



Office of the County Clerk

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Tuesday, February 28, 2017 Consolidated Primary Election General Information

Candidate Filing Dates & Deadlines

Tuesday, August 30: First day to circulate petitions for established political parties and nonpartisan candidates (municipalities)

Monday, November 21 – Monday, November 28: Petition filing period for established political party candidates & nonpartisan candidates (municipalities)

Monday, December 5: Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of candidates who filed during the November 21 – November 28 filing period

*Last day to withdraw (incompatible offices)

Wednesday, December 7: Last day to conduct ballot placement lottery

Thursday, December 22: Last day to file a Withdrawal of Candidacy with the local election official or authority

Thursday, December 29: Last day to file a notarized declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate (5 p.m.)

Referenda Question Deadlines

Monday, November 28: Last day for filing petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy with the local election authority

Monday, December 12: 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 22: Certification of Ballot by local election authorities

Voter Registration, Early Voting & Mail Voting

Friday, January 13: Military & overseas ballots available

Thursday, January 19: Statutory start of Early Voting

Tuesday, January 31: Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials

Wednesday, February 1 – Monday, February 27: Grace period registration & voting

Sunday, February 12: Online voter registration closes

Tuesday, February 14 – Monday, February 27: Early Voting period

Thursday, February 23: Last day to apply for a ballot by mail

Friday, February 24: 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