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PREFACE

This *Candidate's Guide* has been prepared to provide information for candidates seeking office at the local level in 2019. It includes a listing of offices nominated or elected, filing dates, general requirements for filing, and specific requirements for individual offices. In addition, information is provided regarding nomination procedures and the objection process. Also included is a section that provides answers to some of the more frequently asked questions about nominating petitions and procedures.

All citations contained herein refer to the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/1-1 *et seq.*, as amended) or as otherwise indicated. This Guide may be amended to include new legislation and court decisions as they may arise. Please visit the Illinois State Board of Election's website (www.elections.il.gov) for any updates.

Legal information contained in this guide, however, is not binding and should not be construed as sufficient argument in response to an objection to any candidate's nominating papers. The State Board of Elections recommends that all prospective candidates consult with competent legal counsel when preparing their nomination papers.

Statutory deadlines for filing objections and for withdrawing from all but one incompatible office will depend on the filing period. Specific deadline dates can be found in the SBE *Election and Campaign Finance Calendar for 2019*. The calendar, this guide, and filing date announcements can be found on the State Board of Elections' website: www.elections.il.gov.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting your election authority (county clerk or board of election commissioners), your local election official (municipal clerk, township clerk, road district clerk, park district secretary, etc.), or the State Board of Elections in Springfield (217/782-4141) or Chicago (312/814-6440).

Important Notice: *Effective with the 2018 primary election and continuing thereafter, the State Board of Election has implemented a limited "apparent conformity" review of all nominating petitions filed with the SBE. The review takes place after a petition is filed and is limited to determining the following: (1) whether a signed Statement of Candidacy has been filed, and (2) whether the filed nominating sheets contain gross signatures equal to or exceeding 10% of the minimum number of signatures required for the office sought.*

All candidates whose petitions fail the apparent conformity review are notified in writing and given the opportunity to appear before the State Board of Elections at its first meeting held to call petition objection cases before a determination is made to reject the candidate's petition on the basis of non-conformity.

SBE employees are no longer be available during filing periods to notarize documents.

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CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY

Last Tuesday in February

February 26, 2019

[10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b)]

ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED

MUNICIPAL -- over 5,000 population and/or Special Charter

Mayor or President

Treasurer

Clerk

Alderman or Trustee

Municipalities under 5,000 population may determine by ordinance (no later than November 15, 2018) that political parties shall nominate candidates for municipal offices by primary. [10 ILCS 5/7-1(b)]

Villages that have nominated and elected candidates for president and trustees in partisan elections prior to January 1, 1992, may continue to hold partisan elections without conducting a referendum. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20)

NONPARTISAN OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED

MUNICIPAL -- Council-Manager form (councilmen at-large and from districts)

Mayor or President

Clerk

Treasurer (Council-Manager form only)

Council Members, Trustees, Commissioners or Alderman

A village may conduct a nonpartisan primary by referendum. (Municipalities incorporated after May 13, 1993 are non-partisan unless they adopt the partisan format) (65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-60)

NONPARTISAN OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED (If no candidate gets more than 50%, a runoff is required.)

MUNICIPAL -- City of Chicago

Mayor

Clerk

Treasurer

Alderman

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

**First Tuesday in April
April 2, 2019
[10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b)]**

ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTIES, INDEPENDENT AND NEW POLITICAL PARTY OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

MUNICIPAL -- including Special Charter

Mayor or President
Clerk
Treasurer
Alderman or Trustee

NONPARTISAN OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED (City of Chicago run-off election, if required)

MUNICIPAL -- Council-Manager form (Councilmen at-large and from districts), Commission form

Mayor or President
Clerk
Treasurer (Council-Manager only)
Council Members, Commissioners, Trustees or Alderman

MUNICIPAL – Aldermanic run-off elections. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-51, 20/21-22 and 21-25)

MUNICIPAL -- City of Chicago (run-off election, if required)

(65 ILCS 20/21-26)

PARK DISTRICT – Commissioners, Trustees

PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT - Trustees

TOWNSHIP AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARY - Trustees

REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES - Trustees

SCHOOL DISTRICT - Board Members (including districts under Article 33), School Directors

SCHOOL DISTRICT - Special Charter - Inspectors, Board Members

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS – Cook County Only

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT – Trustees

TOWNSHIP LAND COMMISSIONERS (in counties having a population under 220,000)

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - Trustees

FOX WATERWAY MANAGEMENT AGENCY - DIRECTORS

1 Director elected from Lake County, 2 Directors elected from McHenry County

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT - Commissioners

SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION AND AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY -
Commissioners

OTHER SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS (see applicable statutes)

FILING PERIODS

(And caucus date information)

November 19 – 26, 2018 [10 ILCS 5/7-12(3), 10-6(4)]

(Filed not more than 99 nor less than 92 days prior to the date of the primary)

Filing period for candidates seeking nomination at the **FEBRUARY 26, 2019 Consolidated Primary Election**. See page “ii.” Petitions may NOT be circulated prior to August 28, 2018 (10ILCS 5/10-4)

(No more than 90 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petition)

December 10 – 17, 2018 [10 ILCS 5/10-6(2)]

(Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the consolidated election)

Filing period for candidates seeking election at the **APRIL 2, 2019 Consolidated Election**. See page “iii.”

Petitions may NOT be circulated prior to September 18, 2018. (10ILCS 5/10-4)

(No more than 90 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petition)

In **MUNICIPALITIES** under 5,000 population, established political parties hold their caucuses on December 3, 2018, and file their certificates of nomination with the municipal clerk during the filing period, December 10- 17, 2018. [10 ILCS 5/10-1(a)]

Note: Municipalities of 5,000 or less may determine by ordinance (no later than November 15, 2018) that established political parties shall nominate candidates for municipal offices by primary election.
[10 ILCS 5/7-1(b)]

New political parties file nominating petitions which must include a complete list of candidates of such party for all offices sought to be filled in the State, or such district or political subdivision as well as a certificate stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies. (See pages 3 - 5)

The following court case has held that the full-slate requirement for new political parties is unconstitutional: *Libertarian Party of Illinois v. ISBE, et al.*, 872 F.3d 518 (7th Cir. 2017). On that basis, a new party’s petition is not required to include a candidate for every available office in the state or political subdivision for which office is sought.

Independent and **nonpartisan** candidates **must** file nominating petitions. (See pages 5 - 7.)

ESTABLISHED PARTY, NEW PARTY, INDEPENDENT AND NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE FILINGS

A. ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES AND NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES (no commission) in MUNICIPALITIES - NOMINATION BY PRIMARY ELECTION

1. A political party, which at the last election in any municipality in the State, polled more than 5% of the entire votes cast within such territorial area, as the case may be, has voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve the respective territorial area, is an “established political party” as to such municipality. (10 ILCS 5/7-2, 10-2)
2. Municipalities over 5,000 in population and not governed by the commission or council-manager forms of government, or municipalities that have not adopted a nonpartisan primary system, fall under the provisions of Article 7 (Established Political Parties) of the Election Code. Municipalities incorporated after May 13, 1993 are non-partisan in format unless they properly adopt the partisan format. (10 ILCS 5/7-1 *et seq.*)
3. No primary election shall be held where the name of not more than one person of a political party has filed as a candidate for the nomination for each office to be filled at an election at which no other offices are to be voted on. Primary elections are held only for contested offices.
[10 ILCS 5/7-5(b)]
4. A candidate of an established political party seeking nomination by primary election to a municipal office should follow the information contained in “Requirements for Filing Nominating Papers” beginning on page 9 in preparing his/her nomination papers for filing.
5. Specific qualifications for office, signature requirements and locations for filing are detailed under the appropriate office listed elsewhere in this guide.
6. A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a partisan candidate at a primary election, and who is defeated for nomination, is prohibited from being listed on the ballot at the Consolidated Election as an independent candidate, a candidate of another political party, or from filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate at that Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-3, 17-16.1, 18-9.1)

B. CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION BY ESTABLISHED PARTY CAUCUS IN MUNICIPALITIES WITH A POPULATION OF 5,000 OR LESS

1. Established political parties shall nominate candidates by caucus in municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less. (10 ILCS 5/7-1, 10-1) This provision does not apply to commission, council-manager forms of government, or to any municipality that has adopted a nonpartisan primary system, as candidates in these municipalities are elected on a nonpartisan basis. See page 1 for definition of “Established Political Parties.”

NOTE: Municipalities of 5,000 or less population may determine by ordinance no later than November 15, 2018, that established political parties shall nominate candidates for municipal offices by a primary election in accordance with Article 7 of the Election Code. [10 ILCS 5/7-1(b)]

2. Caucus Date for municipalities: The municipal caucuses shall be conducted on **December 3, 2018**. The municipal caucuses shall be conducted on the first Monday in December of even-numbered years, except when that Monday is a holiday or the eve of a holiday, the caucuses shall be held on the next business day following the holiday. [10 ILCS 5/10-1(a)]
3. Only those registered voters who reside within the territory for which the nomination is made shall be permitted to vote or take part in the caucus proceedings. (See SBE Form H-1A) [10 ILCS 5/10-1(e)]
4. No voter shall vote or take part in the proceedings of more than one caucus or meeting to make a nomination for the same municipality. (See SBE Form H-1A) [10 ILCS 5/10-1(e)]
5. The caucus may make **ONE** nomination for each office to be filled at the Consolidated Election. [10 ILCS 5/10-1(a)]
6. A Certificate of Nomination by Caucus, (SBE Form H-2), shall be prepared to include:
 - a. the names and addresses of the candidates along with the offices to which they are nominated; and
 - b. the established party name.
7. The presiding officer and secretary of the caucus shall list their addresses and sign the Certificate of Nomination. The certificate shall be sworn by them to be true to the best of their knowledge and belief and must be

notarized. [10 ILCS 5/10-1(a)]

8. Candidates nominated by caucus must individually provide the following documents which are filed with the caucus certificate of nomination:
 - a. statement of candidacy (SBE Form P-1K);
 - b. receipt for the filing of the candidate's statement of economic interests. The receipt must be filed prior to the filing deadline; and
 - c. loyalty oath. (OPTIONAL) (SBE Form P-1C)

(See "Requirements for Filing Nominating Papers" beginning on page 9 for more detailed information.)
9. The Certificate of Nomination along with the required individual candidate documentation shall be filed with the appropriate municipal clerk during the regular filing period (December 10 – 17, 2018).
(10 ILCS 5/10-1(a), 10-5)
10. Any vacancy in nomination by caucus of an established political party for a municipal office shall be filled in accordance with 10 ILCS 5/7-61.
11. A candidate who participated at a caucus and who is defeated at the caucus for nomination is ineligible to be listed as a candidate of another political party, an independent candidate, or to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate at the Consolidated Election.
(10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-3, 17-16.1, 18-9.1)

C. NEW POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES

1. A political group wishing to form a new political party within a municipality must file petitions with a complete list of candidates for each office sought within the municipality. (The following court case has held that the full-slate requirement for new political parties is unconstitutional: *Libertarian Party of Illinois v. ISBE, et al.*, 872 F.3d 518 (7th Cir. 2017). On that basis, a new party's petition is not required to include a candidate for every available office in the state or political subdivision for which office is sought). Upon such filing, a new political party is created. That new political party remains a new political party for the election for which it filed. If the new political party receives more than 5% of the votes cast at that election, it becomes an established political party. If it does not, it ceases to exist. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)
2. The new political party petition must include a certificate (SBE Form P-8C) which includes the names and addresses of party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. (10 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-7, 10-11) See #5 below.

3. Where a new political party petition is invalidated by an electoral board or upon judicial review or the entire new party slate withdraws, the new party officers cannot replace the entire slate of candidates on the pretext of filling vacancies in nomination. (10 ILCS 5/10-7, 10-11)
4. The new party name may not contain more than five words. Moreover, such party shall not bear the same name as, or include the name of any established party. (However, see Norman v. Reed (1992) 502 U.S. 279, 112 S.Ct. 698 in the US Supreme Court and Reed v. Kusper (1992) 154 Ill.2d 77, 607 N.E.2d 1198, 180 Ill.Dec. 685 in the Illinois Supreme Court. [10 ILCS 5/10-2, 10-5(2)])
5. Petitions for new political party candidates must include the following:
 - a. statement of candidacy for each candidate;
 - b. receipt for the filing of each candidate's statement of economic interests. The receipt must be filed prior to the filing deadline; [10 ILCS 5/10-5]
 - c. loyalty oath (OPTIONAL) (SBE Form P-1C); and
 - d. certificate (SBE Form P-8C) stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. Failing to file such certificate will not invalidate the petition, but if it is not filed, the new party will not be able to fill vacancies in nomination. [Peoples Independent Party v. Petroff, 191 ILL. App.3d 706, 548 N.E. 2nd 145, 138 ILL. Dec. 641 (5th Dist. 1989)]. (10 ILCS 5/10-5)

(See "Requirements for Filing Nominating Papers" beginning on page 9 for more detailed information.)

6. New party candidates seeking office where officers are elected from wards or districts and at-large. (10 ILCS 5/10-2):
 - In the case of a petition to form a new political party within a municipality in which officers are to be elected from wards or districts and at-large, such petition shall consist of separate components for each ward or district from which an officer is to be elected. Each component shall be circulated only within a ward or district of the political subdivision and signed only by qualified electors who are residents of such ward or district.
 - Each sheet of such petition must contain a complete list of the names of the candidates of the party for all offices to be filled in the political subdivision at large, but the sheets comprising each component shall also contain the names of those candidates to be elected from the particular ward or district.

Each component of the petition (SBE Form P-8A) for each ward or district from which an officer is to be elected must be signed by qualified voters of the ward or district equaling a number not less than 5% of the number of voters who voted at the last regular election in such ward or district at which an officer was elected to serve the ward or district.

- The entire petition, composed of all components, must be signed by a total of qualified voters of the entire political subdivision equaling in number not less than 5% of the number of voters who voted at the last regular election in such municipality at which an officer was elected to serve the municipality at large.

7. A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a partisan candidate at a Consolidated Primary Election, and who is defeated for nomination, is prohibited from being listed on the ballot at the Consolidated Election as an independent candidate, a candidate of another political party and new party candidate or from filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate at that Consolidated Election.
(10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-3, 17-16.1, 18-9.1)

D. INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

1. Independent candidates are defined as those individuals who are not candidates of any political party, but who are candidates in an election at which party candidates may appear on the ballot. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)
2. Independent candidates should follow the information contained in “Requirements for Filing Nominating Papers” beginning on page 9 in preparing their nomination papers for filing.
3. Nomination papers must be filed in the office of the appropriate local election official or board of election commissioners during the filing period, December 10 – 17, 2018.
4. Signature requirements and locations for filing are detailed under the appropriate office listed elsewhere in this guide.
5. Whenever the name of an independent candidate for an office is withdrawn or an independent candidate’s petition is declared invalid by an electoral board or upon judicial review, no vacancy in nomination for that office shall exist. A vacancy in nomination contemplates a political party organization to fill it; an independent candidate is not supported by a party structure, and therefore vacancies for independent candidates cannot be filled. (10 ILCS 5/10-7)
6. A partisan candidate who is defeated for nomination in the Consolidated Primary is prohibited from being listed on the ballot at the Consolidated Election as an independent candidate, a candidate of another political party

and new party candidate, or from filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate at that Consolidated Election.
(10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-3, 17-16.1, 18-9.1)

E. NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES

1. The statutes governing certain units of government require that candidates file for office on a nonpartisan basis. The ballot listing such candidates shall be printed without any party designation or “Independent” designation at its head.
2. Certain governmental units require that candidates file for office on a nonpartisan basis to be elected at the Consolidated Election, April 2, 2019. These include:
 - a. Candidates for municipal office in municipalities operating under council-manager (councilmen-at-large) form of government. (A village may adopt a system of nonpartisan primary and general elections for the election of village officers as provided in 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20 through 3.1-25-60, and in certain home-rule municipalities who have devised governmental systems unique to them.) These candidates file for the February 26, 2019 Consolidated Primary. No primary is held for any uncontested office. Candidates for municipal office under the commission form of government file for the April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election. Municipalities incorporated after May 13, 1993 are non-partisan unless they adopt the partisan format.
 - b. Candidates for Library Trustee
 - c. Candidates for Park District Commissioner or Park Trustee
 - d. Candidates for School Board Member in districts adopting Article 33 of the School Code
 - e. Candidates for Regional Board of School Trustees
 - f. Candidates for School District Board Members, School Directors & Township Land Commissioners
 - g. Candidates for Township Trustees of Schools in Cook County
 - h. Candidates for Community College Trustees
 - i. Candidates for Fire Protection District Trustees
 - j. Candidates for Fox Waterway Agency Directors
 - k. Candidates for Forest Preserve District Commissioners
 - l. Candidates for Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority

3. Nonpartisan candidates should follow the information contained in “Requirements for Filing Nominating Papers” beginning on page 9 in preparing nomination papers for filing.
4. Specific qualifications for office, signature requirements and location for filing are detailed under the appropriate office listed elsewhere in this guide.
5. Nonpartisan candidates for office who are defeated at the Consolidated Primary may not file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate in the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/17-16.1)

F. WRITE-IN CANDIDATE PROCEDURES

For the Consolidated Primary and Consolidated Election, a write-in candidate must file a notarized “Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate” (SBE Form P-1F) no later than 61 days prior to the election. However, whenever an objection to a candidate’s nominating papers or petitions for any office is sustained after the 61st day before the election, the candidate may file a notarized declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for that office with the proper election authority or authorities no later than 7 days prior to the election. The declaration must be filed with the proper election authority or authorities in those jurisdictions in which he or she is seeking to be a write-in candidate (10 ILCS 5/17-16.1).

Write-in candidates are not nominated for an office at the Consolidated Primary unless the number of votes received equals or exceeds the number of signatures required on a nominating petition for that office; or unless the number of votes received exceeds the number of votes received by at least one of the candidates whose name was printed on the Consolidated Primary ballot for that office; or unless the number of candidates whose names appear on the ballot equals or exceeds the number of persons the party is entitled to nominate to that office.
[10 ILCS 5/7-59(c)]

For nonpartisan municipal primaries, if the name of only one candidate for a particular office appeared on the primary ballot, the name of the person having the largest number of write-in votes shall not be placed upon the ballot at the general municipal election unless the number of votes received in the primary election by that person was at least 10% of the number of votes received by the candidate for the same office whose name appeared on the primary ballot.
[65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-40(b)]

Within five days following the completion of the canvass of results for the Consolidated Primary Election, or prior to taking office after the Consolidated Election, write-in candidates who are declared nominated or elected must file a Statement of Candidacy and a receipt for the filing of the Statement of Economic Interests. Such candidates shall not be certified if they fail to timely file the above documents. The filing of a Loyalty Oath form is optional. (10 ILCS 5/7-60.1) Any necessary qualification certificate that may be required for a particular office must also be filed. The winning write-in candidates should be notified of these requirements by the election authority.

Upon the filing of the necessary documents following the Consolidated Election, the election authority shall issue a certificate of election to the write-in winners, upon their application. (10 ILCS 5/22-18)

If the nomination for any office in the Consolidated Primary is uncontested, an individual seeking to be a write-in candidate must file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate on or before the date of certification, December 27, 2018, which is 61 days prior to the Consolidated Primary. The declaration must be filed with the appropriate office with whom nomination papers for such office are filed.
[10 ILCS 5/7-5(d), 7-59(b)]

REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING NOMINATING PAPERS

A. GENERAL FILING REQUIREMENTS

1. Candidates are strongly advised to obtain legal counsel regarding their qualifications for office, the proper method for completing the petition forms for a specific office, the minimum and maximum number of signatures required, the qualifications of the signers and circulators, etc.

NOTE: Candidates should contact the election authority or the local election official who is responsible for receiving the filing of the petition for nomination and/or election to office for further information as to the specific number of signatures required on a nominating petition for a specific office (or for the data needed to calculate that number).

2. Candidates in jurisdictions using the partisan format may file for office in the following manner:
 - a. as a candidate of an established political party;
 - b. as a candidate of a new political party; or
 - c. as an independent candidate;
3. Candidates must file on a non-partisan basis in units of government where it is required that all candidates file on a nonpartisan basis. (See pages 6 and 7)
4. Candidates must file the following papers, except as noted:
 - a. statement of candidacy;
 - b. receipt for the filing of a statement of economic interests;
 - c. loyalty oath (OPTIONAL);
 - d. Nominating petition sheets (containing a sufficient number of **original** signatures) or Certificate of Nomination by party caucus;

NOTE: Certificate of Officers Authorized to Fill Vacancies (new party filings only). A new political party petition must have attached thereto a certificate (SBE Form P-8C) stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. Failure to file the certificate will not invalidate the petitions but will preclude the new party from being able to fill any vacancy that may occur. [See *Peoples Independent Party v. Petroff*, 191 Ill. App 3d 706, 138 Ill. Dec. 915, 548 N.E. 2d 145 (5th Dist. 1989)]

5. Election laws prescribe the general format to be submitted when seeking nomination to each office. The State Board of Elections has prepared **suggested** forms for petitions, statements of candidacy, etc. The official SBE form number to be used is included under each office listed elsewhere in this guide.

Local election officials are advised to contact their election authority (county clerk, board of election commissioners) regarding the availability of forms. Forms may be downloaded from the State Board of Elections website (www.elections.il.gov). Forms are also available for purchase from election supply companies.

6. A candidate's nomination papers may be challenged by the filing of an objection. The deadline for filing objections is five business days after the last day of the petition filing period. Objections to all nominating papers are heard by the proper electoral board as designated in the Election Code. Decisions of the electoral board are subject to judicial review. (10 ILCS 5/10-8 through 10-10.1) See page 54.
7. Petitions may be filed by mail or in person by either the candidate or a representative of the candidate.

- a. Information on where to file is included under each office as listed elsewhere in this guide.
- b. Filings must be made within the appropriate filing period; see page "iv."
- c. Filings must be received no earlier than 8:00 a.m. or the normal opening hour of such office, whatever the case may be, on the first day of the appropriate filing period, and no later than 5:00 p.m., or the close of business, whichever is later, on the last day of that filing period.
[10 ILCS 5/1-4, 7-12(6), 10-6.2]

Welsh vs. Education Officer's Electoral Board, 322 Ill.App.3d 568, 750 N.E. 2d 222, 255 Ill.Dec. 641 (1st Dist. 2001)

NOTE: The State Board of Elections will **NOT ACCEPT** any petition for filing after 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the filing period. This applies to any individual(s) waiting in line as of the 5:00 p.m. deadline who has not yet filed his/her petition(s).

- d. Petitions sent by mail (United States Post Office only) and received **AFTER** midnight of the first day for filing and in the **first United States Postal Service delivery** or pickup of the first filing day shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. of the first filing day or as of the normal opening hour of such day, as the case may be. Candidates who file by mail with the State Board of Elections and wish to qualify for the lottery, must **mail** petitions to the **State Board of Elections, 2329 South MacArthur Blvd, Springfield, IL 62704-4503**. Nominating petitions received through other delivery systems are not

considered “mail” and will not be included in the lottery. It is important to note that petitions received **BEFORE** the first day of filing cannot be accepted.

(10 ILCS 5/7-12, 10-6.2)

8. Ballot position Lottery:

- a. The lottery is held within nine days following the last day to file petitions.
- b. Petitions filed in person at 8:00 a.m. on the first filing day or at the normal opening hour of such day, as the case may be, and petitions filed by mail and received in the first mail delivery of the first filing day are included in the lottery drawing to determine the first ballot position.
- c. Petitions filed in person after 8:00 a.m. on the first filing day or after the normal opening hour of such day, as the case may be, and petitions filed by mail and received after the first mail delivery of the first filing day are not included in the lottery drawing and are placed on the ballot in the order filed. (10 ILCS 5/7-12, 10-6.2)
- d. Two or more petitions filed within the last hour of the filing deadline (between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the last filing day) shall be deemed filed simultaneously and are included in the lottery drawing to determine the final ballot position. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 10-6.2)

9. Multiple Filings

If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed for a candidate for the same office, the State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or local election official where the petitions are filed shall, within two (2) business days, notify the candidate of his/her multiple petition filings and that the candidate has three (3) business days after receipt of the notice to notify the State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or local election official that he or she may cancel prior sets of petitions. If the candidate notifies the State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or local election official, the last set of petitions filed shall be the only petitions to be considered valid. If the candidate fails to notify the State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or local election official, then only the first set of petitions filed shall be valid and all subsequent petitions shall be void. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(11), 10-6.2)

NOTE: If petitions for nomination have been filed for the same person with respect to more than one political party, his/her name shall not be certified for the primary ballot of any party. If petitions for nomination have been filed for the same person for two or more offices which are incompatible, a person must withdraw (SBE Form P-25) as a candidate for all but one of such offices within the 5 business days following the last day for petition filing or his/her name shall not be certified for the primary ballot for any office. The withdrawal notice must be in writing and notarized. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9), 10-7)

The Office of the Illinois Attorney General has issued a number of opinions on incompatibility of offices. For questions concerning the same, contact the Opinions Division of the Attorney General's office at 217/782-9070.

9. A candidate for whom nomination papers have been filed as a partisan candidate at a Consolidated Primary Election, and who is defeated for his/her nomination at the Consolidated Primary Election, **is ineligible** for nomination as a candidate of another political party or as an independent candidate and **is prohibited** from filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for that Consolidated Election.

A candidate seeking election to an office for which candidates of a political party are nominated by caucus who is a participant in the caucus and who is defeated for his/her nomination at such caucus, **is ineligible** for nomination as a candidate of another political party or as an independent candidate, new party candidate and **is ineligible** from filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for that Consolidated Election.
(10 ILCS 5/17-16.1, 7-61, 10-3, 18-9.1)

Nonpartisan candidates for municipal office who are defeated at the Consolidated Primary are **ineligible** to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for the Consolidated Election.
(10 ILCS 5/17-16.1, 18-9.1)

B. NOMINATING PETITION SHEETS

1. Petition Sheet Heading
 - a. The top portion (heading) of the nominating petition pages which include information relative to the election, the candidate(s), the office(s) and political party, as applicable, must be completed prior to the circulation of the petition sheet.
 - b. **The State Board of Elections will certify each candidate's name as it appears on the first numbered page of the petition.** (Other Election Authorities may follow a different policy with regard to petitions filed with them.)
 - c. The candidate's given name or names, initial or initials, nickname by which the candidate is commonly known, or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to the candidate's surname. No other designation such as a political slogan, title, degree or nickname suggesting or implying possession of a title, degree or professional status, or similar information may be used in connection with the candidate's surname. [10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17(b), 10-5.1, 16-3(e)]

NOTE: If a candidate has changed his or her name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in Illinois or any other

jurisdiction, within 3 years before the last day for filing the petition or certificate for that office, whichever is applicable, then (i) the candidate's name on the petition or certificate must be followed by "formerly known as (list all prior names during the 3-year period) until name changed on (list date of each such name change)" and (ii) the petition or certificate must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the candidate's previous names during the period specified in (iii) and the date or dates each of those names was changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds for denying certification of the candidate's name for the ballot or removing the candidate's name from the ballot, as appropriate, but these requirements do not apply to name changes resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent's or parents' surname, marriage to assume a spouse's surname, or dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage to assume a former surname.

[10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17(b), 10-5.1, 16-3(e)]

- d. A political slogan is defined as any word or words expressing or connoting a position, opinion, or belief that the candidate may espouse, including, but not limited to, any word or words conveying any meaning other than that of the personal identity of the candidate. A candidate may not use a political slogan as part of his or her name on the ballot, notwithstanding that the political slogan may be part of the candidate's name.

[10 ILCS 5/7-17(b), 10-5.1, 16-3(e)]

NOTE: The State Board of Elections, a local election official, or an election authority shall not certify to any election authority any candidate name designation that is inconsistent with this statutory reference. [10 ILCS 5/7-17(c), 16-3(f)]

- e. The form of name on the petition sheets must match the form of name on the statement of candidacy. **The candidate's name should appear in exactly the same form on the petition sheets, statement of candidacy, and optional loyalty oath.** The State Board of Elections will certify each candidate's name as it appears on the first numbered page of the petition (other election authorities may follow a different policy with regard to petitions filed with their offices). Failure to match the name on the petition to the name on the Statement of Candidacy may result in the candidate not being certified for ballot.
- f. Petitions of candidates for specified offices, which are to be filed with the same officer, may contain the names of 2 or more candidates of the same political party for the same or different

offices. However, each candidate must submit his or her individual Statement of Candidacy, receipt for filing the Statement of Economic Interests and optional Loyalty Oath.

(10 ILCS 5/7-10)

- g. Each sheet of the petition other than the statement of candidacy and candidate's statement shall be of uniform size and contain above the space for signatures an appropriate heading. The heading must provide the name of the candidate(s) in whose behalf the petition is signed, the office sought, the political party represented, and the place of residence. The heading of each sheet shall be the same.

(10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

- h. Petition sheets, which are filed with the proper local election official, election authority or the State Board of Elections must contain the original signatures of the voters and the original signature of the circulator thereof, and shall be not photocopies or duplicates of such sheets. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

2. Petition Circulator

- a. Effective August 5, 2016, an individual who is 17 years of age, will be 18 years of age on the date of the immediately following general or consolidated election, and is otherwise qualified to vote, shall be deemed eligible to circulate a nominating petition or petition proposing a public question. (P.A. 99-722). **The circulator must personally witness all signatures given and sign the required circulator's statement stating that all signatures were taken in his or her presence.** No one may be considered a circulator of any petition page except the person who signs the circulator's statement.

(10 ILCS 5/3-6, 7-10, 10-4)

- b. Petition sheets must **not** be circulated more than 90 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petitions. The circulator's statement on a candidate's petition must specify either the dates on which the sheets were circulated, the first and last dates on which the sheet was circulated or that none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90 days preceding that last day for filing of the petitions. See page "iv" for additional filing date information.

(10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

- 1) Petitions circulated for established political party candidates and nonpartisan candidates who are required to file for the February 26 Consolidated Primary Election may be circulated starting August 28, 2018, for the filing period November 19-26, 2018.

- 2) Petitions circulated for independent candidates, new

political party candidates and nonpartisan candidates who are required to file for the April 2 Consolidated Election may be circulated starting September 18, 2018, for the filing period December 10 – 17, 2018.

- c. A petition circulator may not circulate for more than one established political party. (10 ILCS 5/10-4) [*Schober v. Young*, 322 Ill.App.3d 996, 751 N.E. 2d 610, 256 Ill.Dec. 220 (4th Dist. 2001)]
- d. A petition circulator may not circulate for an independent candidate in addition to candidates for an established political party. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)
- e. A petition circulator may not circulate for more than one new political party. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)
- f. A petition circulator may not circulate for an independent candidate in addition to candidates for a new political party. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)
- h. A petition circulator must complete the circulator's statement at the bottom of each petition sheet certifying address, age and citizenship information and also certifying that the signatures on that sheet were signed in his/her presence and are genuine and that to the best of his/her knowledge the persons so signing were duly registered voters of the political subdivision or district for which the candidate or candidates shall be nominated, or elected, and that their respective registration addresses are correctly stated therein. This statement shall be sworn to and signed before an officer authorized to administer oaths in Illinois. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)
- i. Petition circulators shall indicate on such petition their residence address, written or printed, including the street address or rural route number of the circulator, as well as the circulator's city, village, or town. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

3. Petition Signers

- a. A signer **MAY NOT** sign petitions for a candidate of more than one political party for the same primary election. (10 ILCS 5/7-10)
- b. A signer may sign the petitions of one established political party for the Primary Election and one new political party or independent for the subsequent General Election, (10 ILCS 5/10-3)
- c. A signer must sign his/her own signature on the petition. The signer cannot sign for someone else, such as another member of his or her

family. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

- d. A petition signer may change party affiliation from one election cycle to another. *Kusper v. Pontikes*, 414 U.S. 51, 94 S. Ct. 303. (1973); see also *Sperling v. County Officers Electoral Board*, 57 Ill. 2d 81, 309 N.E. 2d 589 (1974).
- e. Petition signers must be registered voters in the political subdivision in which the candidate is seeking nomination or election. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-2, 10-3, 10-4)
- f. Petition signers shall indicate on such petition their residence address, written or printed, including the street address or rural route number, as well as the city, village, or town, county and state. However, the state, county, city, village and town of residence may be pre-printed on the petition form when all of the electors signing the petition form reside therein. Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the residence address, including street number, if any. **A petition signer must be a registered voter from the address shown opposite his/her signature on the petition.** (10 ILCS 5/3-1.2, 7-10, 10-4)
- g. Signatures may be struck from the petition by the circulator or the candidate prior to filing in the following manner:
 - 1) The person striking the signature shall initial the petition at the place where the signature is struck. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-3)
 - 2) The person striking the signature shall sign a certification (such as SBE suggested Form P-2A) listing the page and line number of each signature stricken from the petition. Such certification shall be filed as part of the petition. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-3)
 - 3) The person striking signatures from independent candidate petitions shall also sign an additional certificate (SBE suggested form P-2B) specifying the number of certification pages listing stricken signatures, which are attached to the petition, and the page numbers indicated on such certifications. This additional certificate shall be filed as a part of the petition, shall be numbered, and shall be attached immediately following the last page of voters' signatures and before the certifications of stricken signatures. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)
 - 4) All of the foregoing requirements are necessary to effect a valid striking of any signature. The provisions authorizing the striking of signatures shall not impose criminal liability on any person so authorized to strike signatures that may be fraudulent. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

4. Petition Preparations (10 ILCS 5/ Articles 7 &10)
- a. The petition signature sheets must be **original** and of **uniform size**.
 - b. The petition **signature** sheets must be numbered consecutively, beginning with the top sheet as number "1."
 - c. The following documents are to be attached (preferably on top) to the nominating petition signature sheets:
 - 1) statement of candidacy;
 - 2) receipt for the filing of the statement of economic interests (the receipt may be filed at any time during the filing period and will not change the initial date and time of filing the petition) Candidates for county office need only file the statement itself;
 - 3) The loyalty oath (OPTIONAL);

The above documents are NOT numbered.

- 4) Any certifications related to the striking of signatures shall be attached immediately following the last petition signature sheet and numbered consecutively beginning with the number "1."
(10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-3)
 - 6) For all new political party petitions, the petition must have attached thereto a certificate (SBE suggested Form P-8C) stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. Failure to file the certificate will result in the party forfeiting its right to fill vacancies in nomination, but will not invalidate the petition.
(10 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-11)
 - 5) Any other documentation which may be required to qualify for a specific office.
- d. The petition signature sheets must be **neatly fastened together** in book form by fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable manner.

NOTE: A petition once filed shall not be altered or added to. However, the receipt for an economic interest statement may be filed no later than 5:00 P.M. on the last day on which nomination papers may be filed.
(10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12, 10-4, 10-5)

C. STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-5)

1. Each candidate, whether an individual candidate or one whose name appears on a group petition or certificate of nomination, must complete and file a statement of candidacy. The form of the candidate's name, as printed and signed, should match the name as printed on the petition sheets. Furthermore, the address of the candidate, the office for which the person is a candidate, political party designation, if applicable, and statements that the person is qualified for the office specified, should also match the information as printed on the petition sheets. See each office in this guide for the correct SBE Statement of Candidacy form. **THIS STATEMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THE NOMINATION PAPERS.**

2. In the designation of the name of a candidate on a petition for nomination or certificate of nomination, the candidate's given name or names, initial or initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly known, or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to the candidate's surname. The State Board of Elections will certify each candidate's name as it appears on the first numbered page of the petition. Other filing officers may refer to other documents such as the statement of candidacy when determining the actual name to be certified. No other designation such as a **political slogan**, title, degree or professional status, or similar information may be used in connection with the candidate's surname.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17(b), 10-5.1, 16-3(e)]

NOTE: If a candidate has changed his or her name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the last day for filing the petition or certificate for that office, whichever is applicable, then (i) the candidate's name on the petition or certificate must be followed by "formerly known as (list all prior names during the 3-year period) until name changed on (list date of each such name change)" and (ii) the petition or certificate must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the candidate's previous names during the period specified in (iii) and the date or dates each of those names was changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds for denying certification of the candidate's name for the ballot or removing the candidate's name from the ballot, as appropriate, but these requirements do not apply to name changes resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent's or parents' surname, marriage to assume a spouse's surname, or dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage to assume a former surname.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17, 10-5.1, 16.3(e)]

3. The candidate must swear to (or affirm) and sign the statement of candidacy, and the statement must be notarized.

4. A person who filed a statement of candidacy for a partisan office as a qualified primary voter of an established political party or who voted the ballot of an established political party at a general primary election may not file a statement of candidacy as a candidate of a different established political party or as an independent candidate for a partisan office to be filled at the general election immediately following the general primary for which the person filed the statement or voted the ballot. A person may file a statement of candidacy for a partisan office as a qualified primary voter of an established political party regardless of any prior filing of candidacy for a partisan office or voting the ballot of an established political party at any prior election. (10 ILCS 5/7-43)

D. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS - RECEIPT

1. Each candidate must file a receipt indicating that he or she has filed a statement of economic interest as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12, 10-5; 5 ILCS 420/1-101 et seq.)
EXCEPTION: The receipt is not required if the statement of economic interest is filed with the same officer with which the nominating papers are filed. (i.e. county officers) [10 ILCS 5/7-12(8)]
2. Candidates are advised to file their receipt at the same time they file their nominating petitions. While the receipt need not accompany the nominating petitions at the time of filing, it must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day on which nomination papers may be filed for the office for which the candidate is seeking. **THE DATE AND TIME AT WHICH A NOMINATING PETITION WAS FILED IS NOT CHANGED WHEN THE RECEIPT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS IS FILED AT ANOTHER TIME DURING THE FILING PERIOD. (10 ILCS 5/7-12, 10-5)**
3. Statement of economic interest forms may be obtained from the Office of the Secretary of State (www.cyberdriveillinois.com). County statement of economic interests forms may be obtained from the county clerk.
4. The completed Statement of Economic Interest form must be filed with the Secretary of State, Index Division, 111 East Monroe, Springfield, IL 62756, for candidates that file petitions with the State Board of Elections, or with the county clerk in the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
5. A Statement of Economic Interest filed for a different office may not be acceptable. If in doubt, consult with your county clerk or the Index Division of the Secretary of State, 111 E. Monroe Street, Springfield, Illinois 62756. (Telephone 217/782-7017 or 312/814-8218) Also, see: Rottman v. Illinois State Officers Electoral Bd., 2018 IL App (1st) 180234.

E. LOYALTY OATH (Optional)

The filing of the Loyalty Oath is optional. The following court cases have held that the requirement for filing the Loyalty Oath is unconstitutional: *Communist Party of Indiana v. Witcomb*, 94 S. Ct. 656 414 U.S. 441 (1974); *Communist Party of Illinois*

v. Ogilvie, 357 F. Supp. 105 (N.D. Ill. 1972) and Socialist Workers Party v. Ogilvie, 357 F. Supp. 109 (N.D. Ill. 1972)

F. CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE - NOTICE OF OBLIGATION

The official with whom nomination papers are filed, must provide to each candidate at the time he files his nomination papers a notice of obligation to comply with the Illinois Campaign Financing Act. However, if a candidate files his nomination papers by mail, or an agent of the candidate files his nomination papers, the clerk or secretary with whom the petitions were filed will send the notice to the candidate by first class mail. The notice will state that the manual of instructions and forms for statements required to be filed under Article 9 of the Election Code are available from the State Board of Elections. Forms may also be downloaded from the State Board's website: www.elections.il.gov.

(10 ILCS 5/7-12(7), 9-16, 10-6.1; 60 ILCS 1/45-35)

G. USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO INFLUENCE VOTERS IS PROHIBITED

No public funds shall be used to urge any elector to vote for or against any candidate or proposition, or be appropriated for political or campaign purposes to any candidate or political organization. This provision, however, shall not prohibit the use of public funds for dissemination of factual information relative to any proposition appearing on an election ballot, or for dissemination of information and arguments published and distributed pursuant to law in connection with a proposition to amend the Constitution of the State of Illinois. (10 ILCS 5/9-25.1)

H. FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT

Candidates and committees are urged to abide by the provisions for campaigning outlined in the Fair Campaign Practices Act. This is a voluntary statement made and filed prior to an election, vowing that the candidate making the statement will conduct a positive, rather than a negative campaign. If a candidate or committee chooses to make such a statement, it shall be filed with the county clerk if the candidate is a local candidate or committee. (10 ILCS 5/29B et. seq.)

COMMISSION FORM - MUNICIPAL

- OFFICE:** Mayor and Commissioners
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter.
Must not be arrears in the payment of any tax or other indebtedness due to the municipality; must not have been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony.
[65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5(a)(b)]
- RESIDENCY:** One-year residency in the municipality preceding the election. If a person is a resident of a municipality immediately prior to the active duty military service of that person or that person's spouse, resides anywhere outside of the municipality during that active duty military service, and immediately upon completion of that active duty military service is again a resident of the municipality, then the time during which the person resides outside the municipality during the active duty military service is deemed to be time during which the person is a resident of the municipality for purposes of determining the residency requirement.
[65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5(a)(d)]
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** Equal to at least 1% of the total vote cast for mayor at the last preceding mayoral election of the municipality. (65 ILCS 5/4-3-8)
- PETITION:** Nonpartisan, non-municipal or municipal-commission form, SBE recommended Form P-4.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt.
(5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
- FILING DATES:** December 10 – 17, 2018 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days before the Consolidated Election)
- WHERE TO FILE:** Municipal Clerk, or in those municipalities which have a municipal Board of Election Commissioners, with the clerk of that Board.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE: Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd. Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)

TERM BEGINS: The terms of elected municipal officers shall commence at the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities after receipt of the official election results from the county clerk of the regular municipal election at which the officers were elected, except as otherwise provided by ordinance fixing the date for inauguration of newly elected officers of a municipality. The ordinance shall not, however, fix the time for inauguration of newly elected officers later than the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities in the month of June following the election. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-15)

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years and until their successors are elected and have qualified. (65 ILCS 5/4-3-4)

MAYOR-ALDERMAN AND PRESIDENT-TRUSTEE FORM MUNICIPAL

NOTE: Candidates of established political parties file petitions to be placed on the Consolidated Primary Election ballot in municipalities of over 5,000 population.

Municipalities of 5,000 or less population may determine by ordinance, no later than November 15, 2018, that political parties shall nominate candidates for municipal offices by primary election in accordance with Article 7 of the Election Code.

[10 ILCS 5/7-1(b)]

OFFICE: Mayor or President, Alderman or Trustee, Clerk, Treasurer,

Cities of 10,000 or fewer inhabitants may, by ordinance, allow for the appointment of a city treasurer. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-15-5)

Villages of fewer than 5,000 inhabitants may, by resolution, choose to have the clerk appointed by the village president with the concurrence of the village board.

[65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-90(a)]

This procedure for election of officers includes municipalities which have adopted the managerial form and retained or later adopted the mayor-aldermanic or president-trustee form of electing their officers. (65 ILCS 5/5-1-2)

QUALIFICATIONS: Qualified elector/registered voter.

A person is not eligible to take the oath of office for a municipal office if that person is, at the time required for taking the oath of office, in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the municipality or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5(a)(b)]

RESIDENCY: Mayor or President, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustee: One-year residency in the municipality preceding the Consolidated Election. If a person is a resident of a municipality immediately prior to the active duty military service of that person or that person's spouse, resides anywhere outside of the municipality during that active duty military service, and immediately upon completion of that active duty military service is again a resident of the municipality, then the time during which the person resides outside the municipality during the active duty military service is deemed to be time during which the person is a resident of the municipality for purposes of determining the residency requirement.

[65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5(a)(d)]

Alderman must reside in the ward at least 1 year preceding their election. Trustees elected from districts must reside in their municipalities at least one year preceding their election. For trustees elected by district in villages with a population of over 5,000, each of the districts shall be represented by one trustee who shall have been a resident of the district for at least six months immediately before his or her election in the first election after redistricting. [65 ILCS 3.1-10-5(c), 3.1-25-75(a)(b)]

SIGNATURE

REQUIREMENTS:

Established Political Party Candidates.

For president, mayor, trustee or clerk, and treasurer, at least .5% (.005) of the qualified **primary** electors of his/her **party** in the city, incorporated town, town or village. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(e)]

For alderman, at least .5% (.005) of the qualified primary electors of his/her party within his/her ward. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(e)]

In no event shall the number of required signatures be less than 25. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(e)]

The number of qualified primary electors is determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for such political party who received the highest number of votes in such political subdivision, ward or district at the last regular election at which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from that subdivision, ward or district. (10 ILCS 5/7-10)

In the case of an election for alderman or trustee of a municipality to be elected from a ward or district, for the first primary following a redistricting or the initial establishment of wards or districts, then by .5% of the total number of votes cast for the candidate of such political party who received the highest number of votes in the entire municipality at the last regular election which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from the entire municipality, divided by the number of wards or districts, but in any event not less than 25 qualified primary electors of his party in the ward or district. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(e)]

New Political Party Candidates - For the Consolidated Election, not less than 5% of the total number of persons who voted in the last regular election in the district or political subdivision in which such district or political subdivision voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

For the first election following redistricting of municipal wards or districts, or for the first election following the initial establishment of such districts or wards in a municipality, a petition to form a new political party in a municipal ward or district shall be signed by qualified voters of the district or ward equal to not less than 5% of the total number of votes cast at the preceding municipal election, as the case may be, for the municipal office voted on throughout the

municipality for which the greatest total number of votes were cast for all candidates, divided by the number of districts or wards, but in any event not less than 25 qualified voters of the district or ward. In the case of a petition to form a new political party within a political subdivision in which officers are to be elected from districts and at-large, such petition shall consist of separate components for each district from which an officer is to be elected. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

Independent Candidates - For the Consolidated Election, not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election in the district or political subdivision in which such district or political subdivision voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

Example: If 1,000 voters cast ballots at the last regular election in the district or political subdivision, the formula of 5% - 8% would result in a signature requirement of 50 - 80. Illinois statutes (10 ILCS 5/10-3) require a difference of 50 between the minimum and maximum. Therefore, the signature requirement would be 50 - 100.

For the first election following redistricting of municipal wards or districts, or for the first election following the initial establishment of such districts or wards in a municipality, nomination papers for an independent candidate for alderman or trustee of such municipality, shall be signed by qualified voters of the district or ward equal to not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the total number of votes cast at the preceding general municipal election, as the case may be, for the municipal office voted on throughout such county or municipality for which the greatest total number of votes were cast for all candidates divided by the number of districts or wards, but in any event not less than 25 qualified voters of the district or ward.
(10 ILCS 5/10-3)

Non-Partisan:

City: For the Consolidated Election, not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election in the district or political subdivision in which such district or political subdivision voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area. (10 ILCS 5/10-3, 10-3.1)

Village: 1% of the total vote cast at the last preceding election in the village for president. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-30)

PETITION: Established Party - SBE Form P-10 (for Primary)
 New Party - SBE Form P-8 or P-8A (for Consolidated Election)
 Independent - SBE Form P-3 (for Consolidated Election)
 Nonpartisan - SBE Form P-5 (for Primary, as applicable)

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICERS: New Party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination -
 SBE Form P-8C

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with nominating petitions or filed with caucus certificate of
 nomination.

 Established Party - SBE Form P-1(for Primary)
 Established Party - SBE Form P-1K (Caucus)
 New Party - SBE Form P-1D
 Independent - SBE Form P-1B
 Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A

LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with nominating papers. SBE Form P-1C.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office
 of the unit of local government with which the person is associated
 is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt.
 (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)

FILING DATES: For established political party candidates and nonpartisan
 candidates filing for a primary, November 19 – 26, 2018 (not more
 than 99 nor less than 92 days prior to the Consolidated Primary). For
 new party candidates and independent candidates, December 10 –
 17, 2018 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the
 Consolidated Election). Caucus certificates for nomination for
 established party candidates are filed December 10 – 17, 2018.

WHERE TO FILE: With the appropriate city or village clerk. In those cities having a
 Board of Election Commissioners, with the clerk of that Board.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE: Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the
 State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL
 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL
 60601.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)

TERM BEGINS: The terms of elected municipal officers shall commence at the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities after receipt of the official election results from the county clerk of the regular municipal election at which the officers were elected, except as otherwise provided by ordinance fixing the date for inauguration of newly elected officers of a municipality. The ordinance shall not, however, fix the time for inauguration of newly elected officers later than the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities in the month of June following the election. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-15)

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years. The term may be reduced to 2 years by referendum. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-65). Any municipality of less than 500,000 population that originally voted to shorten terms may submit a proposition to lengthen terms. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-75)

COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT - MUNICIPAL

Upon adoption of the managerial form of government, the procedures for electing municipal officers will remain the same as prior to the adoption of 65 ILCS, Article 5. A referendum may be approved by the voters to establish a different type of municipal organization in conjunction with the managerial form.

The council-manager form is the only form of municipal government covered (for election of officers) by Article 5 of 65 ILCS/5. Other cities and villages which have adopted Article 5 and have retained or later adopted the mayor-aldermanic form or the president-trustee village form will follow the provisions under Article 3.1 of 65 ILCS/5 for the election of officers. Cities and villages which have adopted or retained a commission form would follow provisions under Article 4 of 65 ILCS/5 for the election of officers.

Refer to the appropriate section of this guide for either mayor-aldermanic, president-trustee or commission form if the municipality is also a managerial form.

OFFICE: Mayor, Councilmen at-large (and part from districts in some cities), Clerk, Treasurer

QUALIFICATIONS: Qualified elector/registered voter.

A person is not eligible to take the oath of office for a municipal office if that person is, at the time required for taking the oath of office, in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the municipality or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony.
[65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5(a)(b)]

RESIDENCY: One-year residency in the municipality preceding the election. If a person is a resident of a municipality immediately prior to the active duty military service of that person or that person's spouse, resides anywhere outside of the municipality during that active duty military service, and immediately upon completion of that active duty military service is again a resident of the municipality, then the time during which the person resides outside the municipality during the active duty military service is deemed to be time during which the person is a resident of the municipality for purposes of determining the residency requirement.
[65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5(a)(d)]

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: Cities and villages that retained or later adopted Article 3.1 of 65 ILCS, see Mayor-Alderman and President-Trustee form for signature requirements.

If a city has adopted the nonpartisan form of government as authorized by Article VII of the Constitution, the signature requirements which applies would be those in 10 ILCS 5/10-3 of the Election Code (independent signature requirements) as authorized by the second paragraph of 10 ILCS 5/10-3.1. (See page 25)

Signature requirements are governed by the form of government prior to the adoption of Council-Manager.

Council-Manager (formerly Commission):

1% of the total vote cast at the last preceding election in the municipality for mayor. (65 ILCS 5/4-3-8, 5/5-2-12)

Council-Manager (formerly nonpartisan President/Trustee):

1% of the total vote cast at the last preceding election in the village for president.

Council-Manager (formerly a city/village whose candidates ran as independents):

- Signature requirements are those set out for independent candidates in 10 ILCS 5/10-3 of the Election Code as authorized by 5/10-3.1 (second paragraph).

PETITION: Nonpartisan SBE Form P-5.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.

LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)

FILING DATES: November 19 – 26, 2018 (not more than 99 nor less than 92 days prior to the Consolidated Primary. [10 ILCS 5/10-6(4)])

WHERE TO FILE: Filed with the municipal clerk. In those cities having a Board of Election Commissioners, with the clerk of that Board.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE: Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)

TERM BEGINS: The terms of elected municipal officers shall commence at the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities after receipt of the official election results from the county clerk of the regular municipal election at which the officers were elected, except as otherwise provided by ordinance fixing the date for inauguration of newly elected officers of a municipality. The ordinance shall not, however, fix the time for inauguration of newly elected officers later than the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities in the month of June following the election. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-15)

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years. The term may be reduced to 2 years by referendum. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-65). Any municipality of less than 500,000 population who originally voted to shorten terms may submit a proposition to lengthen terms. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-75)

MUNICIPAL – CITY OF CHICAGO

OFFICE: Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Alderman

QUALIFICATIONS: Qualified elector/registered voter.

A person is not eligible to take the oath of office for a municipal office if that person is, at the time required for taking the oath of office, in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the municipality or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5 (a)(b)]

RESIDENCY: One year residency in the municipality preceding the election. If a person is a resident of a municipality immediately prior to the active duty military service of that person or that person's spouse, resides anywhere outside of the municipality during that active duty military service, and immediately upon completion of that active duty military service is again a resident of the municipality, then the time during which the person resides outside the municipality during the active duty military service is deemed to be time during which the person is a resident of the municipality for purposes of determining the residency requirement. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5 (d)]. For aldermen, one year residency in the ward preceding the election. [65 ILCS 20/21-14(a)]

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: All nominations for mayor, city clerk, and city treasurer in the city shall be by petition. Each petition for nomination of a candidate must be signed by at least 12,500 legal voters of the city. [65 ILCS 20/21-28(b)]

All nominations for alderman of any ward in the city shall be by petition. All petitions for nominations of candidates shall be signed by at least 473 legal voters of the ward. [65 ILCS 20/21 – 28(a)]

PETITION: Nonpartisan SBE Form P- 5

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.

LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions, SBE Form P-1C.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the Cook County Clerk. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt. (5 ILCS 420/4A – 106)

FILING DATES: November 19 – 26, 2018 (not more than 99 nor less than 92 days prior to the Consolidated Primary)

WHERE TO FILE: Filed with the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners, 69 W. Washington, 6th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60602

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE: Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the election authority. (Voluntary – See Page 20)

TERM BEGINS: Mayor, clerk, treasurer and alderman terms begin at noon on the third Monday in May following the election. Terms begin on May 20, 2019 [65 ILCS 20/21–5(b), 20/21–12, 20/21–22(a)]

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years. No person shall be elected to the office of city treasurer for two terms in succession.
[65 ILCS 20/21-5(b), 20/21–12, 20/21–22(a)]

PARK DISTRICT

- OFFICE:** Park Commissioner, Trustee
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter. A person is not eligible to serve as park commissioner if that person is in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the park district or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony. (70 ILCS 1205/2-11)
- RESIDENCY:** Commissioner must be resident of the Park District at least one year prior to the election. (70 ILCS 1205/2-11)
Pleasure Driveway and Park District trustees shall be legal voters of and reside within the park district. (70 ILCS 1205/2-15)
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** Signature requirements for general park district commissioners and pleasure driveway and park district trustees: Petition must be signed by not less than 2% of the number of ballots cast at the last election for trustee or commissioner in the district, but in no case by less than 25. (70 ILCS 1205/2-11, 2-17)
- PETITION:** Nonpartisan SBE Form P-4.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
- FILING DATES:** December 10 – 17, 2018 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE:** Park District Secretary.
- CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:** Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)

TERM BEGINS: Commissioners and Pleasure Driveway and Park District Trustees shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.
(70 ILCS 1205/2-12, 2-15)

TERM OF OFFICE:

5 Commissioners: 6-year term. (70 ILCS 1205/2-12)

7 Commissioners: 6-year term, by resolution or referendum. [70 ILCS 1205/2-10(a)]

5-7 Commissioners: 4-year term, by resolution or referendum. [70 ILCS 1205/2-12(a)]

Pleasure Driveway and Park District

President and 6 trustees: 4-year term. (70 ILCS 1205/2-15)

Township Park District

3 Commissioners: 6-year term. (70 ILCS 1205/2-19)

PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

OFFICE:	Public Library District Board - Trustee
QUALIFICATIONS:	Qualified elector/registered voter.
RESIDENCY:	Resident of Public Library District.
SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:	A number of qualified voters residing in the district equivalent to at least 2% of the votes cast at the last election for library trustees, or 50, whichever is less. (75 ILCS 16/30-20)
PETITION:	Nonpartisan SBE Form P-4.
STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:	Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.
LOYALTY OATH:	(Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.
STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS	Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
FILING DATES:	December 10 – 17, 2018 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
WHERE TO FILE:	Library District Secretary.
CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:	Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:	Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)
TERM BEGINS:	The third Monday (May 20, 2018) of the month following the regular election of trustees. (75 ILCS 16/30-10 and 16/30-40) Within 74 days after their election or appointment, the incumbents and new trustees shall take their oath of office and meet to organize the board. [75 ILCS 16/30-40(a)]
TERM OF OFFICE:	7 Trustees: 6-year terms. The library board by resolution may change to 4- year terms. (75 ILCS 16/30-10)

LIBRARY (Municipal - Township)

- OFFICE:** Local Library Board - Trustee (In villages under the Commission form of government, the Library Board of Trustees are appointed by the village council.) (75 ILCS 5/4-2)
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter.
- RESIDENCY:** Resident of incorporated town, village or township involved. (75 ILCS 5/4-3.3)
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** Petition must be signed by at least 25 legal voters residing in the incorporated town, village (except a village under the Commission form of government) or township. (75 ILCS 5/4-3.3)
- PETITION:** Nonpartisan SBE Form P-4.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
- FILING DATES:** December 10 – 17, 2018 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE:** Appropriate local municipal or township clerk.
- CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:** Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)
- TERM BEGINS:** Trustees hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. (75 ILCS 5/4-3.1) Within 60 days after their election the trustees shall meet and organize. (75 ILCS 5/4-6)

TERM OF
OFFICE:

7 Trustees: 6 years for incorporated towns, villages, and library boards. (Library Board may change to 4-year terms by resolution.)
(75 ILCS 5/4-3.1)

7 Trustees: 4 years for Township Public Libraries.
(75 ILCS 5/4-3.2)

REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES (Regional Office of Education)

OFFICE: Regional Board of School Trustee

The regional board of school trustees, in both single-county and multi-county educational service regions, shall consist of seven members. In single county regions, not more than one trustee may be a resident of any one congressional township; however, in case there are fewer than seven congressional townships in the region, then not more than two of such trustees may be residents of the same congressional township. In two-county regions, at least two trustees shall be residents of each county. In regions of three or more counties, at least one trustee shall be a resident of each county. If more than seven counties constitute the educational service region, the regional board of school trustees consists of one resident of each county.
(105 ILCS 5/6-2)

QUALIFICATIONS: Qualified elector/registered voter. No person shall be eligible for the office who is not a voter of the Educational Service Region and qualified to vote in the election for members of the Regional Board of School Trustees, or who is a member of a school board, or who is a school board employee or who holds any county office.
(105 ILCS 5/6-3)

RESIDENCY: Must be resident of the educational service region.
(105 ILCS 5/6-3)

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: Petitions must be signed by at least 50 qualified voters from the educational service region. In addition, the petition shall specify the county and township (or road district) of the candidate's residence.
(105 ILCS 5/6-10)

PETITION: Single county Regional School Trustee: SBE Form P-21A
Multi-county Regional School Trustee: SBE Form P-21

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.

LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt.
(5 ILCS 420/4A-106)

FILING DATES: December 10 – 17, 2018 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).

WHERE TO FILE: Single county region candidates file with the county clerk.
Multi-county region candidates file with the State Board of Elections.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE: Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)

TERM BEGINS: Third Monday in May following election (105 ILCS 5/6-17).
(May 20, 2019)

TERM OF OFFICE: 7 members: 6-year terms. (105 ILCS 5/6-17)

BOARDS OF EDUCATION

- OFFICE:** Board of Education Member
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter and shall not be a child sex offender as defined in Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of 2012. (105 ILCS 5/10-10)
- RESIDENCY:** Any person who, on the date of election, is a U.S. citizen of the age of 18 or over and a resident of the State and the territory encompassing the district for one year preceding the election is eligible. A member cannot serve as a school trustee. (105 ILCS 5/10-10)
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** Petitions must be signed by at least 50 qualified voters or 10% of the voters, whichever is less, residing within the district. (105 ILCS 5/9-10)
- PETITION:** Board of Education petition (at large) SBE Form P-7
Board of Education petition (district 1 - 7) SBE Form P-7A
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
- FILING DATES:** December 10 – 17, 2018 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE:** Filed with the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of the school district is located. (105 ILCS 5/9-10)
- CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:** Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)

TERM BEGINS: Within 28 days after the election. (105 ILCS 5/10-16)

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years - may be changed to 6 years by referendum.
(105 ILCS 5/9-5)

SCHOOL DIRECTOR
(In districts having a population fewer than 1,000)

and

TOWNSHIP LAND COMMISSIONERS*
(In counties having fewer than 220,000 population)

*In counties of fewer than 220,000 inhabitants containing townships with common school lands, there shall be three land commissioners elected in the same manner as provided for election of school directors. (105 ILCS 5/15-24)

OFFICE: School Director and Township Land Commissioner

QUALIFICATIONS: Qualified elector/registered voter and is not a child sex offender as defined in Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of 2012.
(105 ILCS 5/10-3)

RESIDENCY: Any person who, on the date of election, is a U.S. citizen of the age of 18 or over and a resident of the State and the territory encompassing the district for one year preceding the election.
(105 ILCS 5/10-3)

ELIGIBILITY: A land commissioner or director cannot serve as a school trustee or school treasurer. (105 ILCS 5/10-3)

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: Petitions must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters or 5% of the voters, whichever is less, residing within the district.
(105 ILCS 5/9-10)

PETITION: Board of Education petition. SBE Form P-7.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.

LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE No. P-1C.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal officer of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt.
(5 ILCS 420/4A-106)

FILING DATES: December 10 – 17, 2018 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).

WHERE TO FILE: School Director candidates file with the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of the school district is located.
(105 ILCS 5/9-10)

Township Land Commissioner candidates file with the Township Land Commissioner's Secretary.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE: Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)

TERM BEGINS: School Directors and Land Commissioners shall meet and organize within 28 days after the election by appointing one of their number president and another clerk. (105 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-16, 15-24)

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years (105 ILCS 5/10-4)

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS
(Cook County)

- OFFICE:** Trustee of Schools
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter.
- RESIDENCY:** Resident of township. If there are three or more school districts in a township, no two trustees shall reside, when elected, in the same school district; except that in townships in which at least 90% of the electors reside in one school district, this restriction shall not apply. (105 ILCS 5/5-3)
- ELIGIBILITY:** No person shall be eligible for the office of trustee of schools and school director or school board member simultaneously. (105 ILCS 5/5-3)
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** At least 25 qualified voters of the school township. (105 ILCS 5/5-4)
- PETITION:** Petition for nomination of township school trustee. SBE Form P-22.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the Cook County Clerk
See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt.
(5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
- FILING DATES:** December 10 – 17, 2018 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE:** Township School Treasurer. (Appointed by the Trustees of Schools) (105 ILCS 5/5-4)
- Filed with the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of the school district is located.
(105 ILCS 5/9-10)
- CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:** Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)

TERM BEGINS: Third Monday of the month following election. (May 20, 2019)
(105 ILCS 5/5-14)

TERM OF OFFICE: 6 years. (105 ILCS 5/5-13)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

(Under 105 ILCS 5/33 – Applies to City of Peoria Only)

OFFICE:	Board of Education Member
MINIMUM AGE:	18 years
RESIDENCY:	United States citizen and resident of the district for at least one year immediately preceding the election and shall not be a child sex offender as defined in Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of 2012. (105 ILCS 5/33-2)
SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:	At least 200 qualified voters of the district. (105 ILCS 5/33-2)
PETITION:	Board of Education petition. SBE Form P-7A.
STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:	Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.
LOYALTY OATH:	(Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.
STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:	Filed with the Peoria County Clerk. (Receipt shall be filed with petitions or by the last day of the filing period). See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
FILING DATES:	December 10 – 17, 2018 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
WHERE TO FILE:	Peoria County Clerk.
CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:	Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd.. Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:	Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)
TERM BEGINS:	All terms shall commence July 1, 2019, following the election. (105 ILCS 5/33-1)
TERM OF OFFICE:	5 years. May be changed to 4-year terms by referendum. [105 ILCS 5/33-1, 33-1(a)]

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

NOTE: Southwestern Illinois Community College District Trustees (522) and Lincoln Land Community College District Trustees (526) run from separate sub-districts; all others run at-large.

OFFICE: Trustee

QUALIFICATIONS: Qualified elector/registered voter.

RESIDENCY: Citizen of the United States, of the age of 18 or over, and a resident of State and the territory, which on the date of the election is included in the community college district, for at least one year immediately preceding the election. Residency for Lincoln Land Community College (526) must be a resident of the district for one year preceding the election.
[110 ILCS 805/2-12.1, 3-7 (c)]

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: At least 50 qualified voters or 10% of the voters, whichever is less, residing within the district. (110 ILCS 805/3-7.10)

PETITION: Community College petition. SBE Form P-6
Southwestern Illinois Community College. SBE Form P-6A
Lincoln Land Community College. SBE Form P-6A

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A

LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt.
(5 ILCS 420/4A-106)

FILING DATES: December 10 – 17, 2018 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).

WHERE TO FILE: With the Secretary of the Board of Community College District or designated representative. **If the Secretary is an incumbent board member seeking re-election, a disinterested person must witness the filing of the Secretary's petition.**
(110 ILCS 805/3-7.10)

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE: Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)

TERM BEGINS: Following the canvass and within 28 days of the election
(110 ILCS 805/3-8)

TERM OF OFFICE: 6 years. [110 ILCS 805/3-7(b)]

Lincoln Land Community College (526) and Southwestern Illinois Community College (522): 4 or 6 years.

The trustees are divided into 2 groups, with terms of 4 & 6 years or 6 & 4 years. [110 ILCS 805/3-7(c)]

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

- OFFICE:** Trustee
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter. No person is eligible to serve on the board of any fire protection district if that person has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this State or comparable laws of any other state or the United States or is in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to a fire protection district.
(70 ILCS 705/10.1)
- RESIDENCY:** Resident of the fire protection district. [70 ILCS 705/4(a)]
- NOTE:** In the case of a multi-county district, the number of trustees for each county shall be proportional to the number of district residents from that county in relation to the district's total population. Not more than one trustee can be from a municipality unless that municipality has more than 50% of the population in the district.
(70 ILCS 705/14.07)
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** At least 25 voters or 5% of the voters, whichever is less, residing within the district. [70 ILCS 705/4(a)]
- PETITION:** Nonpartisan petition. SBE Form P-4-2.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt.
(5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
- FILING DATES:** December 10 – 17, 2018 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE:** Secretary of the Fire Protection District.
- CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:** Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)

TERM BEGINS: Third Monday in May following election (May 20, 2019).
[70 ILCS 705/4(a)]

TERM OF
OFFICE: 6 years. [70 ILCS 705/4(a)]

FOX WATERWAY AGENCY

- OFFICE: 1 Director to be elected from Lake County
2 Directors to be elected from McHenry County
- QUALIFICATIONS: Registered voter at least 18 years of age. (615 ILCS 90/5)
- RESIDENCY: Must be a resident of a member county and the territory of the agency. (615 ILCS 90/5)
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: For Directors, at least 200 qualified voters of such county who reside within the territory of the agency. (615 ILCS 90/5)
- PETITIONS: Nonpartisan - SBE Form P-4-1.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
- FILING DATES: December 10 – 17, 2018 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election). (615 ILCS 90/5)
- WHERE TO FILE: Filed with the State Board of Elections. 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704.
- CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE: Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the State Board of Elections or the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)
- TERM BEGINS: Third Monday (May 20, 2019) in May following the election. (615 ILCS 90/5)
- TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years. (615 ILCS 90/5)

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

- OFFICE:** Commissioner
(In counties with a population of more than 30,000 but less than 90,000)
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter.
- RESIDENCY:** Must be a resident of the forest preserve district.
[70 ILCS 805/3.5(a)]
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** Not less than 5% nor more than 8%, or 50 more than the minimum whichever is greater, of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election in the district or political subdivision in which the district or political subdivision voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area.
(10 ILCS 5/10-3, 10-3.1)
- PETITION:** Nonpartisan petition. SBE Form P-4.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt.
(5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
- FILING DATES:** December 10 – 17, 2018 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE:** With the Secretary of the District.
- CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:** Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)
- TERM BEGINS:** On the third Monday (May 20, 2019) of the month following the election. (70 ILCS 805/3.5)
- TERM OF OFFICE:** 5 Commissioners: 4-year terms. [70 ILCS 805/3.5(a)]

PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT

- OFFICE:** Trustee
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Registered voter not directly or indirectly interested in any contract, work or business of the district or the sale of any article, the expense, price or consideration of which is paid by such district, nor in the purchase of any real estate or property for or belonging to the district. (70 ILCS 3705/4)
- RESIDENCY:** Resident of the district. (70 ILCS 3705/4.2)
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** Nomination of a candidate for Trustee shall be made by a petition filed with the county clerk, signed by at least 0.5% of the total number of registered voters of the political subdivision for which the nomination is made or a minimum of 25, whichever is greater. (10 ILCS 5/10-3.1)
- PETITION:** Nonpartisan petition. SBE Form P-4.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
- FILING DATES:** December 10 – 17, 2018 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE:** Secretary of the Water District
- CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:** Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)
- TERM BEGINS:** First Monday following the month of election (May, 6, 2019) or until successors have been elected and qualified. (70 ILCS 3705/4.2)
- TERM OF OFFICE:** 4 year terms.
[70 ILCS 3705/4.2(d)(4)]

SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION AND AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY

OFFICE:	Board Member
QUALIFICATIONS:	Registered voter. (70 ILCS 200/255-70)
RESIDENCY:	Qualified to vote within the metropolitan area (70 ILCS 200/255-70)
SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:	Nomination of a candidate for member of the Board shall be made by a petition filed with the county clerk, signed by at least 50 voters qualified to vote at the election. (70 ILCS 200/255-75)
PETITION:	Nonpartisan petition. SBE Form P-4.
STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:	Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.
LOYALTY OATH:	(Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.
STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:	Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
FILING DATES:	December 10 – 17, 2018 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
WHERE TO FILE:	Sangamon County Clerk.
CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:	Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:	Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)
TERM BEGINS:	Within 15 days of election. (70 ILCS 200/255-90)
TERM OF OFFICE:	4 year terms. (70 ILCS 200/255-65, as modified by U.S District Court consent decree entered July 11, 1988)

OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATING PETITIONS

FILING OBJECTION PETITION:

Nomination papers shall be deemed to be valid unless objections are filed in writing, **an original and two copies**, within five business days after the last day for the filing of nomination papers. Objection papers that do not include 2 copies thereof will not be accepted. The last day to file an objection will depend on the filing period (See SBE Election and Campaign Finance Calendar for 2019). The objection shall be filed with the SBE, the election authority or the local election official with whom the original nomination petition was filed.
(10 ILCS 5/7-13, 10-8)

PROCESSING OBJECTIONS:

Not later than 12:00 noon on the second business day after receipt of the objector's petition, the State Board of Elections, the election authority or the local election official shall transmit by registered mail or receipted personal delivery the certificate of nomination or nomination papers and original objector's petition to the chairman of the proper electoral board designated in Section 10-9, or his/her authorized agent, and shall transmit a copy, by registered mail or receipted personal delivery, to the candidate whose nomination papers are objected to, addressed to the place of residence designated in said certificate of nomination or nomination papers.

RESPONSIBILITY OF CHAIRMAN OF ELECTORAL BOARD:

Within 24 hours after receipt of the objector's petition, the chairman of the electoral board, other than the State Board of Elections, shall send a call by registered or certified mail to each of the members of the electoral board, the objector, and the candidate, and shall also cause the Sheriff of the county or counties in which such officers and persons reside to serve a copy of such call upon each of the officers and persons. In those cases where the State Board of Elections is the designated electoral board, the Chairman of the State Board of Elections shall send the call to the objector and candidate whose certificate of nomination or nomination papers are objected to stating the day, hour and place at which the State Board of Elections shall meet to hear the objection.

ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING:

The meeting of the electoral board shall not be less than three nor more than five days after receipt of the objector's petition by the chairman of the electoral board. The Municipal Officers Electoral Board, the Township Officers Electoral Board, and the Education Officers Electoral Board may meet at the location (other than their county courthouse) where the governing body of the municipality, or community college district, respectively, holds its regularly scheduled meetings, if that location is available; provided that voter records may be removed from the offices of an election authority only at the discretion and under the supervision of the election authority. **P.A. 98-115 effective July 29, 2013 allows the county officers electoral board to hear and pass upon objections to the nominations of candidates for any school district offices.**
(10 ILCS 5/ 10-10)

JUDICIAL REVIEW FILED:

Within 5 days after the decision of the Electoral Board, the candidate or objector aggrieved by the decision may file a petition for Judicial Review with the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Court hearings are to be held within 30 days after the filing of the petition and a decision delivered promptly thereafter. (10 ILCS 10-10.1)

**NO JUDICIAL
REVIEW:**

If no petition for Judicial Review has been filed within 5 days after the decision of the Electoral Board, the Electoral Board shall transmit a copy of its ruling, together with the original certificate of nomination or nomination papers or petitions and the original objector's petitions, to the officers or board with whom they were on file and such officer or board shall abide by and comply with the ruling so made to all intents and purposes. (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 10-9, 10-10, 10-10.1)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SIGNING PETITIONS

- 1. Are abbreviations allowed on petitions?**
Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the resident's address, including the street number.
- 2. What name should the voter use when signing a petition?**
The voter should sign the petition as he is registered to vote. Example - The signature for James Smith ideally should not appear on the petition as Jim Smith; however, signing with a nickname will not invalidate the signature, provided the voter can be reasonably identified.
- 3. May a petition once filed be changed?**
No. A petition once filed may not be added to or altered. However, the receipt for filing the Statement of Economic Interests may be filed at any time during the filing period.
(10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12, 10-4, 10-5)
- 4. Are pencil signatures allowed?**
Yes. However, black ink is preferable.
- 5. Who can remove a name from a nomination petition?**
Only the circulator or the candidate on whose behalf the petition was circulated may strike the signature. (10 ILCS 5/7-10 and 10-3) However, an individual can submit a written request with the election authority or the local election official to have his/her name removed before the petition is filed.
- 6. May a voter sign a petition for someone else?**
No. A registered voter must sign the petition in his own person. He may not sign for someone else, such as another member of his or her own family.
(10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

CIRCULATOR

- 1. May a candidate circulate his own petitions?**
Yes.
- 2. May a circulator circulate petitions for an independent candidate and a partisan candidate, or for more than one political party?**
No person shall circulate or certify petitions for candidates of more than one political party, or for an independent candidate or candidates in addition to one political party, to be voted upon at the next primary or general election, or for such candidates and parties with respect to the same political subdivision at the next consolidated election.
(10 ILCS 5/10-4)
- 3. Does the circulator have to be a registered voter?**
A petition circulator must be a U.S. citizen and at least 18 years of age or 17 years of age on the date of the immediately following general or consolidated election, and otherwise qualified to vote. (See page 14, item 2a.)
(10 ILCS 5/7-10)

4. **May a circulator sign as a voter on the petition he is circulating?**
Yes, if he/she is a registered voter of the political subdivision in which the candidate is seeking office
5. **When can the circulator start collecting signatures?**
No more than 90 days prior to the last day for filing petitions (see page iv)
(10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

NOTARIZATION

1. **Is it proper for the notary of the petition to have signed the same petition as a voter?**
It has not been definitely determined whether a notary may also be a signatory to a petition. Some electoral boards and Circuit Courts have upheld petitions where the notary was also a signer of the petition, but the issue has not yet been decided by the Supreme Court or any Appellate Court in Illinois. A cautious candidate might wish to avoid using a petition signer as the notary so as to avoid the risk of having to defend against an objection on this issue.
2. **Must the notary put the date of his commission expiration on the document?**
Yes, the notary stamp indicates the date the commission expires.
3. **Must the notary public live in the same county as the candidate?**
No, but the notary must be authorized to administer oaths in the place where the notary act is performed.

FILING PETITIONS

1. **May a candidate file more than one set of petitions for the same office?**
Yes. However, upon notice from the filing office the candidate must make a selection in writing to the filing office; otherwise, the set of petitions filed first will be considered the official filing.
2. **When are petitions open to the public?**
Upon their filing with the proper office and at the earliest convenience of that office. Once filed, a petition is available for public inspection.
3. **Does a candidate have to file his or her own petition?**
No. A candidate may choose someone to file the petition on their behalf.
4. **May a candidate file his own petition and petitions for other candidates at the same time?**
Yes.
5. **When may petitions be mailed?**
There are no statutory requirements regarding a time element for mailing petitions; however, all petitions that are received by the office prior to the first day of the filing period will be returned to the sender. Petitions received after the end of the filing period, regardless of postmark, will not be accepted.

6. May a candidate file for more than one office?

Yes, however, he must withdraw from all but one office within five business days following the last day of petition filing, if the offices are incompatible. If he does not withdraw from all but one incompatible office, his name will not be certified for any office.

[10 ILCS 5/7-12(9)]

7. Who has to file a complete slate of candidates?

Persons wishing to form a New Political Party in a given jurisdiction must file a petition containing a complete list of candidates of such party for all offices sought to be filled in the State, or in such district or political subdivision. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

The following court case has held that the full-slate requirement for new political parties is unconstitutional: Libertarian Party of Illinois v. ISBE, et al., 872 F.3d 518 (7th Cir. 2017). On that basis, a new party's petition is not required to include a candidate for every available office in the state or political subdivision

8. May a petition contain the names of two or more candidates of the same established party?

Yes. An established political party petition may contain the names of candidates for several offices to be filled at the upcoming election. The nominating papers must contain a separate statement of candidacy signed by each candidate and a receipt for the filing of a statement of economic interests by each candidate. The Loyalty Oath is optional.

9. If you are first in line or your petition is in the first mail pickup or delivery on the first day of filing, will you be first on the ballot?

Not necessarily. If there are two or more candidates in line prior to the opening of the office filing for the same party and the same office, they will be considered as filing simultaneously along with any petition in the first mail pickup or delivery and will be involved in a lottery for ballot position.

(10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 10-6.2)

NOTE: Candidates who file petitions during the last hour of filing (between 4PM and 5PM) on the last day to file petitions are also eligible for a lottery to determine the final ballot position.

10. May a candidate file as an Independent for a school office?

No. "Independents" run in partisan elections but choose not to associate with a political party, so the word "independent" identifies them on the ballot label. All candidates for school offices run on a "nonpartisan" basis, as provided by statute.

FORMS

H-1A	Affidavit of Voter Attending Municipal Caucus
H-2	Certificate of Nomination by Caucus
P-1	Statement of Candidacy
P-1A	Statement of Candidacy (Nonpartisan)
P-1B	Statement of Candidacy (Independent)
P-1C	Loyalty Oath (optional form)
P-1D	Statement of Candidacy (New Political Party)
P-1F	Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate
P-1K	Statement of Candidacy (Nomination by Caucus)
P-2A	Certificate of Deletions
P-2B	Certificate of Attached List of Deletions
P-3	Independent Candidate Petition
P-4	Petition for Nomination (non-municipal and commission form of municipality)
P-4-1	Petition for Nomination (Fox Waterway Agency)
P-4-2	Petition for Nomination (Fire Protection Districts)
P-5	Primary Petition (nonpartisan – municipality other than commission form)
P-6	Petition (to Secretary of Board of Trustees of Community College District)
P-6A	Petition (to Secretary of Board of Trustees of Community College District for Community Colleges which elect from districts rather than at-large)
P-7	Petition (for Board of Education or Board of Directors)
P-7A	Petition (for School Boards which elect from districts rather than at-large or by township....)
P-8	Petition for Nomination (to form New Political Party)
P-8A	Petition for Nomination and formation of a New Political Party (in city, town or village in which officers are to be elected from districts or wards and at-large)
P-8B	Petition for Nomination and formation of a New Political Party (in counties in which officers are to be elected from districts and at-large)
P-8C	Certificate of Officers Authorized to Fill Vacancies in Nomination for a New Political Party
P-10	General Primary Petition
P-21	Petition (for Multi-County Regional School Trustees to be filed with the SBE)
P-21A	Petition (for Single-County Regional School Trustees to be filed with County Clerk)
P-22	Petition (for Nomination for Trustee of Schools)
P-25	Withdrawal of Candidacy

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