



Office of the County Clerk

David Orr, Cook County Clerk

February 2, 2010 – Primary Election General Information

Circulation Dates

Tuesday, August 4: First day to circulate nomination papers for established political party candidates.

Candidate Filing Dates

Federal, State and Judicial candidates file with the Illinois State Board of Elections in Springfield. Candidates for County-wide offices, Cook County Commissioner, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, the Board of Review, Regional Superintendent of Schools, and suburban Township Committeemen file with the Cook County Clerk.

Monday, October 26 – Monday, November 2: Filing period for established political party candidates to file original nomination papers/petitions.

Thursday, December 3: Last day to file a Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate (5:00 PM). (Exception: candidates removed from the ballot by an electoral board have until Tuesday, January 26, 2010 to file.)

Wednesday, December 9: Last statutory day for established political party candidates to file withdrawal of nomination papers in the office of the county clerk.

Objection Dates

Monday, November 9: Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of candidates who filed during the October 26 – November 2 filing period (except township committeemen). Objections are filed with the election authority where the nomination papers were originally filed.

Friday, November 13: Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of township committeemen.

Monday, November 23: Last day to file objections to petitions for the submission of questions of public policy. Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same office that has the original petitions.

Referenda Deadlines

Monday, November 16: Last day for filing petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy with the appropriate election official or local election official.

Monday, November 30: 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 3: Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify the names of candidates to the county clerks. Last day for local election authorities to certify any question of public policy to the election authority. Last day for the county clerk to certify to the board of election commissioners any referenda to be voted on in its jurisdiction.

Wednesday, December 9: Last day for the county clerk to certify to the board of election commissioners the names of candidates to be voted on in its jurisdiction.

Voter Registration, Grace Period, Early Voting and Absentee Voting

Thursday, December 24: First day for a registered voter to apply for an absentee ballot by mail or in person.

Tuesday, January 5: Regular voter registration deadline.

Wednesday, January 6 – Tuesday, January 26: Grace period registration and voting.

Monday, January 11 – Thursday, January 28: Early voting.

Thursday, January 28: Last day to apply for an absentee ballot by mail.

Friday, January 29 – Monday, February 1: In-person absentee voting.

Ballot Counting & Canvassing Results

Thursday, February 4 - Last day a provisional voter may submit additional information to the County Clerk to verify registration status.

Tuesday, February 16 - Deadline for validating and counting provisional ballots and late-arriving absentee ballots.

Tuesday, February 23 - Last day for County Clerk to canvass election results.

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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.voterinfonet.com

2010 County Offices Signature Requirements

Office	Democratic .5%	Republican .5%	Green .5%	Independent 5% – 8%	New Party 5%
Board President	8147	2439	832	25,000 – 172,980	25,000
County Clerk	8147	2439	832	25,000 – 172,980	25,000
Sheriff	8147	2439	832	25,000 – 172,980	25,000
Treasurer	8147	2439	832	25,000 – 172,980	25,000
Assessor	8147	2439	832	25,000 – 172,980	25,000
1 st Bd. Of Review	5022	2439	832	25,000 – 41,295	25,000
MWRD	7981	2362	832	25,000 – 169,028	25,000
Regional Superintendent of Schools	2603	1985	308	25,000 – 54,456	25,000

County Board District Signature Requirements

County Board District	Democratic .5%	Republican .5%	Green .5%	Independent 5% – 8%	New Party 5%
1	363	80	29	4060 – 6495	4060
2	316	81	19	3611 – 5778	3611
3	394	85	24	4381 – 7009	4381
4	426	50	11	4576 – 7322	4576
5	379	69	16	4225 – 6760	4225
6	326	209	33	4080 – 6528	4080
7	152	48	14	1701 – 2721	1701
8	196	73	24	2296 – 3673	2296
9	341	303	41	4522 – 7236	4522
10	319	172	51	3840 – 6144	3840
11	373	215	33	4347 – 6955	4347
12	283	163	45	3374 – 5399	3374
13	376	243	59	4666 – 7465	4666
14	259	362	50	5080 – 8128	5080
15	265	246	36	3668 – 5868	3668
16	280	229	29	3673 – 5876	3673
17	351	350	45	4840 – 7744	4840

Township Committeeperson Signature Requirements

Township	Base Year			Democrat 5 – 8%*	Republican 5 – 8%*	Green 5 – 8%*
	Dem	Rep	Green			
Barrington	2006	2009	2008	41 - 91	68 – 118	17 – 67
Berwyn	2009	2009	2006	236 – 378	20 - 70	1 - 51
Bloom	2009	2006	2008	439 – 703	115 – 183	83 – 133
Bremen	2006	2006	2008	514 – 822	112 – 179	152 – 228
Calumet	2009	2006	2008	89 – 141	6 – 56	13 – 63
Cicero	2006	2006	2008	173 – 276	92 – 148	81 – 131
Elk Grove	2006	2009	2008	222 – 356	309 – 495	148 – 237
Evanston	2006	2006	2008	443 - 709	54 – 104	280 - 448
Hanover	2006	2006	2008	138 – 221	157 – 250	84 – 135
Lemont	2006	2006	2008	94 – 150	94 – 150	37 – 87
Leyden	2006	2009	2008	230 - 367	473 -756	98 – 156
Lyons	2009	2009	2008	502 – 803	484 – 775	237 – 378
Maine	2009	2009	2008	469 – 751	781 -1251	252 – 403
New Trier	2006	2006	2008	330 – 528	135 – 215	210 – 336
Niles	2006	2006	2008	504 – 807	125 – 199	221 – 353
Northfield	2009	2009	2008	262 – 418	376 – 601	236 – 377
Norwood Park	2006	2006	2008	107 - 170	43 – 93	40 – 90
Oak Park	2006	2006	2006	419 – 670	57 – 107	1 - 51
Orland	2006	2006	2008	368 – 588	185 – 296	171 -273
Palatine	2009	2009	2008	307 – 491	611 - 977	206 – 329
Palos	2006	2006	2008	238 – 380	137 – 219	97 – 155
Proviso	2006	2006	2006	838 – 1340	214 – 341	1 - 51
Rich	2009	2006	2009	400 – 640	75 – 125	132 – 210
River Forest	2006	2006	2008	99 – 158	43 – 93	50 – 100
Riverside	2006	2009	2008	72 – 122	160 – 256	61 – 111
Schaumburg	2009	2009	2008	135 – 215	258 – 413	203 – 325
Stickney	2006	2006	2008	185 – 296	32 - 82	38 – 88
Thornton	2009	2006	2008	948 – 1516	102 – 163	134 – 214
Wheeling	2009	2009	2008	301 – 481	729 – 1167	299 – 479
Worth	2006	2006	2008	776 – 1242	272 – 436	251 - 402

* or 50 more than minimum, whichever is greater