

A close-up, vertical view of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes. The flag is draped and folded, with the blue field with white stars at the top and the red and white stripes below. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the fabric.

State of Illinois

2023 CANDIDATE'S GUIDE

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SCHOOL DIRECTOR* AND TOWNSHIP LAND COMMISSIONER**

*In districts having a population fewer than 1,000.

**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)

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Board of Education Petition ([SBE Form P-7](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Nonpartisan ([SBE Form P-1A](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([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. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106) See page 19 regarding filing the receipt.

Fair Campaign Practices Act (voluntary): Filed with the State Board of Elections or the county clerk.

QUALIFICATIONS

Any person who, on the date of election, is a citizen of the United States, of the age of 18 years or over, is a resident of the State and of the territory of the district for at least one year immediately preceding the election, is a registered voter, is not a school trustee or a school treasurer, and is not a child sex offender as defined in Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of 2012 shall be eligible to the office of school director or land commissioner. (105 ILCS 5/10-3)

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Petition 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)

FILING DATES

December 12-19, 2022 (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. (105 ILCS 5/9-2(d))

TERM

4 years. (105 ILCS 5/10-4)

TERM BEGINS

School Directors and Land Commissioners shall meet and organize within 40 days after the election by appointing one of their number president and another clerk. (105 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-16,)

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 69 W. Washington St., Pedway LL-08, Chicago, IL 60602.