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2020 ELECTION CALENDAR

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PREFACE

The Chicago Board of Election Commissioners is pleased to provide this 2020 Election Calendar to inform interested citizens of important dates and nominating petition signature requirements that pertain to the nomination and election of candidates for offices by voters in the City of Chicago at the March 17, 2020 Primary Election and the November 3, 2020 General Election.

This publication is intended as a guide and not as a legal document. The information contained in this publication is drawn from provisions of federal and state law current as of July 12, 2019 (through Public Act 101-0081). This publication also incorporates information provided by the Illinois State Board of Elections and the Cook County Clerk's office, but the contents of this publication are not identical in all respects with similar calendars produced by those agencies. You are encouraged, therefore, to consult the calendars published by the Illinois State Board of Elections and/or the Cook County Clerk's office to determine whether there might be a difference concerning an important date or piece of information.

The Illinois State Board of Election also publishes a "2020 Candidate's Guide" that contains information on filing dates, general requirements for filing and specific requirements for individual offices. The Illinois State Board of Elections also makes available "suggested" sample petition forms for the various types of elective offices throughout the State of Illinois. The Candidate's Guide and sample petition forms are or will be available at the State Board of Elections' office at 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, Illinois 60601 (312-814-6440) or by going to the State Board's web site at <http://www.elections.il.gov>.

To the extent that the information in this calendar conflicts with the requirements of Federal or State law, those laws prevail over the calendar. You are strongly encouraged to seek competent legal advice concerning your rights and obligations as a voter or as a candidate for public or political office and you should not rely solely on the contents of this publication. **If you do not have an attorney and need assistance in finding one, the Chicago Bar Association has a Lawyer Referral Service that is available at (312) 554-2001 (hearing impaired: (312) 554-2055) and at the following website: www.chicagobar.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Need_a_Lawyer.**

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 - Primary Election

Presidential Preference Primary for President of the United States

To Be Nominated:

United States Senator

Representatives in Congress

State Senators

(2 year terms: Districts 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 28 – districts partially or wholly in Chicago)

Representatives in the General Assembly

Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (3 to be nominated for 6-year terms)

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County

State's Attorney of Cook County

Commissioner of the Board of Review of Cook County (District 1 for a 2-year term)

Supreme, Appellate, Circuit and Subcircuit Judges

To Be Elected:

Delegates and Alternate Delegates to National Nominating Convention

Delegates at Large and Alternate Delegates at Large may be elected at the General Primary Election, or selected by the State Convention, or chosen by a combination of the two methods.

Democratic, Republican and Green Party Ward Committeepersons¹ in the City of Chicago (1 to be elected for each party in each of City's 50 wards)

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 - General Election

To be Elected:

Electors of President and Vice President of the United States

United States Senator

Representatives in Congress

State Senators

(2 year terms: Districts 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 28 – districts partially or wholly in Chicago)

Representatives in the General Assembly

Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (3 to be elected for 6-year terms)

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County

State's Attorney of Cook County

Commissioner of the Board of Review of Cook County (District 1 for a 2-year term)

Supreme, Appellate, Circuit and Subcircuit Court Judges (to fill vacancies if required)

Judicial Retention

¹ The office title "Ward Committeeman" was changed to "Ward Committeeperson" in P.A. 100-1027, eff. Jan. 1, 2019.

Petitions to be filed with the State Board of Elections

Nominating petitions for candidates for offices listed below are to be filed in the office of the State Board of Elections.

- President and Vice President of the United States²
- Delegates and Alternate Delegates to National Nominating Conventions³
- United States Senator
- Representatives in Congress
- State Senators
- Representatives in the General Assembly
- Supreme, Appellate, Circuit and Subcircuit Judges

Petitions to be filed with the Clerk of Cook County

Nominating petitions for candidates for offices listed below are to be filed in the office of the Clerk of Cook County.

- Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County
- State’s Attorney of Cook County
- Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
- Commissioner of the Board of Review of Cook County
- Ward Committeeperson

Established Political Party Candidates

- First day to circulate nominating petition sheets: Tuesday, September 3, 2019
- First day to file nomination papers: Monday, November 25, 2019
- Last day to file nomination papers: Monday, December 2, 2019

Supplemental filing period for judicial vacancies occurring during the period of November 11 through December 2, 2019:

- First Day: Monday, December 16, 2019
- Last Day: Monday, December 23, 2019

Independent and New Political Party Candidates

- First day to circulate nominating petition sheets: Tuesday, March 24, 2020
- First day to file nomination papers: Monday, June 15, 2020
- Last day to file nomination papers: Monday, June 22, 2020

Democratic and Republican Presidential Candidates and Convention Delegates

- First day to circulate nominating petition sheets: Saturday, October 5, 2019
- First day to file nomination papers: Thursday, January 2, 2020
- Last day to file nomination papers: Friday, January 3, 2020

² The Election Code provides these dates may vary to be in accord with the delegate selection plans adopted by the State central committee of each National Political Party. (10 ILCS 5/7-11, 5/7-12). Both the Republican and Democratic State Parties have filed or will file plans with the Illinois State Board of Elections. Please consult the State Board of Election’s 2020 Election and Campaign Finance Calendar and 2020 Candidate’s Guide for further details.

³ See previous footnote.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

FEDERAL, STATE, LEGISLATIVE OFFICES⁴

President and Vice President of the United States

Democratic*	Republican*	Independent**	New Political Party**
3,000 – 5,000	3,000 – 5,000	25,000	25,000

* Not less than 3,000 or more than 5,000 primary electors (10 ILCS 5/7-11)

** Not less than 1% of voters who voted in last Statewide general election, or 25,000, whichever is less. (10 ILCS 5/10-2, 10 ILCS 5/10-3)

United States Senator

Democratic*	Republican*	Independent**	New Political Party**
5,000 – 10,000	5,000 – 10,000	25,000	25,000

* At least 5,000 but not more than 10,000 (10 ILCS 5/7-10(a))

** 1% of number of voters who voted at next preceding Statewide general election or 25,000 qualified voters, whichever is less (10 ILCS 5/10-2, 5/10-3)

Representatives in U. S. Congress (for districts wholly or partially within the city of Chicago)

District	Democratic*	Republican*	Independent**	New Party***
1	1,230	408	13,276 – 21,240	13,276
2	1,184	336	12,104 - 19,366	12,104
3	786	603	11,652 - 18,643	11,652
4	862	180	8,557 - 13,690	8,557
5	1,150	566	14,326 – 22,921	14,326
7	1,356	271	12,725 - 20,359	12,725
9	1,190	622	14,909 - 23,853	14,909

* 0.5% of qualified primary electors of party in district, determined by taking total votes cast in applicable district for candidate of political party who received highest number of votes statewide at last general election for Presidential electors (10 ILCS 5/7-10(b))

** 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 next preceding regular election in such district at which voted as a unit to elect officers to serve the district (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

*** Not less than 5% of number of voters who voted at next preceding election in such district at which officer was elected to serve the district (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

State Senators (for districts wholly or partially within the city of Chicago)

District	Democratic*	Republican*	Independent**	New Party***
1	1,000 – 3,000	1,000 – 3,000	2,926 - 4,680	2,926
4	1,000 – 3,000	1,000 – 3,000	5,107 - 8,170	5,107
7	1,000 – 3,000	1,000 – 3,000	4,983 - 7,972	4,983
10	1,000 – 3,000	1,000 – 3,000	4,637 - 7,417	4,637
13	1,000 – 3,000	1,000 – 3,000	4,871 - 7,793	4,871
16	1,000 – 3,000	1,000 – 3,000	4,370 - 6,991	4,370

⁴ Source: Illinois State Board of Elections 2020 Candidate’s Guide. See, <http://www.elections.il.gov>.

28	1,000 – 3,000	1,000 – 3,000	4,653 - 7,444	4,653
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* At least 1,000 but not more than 3,000 of qualified primary electors of party in district (10 ILCS 5/8-8)

** Not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of number of persons who voted at next preceding election in district at which voters voted as a unit to elect officers to serve district (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

*** Not less than 5% of number of voters who voted at next preceding election in district at which voted as a unit to elect officers to serve the district (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

Representatives in General Assembly (for districts wholly or partially in the city of Chicago)

District	Democratic*	Republican*	Independent**	New Party***
1	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,018 - 1,628	1,018
2	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,228 - 1,963	1,228
3	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,213 - 1,939	1,213
4	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,856 - 2,968	1,856
5	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	2,176 - 3,480	2,176
6	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,618 - 2,588	1,618
8	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,923 - 3,075	1,923
9	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,888 - 3,020	1,888
10	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,928 - 3,084	1,928
11	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	2,572 - 4,114	2,572
12	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	2,761 - 4,416	2,761
13	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	2,280 - 3,646	2,280
14	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	2,119 - 3,389	2,119
15	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,854 - 2,965	1,854
16	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,642 - 2,627	1,642
19	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,817 - 2,905	1,817
20	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,920 - 3,071	1,920
21	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	990 - 1,583	990
22	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,445 - 2,310	1,445
23	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,247 - 1,993	1,247
24	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,170 - 1,871	1,170
25	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,880 - 3,007	1,880
26	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	2,188 - 3,499	2,188
27	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	2,189 - 3,502	2,189
28	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,849 - 2,956	1,849
29	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,967 - 3,146	1,967
31	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,860 - 2,975	1,860
32	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,441 - 2,305	1,441
33	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,953 - 3,123	1,953
34	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	2,064 - 3,301	2,064
35	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	2,307 - 3,691	2,307
36	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	2,039 - 3,261	2,039
39	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,577 - 2,522	1,577
40	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,636 - 2,616	1,636
55	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	1,882 - 3,010	1,882
78	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	2,200 - 3,519	2,200

* At least 500 but no more than 1,500 of the qualified primary electors of party in district (10 ILCS 5/8-8)

** Not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of number of voters who voted at next preceding election in district at which voters voted as a unit to elect officers to serve district (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

*** Not less than 5% of number of voters who voted at next preceding election in district in which district voted as a unit to elect officers to serve the district (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

SUPREME, APPELLATE, CIRCUIT AND SUBCIRCUIT COURT JUDGES⁵

Supreme and Appellate Court Judge (Elected from First Judicial District – Cook County if vacancy occurs)

District	Democratic*	Republican*	Independent**	New Party***
1	5,050	1,705	25,000 – 143,625	25,000

* Equal to 0.4% of number of votes cast in district for candidate of same party for Governor at last general election at which a Governor was elected (November 2018), but in no event less than 500 signatures (10 ILCS 5/7-10(h))

** 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 next preceding regular election in such district at which voted as a unit to elect officers to serve the district (whenever the minimum exceeds the minimum for office to be filled by voters of State at large, minimum shall be 25,000) (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

*** Not less than 5% of number of voters who voted at next preceding election in such district at which officer was elected to serve the district (whenever the minimum exceeds the minimum for office to be filled by voters of State at large, minimum shall be 25,000) (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

Cook County Circuit and Subcircuit Court Judge

District	Democratic*	Republican*	Independent**	New Party***
Cook Circuit	3,322	1,000	25,000 - 143,625	25,000
1 st Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	4,943 - 7,907	4,943
2 nd Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	4,981 - 7,969	4,981
3 rd Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	6,030 - 9,646	6,030
4 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	5,967 - 9,546	5,967
5 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	4,142 - 6,627	4,142
6 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	5,647 - 9,035	5,647
7 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	3,943 - 6,308	3,943
8 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	9,285 - 14,855	9,285
9 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	5,004 - 8,005	5,004
10 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	6,482 - 10,369	6,482
11 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	5,778 - 9,244	5,778
12 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	7,158 - 11,452	7,158
13 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	6,629 - 10,606	6,629
14 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	3,252 - 5,202	3,252
15 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	7,654 - 12,245	7,654

* Equal to 0.25% of number of votes cast for judicial candidate of same party who received highest number of votes at the last general election at which judicial officer from same circuit was regularly scheduled to be elected, but in no event less than 1,000 signatures in circuits and subcircuits located in the First Judicial District or 500 signatures in every other Judicial District. (10 ILCS 5/7-10(h))

** 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 next preceding regular election in such district at which voted as a unit to elect officers to serve the district (whenever the minimum exceeds the minimum for office to be filled by voters of State at large, minimum shall be 25,000) (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

*** Not less than 5% of number of voters who voted at next preceding election in such district at which officer was elected to serve the district (whenever the minimum exceeds the minimum for office to be filled by voters of State at large, minimum shall be 25,000) (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

⁵ Source: Illinois State Board of Elections' 2020 Candidate's Guide. See, <http://www.elections.il.gov>.

**COOK COUNTY OFFICERS
&
METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT⁶**

Clerk of the Circuit Court, State's Attorney,

District	Democratic*	Republican*	Independent**	New Party***
Cook	7,279	2,263	25,000 – 143,641	25,000

* At least 0.5% of qualified electors of party who cast votes at last preceding general election in Cook County (determined by taking total vote cast for the candidate for that political party who received highest number of votes in Cook County at last general election in Cook County) (10 ILCS 5/7-10(d)(1); 5/7-10)

** 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 next preceding regular election in such district at which voted as a unit to elect officers to serve the district (whenever the minimum exceeds the minimum for office to be filled by voters of State at large, minimum shall be 25,000) (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

*** Not less than 5% of number of voters who voted at next preceding election in such district at which officer was elected to serve the district (whenever the minimum exceeds the minimum for office to be filled by voters of State at large, minimum shall be 25,000) (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

Commissioner of the Board of Review of Cook County

District	Democratic*	Republican*	Independent**	New Party***
1	5,363	2,263	25,000 – 61,020	25,000

* Must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of total number of registered voters in Board of Review district in last general election in which a Commissioner was regularly scheduled to be elected from that Board of Review district, but in no event greater than requisite number for a candidate who seeks countywide office in Cook County (10 ILCS 5/7-10(d)(3))

** 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 next preceding regular election in such district at which voted as a unit to elect officers to serve the district (whenever the minimum exceeds the minimum for office to be filled by voters of State at large, minimum shall be 25,000) (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

*** Not less than 5% of number of voters who voted at next preceding election in such district at which officer was elected to serve the district (whenever the minimum exceeds the minimum for office to be filled by voters of State at large, minimum shall be 25,000) (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

District	Democratic*	Republican*	Green*	Independent**	New Party***
MWRD	7,142	2,209	1,745	25,000 – 140,218	25,000

* At least 0.5% of primary electors of party in district (10 ILCS 5/7-10(g))

** 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 next preceding regular election in such district at which voted as a unit to elect officers to serve the district (whenever the minimum exceeds the minimum for office to be filled by voters of State at large, minimum shall be 25,000) (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

*** Not less than 5% of number of voters who voted at next preceding election in such district at which officer was elected to serve the district (whenever the minimum exceeds the minimum for office to be filled by voters of State at large, minimum shall be 25,000) (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

⁶ Source: Cook County Clerk

WARD COMMITTEEPERSON, CITY OF CHICAGO⁷

Ward	DEMOCRATIC		REPUBLICAN		GREEN	
	Minimum*	Maximum*	Minimum*	Maximum*	Minimum*	Maximum*
1	1,032	3,301	162	516	301	960
2	1,094	3,500	355	1,135	287	918
3	1,018	3,257	137	436	151	482
4	1,104	3,530	97	308	155	493
5	978	3,129	65	207	150	479
6	807	2,580	35	110	48	151
7	803	2,568	38	120	52	165
8	1,025	3,278	44	140	59	185
9	891	2,850	39	122	49	153
10	515	1,647	125	397	88	280
11	618	1,975	185	590	163	519
12	383	1,224	65	208	84	267
13	682	2,181	209	666	134	426
14	452	1,444	105	333	79	250
15	336	1,072	41	129	41	131
16	470	1,501	29	92	34	106
17	654	2,092	33	104	40	126
18	873	2,791	102	325	83	264
19	1,060	3,390	467	1,491	270	863
20	595	1,902	32	100	53	167
21	974	3,116	39	122	51	162
22	377	1,205	49	154	52	165
23	553	1,769	200	637	123	392
24	557	1,781	28	87	36	114
25	698	2,232	119	379	185	591
26	686	2,192	91	289	180	575
27	905	2,894	138	440	155	495
28	714	2,284	65	205	79	251
29	866	2,771	94	300	88	278
30	547	1,749	113	359	130	413
31	491	1,570	92	292	102	325
32	1,103	3,529	262	837	315	1,007
33	761	2,434	125	399	220	701
34	925	2,957	36	112	47	148
35	634	2,026	89	284	177	565
36	468	1,496	121	386	92	293
37	662	2,116	38	121	39	123
38	689	2,203	319	1,018	221	704
39	788	2,520	296	946	250	796
40	909	2,908	151	481	253	808
41	833	2,664	612	1,955	315	1,006
42	1,150	3,677	433	1,383	296	945
43	1,055	3,374	377	1,205	266	849
44	1,208	3,863	283	904	289	922
45	834	2,667	318	1,016	278	886
46	1,056	3,377	157	500	245	783
47	1,305	4,175	240	764	359	1,146
48	1,089	3,481	166	528	274	874
49	881	2,816	90	288	226	721
50	591	1,890	212	675	133	425

⁷ No less than 5% but no more than 16% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of party primary electors. See, *Gjersten v. Board of Election Commissioners*, 791 F.2d 472 (7th Cir. 1986). Number of primary electors shall be determined by taking total vote cast for candidate for political party who received the highest number of votes in the ward at last regular election at which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from that ward. (10 ILCS 5/7-10) Signature requirements based upon November 6, 2018 General Election results.

PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020

*Established Political Party Nominations
for
President of the United States
and for
Delegate and Alternate Delegate to National Nominating Convention⁸*

Saturday, October 5, 2019

First day to circulate nomination papers for Democratic and Republican party candidates for President of the United States and delegate or alternate delegate to a national nominating convention (no petition sheet shall be circulated more than 90 days preceding last day for filing such petition). (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 5/7-11, 5/7-12(1))

Friday, December 13, 2019

Last day for the State Board of Elections to publish and certify to county clerks the number of Democratic and Republican party delegates and alternate delegates to be elected from each Congressional District and the number to be elected at large from the State or to be chosen at the State Party Convention (not less than 20 days prior to first day for filing statement of candidacy). (10 ILCS 5/7-14.1)

Thursday, January 2, 2020

First day for Democratic and Republican party Presidential Preference candidates and candidates for delegate and alternate delegate to national nominating convention to file original nomination papers in the principal office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-11, 5/7-12(1))

Friday, January 3, 2020

Last day for Democratic and Republican party Presidential Preference candidates and candidates for delegate and alternate delegate to national nominating conventions to file original nomination papers in the principal office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-11, 5/7-12(1))

Monday, January 6, 2020

Last day for the State Board of Elections to give written notice of the time and place for conducting a lottery to determine ballot position for candidates who filed simultaneous petitions for the same office and party as of the opening hour of the filing period of January 2 to January 3, 2020 on January 2, 2020, or within the last hour of filing deadline for that period on January 3, 2020 (seven days written notice - actual date is Sunday, January 5, 2020 - moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6) (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6))

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Last day for Presidential candidate or authorized agent to file an affidavit with the State Board of Elections and the State Party Chair designating which delegate candidates shall be listed as committed to him when more candidates than have been allocated to a district file statements designating the same Presidential candidate as their preference for President. The delegate candidates who are not designated by the candidates shall not be certified to the ballot. (10 ILCS 5/1A-8(14); Delegate Selection Rules for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, Rule 13; Illinois Delegate Selection Plan for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, Section III, A.5.b)

Friday, January 10, 2020

Last day to file objections to the nomination papers of Democratic and Republican Party Presidential Preference candidates and candidates for delegate and alternate delegate to national nominating conventions (within 5 business days of last day for filing petitions). File in the principal or permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-12.1, 5/10-8)

⁸ The Election Code provides these dates may vary to be in accord with the delegate selection plans adopted by the State central committee of each National Political Party. (10 ILCS 5/7-11, 5/7-12).

Last day for individuals who have filed petitions for delegate and alternate delegate to national nominating conventions to withdraw from all but one of the offices in the office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9))

Monday, January 13, 2020

Last day for the State Board of Elections to conduct a lottery to determine ballot position for candidates who filed simultaneous petitions for the same office and party as of the opening hour of the filing period or within the last hour of the filing period January 2-3, 2020 (within 9 days of last day for filing petitions - actual date is Sunday, January 12, 2020 - moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6))

***Established Political Party Primary Nominations
for Federal, State, Legislative, Judicial and County Offices,
Commissioner of Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
of Greater Chicago
and
Established Political Party Elections for Ward Committeeperson
in the City of Chicago***

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

First day to circulate nominating petitions for candidates of established political parties who are required to file their petitions during the period from November 25 through December 2, 2019 (no petition sheet shall be circulated more than 90 days preceding last day for filing such petition). (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 5/8-8)

Monday, November 25, 2019

First day for candidates of established political parties to file original nomination papers for Federal, State, Legislative and Judicial offices in the principal office of the State Board of Elections (not more than 113 days prior to the primary). (10 ILCS 5/7-12(1), 5/8-9)⁹

First day for candidates of established political parties for Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, for Cook County offices and for Ward Committeeperson in the City of Chicago to file original nomination papers in the office of the Clerk of Cook County (not more than 113 days prior to the primary). (10 ILCS 5/7-12(2))

Monday, December 2, 2019

Last day for candidates of established political parties to file original nomination papers for Federal, State, Legislative and Judicial offices in the principal office of the State Board of Elections (not less than 106 days prior to the primary). (10 ILCS 5/7-12(1), 5/7-12(4), 5/8-9)

Last day for candidates of established political parties for Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, for Cook County offices and for Ward Committeeperson in the City of Chicago to file original nomination papers in the office of the Clerk of Cook County (not less than 106 days prior to the primary). (10 ILCS 5/7-12(2))

Last day for candidates filing nomination papers from November 25 through December 2, 2019 to file a Statement of Economic Interests with the proper office as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act (Exception: candidates for federal offices (e.g., Representative in Congress) and political party offices (e.g., Ward Committeeperson) are not required to file economic interest statements). The receipt must be filed on or before this date with the election authority with whom the original nomination papers were filed. (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; 10 ILCS 5/7-12(8), 5/8-8)

NOTE: If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed for a candidate to the same office, the State Board of Elections or the election authority with whom nomination papers were filed will, within 2 business days, notify the candidate of his or her multiple petition filings. The candidate must within 3 business days after receipt of the notice notify the State Board of Elections or the appropriate election authority if he or she wishes to cancel one set of petitions. If the candidate fails to notify the State Board of Elections or the appropriate election authority, then only

⁹ The State Board of Elections advises that its offices will be closed on November 28 and 29, 2019 in observance of Thanksgiving holidays.

the first set of petitions filed will be deemed valid and all subsequent petitions will be void. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(11), 5/8-9(4), 5/10-6.2)

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Last day for State Board of Elections or the County Clerk to give written notice of the time and place for conducting a lottery to break ties and determine the order of filing and ballot position where two or more petitions are filed simultaneously for the same office as of the opening hour of the filing period on November 25, 2019 or within the last hour of filing deadline on December 2, 2019 (at least 7 days written notice). Notice shall be given to the chair of each political party and to each organization of citizens with the election jurisdiction entitled to have pollwatchers present at the last preceding election. Notice must be also posted at the entrance to each office of the State Board of Elections or County Clerk. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 5/8-9)

Monday, December 9, 2019

Last day to file objections to nomination papers of candidates filing nomination papers from November 25 through December 2, 2019 (within 5 business days of last day for filing petitions). Objections to petitions filed with the State Board of Elections are filed in the principal or permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections. Objections to petitions filed with the Clerk of Cook County are filed in the office of the Clerk of Cook County. (10 ILCS 5/7-12.1, 5/8-9.1, 5/10-8)

Last day for a candidate for whom nomination papers have been filed for 2 or more offices which are incompatible to withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such offices. Withdrawals are filed in the same office where nomination papers were filed. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9), 5/8-9)

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Last day for State Board of Elections or the County Clerk to conduct a lottery to break ties and determine the order of filing and ballot position where two or more petitions are filed simultaneously for the same office as of the opening hour of the filing period on November 25, 2019 or within the last hour of filing deadline on December 2, 2019 (within 9 days of the last day for filing petitions). (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 5/8-9)

Monday, December 16, 2019

First day for candidates of established political parties to file original nomination papers for all judicial vacancies occurring within the 3-week period (November 11 through December 2, 2019) preceding the 106th day before the primary (December 2, 2019) (not more than 92 days prior to date of primary). File in the principal office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(1))

Monday, December 23, 2019

Last day for candidates of established political parties to file original nomination papers for all judicial vacancies occurring within the 3-week period (November 11 through December 2) preceding the 106th day before the primary (December 2, 2019) (not less than 85 days prior to date of primary). File in the principal office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(1))

Last day for candidates filing nomination papers during the special judicial filing period from December 16 through December 23, 2019 to file a Statement of Economic Interests with the Secretary of State as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. The receipt must be filed on or before this date with the State Board of Elections. (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; 10 ILCS 5/7-12(8))

Thursday, December 26, 2019

Last day for State Board of Elections to give written notice of the time and place for conducting a lottery to break ties and determine the order of filing and ballot position where two or more petitions are filed simultaneously for the same office as of the opening hour of the special judicial filing period on December 16, 2019 or within the last hour of filing deadline on December 23, 2019 (at least 7 days written notice - actual date is Wednesday, December 25, 2019, which is a State Holiday - moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). Notice shall be given to the chair of each established political party and to each organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction entitled to have pollwatchers present at the last preceding election. Notice must also be posted at the entrance to each office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6))

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

Last day for a candidate for whom nomination papers have been filed for 2 or more offices which are

incompatible during the special judicial filing period from December 16 through December 23, 2019 to withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such offices (within 5 business days following last day for petition filing). (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9))

Last day to file objections to nomination papers of judicial candidates who filed nomination papers during the special judicial filing period from December 16 through December 23, 2019 (within 5 business days following last day for petition filing). File in the principal or permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-12.1, 5/10-8)

Thursday, January 2, 2020

Last day for State Board of Elections to conduct a lottery to break ties and determine the order of filing and ballot position where two or more petitions are filed simultaneously for the same office as of the opening hour of the special judicial filing period on December 16, 2019 or within the last hour of filing deadline on December 23, 2019 (within 9 days of last day for filing petitions - actual date is Wednesday, January 1, 2020, which is a State Holiday - moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 5/10-6.2)

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Last day for candidates of established political parties who filed nomination papers with the State Board of Elections to withdraw as candidates (not later than the date of certification of candidates for the ballot). File in the principal or permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9), 5/7-14, 5/8-9(3))

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify to the county clerk of each county the names of all candidates whose nomination papers or certificates of nomination have been filed with the Board, directing the county clerk to place upon the official ballot the names of such candidates in the same manner and in the same order as shown upon the certification (not less than 68 days before the date of the primary). (10 ILCS 5/7-14, 5/8-10)

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Last day for candidates of established political parties who filed nomination papers with the County Clerk to withdraw as candidates (not later than the date of certification candidates for the ballot). File in the office of the Clerk of Cook County. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9), 5/7-14)

Last day for the Cook County Clerk to certify to the Board of Election Commissioners the names of the candidates for the Primary Election (not less than 62 days before date of the primary). (10 ILCS 5/7-14, 5/8-10)

Write-In Candidates

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Last day (by 5:00 p.m.) a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate (not later than 61 days prior to the primary) (Exception: If an objection to the person's nomination papers or petitions for the office is sustained after this date, the person may file a Declaration of Intent not later than 7 days before the election (March 10, 2020)). File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners and in the office of every election authority having jurisdiction over the district in which the person seeks to be a write-in candidate. Write-in votes will be counted only for persons who have filed a Declaration of Intent. (10 ILCS 5/7-59(b))

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Last day (by 5:00 p.m.) a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate if an objection to the person's nomination papers or petitions for the office is sustained after the 61st day before the primary. File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners and in the office of every election authority having jurisdiction over the district in which the person seeks to be a write-in candidate. Write-in votes will be counted only for persons who have filed a Declaration of Intent. (10 ILCS 5/7-59(b))

Referenda

Thursday, October 17, 2019

First day notice of intention to file a petition to create a political subdivision whose officers are to be elected rather than appointed may be published in a newspaper within the proposed political subdivision, or if none, in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed territory (152 days prior to the election). (10 ILCS 5/28-2(g))

Monday, November 18, 2019

Last day notice of intention to file a petition to create a political subdivision whose officers are to be elected rather than appointed may be published in a newspaper within the proposed political subdivision, or if none, in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed territory (at least 122 days before the election – date falls on a Saturday and moved to the first business day following the day otherwise fixed as the first or last day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/28-2(g))

Last day to file original petition to create a political subdivision with the appropriate officer or board (at least 122 days before the election – date falls on a Saturday and moved to the first business day following the day otherwise fixed as the first or last day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/28-2(b))

Monday, November 25, 2019

Last day to file objections to petition to create a political subdivision with the appropriate officer or board or clerk of the circuit court, as the case may be (within 5 business days after last day for filing petitions). (10 ILCS 5/28-4, 5/10-8)

Monday, December 16, 2019

Last day for filing original petitions for the submission of a question of public policy under Article 28 of the Election Code (not less than 92 days prior to the election) (except for proposition to create a political subdivision, petitions for submission of a question under Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code, referenda held pursuant to Article IX of the Liquor Control Act, and except as otherwise provided by statute). For propositions to appear on ballot only within the City of Chicago or a part thereof, file in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(a))

Monday, December 23, 2019

Last day to file objections to petitions for submission of a question of public policy under Article 28 of the Election Code (within 5 business days after last day for filing petitions) (except for objections to petitions to create a political subdivision, petitions for submission of a question under Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code, petitions for proposed Constitutional amendments and petitions for statewide advisory questions). For propositions to appear on ballot only within the City of Chicago or a part thereof, file in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 5/28-4)

Monday, December 30, 2019

Last day for governing boards of political subdivisions to adopt an ordinance or resolution initiating the placement of public questions on the ballot pursuant to law (not less than 79 days before the election – actual date is Sunday, December 29, 2019 - moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/28-2(c); 55 ILCS 5/5-1005.5; 60 ILCS 1/80-80; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60; 70 ILCS 1205/8-30)

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Last day for the Circuit Court Clerk and the City Clerk to certify any question of public policy to the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners (not less than 68 days before the election). (10 ILCS 5/28-5)

Last day for the Cook County Clerk to certify to the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners any referenda to be submitted to the voters in the City of Chicago (not less than 68 days before the election). (10 ILCS 5/28-5)

Friday, January 17, 2020

First day for the Board to publish notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within the jurisdiction (not more than 60 days before the election). (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

Monday, March 9, 2020

Last day for the Board to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within the jurisdiction (not less than 10 days before the election – actual date is Saturday, March 7, 2020 - moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). A copy of the notice shall be posted at the principal office of the Board of Election Commissioners and the City Clerk of the City of Chicago shall post a copy at the principal office of the City of Chicago. (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

***Registration, Grace Period Registration,
Civic Organizations, Miscellaneous Notices, Pollwatcher Credentials***

Monday, November 18, 2019

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to notify every principal and vice-principal of each high school, elementary school and vocational school situated in the city of Chicago of their eligibility to serve as deputy registrars and offer training courses for service as deputy registrars (at least 4 months prior to the election)(actual date is Sunday, November 17, 2019 - moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/6-50.2(a))

Monday, December 2, 2019

Last day for Chairs of the County Central Committees of established political parties to submit list of additional deputy registrar applicants to the Board of Election Commissioners. (10 ILCS 5/6-50.2)

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to complete any systematic program to remove ineligible voters from the registration rolls prior to the March 17, 2020 General Primary Election (at least 90 days before the election). (42 USC 1973gg-6(c)(2)(A))

Saturday, January 25, 2020

The first Saturday the office of the Board of Election Commissioners is open from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon for voter registration (last four Saturdays immediately preceding the end of registration before the election). The Board office will be open for voter registration from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon on each Saturday through the close of registration. (Section 200.10, Board Rules on Administration; 10 ILCS 5/6-50)

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Last day for civic organizations and proposition proponents and opponents to register their names and addresses and the names and addresses of their principal officers to be eligible for pollwatcher credentials for the Primary Election (at least 40 days before the election). File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. (10 ILCS 5/7-34)

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Through

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Completed registrations and supporting materials accepted by deputy registrars and in library branch offices during this period (between the 35th and 28th days preceding the election) must be returned to office of the Board of Election Commissioners within 48 hours after receipt thereof. (10 ILCS 5/6-35.03, 5/6-50.2)

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Last day to register to vote or to transfer registration to a new address before the Primary Election (no new registrations during the 27 days preceding the election), with the exception of “grace period” registration and voting. (10 ILCS 5/6-29, 5/6-50, 5/6-51, 5/6-53, 5/6-35.03, 5/6-50.2, 5/6-100)

- in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners
- through deputy registrars and registrars in library branch offices
- by mail, or
- in qualifying State agencies and in Secretary of State driver’s license examination stations.

*Note: State agency and motor vehicle offices will continue to accept registrations after the statutory close of registration; however, only those registration applications completed before the close of registration will be accepted and processed by the Board for the primary election. If an application for registration is accepted at a Secretary of State facility or at a qualified State agency within the 5 days before the last day for voter registration, the application must be transmitted to the Board within 5 days of the date of acceptance. (42 USC §1973gg-5(d)(2))

*Note: A mail registration application will be accepted and processed for the primary election if postmarked on or before the day that voter registration is closed. If no postmark exists or if the postmark is illegible,

the application will be considered timely filed and will be processed only if received by the Board of Election Commissioner no later than 5 calendar days after the close of registration. (10 ILCS 5/1A-16(b))

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

“Grace period” registration and voting begins (from the close of registration for an election until and including the day of the election). (10 ILCS 5/6-100) During the grace period, individuals may (i) register to vote or submit a change of registered voter’s address and (ii) vote* in person

- in the Board’s office
- at voter registration locations designated by the Board
- at any polling place established for early voting (only beginning the 15th day before the election through the day before election day), or
- at precinct polling places on election day.
- * The Board may allow grace period voting by mail if ballots are not prepared and available at the Board’s office.

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Last day for employee to give employer written notice that he or she will be absent from place of employment on election day because of appointment as a judge of election (at least 20 days written notice). An employer may not penalize an employee for that absence other than a deduction in salary for the time the employee is absent from his or her place of employment. Does not apply to employers with fewer than 25 employees. (10 ILCS 5/13-2.5, 5/14-4.5)

Friday, February 28, 2020

Last day for the Board to submit voter registration information to the State Board of Elections (within 10 days of close of registration). ((10 ILCS 5/6-35)

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Last day to register to vote by on-line voter registration (no later than 11:59 p.m. on the 16th day prior to an election). (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5(l))

Monday, March 3, 2020

Last day to publish Notice of Primary stating the time and place of holding the Primary, the hours during which polls will be open, the offices to be listed on the ballot, and the political parties entitled to participate (not less than 15 days before the election – actual date is Monday, March 2, 2020, which is a State Holiday – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/7-15)

Last day to publish an announcement of the color of the primary ballots of the respective parties (not less than 15 days before the election – actual date is Monday, March 2, 2020, which is a State Holiday – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). Such notice shall be published for at least 1 week in at least 2 newspapers of general circulation published in the county. Such announcement shall also be posted in a conspicuous place in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. (10 ILCS 5/7-18)

Deadline for having pollwatcher credentials available for distribution (at least 2 weeks prior to the election). (10 ILCS 5/7-34(5))

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Last day for the Board to publish in 2 or more newspapers published in and having general circulation in the county a true and legible copy of the specimen ballot containing the names of offices and candidates and statements of measures to be voted on, as near as may be, in the form in which they will appear on the official ballot on election day (at least 5 days before the election). (10 ILCS 5/24B-18, 5/24C-18)

Last day for Board to conduct public test of automatic tabulating equipment (optical scan voting devices, touch screen voting devices, vote tallying software and equipment) (not less than 5 days before the election). Board must give public notice and notify State Board of Elections of date, time and location of test at least 48 hours prior to such test. (10 ILCS 5/24A-9, 5/24B-9, 5/24C-9)

Monday, March 16, 2020

Last day for “grace period” registration and voting at any permanent polling place location established for Early Voting (until the day before the election). (10 ILCS 5/6-100)

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Last day for “grace period” registration and voting at precinct polling places, in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners or at a voter registration location specifically designated for this purpose by the Board. (10 ILCS 5/6-100)

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Registration re-opens in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners and in the library branch offices. (10 ILCS 5/6-29, 5/6-50)

Voting by Mail and Voting by Persons with Disabilities

Monday, December 9, 2019

Last day State Board of Elections shall certify to the Board a list of facilities licensed or certified under the Nursing Home Care Reform Act of 1979 (not less than 100 days before the election – actual date is Sunday, December 8, 2019 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). The list shall indicate bed capacity and the chief administrator of each such facility. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

First day for a registered voter within the confines of the United States to make application by mail or in person for a mail ballot for the Primary Election (not more than 90 days prior to the election). (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

Friday, January 17, 2020

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to provide public notice, calculated to reach the elderly and handicapped voter, of the registration and voting aids under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act and of the availability of assistance in marking the ballot, and procedures for voting by mail ballot and procedures for early voting (at least 60 days before the election). (10 ILCS 7-15)

Saturday, February 1, 2020

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to transmit a validly requested mail ballot to persons in the United States Service (members of the Armed Forces while on active duty, members of the Merchant Marine, and United States government employees serving outside the territorial limits of the United States) or their spouse and dependents, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and nonresident civilians from whom the Board has received a request for ballot at least 45 days before the election (at least 45 days prior to the election). (42 U.S.C. §1973ff-1(a)(8); 10 ILCS 5/7-16, 5/16-5.01)

Thursday, February 6, 2020

First day for the Board to mail an official ballot to a registered voter within the confines of the United States who has made application to vote by mail. (10 ILCS 5/19-4)

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to arrange with nursing home administrators a mutually convenient time period on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday immediately preceding the primary election to conduct voting on the premises of such facilities and to post in a prominent place in the offices of the Board a notice of the agreed day and time period for conducting such voting at each facility (not less than 30 days before the election – actual date is Sunday, February 16, 2020 and Monday, February 17, 2020 is a State Holiday – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

Last day for an unregistered citizen temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States to make simultaneous application for absentee registration and ballot (not less than 30 days before the election). (10 ILCS 5/1-3.5, 5/20-2.1, 5/20-3)

*NOTE: Registration is not required to vote ballot containing Federal offices only. Persons making application for registration and/or mail ballots after 30 days but not less than 10 days prior to election day will be

sent a ballot containing Federal offices only.

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

First day a qualified voter admitted to a hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation center not more than 14 days before the Primary Election may make application for personal delivery of a mail ballot. (10 ILCS 5/19-13)

Monday, March 9, 2020

Last day for non-resident civilians, otherwise qualified to vote, to make application to the Board of Election Commissioners for a mail ballot containing Federal offices only (not less than 10 days before the election – actual date is Saturday, March 7, 2020 - moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). Such application may be made only on the official postcard. No registration is required. May apply via fax machine or electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.2)

Last day any member of the United States Service (i.e., a member of the Armed Forces while on active duty or a member of the U.S. Merchant Marine, and his/her spouse and dependents of voting age residing with or accompanying him/her, as well as a United States government employee serving outside the territorial limits of the United States) who expects to be absent from his/her county of residence on election day may apply for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over their residence (not less than 10 days before the election). No registration is required to vote. Application should be made on the Federal Post Card Application or on forms provided by the election authority. Members of the Armed Forces on active duty and their spouses and dependents may apply via fax machine or electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2, 5/20-2.3, 5/20-3)

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Last day any registered voter who is within the confines of the United States may apply by mail for a mail ballot for the Primary Election (not less than 5 days before the election). (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

Last day for any physically incapacitated voter who is a resident of a federally operated veterans' home, hospital or resident of a facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act or the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act or the ID/DD Community Care Act to apply to vote at such facility (not less than 5 days before the election). Such voting shall be conducted on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday immediately preceding election day. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

Last day by noon (on the Thursday before the election) for the Board of Election Commissioners to post the names and addresses of nursing home facilities from which no applications for ballot have been received and in which no supervised voting will be conducted. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

Friday, March 13, 2020

Saturday, March 14, 2020

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Monday, March 16, 2020

Dates that may be scheduled by the Board of Election Commissioners for voting on the premises of (i) a federally-operated veterans' home, hospital or facility (Jesse Brown VA Medical Center), or (ii) a facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Reform Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act or the ID/DD Community Care Act for the sole benefit of the residents of such facility who have made prior application not later than 5 days before the election. Such voting shall be conducted during any continuous period sufficient to allow all applicants to cast their ballots between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on any one of these days. (10 ILCS 5/19-4, 5/19-12.2)

Monday, March 16, 2020

Last day any registered voter may apply in person at the office of the Board of Election Commissioners for an official ballot for the Primary Election (not less than 1 day before the election). (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

Last day for any temporarily or permanently physically disabled voter to request to the Board of Election Commissioners that two judges of opposite political party affiliation deliver a ballot to him/her on election day at the point where he/she is unable to continue forward motion toward the polling place (not later than the close of business at the Board's office on the day before the election). (10 ILCS 5/7-47.1)

Early Voting, Primary Election Day and Post-Election Activities

Monday, January 27, 2020

Last day the Board shall post a copy of the schedule with the locations, dates and hours of early voting and precincts served in the office of the Board and at locations to be used as polling places for early voting. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25(b)). The schedule must be posted continuously for a period beginning not later than the 10th day before the first day of the period for early voting and ending on the last day of that period. Copies of the schedule shall be made available to the public without charge and posted on the Board's website.

Last day for the Board to provide to the State Board of Elections a list of all early voting sites and hours each site will be open. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25(f))

January 30 - February 5, 2020

The Board shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation during this period (during the week before the period for early voting) a schedule of the dates and times that early voting will be conducted and the location of each permanent and temporary polling place for early voting and the precincts served by each location. The Board shall publish a similar schedule at least once a week during the early voting period. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25)

Thursday, February 6, 2020

First day for early voting in the offices of the Board* (40th day preceding election day). (10 ILCS 5/19A-15(a)) *Voters should first confirm that ballots and voting machines are available.

Monday, March 2, 2020

First day for early voting at permanent polling place locations and at temporary polling place locations designated by the Board as early voting sites (15th day before the election). (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

Monday, March 16, 2020

Last day for early voting (day before the election). (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION

Polling Places open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2(b), 5/7-5)

The Board shall, prior to the opening of the polls, deliver to judges of election in each precinct a list of registered voters in that precinct to whom mail ballots have been issued, or who have voted during early voting or grace period voting. (10 ILCS 5/6-100, 5/19-4, 5/19A-5(c))

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Last day for the Board to post on its website the number of ballots that remain uncounted, including ballots cast on election day, early voting ballots, provisional ballots, vote by mail ballots received but not counted and vote by mail ballots sent to voters but not yet returned to the Board (not later than 48 hours after closing polling locations on election day). Information shall be updated each day and reported to the State Board of Elections until period for counting provisional and vote by mail ballots has ended. (10 ILCS 5/1-9.2)

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Last day for a person who cast a provisional ballot to submit to the Board additional information to support or verify his or her registration status (within 7 calendar days). Such information must be *received* by the Board by this date. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d))

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Last day for the Board to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots (within 14 days of the election). (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a))

Last day for the Board to process and count valid vote by mail ballots mailed and postmarked by election day (or, if postmark is absent, date of intelligent mail barcode tracking system or certification on envelope is on or before election day) but received after the close of the polls and by this date (before the close of period for counting provisional ballots). (10 ILCS 5/19-8(c))

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to canvass and proclaim the results of the election (within 7 days from completion of the validation and counting of provisional ballots) and to transmit a tabulated statement of the returns to the County Clerk and to the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-56, 5/18A-15(a), 5/22-1, 5/22-8, 5/22-9)

Last day for Board of Election Commissioners to transmit to the State Board of Elections the following information: (1) number, by precinct, of absentee ballots requested, provided and counted; (2) number of rejected absentee ballots; (3) number of voters seeking review of rejected ballots; and (4) number of absentee ballots counted following review (on or before 21st day after the election). (10 ILCS 5/1-3.5, 5/19-20, 5/20-20)

Friday, April 17, 2020

Last day for the State Board of Elections to canvass the votes for federal, statewide, legislative and judicial offices (within 31 days of the election or sooner if all returns are received). (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a))

Thursday, May 7, 2020

Last day for election authority to conduct a lottery to determine the order in which the major political parties will appear on the General Election ballot (within 30 days following the canvass and proclamation of the results of the primary). The election authority shall send seven (7) days written notice to party chairs and organizations with pollwatchers of the time and place for conducting such lottery and shall post a copy of such notice at the entrance to the office. (10 ILCS 5/7-60)

Monday, May 18, 2020

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to provide each established political party county chair a coded list of registered voters in each precinct indicating the political party primary each voter requested (within 60 days after the primary - actual date is Saturday, May 16, 2020 - moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/6-66)

Vacancy in Nomination where No Candidate Nominated at Primary

Monday, June 1, 2020

Last day for legislative or representative committee of established political party to nominate a candidate to fill a vacancy in nomination when no candidate was nominated for the office of State Senator or Representative in the General Assembly at the General Primary Election (within 75 days after primary – actual date is Sunday, May 31, 2020 - moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). Person designated by appropriate committee of political party to fill vacancy in nomination when no candidate was nominated at the General Primary Election shall file together his or her nominating petitions, statement of candidacy, notice of appointment by the appropriate committee and receipt of filing his or her statement of economic interests. Such nominating petitions shall contain the number of signatures required for an established party candidate for that office. The circulation period for those petitions begins on the day the appropriate committee designates that person. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 5/8-17)

Monday, June 8, 2020

Last day to file objections to nominating petitions filed by person designated by appropriate committee of political party to fill vacancy in nomination when no candidate was nominated at the General Primary Election (within 5 business days of last day for filing of nomination papers). (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 5/10-8)

GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

Independent Candidates and New Political Party Candidates

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

First day to circulate nominating petitions for independent candidates and candidates of new political parties for President and Vice President of the United States and for Federal, State, Legislative, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and County offices (no more than 90 days preceding last day for filing petition). (10 ILCS 5/10-4, 5/10-6)

Monday, June 15, 2020

First day for independent and new political party candidates for President and Vice President of the United States and for Federal, State, and Legislative offices to file original nomination papers in the principal office of the State Board of Elections (not more than 141 days previous to day of election). (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

First day for independent and new political party candidates for the office of Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and for County offices to file original nomination papers in the office of the Clerk of Cook County. (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

Monday, June 22, 2020

Last day for independent and new political party candidates for President and Vice President of the United State and for Federal, State and Legislative offices to file original nomination papers in the principal office of the State Board of Elections (not less than 134 days previous to day of election). (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

Last day for independent and new political party candidates for the office of Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and for County offices to file original nomination papers in the office of the Clerk of Cook County. (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

Last day for candidates filing nomination papers from June 15 through June 22, 2020 to file a Statement of Economic Interests with the proper office as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act (Exception: candidates for federal offices (e.g., Representative in Congress) are not required to file economic interests statements). The receipt must be filed on or before this date with the election authority with which the original nomination papers were filed. (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; 10 ILCS 5/10-5)

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Last day for the State Board of Elections or the election authority with whom petitions are filed to give written notice of the time and place for conducting a lottery to break ties and determine ballot position when 2 or more petitions are filed simultaneously for the same office as of the opening hour of the filing period on June 15, 2020 or within the last hour of filing deadline on June 22, 2020 (at least 7 days written notice). (10 ILCS 5/10-6.2)

Monday, June 29, 2020

Last day for a candidate for whom nomination papers have been filed for 2 or more offices which are incompatible to withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such offices (within 5 business days after last day for filing petitions). (10 ILCS 5/10-7)

Last day to file objections to new political party and independent candidate nomination papers (within 5 business days after last day for filing petitions). Objections to petitions filed with the State Board of Elections are filed in either the principal or permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections. Objections to petitions filed with the Clerk of Cook County are filed in the office of the Clerk of Cook County. (10 ILCS 5/10-8)

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Last day for the State Board of Elections or the election authority with whom petitions are filed to conduct a lottery to break ties and determine ballot position when 2 or more petitions are filed simultaneously for the same office as of the opening hour of the filing period on June 15, 2020 or within the last hour of filing deadline on June 22, 2020 (within 9 days of the last day for filing petitions). (10 ILCS 5/10-6.2)

Thursday, August 20, 2020

Last day for new political parties to fill vacancies in nomination occurring prior to date of certification for Federal, State and Legislative offices (must be filled prior to date of certification). File in the principal office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/10-11)

*NOTE: Any vacancy in nomination occurring after certification but prior to 15 days before the election must be filled within 8 days after the event creating the vacancy. Vacancies in nomination occurring 15 days or less before the election shall not be filled. (10 ILCS 5/10-11)

Friday, August 21, 2020

Last day for an independent or a new political party candidate to file a withdrawal as a candidate for President and Vice President of the United States and for Federal, State and Legislative offices (not later than the date for certification of candidates for the ballot). If such a request for withdrawal is received after the date for certification of the candidates for the ballot, then votes cast for the withdrawn candidate are invalid and shall not be reported by the Board. File in the principal or permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/10-7)

State Board of Elections certifies to the county clerk of each county the names of all independent candidates and new political party candidates for whom nomination papers have been filed with the Board, directing the county clerk to place upon the official ballot the names of such candidates in the same manner and in the same order as shown upon the certification (not less than 74 days before date of General Election). (10 ILCS 5/10-14)

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Last day for new political parties to fill vacancies in nomination occurring prior to date of certification for the office of Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago or for County offices (must be filled prior to date of certification). File in the office of the Clerk of Cook County. (10 ILCS 5/10-11)

*NOTE: Any vacancy in nomination occurring after certification but prior to 15 days before the election must be filled within 8 days after the event creating the vacancy. Vacancies in nomination occurring 15 days or less before the election shall not be filled. (10 ILCS 5/10-11)

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Last day to file objections to a resolution filed with the State Board of Elections to fill a vacancy in nomination by a new political party for vacancies occurring prior to certification (within 5 business days after last day for filing). File with the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/10-11, 5/10-8)

Last day for an independent candidate or a new political party candidate to file a withdrawal as a candidate for the office of Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago or for County offices (not later than the date of certification of candidates for the ballot). File in the office of the Clerk of Cook County. (10 ILCS 5/10-7)

Last day for the Cook County Clerk to certify to the Board of Election Commissioners the names of all independent and new political party candidates for whom nomination papers have been filed with the Clerk, together with the names of candidates certified by the State Board of Elections, directing the Board to place upon the official ballot the names of such candidates in the same manner and in the same order as shown upon the certification (not later than 68 days before date of General Election). (10 ILCS 5/10-14)

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Last day to file objections to a resolution filed with the Cook County Clerk to fill a vacancy in nomination by a new political party for vacancies occurring prior to certification (within 5 business days after filing of petitions). File with the Cook County Clerk. (10 ILCS 5/10-11, 5/10-8)

Established Political Parties**Thursday, August 20, 2020**

Last day for established political parties to fill vacancies in nomination occurring on or after the Primary Election and prior to the date for certification for Federal, State and Legislative offices (must be filled prior to date of certification). File in the principal office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-61)

NOTE: Any vacancy in nomination occurring after certification of the candidates to the ballot but prior to 15 days before the election must be filled within 8 days after the event creating the vacancy. Vacancies on nomination occurring 15 days or less before the election shall not be filled. (10 ILCS 5/7-61)

NOTE: This date and these provisions DO NOT apply to vacancies in nomination created due to failure to nominate a candidate at the General Primary.

Friday, August 21, 2020

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify to the county clerk of each county the names of all established political party candidates whose nomination papers or certificates of nomination have been filed with the Board, directing the county clerk to place upon the official ballot the names of such candidates in the same manner and in the same order as shown upon the certification (not less than 74 days before date of General Election). (10 ILCS 5/7-60)

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Last day for established political parties to fill vacancies in nomination occurring on or after the Primary Election and prior to certification for the office of Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago or for County offices. File in the office of the Clerk of Cook County. (10 ILCS 5/7-61)

NOTE: Any vacancy in nomination occurring after certification but prior to 15 days before the election must be filled within 8 days after the event creating the vacancy. Vacancies in nomination occurring 15 days or less before the election shall not be filled. (10 ILCS 5/7-61)

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Last day for the Cook County Clerk to certify the names of established political party candidates and declare that the names of such candidates for the respective offices shall be placed upon the official ballot for the General Election in the same manner and in the same order as shown upon the certification (not less than 68 days before date of General Election). (10 ILCS 5/7-60)

Last day to file objections to a resolution filed with the State Board of Elections to fill a vacancy in nomination by established political parties for vacancies occurring on or after the Primary and before certification. File with the State Board of Elections (within 5 business days after filing). (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 5/10-8)

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Last day to file objections to a resolution filed with the Cook County Clerk to fill a vacancy in nomination by established political parties for vacancies occurring on or after the Primary and before certification. File with the Cook County Clerk. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 5/10-8)

Judicial Candidates*

Sunday, May 3, 2020

Last day for any Supreme, Appellate or Circuit Judge whose term expires in December 2020 to file a Declaration of Judicial Candidacy to be retained in office (not less than 6 months before the General Election preceding expiration of term of office). File in the office of the Secretary of State. (Illinois Constitution, Article VI, Section 12(d); 10 ILCS 5/7A-1)

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Last day for the Secretary of State to certify to the State Board of Elections the names of all judges seeking retention in office (not less than 63 days before the General Election). (Ill. Const., Art. VI, Sec. 12; 10 ILCS 5/7A-1)

*NOTE: Judicial candidates should refer to the dates and events for candidates of established political parties and new political parties for more information.

Write-In Candidates

Thursday, September 3, 2020

Last day (by 5:00 p.m.) a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate (not less than 61 days prior to the election) (Exception: If an objection to the person's nomination papers or petitions for the office is sustained after this date, the person may file a Declaration of Intent not later than 7 days before the election). File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners and in the office of every election authority

having jurisdiction over the district in which the person seeks to be a write-in candidate. Write-in votes will be counted only for persons who have filed a Declaration of Intent. (10 ILCS 5/17-16.1, 5/18-9.1)

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Last day (by 5:00 p.m.) a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate if an objection to the person's nomination papers or petitions for the office is sustained after the 61st day before the election (not later than 7 days prior to election). File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners and in the office of every election authority having jurisdiction over the district in which the person seeks to be a write-in candidate. Write-in votes will be counted only for persons who have filed a Declaration of Intent. (10 ILCS 5/17-16.1, 5/18-9.1)

Referenda (including Local Option Referenda)

Sunday, March 22, 2020

First day it is permissible to circulate and sign a petition for the submission of a local option proposition under the Liquor Control Act of 1934 if the petition is filed on the last day (July 22, 2020). None of the signatures on such petition may be signed more than 4 months before the filing of the petition. (235 ILCS 5/9-4)

Monday, May 4, 2020

Last day to file petitions with the Secretary of State to amend Article IV of the State Constitution (at least 6 months before the General Election – actual date is Sunday, May 3, 2020 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/28-9)

Last day to file a statewide petition for advisory public policy question with the State Board of Elections (at least 6 months before the General Election). (10 ILCS 5/28-9)

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Last day for the Secretary of State to deliver a petition to amend the Constitution to the State Board of Elections (as soon as is practicable, but no later than the close of next business day). (10 ILCS 5/28-9)

Thursday, June 4, 2020

First day notice of intention to file a petition to create a political subdivision whose officers are to be elected rather than appointed may be published in a newspaper within the proposed political subdivision, or if none, in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed territory (no more than 152 days prior to election). (10 ILCS 5/28-2)

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Last day to file objections to petitions to amend Article IV of the Illinois Constitution and petitions for statewide advisory questions in the office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/10-8)

*NOTE: Under Section 10-8 of the Election Code, the deadline to file objections to petitions to amend Article IV of the Illinois Constitution and statewide advisory questions is 35 business days after the last day for filing such petitions, which is June 23, 2020. Section 28-4 of the Election Code provides, however, that such objections may be filed within 42 business days after the petition is filed, which is **July 2, 2020** if the petition is filed on the last day to file such petitions. The State Board of Elections has stated its intention to apply the more generous of the two calculations to determine the timeliness of the objections. (10 ILCS 5/28-4)

Monday, July 6, 2020

Last day notice of intention to file a petition to create a political subdivision whose officers are to be elected rather than appointed may be published in a newspaper within the proposed political subdivision, or if none, in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed territory (at least 122 days prior to election – the actual date is Saturday, July 4, 2020 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/28-2)

Last day to file original petition to create a political subdivision with the appropriate officer or board (at least 122 days prior to election – the actual date is Saturday, July 4, 2020 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/28-2)

Monday, July 13, 2020

Last day to file objections to petition to create a political subdivision (within 5 business days after last day for filing of petitions). (10 ILCS 5/28-4, 5/10-8)

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

Last day to file original petitions for the submission at the General Election of a local option referendum to prohibit the sale of alcohol under the Liquor Control Act of 1934 (at least 104 days before election). File in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Chicago. No signature shall be revoked except by a revocation filed within 20 days from the filing of the petition with the City Clerk. (235 ILCS 5/9-2, 5/9-4, 5/9-10)

NOTE: None of the signatures on the petition may be signed more than 4 months before the filing of the petition. (235 ILCS 5/9-4)

Monday, August 3, 2020

Last day for filing original petitions for the submission of a question of public policy under Article 28 of the Election Code (not less than 92 days prior to election) (except for proposition to create a political subdivision and referenda submitted under the Liquor Control Act of 1934). (10 ILCS 5/28-2)

Monday, August 10, 2020

Last day to file objections to petitions for submission of a question of public policy under Article 28 of the Election Code (within 5 business days after last day for filing of petitions) (except for objections to petitions to create a political subdivision, to petitions for proposed Constitutional amendments, to petitions for statewide advisory questions and to petitions submitted under the Liquor Control Act of 1934). File in the office of the election authority where the original petitions for submission of the public policy question was filed. (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 5/28-4)

Monday, August 17, 2020

Last day for governing boards of political subdivisions to adopt an ordinance or resolution initiating the placement of public questions on the ballot pursuant to law (not less than 79 days before election – actual date is Sunday, August 16, 2020 - moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/28-2(c); 55 ILCS 5/5-1005.5; 60 ILCS 1/80-80; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60; 70 ILCS 1205/8-30)

Friday, August 21, 2020

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify questions to amend the Constitution of Illinois and any statewide questions of public policy to the county clerks (not less than 74 days before election). (5 ILCS 20/2a; 10 ILCS 5/28-5)

Sunday, August 23, 2020

Last day to file a verified petition contesting the validity of a local option petition filed under the Liquor Control Act of 1934 (within any time up to 72 days immediately prior to election). File in the Circuit Court of Cook County. (235 ILCS 5/9-4)

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Last day for the City Clerk and the circuit court clerk to certify any question of public policy to the Board of Election Commissioners (not less than 68 days before election). (10 ILCS 5/28-5)

Last day for the Cook County Clerk to certify to the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners any referenda to be submitted to the voters in the City of Chicago. (10 ILCS 5/28-5)

Friday, September 4, 2020

First day for the Board of Election Commissioners to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon at the General Election (not more than 60 days before election). (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

Monday, October 26, 2020

Last day for the election authority to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within the jurisdiction (not less than 10 days before election – actual date is Saturday, October 24, 2020 - moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). A copy of the notice shall be posted at the principal office of the Board of Election Commissioners and the City Clerk of the City of Chicago shall post a copy at the principal office of the

City of Chicago. (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

Voting by Mail and Voting by Persons with Disabilities

Monday, July 27, 2020

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify a list of federally operated veterans' homes and hospitals and facilities licensed or certified under the Nursing Home Care Reform Act of 1979, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act or the ID/DD Community Care Act (not less than 100 days before election – actual date is Sunday, July 26, 2020 - moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). The list shall indicate bed capacity and the chief administrator of each such facility. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

First day for a registered voter within the confines of the United States to make application by mail, electronically on the Board's web site, or in person for a mail ballot for the General Election (not more than 90 days prior to election). (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

Friday, September 4, 2020

Last day the Board shall provide public notice, calculated to reach the elderly and handicapped voter, of the registration and voting aids under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act and of the availability of assistance in marking the ballot, and procedures for voting by mail ballot and procedures for early voting (at least 60 days prior to election). (10 ILCS 5/12-1)

Saturday, September 19, 2020

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to transmit a validly requested mail ballot to persons in the United States Service (members of the Armed Forces while on active duty, members of the Merchant Marine, and United States government employees serving outside the territorial limits of the United States) or their spouse and dependents, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and nonresident civilians from whom the Board has received a request for ballot at least 45 days before the election (at least 45 days prior to election). (42 U.S.C. §1973ff-1(a)(8); 10 ILCS 5/7-16, 5/16-5.01)

Monday, October 5, 2020

Last day for an unregistered citizen temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States to make simultaneous application for registration and a mail ballot (not less than 30 days before election – actual date is Sunday, October 4, 2020 - moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). However, if the Board receives one of such applications after 30 days but not less than 10 days before the election, the applicant will be sent a ballot containing Federal offices only and registration for that election will be waived. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 5/20-3)

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to arrange with nursing home administrators a mutually convenient time period on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday immediately preceding the general election to conduct voting on the premises of such facilities and to post in a prominent place in the offices of the Board a notice of the agreed day and time period for conducting such voting at each facility (not less than 30 days before election actual date is Sunday, October 4, 2020 - moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

First day a qualified voter admitted to a hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation center not more than 14 days before the General Election may make application for personal delivery of a mail ballot. (10 ILCS 5/19-13)

Monday, October 26, 2020

Last day for unregistered citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and who expect to be absent from their county of residence on election day to make simultaneous application to the election authority having jurisdiction over his/her precinct of residence for registration and a mail ballot containing Federal offices only (not less than 10 days before election – actual date is Saturday, October 24, 2020 - moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). If application is received after 30 days but not less than 10 days before the election, the applicant shall be sent a ballot containing Federal offices only and registration is waived. Application should be made on the Federal Post Card Application or on forms provided by the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1)

Last day any member of the United States Service (i.e., a member of the Armed Forces while on active duty or a member of the Merchant Marine, and his/her spouse and dependents of voting age residing with or

accompanying him/her, as well as a United States government employee serving outside the territorial limits of the United States) who expects to be absent from his/her county of residence on election day may apply for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over their residence (not less than 10 days before election – actual date is Saturday, October 24, 2020 - moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). No registration is required to vote. Application should be made on the Federal Post Card Application or on forms provided by the election authority. Members of the Armed Forces on active duty and their spouses and dependents may apply via fax or electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2, 5/20-2.3, 5/20-3)

Last day any nonresident civilian citizen, otherwise qualified to vote, may make application to the election authority having jurisdiction over his/her precinct of former residence for a mail ballot containing Federal offices only (not less than 10 days before election – actual date is Saturday, October 24, 2020 - moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). No registration required to vote. Application should be made on the Federal Post Card Application. Nonresident civilians may make application via fax or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.2, 5/20-5)

Thursday, October 29, 2020

Last day any registered voter who is within the confines of the United States may apply by mail for a mail ballot (not less than 5 days before election). (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

Last day for any physically incapacitated voter who is a resident of a federally operated veterans' home, hospital or resident of a facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act or the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act or the ID/DD Community Care Act to apply to vote at such facility (not less than 5 days before the election). Such voting shall be conducted on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday immediately preceding election day. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

Last day by noon (on the Thursday before the election) for the Board of Election Commissioners to post the names and addresses of nursing home facilities from which no applications for ballot have been received and in which no supervised voting will be conducted. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

Friday, October 30, 2020

Saturday, October 31, 2020

Sunday, November 1, 2020

Monday, November 2, 2020

Dates that may be scheduled by the Board of Election Commissioners for voting on the premises of (i) a federally-owned veterans' home, hospital or facility (Jesse Brown VA Medical Center) or (ii) a facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Reform Act or the ID/DD Community Care Act for the sole benefit of the residents of such facility who have made prior application not later than 5 days before the election. Such voting shall be conducted during any continuous period sufficient to allow all applicants to cast their ballots between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on any one of these days. (10 ILCS 5/19-4, 5/19-12.2)

Monday, November 2, 2020

Last day any registered voter may apply in person in the office of the Board for an official ballot for the General Election (not less than one day before election). (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

Last day for any temporarily or permanently physically disabled voter to request of the election authority that two (2) judges of election of opposite political party affiliation deliver a ballot to him/her at the point where he/she is unable to continue forward motion toward the polling place (but in no case beyond 50 feet of the entrance to the building) because of structural features of the building in which the polling place is located (not later than the close of business at the Board's office on the day before the election). (10 ILCS 5/17-13, 5/18-5.1)

Registration, Grace Period Registration and Voting, Civic Organizations, Miscellaneous Notices, Pollwatcher Credentials

Friday, July 3, 2020

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to notify every principal and vice-principal of each high school, elementary school and vocational school situated in the city of Chicago of their eligibility to serve as deputy registrars and offer training courses for service as deputy registrars (at least 4 months prior to election). (10 ILCS

5/6-50.2(a))

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

Last day for Board of Election Commissioners to complete any systematic program to remove ineligible voters from the voting rolls (at least 90 days before election). (42 USC 1973gg-6(c)(2)(A))

Saturday, September 12, 2020

The first Saturday the office of the Board of Election Commissioners is open from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon for voter registration (last 4 Saturdays immediately preceding the end of the period of registration preceding election). The Board office will be open for voter registration from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon on each Saturday through the close of registration. (Section 200.10, Board Rules on Administration; 10 ILCS 5/6-50)

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Last day for civic organizations and proposition proponents and opponents to register their names and addresses and the names and addresses of their principal officers in order to be eligible for pollwatcher credentials for the General Election (at least 40 days before election). File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. (10 ILCS 5/17-23(5), 5/18-6)

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

through

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Completed registrations and supporting materials accepted by deputy registrars and in library branch offices during this period (between the 35th and 28th day preceding election) must be returned to office of the Board of Election Commissioners within 48 hours of the date received by the registrar or by the close of business on October 7, 2020 whichever occurs first. (10 ILCS 5/6-35.03, 5/6-50.2)

Monday, October 5, 2020

Last day to publish notice of General Election (at least 30 days before General Election – actual date is Sunday, October 4, 2020 - moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/12-1)

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Last day to register to vote or to transfer registration to a new address before the General Election (no new registrations during the 27 days preceding the election), with the exception of “grace period” registration and voting and on-line voter registration. (10 ILCS 5/6-29, 5/6-50, 5/6-51, 5/6-53, 5/6-35.03, 5/6-50.2, 5/6-100)

- in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners
- through deputy registrars and registrars in library branch offices
- by mail, or
- in qualifying State agencies and in Secretary of State driver’s license examination stations.

*Note: State agency and motor vehicle offices will continue to accept registrations after the statutory close of registration; however, only those registration applications completed before the close of registration will be accepted and processed by the Board for the general election. If an application for registration is accepted at a Secretary of State facility or at a qualified State agency within the 5 days before the last day for voter registration, the application must be transmitted to the Board within 5 days of the date of acceptance. (42 USC §1973gg-5(d)(2))

*Note: A mail registration application will be accepted and processed for the general election if postmarked on or before the day that voter registration is closed. If no postmark exists or if the postmark is illegible, the application will be considered timely filed and will be processed only if received by the Board of Election Commissioner no later than 5 calendar days after the close of registration. (10 ILCS 5/1A-16(b))

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

“Grace period” registration and voting begins (from the close of registration for an election until and including the day of the election). (10 ILCS 5/6-100) During the grace period, individuals may (i) register to vote or submit a change of registered voter’s address and (ii) vote in person

- in the Board’s office
- at voter registration locations designated by the Board
- at any polling place established for early voting (only beginning the 15th day before the election through the day before election day), or
- at precinct polling places on election day.

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Last day for employee to give employer written notice that he or she will be absent from place of employment on election day because of appointment as a judge of election (at least 20 days written notice). An employer may not penalize an employee for that absence other than a deduction in salary for the time the employee is absent from his or her place of employment. An employer may not require an employee wishing to serve as an election judge to use earned vacation time or any form of paid leave time while serving as an election judge. Does not apply to employers with fewer than 25 employees. (10 ILCS 5/13-2.5, 5/14-4.5)

Sunday, October 18, 2020

Last day to register to vote by on-line voter registration (no later than 11:59 p.m. on the 16th day prior to an election). (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5(l))

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Last day for Board of Election Commissioners to have pollwatcher credentials available for distribution (at least 2 weeks prior to election). (10 ILCS 5/17-23, 5/18-6)

Thursday, October 29, 2020

Last day for the Board to publish in 2 or more newspapers published in and having general circulation in the county a true and legible copy of the specimen ballot containing the names of offices and candidates and statements of measures to be voted on, as near as may be, in the form in which they will appear on the official ballot on election day (at least 5 days before election day). (10 ILCS 5/24B-18, 5/24C-18)

Last day for Board to conduct public test of automatic tabulating equipment (optical scan voting devices, touch screen voting devices, vote tallying software and equipment) (not less than 5 days prior to election day). Board must give public notice and notify State Board of Elections of date, time and location of test at least 48 hours prior to such test. (10 ILCS 5/24A-9, 5/24B-9, 5/24C-9)

Monday, November 2, 2020

Last day for “grace period” registration and voting at any location designated as a permanent polling place for Early Voting. (10 ILCS 5/6-100)

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Last day for “grace period” registration and voting in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners, at voter registration locations designated by the Board, or at polling places on election day. (10 ILCS 5/6-100)

Early Voting, General Election Day and Post-Election Activities

Monday, September 14, 2020

Last day the Board shall post a copy of the schedule with the locations, dates and hours of early voting and precincts served in the office of the Board and at locations to be used as polling places for early voting. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25(b)). The schedule must be posted continuously for a period beginning not later than the 10th day before the first day of the period for early voting and ending on the last day of that period. Copies of the schedule shall be made available to the public without charge and posted on the Board’s website.

Last day for the Board to provide to the State Board of Elections a list of all early voting sites and hours each site will be open. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25(f))

September 17-23, 2020

The Board shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation during this period (during the week before the period for early voting) a schedule of the dates and times that early voting will be conducted and the location of

each permanent and temporary polling place for early voting and the precincts served by each location. The Board shall publish a similar schedule at least once a week during the early voting period. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25)

Thursday, September 24, 2020

First day for early voting in the offices of the Board* (40th day preceding election day). (10 ILCS 5/19A-15(a)) *Voters should first confirm that ballots and voting machines are available.

Monday, October 19, 2020

First day for early voting at permanent polling place locations and at temporary polling place locations designated by the Board as early voting sites (15th day before the election). (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

Monday, November 2, 2020

Last day for early voting (day before the election). (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION
Polling Places open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2(a), 5/18-2)

The Board shall deliver (prior to the opening of the polls) to judges of election in each precinct a list of registered voters in that precinct to whom mail ballots have been issued, or who have voted during early voting or grace period voting. (10 ILCS 5/6-100, 5/19-4, 5/19A-5(c))

Thursday, November 5, 2020

Last day for the Board to post on its website the number of ballots that remain uncounted, including ballots cast on election day, early voting ballots, provisional ballots, vote by mail ballots received but not counted and vote by mail ballots sent to voters but not yet returned to the Board (not later than 48 hours after closing polling locations on election day). Information shall be updated each day and reported to the State Board of Elections until period for counting provisional and vote by mail ballots has ended. (10 ILCS 5/1-9.2)

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Last day for a person who cast a provisional ballot to submit to the Board additional information to support or verify his or her registration status (within 7 calendar days). Such information must be *received* by the Board by this date. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d))

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Last day for the Board to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots (within 14 days of the election). (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a))

Last day for the Board to process and count valid absent voters' ballots mailed and postmarked by election day (or, if postmark is absent, date of certification on envelope precedes election day) but received after the close of the polls and by this date (before the close of period for counting provisional ballots). (10 ILCS 5/19-8(c))

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Last day for the Board to canvass and proclaim the results of the election and to transmit a tabulated statement of returns to the County Clerk and State Board of Elections (within 7 days from completion of the validation and counting of provisional ballots). (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a), 5/22-1 et seq.)

Last day for Board of Election Commissioners to transmit to the State Board of Elections the following information: (1) number, by precinct, of mail ballots requested, provided and counted; (2) number of rejected mail ballots; (3) number of voters seeking review of rejected ballots; and (4) number of mail ballots counted following review (on or before 21st day after the election). (10 ILCS 5/19-20, 5/20-20)

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Term of office for the following offices commences:

Circuit Court Clerk (on the first day in the month of December following his or her election on which the office of the clerk of the circuit court is required, by statute or by action of the court, to be open) (705 ILCS 105/1.1)

State's Attorney (on the first day in the month of December following his or her election on which

the State's attorney's office is required, by statute or by action of the county board, to be open) (55 ILCS 5/3-9002)

Friday, December 4, 2020

Last day for the State Board of Elections to canvass the returns and proclaim the results of the election (within 31 days of the election or sooner if all returns are received). (10 ILCS 5/1A-19(c), 5/18A-15(a), 5/22-7)

Monday, December 7, 2020

Term of office for the following offices commences:¹⁰

Supreme, Appellate, Circuit Judges (first Monday in December following the election) (Ill. Const. Art. VI, Sec. 12(d); 10 ILCS 5/1A-19(c), 5/2A-9(b), 5/7A-1)

Cook County Board of Review Member (first Monday in December following their election) (35 ILCS 200/5-5(c))

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Term of office for the following offices commences:

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioners (on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in the month following the month of their election) (70 ILCS 2605/3)

Monday, December 14, 2020

Electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States are cast in Springfield, Illinois (on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December next following their appointment at such place in each State as the legislature of such State shall direct). (3 U.S.C. §7; 10 ILCS 5/21-4)

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Term of office for United States Senator and Representatives in Congress elected at the November 3, 2020 General Election commences (at Noon on the 3rd day of January after their election). (U.S. Const., Amendment XX, §2)

Monday, January 4, 2021

Last day for Board of Election Commissioners to indicate by italics, asterisk, or other means, on the list of registered voters in each precinct, each registrant who voted at the November 3, 2020 General Election and to provide a copy of such list to the chair of the county central committee of each established political party or to the chair's authorized representative (within 60 days after the general election – actual date is Saturday, January 2, 2021 – moved to the next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/6-60)

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States are tabulated in Washington, D.C., during a joint meeting of the United States Congress (on the sixth day of January succeeding every meeting of the electors). (3 U.S.C. §15)

¹⁰ Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, if the proclamation of election results for an elected office has not been issued by the date of the commencement of the term of that elected office because of the extension of canvassing periods under the amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, then the term of the elected office shall commence on a date 14 days after the proclamation of election results is issued for that elected office. (10 ILCS 5/1A-19(a))

If subsection (a) of Section 1A-19 of the Code applies to the commencement date of an elected official's term, and if the elected official is authorized or required by law to perform an official act by a date occurring before the commencement of his or her term of office, including but not limited to holding an organization meeting of the public body to which the public official is elected, then notwithstanding any law to the contrary the date by which the act shall be performed shall be a date 14 days after the date otherwise established by law. (10 ILCS 5/1A-19(b))

Notwithstanding any other provision of Section 1A-19 or of the Code to the contrary, the terms of office for Supreme, Appellate, and Circuit Judges commence on the first Monday in December following their election or retention. Judicial election results must be proclaimed before that date. (10 ILCS 5/1A-19(c))

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Illinois General Assembly shall convene and organize itself (second Wednesday of January). (Ill. Const., Art IV, §§5-6)

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Terms of office for President and Vice President of the United States commence (at Noon on 20th day of January after their election). (U.S. Constitution, Amendment XX, § 1).