



Office of the County Clerk

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Tuesday, March 19, 2024 – Primary Election Important Dates & Signature Requirements

Federal, State and Judicial candidates file with the Illinois State Board of Elections. Candidates for Countywide offices, County Commissioner, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, the Board of Review and Ward Committeeperson for the City of Chicago, file with the Cook County Clerk's office.

Candidate Filing Dates & Deadlines

Tuesday, September 5: First day to circulate petitions for established political party candidates.

Monday, November 27 – Monday, December 4: Petition filing period for established political party candidates.

Monday, December 11: Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of candidates who filed during the November 27 – December 4 filing period.

- Last day to withdraw for candidates who filed for incompatible offices.

Wednesday, December 13: Last day to conduct lottery for ballot placement.

Thursday, January 11: Last day to file withdrawal papers with the State Board of Elections.

Wednesday, January 17: Last day to file withdrawal papers with the County Clerk.

Thursday, January 18: Last day to file a notarized declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate.

Referenda Question Deadlines

Monday, December 18: Last day for filing petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy with the local election authority.

Tuesday, January 2: Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a binding or advisory public question to appear on the ballot.

Thursday, January 11: Last day for the circuit court clerk and the local election official to certify any question of public policy to the election authority.

Voter Registration, Early Voting & Mail Voting Dates

Wednesday, December 20: First day for to apply for a ballot by mail, ballots will not begin to be mailed until after February 8.

Tuesday, February 20: Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials.

Wednesday, February 21 – Monday, March 18: Grace period registration & voting.

Sunday, March 3: Online voter registration closes.

Monday, March 4 – Monday, March 18: Early Voting period.

Thursday, March 14: Last day to apply for a ballot by mail.

Friday, March 15: Nursing home voting.

Ballot Counting & Canvassing Results Deadlines

Tuesday, April 2: Deadline for validating and counting provisional ballots and mail ballots.

Tuesday, April 9: Last day for County Clerk to canvass election results and proclaim results.

Disclaimer: This is not legal advice. The Cook County Clerk's office is providing this for general information purposes only. All Candidates should consult with legal counsel regarding election matters. The Cook County Clerk's office cannot recommend an attorney or give legal advice on these matters.

For the complete Election Calendar and Candidates Guide please visit the Illinois State Board of Elections Website:

www.elections.il.gov

Visit the Cook County Clerk's Website: www.cookcountyclerk.il.gov

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Metropolitan Water Reclamation District

Office	Democratic	Republican	Green
Commissioner	5,312	1,953	1,299

Countywide Offices

Office	Democratic	Republican	Libertarian
State's Attorney	5,415	1,997	1,143
Clerk of the Circuit Court	5,415	1,997	1,143

Cook County Commissioner

District	Democratic	Republican	Libertarian
1 st District	373	42	31

Cook County Board of Review Commissioner

District	Democratic	Republican	Libertarian
3 rd District	5,415	1,997	1,143