEATED FOR NOMINATION

A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a partisan candidate at a primary election, and who is defeated for nomination, is prohibited from being listed on the ballot as an independent candidate or as a candidate of another political party and may not file a Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate at that general election. (10 ILCS 5/7-43, 7-61, 10-3, 17-61.1, 18-9.1)

NEW POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES

WHAT DEFINES A NEW POLITICAL PARTY?

A new political party is created when nomination papers are filed for a new political group within the state, a specific district or a political subdivision. If the new party receives more than 5% of the total votes cast at the General Election for Governor, it becomes an established political party as to the State and as to any district or political subdivision thereof. (10 ILCS 5/7-2, 10-2) See “What Defines an Established Political Party Statewide” and “What Defines an Established Political Party within the Jurisdiction” above for further information.

NEW POLITICAL PARTY NAME

The name for the new political party cannot contain more than five words. The new party name cannot bear the same name or include the name of any established political party. (10 ILCS 5/10-2, 10-5)

Note: See Norman v. Reed, 112 S.Ct.698, 502 U.S. 698, which held that Illinois' provision prohibiting use of the name of an established party so as to bar candidates running in one political subdivision from ever using the name of a political party established only in another, sweeps broader than necessary advance electoral order and, accordingly, violated the First Amendment right of political association.

CANDIDATES SEEKING ELECTION FROM DISTRICTS & AT-LARGE

When a petition to form a new political party is filed within a political subdivision for which officers are elected from districts and at-large, such petition shall consist of separate components for each district from which an officer is to be elected (see SBE Form P-8B). Each component shall be circulated only within the district of the political subdivision and signed only by qualified electors who are residents of that district. Each sheet of such petition must contain a complete list of the names of the candidates of the party for all offices to be filled in the political subdivision at-large, but the sheets comprising each component shall also contain the names of those candidates to be elected from the particular district.

Each component of the petition for each district from which an officer is to be elected must be signed by qualified voters of the district equaling not less than 5% of the number of voters who voted at the last regular election in such district at which officers were elected to serve the district. The entire petition, including all components, must be signed by a total of qualified voters of the entire political subdivision equaling in number not less than 5% of the number of voters who voted at the last regular election in such political subdivision at which an officer was elected to serve the political subdivision at-large. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICERS FORM

In addition to the candidate's nomination papers for a new political party, the candidate's paperwork must include a Certificate of Officers (SBE Form P-8C) listing the names and addresses of the new party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. **Failure to file this certificate may result in the party forfeiting the right to fill vacancies in nomination, but will not invalidate the petition.** See Peoples Independent Party v. Petroff, App 5 Dist. 1989, 138 Ill.Dec. 915. (10 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-11)

Note: If a new political party is invalidated in its entirety by an electoral board or upon judicial review, the new party officers cannot replace the entire slate of candidates on the pretext of filling vacancies in nomination. People ex. Rel. Vigilant Party vs. Village of Dolton, 118 Ill. App. 2d 392, 254 NE 2d 832 (1969). (10 ILCS 5/10-7)

NOMINATION PAPERWORK

As with established and independent candidates, a candidate for a new political party, in addition to a Certificate of Officers form, must file a Statement of Candidacy for each candidate, a Loyalty Oath (optional) for each candidate and a receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interests for each candidate, even if they are filing as a slate. (10 ILCS 5/10-5)

The party must nominate one candidate for each office to be filled within the political subdivision at the General Election. In the case of group offices, the number of candidates nominated must equal the number of positions being elected. See Reed v. Kusper, 154 Ill.2d 77, 180 Ill.Dec.685, 607 N.E.2d 1198 (1992); Green Party v. Henrichs, 355 Ill. App. 3d 445, 291 Ill. Dec. 35, 822 N.E.2d 910 (s Dist. 2005).

Note: The following court case has held that the full-slate requirement for new political parties is unconstitutional: *Libertarian Party of Illinois v. ISBE, et al.*, 872 F.3d 518 (7th Cir. 2017).

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

WHAT DEFINES AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE?

Independent candidates are those individuals who are not candidates of any political party, but who are candidates in a general election at which party candidates may appear on the ballot. Such candidates are listed on the ballot under the heading “Independent.” (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

Note: Because an independent candidate is an individual candidate not supported by a political party structure, there is no political party organization to fill a vacancy in nomination. (10 ILCS 5/10-7)

FILING PARTISAN IN THE PRIMARY & GETTING DEFEATED FOR NOMINATION

A candidate who has filed a statement of candidacy as a partisan candidate at a primary election is prohibited from being listed on the ballot at a general election as an Independent candidate or as a candidate of another political party, and may not file a Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate at that general election. (10 ILCS 5/7-43, 7-61, 10-3, 17-16.1, 18-9.1)

FILING OR VOTING A PARTISAN OFFICE

A person who filed a Statement of Candidacy for a partisan office as a qualified primary voter of an established political party or who voted the ballot of an established political party at a general primary election may not file a Statement of Candidacy as a candidate of a different established political party or as an Independent candidate for a partisan office to be filled at the general election immediately following the general primary for which the person filed the statement or voted the ballot. (10 ILCS 5/7-43)

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

HOW TO BECOME A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

A write-in candidate must file a notarized “Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate” no later than 61 days prior to the election. The declaration **must be filed with the proper election authority or authorities** in those jurisdictions in which the candidate is seeking to be a write-in candidate. Declaration of Intent forms are **not to be filed** with the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-59(b), 17-16.1, 18-9.1)

The “Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate” form can be obtained from the election authority’s office. (10 ILCS 5/17-16.1, 18-9.1)

Note: Whenever an objection to a candidate’s nominating papers for any office are sustained after the 61st day before the election, the candidate may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate form for that office with the proper election authority or authorities no later than seven days prior to the election. (10 ILCS 5/7-59(b), 17-16.1, 18-9.1)

WRITE-IN CANDIDATE QUALIFYING FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

For candidates running in the primary to qualify as a candidate for an established political party in a general election, a write-in candidate must receive the number of votes that is equal to or greater than the number of signatures required on a petition for that office if the number of candidates whose names appear on the primary ballot is less than the number of persons the party is entitled to nominate or elect to that office at the primary election. [10 ILCS 5/7-59(c)(1)]

The number of votes required for a write-in candidate to be nominated or elected to an office at a primary election, as outlined above, does not apply if:

- a) The number of votes they receives exceeds the number of votes received by at least one of the candidates whose name was printed on the ballot for nomination or election to the same office; or
- b) The number of candidates whose names appear on the ballot equals or exceeds the number of persons the party is entitled to nominate or elect to that office.

For example, if there are four Republicans running in the primary for one office, and there is one write-in candidate, then the write-in candidate just has to receive the highest number of votes. If there is no one besides that one write-in candidate running, then that candidate must get the number of votes equal to or greater than the number of signatures that were required to get on the general primary ballot for that office.

FILING PARTISAN IN THE PRIMARY & GETTING DEFEATED FOR NOMINATION

A candidate who is defeated for nomination at the general primary election is prohibited from filing a Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate at the subsequent general election. (10 ILCS 5/7-16.1, 18-9.1)

WINNING IN THE PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION

A winning write-in candidate in the General Primary Election who receives the required number of votes at the primary must file a Statement of Candidacy, receipt for the filing of the Statement of Economic Interests (exception for federal and party offices only) and an optional Loyalty Oath.

These forms must be filed within 10 days of the canvass and be filed with the certifying officer or board. For example, winning write-in candidates for State Representative would file with the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-60)

A winning write-in candidate in a general election must file a Statement of Candidacy, receipt for the filing of the Statement of Economic Interests (exception for federal and party offices only), and an optional loyalty oath. (10 ILCS 5/22-1)

OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATING PAPERS

FILING OBJECTIONS

Nomination papers shall be deemed to be valid unless objections are filed in writing, **with an original and two copies**, within **five business days after the last day for the filing of nomination papers**. Objection petitions that do not include two copies thereof shall not be accepted.

The last day to file an objection will depend on the filing period. For specific deadlines, see the [SBE Election and Campaign Finance Calendar for 2020](#) located under "Election Guides." The objection shall be filed with the State Board of Election, the election authority or local election official with whom the original nomination petition was filed. In the instance of an objection for the office of ward or precinct committeeperson, the objections shall be filed within five business days after the last day for filing nomination papers. (10 ILCS 5/7-13, 10-8)

PROCESSING OBJECTIONS

No later than noon on the second business day after receipt of an objector's petition, the State Board of Elections, election authority or local election official shall transmit by registered mail or receipted personal delivery the Certificate of Nomination or nomination papers and the original objector's petition to the chair of the proper electoral board designated in Section 10-9, or their authorized agent. The official shall transmit a copy of the objector's petition, by registered mail or receipted personal delivery, to the candidate who's Certificate of Nomination or nomination papers are objected to, addressed to the place of residence designated in said Certificate of Nomination or nomination papers. (10 ILCS 5/10-8)

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AS THE ELECTORAL BOARD

Within 24 hours of the receipt of the objector's petition, the Chair of the State Board of Elections shall send a call, by registered or certified mail, to the objector and candidate whose Certificate of Nomination or nomination papers are objected to stating the day, hour and place at which the State Board of Elections shall meet to hear the objection. (10 ILCS 5/10-10)

IN CASES WHERE THE SBE IS NOT THE ELECTORAL BOARD

The chair of the electoral board shall send a call by registered or certified mail to each of the members of the electoral board, the objector and the candidate, and shall also cause the Sheriff of the county or counties in which such officers and persons reside to serve a copy of such call upon each of the officers and persons within 24 hours after the receipt of the objector's petition. (10 ILCS 5/10-10)

ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING

The meeting of the electoral board shall not be less than three nor more than five days after receipt of the objector's petition by the chair of the electoral board. The electoral board on the first day of its meeting shall adopt rules and procedures for the introduction of evidence and the presentation of arguments and may, in its discretion, provide for the filing of briefs by the parties to the objection or by other interested persons. (10 ILCS 5/10-10)

FILING FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW

Within five days after the decision of the electoral board, the candidate or objector aggrieved by the decision of the board may file a petition for judicial review with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county in which the hearing of the electoral board was held, and must serve a copy of the petition upon the electoral board and other parties to the proceedings. The petition shall contain a brief statement of the reason why the decision of the board should be reversed. Court hearings are to be held within 30 days after the filing of the petition and the decisions delivered promptly thereafter. (10 ILCS 5/10-10.1)

If no petition for judicial review has been filed within five days after the decision of the electoral board, the electoral board shall transmit a copy of its ruling, together with the original Certificate of Nomination or nomination papers or petitions, and the original objector's petitions to the officers or board with whom they were on file, and such officers or board shall abide and comply with the ruling so made to all intents and purposes. (10 ILCS 5/10-10, 10-10.1)

LOTTERY

FILINGS REQUIRING A LOTTERY

Simultaneous filings of candidate nominating petitions for the same office occur for those candidates **in line at 8:00 AM** (or whenever the opening hour of the business may be; for example, if the office opens at 9:00 AM, all candidates in line as of 9:00 AM are in the lottery) or for petitions received after midnight of the first day for filing in the first U.S. Postal Service delivery of that day, on the first day of filing. Simultaneous filings can also occur during the last day of filing **during the last hour** of the filing deadline between 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM. The lottery system to be used by the State Board of Elections, the election authority or the local election official to break ties resulting from such simultaneous filings must be approved by the State Board of Elections.

CONDUCTING THE LOTTERY

Per State Board of Elections Rules and Regulations (as codified under the Illinois Administrative Procedures Act), Title 26, Chapter 1, Section 201.40, the following system has been approved:

1. The names of all candidates who filed simultaneously for the same office shall be listed alphabetically and shall be numbered consecutively commencing with the number one, which shall be assigned to the candidate whose name is listed first on the alphabetical list. Candidates filing a group petition for the same office shall be treated as one in the alphabetical list. For example, if five candidates by the name of Downs, Brown, Edwards, Cook, and Adams have filed simultaneously, they will be arranged alphabetically and assigned numbers as follows: Adams, one; Brown, two; Cook, three; Downs, four; and Edwards, five. If the same candidates filed, but Cook and Adams filed a group petition and Cook's name appeared first on the petition, then the candidates would be arranged as follows: Brown, one; Cook and Adams, two; Downs, three; and Edwards, four.
2. All ties will be broken by a single drawing. A number shall be placed in a container representing each number assigned to each candidate and group of candidates pursuant to the alphabetical listing procedures set forth in paragraph (1.) above. For example, if the largest number to be used for any office is five, then numbers one, two, three, four, and five will be placed in a container. In this manner, sufficient numbers will be placed in the container to conduct a drawing for all offices at the same time.
3. After the numbers are placed in the container, they shall be drawn one at a time from the container after they have been thoroughly shaken and mixed. The candidate or group of candidates in the position on an alphabetical list corresponding to the first number drawn shall be certified ahead of the other candidates listed on the alphabetical list. The candidate or group of candidates in the position on the alphabetical list corresponding to the second number drawn will be certified second and so forth until all numbers have been drawn. For example, where no group petitions were filed, if candidates Adams, Brown, Cook, Downs, and Edwards filed simultaneously at 8:00 AM on the first day of filing, and the number three is first drawn, then candidate Cook, who is listed in the third position on the alphabetical list, shall be certified first on the ballot. If the number one is drawn second, then candidate Adams, who is listed in the first position on the alphabetical list, shall be certified second on the ballot, and so on. For offices where group petitions were filed, using the example set forth above where candidates Cook and Adams file a group petition for the same office, and Cook's name appears first on the petition and number three is drawn first, then candidate Downs would be listed first. If the number two is drawn second, then candidates Cook and Adams would be certified second and third,

respectively. If the number four is drawn third, then candidate Edwards would be certified fourth, and so on. In districts with fewer names on the alphabetical list than are in the drawing, then all numbers in excess of the number of candidates or group of candidates that appear on the particular alphabetical list shall be disregarded. Thus, if five numbers are placed in the container and only four candidates or groups of candidates are on a particular list, then the number five shall be disregarded. For example, if candidates Adams and Cook, filing separate petitions, are the only candidates listed on the alphabetical list and five numbers are chosen in the following order: 3, 5, 4, 2 and 1, then candidate Cook's name will appear in the certification prior to the name of candidate Adams.

4. If two or more nominating petitions for the same office are presented between 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM on the last day for filing, they shall be deemed to be simultaneously filed and the last ballot position will be determined by a separate lottery using the same procedures detailed above. No nominating petitions will be accepted after 5:00 PM.
5. All candidates shall be certified in the order in which petitions have been filed with the State Board of Elections, election authority or the local election official. In cases where candidates have filed simultaneously, they shall be certified (in the order determined by the lottery procedure outlined above) prior to candidates who filed for the same office who filed their petitions at a later time, except in those situations where the law requires rotation on a district-by-district basis.

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NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Established Party ([SBE Form P-10](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-3](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-8](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Established Party ([SBE Form P-1](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-1B](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-1D](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([SBE Form P-1C](#))

Statement of Economic Interests: Not required for federal offices.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Established Party: Not less than 5,000 nor more than 10,000 primary electors of their party. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(a)]

Independent & New Party: Minimum of 1% of the number of voters who voted in the last statewide General Election or 25,000 qualified voters of the State, whichever is fewer. (10 ILCS 5/10-2, 10-3)

FILING INFORMATION

Established Party: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12)

Independent & New Party: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

All candidates will file with the Illinois State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704-4503, either by mail or in person.

Campaign Contributions: All candidates file with the Federal Election Commission, 1050 First Street NE, Washington D.C., 20463 (20002 for other delivery services outside U.S. Postal Service). If you have specific questions, you may call them at (800) 424-9530.

Note: Federal filing requirements are subject to change by the FEC. We advise that you contact the FEC for the latest information on filing requirements.

QUALIFICATIONS:

(United States Constitution, Article 1, Section 3; 10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-5)

30 years of age
United States citizen for nine years
Inhabitant of Illinois at the time of the election
Registered voter

FILING PERIODS:

Established Party:

November 25 – December 2, 2019

Independent and New Party:

June 15 – June 22, 2020

TERM:

Term of office: Six years
(United States Constitution, Amendment XX, Section 1)

Term begins: Noon, January 3, 2021
(United States Constitution, Amendment XX, Section 1)

SIGNATURE CALCULATIONS

Democrat	Republican	Independent	New Party
5,000 – 10,000		25,000	

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Established Party ([SBE Form P-11](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-3](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-8](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Established Party ([SBE Form P-1](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-1B](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-1D](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([SBE Form P-1C](#))

Statement of Economic Interests: Not required for federal offices.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Established Party: Not less than .5% (.005) of the qualified primary electors of the party in the congressional district at the last presidential election. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(b)]

Independent: Not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the total number of persons who voted at the last regular General Election within the congressional district. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

New Party: Not less than 5% of the total number of persons who voted at the last regular General Election within the congressional district. There is no maximum signature requirement. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

FILING INFORMATION

Established Party: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12)

Independent & New Party: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

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Campaign Contributions: All candidates file with the Federal Election Commission, 1050 First Street NE, Washington D.C., 20463 (20002 for other delivery services outside U.S. Postal Service). If you have specific questions, you may call them at (800) 424-9530.

Note: Federal filing requirements are subject to change by the FEC. We advise that you contact the FEC for the latest information on filing requirements.

QUALIFICATIONS:

(United States Constitution, Article 1, Section 2; 10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-5)

25 years of age
United States citizen for seven years
Inhabitant of Illinois at the time of the election
Registered voter

FILING PERIODS:

Established Party:

November 25 – December 2, 2019

Independent and New Party:

June 15 – June 22, 2020

TERM:

Term of office: Two years (United States Constitution, Article 1, Section 2)

Term begins: Noon, January 3, 2021
(United States Constitution, Amendment XX, Section 2)

SIGNATURE CALCULATIONS

District	Democrat	Republican	Independent	New Party
1	1,230	408	13,276 – 21,240	13,276

2	1,184	336	12,104 – 19,366	12,104
3	786	603	11,652 – 18,643	11,652
4	862	180	8,557 – 13,690	8,557
5	1,150	566	14,326 – 22,921	14,326
6	876	1,010	15,985 – 25,575	15,985
7	1,356	271	12,725 – 20,359	12,725
8	741	552	10,104 – 16,166	10,104
9	1,190	622	14,909 – 23,853	14,909
10	808	655	12,092 – 19,346	12,092
11	820	593	11,568 – 18,508	11,568
12	816	871	13,223 – 21,156	13,223
13	748	788	13,787 – 22,058	13,787
14	758	961	15,019 – 24,030	15,019
15	523	1,373	13,076 – 20,920	13,076
16	607	1,192	12,952 – 20,722	12,952
17	833	698	11,649 – 18,637	11,649
18	563	1,033	14,779 – 23,646	14,779

ILLINOIS STATE SENATOR

Districts: 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 31, 34, 37, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52, 55, 58 (10 ILCS 5/29C-5, 29C-10)

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Established Party ([SBE Form P-12](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-3](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-8](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Established Party ([SBE Form P-1](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-1B](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-1D](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([SBE Form P-1C](#))

Statement of Economic Interests: Filed with the Secretary of State, Index Division, 111 East Monroe Street, Springfield, IL 62756. The receipt must be filed with petitions or by the end of the filing period.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Established Party: At least 1,000 but not more than 3,000 of the candidate's party in the senate district. (10 ILCS 5/8-8)

Independent: Not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the total number of persons who voted at the last General Election in such district or political subdivision in which such district or political subdivision voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

New Party: Not less than 5% of the total number of persons who voted at the last General Election in such district in which such district voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area. There is no maximum signature requirement. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

FILING INFORMATION

Established Party: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12)

Independent & New Party: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

All candidates will file with the Illinois State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704-4503, either by mail or in person.

Campaign Contributions: Reports must be filed either electronically or on paper with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704, or 100 West Randolph St., Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

REDISTRICTING

In the General Election following redistricting, a candidate for the General Assembly may be elected from any district that contains a part of the district in which they resided at the time of redistricting and reelected if a resident of the new district they represent for 18 months prior to reelection. [Illinois Constitution, Article IV, Section 2(c)]

QUALIFICATIONS:

[Illinois Constitution, Article IV, Section 2(c)]

21 years of age
United States citizen
Resident of the district for two years preceding the election
Registered voter

FILING PERIODS:

Established Party:

November 25 – December 2, 2019

Independent and New Party:

June 15 – June 22, 2020

TERM:

Term of office: Two years
(10 ILCS 5/29C-15)

Term begins: January 13, 2021 [Illinois Constitution, Article IV, Section 5(a)]

SIGNATURE CALCULATIONS

District	Democrat	Republican	Independent	New Party
1	1,000 – 3,000		2,926 – 4,680	2,926
4	1,000 – 3,000		5,107 – 8,170	5,107
7	1,000 – 3,000		4,983 – 7,972	4,983
10	1,000 – 3,000		4,637 – 7,417	4,637
13	1,000 – 3,000		4,871 – 7,793	4,871
16	1,000 – 3,000		4,370 – 6,991	4,370
19	1,000 – 3,000		5,549 – 8,877	5,549
22	1,000 – 3,000		3,290 – 5,262	3,290
25	1,000 – 3,000		5,189 – 8,302	5,189
28	1,000 – 3,000		4,653 – 7,444	4,653
31	1,000 – 3,000		4,611 – 7,377	4,611
34	1,000 – 3,000		4,077 – 6,522	4,077
37	1,000 – 3,000		5,576 – 8,920	5,576
40	1,000 – 3,000		4,760 – 7,615	4,760
43	1,000 – 3,000		4,079 – 6,525	4,079
46	1,000 – 3,000		4,337 – 6,937	4,337
49	1,000 – 3,000		5,075 – 8,119	5,075
52	1,000 – 3,000		4,523 – 7,236	4,523
55	1,000 – 3,000		4,994 – 7,989	4,994
58	1,000 – 3,000		5,075 – 8,118	5,075

The offices below will not be on the 2020 election ballot unless a vacancy in office were to occur.

District	Democrat	Republican	Independent	New Party
2	1,000 – 3,000		3,068 – 4,908	3,068
3	1,000 – 3,000		3,793 – 6,068	3,793
5	1,000 – 3,000		3,816 – 6,105	3,816
6	1,000 – 3,000		5,332 – 8,530	5,332
8	1,000 – 3,000		3,496 – 5,592	3,496
9	1,000 – 3,000		5,244 – 8,389	5,244
11	1,000 – 3,000		2,435 – 3,894	2,435
12	1,000 – 3,000		2,416 – 3,865	2,416
14	1,000 – 3,000		4,037 – 6,459	4,037
15	1,000 – 3,000		3,546 – 5,672	3,546
17	1,000 – 3,000		4,016 – 6,425	4,016

18	1,000 – 3,000	4,346 – 6,952	4,346
20	1,000 – 3,000	3,212 – 5,138	3,212
21	1,000 – 3,000	5,001 – 8,001	5,001
23	1,000 – 3,000	3,658 – 5,852	3,658
24	1,000 – 3,000	5,172 – 8,274	5,172
26	1,000 – 3,000	4,987 – 7,977	4,987
27	1,000 – 3,000	4,608 – 7,372	4,608
29	1,000 – 3,000	4,125 – 6,599	4,125
30	1,000 – 3,000	2,916 – 4,664	2,916
32	1,000 – 3,000	4,135 – 6,614	4,135
33	1,000 – 3,000	4,674 – 7,477	4,674
35	1,000 – 3,000	4,066 – 6,504	4,066
36	1,000 – 3,000	3,855 – 6,166	3,855
38	1,000 – 3,000	4,101 – 6,561	4,101
39	1,000 – 3,000	3,319 – 5,309	3,319
41	1,000 – 3,000	4,960 – 7,934	4,960
42	1,000 – 3,000	2,599 – 4,158	2,599
44	1,000 – 3,000	4,408 – 7,051	4,408
45	1,000 – 3,000	4,056 – 6,489	4,056
47	1,000 – 3,000	3,719 – 5,949	3,719
48	1,000 – 3,000	3,764 – 6,022	3,764
50	1,000 – 3,000	4,736 – 7,576	4,736
51	1,000 – 3,000	4,572 – 7,313	4,572
53	1,000 – 3,000	4,098 – 6,556	4,098
54	1,000 – 3,000	4,328 – 6,924	4,328
56	1,000 – 3,000	4,199 – 6,717	4,199
57	1,000 – 3,000	3,822 – 6,115	3,822
59	1,000 – 3,000	4,218 – 6,748	4,218

ILLINOIS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Established Party ([SBE Form P-13](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-3](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-8](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Established Party ([SBE Form P-1](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-1B](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-1D](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([SBE Form P-1C](#))

Statement of Economic Interests: Filed with the Secretary of State, Index Division, 111 East Monroe Street, Springfield, IL 62756. The receipt must be filed with petitions or by the end of the filing period.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Established Party: At least 500 but not more than 1,500 qualified primary electors of the candidate's party in the representative district. (10 ILCS 5/8-8)

Independent: Not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the total number of persons who voted at the last General Election in such district or political subdivision in which such district or political subdivision voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

New Party: Not less than 5% of the total number of persons who voted at the last General Election in such district in which such district voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area. There is no maximum signature requirement. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

FILING INFORMATION

Established Party: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12)

Independent & New Party: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

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REDISTRICTING

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QUALIFICATIONS:

[Illinois Constitution, Article IV, Section 2(c)]

21 years of age
United States citizen
Resident of the district for two years preceding the election
Registered voter

FILING PERIODS:

Established Party:

November 25 – December 2, 2019

Independent and New Party:

June 15 – June 22, 2020

TERM:

Term of office: Two years

Term begins: January 13, 2021 [Illinois Constitution, Article IV, Section 5(a)]

SIGNATURE CALCULATIONS

District	Democrat	Republican	Independent	New Party
1	500 – 1,500		1,018 – 1,628	1,018
2	500 – 1,500		1,228 – 1,963	1,228
3	500 – 1,500		1,213 – 1,939	1,213
4	500 – 1,500		1,856 – 2,968	1,856
5	500 – 1,500		2,176 – 3,480	2,176
6	500 – 1,500		1,618 – 2,588	1,618
7	500 – 1,500		2,199 – 3,517	2,199
8	500 – 1,500		1,923 – 3,075	1,923
9	500 – 1,500		1,888 – 3,020	1,888
10	500 – 1,500		1,928 – 3,084	1,928
11	500 – 1,500		2,572 – 4,114	2,572
12	500 – 1,500		2,761 – 4,416	2,761
13	500 – 1,500		2,280 – 3,646	2,280
14	500 – 1,500		2,119 – 3,389	2,119
15	500 – 1,500		1,854 – 2,965	1,854
16	500 – 1,500		1,642 – 2,627	1,642
17	500 – 1,500		2,549 – 4,077	2,549
18	500 – 1,500		2,695 – 4,311	2,695
19	500 – 1,500		1,817 – 2,905	1,817
20	500 – 1,500		1,920 – 3,071	1,920
21	500 – 1,500		990 – 1,583	990
22	500 – 1,500		1,445 – 2,310	1,445
23	500 – 1,500		1,247 – 1,993	1,247
24	500 – 1,500		1,170 – 1,871	1,170
25	500 – 1,500		1,880 – 3,007	1,880
26	500 – 1,500		2,188 – 3,499	2,188
27	500 – 1,500		2,189 – 3,502	2,189
28	500 – 1,500		1,849 – 2,956	1,849
29	500 – 1,500		1,967 – 3,146	1,967
30	500 – 1,500		1,579 – 2,526	1,579
31	500 – 1,500		1,860 – 2,975	1,860
32	500 – 1,500		1,441 – 2,305	1,441
33	500 – 1,500		1,953 – 3,123	1,953
34	500 – 1,500		2,064 – 3,301	2,064

35	500 – 1,500	2,307 – 3,691	2,307
36	500 – 1,500	2,039 – 3,261	2,039
37	500 – 1,500	2,389 – 3,822	2,389
38	500 – 1,500	2,179 – 3,486	2,179
39	500 – 1,500	1,577 – 2,522	1,577
40	500 – 1,500	1,636 – 2,616	1,636
41	500 – 1,500	2,424 – 3,878	2,424
42	500 – 1,500	2,577 – 4,123	2,577
43	500 – 1,500	1,055 – 1,686	1,055
44	500 – 1,500	1,407 – 2,251	1,407
45	500 – 1,500	2,044 – 3,270	2,044
46	500 – 1,500	1,614 – 2,582	1,614
47	500 – 1,500	2,629 – 4,205	2,629
48	500 – 1,500	2,543 – 4,068	2,543
49	500 – 1,500	2,095 – 3,350	2,095
50	500 – 1,500	2,401 – 3,840	2,401
51	500 – 1,500	2,624 – 4,198	2,624
52	500 – 1,500	2,363 – 3,779	2,363
53	500 – 1,500	2,320 – 3,712	2,320
54	500 – 1,500	2,288 – 3,660	2,288
55	500 – 1,500	1,882 – 3,010	1,882
56	500 – 1,500	1,844 – 2,949	1,844
57	500 – 1,500	1,729 – 2,765	1,729
58	500 – 1,500	2,397 – 3,833	2,397
59	500 – 1,500	1,828 – 2,923	1,828
60	500 – 1,500	1,088 – 1,740	1,088
61	500 – 1,500	1,970 – 3,151	1,970
62	500 – 1,500	1,762 – 2,818	1,762
63	500 – 1,500	1,928 – 3,084	1,928
64	500 – 1,500	2,391 – 3,825	2,391
65	500 – 1,500	2,594 – 4,149	2,594
66	500 – 1,500	2,081 – 3,328	2,081
67	500 – 1,500	1,139 – 1,822	1,139
68	500 – 1,500	2,071 – 3,313	2,071
69	500 – 1,500	2,069 – 3,309	2,069
70	500 – 1,500	1,997 – 3,194	1,997

71	500 – 1,500	2,053 – 3,284	2,053
72	500 – 1,500	1,802 – 2,882	1,802
73	500 – 1,500	2,315 – 3,702	2,315
74	500 – 1,500	2,235 – 3,574	2,235
75	500 – 1,500	2,138 – 3,420	2,138
76	500 – 1,500	1,964 – 3,140	1,964
77	500 – 1,500	1,119 – 1,789	1,119
78	500 – 1,500	2,200 – 3,519	2,200
79	500 – 1,500	1,780 – 2,846	1,780
80	500 – 1,500	2,015 – 3,222	2,015
81	500 – 1,500	2,510 – 4,015	2,510
82	500 – 1,500	2,450 – 3,918	2,450
83	500 – 1,500	990 – 1,583	990
84	500 – 1,500	1,610 – 2,574	1,610
85	500 – 1,500	1,667 – 2,666	1,667
86	500 – 1,500	1,526 – 2,441	1,526
87	500 – 1,500	2,146 – 3,432	2,146
88	500 – 1,500	2,320 – 3,711	2,320
89	500 – 1,500	2,094 – 3,349	2,094
90	500 – 1,500	1,963 – 3,139	1,963
91	500 – 1,500	1,816 – 2,905	1,816
92	500 – 1,500	1,599 – 2,558	1,599
93	500 – 1,500	1,746 – 2,792	1,746
94	500 – 1,500	1,973 – 3,156	1,973
95	500 – 1,500	2,091 – 3,344	2,091
96	500 – 1,500	1,674 – 2,677	1,674
97	500 – 1,500	2,250 – 3,599	2,250
98	500 – 1,500	1,931 – 3,088	1,931
99	500 – 1,500	2,700 – 4,319	2,700
100	500 – 1,500	2,036 – 3,257	2,036
101	500 – 1,500	2,412 – 3,859	2,412
102	500 – 1,500	2,160 – 3,454	2,160
103	500 – 1,500	1,913 – 3,059	1,913
104	500 – 1,500	1,854 – 2,966	1,854
105	500 – 1,500	2,221 – 3,552	2,221
106	500 – 1,500	1,878 – 3,004	1,878

107	500 – 1,500	1,992 – 3,186	1,992
108	500 – 1,500	2,338 – 3,740	2,338
109	500 – 1,500	2,028 – 3,244	2,028
110	500 – 1,500	1,868 – 2,987	1,868
111	500 – 1,500	1,919 – 3,068	1,919
112	500 – 1,500	2,281 – 3,648	2,281
113	500 – 1,500	1,959 – 3,134	1,959
114	500 – 1,500	1,893 – 3,028	1,893
115	500 – 1,500	2,128 – 3,403	2,128
116	500 – 1,500	2,143 – 3,427	2,143
117	500 – 1,500	2,230 – 3,568	2,230
118	500 – 1,500	1,988 – 3,180	1,988

SUPREME COURT JUDGE

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Established Party ([SBE Form P-14](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-3](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-8](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Established Party ([SBE Form P-1](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-1B](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-1D](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([SBE Form P-1C](#))

Statement of Economic Interests: Filed with the Secretary of State, Index Division, 111 East Monroe Street, Springfield, IL 62756. The receipt must be filed with petitions or by the end of the filing period.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Established Party: At least .4% (.004) of the number of votes cast in that district for the candidate for their political party for the office of Governor at the last General Election at which a Governor was elected, but in no event less than 500 signatures. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(h)]

Independent: Not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the total number of persons who voted at the last regular General Election within the district in which such district voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area, except that where 5% is greater than 25,000, the minimum number of signatures required is 25,000. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

New Party: Not less than 5% of the total number of persons who voted at the last General Election within the district in which such district voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area, except that where 5% is greater than 25,000, the minimum number of signatures required is 25,000. There is no maximum signature requirement. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

QUALIFICATIONS:

(General qualifications, Supreme Court, Rule 701; Illinois Constitution, Article VI, Section 11; 10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-5)

21 years of age
United States citizen
Licensed attorney-at-law in Illinois
Resident of judicial unit
Registered voter

FILING PERIODS:

Established Party:

November 25 – December 2, 2019

Vacancy occurring November 11 – December 2, 2019:

December 16 – December 23, 2019

Independent and New Party:

June 15 – June 22, 2020

TERM:

Term of office: 10 years (Illinois Constitution, Article VI, Section 10)

Term begins: December 7, 2020
[10 ILCS 5/1A-19(c)]

FILING INFORMATION

Established Party: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12)

Independent & New Party: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

Vacancy occurring November 11 – December 2, 2019: Not more than 92 nor less than 85 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12)

All candidates will file with the Illinois State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704-4503, either by mail or in person.

Campaign Contributions: Reports must be filed either electronically or on paper with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704, or 100 West Randolph St., Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

SIGNATURE CALCULATIONS

District	Democrat	Republican	Independent	New Party
1	5,050	1,705	25,000 – 143,625	25,000
2	2,185	2,143	25,000 – 93,988	25,000
3	1,160	1,220	25,000 – 52,469	25,000
4	750	988	25,000 – 40,204	25,000
5	776	1,010	25,000 – 40,452	25,000

APPELLATE COURT JUDGE

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Established Party ([SBE Form P-15](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-3](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-8](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Established Party ([SBE Form P-1](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-1B](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-1D](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([SBE Form P-1C](#))

Statement of Economic Interests: Filed with the Secretary of State, Index Division, 111 East Monroe Street, Springfield, IL 62756. The receipt must be filed with petitions or by the end of the filing period.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Established Party: At least .4% (.004) of the number of votes cast in that district for the candidate for their political party for the office of Governor at the last General Election at which a Governor was elected, but in no event less than 500 signatures. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(h)]

Independent: Not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the total number of persons who voted at the last regular General Election within the district in which such district voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area, except that where 5% is greater than 25,000, the minimum number of signatures required is 25,000. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

New Party: Not less than 5% of the total number of persons who voted at the last General Election within the district in which such district voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area, except that where 5% is greater than 25,000, the minimum number of signatures required is 25,000. There is no maximum signature requirement. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

QUALIFICATIONS:

(General qualifications, Supreme Court, Rule 701; Illinois Constitution, Article VI, Section 11; 10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-5)

21 years of age
United States citizen
Licensed attorney-at-law in Illinois
Resident of judicial unit
Registered voter

FILING PERIODS:

Established Party:

November 25 – December 2, 2019

Vacancy occurring November 11 – December 2, 2019:

December 16 – December 23, 2019

Independent and New Party:

June 15 – June 22, 2020

TERM:

Term of office: 10 years (Illinois Constitution, Article VI, Section 10)

Term begins: December 7, 2020
[10 ILCS 5/1A-19(c)]

FILING INFORMATION

Established Party: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12)

Independent & New Party: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

Vacancy occurring November 11 – December 2, 2019: Not more than 92 nor less than 85 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12)

All candidates will file with the Illinois State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704-4503, either by mail or in person.

Campaign Contributions: Reports must be filed either electronically or on paper with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704, or 100 West Randolph St., Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

SIGNATURE CALCULATIONS

District	Democrat	Republican	Independent	New Party
1	5,050	1,705	25,000 – 143,625	25,000
2	2,185	2,143	25,000 – 93,988	25,000
3	1,160	1,220	25,000 – 52,469	25,000
4	750	988	25,000 – 40,204	25,000
5	776	1,010	25,000 – 40,452	25,000

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Excluding Cook County

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Established Party, Circuit Court ([SBE Form P-17](#)), Resident Circuit Court ([SBE Form P-18](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-3](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-8](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Established Party ([SBE Form P-1](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-1B](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-1D](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([SBE Form P-1C](#))

Statement of Economic Interests: Filed with the Secretary of State, Index Division, 111 East Monroe Street, Springfield, IL 62756. The receipt must be filed with petitions or by the end of the filing period.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Established Party: At least .25% (.0025) of the number of votes cast for the judicial candidate of their political party who received the highest number of votes at the last General Election at which a judicial officer from the same circuit was regularly scheduled to be elected, but in no event less than 500 signatures. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(h)]

Independent: Not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the total number of persons who voted at the last regular General Election within the judicial unit in which such circuit voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area, except that where 5% is greater than 25,000, the minimum number of signatures required is 25,000. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

New Party: Not less than 5% of the total number of persons who voted at the last General Election within the judicial unit in which such circuit voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area, except that where 5% is greater than 25,000, the minimum number of signatures required is 25,000. There is no maximum signature requirement. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

FILING INFORMATION

Established Party: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12)

Independent & New Party: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

Vacancy occurring November 11 – December 2, 2019: Not more than 92 nor less than 85 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12)

All candidates will file with the Illinois State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704-4503, either by mail or in person.

QUALIFICATIONS:

(General qualifications, Supreme Court, Rule 701; Illinois Constitution, Article VI, Section 11; 10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-5)

21 years of age
United States citizen
Licensed attorney-at-law in Illinois
Resident of judicial unit
Registered voter

FILING PERIODS:

Established Party:

November 25 – December 2, 2019

Vacancy occurring November 11 – December 2, 2019:

December 16 – December 23, 2019

Independent and New Party:

June 15 – June 22, 2020

TERM:

Term of office: Six years (Illinois Constitution, Article VI, Section 10)

Term begins: December 7, 2020
[10 ILCS 5/1A-19(c)]

Campaign Contributions: Reports must be filed either electronically or on paper with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704, or 100 West Randolph St., Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

SIGNATURE CALCULATIONS

Circuit Court Judge				
Circuit	Democrat	Republican	Independent	New Party
1	500	500	4,164 – 6,661	4,164
2	500	500	3,788 – 6,060	3,788
3	500	500	5,606 – 8,969	5,606
4	500	500	4,064 – 6,501	4,064
5	500	500	2,892 – 4,625	2,892
6	500	500	7,272 – 11,634	7,272
7	500	500	5,768 – 9,227	5,768
8	500	500	2,717 – 4,346	2,717
9	500	500	3,056 – 4,888	3,056
10	500	500	7,643 – 12,227	7,643
11	500	500	6,314 – 10,101	6,314
12	500	500	12,478 – 19,963	12,478
1 st Subcircuit	500	500	2,307 – 3,690	2,307
2 nd Subcircuit	500	500	1,579 – 2,525	1,579
3 rd Subcircuit	500	500	1,980 – 3,167	1,980
4 th Subcircuit	500	500	1,980 – 3,167	1,980
5 th Subcircuit	500	500	1,980 – 3,167	1,980
13	500	500	3,286 – 5,256	3,286
14	500	500	4,266 – 6,825	4,266
15	500	500	3,961 – 6,336	3,961
16	500	500	8,602 – 13,762	8,602
1 st Subcircuit	500	500	1,258 – 2,012	1,258
2 nd Subcircuit	500	500	1,600 – 2,558	1,600
3 rd Subcircuit	500	500	2,270 – 3,631	2,270
4 th Subcircuit	500	500	2,929 – 4,684	2,929
5 th Subcircuit	500	500	1,720 – 2,752	1,720
17	500	500	5,745 – 9,192	5,745
1 st Subcircuit	500	500	1,436 – 2,298	1,436
2 nd Subcircuit	500	500	1,436 – 2,298	1,436
3 rd Subcircuit	500	500	2,056 – 3,289	2,056
4 th Subcircuit	500	500	1,436 – 2,298	1,436

18	500	500	18,497 – 29,595	18,497
19	500	500	12,699 – 20,318	12,699
1st Subcircuit	500	500	1,165 – 1,863	1,165
2nd Subcircuit	500	500	1,949 – 3,117	1,949
3rd Subcircuit	500	500	2,583 – 4,132	2,583
4th Subcircuit	500	500	2,117 – 3,386	2,117
5th Subcircuit	500	500	2,438 – 3,900	2,438
6th Subcircuit	500	500	2,117 – 3,386	2,117
20	500	500	7,158 – 11,452	7,158
21	500	500	2,370 – 3,791	2,370
22	500	500	5,892 – 9,427	5,892
1st Subcircuit	500	500	1,632 – 2,610	1,632
2nd Subcircuit	500	500	1,191 – 1,905	1,191
3rd Subcircuit	500	500	1,473 – 2,357	1,473
4th Subcircuit	500	500	1,473 – 2,357	1,473
23	500	500	4,450 – 7,119	4,450
Resident Circuit Court Judge				
Circuit / County	Democrat	Republican	Independent	New Party
1				
Alexander	500	500	246 – 392	246
Jackson	500	500	1,032 – 1,650	1,032
Johnson	500	500	213 – 340	213
Massac	500	500	276 – 440	276
Pope	500	500	128 – 203	128
Pulaski	500	500	157 – 249	157
Saline	500	500	493 – 788	493
Union	500	500	448 – 716	448
Williamson	500	500	1,388 – 2,220	1,388
2				
Crawford	500	500	360 – 574	360
Edwards	500	500	149 – 237	149
Franklin	500	500	708 – 1,131	708
Gallatin	500	500	168 – 267	168
Hamilton	500	500	220 – 351	220
Hardin	500	500	134 – 213	134
Jefferson	500	500	831 – 1,328	831

Lawrence	500	500	384 – 612	384
Richland	500	500	337 – 539	337
Wabash	500	500	199 – 318	199
Wayne	500	500	301 – 480	301
White	500	500	358 – 571	358
3				
Bond	500	500	337 – 537	337
Madison	500	500	5,270 – 8,431	5,270
4				
Christian	500	500	591 – 945	591
Clay	500	500	339 – 541	339
Clinton	500	500	648 – 1,036	648
Effingham	500	500	642 – 1,026	642
Fayette	500	500	453 – 723	453
Jasper	500	500	207 – 330	207
Marion	500	500	906 – 1,449	906
Montgomery	500	500	446 – 712	446
Shelby	500	500	470 – 751	470
5				
Clark	500	500	363 – 580	363
Coles	500	500	869 – 1,389	869
Cumberland	500	500	275 – 438	275
Edgar	500	500	425 – 679	425
Vermilion	500	500	1,101 – 1,761	1,101
6				
Champaign	500	500	2,694 – 4,309	2,694
DeWitt	500	500	341 – 544	341
Douglas	500	500	306 – 488	306
Macon	500	500	1,690 – 2,703	1,690
Moultrie	500	500	262 – 417	262
Piatt	500	500	359 – 574	359
7				
Greene	500	500	335 – 535	335
Jersey	500	500	394 – 629	394
Macoupin	500	500	885 – 1415	885
Morgan	500	500	570 – 911	570

Sangamon	500	500	3,826 – 6,120	3,826
Scott	500	500	131 – 209	131
8				
Adams	500	500	1,456 – 2,328	1,456
Brown	500	500	97 – 154	97
Calhoun	500	500	103 – 164	103
Cass	500	500	235 – 374	235
Mason	500	500	293 – 468	293
Menard	500	500	248 – 396	248
Pike	500	500	369 – 590	369
Schuyler	500	500	170 – 271	170
9				
Fulton	500	500	637 – 1,018	637
Hancock	500	500	464 – 742	464
Henderson	500	500	169 – 269	169
Knox	500	500	891 – 1,424	891
McDonough	500	500	526 – 840	526
Warren	500	500	395 – 630	395
10				
Marshall	500	500	257 – 409	257
Peoria	500	500	3,974 – 6,357	3,974
Putnam	500	500	132 – 210	132
Stark	500	500	105 – 167	105
Tazewell	500	500	2,205 – 3,527	2,205
11				
Ford	500	500	228 – 363	228
Livingston	500	500	611 – 976	611
Logan	500	500	539 – 861	539
McLean	500	500	3,404 – 5,446	3,404
Woodford	500	500	620 – 991	620
12				
Will	500	500	12,478 – 19,963	12,478
13				
Bureau	500	500	755 – 1,206	755
Grundy	500	500	686 – 1,097	686
LaSalle	500	500	2,388 – 3,819	2,388

14				
Henry	500	500	899 – 1,437	899
Mercer	500	500	461 – 737	461
Rock Island	500	500	2,277 – 3,642	2,277
Whiteside	500	500	1,086 – 1,737	1,086
15				
Carroll	500	500	308 – 492	308
JoDavie	500	500	433 – 691	433
Lee	500	500	637 – 1,018	637
Ogle	500	500	864 – 1,382	864
Stephenson	500	500	1,091 – 1,744	1,091
16				
Kane	500	500	5,467 – 8,746	5,467
17				
Boone	500	500	668 – 1,067	668
Winnebago	500	500	3,650 – 5,839	3,650
18				
DuPage	500	500	13,664 – 21,861	13,664
19				
Lake	500	503	13,831 – 22,128	13,831
20				
Monroe	500	500	536 – 856	536
Perry	500	500	515 – 823	515
Randolph	500	500	603 – 964	603
St. Clair	500	500	4,990 – 7,983	4,990
Washington	500	500	376 – 601	376
21				
Iroquois	500	500	650 – 1,039	650
Kankakee	500	500	1,794 – 2,870	1,794
22				
McHenry	500	500	4,224 – 6,757	4,224
23				
DeKalb	500	500	2,072 – 3,314	2,072
Kendall	500	500	2,379 – 3,805	2,379

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Cook County Only

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Established Party, Circuit Court ([SBE Form P-16](#)), Subcircuits ([SBE Form P-16A](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-3](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-8](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Established Party ([SBE Form P-1](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-1B](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-1D](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([SBE Form P-1C](#))

Statement of Economic Interests: Filed with the Secretary of State, Index Division, 111 East Monroe Street, Springfield, IL 62756. The receipt must be filed with petitions or by the end of the filing period.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Established Party: At least .25% (.0025) of the number of votes cast for the judicial candidate of their political party who received the highest number of votes at the last General Election at which a judicial officer from the same circuit (or subcircuit) was regularly scheduled to be elected, but in no event fewer than 1,000 signatures. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(h)]

Independent: Not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the total number of persons who voted at the last regular General Election within the judicial unit in which such circuit or subcircuit voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area, except that where 5% is greater than 25,000, the minimum number of signatures required is 25,000. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

New Party: Not less than 5% of the total number of persons who voted at the last General Election within the judicial unit in which such circuit or subcircuit voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area, except that where 5% is greater than 25,000, the minimum number of signatures required is 25,000. There is no maximum signature requirement. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

FILING INFORMATION

Established Party: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12)

Independent & New Party: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

Vacancy occurring November 11 – December 2, 2019: Not more than 92 nor less than 85 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12)

All candidates will file with the Illinois State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704-4503, either by mail or in person.

QUALIFICATIONS:

(General qualifications, Supreme Court, Rule 701; Illinois Constitution, Article VI, Section 11; 10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-5)

21 years of age
United States citizen
Licensed attorney-at-law in Illinois
Resident of judicial unit
Registered voter

FILING PERIODS:

Established Party:

November 25 – December 2, 2019

Vacancy occurring November 11 – December 2, 2019:

December 16 – December 23, 2019

Independent and New Party:

June 15 – June 22, 2020

TERM:

Term of office: Six years (Illinois Constitution, Article VI, Section 10)

Term begins: December 7, 2020
[10 ILCS 5/1A-19(c)]

Campaign Contributions: Reports must be filed either electronically or on paper with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704, or 100 West Randolph St., Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

SIGNATURE CALCULATIONS

Circuit	Democrat	Republican	Independent	New Party
Cook	3,322	1,000	25,000 – 143,625	25,000
1st Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	4,943 – 7,907	4,943
2nd Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	4,981 – 7,969	4,981
3rd Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	6,030 – 9,646	6,030
4th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	5,967 – 9,546	5,967
5th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	4,142 – 6,627	4,142
6th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	5,647 – 9,035	5,647
7th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	3,943 – 6,308	3,943
8th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	9,285 – 14,855	9,285
9th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	5,004 – 8,005	5,004
10th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	6,482 – 10,369	6,482
11th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	5,778 – 9,244	5,778
12th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	7,158 – 11,452	7,158
13th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	6,629 – 10,606	6,629
14th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	3,252 – 5,202	3,252
15th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	7,654 – 12,245	7,654

INFORMATION FOR ALL JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

ELECTION AND VACANCIES

Judicial vacancies and newly created judicial offices are initially elected on a partisan basis. The State Board of Elections is provided with a certification from the Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court delineating which vacancies will be filled by election in the year 2020. Interested citizens may contact the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts at (217) 782-7770 or the State Board of Elections to learn which judicial offices will be filled by election, as well as newly created vacancies. The judicial office being sought is the vacancy of the preceding **elected** judge, not the judge appointed to fill the vacancy until the next election. The nominating petitions and Statement of Candidacy must state the exact vacancy or the exact additional judgeship that the candidate is seeking.

Note: For an updated list of vacancies, please check our website. As soon as we receive an updated list it will be **immediately** posted to our site.

JUDICIAL RETENTION

Once elected to office, a judge may seek to retain that office at the expiration of the term by seeking retention on a special ballot separate from the regular ballot. No party affiliation is indicated on a retention ballot. Nominating petitions are not required to seek retention for another term. A Declaration of Judicial Candidacy to succeed oneself must be filed in the office of the Secretary of State on or before **Sunday, May 3, 2020**, not less than six months before the General Election preceding the expiration of their term of office.

[Illinois Constitution, Article VI, Section 12(d); 10 ILCS 5/7-12(1)]

JUDICIAL SUBCIRCUITS

It is the duty of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts to assign judgeships to the subcircuits as vacancies occur as well as additional judgeships created by legislation.

FILING FOR A CIRCUIT COURT SEAT AND/OR SUBCIRCUIT SEAT

Judicial candidates at the circuit court level are limited to filing a petition for one circuit court vacancy and/or a petition for one subcircuit vacancy in any filing period. For any individual circuit court judge candidate, **the State Board of Elections will accept only one petition for a circuit court vacancy and/or only one petition for a subcircuit vacancy in any filing period.** It is the responsibility of the candidate to withdraw any incompatible petitions. A new circuit court or subcircuit judgeship created by statute or by conversion of a resident judge position to a subcircuit position is a vacancy. A resident judge vacancy is a circuit court vacancy. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(9)]

For in person petition filings: SBE staff will accept from any candidate (or filing agent) only one petition for a full circuit judicial vacancy and only one petition for a subcircuit judicial vacancy in any filing period. The staff will refuse to accept any additional judicial petition filings at the circuit court level for that candidate. **It will remain the responsibility of the candidate to withdraw any incompatible petitions if multiple are filed.**

For mail or commercial carrier filings: SBE staff will accept and process only one petition for a full circuit judicial vacancy and only one petition for a subcircuit judicial vacancy in any filing period for any candidate. **It will remain the responsibility of the candidate to withdraw any incompatible petitions if multiple are filed.**

If multiple petitions are sent in a single envelope or package, and the candidate designates a particular petition as the chosen petition, the staff will accept that petition and return the rest of the petitions to the candidate. If the candidate does not designate a particular petition, the staff will accept the top petition in the pile when the petitions were removed from the envelope with the postage, postmarked and/or mailing label side of the envelope or package facing up, and return the rest of the petitions to the candidate.

If petitions are mailed in multiple envelopes, the first envelope processed will be the one accepted and all other petitions will be returned to the candidate.

WITHDRAWING PETITIONS

A withdrawal of a petition will be accepted, but no new petition for a different judicial vacancy will be accepted after a withdrawal. Withdrawal and filing of a new petition for the same vacancy will be permitted.

COUNTYWIDE OFFICERS

Circuit Clerk, Recorder, State's Attorney, Auditor, Coroner

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Established Party ([SBE Form P-10](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-3](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-8](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Established Party ([SBE Form P-1](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-1B](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-1D](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([SBE Form P-1C](#))

Statement of Economic Interests: Filed with the County Clerk. The receipt must be filed with petitions or by the end of the filing period.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Established Party: At least .5% (.005) of the vote cast for any candidate of the party who received the highest number of votes in the county at the last General Election. The highest vote getter could be any federal, state or county candidate. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(c)]

Independent: Not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater), signed by qualified voters of the county, of the total number of persons who voted at the last General Election in the county. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

New Party: Not less than 5% of the number of persons who voted at the last General Election in the county. Where 5% is greater than 25,000, 25,000 is the minimum number of signatures required. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

For specific signature calculations, contact your county clerk.

FILING INFORMATION

Established Party: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12)

Independent & New Party: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

Candidates will file in the office of the County Clerk. Candidates in Peoria County file with the Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners.

Campaign Contributions: Reports must be filed either electronically or on paper with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704, or 100 West Randolph St., Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

QUALIFICATIONS:

[Illinois Supreme Court Rule 701; 10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-5)

18 years of age – licensed attorneys must be 21 years old
United States citizen
Resident of the county for 30 days*
Registered voter in county or county board district

*Candidates for State's Attorney do not have residency requirements, but must be citizens of the United States and a licensed attorney in Illinois.

FILING PERIODS:

Established Party:

November 25 – December 2, 2019

Independent and New Party:

June 15 – June 22, 2020

TERM:

Term of office: Four years and until a successor is elected and qualified.

Term begins: December 1, 2020

County Auditor (55 ILCS 5/3-1001)
Circuit Clerk (705 ILCS 105/1.1)
Coroner (55 ILCS 5/3-3002)
Recorder of Deeds (55 ILCS 5/3-5004)
State's Attorney (55 ILCS 5/3-9002)

COUNTY OFFICERS BY DISTRICT

County Commissioners, County Board Members, County Board of Review Members (excluding Cook County Board of Review Commissioners)

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Established Party ([SBE Form P-10](#)); Established Party county board by district ([SBE Form P-26](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-3](#)); New Party, at-large ([SBE Form P-8](#)); New Party, at-large and by district ([SBE Form P-8B](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Established Party ([SBE Form P-1](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-1B](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-1D](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([SBE Form P-1C](#))

Statement of Economic Interests: Filed with the County Clerk. The receipt must be filed with petitions or by the end of the filing period.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Established Party: At least .5% (.005) of the number of primary electors of the candidate's party in the district who cast votes at the last General Election. The highest vote getter could be any federal, state or county candidate. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(c)]

Independent: Not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the total number of persons who voted at the last regular election in such district in which such district voted as a unit for that office. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

New Party: Not less than 5% of the number of persons who voted the last time the district elected a member. Where 5% is greater than 25,000, 25,000 is the minimum number of signatures required. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

For specific signature calculations, contact your county clerk.

FILING INFORMATION

Established Party: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12)

Independent & New Party: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

Candidates will file in the office of the County Clerk. Candidates in Peoria County file with the Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners.

Campaign Contributions: Reports must be filed either electronically or on paper with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704, or 100 West Randolph St., Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

QUALIFICATIONS:

(10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-5; 55 ILCS 5/2-3015)

18 years of age
United States citizen
Resident of the county for at least one year prior to the election
Registered voter in county or county board district

FILING PERIODS:

Established Party:

November 25 – December 2, 2019

Independent and New Party:

June 15 – June 22, 2020

TERM:

Term of office: Two or Four year term
(contact the County Clerk's office for further information)

County Commissioner & County Board of Review Member: Six years and until a successor is elected and qualified*

Term begins: December 7, 2020*

*Exception: Cook County term is four years

County Board Member

(55 ILCS 5/2-3009)

Commissioner (55 ILCS 5/2-3009)

*Elected Board of Review members: 10 Days after the canvass of the vote is completed. (35 ILCS 200/6-35)

COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW COMMISSIONERS

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Established Party ([SBE Form P-10](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-3](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-8](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Established Party ([SBE Form P-1](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-1B](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-1D](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([SBE Form P-1C](#))

Statement of Economic Interests: Filed with the office of the Cook County Clerk. The receipt must be filed with petitions or by the end of the filing period.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Established Party: The number of signatures equal to .5% (.005) of the total number of registered voters in the candidate's Board of Review district in the last General Election at which a commissioner was regularly scheduled to be elected from that Board of Review district. In no event shall the number of signatures required be greater than the requisite number for a candidate who seeks countywide office in Cook County (.5% of the qualified electors of the candidate's party who cast votes at the last General Election). [10 ILCS 5/7-10(d)(3)]

Independent: Not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election in such district in which such district voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area. Where 5% is greater than 25,000, 25,000 is the minimum number of signatures required. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

New Party: Not less than 5% of the number of voters who voted at the last regular election in such district in which such district voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area. Where 5% is greater than 25,000, 25,000 is the minimum number of signatures required. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

For specific signature calculations, contact the Cook County Clerk.

FILING INFORMATION

Established Party: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12)

Independent & New Party: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

All candidates will file with the office of the Cook County Clerk.

QUALIFICATIONS:

[35 ILCS 200/5-5(a)(c)]

18 years of age
Elector of the county
Resident of the election district
for at least two years before
the date of the election*
Holds no other lucrative public
office or public employment

*An incumbent must be a resident for 18 months prior to reelection if they are a resident of a new district which contains a part of their former district in which they resided at the time of redistricting.

FILING PERIODS:

Established Party:

November 25 – December 2, 2019

Independent and New Party:

June 15 – June 22, 2020

TERM:

Term of office: Two or four year term
[35 ILCS 200/5-5(c)] (Contact the Cook County Clerk's office for further information)

Term begins: December 7, 2020
(35 ILCS 200/5-5)

Campaign Contributions: Reports must be filed either electronically or on paper with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704, or 100 West Randolph St., Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (VACANCIES)

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Established Party ([SBE Form P-10](#)); Established Party, multi-county school superintendent ([SBE Form P-20](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-3](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-8](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Established Party ([SBE Form P-1](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-1B](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-1D](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([SBE Form P-1C](#))

Statement of Economic Interests: Filed with the County Clerk. The receipt must be filed with petitions or by the end of the filing period. Multi-county Regional Superintendent Candidates file with the county clerk in the county where the principal office of the region is located.

Certification of qualifications: Filed with nomination papers. Form from the State Board of Education, certifying such candidate has the qualifications required by section 105 ILCS 5/3-1. Incumbents shall not be required to file such certificate.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Established Party: At least .5% (.005) of the vote cast for any candidate of the party who received the highest number of votes in the county at the last General Election. The candidate with the highest vote could be any federal, state or county candidate. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(c)]

Independent: Not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater), signed by qualified voters of the county, of the total number of persons who voted at the last General Election in the county or county board district (for county board district, the last time the district elected a member). (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

New Party: Not less than 5% of the number of persons who voted at the last General Election in the county or for a county board district, the last time the district elected a member. Where 5% is greater than 25,000, 25,000 is the minimum number of signatures required. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

For signature calculations in single county regions, contact your county clerk.

FILING INFORMATION

Established Party: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12)

Independent & New Party: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

Candidates will file in the office of the County Clerk for **single county** regions. Candidates in a **multi-county** region will file with the Illinois State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704-4503, either by mail or in person. Candidates in Peoria County file with the Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners.

QUALIFICATIONS:

(105 ILCS 5/3-1)

Master's degree
Specific education
requirements listed in 105 ILCS
5/3-1

FILING PERIODS:

Established Party:

November 25 – December 2, 2019

Independent and New Party:

June 15 – June 22, 2020

TERM:

Term of office: Four years and until a successor is elected and qualified

Term begins: July 1, 2021

(105 ILCS 5/3-1)

Campaign Contributions: Reports must be filed either electronically or on paper with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704, or 100 West Randolph St., Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

SIGNATURE CALCULATIONS

Region	Democrat	Republican	Independent	New Party
Mason/Tazewell/Woodford	195	307	3,706 – 5,928	3,706

SANITARY DISTRICT TRUSTEES

Prairie DuPont Levee and Sanitary District

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Established Party ([SBE Form P-10](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-3](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-8](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Established Party ([SBE Form P-1](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-1B](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-1D](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([SBE Form P-1C](#))

Statement of Economic Interests: Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of government is located. The receipt must be filed with petitions or by the end of the filing period.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Established Party: At least the number of signatures equal to .5% (.005) of the primary electors of the candidate's party of that sanitary district or ward thereof. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(g)]

Independent: Not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election for Commissioners of the sanitary district. Where 5% is greater than 25,000, 25,000 is the minimum number of signatures required. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

New Party: Not less than 5% of the number of voters who voted at the last regular election for Commissioners of the sanitary district. Where 5% is greater than 25,000, 25,000 is the minimum number of signatures required. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

FILING INFORMATION

Established Party: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12)

Independent & New Party: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

All candidates will file with the Illinois State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704-4503, either by mail or in person.

Campaign Contributions: Reports must be filed either electronically or on paper with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704, or 100 West Randolph St., Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

QUALIFICATIONS:

(70 ILCS 2205/5)

Registered voter
Resident of that portion of the district in the county from which the candidate wishes to seek office

Note: Three trustees are to be elected from the territory of the district in the county having the greater assessed valuation of the district and two trustees shall be elected from the territory of the district in the county having the lesser-assessed valuation of the district. All five may be elected at-large if the equalized assessed valuation of the district is less than \$100,000,000. (70 ILCS 2205/5)

FILING PERIODS:

Established Party:

November 25 – December 2, 2019

Independent and New Party:

June 15 – June 22, 2020

TERM:

Term of office: Four years
(70 ILCS 2205/5)

Term begins: Until successors are elected and qualified (70 ILCS 2205/5)

SIGNATURE CALCULATIONS

County(ies)	Democrat	Republican	Independent	New Party
Monroe/St. Clair	7	7	99 – 157	99

SANITARY DISTRICT TRUSTEES

Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Established Party ([SBE Form P-10](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-3](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-8](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Established Party ([SBE Form P-1](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-1B](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-1D](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([SBE Form P-1C](#))

Statement of Economic Interests: Filed with the office of the Cook County Clerk. The receipt must be filed with petitions or by the end of the filing period.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Established Party: At least .5% (.005) of the total vote cast for that party's candidate who received the highest number of votes in the district at the last regular election for Commissioners of such sanitary district. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(g)]

Independent: Not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election for Commissioners of the sanitary district. Where 5% is greater than 25,000, 25,000 is the minimum number of signatures required. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

New Party: Not less than 5% of the number of voters who voted at the last regular election for Commissioners of the sanitary district. Where 5% is greater than 25,000, 25,000 is the minimum number of signatures required. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

For signature calculations, contact the Cook County Clerk.

FILING INFORMATION

Established Party: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12)

Independent & New Party: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

All candidates will file with the office of the Cook County Clerk. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(2)]

Campaign Contributions: Reports must be filed either electronically or on paper with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704, or 100 West Randolph St., Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

QUALIFICATIONS:

(70 ILCS 2605/3)

Resident of the sanitary district
Registered voter

FILING PERIODS:

Established Party:

November 25 – December 2, 2019

Independent and New Party:

June 15 – June 22, 2020

TERM:

Term of office: Six years and until their successors shall be elected and qualified (70 ILCS 2605/3)

Note: Three commissioners (of a nine member board) are to be elected for six year terms. (70 ILCS 2605/3, 3.2)

Term begins: December 8, 2020
(70 ILCS 2605/3)

SANITARY DISTRICT TRUSTEES

North Shore Sanitary District

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Established Party ([SBE Form P-10](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-3](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-8](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Established Party ([SBE Form P-1](#)); Independent ([SBE Form P-1B](#)); New Party ([SBE Form P-1D](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([SBE Form P-1C](#))

Statement of Economic Interests: Filed with the office of the Lake County Clerk. The receipt must be filed with petitions or by the end of the filing period.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Established Party: If a candidate seeks to run for trustee of a sanitary district in which trustees are elected from wards, then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal to .5% (.005) of the primary electors of the candidate's party in the ward of that sanitary district. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(g)]

Independent: Not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election in such sanitary district ward for the election of officers. Where 5% is greater than 25,000, 25,000 is the minimum number of signatures required. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

New Party: Not less than 5% of the number of voters who voted at the last regular election in such sanitary district ward for the election of officers. Where 5% is greater than 25,000, 25,000 is the minimum number of signatures required. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

For signature calculations, contact the Cook County Clerk.

FILING INFORMATION

Established Party: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12)

Independent & New Party: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

All candidates will file with the office of the Cook County Clerk. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(2)]

Campaign Contributions: Reports must be filed either electronically or on paper with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704, or 100 West Randolph St., Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

QUALIFICATIONS:

(70 ILCS 2305/3)

Resident of the sanitary district
Registered voter

FILING PERIODS:

Established Party:

November 25 – December 2, 2019

Independent and New Party:

June 15 – June 22, 2020

TERM:

Term of office: Either two or four year terms. (70 ILCS 2305/3)

Note: Contact the district in Waukegan for the specific wards electing trustees and the term of office.

Term begins: December 9, 2020
(70 ILCS 2305/3)

SANITARY DISTRICT TRUSTEES

Sanitary District Act of 1936

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Nonpartisan ([SBE Form P-4](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Nonpartisan ([SBE Form P-1A](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([SBE Form P-1C](#))

Statement of Economic Interests: Filed with the office of the county clerk. The receipt must be filed with petitions or by the end of the filing period.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Nonpartisan: Not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election in such district for the election of officers. Where 5% is greater than 25,000, 25,000 is the minimum number of signatures required.

(70 ILCS 2805/3.2; 10 ILCS 5/10-3, 10-3.1)

For signature calculations, contact your county clerk.

FILING INFORMATION

Nonpartisan: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

All candidates will file with the office of the county clerk.

Campaign Contributions: Reports must be filed either electronically or on paper with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704, or 100 West Randolph St., Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

QUALIFICATIONS:

(70 ILCS 2805/3)

Resident of the sanitary district
Registered voter

FILING PERIODS:

Nonpartisan:

June 15 – June 22, 2020

TERM:

Term of office: Four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. (70 ILCS 2805/3.2)

Note: Contact the district for the number of trustees to be elected. For those districts that have chosen by referendum to elect trustees, three trustees are to be elected for four year terms. (70 ILCS 2805/3.1, 3.2)

Term begins: December 7, 2020
(70 ILCS 2850/3.2)

BOARD MEMBER – BOARD OF EDUCATION

City of Peoria Only under 105 ILCS 5/33

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: District ([SBE Form P-7A](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Nonpartisan ([SBE Form P-1A](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([SBE Form P-1C](#))

Statement of Economic Interests: Filed with the office of the county clerk. The receipt must be filed with petitions or by the end of the filing period.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Nonpartisan: At least 200 qualified voters of the district.
(105 ILCS 5/33-2)

FILING INFORMATION

Nonpartisan: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Primary in even numbered years.
(10 ILCS 5/10-6)

All candidates will file with the office of the Peoria County Board of Election Commissioners.

Campaign Contributions: Reports must be filed either electronically or on paper with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704, or 100 West Randolph St., Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

QUALIFICATIONS:

(105 ILCS 5/33-2)

18 years old
United States citizen
Resident of the district for at least one year immediately preceding the election
Not be a child sex offender as defined in Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of 2012

FILING PERIODS:

Nonpartisan:

October 28 – November 4, 2019

TERM:

Term of office: Five year terms
(105 ILCS 5/33-1)

By referendum, may change to four year terms. (105 ILCS 5/33-1A)

Term begins: July 1, 2021
(105 ILCS 5/33-1)

WARD & PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Established Party, Ward Committeeperson ([SBE Form P-10](#)), Precinct Committeeperson ([SBE Form P-27](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Established Party ([SBE Form P-1](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([SBE Form P-1C](#))

Statement of Economic Interests: Not required for party offices.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Established Party: Ward Committeeperson – not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater*) of the primary electors of the candidate's party in the ward.

Signature requirements may be obtained from the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners (312/ 269-7900). Precinct Committeeperson – a minimum of 10 primary electors of the candidate's party in their precinct. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(i)]

For signature calculations for Ward Committeeperson, contact the Cook County Clerk. For signature calculations for Precinct Committeeperson, contact your specific county clerk.

*Although the express language of Section 7-10(i)m which applies in this instance, requires not less than 10% nor more than 16% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the primary electors of the candidate's party in the ward, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit held in Giersten v. Board of Election Commissioners for City of Chicago, 791 F. 2d 472 (7th Cir., 1986), that a signature requirement in excess of 5% is unconstitutional and thus unenforceable. Thus, 5% of the primary electors of the candidate's party in the ward is the minimum number of signatures required for ward committeeperson petitions.

FILING INFORMATION

Established Party: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(5)]

All candidates for Ward Committeeperson will file with the office of the Cook County Clerk. All candidates for Precinct Committeeperson will file with the office of the county clerk. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(5)]

Campaign Contributions: Reports must be filed either electronically or on paper with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704, or 100 West Randolph St., Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

QUALIFICATIONS:

[10 ILCS 5/7-8(b)]

United States citizen
Registered voter
Resident of that ward or
precinct from which that
candidate wishes to seek office

FILING PERIODS:

Established Party:

November 25 – December 2, 2019

TERM:

Term of office:

Ward Committeeperson: Four years
Precinct Committeeperson: Two years
[10 ILCS 5/7-8(b)]

Term begins: Date of completion of
canvass and proclamation.
(10 ILCS 5/7-58)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SIGNING PETITIONS

Can a registered voter sign petitions for candidates of more than one political party for the same Primary Election?

No. A “qualified primary elector” of a party may not sign petitions for or be a candidate in the primary of more than one party. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

May a voter who voted Republican in the last Primary Election now sign a petition for a Democratic candidate?

Yes; however, no one may sign petitions for candidates of more than one political party for the same Primary Election. *Kusper v. Pontikes*, 414 U.S. 51, 94 S. Ct. 303 (1973); *Sperling v. county Officers Electoral Board*, 57 Ill. 2d 81, 309 N.E. 2d 589 (1974).

Can a voter sign an established party petition, and a new party and/or independent petition?

Yes, a voter may sign an established party candidate’s petition prior to a General Primary Election and subsequent to that election, sign a petition of an Independent or new political party candidate prior to a General Election. The voter may not, however, sign a petition of more than one Independent or new political party candidate’s petition for the same office. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-3)

Can a voter sign more than one established party candidate’s petition?

Yes, a signer can sign petitions for as many candidates of the same established political party as they want, but they cannot sign petitions for different established parties in the same election.

How should the voter sign their name when they sign the petition?

The voter should sign the petition with the same name that they are registered to vote with; however, signing with a nickname will not invalidate the signature, provided the voter can be identified and it can be shown that the voter is lawfully registered to vote and qualified to sign the petition.

Are pencil signatures allowed?

Yes, but it is advisable to use a pen with dark ink.

Are abbreviations allowed on petitions?

Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the voter’s address, including the street number.

Can ditto marks be used on the petitions?

Though ditto marks are not specifically prohibited, it is suggested they be avoided. The use of ditto marks could be objected to and the outcome of an objection cannot be predicted. A circulator can, however, fill in any missing information, except a voter’s signature.

CIRCULATING PETITIONS

May a candidate circulate their own petitions?

Yes.

When can the circulator start collecting signatures?

No more than 90 days prior to the last day for filing petitions. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4)

If a candidate finds something wrong with their petitions after they are filed, can a new set of petitions be circulated and filed before the end of the filing period?

Yes, but the candidate must cancel the original set of petitions in writing. If the candidate fails to cancel the original set of petitions, then only the original petitions shall be considered filed and all subsequent petitions shall be void. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(11), 10-6.2)

May a circulator circulate petitions for an independent candidate and an established party candidate in the same election?

No. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)

May a circulator sign as a voter on the petition they are circulating?

Yes, as long as the circulator is a registered voter in the applicable political subdivision or district.

May a circulator circulate petitions for an established party candidate and a new party candidate in the same election?

No. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)

Is the circulator required to be a registered voter?

No, but they must be a United States citizen and be 18 years of age, or 17 years of age by the immediately following general or consolidated election. (10 ILCS 5/3-6) They must also include their current address on the circulator's affidavit.

Can a petition sheet be circulated by more than one individual?

No. Only the person who signs the page as circulator can circulate that sheet. By signing as a circulator, the circulator is attesting that all signers signed in their presence. (10 ILCS 5/7-10)

Who can remove a signature from a nominating petition?

Only the circulator or the candidate on whose behalf the petition was circulated may strike a signature; however, an individual can submit a written request to the proper filing office to have their name removed from the petition before the petition is filed. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-3)

FILING PETITIONS

May a candidate file in person or by mail?

Yes, however, if the candidate wishes to be in the lottery for the first ballot position it is advisable to file in person as only candidates whose petitions are received in the first mail delivery on the first day of filing are eligible for the lottery. Candidates should mail by United States Postal Service when mailing to the Illinois State Board of Elections.

May a petition contain the names of two or more candidates of the same established party?

Yes. An established party may file a slate of candidates for offices to be filled within the State, county, or district (e.g. Judicial). However, each candidate of the slate must individually file a Statement of Candidacy and a receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interests. The Statement of Candidacy and the receipt for each candidate must be attached to the original slate petition.

If you are first in line or your petition is in the first mail delivery of the day, will you be first on the ballot?

Not necessarily. If there are two or more candidates in line prior to the opening of the office filing from the same party and for the same office, they would be considered as filing simultaneously along with any petition in the first mail delivery, and will be involved in a lottery to determine ballot position. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 8-9(2), 10-6.2)

Note: Candidates who file petitions during the last hour of filing (between 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM) on the last day to file petitions are also eligible for a lottery to determine the final ballot position. (Illinois Administrative Rules, Title 26, Section 201.40)

Must the notary of the petition be an Illinois notary and may the notary also be a signatory of the petition?

Under the provisions of the Uniform Recognition of Acknowledgements Act (765 ILCS 30/2): "Notarial acts may be performed outside this State for use in this State with the same effect as if performed by a notary public of this State by the following persons authorized pursuant to the laws and regulations of other governments in addition to any other person authorized by the laws and regulations of this State..." "(1) a notary public authorized to perform notarial acts in the place in which the act is performed..."

It has not been definitively determined whether a notary may also be a signatory to a petition. Some electoral boards and circuit courts have upheld petitions where the notary was also a signer of the petition, but the issue has not yet been decided by the Supreme Court or any appellate court in Illinois. A cautious candidate might wish to avoid using a petition signer as the notary so as to avoid the risk of having to defend against an objection on this issue.

For additional information contact the Index Department of the Secretary of State's office, 111 E. Monroe, Springfield, IL 62756-0001, (217) 782-7017.

Is a lottery conducted for party placement on the ballot?

For the General Election a lottery is conducted by each election authority for all established parties to determine the proper order of party placement on the ballot. This lottery is held within 30 days following the proclamation of the results of the Primary Election. New parties are involved in a lottery when there is a simultaneous filing with the State Board of Elections or the county clerk. The State Board of Elections conducts the lottery for new parties that file in the Springfield office and the election authorities must use such order. No party lottery is done for the Primary Election since each party has its own ballot, separate from any other established party.

In filing a petition to fill a vacancy in the office of circuit judge, must the petition contain the vacancy for which the candidate is filing?

Yes. For example, "To fill the vacancy of the Honorable John Jones." The vacancy is for the preceding elected judge, not the interim appointee.

Are judges running for retention required to file petitions?

No. Judges running for retention are required to file a Declaration of Candidacy for Retention with the Secretary of State on or before Sunday, May 3, 2020, preceding the expiration of their term of office.

[Illinois Constitution, Article VI, Section 12(d)]

Does a candidate have to file their own nomination papers?

No. The candidate or an agent of the candidate can file the candidate's petitions.

May a candidate file for more than one office?

Yes, however, the candidate must withdraw from all but one office within five business days following the last day of petition filing if the offices are incompatible. The withdrawal notice must be in writing and notarized. If the candidate does not withdraw, their name will not be certified for any office. Judicial candidates at the circuit court level are limited to filing a single petition for one circuit court vacancy and/or a single petition for one subcircuit vacancy in any filing period. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(9)]

When may petitions be mailed?

There are no statutory requirements regarding a time element for mailing petitions; however, all petitions must be received during the filing period. All petitions received in the office prior to the opening of the office on the first day of the filing period or after the close of the office on the last day of the filing period will be returned to the sender.

(10 ILCS 5/7-12.6, 8-9, 10-6.2)

May a petition that has been filed be changed?

No. A petition once filed may not be added to or altered; however, the receipt(s) for filing Statements of Economic Interests may be filed at any time during the filing period.

(10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12)

When a candidate withdraws their nominating petitions, are the petitions returned to the candidate?

No. The original documents are not returned, but remain in the office where they were filed. They must remain in the office for a period of at least six months. (10 ILCS 5/10-7)

When are petitions open to the public?

Upon their filing with the proper office. As a practical matter, there will be some delay in availability while the State Board of Elections or the election authority processes each petition. All certificates of nomination and nomination papers when presented or filed shall be open (under proper regulation) to public inspection and the State Board of Elections, election authorities, and local election officials having charge of nomination papers shall preserve the same in their respective offices not less than six months. (10 ILCS 5/10-7)

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2020 ELECTION & CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR

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Amendments			
Date Change Made	Calendar Date Affected	Page	Change Made
1/31/2020	3/3/2020 changed to 3/2/2020	20	First day for Early Voting at permanent polling places changed from Tuesday, March 3, to Monday, March 2.

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PREFACE

This calendar includes all offices to be nominated and/or elected at the federal, state, and county General Primary Election in March 2020 and at the General Election in November 2020.

This calendar may be amended to include new legislation and court decisions. Please visit the Illinois State Board of Election's website (www.elections.il.gov) for any updates.

The following definitions are employed as related to this calendar:

“ELECTION AUTHORITY” – The County Clerk, the Municipal Board of Election Commissioners, or the County Board of Election Commissioners.

“LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIAL” – The clerk or secretary of a unit of local government or school district.

This calendar does not include the nomination and/or election of officials of municipalities, townships, libraries, parks, school districts, or other special districts.

“BUSINESS DAY” – Any day in which the office of an election authority, local election official, or the State Board of Elections is open to the public for a minimum of seven (7) hours. (10 ILCS 5/1-3)

FILING AND REGISTRATION DATES

- (a) If the first or last day of any action required or allowed by the Election Code falls on a State holiday, Saturday, or Sunday, then the period shall extend through the first business day following the day otherwise fixed as the first or last day for filing or the close of registration, irrespective of whether any election authority or local election official conducts business on the State holiday, Saturday, or Sunday. [10 ILCS 5/1-6(a)]
- (b) For purposes of this section “State Holiday” means New Year’s Day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday, Lincoln’s Birthday, President’s Day, Casimir Pulaski’s Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans’ Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and any other day declared by the President of the United States or the Governor of Illinois to be a day during which the agencies of the State of Illinois that are ordinarily open to do business with the public shall be closed for business. [10 ILCS 5/1-6(b)]

NUMBER OF SIGNATURES – To receive the specific signature requirements for any particular office, candidates should contact the Illinois State Board of Elections, election authority, or the local election official who is responsible for receiving the filing of the petition for nomination and/or election to office.

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GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

MARCH 17, 2020

[10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2(a)]

TO BE NOMINATED:

- Presidential Preference Primary, President of the United States
- United States Senator
- Representatives in Congress – All 18 Districts
- State Senators
 - For 2 year terms: 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 31, 34, 37, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52, 55, and 58.
- Representatives in the General Assembly - All 118 Districts
- Sanitary District Commissioners/Trustees
- Circuit Clerks
- Recorders (in counties with a population of 60,000 or more inhabitants)
- State's Attorney's
- Auditors (in counties with a population over 75,000 and under 3,000,000)
- Coroners
- Regional Superintendent of Schools (vacancies)
- County Commissioners (Counties not under township organization)
- County Board Members (Counties under township organization)
- Judges (Additional Judgeships if required)
 - Supreme Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
 - Appellate Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
 - Circuit Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
 - Resident Circuit Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
 - Subcircuit Judges, Vacancies will be filled

TO BE ELECTED:

- Delegates and Alternate Delegates (in accordance with approved Delegate Selection Plans)
- Precinct Committeepersons (all counties, excluding Cook)
- Ward Committeepersons (City of Chicago)

BALLOT ORDER:

President of the United States, State offices, congressional offices, delegates and alternate delegates, trustees of sanitary districts, county offices, judicial offices, municipal offices (municipalities with annual elections), precinct or ward committeepersons. (10 ILCS 5/7-19)

DATES GOVERNING THE GENERAL PRIMARY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

PETITION CIRCULATION

First day to circulate nomination papers for established political party candidates who file in between November 25 – December 2, 2019, (90 days preceding the last day to file nomination papers). (10 ILCS 5/7-10)

EXCEPTION:

Established Party Presidential, delegate, and alternate delegate candidates.

NOTE:

The State Board of Elections will be closed on November 28 & 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019

PETITION CIRCULATION*

First day to circulate nomination papers for Democratic and Republican candidates for President and delegate who file January 2 – 3, 2020, (90 days preceding the last day to file nomination papers). (10 ILCS 5/7-11) **Pending approval of State's delegate selection plan.*

THURSDAY OCTOBER 17, 2019

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CREATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

First day notice of intention to file a petition to create a political subdivision, whose officers are to be elected rather than appointed, may be published in a newspaper within the proposed political subdivision or, if none, in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed territory. [10 ILCS 5/28-2(g)]

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CREATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

Last day notice of intention to file a petition to create a political subdivision, whose officers are to be elected rather than appointed, may be published in a newspaper within the proposed political subdivision or, if none, in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed territory. [10 ILCS 5/28-2(g)]

LISTING OF NURSING HOME FACILITIES

Last day for the Department of Public Health to certify to the State Board of Elections a list of the facilities licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, the ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act. [10 ILCS 19-12.2]

PETITION TO CREATE A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

Last day to file petitions to create a political subdivision with the appropriate officer or board.
[10 ILCS 5/28-2(b)]

NOTE:

The specific statutory provisions governing the creation of political subdivisions can be found in the relevant Code governing such subdivisions (e.g. the Municipal, Township, Counties Code).

Objections can be filed on or before the date of the hearing with the appropriate circuit court clerk. (10 ILCS 5/28-4)

If initial officers are to be elected at the election for creation of a new unit of government, candidates for such offices shall file nomination papers 113-106 days before such election (November 25 – December 2, 2019). (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

The circuit court clerk shall publish the hearing date for a public policy petition filed in their office not later than 14 days after the petition is actually filed, but at least 5 days before actual hearing. Final orders must be issued within 7 days of the hearing.
(10 ILCS 5/28-4)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019

ESTABLISHED PARTY FILING

First day for candidates of established political parties to file original nomination papers.

Candidates for congressional, legislative, and judicial offices, or for any office to be elected by the voters of more than one county file in the principal office of the State Board of Elections.
(10 ILCS 5/7-12(1), 8-9)

Candidates for county offices, ward committeepersons (City of Chicago), and precinct committeepersons (in counties containing a population less than 2,000,000) will file with the county clerk. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(2), 7-12(5)]

EXCEPTION:

Established Party Presidential, delegate, and alternate delegate candidates.

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NOTE:

The State Board of Elections will be closed on November 28 & 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

OBJECTIONS TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PETITION

Last day to file objections to a petition to create a political subdivision in the office of the appropriate officer, board, or circuit court. (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019

ESTABLISHED PARTY FILING

Last day for candidates of established political parties to file original nomination papers.

Candidates for congressional, legislative, and judicial offices, or for any office to be elected by the voters of more than one county file in the principal office of the State Board of Elections.
(10 ILCS 5/7-12(1), 8-9)

Candidates for county offices, ward committeepersons (City of Chicago), and precinct committeepersons (in counties containing a population less than 2,000,000) will file with the county clerk. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(2), 7-12(5)]

EXCEPTION:

Established Party Presidential, delegate, and alternate delegate candidates.

NOTE:

The State Board of Elections will be closed on November 28 & 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

Last day for filing a Statement of Economic Interests with the proper office as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Candidates who file petitions with the county clerk and have a current Statement of Economic Interests on file for the same office with the same county do not have to file an additional receipt. Candidates who file petitions with the State Board of Elections must file a current receipt for the same office with the petitions. The receipt, if required, must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. [5 ILCS 420/4A-105; 10 ILCS 5/7-12(8)]

EXCEPTION:

Candidates for federal and party offices, e.g., candidates for Representatives in Congress, precinct committeepersons, and ward committeepersons are not required to file a Statement of Economic Interests.

DEPUTY REGISTRARS

Last day County Central Committee Chair shall submit a list of applicants for additional deputy registrars to the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

NOTE:

The election authority may require a chair of a county central committee to furnish a supplemental list of applicants.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019

NOTICE OF LOTTERY

Last day for written notice of the time and place for conducting lottery when two (2) or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party: (a) as of the opening hour of the filing period, November 25, 2019; and/or (b) within the last hour of the filing period, December 2, 2019. (There must be 7 days' notice given. If the lottery is to be held on the last statutory date, December 11, the last day to give notice is December 4.) Notice shall be given by the State Board of Elections or the Election Authority to the chair of each political party and to each organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction entitled to have pollwatchers present at the last election. Notice must be posted. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(6)]

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT CERTIFICATION

Last day for the Regional Superintendent of Schools to certify to the State Board of Elections a list of each unit school district under their supervision and control, and a list of each county in which all or any part of each of those districts is located. (105 ILCS 5/3-1.1)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019

LISTING OF NURSING HOME FACILITIES

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify to the proper election authority a list of facilities licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act for the purpose of conducting an election pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/19-12.2. The list shall indicate bed capacity and the chief administrator of each facility appearing on the certified list. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES

Last day for an individual who has filed nominating petitions, during the November 25 – December 2, 2019, filing period, for two (2) or more incompatible offices to withdraw from all but one of the offices with whichever election authority the nomination papers were originally filed – the State Board of Elections, election authority, or local election official. An elected party office in an established political party is not incompatible with any elected public office. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9), 10-7)

OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION PAPERS

Last day for filing objections to the nomination papers of all candidates who filed during the November 25 – December 2, 2019, filing period. Objections are filed with whichever election authority the nomination papers were originally filed – the State Board of Elections, election authority, or local election official. (10 ILCS 5/7-12.1, 7-13, 10-8)

NOTE:

For procedures on objections, see page 54.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019

BALLOT PLACEMENT LOTTERY

Last day lottery may be conducted by the State Board of Elections or the election authority when two (2) or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party, as of the opening hour or within the last hour of the filing period. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(6)]

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019

DELEGATE SELECTION

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify to the county clerks the number of Democratic and Republican delegates and alternate delegates to be elected from each Congressional District and the number to be elected at large from the State or to be chosen at the State Party Conventions. (10 ILCS 5/7-14.1)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019

SPECIAL JUDICIAL FILING

First day for judicial candidates of established political parties to file original nomination papers in the principal office of the State Board of Elections for judicial vacancies which occurred during the three (3) week period prior to the 106th day before the General Primary Election (November 11 – December 2, 2019). [10 ILCS 5/7-12(1)]

REFERENDA FILING

Last day for filing petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local). Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same officer in which the original petitions were filed. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(a), 28-6, 28-7)

EXCEPTION:

Proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions Article IX of the Liquor Control Act, and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code.

VOTER REGISTRATION DATA

First day for election authority to indicate in writing that their voter registration data, including voter history from the last election, is complete and up-to-date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019

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VOTE BY MAIL – APPLICATION

First day for any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States to make application by mail or in person to the election authority for an official ballot. Please note that mailing and delivery of ballots does not begin until Thursday, February 6, 2020. (10 ILCS 5/19-2; 10 ILCS 5/19-4)

REGISTRATION PURGE

Last day for election authorities to complete any systematic program to remove ineligible voters from the voting roles prior to the March 17, 2020, General Primary Election. [52 U.S.C. 20507(c)(2)(A)]

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2019

SPECIAL JUDICIAL FILING

Last day (by 5:00 p.m.) for judicial candidates of established political parties to file original nomination papers in the principal office of the State Board of Elections for judicial vacancies which occurred during the period of November 11 – December 2, 2019. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(1)]

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

Last day for judicial candidates who file nomination papers during the special judicial filing period, (December 16 – 23, 2019), to file a Statement of Economic Interests with the Secretary of State as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Candidates who file petitions with the State Board of Elections must file a current receipt for the same office with the State Board no later than 5:00 p.m. [5 ILCS 420/4A-105, 10 ILCS 5/7-12(8)]

OBJECTIONS TO REFERENDA

Last day to file objections to petitions for the submission of questions of public policy (local). Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same office that has the original petitions. (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

EXCEPTION:

Proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions Article IX of the Liquor Control Act, and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code.

NOTE:

For procedures on objections, see page 54. (Except those filed with the Circuit Clerk)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2019

SPECIAL JUDICIAL LOTTERY NOTICE

Last day for written notice of the time and place for conducting lottery shall be given when two (2) or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party: (a) as of the opening hour of the filing period, December 16, 2019, and/or (b) within the last hour of the filing period, December 23, 2019, (special judicial filing period). The State Board of Elections shall give notice to the chair of each established political party. Notice must also be posted. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(6)]

VOTER REGISTRATION DATA

Last day for election authorities to indicate in writing that their voter registration data, including voter history from the last election is complete and up-to-date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2019

UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT CERTIFICATION

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify unit school districts and counties to the appropriate election authorities after receiving the list as certified by the regional superintendent of schools. (105 ILCS 5/3-1.1)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2019

REFERENDA RESOLUTIONS

Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow for binding public questions to appear on the ballot. [10 ILCS 5/28-2(c)]

Last day for County, Municipal, School, Township, and Park Boards to place advisory referenda on the ballot by resolution. (55 ILCS 5/5-1005.5; 60 ILCS 1/80-80; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60; 70 ILCS 1205/8-30; 105 ILCS 5/9-1.5; 10 ILCS 5/28-2 (c); 55 ILCS 5/2-3002; 60 ILCS 1/30-205)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2019

SPECIAL JUDICIAL OBJECTIONS

Last day for filing objections to the nomination papers of candidates who filed petitions with the State Board of Elections for judicial office during the period December 16 – 23, 2019. (10 ILCS 5/7-12.1, 10-8)

NOTE:

For procedures on objections, see page 54.

SPECIAL JUDICIAL INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES

Last day for individual who has filed for two (2) or more incompatible offices during the December 16 – 23, 2019, (or having filed for one office during the November 25 – December 2, 2019, filing period and a second incompatible office during the December 16 – 23, 2019, filing period) to withdraw from all but one of the offices in the office of the State Board of Elections. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(9)]

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2020

SPECIAL JUDICIAL LOTTERY

Last day for a lottery shall be conducted by the State Board of Elections when two (2) or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party as of the opening hour or within the last hour of the special judicial filing period. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(6)]

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE AND DELEGATE/ALTERNATE DELEGATE FILING*

First day for Democratic and Republican Presidential Preference and delegate candidates to file original petitions in the principal office of the State Board of Elections. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(1)]

**Pending approval of state's delegate selection plan.*

UNITED STATES SERVICE MEMBER VOTER REGISTRATION

First day for any voter who is a member of the United States Service, their spouse, and/or their dependents of voting age who expect to be absent from their county of residence on Election Day to make an application for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over their residence. Members of the Armed Forces may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.3, 20-3)

NOTE:

No registration shall be required to vote pursuant to this section.

VOTE BY MAIL REGISTRATION – CITIZENS TEMPORARILY OUTSIDE THE U.S.

First day for citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who expect to be absent from their county of residence on Election Day to make simultaneous application to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for vote by mail registration and a vote by mail ballot. Citizens of the United States may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

NOTE:

Such application may be made only on the official federal postcard and no registration shall be required.

VOTE BY MAIL REGISTRATION – NONRESIDENT CIVILIAN

First day any nonresident civilian citizen otherwise qualified to vote, to make application to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of former residence for a vote by mail ballot containing the federal offices only. Non-resident citizens of the United States may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission.
(10 ILCS 5/20-2.2, 20-5)

NOTE:

Such application may be made only on the official federal postcard and no registration shall be required.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2020

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE AND DELEGATE/ALTERNATE DELEGATE FILING*

Last day for Democratic and Republican Presidential Preference and delegate/alternate delegate candidates to file original petitions in the principal office of the State Board of Elections.
[10 ILCS 5/7-12(1)] **Pending approval of state's delegate selection plan.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE AND DELEGATE/ALTERNATE DELEGATE LOTTERY NOTICE

Last day for written notice of the time and place for conducting the lottery for ballot placement for Presidential Preference, delegate, and alternate delegate candidates to be conducted when two (2)

or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party: (a) as of the opening hour of the filing period, January 2, 2020; and/or (b) within the last hour of the filing period, January 3, 2020. The State Board of Elections shall give notice to the chair of each political party. Notice must also be posted. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(6)]

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020

DEMOCRATIC AFFIDAVIT*

Last day for Democratic Presidential candidates or their authorized agent to file an affidavit with the State Board of Elections and the State Party Chair designating which delegate candidates shall be listed as committed to them when more candidates than have been allocated to a district file statements designating the same Presidential candidate as their preference for President. The delegate candidates who are not designated by the candidates shall not be certified to the ballot. [10 ILCS 5/1A-8(14); Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, Rule 12; Illinois Delegate Selection Plan for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, Section III, A.5.b.] **Pending approval of state's delegate selection plan.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020

WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY

Last statutory day for candidates of established political parties to file withdrawal of nomination papers in the office of the State Board of Elections. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(9)]

BALLOT CERTIFICATION

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify the names of candidates for the General Primary Election to the county clerks. (10 ILCS 5/7-14, 8-10)

PUBLIC QUESTION CERTIFICATION

Last day for the circuit clerk and the local election official to certify any binding public question or advisory referenda to the election authority having jurisdiction over the political subdivision. (10 ILCS 5/28-5)

Last day for the county clerk to certify to the board of election commissioners any referenda to be submitted to the voters in its jurisdiction. (10 ILCS 5/28-5)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2020

OBJECTIONS TO PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE AND DELEGATE/ALTERNATE DELEGATE PETITIONS*

Last day for filing objections to the nomination papers of Presidential Preference, delegate, and alternate delegate candidates in the office of the State Board of Elections who filed January 2 – 3, 2020. (10 ILCS 5/7-12.1) **Pending approval of state's delegate selection plan.*

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE AND DELEGATE/ALTERNATE DELEGATE INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES*

Last day for an individual who has filed, during the January 2 – 3, 2020, filing period, for 2 or more incompatible offices to withdraw from all but one of the offices with the State Board of Elections. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(9)] **Pending approval of state's delegate selection plan.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE & DELEGATE BALLOT PLACEMENT LOTTERY*

Last day for the State Board of Elections to conduct a lottery when two (2) or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party as of the opening hour or within the last hour of the filing period of January 2 – 3, 2020. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(6)] **Pending approval of state's delegate selection plan.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020

WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY

Last day for candidates of established political parties to file withdrawal of nomination papers in the office of the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9), 7-14)

BALLOT CERTIFICATION

Last day for the county clerk to certify to the board of election commissioners the names of candidates to be voted for in its jurisdiction. (10 ILCS 5/7-14)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Last day a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the proper election authority or authorities (appropriate county clerk(s) and/or board(s) of election commissioners). Write-in votes shall be counted only for persons who have filed the Declaration of Intent. Write-in declarations are NOT filed with the State Board of Elections. [10 ILCS 5/7-59(b)]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020

PUBLICATION – VOTING AIDS

Last day the election authority shall provide public notice, calculated to reach the elderly and disabled voter, of the availability of registration and voting aids under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, of assistance in marking the ballot, procedures for voting by mail, and procedures for early voting. (10 ILCS 5/7-15)

PUBLICATION – NEW VOTING DEVICES

Last day for the election authority to publish notice that new mechanical or electronic voting devices will be used for the first time at the General Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/24-1.1, 24A-3, 24B-3; 24C-3)

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PUBLICATION – PUBLIC QUESTION

First day for the election authority to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon during the General Primary Election within the jurisdiction. The election authority shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the election authority. The local election official shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the political or governmental subdivision. If there is no principal office, the local election official shall post the notice at the building in which the governing body of the political or governmental subdivision held its first meeting of the calendar year in which the referenda is being held. (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020

SCHEDULE FOR EARLY VOTING

Last day for the election authority to provide the State Board of Elections with a list of all early voting sites and the hours each site will be open. [10 ILCS 5/19A-25(f)]

POSTING FOR EARLY VOTING

Last day for the election authority to post the schedule for early voting conducted at the authority's office and at each temporary location. Posting shall remain at each site until the last day of the early voting period (March 16, 2020). If the election authority has a website, it shall make the schedule available on the website. [10 ILCS 5/19A-25(b)]

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2020

PUBLICATION – EARLY VOTING

First day for election authority to publish: (1) the location of each permanent and temporary site for early voting and the precincts served by each location, and (2) the dates and hours that early voting will be conducted at each location. The election authority shall publish this information at least once a week during the statutory period for early voting. If the election authority maintains a website, they shall make the schedule available on their website. [10 ILCS 19A-25(a)(d)]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020

VOTE BY MAIL – UOCAVA

Last day for the election authority to have in their office a sufficient number of ballots printed and available for mailing to persons in the United States Service, their spouse, and/or their dependents of voting age, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States, and nonresident civilians. (10 ILCS 5/7-16, 16-5.01)

NOTE:

Pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), as amended by the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (the MOVE Act), vote by mail ballots requested by military and overseas voters must be transmitted at least 45 days before a federal election. [42 U.S.C. § 1973ff-1(a) (8) (A)] Please be advised that the 45 day UOCAVA deadline may not be extended under any circumstances; therefore, although the 45 day deadline falls on a Saturday, military and overseas vote by mail ballots MUST be mailed by that date. An election authority that waits until the first business day following the 45-day deadline to mail military and overseas ballots will be considered in violation of UOCAVA.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020

VOTE BY MAIL

First day for the election authority to mail an official ballot to a registered voter within the confines of the United States who has made application to vote by mail. (10 ILCS 5/19-4)

EARLY VOTING – OFFICE OF ELECTION AUTHORITY

First day for early voting at the office of the election authority and temporary locations designated by the election authority. Temporary polling locations for early voting can be established at the discretion of the election authority, and the dates and hours are also at the discretion of the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15, 19A-20)

ORGANIZATION OF CITIZENS – POLLWATCHERS

Last day for organizations of citizens which have among its purpose the investigation or prosecution of election fraud, ballot proposition proponents or opponents and State nonpartisan civic organization to register their names and addresses and the names and addresses of their principal officers with the proper election authority if such organization(s) person(s) wish to qualify for pollwatchers at the General Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/7-34)

SUNDAY – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 – 18, 2020

LODGING HOUSE AFFIDAVITS

Dates for filing Lodging House Affidavits listing the names and descriptions of those residents who list such location as their voting addresses with Boards of Election Commissioners. (*The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit enforcement of this provision.*) (10 ILCS 5/6-56)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

Last day for regular registration or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority. Grace period registration and voting will be available after this date. Area and precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for registration deadlines. (10 ILCS 5/4-6, 4-16, 5-5, 5-23, 6-29, 6-50, 6-53, 6-54)

NOTE:

Under the provisions of NVRA, agency and motor vehicle offices will continue to accept registration after the statutory close of registration. Only those registration applications completed no later than 27 days (16 days for Motor Vehicle Offices) before the election will be processed for the next ensuing election. Applications for registration completed within five days of the registration deadline at Secretary of State Facilities and qualified agencies will be transmitted within five days of completion and must be processed for the election. A mail registration application shall be deemed timely filed if postmarked prior to the close of registration. If no postmark exists or if the postmark is illegible, the application shall be considered timely filed if received by the election authority no later than five calendar days after the close of registration.

NURSING HOME VOTING

Last day for the election authority to arrange with nursing home administrators the date and time to conduct in-person voting in such facilities and to post a notice in the office of the election authority of all such arrangements.

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION – DEPUTY REGISTRARS

Last day for registration of voters by deputy registrars, including municipal, township, road district clerks, and precinct committeepersons. Area and precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for registration deadlines. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

NOTE:

Deputy Registrars must return completed forms to the election authority within 7 days of the day on which they are completed. Deputy Registrars must return all registration materials within 48 hours of registration/cancellation if such registration/cancellation was accepted between the 35th and 28th day preceding an election.

VOTE BY MAIL – CITIZENS TEMPORARILY OUTSIDE U.S.

Last day for citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the United States who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who expect to be absent from their county of residence on Election Day to make a simultaneous application to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for vote by mail registration and a vote by mail ballot and the last day for the election authority to mail such a ballot. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

NOTE:

To receive the full ballot, application should be in the hands of the election authority no later than 30 days before the election. Applications received after February 18, 2020, and prior to March 9, will entitle the voter to cast a federal ballot only.

Registration is not required in order to vote the ballot containing the federal offices only.

VOTE BY MAIL – FEDERAL OFFICES ONLY

First day for the election authority to send an official ballot for federal offices only, upon receipt of either an application for vote by mail registration or an application for a vote by mail ballot, to citizens of the United States who are temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

NOTE:

Unregistered citizens who are temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States who make application for vote by mail registration and/or vote by mail ballots after 30 days but not less than 10 days (February 18 – March 9, 2020) prior to Election Day, shall be sent the federal offices ballot only.

Registration is not required in order to vote the ballot containing the federal offices only.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING

First day for grace period registration and voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority. If the election authority does not have ballots available, the election authority may mail the ballot to the voter when available. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

DEPUTY REGISTRARS

Last day for deputy registrars who are officials or members of a bona fide labor organization to return unused registration materials to the election authority. Area and precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for registration deadlines and return of material deadlines. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

Last day for election authority to post schedule for early voting at each **permanent polling** location where early voting will be conducted. Posting shall remain at each site until the last day of the early voting period (March 16, 2020). If the election authority has a website, it shall make the schedule available on the website. [10 ILCS 5/19A-25(b)]

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION (UNDER 500K)

Last day for the election authority to publish newspaper notice of primary election in counties of less than 500,000 inhabitants. (10 ILCS 5/7-15)

NOTE:

Notice shall include the primary date, poll hours, offices to be listed on the ballot, and the political parties entitled to participate.

EMPLOYEE NOTICE TO BE ELECTION JUDGE

Last day for an employee to give their employer written notice that they will be absent from place of employment on election day because they have been appointed as an election judge under the provisions of 10 ILCS 5/13-1 or 13-2. (10 ILCS 5/13-2.5, 14-4.5)

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

VOTER REGISTRATION DATA

Last day for election authorities to indicate in writing that their voter registration data, including voting history from the latest election is complete and up-to-date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020

ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION

Last day for voters to register to vote through the State Board of Elections website.
(10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5)

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020

EARLY VOTING – PERMANENT POLLING PLACES

First day for early voting for counties who have early voting at permanent polling places other than the office of the election authority. These permanent polling places are to be open on holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays. [10 ILCS 5/19A-15(b)]

MONDAY – TUESDAY, MARCH 2 – 3, 2020

ERASURE OF NAMES FROM VOTER REGISTRY

Dates on which any voter or precinct committeeperson may file an application with the election authority to erase names from the registry of voters. *The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit enforcement of this provision.* (10 ILCS 5/4-12, 5-15, 6-44)

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020

HOSPITALIZED VOTER

First day that a qualified voter who has been admitted to a hospital, nursing home, or rehabilitation center not more than 14 days before a the Primary Election to make an application with the election authority for the personal delivery of an official ballot. (10 ILCS 5/19-13)

NOTE:

This provision for voting by mail is available through Election Day if the process can be completed and the voted ballot returned to the election authority in sufficient time for the ballot to be delivery by the election authority to the election authority central ballot counting location before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS

Last day for State Board of Elections or the election authority to have pollwatcher credentials available for distribution. (10 ILCS 5/7-34)

NOTE:

Pollwatcher credentials may, at the discretion of the election authority, be distributed prior to this date. Credentials must be available on this date through, and including, Election Day.

NOTICE OF PRIMARY BALLOT COLORS

Last day for the election authority to publish the announcement of the colors of the primary ballot. Publication shall be for at least one week in at least two newspapers published in the county. The election authority shall also post in a conspicuous place in their office an announcement of the colors of the primary ballots. (10 ILCS 5/7-18)

NOTE:

Notice shall include the primary date, poll hours, offices to be listed on the ballot, and the political parties entitled to participate.

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION (OVER 500K)

Last day for the election authority to publish newspaper notice of the primary election in counties of more than 500,000 inhabitants. (10 ILCS 5/7-15)

THURSDAY – SATURDAY, MARCH 5 – 7, 2020

HEARINGS FOR REGISTRATION ERASURE

Dates on which county clerks or Chicago Board of Election Commissioners shall hold hearings to determine whether names in the registry of voters shall be erased, registered, or restored. *The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit enforcement of this provision.* (10 ILCS 5/4-13, 5-16, 6-45)

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020

PUBLICATION – PUBLIC QUESTION

Last day for the election authority to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within the jurisdiction. The election authority shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the election authority. The local election official shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the political or governmental subdivision. If there is no principal office, the local election official shall post the notice at the building in which the governing body of the political or governmental subdivision held its first meeting of the calendar year in which the referenda is being held. (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

VOTE BY MAIL – UOCAVA

Last day for any voter who is a member of the United States Service, their spouse, and/or their dependents of voting age who expect to be absent from the county of residence on Election Day to make application for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct residence and the last day for the election authority to mail such ballots. Members of the Armed Forces may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.3, 20-3)

NOTE:

No registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to this section.

VOTE BY MAIL – NONRESIDENT CIVILIAN

Last day for any nonresident civilian, otherwise qualified to vote, to make application to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of former residence for a vote by mail ballot containing federal offices only, and the last day for election authority to mail such ballot. Nonresident civilians may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.2, 20-5)

NOTE:

Such application may be made only on the official federal postcard and no registration shall be required.

VOTE BY MAIL – CITIZENS TEMPORARILY OUTSIDE U.S.

Last day for the election authority to send an official ballot for federal offices only, upon receipt of either an application for absentee registration or an application for vote by mail ballot, to citizens of the United States who are temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States. Citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3, 20-4)

NOTE:

Registration is not required in order to vote the ballot containing the federal offices only.

TUESDAY – THURSDAY, MARCH 10 – 12, 2020

HEARINGS FOR REGISTRATION ERASURE

Dates on which boards of election commissioners (except Chicago Board of Election Commissioners) shall hold hearings to determine whether names in the registry of voters shall be erased, registered, or restored. *The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit enforcement of this provision.* (10 ILCS 5/6-45)

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020

VOTE BY MAIL

Last day for the election authority to receive application to vote by mail from any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States. (10 ILCS 5/19-2, 19-4)

SPECIMEN BALLOTS

Last day for the election authority to publish the specimen ballots, as near as may be, in the form in which they will appear on the official ballots on Election Day. (10 ILCS 5/7-21, 24A-18, 24B-18, 24C-18)

NURSING HOME VOTING – APPLICATION

Last day for a physically incapacitated voter who desires to vote in person at a federally operated veteran's home, hospital, or facility of residence pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act to make application for such to the election authority. Such voting shall take place on the Friday,

Saturday, Sunday, or Monday immediately preceding the General Primary Election, as determined by the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

NURSING HOME VOTING – LISTING

Last day (by noon) the election authority shall post the names and addresses of nursing home facilities from which no applications for vote by mail ballots have been received and in which no supervised voting will be conducted.

(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

PUBLIC TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

Last day for the election authority to conduct public test of automatic tabulating equipment, Optical Scan Equipment, and Direct Recording Electronic Voting Equipment.

(10 ILCS 5/24A-9, 24B-9, 24C-9)

NOTE:

All election authorities must provide timely notice of their public test to the State Board of Elections prior to such test. Such notice must contain the date, time, and location of such test. Public notice of the time and place of the test must be given at least 48 hours prior to such test.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020

OFFICIAL BALLOT INSPECTION

Last day for the election authority to have official ballots available for inspection by candidates or their agents. (10 ILCS 5/16-5)

FRIDAY – MONDAY, MARCH 13 – 16, 2020

NURSING HOME VOTING The election authority will determine on which of the above dates Nursing Home voting will be conducted at federally operated veteran's homes, hospitals, and facilities licensed pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act. No later than 9:00 a.m. of the day designated by the election authority to conduct in-person voting on the premises, the election authority shall deliver official vote by mail ballots to the judges of election conducting such voting at the facility. Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., sufficient time shall be allowed for residents of the facility to vote on the premises of such facility. Immediately thereafter, the judges shall bring the sealed envelope to the office of the election authority who shall deliver such ballots to the election authority's central ballot counting location prior to the closing of the polls on the day of election.

(10 ILCS 5/19-4, 19-12.2)

NOTE:

In person vote by mail voting shall be conducted on the premises of facilities licensed pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, the MC/DD Act, and federally operated veterans' homes and hospitals, for the sole benefit of residents of such facilities who have made prior application and are registered to vote in that precinct.

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020

EARLY VOTING

Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority and permanent locations designated by the election authority. Temporary early voting locations may be established by the election authority but are not required to maintain the same voting days and hours as the election authority. (10 ILCS 19A-15, 19A-20)

BALLOT DELIVERY

Last day for the election authority to deliver ballots to the judges of election. (10 ILCS 5/7-35)

VOTE BY MAIL

Last day for any registered voter, presently within the confines of the United States, to apply in person at the election authority or approved local official for a vote by mail ballot. (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

CURBSIDE VOTING

Last day for any temporarily or permanently physically disabled voter to request at the election authority's office that two (2) judges of election of opposite party affiliation deliver a ballot to the voter at the point where they are unable to continue forward motion toward the polling place. [10 ILCS 5/7-47.1(b)]

NOTE:

The election authority shall notify the judges of election of the appropriate precinct of such requests. (ILCS 5/19-4, 19-12.2) (10 ILCS 5/24A-9, 24B-9, 24C-9)

LISTS OF VOTE BY MAIL, EARLY AND GRACE PERIOD VOTERS

Last day for election authority to deliver (prior to opening the polling place) to the judges of election in each precinct the list of registered voters in that precinct to whom vote by mail ballots have been issued, grace period voters, and early voters. [10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100, 19-4, 19A-5(c)]

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION POLLS OPEN 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING

Last day of grace period registration and voting in the office of the election authority or at location designated for this purpose by the election authority. Please contact the election authority to determine the availability of grace period registration and voting in the polling place on Election Day. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020

VOTER REGISTRATION

Registration opens in the office of the election authority and with all deputy registrars including municipal, township, and road district clerks who are authorized deputy registrars. (10 ILCS 5/4-6, 5-5, 6-50)

UNCOUNTED BALLOTS

No later than 48 hours after the closing of polling locations on Election Day, each election authority maintaining a website shall post the number of ballots that remain uncounted. The posting shall separate the number of ballots yet to be counted into the following categories: ballots cast on Election Day, early voting ballots, provisional ballots, vote by mail ballots received by the election authority but not counted, and vote by mail ballots sent by the election authority but have not been returned to the election authority. This information shall be updated on the website of the election authority each day until the period for counting provisional and vote by mail ballots has ended. All election authorities, regardless of whether they maintain a website, shall share the same information, separated in the same manner, with the State Board of Elections no later than 48 hours after the closing of polling locations on Election Day and each business day thereafter until the period for counting provisional and vote by mail ballots has ended. (10 ILCS 5/1-9.2)

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020

PROVISIONAL VOTERS

Last day a provisional voter may submit additional information to the county clerk or board of election commissioners to verify or support their registration status. Material must be received by this date. [10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d)]

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020

PROVISIONAL BALLOT COUNTING

Last day for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots. [10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a)]

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT COUNTING

Last day for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the tabulation of vote by mail ballots that were: (1) postmarked by Election Day and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day but not later than 14 days after the election, or (2) not postmarked at all, but did have a certification date prior to the Election Day on the certification envelope, and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day, but not later than 14 days after the election. (10 ILCS 5/19-8)

NOTE:

Voters whose ballots were rejected must be sent a notice of such along with the reason for the rejection within two (2) days of the rejection, but in all cases prior to the end of the 14 day period in which to count the vote by mail ballots. Such voters must be given an opportunity to appear before the election authority on or before the 14th day following the election to show cause to why the ballot should not be rejected.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020

CANVASSING

The board of election commissioners shall transmit a tabulated statement of the returns to the county clerk. [10 ILCS 5/7-56, 18A-15(a)]

Last day for canvassing of election results by proper canvassing board (county canvassing board or board of canvassers). [10 ILCS 5/7- 56, 18A-15(a)]

NOTE:

The State Board of Elections as a canvassing board.

The Election Authority shall submit their canvass through the eCanvass system in the electronic format prescribed by the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/22-6)

NOTE:

If there is a board of election commissioners within a county, the county abstracts shall include the statement of returns from such board of election commissioners. (10 ILCS 5/22-9).

The county clerk shall, within two (2) days, forward the abstract of votes to the SBE overnight mail or as a PDF document through email. (10 ILCS 22-5)

VOTE BY MAIL STATISTICS

The last day the election authority shall transmit to the State Board of Elections the following: (1) the number, by precinct, of vote by mail ballots requested, provided, and counted, (2) the number of rejected vote by mail ballots, (3) the number of voters seeking review of rejected vote by mail ballots, and (4) the number of vote by mail ballots counted following review. (10 ILCS 5/19-20, 20-20)

AFTER THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

CANVASSING BOARD

The county clerk has the responsibility of canvassing the returns of the General Primary Election under its jurisdiction. (10 ILCS 5/7-56)

The board of election commissioners has the responsibility of canvassing the returns of the General Primary under its jurisdiction. (10 ILCS 5/7-56)

RETABULATION

Prior to the canvass, in those jurisdictions where in-precinct counting equipment is utilized, the election authority shall retabulate the total number of votes cast in 5% of the precincts within the election jurisdiction, as well as 15% of the voting devices used in early voting as selected on a random basis by the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/24A-15, 24B-15, 24C-15)

AFTER PROCLAMATION BY THE ELECTION AUTHORITY

The county clerk shall issue a certificate of nomination to each person declared nominated to a county office.

The county clerk shall issue a certificate of election to each person declared elected to the office of ward committeeperson or precinct committeeperson. (10 ILCS 5/7-58)

PRECINCT RESULTS

Within 1 day after the canvassing and proclamation, each election authority shall transmit to the State Board of Elections a canvass of votes by precinct or ward for the following offices: President, state senator, representative in the general assembly, any candidate for congressional office, the offices of ward committeepersons, and precinct committeepersons, and total ballots cast, as well as copies of the current precinct poll list via overnight mail or as a PDF file via email. Electronic results must also be submitted in accordance with the procedures outlined in 26 Il. Adm. Code 219. (10 ILCS 5/22-15)

CANVASS BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The State Board of Elections shall canvass the returns for the nomination or election of candidates for offices for which petitions were filed with the State Board of Elections. The State Board of Elections shall issue certificates of election to each person declared elected to the office of delegate and alternate delegate.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Each successful write-in candidate nominated or elected at the primary shall file the following documents with the proper election authority or the State Board of Elections within 10 days from the proclamation by the appropriate board:

1. A Loyalty Oath (optional);
2. A Statement of Candidacy; and
3. A receipt for filing of a Statement of Economic Interests (not required for federal offices, precinct, or ward committeepersons). (10 ILCS 5/7-60)

DISCOVERY RECOUNT

Within 5 days after the last day for proclamation of the results, petitions for discovery recount may be filed by any qualified individual (who came within 5% of the votes cast for any successful candidate) with the appropriate county clerk or board of election commissioners. The deadline to file a discovery recount for an office canvassed by the State Board of Elections is 5 days after the last day for the Board to canvass. The petition for discovery is filed with the appropriate election authority/authorities. (10 ILCS 5/22-9.1)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020

COUNTY CONVENTION

Each established political party shall hold a county convention at its respective county.
[10 ILCS 5/7-9(a)]

NOTE:

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Precinct committeepersons begin their terms as deputy registrars on the date of the county convention. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2020

CANVASS – STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Last day for the State Board of Elections to canvass the votes for federal, congressional, legislative, representative, and judicial offices as well as multi-county regions. [10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a)]

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020

LIST OF PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSONS

Last day for the chair of each county central committee to forward to the State Board of Elections the names and addresses of its officers and precinct committeepersons. [10 ILCS 5/7-9(a)]

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020

PARTY LOTTERY

Last day for the election authority to conduct a lottery (*within 30 days following the canvass and proclamation of the results of the General Primary Election*) to determine the order in which the major political parties will appear on the General Election ballot.

The election authority shall send 7 days written notice to party chair and to each organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction entitled to have pollwatchers present at the last election. Notice must also be posted. (10 ILCS 5/7-60, 18A-15)

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020

VOTER LIST FOR COUNTY CHAIR

Last day for the election authority to provide to each county chair or their representative a precinct list prepared for the 2020 General Primary Election which has been marked to indicate which party's ballot each voter requested. (10 ILCS 5/4-22, 5-29, 6-66)

GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 3, 2020

[10 ILCS 5/2A-1(a)]

TO BE ELECTED:

- President and Vice President of the United States
- United States Senator
- Representatives in Congress – All 18 Districts
- State Senators
 - For 2 year terms: 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 31, 34, 37, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52, 55, and 58.
- Representatives in the General Assembly - All 118 Districts
- Sanitary District Commissioners/Trustees (Prairie DuPont Levee & Sanitary District Candidates file with SBE)
- Circuit Clerks
- Recorders (in counties with a population of 60,000 or more inhabitants)
- State's Attorney's
- Auditors (in counties with a population over 75,000 and under 3,000,000)
- Coroners
- Regional Superintendent of Schools (vacancies)
- County Commissioners (Counties not under township organization)
- County Board Members (Counties under township organization)
- Judges (Additional Judgeships if required)
 - Supreme Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
 - Appellate Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
 - Circuit Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
 - Resident Circuit Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
 - Subcircuit Judges, Vacancies will be filled
- Judicial Retention

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DATES GOVERNING THE GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020

PETITION CIRCULATION

First day to circulate nomination papers for independent candidates and new political party candidates who file in between June 15 – 22, 2020, (90 days preceding the last day to file nomination papers). (10 ILCS 5/10-4, 10-6)

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

JUDICIAL RETENTION

Last day for judges seeking retention in office to file Declaration of Judicial Candidacy with the Secretary of State. [Illinois Constitution, Article VI, Section 12(d)]

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020

PUBLIC QUESTION – CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Last day to file petitions with the Secretary of State to amend Article IV of the Illinois Constitution. Such petitions must be signed by a number of electors equal to at least 8% of the total votes cast for candidates for Governor at the 2018 General Election (minimum signatures – 363, 813). (10 ILCS 5/28-9)

PUBLIC QUESTION – STATEWIDE ADVISORY

Last day to file a statewide petition for advisory public policy question with the State Board of Elections. Such petitions must be signed by a number of electors equal to at least 8% of the total votes cast for candidates for Governor at the 2018 General Election (minimum signatures – 363,813). (10 ILCS 5/28-9)

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020

SECRETARY OF STATE PETITION DELIVERY

Last day for the Secretary of State to deliver a petition to amend the Illinois Constitution to the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/28-9)

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

PUBLIC QUESTION PROPONENT/OPPONENT

Last day for proponents and opponents to certify in writing to the State Board of Elections that they publicly support or oppose the statewide advisory question of public policy. Said individuals shall register with the State Board of Elections the name and address of its group and the name and address of its chair and designated agent for acceptance of service of notices. (10 ILCS 5/28-13)

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020

VOTER REGISTRATION DATA

First day for election authorities to indicate in writing that their voter registration data, including voting history from the latest election, is complete and up-to-date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020

VOTER LIST FOR COUNTY CHAIR

Last day for the election authorities to provide to each county chair or their representative a precinct list for the 2020 Primary Election marked to indicate which party's ballot each voter requested. (10 ILCS 5/4-22, 5-29, 6-66)

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020

STATEWIDE PUBLIC QUESTION

The State Board of Elections shall apply its proven random sampling method to select and identify the petition signatures to be included in the sample signature verification. (10 ILCS 5/28-11)
Proponents shall be allowed to present competent evidence or an additional sample to rebut the presumption of invalidity. The Board shall declare the petition to be valid or invalid. This hearing to be held prior to August 21, 2020. (10 ILCS 5/28-12)

NOTE:

The State Board of Elections shall conduct a hearing if the statewide projection made from results of random sampling falls below 95% of the minimum number of petition signatures required on a petition to amend the Constitution or on a petition for statewide advisory question of public policy. (10 ILCS 5/28-12)

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020

VOTER REGISTRATION DATA

Last day for election authorities to indicate in writing that their voter registration data, including voting history from the latest election, is complete and up-to-date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020

VACANCY IN NOMINATION – MANAGING COMMITTEE

Last day for established party managing committee (legislative and representative) to appoint someone to fill a vacancy when no candidate was nominated at the General Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 8-17)

VACANCY IN NOMINATION – APPOINTEE

Last day for appointee, by established party managing committee, to file the following documents when no candidate was nominated at the General Primary Election. The following documents must be filed together: (1) notice of appointment by the appropriate committee, (2) nominating petitions, (3) statement of candidacy, and (4) statement of economic interest. (10 ILCS 5/7-61)

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CREATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

First day notice of intention to file a petition to create a political subdivision, whose officers are to be elected rather than appointed, may be published in a newspaper within the proposed political subdivision, or if none, in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed territory.

[10 ILCS 5/28-2(g)]

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020

OBJECTIONS TO VACANCIES IN NOMINATION

Last day to file objections to nomination papers of all candidates who filled vacancies when no candidate was nominated at the General Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-8)

NOTE:

For procedures on objections, see page 54.

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020

NEW PARTY AND INDEPENDENT FILING

First day for independent and new party candidates to file original nomination papers.

Candidates for federal, legislative, judicial offices, or for any office to be elected by the voters of more than one county, shall file nomination papers in the principal office of the State Board of Elections. For the November 3, 2020, General Election, a statewide new political party slate must include the names of a candidate for President and Vice President. Petitions for President and Vice President must include a list of Presidential electors' names and addresses.

Candidates for county office will file in the office of the county clerk.

New party petitions must also include a certificate of officers authorized to fill a vacancy in nomination. **Failure to file the certificate will result in the party forfeiting the ability to fill a vacancy in nomination.** (10 ILCS 5/10-2, 10-3, 10-5, 10-6)

NOTE:

The following court case has held that the full-slate requirement for new political parties is unconstitutional: Libertarian Party of Illinois v. SBE, et al., 872 F.3d 518 (7th Cir. 2017).

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020

NEW PARTY AND INDEPENDENT FILING

Last day (by 5:00 p.m.) for independent and new party candidates to file original nomination papers.

Candidates for federal, legislative, judicial offices, or for any office to be elected by the voters of more than one county, shall file nomination papers in the principal office of the State Board of Elections. For the November 3, 2020, General Election, a statewide new political party slate must include the names of a candidate for President and Vice President. Petitions for President and Vice President must include a list of Presidential electors' names and addresses.

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NOTE:

The following court case has held that the full-slate requirement for new political parties is unconstitutional: Libertarian Party of Illinois v. ISBE, et al., 872 F.3d 518 (7th Cir. 2017).

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

Last day for filing a Statement of Economic Interests with the proper office as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Candidates who file petitions with the county clerk and have a current Statement of Economic Interests on file for the same office with the same county do not have to file an additional receipt. Candidates who file petitions with the State Board of Elections must file a current receipt for the same office with the petitions. The receipt must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. (5 ILCS 420/4A-105; 10 ILCS 5/10-5)

EXCEPTION:

Candidates for federal office are not required to file a state economic interest statement.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020

OBJECTIONS TO STATEWIDE QUESTIONS

Under the provisions of 10 ILCS 5/10-8, the deadline to file objections to petitions to amend Article IV of the Illinois Constitution and statewide advisory questions is 35 business days after the last day for filing which, in 2020, is June 23. Section 28-4 states that 42 business days after the petition actually is filed is the deadline for objections. Upon receipt of any such petition, the State Board of Elections will apply the more generous of the two calculations to determine the timeliness of any objection. (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2020

NOTICE OF LOTTERY

Last day for written notice of the time and place for conducting lottery to be given when two (2) or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party, independent or nonpartisan candidates, (a) as of the opening hour of the filing period, June 15, 2020, and/or (b)

within the last hour of the filing period June 22, 2020. The State Board of Elections or the election authority shall give notice to the chair of each political party. Notice must also be posted.
(10 ILCS 5/10-6.2)

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2020

INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES

Last day for an individual who has filed for two (2) or more incompatible offices to withdraw from all but one of the offices (with whichever election authority the nomination papers were originally filed).
(10 ILCS 5/10-7)

OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION PAPERS

Last day for filing objections to the nomination papers of all candidates who filed during the June 15 – 22, 2020, filing period. Objections are filed with whichever office the nomination papers were originally filed, such as the office of the State Board of Elections or the county clerk.
(10 ILCS 5/10-8)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020

BALLOT PLACEMENT LOTTERY

Last day a lottery shall be conducted by the State Board of Elections or the election authority when two (2) or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office by more than one new political party, nonpartisan, or for the same office by more than one independent candidate, as of the opening hour or within the last hour of filing period.
(10 ILCS 5/10-6.2)

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CREATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

Last day notice of intention to file a petition to create a political subdivision, whose officers are to be elected rather than appointed, may be published in a newspaper within the proposed political subdivision, or if none, in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed territory.
[10 ILCS 5/28-2(g)]

LISTING OF NURSING HOME FACILITIES

Last day for the Department of Public Health to certify to the State Board of Elections a list of the facilities licensed, or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, the ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act.
(10 ILCS 19-12.2)

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PETITION TO CREATE A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

Last day to file a petition to create a political subdivision with the appropriate officer or board.
[10 ILCS 5/28-2(b)]

NOTE:

The specific statutory provisions governing the creation of political subdivisions can be found in the relevant Code governing such subdivisions.

Objections can be filed on or before the date of the hearing with the appropriate circuit court clerk. (10 ILCS 5/28-4)

If initial officers are to be elected at the election for creation of a new unit of government, candidates for such offices shall file nomination papers 113-106 days before such election (July 13 – 20, 2020). (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

The circuit court clerk shall publish the hearing date for a public policy petition filed in their office not later than 14 days after the petition is actually filed, but at least 5 days before actual hearing. Final order within 7 days of hearing. (10 ILCS 5/28-4)

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020

OBJECTIONS TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PETITION

Last day to file objections to petitions to create a political subdivision in the office of the appropriate officer, board, or circuit court. (10 ILCS 5/28-4)

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020

LISTING OF NURSING HOME FACILITIES

Last day State Board of Elections shall certify to the proper election authority a list of federally operated veteran's homes, hospitals, and facilities licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act. The list shall indicate bed capacity and the chief administrator of each such home, hospital, or facility. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020

REFERENDA FILING

Last day for filing petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local).
Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same officer in which the original petitions are filed. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(a), 28-6, 28-7)

EXCEPTION:

Proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act, and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code.)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020

VOTE BY MAIL – APPLICATION

First day for any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States, to make application by mail or in person to the election authority for an official vote by mail ballot. Please note that mailing and delivery of ballots does not begin until Thursday, September 24, 2020. (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

REGISTRATION PURGE

Last day for election authorities to complete any systematic program to remove ineligible voters from the voting roles prior to the November 3, 2020, General Election. [52 U.S.C. 20507(c)(2)(A)]

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020

OBJECTIONS TO REFERENDA

Last day to file objections to petitions for the submission of questions of public policy. Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same office that has the original petitions. (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

EXCEPTION:

Proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act, and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code.

NOTE:

For procedures on objections, see page 54 (except those filed with the circuit clerk).

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020

REFERENDA RESOLUTIONS

Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow binding or advisory public questions to appear on the ballot. [10 ILCS 5/28-2(c); 55 ILCS 5/5-1005.5; 60 ILCS 1/80-80; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60; 70 ILCS 1205/8-30; 105 ILCS 5/9-1.5; 10 ILCS 5/28-2(c); 60 ILCS 1/30-205]

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020

VACANCY IN NOMINATION

Last day for established and new political parties to fill vacancies in nomination occurring on or after the primary and prior to certification (does not apply to vacancies created due to failure to nominate at the General Primary) for federal, legislative, and representative offices. Resolutions are filed in the principal office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-61)

NOTE:

Any vacancies in nomination occurring after certification, but prior to 15 days before the General Election, shall be filed by the political party officers, or other persons making the original nomination, with 8 days after the event creating the vacancy. (10 ILCS 5/7-61)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2020**WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY**

Last day for independent, established party, and new political party candidates to file withdrawal of nomination papers in the office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/10-7)

BALLOT CERTIFICATION

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify the names of established political party candidates, new party candidates, and independent candidates, as well as questions to amend the Constitution of Illinois and any statewide questions of public policy for the General Election ballot to the election authorities. (10 ILCS 5/1A-8(14), 7-60, 10-14)

EXCEPTION:

The nominees for the Democratic Party and Republican Party for President and Vice President of the United States will not be certified until chosen by the national nominating convention.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020**VACANCY IN NOMINATION**

Last day for established and new political parties to fill vacancies in nomination in county offices where the vacancy occurred on or after the primary election and prior to certification. This does not apply to vacancies which occur due to a failure to nominate at the primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-11)

NOTE:

Any vacancies in nomination occurring after certification, but prior to 15 days before the General Election, shall be filled by the political party officers, or other persons making the original nomination, within 8 days after the event creating the vacancy. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-11)

BALLOT CERTIFICATION

Last day for the county clerk to certify to the board of election commissioners the names of candidates to be voted for in its jurisdiction. (10 ILCS 5/7-60, 10-14)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020

WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY

Last day for candidates who filed nomination papers with the county clerk to file withdrawal of nomination papers in the office of the county clerk. (10 ILCS 5/10-7)

OBJECTIONS – VACANCY IN NOMINATION

Last day to file objections with the State Board of Elections to resolutions for filling a vacancy in nomination by a new political party or by an established party managing committee when a vacancy occurred on or after the primary election and before certification.
(10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-8, 10-11)

NOTE:

For procedures on objections, see page 54 (except those filed with the circuit clerk).

BALLOT CERTIFICATION

Last day for county clerk to certify the general election ballot and issue a copy to the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/10-14)

Last day for the circuit court clerk and the local election official to certify any binding public question or advisory referenda to the election authority having jurisdiction over the political subdivision.
(10 ILCS 5/28-5)

Last day for the county clerk to certify to the board of election commissioners any referenda to be submitted to the voters in its jurisdiction. (10 ILCS 5/28-5)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

JUDICIAL RETENTION

Last day for the Secretary of State to certify the names of all judges seeking retention in office to the State Board of Elections. (Illinois Constitution, Article VI, Section 12; 10 ILCS 5/7A-1)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

OBJECTIONS – VACANCY IN NOMINATION

Last day to file objections with the county clerk to resolutions for filling a vacancy in nomination by an established or new party managing committee when a vacancy occurred on or after the primary election and before certification. **This does not apply to vacancies which occur due to a failure to nominate at the primary.** (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-11)

NOTE:

For procedures on objections, see page 54.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

PUBLICATION – NEW VOTING DEVICES

Last day for the election authority to publish notice that new mechanical or electronic voting devices will be used for the first time at the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/24-1.1, 24A-3, 24B-3, 24C-3)

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Last day a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the proper election authority or authorities, such as the appropriate county clerk(s) and/or board(s) of election commissioners. Write-in votes shall be counted only for persons who have filed a Declaration of Intent. Write-in declarations are NOT filed with the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/17-16.1)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

PUBLICATION – VOTING AIDS

Last day the election authority shall provide public notice, calculated to reach the elderly and disabled voters, of the availability of registration and voting aids under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, as well as the availability of assistance in marking the ballot, procedures for voting by vote by mail ballot, and procedures for early voting by personal appearance. (10 ILCS 5/12-1)

PUBLICATION – PUBLIC QUESTION

First day for the election authority to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within the jurisdiction. (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

LEGISLATIVE AND REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Last day each legislative committee and representative committee shall meet and organize. Said meeting shall be held within the limits of such district. (10 ILCS 5/8-5)

STATE PARTY CONVENTION

Last day for each established party to hold a state party convention. The call for the state convention must be issued at least 33 days prior to the date of the convention. [10 ILCS 5/7-9(e)]

SCHEDULE FOR EARLY VOTING

Last day for the election authority to provide the State Board of Elections with a list of all early voting sites and the hours each site will be open. [10 ILCS 5/19A-25(f)]

POSTING FOR EARLY VOTING

Last day for election authority to post schedule for early voting conducted at the office of the election authority and each temporary location. Posting shall remain at each site until the last day of the early voting period (November 2, 2020). If the election authority has a website, it shall make the schedule available on the website. [10 ILCS 5/19A-25(b)]

INTERNET VOTERS' GUIDE

Last day for statewide and candidates for Supreme and Appellate Court judgeships to submit personal statements and photographs for the Internet Voters' Guide to the State Board of Elections. [10 ILCS 5/12A-10(g)]

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

PUBLICATION – EARLY VOTING

First day for election authority to publish: (1) the locations of all permanent and temporary sites for early voting and the precincts served by each location, and (2) the dates and hours that early voting will be conducted at each location. The election authority shall publish this information at least once a week during the statutory period for early voting. If the election authority maintains a website, they shall make the schedule available on their website. [10 ILCS 5/19A-25(a)]

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

VOTE BY MAIL – UOCAVA

Last day for the election authority to have in their office a sufficient number of ballots printed and available for mailing to persons in the United States Service, their spouse and/or their dependents, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States, and nonresident civilians. (10 ILCS 5/16-5.01)

NOTE:

Pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), as amended by the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (the MOVE Act), vote by mail ballots requested by military and overseas voters must be transmitted at least 45 days before a federal election. [42 U.S.C. § 1973ff-1(a) (8) (A)] Please be advised that the 45 day UOCAVA deadline may not be extended under any circumstances; therefore, although the 45 day deadline falls on a Saturday, military and overseas vote by mail ballots MUST be mailed by that date. An election authority that waits until the first business day following the 45 day deadlines to mail military and overseas ballots will be considered in violation of UOCAVA.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

INTERNET VOTERS' GUIDE

Last day for the State Board of Elections to publish Internet Voters' Guide on the Board's website. (10 ILCS 5/12A-5)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

VOTE BY MAIL

First day for the election authority to mail an official ballot to a registered voter within the confines of the United States who has made application to vote by mail. (10 ILCS 5/19-4)

EARLY VOTING – OFFICE OF ELECTION AUTHORITY

First day for early voting at the office of the election authority and temporary locations designated by the election authority. Temporary polling locations for early voting can be established at the discretion of the election authority, and the dates and hours are also at the discretion of the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15, 19A-20)

ORGANIZATION OF CITIZENS – POLLWATCHERS

Last day for organizations of citizens which have among its purpose the investigation or prosecution of election fraud ballot proposition proponents or opponents and state nonpartisan civic organizations to register their names and addresses as well as the names and addresses of their principal officers with the proper election authority if such organization(s) wish to qualify for pollwatchers at the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/17-23)

SUNDAY – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4 – 6, 2020

LODGING HOUSE AFFIDAVITS

Dates for filing Lodging House Affidavits listing the names and descriptions of those resident who list such location as their voting address, with the Boards of Election Commissioners (*The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit the enforcement of this provision.*). (10 ILCS 5/6-56)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020

PUBLICATION – NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

Last day for election authority to publish a notice of General Election. (10 ILCS 5/12-1)

VOTE BY MAIL – PRESIDENT ONLY BALLOT

First day a registered Illinois voter who has moved within 30 days outside of their precinct prior to a Presidential election may apply either by mail or in person for a vote by mail ballot for President and Vice President only with the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of former residence. (10 ILCS 5/20-13.1)

VOTE BY MAIL – CITIZENS TEMPORARILY OUTSIDE U.S.

First day for the election authority to send an official ballot for federal offices only, upon receipt of either an application for vote by mail registration or an application for vote by mail ballot, to citizens of the United States who are temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

NOTE:

Unregistered citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States who make application for vote by mail registration and/or vote by mail ballots after 30 days (October 4) but not less than 10 (October 24) days prior to Election Day shall be sent the federal offices ballot only.

Registration is not required in order to vote the ballot containing the federal offices only.

VOTE BY MAIL – UNREGISTERED CITIZENS TEMPORARILY OUTSIDE U.S.

Last day for citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the United States who are not registered but are otherwise qualified to vote and who expect to be absent from their county of residence on Election Day to make simultaneous application to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for vote by mail registration and a vote by mail ballot and the last day for the election authority to mail such a ballot. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

NOTE:

To receive the full ballot, applications should be in the hands of the election authority no later than 30 days before the election (October 5, 2020). Applications received after October 4 and prior to October 24 will entitle the voter to cast a federal ballot only.

Registration is not required in order to vote a ballot containing the federal offices only.

SOS MAILER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Last day for the Secretary of State to publish and mail to every mailing address in the State a copy of the pamphlet giving the proponents and opponents views on amendments to the Constitution of Illinois. (5 ILCS 20/2)

NURSING HOME VOTING

Last day for the election authority to arrange with nursing home administrators the date and time to conduct in-person voting in such facilities and to post a notice in the office of the election authority of all such arrangements. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

Last day for regular registration or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority. Grace period registration and voting will be available after this date. Area and precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for registration deadlines. (10 ILCS 5/4-6, 4-16, 5-5, 5-23, 6-29, 6-50, 6-53, 6-54)

NOTE:

Under the provisions of NVRA, agency and motor vehicle offices will continue to accept registration after the statutory close of registration. Only those registration applications completed no later than 27 (16 days for Motor Vehicle Services facilities) days before the election will be processed for the next ensuing election. Applications for registration completed within five days of the registration deadline at Secretary of State Facilities and qualified agencies will be transmitted within five days of completion and must be processed for the election. A mail registration application shall be deemed timely filed if postmarked prior to the close of registration. If no postmark exists or if the postmark is illegible, the application shall be considered timely filed if received by the election authority no later than five calendar days after the close of registration.

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION – DEPUTY REGISTRARS

Last day for registration of voters by deputy registrars, including municipal, township, road district clerks, and precinct committee persons. Area and precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for registration deadlines. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

NOTE:

Deputy Registrars must return completed forms to the election authority within 7 days of the day on which they are completed. Deputy Registrars must return all registration materials within 48 hours of registration/cancellation if such registration/cancellation was accepted between the 35th and 28th day preceding an election.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING

First day for grace period registration and voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority. If the election authority does not have ballots available, the election authority may mail the ballot to the voter when available. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

DEPUTY REGISTRARS

Last day for deputy registrars who are officials or members of a bona fide labor organization to return unused registration materials to the election authority. Area and precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for registration deadlines. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2020

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

First day for election authority to post the schedule for early voting at each permanent polling place where early voting will be conducted. Posting shall remain at each site until the last day of the early voting period (November 2, 2020). If the election authority has a website, they shall make the schedule available on the website. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020

EMPLOYEE NOTICE TO BE ELECTION JUDGE

Last day for employee to give employer written notice that they will be absent from place of employment on Election Day because they have been appointed as an election judge under the provisions of 10 ILCS 5/13-1 or 13-2. (10 ILCS 5/13-2.5, 14-4.5)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2020

VOTER REGISTRATION DATA

Last day for election authorities to indicate in writing that their voter registration data, including voting history from the latest election, is complete and up-to-date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION

Last day for voters to register to vote through the State Board of Elections website.
(10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020

EARLY VOTING – PERMANENT POLLING PLACES

First day for early voting at permanent polling places other than the office of the election authority. These permanent polling places are to be open on holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays.
[10 ILCS 5/19A-15(b)]

VACANCY IN NOMINATION

Last day to fill a vacancy in nomination occurring after the official certification but prior to 15 days before the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-11)

MONDAY – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19 – 20, 2020

ERASURE OF NAMES FROM VOTER REGISTRY

Dates on which any voter or precinct committee person may file an application with the election authority to erase names from the registry of voters. *The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit the enforcement of this provision.* (10 ILCS 5/4-12, 5-15, 6-44)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020

HOSPITALIZED VOTER

First day that a qualified voter who has been admitted to a hospital, nursing home, or rehabilitation center not more than 14 days before the General Election to make an application with the election authority for the personal delivery of a vote by mail ballot.
(10 ILCS 5/19-13)

NOTE:

This provision for voting by mail is available through Election Day if the process can be completed and the voted ballot returned to the election authority in sufficient time for delivery of the ballot to the election authority's central ballot counting location before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

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REGISTRATION REPORT FOR EACH COUNTY CHAIR

Last day for county clerks (other than Cook, DuPage, Lake and Will Counties) to provide to each county chair or their representative, with precinct lists prepared for the 2020 General Election marked to indicate the names of all persons who have registered since the 2020 General Primary.
(10 ILCS 5/4-11)

NOTE:

There is no statutory deadline for these lists in jurisdictions under boards of election commissioners (including DuPage County) or in Cook, Lake, or Will counties. These statutes specify only that such lists be prepared and distributed prior to the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/5-14, 6-60)

POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS

Last day for the State Board of Elections or the election authority to have pollwatcher credentials available for distribution. (10 ILCS 5/17-23)

NOTE:

Pollwatcher credentials may, at the discretion of the election authority, be distributed prior to this date. Credentials must be available on this date and up to, and including, Election Day.

THURSDAY – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 – 24, 2020**HEARINGS FOR REGISTRATION ERASURE**

Dates on which county clerks or Chicago Board of Election Commissioners shall hold hearings to determine whether names in the registry of voters shall be erased, registered, or restored. *The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit enforcement of this provision.* (10 ILCS 5/4-13, 5-16, 6-45)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020**PUBLICATION – PUBLIC QUESTION**

Last day for the election authority to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within its jurisdiction. The election authority shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the election authority. The local election official shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the political or governmental subdivision. If there is no principal office, the local election official shall post the notice at the building in which the governing body of the political or governmental subdivision held its first meeting of the calendar year in which the referenda is being held. (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

VOTE BY MAIL – UOCAVA

Last day for any voter who is a member of the United States Service, their spouse, and/or their dependents of voting age who expect to be absent from their county of residence on Election Day to make application for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct residence and the last day for election authority to mail such ballot. Members of the Armed Forces may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.3, 20-3)

NOTE:

No registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to this section.

VOTE BY MAIL – CITIZENS TEMPORARILY OUTSIDE U.S.

Last day for the election authority to send an official ballot for federal offices only, upon receipt of either an application for vote by mail registration or an application for a vote by mail ballot, to citizens of the United States who are temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States. Citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

NOTE:

Registration is not required in order to vote the ballot containing the federal offices only.

VOTE BY MAIL – NONRESIDENT CIVILIANS

Last day for any nonresident civilian, otherwise qualified to vote, to make application to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of former residence for a vote by mail ballot containing federal offices only, and the last day for election authority to mail such ballot. Nonresident civilians may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.2, 20-5)

NOTE:

Such application shall be made only on the official federal postcard and no registration shall be required to vote.

TUESDAY – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 – 29, 2020**HEARINGS FOR REGISTRATION ERASURE**

Dates on which boards of election commissioners, except Chicago Board of Election Commissioners, to hold hearings to determine whether names in the registry of voters shall be erased, registered, or restored. *The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit the enforcement of this provision.* (10 ILCS 5/6-45)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2020**PUBLIC TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT**

Last day for the election authority to conduct public test of automatic tabulating equipment, Optical Scan Equipment, and Direct Recording Electronic Voting Equipment. (10 ILCS 5/24A-9, 24B-9, 24C-9)

NOTE:

All election authorities must provide timely written notice of their public test to the State Board of Elections prior to such test. Such notice must contain the date, time, and location of such test. Public notice of the time and place of the test must be given at least 48 hours prior to such test. (10 ILCS 5/24A-9, 24B-9, 24C-9)

VOTE BY MAIL

Last day for the election authority to receive application by mail for a vote by mail ballot from any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States. (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

SPECIMEN BALLOTS

Last day for the election authority to publish the specimen ballots, as near as may be in the form in which they will appear on the official ballots on Election Day.
(10 ILCS 5/24A-18, 24B-18, 24C-18)

NURSING HOME VOTING – APPLICATION

Last day for a physically incapacitated voter who desires to vote in person at any federally operated veteran's homes, hospitals, or their facility of residence pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act, to make application to the election authority to vote in person at such facility. Such voting shall take place on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Monday immediately preceding the General Election, as determined by the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

NURSING HOME VOTING – LISTING

Last day (by noon) the election authority shall post the names and addresses of nursing home facilities from which no applications for vote by mail ballots have been received and in which no supervised voting will be conducted. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

VOTE BY MAIL - PRESIDENT ONLY BALLOT

Last day a non-registered citizen residing in Illinois who is temporarily absent from their county of residence to apply by mail for a vote by mail ballot to vote for President and Vice President only with the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of permanent residence.
(10 ILCS 5/20-13)

Last day a registered citizen residing in Illinois who is temporarily absent from their county of residence may apply by mail for a vote by mail ballot to vote for President and Vice President only with the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of former residence.
(10 ILCS 5/20-13.1)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2020

OFFICIAL BALLOTS FOR INSPECTION

Last day for the election authority to have official ballots available for inspection by candidates or their agents. (10 ILCS 5/16-5)

FRIDAY – MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 2, 2020

NURSING HOME VOTING

The election authority will determine on which of the above dates Nursing Home voting will be conducted pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act. No later than 9:00 a.m. of the day designated by the election authority to conduct in-person voting on the premises, the election authority shall deliver official vote by mail ballots to the judges of election conducting such voting at the facility. Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., sufficient time shall be allowed for residents of the facility to vote on the premises of such facility. Immediately thereafter, the judges shall bring the sealed envelope to the office of the election authority who shall deliver such ballots to the election authority's central ballot counting location prior to the closing of the polls on the day of election. (10 ILCS 5/19-4, 19-12.2)

NOTE:

In person voting shall be conducted on the premises of facilities licensed pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act, and federally operated veterans' homes and hospitals, for the sole benefit of residents of such facilities who have made prior application and are registered to vote in that precinct. (10 ILCS 5/19-4, 19-12.2)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020

EARLY VOTING

Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority and locations designated by the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15, 19A-20)

CURBSIDE VOTING

Last day for any temporarily or permanently physically disabled voter to request at the election authority's office, that two (2) judges of election of opposite party affiliation deliver a ballot to the voter at the point where they are unable to continue forward motion toward the polling place. (10 ILCS 5/17-13, 18-5.1)

NOTE:

The election authority shall notify the judges of election for the appropriate precinct of such requests.

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BALLOT DELIVERY

Last day for the election authority to deliver ballots to the judges of election. (10 ILCS 5/16-5)

VOTE BY MAIL

Last day for any registered voter, presently within the confines of the United States, to request a vote by mail ballot in person at the office of the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

VOTE BY MAIL – PRESIDENT ONLY BALLOT

Last day a registered voter in Illinois who has moved outside of their precinct within 30 days of the Presidential election to apply in person for a vote by mail ballot to vote for President and Vice President only with the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of former residence. (10 ILCS 5/20-13.1)

LISTS OF VOTE BY MAIL, EARLY AND GRACE PERIOD VOTERS

Last day for election authority to deliver, prior to opening the polling place, to the judges of election in each precinct the list of registered voters in that precinct to whom vote by mail ballots have been issued by mail, a listing of grace period voters, and early voters. [10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100, 19-4, 19A-5(c)]

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION POLLS OPEN 6:00 AM TO 7:00 PM

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING

Last day of grace period registration and voting in the office of the election authority or at location designated for this purpose by the election authority. Please contact the Election Authority to determine the availability of grace period registration and voting in the polling place on Election Day. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR OVERSEAS VOTERS

Overseas voters may be able to use a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) available through Voting Assistance Officers at military installations or at Embassies/Consulates. To be eligible for this ballot, a voter must:

1. Be located overseas (including APO/FPO addresses)
2. Apply for a regular ballot no earlier than January 2, 2020, and no later than October 4, 2020, from the office of the election authority that has jurisdiction over the precinct of their last residence in the United States; and
3. Not have received the requested regular vote by mail ballot from the election authority.

The voted FWAB must be returned to the election authority by the close of the election on November 3, 2020, or by the 14th day following the election if postmarked by Election Day, November 3, 2020.

This ballot serves as a backup to the regular ballot and is available from a unit Voting Assistance Officer or at the Embassies/Consulates. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020

VOTER REGISTRATION

Registration opens in the offices of the election authorities and with all deputy registrars including all municipal, township, and road district clerks who are authorized deputy registrars. (10 ILCS 5/4-6, 5-5, 6-50)

UNCOUNTED BALLOTS

No later than 48 hours after the closing of polling locations on election day, each election authority maintaining a website shall post the number of ballots that remain uncounted. The posting shall separate the number of ballots yet to be counted into the following categories: ballots cast on Election Day, early voting ballots, provisional ballots, vote by mail ballots received by the election authority but not counted, and vote by mail ballots sent by the election authority but which have not been returned to the election authority. This information shall be updated on the website of the election authority each day until the period for counting provisional and vote by mail ballots has ended. All election authorities, regardless of whether they maintain a website, shall share the same information, separated in the same manner, with the State Board of Elections no later than 48 hours after the closing of polling locations on Election Day and each business day thereafter until the period for counting provisional and vote by mail ballots has ended. (10 ILCS 5/1-9.2)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020

PROVISIONAL VOTERS

Last day a provisional voter may submit additional information to the county clerk or board of election commissioners to verify or support their registration status. Material must be received by this date. [10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d)]

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT COUNTING

Last day for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the tabulation of vote by mail ballots that were (1) postmarked by Election Day, and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day but not later than 14 days after the election, or (2) not postmarked at all, but did have a certification date prior to the Election Day on the certification envelope, and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day but not later than 14 days after the election. (10 ILCS 5/19-8)

NOTE:

Vote by mail voters whose ballots were rejected must be sent a notice of such along with the reason for the rejection within two (2) days of the rejection, but in all cases prior to the end of the 14 day period in which to count the vote by mail ballots. Such voters must be given an opportunity to appear before the election authority on or before the 14 day following the election to show cause to why the ballot should not be rejected. [10 ILCS 5/19-8(g)]

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PROVISIONAL BALLOT COUNTING

Last day for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots. [10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a)]

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2020

CANVASSING

Last day for canvassing election results by proper canvassing board (county canvassing board or board of canvassers). (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a), 22-1)

EXCEPTION:

State Board of Elections as canvassing board.

The Election Authority shall submit their canvass through the eCanvass system in the electronic format prescribed by the State Board of Elections.

NOTE:

If there is a board of election commissioners within a county, the county abstracts shall include the statement of returns from such board of election commissioners.
(10 ILCS 5/22-9)

The county clerk shall forward the abstract of votes to the SBE via overnight mail or as a PDF document through email. (10 ILCS 5/22-5)

CANVASS – REFERENDA

Last day for appropriate canvassing board to canvass the results of referenda submitted to the voters at the November 3, 2020, General Election. (10 ILCS 5/22-17)

LOTTERY – TIE VOTE

Last day for the county clerk to conduct a lottery for a tie vote for a county office. (10 ILCS 5/22-3)

VOTE BY MAIL STATISTICS

Last day the election authority shall transmit to the State Board of Elections the following: (1) the number, by precinct, of vote by mail ballots requested, provided and counted, (2) the number of rejected vote by mail ballots, (3) the number of voters seeking review of rejected vote by mail ballots, and (4) the number of vote by mail ballots counted following review.
(10 ILCS 5/19-20, 20-20)

AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION

CANVASSING BOARD

The county clerk has the responsibility of canvassing the returns of the General Election under its jurisdiction. (10 ILCS 5/22-1)

The board of election commissioners has the responsibility of canvassing the returns of the General Election under its jurisdiction. (10 ILCS 5/22-8)

BEFORE PROCLAMATION BY ELECTION AUTHORITY

Prior to the canvass, in those jurisdictions where in-precinct counting equipment is utilized, the election authority shall retabulate the total number of votes cast in 5% of the precincts within the election jurisdiction, as well as 5% of the voting devices used in early voting as selected on a random basis by the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/24A-15, 24B-15, 24C-15)

AFTER PROCLAMATION BY ELECTION AUTHORITY

The county clerk shall issue a certificate of election to each person declared elected to a county office.

PRECINCT RESULTS

Within 1 day after the canvassing and proclamation, each election authority shall transmit to the State Board of Elections a canvass of votes by precinct or ward for the following offices: President, state senator, representative in the general assembly, any candidate for congressional office, the offices of ward committeepersons, and precinct committeepersons, and total ballots cast, as well as copies of the current precinct poll list via overnight mail or as a PDF file via email. Electronic results must also be submitted in accordance with the procedures outlined in 26 Il. Adm. Code 219. (10 ILCS 5/22-15)

CANVASS BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The Board shall canvass the returns for the election of candidates for offices for which petitions were filed with the State Board of Elections.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Each successful write-in elected shall file the following documents with the proper election authority or the State Board of elections prior to taking office:

1. A Loyalty Oath (optional)
2. A Statement of Candidacy, and
3. A receipt for filing of a Statement of Economic Interest (not required for federal offices.

(10 ILCS 5/22-7)

DISCOVERY RECOUNT

Within 5 days after the last day for proclamation of the results, petitions for discovery recount may be filed by any qualified individual (who came within 5% of the votes cast for any successful candidate) with the appropriate county clerk or board of election commissioners. The deadline to file a discovery recount for an office canvassed by the State Board of Elections is 5 days after the last day for the Board to canvass. The petition for discovery is filed with the appropriate election authority/authorities. (10 ILCS 5/22-9.1)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020

DEPUTY REGISTRARS

Last day for County Central Committees Chair to submit a list to the election authority of applicants for additional deputy registrars. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

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NOTE:

The election authority may require a chair of a county central committee to furnish a supplemental list of applicants.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020

DEPUTY REGISTRARS

Beginning of 2-year term of all deputy registrars except precinct committee persons (who began their own 2-year term on the date of the county convention following their election). (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

BEGINNING OF TERM – COUNTY

First day for term of office for the following officers:

- Circuit Clerk (705 ILCS 105/1.1)
- Recorders (55 ILCS 5/3-5004)
- State's Attorney (55 ILCS 5/3-9002)
- Auditors (55 ILCS 5/3-1001)
- Coroners (55 ILCS 5/3-3002)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2020

CANVASS – SBE

Last day for the State Board of Elections to canvass returns and proclaim the results of the election. [10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a)]

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020

BEGINNING OF TERM – JUDICIAL

First day of term of office for those judges that were elected or retained at the November 3, 2020, General Election. (10 ILCS 5/7A-1)

BEGINNING OF TERM – MISCELLANEOUS

First day for term of office for the following officers:

- County Board Members and County Commissioners (55 ILCS 5/2-3009)
- Sanitary District Members (70 ILCS 2805/3.2)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020

BEGINNING OF TERM – WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT

First day of office for officers of Water Reclamation District of Chicago. (70 ILCS 2605/3)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020

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ELECTORAL VOTES

Electoral votes are cast in Springfield. (3 U.S.C. § 7; 10 ILCS 5/21-4)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020

VOTER REGISTRATION DATA

First day for election authorities to indicate in writing that their voter registration data, including voting history from the latest election, is complete and up-to-date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2020

VOTER REGISTRATION DATA

Last day for election authorities to indicate in writing that their voter registration data, including voting history from the latest election, is complete and up-to-date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 7-7, 6-35)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

BEGINNING OF TERM – FEDERAL

First day for term of office for federal officers (except President and Vice President) elected at the November 3, 2020, General Election. (United States Constitution, Amendment XX, § 2)

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

PRECINCT VOTER LISTS

Last day for election authorities to provide to each county chair or their representative, precinct lists prepared for the 2020 General Election marked to indicate which registrants voted at the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/4-11, 5-14, 6-60)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021

ELECTORAL VOTES

Electoral votes are tabulated in Washington, D.C. during a joint meeting of both the House and Senate. (3 U.S.C. § 15)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021

GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES

Newly elected members of the General Assembly shall convene and organize their respective chambers. [Illinois Constitution, Article IV, Sections 5 and 6(b)]

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021

BEGINNING OF TERM – PRESIDENT

First day for term of the offices of President and Vice President of the United States. (United States Constitution, Amendment XX)

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PROCEDURES ON OBJECTIONS

All citations contained herein are "Illinois Compiled Statutes," 2018, 10 ILCS 5/10-8, through 10-10.1.

FILING OBJECTION PETITION

Nomination papers shall be deemed to be valid unless objections are filed in writing, **an original and two (2) copies, within 5 business** days after the last day for filing nomination papers.

PROCESSING OBJECTION

Not later than 12:00 noon on the second business day after the receipt of objector's petitions, the election authority or local election officials, **shall transmit by registered mail or receipted personal delivery** the certificate of nomination or nomination papers and original objector's petition to the chair of the proper electoral board designated in 5/10-9, or their authorized agent, and **shall transmit a copy by registered mail or receipted personal delivery** of the objector's petitions, to the candidate whose certificate of nomination or nomination papers are objected to, addressed to the place of residence designated in said certificate of nomination or nomination papers.

RESPONSIBILITY OF CHAIR OF ELECTORAL BOARD

Within 24 hours after the receipt of objector's petition, chair of the electoral board other than the State Board of Elections shall **send a call by registered or certified mail**, to each of the members of the electoral board, objector, and candidate and shall also cause the sheriff of the county or counties in which such officers and persons reside to serve a copy of such call upon each of the officers and persons.

In those cases where the State Board of Elections is the designated electoral board, the Chair of the State Board of Elections shall send the call to the objector and candidate whose certificate of nomination or nomination papers are objected to stating the day, hour and place at which the State Board of Elections shall meet (electoral board hearing may be held in the Capitol Building or in the principal or permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections).

ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING

Meetings of electoral board **shall not be less than 3 nor more than 5 days after receipt of objector's petitions** by chair of electoral board.

JUDICIAL REVIEW FILED

Within 5 days after the decision of electoral board, candidate or objector aggrieved by decision of the board may file petition for judicial review with clerk of the circuit court. **Court hearings are to be held within 30 days after filing the petition** and the decision delivered promptly thereafter.

NO JUDICIAL REVIEW

If no petition for judicial review has been filed **within 5 days after the decision of the electoral board, the electoral board shall transmit a copy of its ruling together with the original certificate of nomination or nomination papers or petitions and the original objector's petitions** to the officers or board with whom they were on file and such officer or board shall abide by and comply with the ruling so made to all intents and purposes.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR

2019 DECEMBER QUARTERLY REPORT OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2019

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the December Quarterly Report extends from October 1, 2019 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through December 31, 2019 inclusively. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020

First day that any political committee shall file its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020

Last day for a political committee to file its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 17, 2020

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020

First day of the period during which independent expenditures of \$1000 or more made by a political committee must be reported electronically within two (2) business days after making the independent expenditure. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(e)]

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020

First day of period during which any receipt of a contribution of \$1000 or more by a political committee participating in the election, must be reported within two (2) business days following its receipt. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(c)]

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020

Last day of period during which independent expenditures of \$1000 or more made by a political committee must be reported electronically within five (5) business days after making the independent expenditure. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(e)]

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020

Last day of period during which any receipt of a contribution of \$1000 or more by a political committee participating in the election, must be reported within two (2) business days following its receipt. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(c)]

MARCH QUARTERLY REPORT JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2020

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020

First day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the March Quarterly Report extends from January 1, 2020 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through March 31, 2020 inclusively. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020

First day that any political committee shall file its March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020

Last day for a political committee to file its March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

JUNE QUARTERLY REPORT APRIL 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020

First day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the June Quarterly Report extends from April 1, 2020 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through June 30, 2020 inclusively. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020

First day that any political committee shall file its June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020

Last day for a political committee to file its June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

SEPTEMBER QUARTERLY REPORT JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020

First day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the September Quarterly Report extends from July 1, 2020 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through September 30, 2020 inclusively. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020

First day that any political committee shall file its September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020

Last day for a political committee to file its September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2020

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

First day of period during which independent expenditures of \$1000 or more made by a political committee must be reported electronically within two (2) business days after making the independent expenditure. [10 ILCS 5-9-10(e)]

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020

First day of period during which any receipt of a contribution of \$1000 or more by a political committee participating in the election, must be reported within two (2) business days following its receipt. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(c)]

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020

Last day of period during which independent expenditures of \$1000 or more made by a political committee must be reported electronically within five (5) business days after making the independent expenditure. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(e)]

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020

Last day of period during which any receipt of a contribution of \$1000 or more by a political committee participating in the election, must be reported within two (2) business day following its receipt. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(c)]

DECEMBER QUARTERLY REPORT OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020

First day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. [10 ILCS 5/0-10(b)]

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2020

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the December Quarterly Report extends from October 1, 2020 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through December 31, 2020 inclusively. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021

First day that any political committee shall file its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020

Last day for a political committee to file its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. [10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

SCHEDULE A-1 REPORTS

A political committee must file a report of any contribution of \$1000 or more from one source with the Board within five (5) business days after receipt of the contribution, except that the report shall be filed within two (2) business days if received within 30 days prior to an election by a political committee. The dates during which the two-business day filing period must be observed are included within the above calendar.

SCHEDULE B-1 REPORTS

A political committee must file a report of any independent expenditure of \$1000 or more it makes with the Board within five (5) business days after making the independent expenditure, except that the report shall be filed within two (2) business days if made within 60 days prior to an election by a political committee. The dates during which the two-business day filing period must be observed are included within the above calendar

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