



# Office of the County Clerk

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## Tuesday, February 24, 2015 Consolidated Primary Election General Information

### Candidate Filing Dates & Deadlines

**Tuesday, August 26:** First day to circulate petitions for established political parties and nonpartisan municipalities

**Monday, November 17 – Monday, November 24:** Petition filing period for established political party candidates & nonpartisan municipalities

**Wednesday, December 3:** Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of candidates who filed during the November 17 – November 24 filing period

\*Last day to conduct lottery

\*Last day to withdraw (incompatible offices)

**Thursday, December 18:** Last day to file a Withdrawal of Candidacy with the local election official or authority

**Thursday, December 26:** Last day to file a notarized declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate (5 p.m.).

### Referenda Question Deadlines

**Monday, November 24:** Last day for filing petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy with the local election authority.

**Monday, December 8:** 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, December 18:** Certification of Ballot by local election authorities

### Voter Registration, Early Voting & Mail Voting

**Friday, January 9:** Military & overseas ballots available

**Thursday, January 15:** First day to apply for a ballot by mail

**Tuesday, January 27:** Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials

**Wednesday, January 28 – Saturday, February 21:** Grace period registration & voting

**Monday, February 9 – Saturday, February 21:** Early voting period

**Thursday, February 19:** Last day to apply for a ballot by mail

**Friday, February 20:** Nursing home voting

**Sunday, February 22 – Monday, February 23:** 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](http://www.elections.state.il.us)
- Visit the Cook County Clerk's Website: [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com)