



Office of the County Clerk

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Tuesday, April 6, 2021 – Consolidated Election General Information

Candidate Filing Dates & Deadlines

Tuesday, September 22: First day to circulate petitions for independent, new political parties and nonpartisan offices

Tuesday, December 1: Date on which the Township Caucus shall be held

Monday, December 7: Date on which the Municipal Caucus shall be held (in municipalities under 5,000 population) which have established political parties

Monday, December 14 – Monday, December 21: Petition filing period for nomination petitions of new political parties, nonpartisan and independent candidates as well as certificates of nomination for established party caucus candidates

Tuesday, December 29: Last day to file objections to nomination petitions of new political party, nonpartisan and independent candidates as well as certificates of nomination for established party caucus candidates who filed during the December 14 – 21 filing period

*Last day to withdraw (incompatible offices)

Wednesday, December 30: Last day to conduct ballot placement lottery

Thursday, January 28: Last day to file a Withdrawal of Candidacy with the local election official or authority

Thursday, February 4: Last day to file a notarized declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate (5 p.m.)

Referenda Question Deadlines

Monday, January 4: Last day for filing petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy with the local election official

Tuesday, January 19: Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a binding public question to appear on the ballot

Certification of Ballot Deadline

Thursday, January 28: Last day for the local election official to certify candidates, offices and any referenda questions to the election authority

Voter Registration, Early Voting & Mail Voting

Friday, February 19: Military & overseas ballots available

Tuesday, February 25: First day to mail ballots (if available)

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

Wednesday, March 10 – Monday, April 5: Grace period registration & voting period

Sunday, March 21: Online voter registration closes

Monday, March 22 – Monday, April 5: Early voting period

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

Friday, April 2: Nursing home voting

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- For the complete Election Calendar and Candidates Guide please visit the Illinois State Board of Elections Website: www.elections.state.il.us
- Visit the Cook County Clerk's Website: www.cookcountyclerk.com