



# Office of the County Clerk

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## November 6, 2018 – General Election General Information

Federal, State and Judicial candidates file with the Illinois State Board of Elections in Springfield. Candidates for Countywide offices, County Commissioner, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, the Board of Review and sanitary district trustees file with the Cook County Clerk's office.

### Candidate Filing Dates & Deadlines

**Tuesday, March 27:** First day to circulate petitions for independent candidates, new party candidates and nonpartisan candidates

**Monday, June 4:** Last day for appointee by established managing committee to file documents when no candidate was nominated at the Primary election

**Monday, June 11:** Last day to file objections to a resolution to fill a vacancy when no candidate was nominated at the Primary election

**Monday, June 18 – Monday June 25:** Candidate filing period for new political parties, independent candidates and nonpartisan candidates.

**Monday, July 2:** Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of candidates who filed during the June 18 – 25 filing period. Objections are filed with the election authority where the nomination papers were originally filed

**Thursday, September 6:** Last day to file a notarized Declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate (5 p.m)

### Referendum Question Deadlines

**Monday, August 6:** 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, August 20:** Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a binding public question to appear on the ballot

**Thursday, August 30:** Last day for the circuit court clerk and the local election official to certify any question of public policy to the election authority

### Voter Registration, Grace Period, Early Voting and Mail Voting Dates

**Wednesday, August 8:** First day to apply for a ballot by mail, ballots will not begin to be mailed until after September 27

**Thursday, September 27:** Statutory Start of Early Voting

**Tuesday, October 9:** Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials

**Wednesday, October 10 – Monday, November 5:** Grace period registration and voting

**Sunday, March 4:** Online voter registration closes

**Monday, October 22 – Monday, November 5:** Early voting period

**Thursday, November 1:** Last day to apply for a ballot by mail

**Friday, November 2 – Sunday, November 4:** Nursing home voting

### Ballot Counting & Canvassing Results Dates

**Tuesday, November 20 -** Deadline for validating and counting provisional ballots and late-arriving mail ballots

**Tuesday, November 27 -** Last day for County Clerk to canvass election results and proclaim results

**Disclaimer:** This is not legal advice. The Cook County Clerk's office is providing this for general information purposes only. All Candidates should consult with legal counsel regarding election matters. The Cook County Clerk's office cannot recommend an attorney or give legal advice on these matters.

- 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)

## 2018 County Offices Signature Requirements

Office	Democratic .5%	Republican .5%	Green .5%	Independent 5% – 8%	New Party 5%
Board President	8,236	3,282		25,000 – 176,440	25,000
County Clerk	8,236	3,282		25,000 – 176,440	25,000
Sheriff	8,236	3,282		25,000 – 176,440	25,000
Treasurer	8,236	3,282		25,000 – 176,440	25,000
Assessor	8,236	3,282		25,000 – 176,440	25,000
2nd Board of Review‡	4,833	3,282		25,000 – 56,790	25,000
3rd Board of Review‡	4,944	3,282		25,000 – 38,310	25,000
MWRD	8,075	3,206	1,720	25,000 – 171,969	25,000

## 2018 County Board District Signature Requirements

County Board District	Democratic .5%	Republican .5%	Independent 5% – 8%	New Party 5%
1	387	78	4,272 - 6,835	4,272
2	327	65	3,680 - 5,888	3,680
3	430	91	4,828 - 7,725	4,828
4	421	67	4,592 - 7,346	4,592
5	382	62	4,165 - 6,663	4,165
6	354	148	4,363 - 6,980	4,363
7	134	33	1,559 - 2,493	1,559
8	209	58	2,512 - 4,017	2,512
9	318	257	4,488 - 7,179	4,488
10	359	145	4,482 - 7,171	4,482
11	349	162	4,300 - 6,879	4,300
12	282	132	3,636 - 5,817	3,636
13	380	189	4,909 - 7,856	4,909
14	324	332	4,793 - 7,668	4,793
15	267	219	3,806 - 6,088	3,806
16	192	110	2,467 - 3,946	2,467
17	375	314	5,307 - 8,490	5,307

‡ The numbers in the table for these offices were calculated using active voter totals. If inactive voters were to be included, it would add 133,416 voters to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Board of Review District and 178,568 voters to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Board of Review District. The addition of these voters would set the signature requirements as follows:

Office	Democratic	Republican	Green	Independent	New Party
2nd Board of Review	5,500	3,282		25,000 – 56,790	25,000
3rd Board of Review	5,837	3,282		25,000 – 38,310	25,000