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Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – Consolidated Election General Information

Candidate Filing Dates & Deadlines

Tuesday, September 18: First day to circulate petitions for independent, new political parties and nonpartisan offices

Monday, December 3: Municipal Caucus for municipalities which have established political parties (under 5,000 population)

Monday, December 10 – Monday, December 17: 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

Monday, December 24: 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 who filed during the December 10 – 17 filing period *Last day to withdraw (incompatible offices)

Wednesday, December 26: Last day to conduct ballot placement lottery

Thursday, January 24: Last day to file a Withdrawal of Candidacy with the local election official or authority

Thursday, January 31: Last day to file a notarized declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate (5 p.m.)

Referenda Question Deadlines

Monday, December 31: Last day for filing petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy with the local election authority

Monday, January 14: 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 24: Certification of Ballot by local election authorities

Voter Registration, Early Voting & Mail Voting

Friday, February 15: Military & overseas ballots available

Thursday, February 21: Statutory start of Early Voting

Tuesday, March 5: Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials

Wednesday, March 6 – Monday, April 1: Grace period registration & voting

Sunday, March 17: Online voter registration closes

Monday, March 18 – Monday, April 1: Early voting period

Thursday, March 28: Last day to apply for a ballot by mail

Friday, March 29: Nursing home 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