



Office of the County Clerk

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Tuesday, April 7, 2015 Consolidated Election General Information

Candidate Filing Dates & Deadlines

Tuesday, September 23: First day to circulate petitions for independent, new political parties and nonpartisan offices

Monday, December 1: Municipal Caucus for municipalities which have established parties (under 5,000 population)

Monday, December 15 – Monday, December 22: Petition filing period for nomination petitions of new political parties, nonpartisan and independent candidates as well as certificates of nomination for established party caucus candidates.

Tuesday, December 30: Last day to file objections to nomination petitions of new political party, nonpartisan and independent candidates as well as certificates of nomination for established party caucus candidates

*Last day to withdraw (incompatible offices)

Wednesday, December 31: Last day to conduct lottery

Thursday, January 29: Last day to file a Withdrawal of Candidacy with the local election official or authority

Thursday, February 5: Last day to file a notarized declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate (5 p.m.).

Referenda Question Deadlines

Monday, January 5: Last day for filing petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy with the local election authority.

Tuesday, January 20: Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a binding public question to appear on the ballot.

Certification of Ballot Deadlines

Thursday, January 29: Certification of Ballot by local election authorities

Voter Registration, Early Voting & Mail Voting

Friday, February 20: Military & overseas ballots available

Thursday, February 26: First day to apply for a ballot by mail

Tuesday, March 10: Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials

Wednesday, March 11 – Saturday, April 4: Grace period registration & voting

Monday, March 23 – Saturday, April 4: Early voting period

Thursday, April 2: Last day to apply for a ballot by mail

Friday, April 3: Nursing home voting

Sunday, April 5 – Monday, April 6: In-person absentee voting

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- For the complete Election Calendar and Candidates Guide please visit the Illinois State Board of Elections Website: www.elections.state.il.us
- Visit the Cook County Clerk's Website: www.cookcountyclerk.com