



ELECTIONS

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Tuesday, March 17, 2020 – Primary Election General Information

Federal, State and Judicial candidates file with the Illinois State Board of Elections in Springfield. Candidates for Countywide offices, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, the Board of Review and Ward Committeeperson for the City of Chicago file with the Cook County Clerk's office.

Candidate Filing Dates & Deadlines

Tuesday, September 3: First day to circulate petitions for established political party candidates

Monday, November 25 – Monday, December 2: Petition filing period for established political party candidates

Monday, December 9: Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of candidates who filed during the November 25 – December 2 filing period

- Last day to withdraw for candidates who filed for incompatible offices

Wednesday, December 11: Last day to conduct lottery for ballot placement

Thursday, January 9: Last day to file withdrawal papers with the State Board of Elections

Wednesday, January 15: Last day to file withdrawal papers with the County Clerk

Thursday, January 16: Last day to file a notarized declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate (5:00 PM)

Referenda Question Deadlines

Monday, December 16: Last day for filing petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy with the local election authority

Monday, December 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, January 9: Certification of Ballot by the State Board of Elections

- Certification of Ballot by local election authorities

Wednesday, January 15: Certification of Ballot to the City of Chicago

Voter Registration, Early Voting & Mail Voting

Wednesday, December 18: First day for to apply for a ballot by mail

Friday, January 31: Military & overseas ballots available

Tuesday, February 18: Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials

Wednesday, February 19 – Monday, March 17: Grace period registration & voting

Monday, March 3 – Monday, March 17: Early Voting period

Thursday, March 12: Last day to apply for a ballot by mail

Friday, March 13 – Sunday, March 15: Nursing home voting period

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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

Visit the Cook County Clerk's Website: www.cookcountyclerk.com

2020 County Offices Signature Requirements

Office	Democratic .5%	Republican .5%	Green .5%	Independent 5% – 8%	New Party 5%
State's Attorney	7,279	2,263	N/A	25,000 – 143,641	25,000
Clerk of the Circuit Court	7,279	2,263	N/A	25,000 – 143,641	25,000
Board of Review Commissioner 1st District	5,363	2,263	N/A	25,000 – 61,020	25,000
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner	7,142	2,209	1,745	25,000 – 140,218	25,000