



# Office of the County Clerk

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## Tuesday, February 23, 2021 – Consolidated Primary Election General Information

### Candidate Filing Dates & Deadlines

**Tuesday, August 25:** First day to circulate petitions for established political parties and nonpartisan candidates (municipalities)

**Monday, November 16 – Monday, November 23:** Petition filing period for established political party candidates & nonpartisan candidates (municipalities)

**Wednesday, December 2:** Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of candidates who filed during the November 16 – November 23 filing period

\*Last day to withdraw (incompatible offices)

\*Last day to conduct ballot placement lottery

**Thursday, December 17:** Last day to file a Withdrawal of Candidacy with the local election official or authority

**Thursday, December 24:** Last day to file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate

### Referenda Question Deadlines

**Monday, November 23:** Last day for filing petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy with the local election official

**Monday, December 7:** 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 Deadline

**Thursday, December 17:** Last day for the local election official to certify candidates, offices and any referenda questions to the election authority

### Voter Registration, Early Voting & Mail Voting

**Friday, January 8:** Military & overseas ballots available

**Thursday, January 14:** First day to mail ballots (if available)

**Tuesday, January 26:** Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials

**Wednesday, January 27 – Monday, February 22** Grace period registration & voting period

**Sunday, February 7:** Online voter registration closes

**Monday, February 8 – Monday, February 22:** Early Voting period

**Thursday, February 18:** Last day to apply for a ballot by mail

**Friday, February 19:** 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.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov)
- Visit the Cook County Clerk's Website: [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com)