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## Preface

This calendar includes all offices to be nominated and/or elected for municipalities, townships, libraries, parks, school districts, and other special purpose districts in the Consolidated Primary Election in February 2025, and the Consolidated Election in April 2025.

This calendar may be amended to include new legislation and court decisions. Please visit the Illinois State Board of Elections website ([www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov)) for any updates.

Please note that many of the filing periods and timelines leading up to the Consolidated Primary and Consolidated Election have been shifted or changed pursuant to Public Acts 103-0586 and 103-0600.

## Definitions

The following definitions are employed as related to this calendar:

<b>Election Authority</b>	The County Clerk, the Municipal Board of Election Commissioners, or the County Board of Election Commissioners. (10 ILCS 5/1-3(8))
<b>Local Election Official</b>	The clerk or secretary of a unit of local government or a school district. (10 ILCS 5/1-3(10))
<b>Business Day</b>	Any day in which the office of an election authority, local election official, or the State Board of Elections is open to the public for a minimum of seven hours. (10 ILCS 5/1-3(22))

## Calculation of Dates and Filing Periods

If the first or last day of any action required or allowed by the Election Code falls on a State holiday, Saturday, or Sunday, then the period shall extend through the first business day following the day otherwise fixed as the first or last day for filing or the close of registration, irrespective of whether any election authority or local election official conducts business on the State holiday, Saturday, or Sunday. (10 ILCS 5/1-6(a))

For dates not contained within the Election Code, if the last day within which any act provided by law is to be done falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or State Holiday, that day shall be excluded from the calculation. (5 ILCS 70/1.11)

For purposes of this calendar "State Holiday" means New Year's Day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, Lincoln's Birthday, President's Day, Casimir Pulaski's Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth National Freedom Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and any other day declared by the President of the United States or the Governor of Illinois to be a day during which the agencies of the State of Illinois that are ordinarily open to do business with the public shall be closed for business. (10 ILCS 5/1-6(b))

Filing and registration dates are fixed by the Election Code. The dates shall conform to those expressed in statute unless they fall on a date which is not a business day as defined above. In such case(s), the period shall extend through the first business day next following the day otherwise fixed as the first or last date. (10 ILCS 5/1-6(a))

## Statutory References

All citations contained herein refer to the Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/1-1 *et seq.*, unless otherwise indicated, and are current as of July 2024. This calendar is a summary of the Board's understanding of the timeline for the 2025 Consolidated Primary and Consolidated Election and is not a legal document. Election authorities, candidates, and others should refer directly to relevant statutes and rules for relevant dates and legal requirements and should consult their own competent legal counsel rather than relying upon this calendar. Citation to this calendar shall not be sufficient evidence before an electoral board to overrule an objection to the timeliness of any filing.

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# CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION

## FEBRUARY 25, 2025

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

### **ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED:**

#### **Municipal** (over 5,000 population and/or Special Charter) (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2(c))

- Municipalities under 5,000 population may determine by ordinance (no later than November 15, 2024) that political parties shall nominate candidates for municipal offices by primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-1(b))
- Mayor or President
- Municipal Clerk
- Municipal Treasurer
- Alderperson or Trustee

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

#### **Townships**

- The following townships may conduct a primary if the township central committee approves by August 15, 2024. (60 ILCS 1/45-5, 45-55)
  - Townships in Cook County
  - Townships and Multi-Township Assessment Districts, with a population of more than 15,000 outside of Cook County.
  - Townships of 5,000 population coterminous or wholly within cities/villages not under commission from of government.
- Township Supervisor
- Township Clerk
- Township Assessor, Multi-Township Assessor
- Highway Commissioner
- Township Collector (if elected)
  - Counties having township organization with a population of over 100,000, except in Cook County, may conduct a referendum to discontinue the office of Collector. (60 ILCS 1/50-30)
- Township Trustees

### **NONPARTISAN OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED:**

#### **Municipal** (Council-Manager form (councilmen at-large and from districts))

- Mayor or President
- Clerk
- Treasurer (Council-Manager form only)
- Council Members or Trustees or Alderpersons

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

### **NONPARTISAN OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED:**

- Alderperson (City of Chicago, if required due to vacancy) (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-51, 20/21-22)

# DATES GOVERNING THE CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024**

## **PETITION TO REDUCE EDUCATION TAX EXTENSION**

First day for voters within a school district to file a petition for public question which will appear on the Consolidated Primary ballot to reduce the tax extension for education purposes. If the territory of the school district is located wholly within a single county, the petition must be filed with the election authority. If the territory of the district spans more than one county, the petition must be filed with the State Board of Elections. (35 ILCS 200/18-206(b); 10 ILCS 5/28-2(a))

**TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2024**

## **PETITION CIRCULATION**

First day to circulate nomination papers (must include original sheets signed by voters and circulators) for established political party and nonpartisan candidates who file between October 21-28, 2024. (90 days preceding the last day to file nomination papers) (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12, 10-4, 10-6)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024**

## **NOTICE OF TOWNSHIP CONDUCTING PRIMARY**

Last day for the township central committee in counties having a population of over 3,000,000 and townships having a population of over 15,000 in counties of less than 3,000,000 population to notify the appropriate election authority that their specific party will nominate candidates by primary election. (60 ILCS 1/45-55)

**MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024**

## **PETITION TO REDUCE EDUCATION TAX EXTENSION**

Last day for voters within a school district to file a petition for public question to appear on the Consolidated Primary ballot to reduce the tax extension for education purposes. If the territory of the school district is located wholly within a single county, the petition must be filed with the election authority. If the territory of the district spans more than one county, the petition must be filed with the State Board of Elections. (35 ILCS 200/18-206(b); 10 ILCS 5/28-2(a))

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024**

## **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CREATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

First day to publish notice of intention to file a petition to create a political subdivision whose officers are to be elected rather than appointed, and which will appear on the consolidated primary ballot. The notice may be published in a newspaper within the proposed political subdivision, or if no such newspaper exists, then in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed territory. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(g))



# MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024

## CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY NOMINATION FILING – FIRST DAY

First day for filing in the office of the local election official or Board of Election Commissioners original nomination papers (must include original sheet signed by voters and circulators) for:

- 1) Established political parties in municipalities over 5,000 population;
- 2) Any townships in Cook County, or townships in other counties with a township population of 15,000 or more where the township central committee has approved a primary;
- 3) Municipalities under 5,000 that by ordinance nominate candidates by primary;
- 4) Municipalities that by referendum conduct a partisan or nonpartisan primary;
- 5) Managerial municipalities that conduct nonpartisan primaries; and
- 6) City of Chicago offices (if a special election is required due to a vacancy in office)  
(10 ILCS 5/7-1, 7-12(3); 60 ILCS 1/45-5, 45-55; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20, 3.1-25-60, 5-2-18.5; 65 ILCS 20/21-5, 21-12, 21-22, 21-25)

### Notes:

- Please consult with your municipal clerk or election authority to determine whether your municipality elects its officers on a nonpartisan basis.
- Candidates who file for township or multi-township assessor must also file proof of qualification. (60 ILCS 1/45-30(b); 35 ILCS 200/2-45)
- This filing period does not cover candidates for park, library, school, community college, educational service region trustees, or fire protection district offices.

# MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024

## CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY NOMINATION FILING – LAST DAY

Last day for filing in the office of the local election official or Board of Election Commissioners original nomination papers (must include original sheet signed by voters and circulators) for:

- Established political parties in municipalities over 5,000 population;
- Any townships in Cook County, or townships in other counties with a township population of 15,000 or more where the township central committee has approved a primary;
- Municipalities under 5,000 that by ordinance nominate candidates by primary;
- Municipalities that by referendum conduct a partisan or nonpartisan primary;
- Managerial municipalities that conduct nonpartisan primaries; and
- City of Chicago offices (if a special election is required due to a vacancy in office)  
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## **STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS**

Last day for candidates filing during the October 21-28, 2024, filing period to file a Statement of Economic Interests with the county clerk as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. The receipt must be filed on or before this date with the local election official or election authority who received the nomination papers. The receipt must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. (5 ILCS 420/4A-105; 10 ILCS 5/7-12(8), 10-5)

## **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CREATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

Last day to publish notice of intention to file a petition to create a political subdivision, whose officers are to be elected rather than appointed, and which will appear on the Consolidated Primary ballot. The notice may be published in a newspaper within the proposed political subdivision, or if no such newspaper exists, then in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed territory. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(g))

## **PETITION TO CREATE A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

Last day to file petitions (must include original sheets signed by voters and circulators) to create a political subdivision with the appropriate officer or board. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(b))

### **Notes:**

- The specific statutory provisions governing the creating of political subdivisions can be found in the relevant Code(s) governing such subdivisions (e.g. the Illinois Municipal Code, the Township Code, the Counties Code).
- Objections can be filed on or before the date of the hearing with the appropriate circuit court clerk. (10 ILCS 5/28-4)
- If initial officers are to be elected at the election for creation of a new unit of government, candidates for such offices shall file nomination papers 127-120 days before the election (October 21 – October 28 , 2024). (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2; 5/7-12(3))
- The circuit court clerk shall publish the hearing date for a public policy petition filed in the circuit court clerk's office not later than 14 days after the petition is filed, and at least five days before the hearing. Final orders must be issued within seven days after the hearing. (10 ILCS 5/28-4)

## **LISTING OF NURSING HOME FACILITIES - IDPH**

Last day for the Department of Public Health to certify to the State Board of Elections a list of the facilities licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act (210 ILCS 45/1-101 et seq.), the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013 (210 ILCS 49/1-101 et seq.), the ID/DD Community Care Act (210 ILCS 47/1-101 et seq.) or the MC/DD Act (210 ILCS 46/1-101 et seq.). (10 ILCS 19-12.2)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024**

## **NOTICE OF BALLOT PLACEMENT LOTTERY**

Last day for written notice of the time and place for conducting the ballot placement lottery shall be given when two or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party or nonpartisan candidates: (a) as of the opening hour of the filing period, October 21, 2024; and/or (b) within the last hour of the filing period, October 28, 2024. (There must be seven days' notice given. If the lottery is to be held on the last statutory date, November 6, the last day to give notice is October 30.) Notice shall be given by the State Board of Elections or the election authority to the chair of each political party and to each organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction

entitled to have pollwatchers present at the last election. Notice must also be posted. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 10-6.2)

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

### **NOTIFICATION OF TOWNSHIP CAUCUS**

Last day the township clerk shall notify the chair of each township central committee by first class mail of the chair's obligation to report the time and location of the party's caucus. (60 ILCS 1/45-10(a))

### **NOTIFICATION OF MULTI-TOWNSHIP CAUCUS**

Last day the multi-township clerk shall notify the chair of each multi-township central committee by first class mail of the chair's obligation to report the time and location of the party's caucus. (60 ILCS 1/45-25(c))

### **OBJECTIONS – CANDIDATE NOMINATION FILING**

Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of established political party and nonpartisan candidates who filed during the October 21-28, 2024, filing period. Objections are filed with the office where the nomination papers were originally filed – the local election official or election authority. (10 ILCS 5/7-12.1, 10-8)

#### **Notes:**

- **For procedures on objections, see page 46.**

### **INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES**

Last day for an individual who has filed (during the October 21 – 28, 2024 filing period) nomination papers for two or more incompatible offices to withdraw from all but one of the offices with the local election official or election authority. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9), 10-7)

### **OBJECTIONS TO NEW POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PETITION**

Last day to file objections to petitions to create a political subdivision in the appropriate office where the petitions were originally filed. (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

## **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024**

### **BALLOT PLACEMENT LOTTERY**

Last day the lottery shall be conducted by the local election official or election authority when two or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party or nonpartisan candidates as of the opening hour of the filing period on October 21, 2024, or during the last hour on October 28, 2024. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 10-6.2)

## **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024**

### **NOTICE OF CAUCUS TO TOWNSHIP CLERK**

Last day for each chair of the township central committee to notify the township clerk by first class mail of the time and location of the party's caucus. (60 ILCS 1/45-10(a))

## **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024**

### **NOTICE OF CAUCUS TO MULTI-TOWNSHIP CLERK**

Last day each chair of the multi-township central committee shall notify the multi-township clerk by first class mail of the time and location of the party's caucus. (60 ILCS 1/45-25(c))

## **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024**

### **NOTICE OF MUNICIPALITY CONDUCTING PRIMARY**

Last day for municipal clerk to certify to the election authority the municipal ordinance providing for the nomination of municipal officers by party primary in municipalities under 5,000 population. (10 ILCS 5/7-1)

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

### **LISTING OF NURSING HOME FACILITIES – STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify to the proper election authority a list of facilities licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act (210 ILCS 45/1-101 et seq.), the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013 (210 ILCS 49/1-101 et seq.), the ID/DD Community Care Act (210 ILCS 47/1-101 et seq.) or the MC/DD Act (210 ILCS 46/1-101 et seq.), for the purpose of conducting an election pursuant to Election Code Section 19-12.2. The list shall indicate bed capacity and the chief administrator of each facility appearing on the certified list. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

## **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024**

### **PUBLICATION – MUNICIPAL CAUCUS**

Last day for municipal clerks to publish a notice of municipal caucus in municipalities over 500 population. In municipalities with populations under 500, notice shall be given by the municipal clerk by posting the notice in three of the most public places in the municipality. (10 ILCS 5/10-1(b))

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024**

### **PUBLICATION – TOWNSHIP CAUCUS**

Last day the township board shall publish a notice stating the time and location of the caucus for each political party. (60 ILCS 1/45-10(a)(b))

### **PUBLICATION – MULTI-TOWNSHIP CAUCUS**

Last day the multi-township central committee shall publish a notice stating the time and location of the caucus for each political party. (60 ILCS 1/45-25(c))

## **REFERENDA FILING**

Last day for filing petitions (must include original sheets signed by voters and circulators) for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local). (10 ILCS 5/28-2(a), 28-6, 28-7)

### **Exception:**

- **Propositions to create a political subdivision and referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code. (35 ILCS 200/18-120; 235 ILCS 5/9)**

### **Note:**

- **Petitions to initiate backdoor referenda must be filed under the deadline specified in the specific statute authorizing the referenda, but in no case later than 92 days prior to the ensuing election.**

## **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2024**

### **VOTE BY MAIL – FIRST DAY TO APPLY**

First day for any registered voter within the confines of the United States to submit an application by mail or in person to the election authority for an official vote by mail ballot. Please note that mailing and delivery of ballots does not begin until Thursday, January 16, 2025. (10 ILCS 5/19-2, 19-4)

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024**

### **MUNICIPAL CAUCUS**

Date on which the Municipal Caucus shall be held in municipalities under 5,000 population that have established political parties. (10 ILCS 5/10-1(a))

### **DEPUTY REGISTRARS – ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS**

Last day for County Central Committee Chairs to submit a list of applicants for additional deputy registrars to the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2(a), 5-16.2(a), 6-50.2(a))

### **Note:**

- **The election authority may require a chair of a county central committee to furnish a supplemental list of applicants.**

### **DEPUTY REGISTRARS – BEGINNING OF TERM**

Beginning of two-year term of all deputy registrars, except precinct committee persons who began their two-year term on the date of the county convention following their election. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2(a), 5-16.2(a), 6-50.2(a))

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024**

### **TOWNSHIP CAUCUS**

Date on which the Township Caucus shall be held (in those townships that have not adopted the primary system). (10 ILCS 1/45-10)

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

### **MULTI-TOWNSHIP CAUCUS**

Date on which the Multi-Township Caucus shall be held. (10 ILCS 1/45-25)

### **OBJECTIONS – REFERENDA**

Last day to file objections to petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local). Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same office in which the original petitions were filed. (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

#### Notes:

- For procedures on objections see page 46.
- The objection period is five business days. If the office of the appropriate local election official or election authority is open on Friday, November 29, then the deadline to file an objection is Tuesday, December 3, 2024.

#### Exception:

- Propositions to create a political subdivision and referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code. (35 ILCS 200/18-120; 235 ILCS 5/9)

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024

### **REFERENDA RESOLUTIONS**

Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a binding public question to appear on the ballot. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(c))

Last day for County, Municipal, Township, School Boards, Library Boards, and Park Boards to authorize the placement of advisory referenda on the ballot by resolution. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(c); 55 ILCS 5/2-3002, 5-1005.5; 60 ILCS 1/30-205, 80-80; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60; 70 ILCS 1205/8-30; 75 ILCS 5/4-18; 105 ILCS 5/9-1.5)

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024

### **VOTER REGISTRATION DATA – FIRST DAY TO CERTIFY**

First day for election authority to indicate in writing that their voter registration data, including voting history from the latest election, is complete and up to date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024

### **BALLOT CERTIFICATION**

Last day for the local election official to certify candidates and the offices they are filing for to the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/7-13.1)

Last day for the circuit court clerk and the local election official to certify any binding public question or advisory referenda to the election authority having jurisdiction over the political subdivision. (10 ILCS 5/28-5)

### **WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY**

Last day a candidate may file a Withdrawal of Candidacy in the office of the local election official or election authority. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9), 10-7; 65 ILCS 20/21-29)

### **WRITE-IN CANDIDATES (TO FORCE A PRIMARY)**

Last day to file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate in the office of the election official with whom nomination papers for such office are filed where the office would otherwise be uncontested (and no primary would otherwise be held), and such filing would force a primary election for the office. Write-in votes shall only be counted for persons who have filed a Declaration of Intent with the election authority or authorities (so additional originally executed declarations(s) should also be filed with each election authority). Write-in declarations are NOT filed with the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-5(d), 7-12(10)(c); 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20)

#### **Notes:**

- **65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20 sets the last date as 61 days prior to the Consolidated Primary Election (Thursday, December 26, 2024) for village primaries. However, that day is after the certification deadline for local election officials.**
- **P.A. 102-15 provides that nonpartisan city offices are not subject to a primary election if the office is otherwise uncontested, even if a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate is filed. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-20-45)**

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2024**

### **WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

Last day a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate with the proper election authority or authorities (appropriate county clerk(s) and/or boards(s) of election commissioners). Write-in votes shall be counted only for candidates who have filed a Declaration of Intent. Write-in declarations are NOT filed with the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-59(b), 17-16.1)

### **VOTER REGISTRATION DATA – LAST DAY TO CERTIFY**

Last day for an election authority to indicate in writing that their voter registration data, including voting history from the latest election, is complete and up to date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

### **PUBLICATION – NEW VOTING DEVICES**

Last day for an election authority to publish notice that mechanical or electronic voting devices will be used for the first time at the Consolidated Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/24-1.1, 24B-3, 24C-3)

## **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2024**

### **PUBLICATION – VOTING AIDS**

Last day the election authority shall provide public notice, calculated to reach elderly voters and voters with disabilities, of the availability of registration and voting aids under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, of the availability of assistance in marking the ballot, procedures for voting by mail, and procedures for early voting. (10 ILCS 5/7-15)

## **PUBLICATION – PUBLIC QUESTION**

First day for the election authority to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon during the Consolidated Primary Election within the jurisdiction. The notice shall be published once in a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the political or governmental subdivision. The election authority shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the election authority. The local election official shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the political or governmental subdivision. If there is no principal office, the local election official shall post the notice at the building in which the governing body of the political or governmental subdivision held its first meeting of the calendar year in which the referendum is being held. (10 ILCS 5/12-5(a))

## **THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025**

### **UNITED STATES SERVICE MEMBER APPLICATION FOR BALLOT**

First day any voter who is a member of the United States Service, the servicemember's spouse, and/or the servicemember's dependents of voting age who expect to be absent from their county of residence on Election Day to apply for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over the voter's residence. Members of the Armed Forces may apply via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.3, 20-3)

#### **Note:**

- **No registration shall be required to vote pursuant to the Sections cited.**

### **VOTE BY MAIL REGISTRATION – CITIZENS TEMPORARILY OUTSIDE THE U.S.**

First day for a citizen of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States who is not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who expects to be absent from the citizen's county of residence on Election Day to simultaneously apply to the election authority having jurisdiction over the citizen's precinct of residence for registration and a vote by mail ballot. Citizens of the United States may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

## **MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025**

### **LIST OF VOTERS**

Last day for election authorities to provide to each county chair, or the chair's representative, precinct lists prepared for the 2024 General Election marked to indicate which registrants voted at the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/4-11, 5-14, 6-60)

### **POSTING FOR EARLY VOTING – LAST DAY TO POST**

Last day for the election authority to post the schedule for early voting conducted at the office of the election authority and each temporary location. Posting shall remain at each site until the last day of the early voting period (February 24, 2025). If the election authority has a website, it shall make the schedule available on the website. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25(b)(d))

### **SCHEDULE FOR EARLY VOTING – LAST DAY TO PROVIDE TO SBE**

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



## THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025

### **PUBLICATION – FIRST DAY TO PUBLISH EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE**

First day for the election authority to publish (1) the location of each permanent and temporary site for early voting and the precincts served by each location, and (2) the dates and hours that early voting will be conducted at each location. The election authority shall publish this information once during the week before early voting begins, and at least once per week during the statutory period for early voting. If the election authority maintains a website, it shall make the schedule available on the website. (10 ILCS 19A-25(a), (d))

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025

### **VOTE BY MAIL – UOCAVA**

Last day for the election authority to have in the office of the election authority a sufficient number of ballots printed and available for mailing to persons in the United States Service, their spouses, their dependents of voting age, and citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States. (10 ILCS 5/7-16, 16-5.01) January 10, 2025 is the last business day to mail ballots requested at least 45 days before the Consolidated Primary election. (52 U.S.C. § 20302(a)(8)(A))

#### **Note:**

- Pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), as amended by the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (the MOVE Act), vote by mail ballots requested by military and overseas voters must be transmitted at least 45 days before an election. (52 U.S.C. § 20302(a)(8)(A)) Please be advised that the 45-day UOCAVA deadline may not be extended under any circumstances; therefore, although the 45-day deadline falls on a Saturday, military and overseas vote by mail ballots **MUST** be mailed by that date. An election authority that waits until the first business day following the 45-day deadline to mail military and overseas ballots will be considered in violation of UOCAVA. Jurisdictions failing to meet the deadline must be reported to the U.S. Congress and may be subject to civil suit filed by the U.S. Attorney General. (52 U.S.C. § 20307)

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025

### **VOTE BY MAIL – FIRST DAY TO MAIL BALLOT**

First day for the election authority 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)

### **EARLY VOTING - OFFICE OF THE ELECTION AUTHORITY**

First day for early voting at the office of the election authority and temporary locations designated by the election authority. Temporary polling places for early voting may be established at the discretion of the election authority, and the dates and hours are also at the discretion of the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15, 19A-20)

### **ORGANIZATIONS OF CITIZENS – POLLWATCHERS**

Last day for organizations of citizens that have among their purposes the investigation or prosecution of election fraud, ballot proposition proponents or opponents, and State nonpartisan civic organizations to register their names and addresses and the names and addresses of their

principal officers with the proper election authority if such organization(s) wish to qualify for pollwatchers at the Consolidated Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/7-34)

### **VOTE CENTER CERTIFICATION**

Last day for the election authority to establish a vote center where all voters in its jurisdiction are allowed to vote on Election Day during polling place hours regardless of the precinct in which the voters are registered, to identify the location, hours of operations, and any health and safety requirements of the vote center, and to certify such information to the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/11-8)

## **SUNDAY – TUESDAY, JANUARY 26-28, 2025**

### **LODGING HOUSE AFFIDAVITS**

Dates for filing Lodging House Affidavits listing the names and descriptions of those residents who list such locations as their voting addresses with Boards of Election Commissioners. (10 ILCS 5/6-56)

#### **Note:**

- **The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA) may prohibit enforcement of this provision. (52 U.S.C. § 20507)**

## **MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025**

### **PUBLICATION – NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY**

First day for the election authority to publish notice of the Consolidated Primary. The notice must include the time and place of holding the primary, the polling hours, the offices for which candidates will be nominated, the political parties entitled to participate, and the color of the primary ballots. Such notice must also include a list of precinct polling addresses unless these are published separately at least ten days prior to the Consolidated Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-15, 7-18, 12-4)

### **NURSING HOME AND LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY VOTING**

For jurisdictions conducting on-site voting for the applicable facilities, last day for the election authority to arrange with facility administrators the date and time to conduct in-person voting in such facilities and to post a notice in the office of the election authority of all such arrangements. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

#### **Note:**

- **Pursuant to Public Act 103-0600, election authorities may choose to send vote by mail ballots according to the procedures set forth in Article 19 of the Election Code, or conduct in-person vote by mail voting on the premises of facilities licensed pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, the MC/DD Act, and federally operated veteran's homes and hospitals, for the sole benefit of residents of such facilities who have made prior application and are registered to vote in that precinct.**

### **VOTE BY MAIL – CITIZENS TEMPORARILY OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES**

Last day for citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the United States who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who expect to be absent from their county of residence on Election Day to make a simultaneous application to the election authority having

jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for vote by mail registration and a vote by mail ballot and the last day for the election authority to mail such a ballot. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025**

### **CLOSE OF REGISTRATION**

Last day for regular registration or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority. Grace period registration and voting will be available after this date. Online registration through the State Board of Elections website will continue through Sunday, February 9, 2025. Area and precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for registration deadlines. (10 ILCS 5/4-6, 4-16, 5-5, 5-23, 6-29, 6-50, 6-53, 6-54)

#### **Note:**

- **Under the provisions of the NVRA, agency and motor vehicle offices will continue to accept registration after the statutory close of registration. (52 U.S.C. § 20506 et seq.) Only those registration applications completed no later than 27 days (16 days for Motor Vehicle Offices and online applications) before the election will be processed for the next ensuing election. (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5(l), 4-6, 5-5, 6-29) Applications for registration completed within five days of the registration deadline at Secretary of State Facilities and qualified agencies will be transmitted within five days of completion and must be processed for the election. (52 U.S.C. § 20506(d)(2)) A mail registration application shall be deemed timely filed if postmarked prior to the close of registration. If no postmark exists or if the postmark is illegible, the election authority shall consider the application timely filed if it is received by the election authority no later than five calendar days after the close of registration. (10 ILCS 5/19-8)**

### **CLOSE OF REGISTRATION – DEPUTY REGISTRARS**

Last day for registration of voters by deputy registrars, including municipal, township, and road district clerks and precinct committeepersons. Area and precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for registration deadlines. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2(c), 5-16.2(c), 6-50.2(c))

#### **Note:**

- **Deputy Registrars must return completed forms to the election authority within seven days of the day on which they are completed. Deputy Registrars must return all registration materials within 48 hours of registration/cancellation if the registration/cancellation was accepted between the 35<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> day preceding an election. Registrations accepted on the 28<sup>th</sup> day must be returned within 24 hours.**

## **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025**

### **GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING BEGINS**

First day for grace period registration and voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority. If the election authority does not have ballots available, the election authority may mail the ballot to the voter when available. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

### **DEPUTY REGISTRARS – LAST DAY TO RETURN MATERIALS**

Last day for deputy registrars who are officials or members of a bona fide labor organization to return unused registration materials to the election authority. Area and precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for registrations deadlines and return of material deadlines. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2(c), 5-16.2(c), 6-50.2(c))

## **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025**

### **EMPLOYEE NOTICE TO BE ELECTION JUDGE**

Last day for employee to give employer written notice that the employee will be absent from the place of employment on Election Day because the employee has been appointed as an election judge under the provisions of 10 ILCS 5/13-1 or 13-2. This provision only applies to employers with more than 25 employees. (10 ILCS 5/13-2.5,14-4.5)

## **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025**

### **VOTER REGISTRATION DATA – FOLLOWING CLOSE OF REGISTRATION**

Last day for election authority to indicate in writing that the election authority's voter registration data, including voting history from the latest election, is complete and up to date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025**

### **ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION**

Last day for voters to register to vote through the [State Board of Elections' website](#). (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5(l))

## **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

### **EARLY VOTING – PERMANENT POLLING PLACES**

First day for early voting in counties with early voting at permanent polling places other than the office of the election authority. These permanent polling places are to be open on holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15(b))

## **MONDAY - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10-11, 2025**

### **ERASURE OF NAMES FROM VOTER REGISTRY**

Dates on which any voter or precinct committeeperson may file an application with the election authority to erase names from the registry of voters. (10 ILCS 5/4-12, 5-15, 6-44)

#### **Note:**

- [The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 \(NVRA\) may prohibit enforcement of this provision. \(52 U.S.C. § 20507\)](#)

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

### **HOSPITALIZED VOTER**

First day that a qualified voter who has been admitted to a hospital, nursing home, or rehabilitation center not more than 14 days before the Consolidated Primary Election may apply to the election authority for the personal delivery of an official ballot. (10 ILCS 5/19-13)

#### **Note:**

- This provision for voting by mail is available through Election Day if the process can be completed and the voted ballot delivered to the election authority in sufficient time for the ballot to be delivered by the election authority to the election authority's central ballot counting location before 7 p.m. on Election Day.

### **POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS**

Last day for the election authority to have pollwatcher credentials available for distribution. (10 ILCS 5/7-34)

#### **Note:**

- Pollwatcher credentials, at the discretion of the election authority, may be distributed prior to this date. Credentials must be available on this date through, and including, Election Day.

## THURSDAY – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13-15, 2025

### **HEARINGS FOR REGISTRATION ERASURE – COUNTY CLERKS AND CITY OF CHICAGO**

Dates on which county clerks or the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners shall hold hearings to determine whether names in the registry of voters shall be erased, registered, or restored. (10 ILCS 5/4-13, 5-16, 6-45)

#### **Note:**

- The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA) may prohibit enforcement of this provision. (52 U.S.C. § 20507)

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

### **PUBLICATION – LAST DAY FOR NOTICE OF PRIMARY**

Last day for the election authority to publish notice of the Consolidated Primary. The notice must include the time and place of holding the primary, the polling hours, the offices for which candidates will be nominated, the political parties entitled to participate, and the color of the primary ballots. Such notice must also include a list of precinct polling addresses unless these are published separately at least 10 days prior to the Consolidated Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-15, 7-18, 12-4)

### **PUBLICATION – LAST DAY FOR NOTICE OF PUBLIC QUESTION**

Last day for the election authority to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within the jurisdiction. The notice shall be published once in a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the political or governmental subdivision. The election authority shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the election authority. The local election official shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the political or governmental subdivision. If there is no principal office, the local election official shall post the notice at the

building in which the governing body of the political or governmental subdivision held its first meeting of the calendar year in which the referendum is being held. (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

**PUBLICATION – LAST DAY FOR NOTICE OF POLLING PLACE ADDRESSES**

Last day for election authority to publish precinct polling place addresses, if not included in the Consolidated Primary Election notice. (10 ILCS 5/7-15)

**VOTE BY MAIL – LAST DAY FOR UOCAVA APPLICATIONS**

Last day for any voter who is a member of the United States Service, a servicemember's spouse, or a servicemember's dependent of voting age and who expects to be absent from the voter's county of residence on Election Day to apply for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over the precinct residence and the last day for the election authority to mail such ballots. Members of the Armed Forces may apply via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.3, 20-3)

**Note:**

- No registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to the Sections cited.

**TUESDAY – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18-20, 2025**

**HEARINGS FOR REGISTRATION ERASURE – CITY BOARDS UNDER 500K**

Dates on which boards of election commissioners (except the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners) shall hold hearings to determine whether names in the registry of voters shall be erased, registered, or restored. (10 ILCS 5/6-45)

**Note:**

- The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA) may prohibit enforcement of this provision. (52 U.S.C. § 20507)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025**

**VOTE BY MAIL – LAST DAY TO RECEIVE APPLICATION BY MAIL**

Last day for the election authority to receive applications by mail for a vote by mail ballot from any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States. (10 ILCS 5/19-2, 19-4)

**PUBLICATION – SPECIMEN BALLOTS**

Last day for the local election official to publish the specimen ballots, as near as may be, in the form in which they will appear on the official ballots on Election Day. (10 ILCS 5/7-21)

**NURSING HOME VOTING – LAST DAY FOR APPLICATION TO VOTE**

For jurisdictions conducting on-site voting for the applicable facilities, last day for a physically incapacitated voter who desires to vote in person at a federally operated veterans home, hospital, or facility of residence pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act (210 ILCS 45/1-101 *et seq.*), the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013 (210 ILCS 49/1-101 *et seq.*), the ID/DD Community Care Act (210 ILCS 47/1-101 *et seq.*) or the MC/DD Act (210 ILCS 46/1-101 *et seq.*) to apply to the election authority to vote in person at such a facility. Such voting shall take place on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Monday immediately preceding the Consolidated Primary Election, as determined by the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)



**Note:**

- Pursuant to Public Act 103-0600 election authorities may choose to send vote by mail ballots according to the procedures set forth in Article 19 of the Election Code, or conduct in-person vote by mail voting on the premises of facilities licensed pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, the MC/DD Act, and federally operated veteran's homes and hospitals, for the sole benefit of residents of such facilities who have made prior application and are registered to vote in that precinct.

**NURSING HOME VOTING – LISTING OF FACILITIES WITH NO APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

Last day (by noon) the election authority shall post the names and addresses of nursing home facilities from which no applications for vote by mail ballots have been received and in which no supervised voting will be conducted. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

**PUBLIC TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT**

Last day for the election authority to conduct public testing of automatic tabulating equipment, Optical Scan Equipment, and Direct Recording Electronic Voting Equipment. (10 ILCS 5/24B-9, 24C-9)

**Note:**

- All election authorities must provide timely notice of their public test to the State Board of Elections prior to the test. The notice must contain the date, time, and location of the test. Public notice of the time and place of the test must be given at least 48 hours prior to the test. (10 ILCS 5/24B-9, 24C-9)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025**

**OFFICIAL BALLOT INSPECTION**

Last day for the election authority to have official ballots available for inspection by candidates or their agents. (10 ILCS 5/16-5)

**FRIDAY - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - 24, 2025**

**NURSING HOME AND LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY VOTING**

For jurisdictions conducting on-site voting for the applicable facilities, the election authority will determine on which of the above dates Nursing Home voting will be conducted at federally operated veteran's homes, hospitals, and facilities licensed pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act (210 ILCS 45/1-101 *et seq.*), the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013 (210 ILCS 49/1-101 *et seq.*), the ID/DD Community Care Act (210 ILCS 47/1-101 *et seq.*) or the MC/DD Act (210 ILCS 46/1-101 *et seq.*). No later than 9:00 a.m. of the day designated by the election authority to conduct in-person voting on the premises, the election authority shall deliver official vote by mail ballots to the judges of election conducting such voting at the facility. Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., sufficient time shall be allowed for residents of the facility to vote on the premises of the facility. Immediately thereafter, the judges shall bring the sealed envelope to the office of the election authority who shall deliver the ballots to the election authority's central ballot counting location prior to the closing of the polls on the day of election. (10 ILCS 5/19-4, 19-12.2)



**Note:**

- Pursuant to Public Act 103-0600, election authorities may choose to send vote by mail ballots according to the procedures set forth in Article 19 of the Election Code, or conduct in-person vote by mail voting on the premises of facilities licensed pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, the MC/DD Act, and federally operated veteran's homes and hospitals, for the sole benefit of residents of such facilities who have made prior application and are registered to vote in that precinct.

## **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

### **EARLY VOTING – LAST DAY**

Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority and permanent locations designated by the election authority. Temporary early voting locations may be established by the election authority but are not required to maintain the same voting days and hours as the office of the election authority. (10 ILCS 19A-15, 19A-20)

### **BALLOT DELIVERY TO ELECTION JUDGES**

Last day for the election authority to deliver ballots to the judges of election (not less than 12 hours before the polls are scheduled to open). (10 ILCS 5/7-35, 16-5)

### **VOTE BY MAIL – LAST DAY FOR IN-PERSON APPLICATION**

Last day for any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States to apply in person at the election authority or approved local official for a vote by mail ballot. (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

### **CURBSIDE VOTING APPLICATION FOR INACCESSIBLE POLLING PLACES**

If a physically disabled voter is unable to enter an inaccessible polling place, the voter must register a request with the election authority that a ballot be delivered to the voter outside of the polling place. This request must be made no later than the close of business on the day preceding the election. Two election judges of opposite party affiliations will deliver a ballot to the voter at the point where the voter is unable to continue forward motion toward the polling place. (10 ILCS 5/7-47.1(b))

**Note:**

- The election authority shall notify the judges of election of the appropriate precinct of such requests.
- An application is not needed if the election authority has curbside voting open to all voters pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/17-13.5.

### **LISTS OF VOTE BY MAIL, EARLY, AND GRACE PERIOD VOTERS**

Last day for election authority to deliver (prior to opening the polling place) to the judges of election in each precinct the list of registered voters in that precinct to whom vote by mail ballots have been issued and a listing of grace period and early voters. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100, 19-4, 19A-5(c))

## **PUBLICATION – LIST OF NOMINATIONS**

Last day for the election authority in counties having a population under 500,000 to publish a list of all the nominations to be voted for at the Consolidated Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/16-10)

### **Note:**

- This provision does not apply if the local election official has already published the specimen ballot pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-21.

## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025 CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION POLLS OPEN 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM**

### **GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING – LAST DAY**

Last day of grace period registration and voting in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority. Please contact the election authority to determine the availability of grace period registration and voting in the polling place on Election Day. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

### **ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTER**

Election authorities shall establish at least one location at an office of the election authority or in the largest municipality within its jurisdiction where all voters in its jurisdiction are allowed to vote on Election Day during polling place hours, regardless of the precinct in which they are registered, and that location shall provide curbside voting. Election authorities may establish more than one vote center, but in jurisdictions with a population of more than 500,000 inhabitants, the election authority shall establish at least two vote centers. (10 ILCS 5/11-8)

## **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025**

### **VOTER REGISTRATION REOPENS**

Registration opens in the office of the election authority and with all deputy registrars including municipal, township, and road district clerks who are authorized deputy registrars. (10 ILCS 5/4-6, 5-5, 6-50)

### **UNCOUNTED BALLOTS REPORT**

No later than 48 hours after the closing of polling locations on Election Day, each election authority maintaining a website shall post the number of ballots that remain uncounted. The posting shall separate the number of ballots yet to be counted into the following categories:

- 1) Ballots cast on Election Day
- 2) Early voting ballots
- 3) Provisional ballots
- 4) Vote by mail ballots received by the election authority but not counted
- 5) Vote by mail ballots sent by the election authority that have not been returned to the election authority

This information shall be updated on the website of the election authority each day until the period for counting provisional and vote by mail ballots has ended. All election authorities, regardless of whether they maintain a website, shall share the same information, separated in the same manner, with the State Board of Elections no later than 48 hours after the closing of polling locations on

Election Day and each business day thereafter until the period for counting provisional and vote by mail ballots has ended. (10 ILCS 5/1-9.2)

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025**

### **PROVISIONAL VOTERS – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Last day a provisional voter may submit additional information to the county clerk or board of election commissioners to verify or support the voter's registration status. Materials must be received by this date. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d))

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025**

### **PROVISIONAL BALLOT COUNTING – LAST DAY**

Last day for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a))

### **VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT COUNTING – LAST DAY**

Last day for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the tabulation of vote by mail ballots that were:

- 1) Postmarked by Election Day, and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day, but not later than 14 days after the election
- 2) Not postmarked, but did have a certification date prior to the Election Day on the certification envelope, and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day, but not later than 14 days after the election
- 3) Not postmarked, but did have an intelligent mail barcode tracking system that verifies the envelope was mailed no later than Election Day, and received not later than 14 days after the election

(10 ILCS 5/19-8)

#### **Note:**

- **Voters whose ballots were rejected must be sent a notice of such along with the reason for the rejection within two days of the rejection, but in all cases prior to the end of the 14-day period in which to count the vote by mail ballots. Such voters must be given an opportunity to appear before the election authority on or before the 14<sup>th</sup> day following the election to show cause to why the ballot should not be rejected. (10 ILCS 5/19-8(g-5))**

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025**

### **CANVASSING**

Last day for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to canvass election results. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a)) Within 48 hours of a canvass, the election authority shall deliver an original certificate of results to each local election official whose political subdivision's nominations were made at the primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-56)

#### **Note:**

- **An established party with a vacancy in nomination due to failure to nominate at the February 25, 2025, Consolidated Primary Election must fill such a vacancy within five days after the date on which the canvass occurs. (10 ILCS 5/7-60.1, 7-61)**

## **VOTE BY MAIL STATISTICS**

The last day the election authority shall transmit to the State Board of Elections the following:

- 1) The number, by precinct, of vote by mail ballots requested, provided, and counted
- 2) The number of rejected vote by mail ballots
- 3) The number of voters seeking review of rejected vote by mail ballots
- 4) The number of vote by mail ballots counted following review

The report of this information must be made public by March 25, 2025.

(10 ILCS 5/19-20, 20-20)

# **AFTER THE CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION**

## **RETABULATION BEFORE PROCLAMATION BY ELECTION AUTHORITY**

Prior to the canvass, in those jurisdictions where in-precinct counting equipment is utilized, the election authority shall retabulate the total number of votes cast in 5% of the precincts within the election jurisdiction, as well as 5% of the voting devices used in early voting as selected on a random basis by the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/24B-15, 24C-15)

## **DISCOVERY RECOUNT**

Within five days after the last day for proclamation of the results, petitions for discovery recount may be filed by any qualified individual (who came within 5% of the votes cast for any successful candidate) with the appropriate county clerk or board of election commissioners. The deadline to file a discovery recount for an office canvassed by the State Board of Elections is five days after the last day for the Board to canvass. (10 ILCS 5/22-9.1)

## **BALLOT CERTIFICATION FOLLOWING PRIMARY – LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIAL**

No later than five days after the canvass and proclamation of results for the Consolidated Primary, each local election official shall certify the names of the candidates nominated at the Consolidated Primary and those who have been appointed to fill a vacancy in nomination to the proper election authority or authorities. (10 ILCS 5/7-60.1)

## **WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

Each successful write-in candidate nominated or elected at the primary shall file the following documents with the proper election authority or the State Board of Elections within 10 days from the proclamation by the appropriate board:

- 1) A Loyalty Oath (optional)
- 2) A Statement of Candidacy
- 3) A Statement of Economic Interests filing receipt

(10 ILCS 5/7-60)

## **ELECTION CONTEST**

Within 10 days after completion of the final canvass of the Consolidated Primary Election, a losing candidate may file a contest of election against the candidate nominated for the office and party (if applicable) for which they were candidates. (10 ILCS 5/7-63, 23-4, 23-5)

## **ESTABLISHED PARTY LOTTERY – LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS**

Each local election official shall conduct a public lottery for the order of placement of the established political parties on the Consolidated Election ballot. Three days' written notice of the time and place for conducting such a lottery must be sent to each party chair and to organizations that were entitled to have pollwatchers at the most recent election. The local election official shall

also post notice of the lottery in a conspicuous, open and public place. The lottery shall be prior to the certification for the Consolidated Election. The local election official shall certify the ballot placement with the proper election authorities immediately after the order of placement is determined. (10 ILCS 5/7-60.1)

**ESTABLISHED PARTY LOTTERY – BOARDS OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

Each board of election commissioners shall conduct a public lottery for the order of placement of the established political parties on the Consolidated Election ballot. Three days' written notice of the time and place for conducting such a lottery must be sent to each party chair and to organizations that were entitled to have pollwatchers at the most recent election. The election authority shall post notice of the lottery in a conspicuous, open and public place at the entrance of the election authority's office. The lottery shall be within five days following the canvass of the Consolidated Primary Election and prior to the proclamation of results. (10 ILCS 5/7-60.1)

# CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

**APRIL 1, 2025**

**(10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b))**

## **ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY, INDEPENDENT, AND NEW POLITICAL PARTY OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED:**

- Municipal (including Special Charter)
- Mayor or President
- Municipal Clerk
- Municipal Treasurer
- Municipal Alderperson or Trustee
- Township Supervisor
- Township Clerk
- Township Assessor or Multi-Township Assessor
- Highway Commissioner
- Township Collector (if elected)
  - Counties with a population of over 100,000 that have township organization, except Cook County, may conduct a referendum to discontinue the office of collector. (60 ILCS 1/50-30)
- Township Trustee

## **NONPARTISAN OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED:**

- Municipal (Council-Manager form (Councilmen at-large and from districts) and Commission form)
- Mayor or President
- Municipal Clerk
- Municipal Treasurer (Council-Manager only)
- Municipal Council Members, Commissioners, or Trustees
- Municipal – City of Chicago (run-off elections if required) (65 ILCS 20/21-26)
- Municipal – Alderperson run-off elections, if required due to unexpired term created by a vacancy (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-51, 20/21-22, 21-25)
- Park District – Commissioners and Trustees
- Public Library District – Trustees
- Township and Municipal Library – Trustees
- Regional Board of School Trustees – Trustees
- School District – Board Members (including districts under Article 33 of the School Code), School Directors, Special Charter, and Inspectors
- Community College District – Trustees
- Township Land Commissioners (in counties under 220,000 population)
- Fire Protection District – Commissioners
- Road District – Clerk and Commissioners
- Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority – Commissioners
- Fox Metro Water Reclamation District - Trustees
- Fox Waterway Agency - Directors
- Other special purpose districts (see applicable statutes)

For all citations not listed above, please see the Candidate's Guide, pages 5-6, available [here](#).

# DATES GOVERNING THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

**MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024**

## **PETITION TO REDUCE EDUCATION TAX EXTENSION – FIRST DAY**

First day for voters within a school district to file a petition for public question which will appear on the Consolidated Election ballot to reduce the tax extension for education purposes. If the territory of the school district is located wholly within a single county, the petition must be filed with the election authority. If the territory of the district spans more than one county, the petition must be filed with the State Board of Elections. (35 ILCS 200/18-206(a) and (b))

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024**

## **PETITION CIRCULATION**

First day to circulate nomination papers (must include original sheets signed by voters and circulators) for independent and new political party candidates in municipalities and townships, and nonpartisan candidates for township and municipal libraries, road districts, library districts, park districts, school boards, community college boards, the Fox Waterway Agency, the Fox Metro Water Reclamation District, regional boards of school trustees, fire protection districts, and forest preserve districts who file between November 12-18, 2024 (90 days preceding the last day to file nomination papers). (10 ILCS 5/10-4, 10-6; 615 ILCS 90/5)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024**

## **PETITION TO REDUCE EDUCATION TAX EXTENSION – LAST DAY**

Last day for voters within a school district to file a petition for public question which will appear on the Consolidated Election ballot to reduce the tax extension for education purposes. If the territory of the school district is located wholly within a single county, the petition must be filed with the election authority. If the territory of the district spans more than one county, the petition must be filed with the State Board of Elections. (35 ILCS 200/18-206(a) and (b))

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2024**

## **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CREATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

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. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(g))

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

## **NOTIFICATION OF TOWNSHIP CAUCUS**

Last day the township clerk shall notify the chair of each township central committee by first class mail of the chair's obligation to report the time and location of the party's caucus. (60 ILCS 1/45-10(a))



## **NOTIFICATION OF MULTI-TOWNSHIP CAUCUS**

Last day the multi-township clerk shall notify the chair of each multi-township central committee by first class mail of the chair's obligation to report the time and location of the party's caucus. (60 ILCS 1/45-25(c))

## **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

### **CONSOLIDATED ELECTION CANDIDATE FILING – FIRST DAY**

First day for candidates to file in the office of the local election official or Board of Election Commissioners original nominating petitions (must include original sheets signed by voters and circulators) for independent and new political party candidates in municipalities and townships, nonpartisan candidates in township and municipal libraries, library districts, park districts, school boards, community college boards, regional boards of school trustees, fire protection districts, and forest preserve districts. Fox Waterway Agency and Fox Metro Water Reclamation District candidates file their petitions with the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/10-6(2); 615 ILCS 90/5)

#### **Exception:**

- **Nomination papers for the office of Regional Board of School Trustees in a single county shall be filed in the office of the county clerk. Petitions for the office of Multi-County Regional Board of School Trustees shall be filed in the principal office of the State Board of Elections. (105 ILCS 5/6-10)**

#### **Note:**

- **Candidates who file for township or multi-township assessor must also file proof of qualification. (35 ILCS 200/2-45; 60 ILCS 1/45-30)**

## **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024**

### **NOTICE OF CAUCUS TO TOWNSHIP CLERK**

Last day each chair of the township central committee shall notify the township clerk by first class mail of the time and location of the party's caucus. (60 ILCS 1/45-10(a))

## **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024**

### **NOTICE OF CAUCUS TO MULTI-TOWNSHIP CLERK**

Last day each chair of the multi-township central committee shall notify the multi-township clerk by first class mail of the time and location of the party's caucus. (60 ILCS 1/45-25(c))

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

### **CONSOLIDATED ELECTION CANDIDATE FILING – LAST DAY**

Last day for candidates to file in the office of the local election official or Board of Election Commissioners original nominating petitions (must include original sheets signed by voters and circulators) for independent and new political party candidates in municipalities and townships, and nonpartisan candidates in township and municipal libraries, library districts, park districts, school boards, community college boards, regional boards of school trustees, fire protection districts, and forest preserve districts. Fox Waterway Agency and Fox Metro Water Reclamation District candidates file their petitions with the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/10-6(2); 615 ILCS 90/5)

**Exception:**

- **Nomination papers for the office of Regional Board of School Trustees in a single county shall be filed in the office of the county clerk. Petitions for the office of Multi-County Regional Board of School Trustees shall be filed in the principal office of the State Board of Elections. (105 ILCS 5/6-10)**

**Note:**

- **Candidates who file for township or multi-township assessor must also file proof of qualification. (35 ILCS 200/2-45; 60 ILCS 1/45-30)**

**STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS**

Last day for filing a Statement of Economic Interests with the county clerk as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. The receipt must be filed on or before this date with the local election official or election authority who received the nomination papers. The receipt must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. (5 ILCS 420/4A-105; 10 ILCS 510-5)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024**

**NOTICE OF BALLOT PLACEMENT LOTTERY**

Last day for written notice of the time and place for conducting lottery when two or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party: (a) as of the opening hour of the filing period, November 12, 2024; and/or (b) within the last hour of the filing period, November 18, 2024. (There must be seven days' notice given. If the lottery is to be held on the last statutory date, November 27, the last day to give notice is November 20.) Notice shall be given by the State Board of Elections or the election authority to the chair of each political party and to each organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction entitled to have pollwatchers present at the last election. Notice must also be posted in the office of the presiding authority. (10 ILCS 5/10-6.2)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024**

**PUBLICATION – MUNICIPAL CAUCUS**

Last day for municipal clerk to publish a notice of municipal caucus in municipalities over 500 population (in municipalities under 500, notice shall be given by the municipal clerk by posting the notice in three of the most public places in the municipality). (10 ILCS 5/10-1(a) and (b))

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024**

**OBJECTIONS – CANDIDATE NOMINATION FILING**

Last day for filing objections to the nomination papers of all candidates who filed during the November 12-18, 2024, filing period. Objections are filed with the office where the nomination papers were originally filed: State Board of Elections, election authority (county clerk or board of election commissioners), or local election official. (10 ILCS 5/10-8)

**Note:**

- **The objection period consists of five business days. If the office of the election authority or local election official is closed (or open for less than 7 hours) for days that would normally be business days, that office must extend the deadline for filing objections in that office.**

### **INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES**

Last day for an individual who has filed (during the November 12-18, 2024, filing period) nomination papers for two or more incompatible offices to withdraw from all but one of the offices with the local election official or election authority. (10 ILCS 5/10-7)

### **PUBLICATION – TOWNSHIP CAUCUS**

Last day the township board shall publish a notice stating the time and location of the caucus for each political party. (60 ILCS 1/45-10(a))

### **PUBLICATION – MULTI-TOWNSHIP CAUCUS**

Last day the multi-township central committee shall publish a notice stating the time and location of the caucus for each political party. (60 ILCS 1/45-25(c))

## **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2024**

### **BALLOT PLACEMENT LOTTERY**

Last day the lottery shall be conducted by the local election official or election authority when two or more petitions are received simultaneously for nonpartisan candidates as of the opening hour of the filing period on November 12, 2024, or during the last hour on November 18, 2024.

(10 ILCS 5/10-6.2)

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024**

### **MUNICIPAL CAUCUS**

Date on which the Municipal Caucus shall be held in municipalities under 5,000 population that have established political parties. (10 ILCS 5/10-1(a))

### **DEPUTY REGISTRARS – PARTY CHAIR LISTING OF ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS**

Last day for County Central Committee Chairs to submit a list to the election authority of applicants for additional deputy registrars. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

### **DEPUTY REGISTRARS – BEGINNING OF TERM**

Beginning of two-year term of all deputy registrars, except precinct committee persons who began their two-year term on the date of the county convention following their election.

(10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

### **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CREATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

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.

(10 ILCS 5/28-2(g))

### **PETITION TO CREATE A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

Last day to file a petition (must include original sheets signed by voters and circulators) to create a political subdivision with the appropriate officer or board. (10 ILCS 28-2(b))

#### **Note:**

- **The specific statutory provisions governing the creation of political subdivisions can be found in the relevant Code governing each subdivision.**

- **Objections can be filed on or before the date of the hearing with the appropriate circuit court clerk. (10 ILCS 5/28-4)**
- **If initial officers are to be elected at the election for creation of a new unit of government, candidates for such offices shall file nomination papers 141-134 days before the election (November 12-18, 2024). (10 ILCS 5/10-6)**
- **The circuit court clerk shall publish the hearing date for a public policy petition filed in the circuit court clerk's office not later than 14 days after the petition is filed, but at least five days before the hearing. Final orders must be served within seven days of hearing. (10 ILCS 5/28-4)**

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024**

### **TOWNSHIP CAUCUS**

Date on which the Township Caucus shall be held (in those townships that have not adopted the primary system). (60 ILCS 1/45-10)

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024**

### **MULTI-TOWNSHIP CAUCUS**

Date on which the Multi-Township Caucus shall be held. (60 ILCS 1/45-25)

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024**

### **CAUCUS CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION FILING – FIRST DAY**

First day established political party caucus certificates of nomination may be filed in the office of the local election official along with a Statement of Candidacy and (optional) Loyalty Oath for each candidate. The receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interest for each candidate may be filed any time during the filing period. (5 ILCS 420/4A-105(a); 10 ILCS 5/10-1; 10 ILCS 5/10-5; 60 ILCS 1/45-20, 45-25(e), 45-30)

#### **Note:**

- **Candidates who file for township or multi-township assessor must also file a proof of qualification. (35 ILCS 200/2-45; 60 ILCS 1/45-30)**

### **OBJECTIONS TO NEW POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PETITION**

Last day to file objections to petitions to create a political subdivision in the appropriate office where the petitions were originally filed. (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024**

### **CAUCUS CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION FILING – LAST DAY**

Last day established political party caucus certificates of nomination may be filed in the office of the local election official along with Statement of Candidacy and Loyalty Oath (optional) for each candidate. The receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interests for each candidate may be filed any time during the filing period. (5 ILCS 420/4A-105; 10 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-6(2); 60 ILCS 1/45-20, 45-25(e), 45-30; 615 ILCS 90/5)

#### **Note:**

- **Candidates who file for township or multi-township assessor must also file a proof of qualification. (35 ILCS 200/2-45; 60 ILCS 1/45-30)**

### **VOTER REGISTRATION DATA – FIRST DAY TO CERTIFY**

First day for election authorities to indicate in writing that their voter registration data, including voting history from the latest election, is complete and up to date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2024**

### **OBJECTIONS - CAUCUS NOMINATION DOCUMENTS**

Last day for filing objections to the caucus certificates of nomination and nomination papers filed during the December 9-16, 2024, filing period. Objections are filed with the office where the nomination papers were originally filed: State Board of Elections, election authority, or local election official. (10 ILCS 5/10-8)

#### **Note:**

- **The objection period consists of five business days. If the office of the election authority or local election official is closed or open for less than 7 hours on days that would normally be business days, that office must extend the deadline for filing objections in that office.**

### **UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT CERTIFICATION**

Last day for the Regional Superintendent of Schools to certify to the State Board of Elections a list of each unit school district under the superintendent's supervision and control and a listing of each county in which all or any part of each of those districts is located. (105 ILCS 5/6-5)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2024**

### **VOTER REGISTRATION DATA**

Last day for election authorities to indicate in writing that their voter registration data, including voting history from the latest election, is complete and up to date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2024**

### **REFERENDA FILING**

Last day for filing petitions (must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators) for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local). (10 ILCS 5/28-2(a), 28-6, 28-7)

#### **Exception:**

- **Propositions to create a political subdivision and referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code. (35 ILCS 200/18-120; 235 ILCS 5/9)**

#### **Note:**

- **Petitions to initiate backdoor referenda must be filed under the deadline specified in the specific statute authorizing the referenda, but in no case later than 92 days prior to the ensuing election.**

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025

### **UNITED STATES SERVICEMEMBER APPLICATION FOR BALLOT**

First day for any voter who is a member of the United States Service, a servicemember's spouse, or a servicemember's dependent of voting age and who expects to be absent from the voter's county of residence on Election Day to apply for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over the voter's residence. Members of the Armed Forces may apply via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.3, 20-3)

#### **Note:**

- **No registration shall be required to vote pursuant to the Sections cited.**

### **VOTE BY MAIL REGISTRATION – CITIZENS TEMPORARILY OUTSIDE THE U.S.**

First day for a citizen of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States who is not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who expects to be absent from the voter's county of residence on Election Day to simultaneously apply to the election authority having jurisdiction over the voter's precinct of residence for registration and a vote by mail ballot. Citizens of the United States may apply via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

### **VOTE BY MAIL – FIRST DAY TO APPLY**

First day for any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States to apply by mail or in person to the election authority for an official vote by mail ballot. Please note that mailing and delivery of ballots does not begin until Thursday, February 20, 2025 (or March 7, 2025, if a primary was held). (10 ILCS 5/19-2, 19-4)

## MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025

### **LIST OF VOTERS**

Last day for election authorities to provide to each county chair, or county chair's representative, precinct lists prepared for the 2024 General Election marked to indicate which registrants voted at the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/4-11, 5-14, 6-60)

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025

### **OBJECTIONS – REFERENDA**

Last day to file objections to petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local). Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same office in which the original petitions were filed. (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

#### **Exception:**

- **Proposition to create a political subdivision and referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code. (35 ILCS 200/18-120; 235 ILCS 5/9)**

#### **Note:**

- **For procedures on objections, see page 46 (except those filed with the Circuit Clerk).**

## MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025

### LISTING OF UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify a list of unit school districts and counties encompassed by the school districts to the election authorities. (105 ILCS 5/6-5)

### REFERENDA RESOLUTIONS

Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a binding public question to appear on the ballot. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(c))

Last day for County, Municipal, Township, Library, and Park Boards to authorize the placement of advisory referenda on the ballot by resolution. (10 ILCS/ 5/28-2(c), 55 ILCS 5/2-3002, 5-1005.5; 60 ILCS 1/30-205, 80-80; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60; 70 ILCS 1205/8-30; 75 ILCS 5/4-18; 105 ILCS 5/9-1.5)

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025

### VACANCY IN NOMINATION

Last day for an established political party (local established or statewide established) to fill a vacancy in nomination for failure to nominate at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> municipal caucus, December 3<sup>rd</sup> township caucus, or the December 4<sup>th</sup> multi-township caucus.

Last day for an established party to fill a vacancy when the party does not have to conduct a primary election and the party has fewer candidates who filed than positions to fill for the particular office (i.e. when an office or offices were not just uncontested, but an insufficient number of candidates filed for such office or offices). (10 ILCS 5/7-60.1, 7-61)

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025

### ESTABLISHED PARTY BALLOT PLACEMENT LOTTERY

Last day for the **local election official** to conduct a lottery for established party placement on the ballot when the parties nominate by caucus or when no primary is being held. Three days' written notice must be given to the County Chair of each established political party, and to organizations entitled to have pollwatchers present on Election Day. Notice must also be posted in the office of the presiding authority. (10 ILCS 5/7-60, 7-60.1, 10-6.2)

#### Note:

- We suggest the lottery be held no later than January 22, 2025, in order to certify the ballot by January 23, 2025.

### BALLOT CERTIFICATION

Last day for the local election official (including township clerk) to certify candidates and the offices they have filed for to the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/7-60.1; 60 ILCS 1/45-20)

Last day for the election authorities in single county educational service regions to certify candidates for Regional Trustees to the election authorities in those counties having unit school districts under the supervision and control of the single county educational service region. (10 ILCS 5/10-15; 105 ILCS 5/6-5)



Last day for the State Board of Election to certify Multi-County Regional Trustees, Fox Waterway Agency, and Fox Metro Water Reclamation District candidates to the election authorities. (10 ILCS 5/7-60.1; 105 ILCS 5/6-5)

Last day for the circuit court clerk and the local election official to certify any binding public question or advisory referenda to the election authority having jurisdiction over the political subdivision. (10 ILCS 5/28-5)

#### **WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY**

Last day candidates may file a Withdrawal of Candidacy in the office of the local election official, election authority, or the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/10-7; 65 ILCS 20/21-29)

## **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025**

#### **OBJECTIONS – VACANCY IN NOMINATION**

Last day to file an objection to resolutions for filling a vacancy in nomination by an established party for (1) failure to nominate at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> municipal caucus, December 3<sup>rd</sup> township caucus, or the December 4<sup>th</sup> multi-township caucus or (2) when the party does not have to conduct a primary election and the party has fewer candidates filed than positions to fill for the particular office. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-11)

## **THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025**

#### **WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

Last day a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the proper election authority or authorities (appropriate county clerk(s) and/or board(s) of election commissioners). Write-in votes shall only be counted for candidates who have filed a Declaration of Intent. Write-in declarations are NOT filed with the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/17-16.1)

## **FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025**

#### **PUBLICATION – VOTING AIDS**

Last day the election authority shall provide public notice, calculated to reach elderly voters and voters with disabilities, of the availability of registration and voting aids under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, of the availability of assistance in marking the ballot, procedures for voting by mail, and procedures for early voting. (10 ILCS 5/7-15, 12-1)

#### **PUBLICATION – PUBLIC QUESTION**

First day for the election authority to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon during the Consolidated Election within the jurisdiction. The election authority shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the election authority. The local election official shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the political or governmental subdivision. If there is no principal office, the local election official shall post the notice at the building in which the governing body of the political or governmental subdivision held its first meeting of the calendar year in which the referendum is being held. (10 ILCS 5/12-5(a))

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025

### **PUBLICATION – NEW VOTING DEVICES**

Last day for the election authority to publish notice that mechanical or electronic voting devices will be used for the first time at the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/24-1.1, 24B-3, 24C-3)

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

### **POSTING FOR EARLY VOTING – LAST DAY TO POST**

Last day for election authority to post schedule for early voting conducted at the office of the election authority and each temporary location. Posting shall remain at each site until the last day of the early voting period (March 31, 2025). If the election authority has a website, it shall make the schedule available on the website. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25(b) and (d))

### **SCHEDULE FOR EARLY VOTING – LAST DAY TO PROVIDE TO SBE**

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

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

### **PUBLICATION – FIRST DAY TO PUBLISH EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE**

First day for the election authority to publish (1) the location of each permanent and temporary site for early voting and the precincts served by each location, and (2) the dates and hours that early voting will be conducted at each location. The election authority shall publish this information once during the week before early voting begins, and at least once per week during the statutory period for early voting. If the election authority maintains a website, the election authority shall make the schedule available on the website. (10 ILCS 19A-25(a)(d))

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025

### **VOTE BY MAIL – UOCAVA**

Last day for the election authority to have in the office a sufficient number of ballots printed and available for mailing to persons in the United States Service, their spouses, their dependents of voting age, and citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States. (10 ILCS 5/16-5.01) Last business day to mail these ballots. (52 U.S.C. § 20302(a)(8)(A))

#### **Note:**

- Pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), as amended by the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (the MOVE Act), vote by mail ballots requested by military and overseas voters must be transmitted at least 45 days before an election. (52 U.S.C. § 20302(a)(8)(A)) Please be advised that the 45-day UOCAVA deadline may not be extended under any circumstances; therefore, although the 45-day deadline falls on a Saturday, military and overseas vote by mail ballots **MUST** be mailed by that date. An election authority that waits until the first business day following the 45-day deadline to mail military and overseas ballots will be considered in violation of UOCAVA. Jurisdictions failing to meet the deadline must be reported to the U.S. Congress and may be subject to civil suit filed by the U.S. Attorney General. (52 U.S.C. § 20307)

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

### **VOTE BY MAIL – FIRST DAY TO MAIL BALLOT**

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

### **EARLY VOTING – OFFICE OF THE ELECTION AUTHORITY**

First day for early voting at the office of the election authority and temporary locations designated by the election authority. Temporary polling locations for early voting can be established at the discretion of the election authority, and the dates and hours are also at the discretion of the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15, 19A-20)

### **VOTE CENTER CERTIFICATION**

Last day for the election authority to establish a vote center where all voters in its jurisdiction are allowed to vote on Election Day during polling place hours regardless of the precinct in which they are registered, to identify the location, hours of operations, and any health and safety requirements of the vote center and certify such information to the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/11-8)

### **ORGANIZATION OF CITIZENS – POLLWATCHERS**

Last day for organizations of citizens that have among their purposes the investigation or prosecution of election fraud, ballot proposition proponents or opponents, and state nonpartisan civic organizations to register their names and addresses and the names and addresses of their principal officers with the proper election authority if such organization(s) wish to qualify for pollwatchers at the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/17-23, 18-6)

## SUNDAY-TUESDAY, MARCH 2-4, 2025

### **LODGING HOUSE AFFIDAVITS**

Dates for filing Lodging House Affidavits listing the names and descriptions of each resident who lists such a location as the resident's voting address, with the boards of election commissioners (10 ILCS 5/6-56)

#### **Note:**

- **The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA) may prohibit the enforcement of this provision. (52 U.S.C. § 20507)**

## TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025

### **PUBLICATION – FIRST DAY TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED ELECTION**

First day for the election authority to publish notice of the Consolidated Election. The notice must include the polling hours and the offices for which candidates will be elected. Such notice must also include a list of precinct polling addresses unless published separately at least 10 days prior to the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/12-4)

### **NURSING HOME AND LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY VOTING**

For jurisdictions conducting on-site voting for the applicable facilities, last day for the election authority to arrange with facility administrators the date and time to conduct in-person voting in such facilities and to post a notice in the office of the election authority of all such arrangements. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

**Note:**

- Pursuant to Public Act 103-0600, election authorities may choose to send vote by mail ballots according to the procedures set forth in Article 19 of the Election Code, or conduct in-person vote by mail voting on the premises of facilities licensed pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, the MC/DD Act, and federally operated veteran's homes and hospitals, for the sole benefit of residents of such facilities who have made prior application and are registered to vote in that precinct.

**VOTE BY MAIL – CITIZENS TEMPORARILY OUTSIDE U.S.**

Last day for citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who expect to be absent from their county of residence on Election Day to simultaneously apply to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for registration and a vote by mail ballot. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

**CLOSE OF REGISTRATION**

Last day for regular registration or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority. Grace period registration and voting will be available after this date. Online voter registration through the State Board of Elections website will continue through March 16, 2025. Area and precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for registration deadlines. (10 ILCS 5/4-6, 4-16, 5-5, 5-23, 6-29, 6-50, 6-53, 6-54)

**Note:**

- Under the provisions of the NVRA, agency and motor vehicle offices will continue to accept registration after the statutory close of registration. (52 U.S.C. § 20506 et seq.) Only those registration applications completed no later than 27 days (16 days for Motor Vehicle Offices and online applications) before the election will be processed for the next ensuing election. (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5(I), 4-6, 5-5, 6-29) Applications for registration completed within five days of the registration deadline at Secretary of State Facilities and qualified agencies will be transmitted within five days of completion and must be processed for the election. (52 U.S.C. § 20506(d)(2)) A mail registration application shall be deemed timely filed if postmarked prior to the close of registration. If no postmark exists or if the postmark is illegible, the application shall be considered timely filed if received by the election authority no later than five calendar days after the close of registration. (10 ILCS 5/19-8)

**CLOSE OF REGISTRATION – DEPUTY REGISTRARS**

Last day for registration of voters by deputy registrars, including municipal, township, and road district clerks and precinct committee persons. Area and precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for registration deadlines. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2(c), 5-16.2(c), 6-50.2(c))

**Note:**

- Deputy Registrars must return completed forms to the election authority within seven days of the day on which they are completed. Deputy Registrars must return all registration materials within 48 hours of registration/cancellation if the registration/cancellation was accepted between the 35<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> day preceding an

election. Registrations accepted on the 28<sup>th</sup> day must be returned within 24 hours. (10 ILCS 5/6-50.2(c))

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025**

### **GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING BEGINS**

First day for grace period registration and voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority. If the election authority does not have ballots available, the election authority may mail the ballot to the voter when available. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

### **DEPUTY REGISTRARS – LAST DAY TO RETURN MATERIALS**

Last day for deputy registrars who are officials or members of a bona fide labor organization to return unused registration materials to the election authority. Area and precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for the registration deadlines. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2(c), 5-16.2(c), 6-50.2(c))

## **FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025**

### **EARLY VOTING AND VOTE BY MAIL (IF PRIMARY WAS HELD)**

First day to vote early or by mail if a primary was held in the election jurisdiction. (10 ILCS 5/19-4)

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025**

### **EMPLOYEE NOTICE TO BE ELECTION JUDGE**

Last day for employee to give employer written notice that the employee will be absent from the place of employment on Election Day because the employee has been appointed as an election judge under the provisions of 10 ILCS 5/13-1 or 13-2. This only applies to employers with more than 25 employees. (10 ILCS 5/13-2.5, 14-4.5)

## **FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025**

### **VOTER REGISTRATION DATA – FOLLOWING CLOSE OF REGISTRATION**

Last day for election authorities to indicate in writing that their voter registration data, including voting history from the last election, is complete and up to date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025**

### **ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION**

Last day for voters to register to vote through the [State Board of Elections' website](#). (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5(l))

## MONDAY – TUESDAY, MARCH 17-18, 2025

### ERASURE OF NAMES FROM VOTER REGISTRY

Dates on which any voter or precinct committeeperson may file an application with the election authority to erase names from the registry of voters. (10 ILCS 5/4-12, 5-15, 6-44)

#### Note:

- **The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA) may prohibit the enforcement of this provision. (52 U.S.C. § 20507)**

## TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025

### HOSPITALIZED VOTER

First day a qualified voter who has been admitted to a hospital, nursing home, or rehabilitation center not more than 14 days before the Consolidated Election (December 8, 2024) may apply to the election authority for the personal delivery of a vote by mail ballot. (10 ILCS 5/19-13)

#### Note:

- **This provision for voting by mail is available through Election Day if the process can be completed and the voted ballot returned to the election authority in sufficient time for delivery of the ballot to the election authority's central ballot counting location before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.**

### POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS

Last day for the State Board of Elections or the election authority to have pollwatcher credentials available for distribution. (10 ILCS 5/17-23)

#### Note:

- **Pollwatcher credentials, at the discretion of the election authority, may be distributed prior to this date. Credentials must be available on this date through, and including, Election Day.**

### REGISTRATION REPORT FOR EACH COUNTY CHAIR

Last day for county clerks (other than Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, and Will Counties) to provide to each county chair or their representative, precinct lists prepared for the 2025 Consolidated Election marked to indicate the names of all persons who have registered since the 2025 Consolidated Primary. (10 ILCS 5/4-11)

#### Note:

- **There is no statutory requirement or deadline for these lists preceding a Consolidated Election in jurisdictions under boards of election commissioners (including Peoria County) or in counties with a population over 500,000 which includes Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, or Will counties. These statutes specify only that such lists be prepared and distributed prior to the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/5-14, 6-60)**

## **THURSDAY-SATURDAY, MARCH 20-22, 2025**

### **HEARINGS FOR REGISTRATION ERASURE – COUNTY CLERKS AND CITY OF CHICAGO**

Dates on which county clerks or the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners shall hold hearings to determine whether names in the registry of voters shall be erased, registered, or restored. (10 ILCS 5/4-13, 5-16, 6-45)

#### **Note:**

- **The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA) may prohibit enforcement of this provision. (52 U.S.C. § 20507)**

## **MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025**

### **PUBLICATION – LAST DAY FOR NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED ELECTION**

Last day for the election authority to publish notice of the Consolidated Election. The notice must include the polling hours and the offices for which candidates will be elected. Such notice must also include a list of precinct polling addresses unless these are published separately at least 10 days prior to the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/12-4)

### **PUBLICATION – LAST DAY FOR NOTICE OF PUBLIC QUESTION**

Last day for the election authority to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within the jurisdiction. The notice shall be published once in a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the political or governmental subdivision. The election authority shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the election authority. The local election official shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the political or governmental subdivision. If there is no principal office, the local election official shall post the notice at the building in which the governing body of the political or governmental subdivision held its first meeting of the calendar year in which the referendum is being held. (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

### **PUBLICATION – LAST DAY FOR NOTICE OF POLLING PLACE ADDRESSES**

Last day for election authority to publish precinct polling place addresses, if not included in the Consolidated Election notice. (10 ILCS 5/12-4)

### **VOTE BY MAIL – LAST DAY FOR UOCAVA APPLICATIONS**

Last day for any voter who is a member of the United States Service, a servicemember's spouse, or a servicemember's dependent of voting age and who expects to be absent from the voter's county of residence on Election Day to apply for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over the precinct residence and the last day for the election authority to mail such ballots. Members of the Armed Forces may apply via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.3, 20-3)

#### **Note:**

- **No registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to the Sections cited.**



## TUESDAY – THURSDAY, MARCH 25 – 27, 2025

### **HEARINGS FOR REGISTRATION ERASURE – BOARDS UNDER 500K**

Dates on which boards of election commissioners (except the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners) shall hold hearings to determine whether names in the registry of voters shall be erased, registered, or restored. (10 ILCS 5/6-45)

#### **Note:**

- **The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA) may prohibit the enforcement of this provision. (52 U.S.C. § 20507)**

## THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025

### **PUBLIC TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT**

Last day for the election authority to conduct public testing of automatic tabulating equipment, Optical Scan Equipment, and Direct Recording Electronic Voting Equipment. (10 ILCS 5/24B-9, 24C-9)

#### **Note:**

- **All election authorities must provide timely written notice of their public test to the State Board of Elections prior to the test. The notice must contain the date, time, and location of the test. Public notice of the time and place of the test must be given at least 48 hours prior to the test. (10 ILCS 5/24B-9, 24C-9)**

### **NURSING HOME VOTING – LAST DAY FOR APPLICATION TO VOTE**

For jurisdictions conducting on-site voting for the applicable facilities, last day for a physically incapacitated voter who desires to vote in person at a federally operated veterans home, hospital, or facility of residence pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act (210 ILCS 45/1-101 *et seq.*), the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013 (210 ILCS 49/1-101 *et seq.*), the ID/DD Community Care Act (210 ILCS 47/1-101 *et seq.*) or the MC/DD Act (210 ILCS 46/1-101 *et seq.*), to apply to the election authority to vote in person at such a facility. Such voting shall take place on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Monday immediately preceding the Consolidated Election, as determined by the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

#### **Note:**

- **Pursuant to Public Act 103-0600 election authorities may choose to send vote by mail ballots according to the procedures set forth in Article 19 of the Election Code, or conduct in-person vote by mail voting on the premises of facilities licensed pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, the MC/DD Act, and federally operated veteran's homes and hospitals, for the sole benefit of residents of such facilities who have made prior application and are registered to vote in that precinct.**

### **NURSING HOME VOTING – LISTING OF FACILITIES WITH NO APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

Last day (by noon) the election authority shall post the names and addresses of nursing home facilities from which no applications for vote by mail ballots have been received and in which no supervised voting will be conducted.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

## **VOTE BY MAIL – LAST DAY TO RECEIVE APPLICATION BY MAIL**

Last day for the election authority to receive applications by mail for a vote by mail ballot from any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025**

## **OFFICIAL BALLOT INSPECTION**

Last day for the election authority to have official ballots available for inspection by candidates or their agents. (10 ILCS 5/16-5)

**FRIDAY – MONDAY, MARCH 28 – 31, 2025**

## **NURSING HOME AND LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY VOTING**

For jurisdictions conducting on-site voting for the applicable facilities, the election authority will determine on which of the above dates Nursing Home voting will be conducted at federally operated veteran's homes, hospitals, and facilities licensed pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act (210 ILCS 45/1-101 *et seq.*), the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013 (210 ILCS 49/1-101 *et seq.*), the ID/DD Community Care Act (210 ILCS 47/1-101 *et seq.*) or the MC/DD Act (210 ILCS 46/1-101 *et seq.*). No later than 9:00 a.m. of the day designated by the election authority to conduct in-person voting on the premises, the election authority shall deliver official vote by mail ballots to the judges of election conducting such voting at the facility. Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., sufficient time shall be allowed for residents of the facility to vote on the premises of the facility. Immediately thereafter, the judges shall bring the sealed envelope to the office of the election authority who shall deliver the ballots to the election authority's central ballot counting location prior to the closing of the polls on the day of election. (10 ILCS 5/19-4, 19-12.2)

### **Note:**

- Pursuant to Public Act 103-0600, election authorities may choose to send vote by mail ballots according to the procedures set forth in Article 19 of the Election Code, or conduct in-person vote by mail voting on the premises of facilities licensed pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, the MC/DD Act, and federally operated veteran's homes and hospitals, for the sole benefit of residents of such facilities who have made prior application and are registered to vote in that precinct.

**MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025**

## **EARLY VOTING – LAST DAY**

Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority and locations designated by the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15, 19A-20)

## **CURBSIDE VOTING APPLICATION FOR INACCESSIBLE POLLING PLACES**

If a physically disabled voter is unable to enter an inaccessible polling place, the voter must register a request with the election authority that a ballot be delivered to the voter outside of the polling place. This request must be made no later than the close of business on the day preceding the election. Two election judges of opposite party affiliations will deliver a ballot to the voter at the point where the voter is unable to continue forward motion toward the polling place. (10 ILCS 5/17-13(b), 18-5.1)

**Note:**

- The election authority shall notify the judges of election of the appropriate precinct of such requests.
- An application is not needed if the election authority has curbside voting open to all voters, pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/17-13.5.

**BALLOT DELIVERY TO ELECTION JUDGES**

Last day for the election authority to deliver ballots to the judges of election (not less than 12 hours before the polls are scheduled to open). (10 ILCS 5/16-5)

**VOTE BY MAIL – LAST DAY FOR IN-PERSON APPLICATIONS**

Last day for any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States to request a vote by mail ballot in person at the office of the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

**LISTS OF VOTE BY MAIL, EARLY, AND GRACE PERIOD VOTERS**

Last day for election authority to deliver, prior to opening the polling place, to the judges of election in each precinct the list of registered voters in that precinct to whom vote by mail ballots have been issued by mail and a listing of grace period and early voters. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100, 19-4, 19A-5(c))

**PUBLICATION – LIST OF NOMINATIONS**

Last day for the election authority in counties having a population under 500,000 to publish a list of all the nominations to be voted for at the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/16-10)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025  
CONSOLIDATED ELECTION  
POLLS OPEN 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM**

**GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING – LAST DAY**

Last day of grace period registration and voting in the office of the election authority or at locations designated for this purpose by the election authority. Please contact the election authority to determine the availability of grace period registration and voting in the polling place on Election Day. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

**ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTER**

Election authorities **shall** establish at least one location at an office of the election authority or in the largest municipality within its jurisdiction where all voters in its jurisdiction are allowed to vote on Election Day during polling place hours, regardless of the precinct in which they are registered, and that location shall provide curbside voting. In jurisdictions with a population of more than 500,000 inhabitants, the election authority shall establish at least two vote centers.

Election authorities **may** establish more than one vote center. (10 ILCS 5/11-8)

## THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025

### **VOTER REGISTRATION REOPENS**

Registration opens in the office of the election authority and with all deputy registrars including municipal, township, and road district clerks who are authorized deputy registrars.

(10 ILCS 5/4-6, 5-5, 6-50)

### **UNCOUNTED BALLOTS REPORT**

No later than 48 hours after the closing of polling locations on Election Day, each election authority maintaining a website shall post the number of ballots that remain uncounted. The posting shall separate the number of ballots yet to be counted into the following categories:

- 1) Ballots cast on Election Day
- 2) Early voting ballots
- 3) Provisional ballots
- 4) Vote by mail ballots received by the election authority but not counted
- 5) Vote by mail ballots sent by the election authority that have not been returned to the election authority

This information shall be updated on the website of the election authority each day until the period for counting provisional and vote by mail ballots has ended. All election authorities, regardless of whether they maintain a website, shall share the same information, separated in the same manner, with the State Board of Elections no later than 48 hours after the closing of polling locations on Election Day and each business day thereafter until the period for counting provisional and vote by mail ballots has ended. (10 ILCS 5/1-9.2)

## TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025

### **PROVISIONAL VOTERS – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Last day a provisional voter may submit additional information to the county clerk or board of election commissioners to verify or support the voter's registration status. Material must be received by this date. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d))

## TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

### **PROVISIONAL BALLOT COUNTING – LAST DAY**

Last day for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a))

### **VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT COUNTING – LAST DAY**

Last day for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the tabulation of vote by mail ballots that were:

- 1) Postmarked by Election Day, and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day, but not later than 14 days after the election
- 2) Not postmarked, but did have a certification date prior to the Election Day on the certification envelope, and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day, but not later than 14 days after the election
- 3) Not postmarked, but did have an intelligent mail barcode tracking system that verifies the envelope was mailed no later than Election Day, and received not later than 14 days after the election

(10 ILCS 5/19-8)

**Note:**

- Voters whose ballots were rejected must be sent a notice of such along with the reason for the rejection within two days of the rejection, but in all cases prior to the end of the 14-day period in which to count the vote by mail ballots. Such voters must be given an opportunity to appear before the election authority on or before the 14<sup>th</sup> day following the election to show cause to why the ballot should not be rejected. (10 ILCS 5/19-8(g-5))

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025**

### **CANVASSING**

Last day for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to canvass the election results. (10 ILCS 5/22-17)

### **VOTE BY MAIL STATISTICS**

The last day the election authority shall transmit to the State Board of Elections the following:

- 1) The number, by precinct, of vote by mail ballots requested, provided, and counted
- 2) The number of rejected vote by mail ballots
- 3) The number of voters seeking review of rejected vote by mail ballots
- 4) The number of vote by mail ballots counted following review

The report of this information must be made public by April 29, 2025.

(10 ILCS 5/19-20, 20-20)

## **AFTER THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION**

### **RETABULATION BEFORE PROCLAMATION BY ELECTION AUTHORITY**

Prior to the canvass, in those jurisdictions where in-precinct counting equipment is utilized, the election authority shall retabulate the total number of votes cast in 5% of the precincts within the election jurisdiction, as well as 5% of the voting devices used in early voting as selected on a random basis by the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/24B-15, 24C-15)

### **AFTER PROCLAMATION BY ELECTION AUTHORITY**

The election authority shall issue a certificate of election to each person declared elected. For political subdivisions that are multi-county, the election authority of the county where the principal office of the political subdivision is located shall issue the certificate of election.

(10 ILCS 5/22-18)

### **WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

Each successful write-in candidate elected at the Consolidated Election shall file the following documents with the proper election authority or the State Board of Elections within 10 days from the proclamation by the appropriate board:

- 1) A Loyalty Oath (optional)
- 2) A Statement of Candidacy
- 3) A Statement of Economic Interests filing receipt

(10 ILCS 5/22-7)

## **DISCOVERY RECOUNT**

Within five days after the last day for proclamation of the results, petitions for discovery recount may be filed by any qualified individual (who came within 5% of the votes cast for any successful candidate) with the appropriate county clerk or board of election commissioners. The deadline to file a discovery recount for an office canvassed by the State Board of Elections is five days after the last day for the Board to canvass. (10 ILCS 5/22-9.1)

## **ELECTION CONTEST**

In general, the circuit court shall hear election contests. Individuals should refer to the particular statute that applies to the unit of government. (10 ILCS 5/23-4, 23-5, 23-19, 23-20)

## **TAKING OFFICE**

Municipal Office (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-15)  
City of Chicago (65 ILCS 20/21-22)  
Township Supervisor, Clerk, and Trustees (60 ILCS 1/50-15, 50-40)  
Township and Multi-Township Assessors (35 ILCS 200/2-45)  
Township Collectors (60 ILCS 1/50-15)  
Road Districts (605 ILCS 5/6-116)  
Public Library District and Local Libraries (75 ILCS 5/4-3, 4-6, 16/30-10)  
Fox Waterway Agency (615 ILCS 90/5)  
Fox Metro Water Reclamation District (70 ILCS 2405/3)  
Park Districts (70 ILCS 1205/2-12)  
Forest Preserve Districts (70 ILCS 805/3.5a)  
School District Members under Article 33 (105 ILCS 5/33-1a)  
Regional Board of School Trustees (105 ILCS 5/6-17)  
School Districts (105 ILCS 5/10-16)  
School Directors (105 ILCS 5/10-4)  
Community Colleges (110 ILCS 805/3-8)  
Fire Protection Districts (70 ILCS 705/4)  
Township Land Commissioners (105 ILCS 5/15-24)  
Southwestern Illinois Community College (110 ILCS 805/3-7)  
Lincoln Land Community College (110 ILCS 805/3-7)

**FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025**

## **CANVASS – STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Last day for the State Board of Elections to canvass and proclaim the results for the Fox Waterway Agency and Fox Metro Water Reclamation District offices. (10 ILCS 5/22-7; 70 ILCS 2405/3)

**THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025**

## **VOTER REGISTRATION DATA – FIRST DAY TO CERTIFY**

First day for election authorities to indicate in writing that their voter registration data, including voting history from the latest election, is complete and up to date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

## **IVRS AND POLLING PLACE ACCESSIBILITY GRANT DUE**

Last day for the election authority to submit a reimbursement request through IVRS via the Grants tab for the IVRS Grant and the Polling Place Accessibility Grant for the FY25 grant period (July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025).

**TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025**

**VOTER REGISTRATION DATA – LAST DAY TO CERTIFY**

Last day for election authorities to indicate in writing that their voter registration data, including voting history from the latest election, is complete and up to date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)



# PROCEDURES ON OBJECTIONS

All citations contained herein are to the Election Code within the Illinois Compiled Statutes, 10 ILCS 5/10-8 through 10-10.1.

## **FILING OBJECTION PETITION**

Nomination papers shall be deemed to be valid unless an objection is filed in writing, including **an original and 2 copies, within 5 business days** after the last day for filing nomination papers.

## **PROCESSING OBJECTION**

**Not later than 12:00 noon on the second business day** after the receipt of objector's petitions, the election authority or local election officials **shall transmit by registered mail or receipted personal delivery** the certificate of nomination or nomination papers and the original objector's petition to the chair of the proper electoral board designated in 10 ILCS 5/10-9, or an authorized agent, and **shall transmit a copy by registered mail or receipted personal delivery** of the objector's petitions to the candidate whose certificate of nomination or nomination papers are objected to, addressed to the place of residence designated in the certificate of nomination or nomination papers.

## **RESPONSIBILITY OF CHAIR OF ELECTORAL BOARD**

**Within 24 hours** after the receipt of objector's petition, the chair of the electoral board other than the State Board of Elections shall **send a call by registered or certified mail** to each of the members of the electoral board, the objector, the candidate, the election authority to whom the ballot is certified, and the appropriate county clerk. The chair shall also cause the sheriff of the county or counties in which the officers and persons reside to serve a copy of the call upon each of the officers and persons.

In those cases where the State Board of Elections is the designated electoral board, the Chair of the State Board of Elections shall send the call to the objector and candidate whose certificate of nomination or nomination papers are objected to stating the day, hour, and place at which the State Board of Elections shall meet (the electoral board hearing may be held in the principal or permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections).

For a full listing of the composition of all electoral boards, please refer to 10 ILCS 5/10-9.

## **ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING**

**Meetings** of electoral board **shall not be less than 3 nor more than 5 days after receipt of the objector's petitions** by the chair of the electoral board.

## **JUDICIAL REVIEW FILED**

**Within 5 days after the decision of the electoral board**, the candidate or objector aggrieved by a decision of the board may file a petition for judicial review with the clerk of the circuit court. **Court hearings are to be held within 30 days after the filing of the petition** and the decision delivered promptly thereafter.

## **NO JUDICIAL REVIEW**

If no petition for judicial review has been filed **within 5 days after the decision of the electoral board, the electoral board shall transmit a copy of its ruling, together with the original**

**certificate of nomination or nomination papers or petitions and the original objector's petitions,** to the officers or board with whom they were on file, to the election authority to whom the ballot is certified, and to the appropriate county clerk. The officer or board shall abide by and comply with the ruling so made to all intents and purposes.

# CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR

## DECEMBER 2024 QUARTERLY REPORT OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the December Quarterly Report extends from October 1, 2024 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through December 31, 2024, inclusively. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

First day that any political committee shall file its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025

Last day for a political committee to file its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

## CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION FEBRUARY 25, 2025

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2024

First day of the period during which independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more made by a political committee must be reported electronically within two (2) business days after making the independent expenditure. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(e))

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

First day of the period during which any receipt of a contribution of \$1,000 or more by a political committee participating in the election must be reported within two (2) business days following its receipt. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(c))

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025

Last day of the period during which any receipt of a contribution of \$1,000 or more by a political committee participating in the election must be reported within two (2) business days following its receipt. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(c))

## MARCH 2025 QUARTERLY REPORT JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2025

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

First day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

**MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025**

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the March Quarterly Report extends from January 1, 2025 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through March 31, 2025, inclusively. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

**TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025**

First day that any political committee shall file its March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

**TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025**

Last day for a political committee to file its March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

**CONSOLIDATED ELECTION  
APRIL 1, 2025**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025**

First day of the period during which any receipt of a contribution of \$1,000 or more by a political committee participating in the election must be reported within two (2) business days following its receipt. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(c))

**MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025**

Last day of the period during which independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more made by a political committee must be reported electronically within two (2) business days after making the independent expenditure. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(e))

**MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025**

Last day of the period during which any receipt of a contribution of \$1,000 or more by a political committee participating in the election must be reported within two (2) business day following its receipt. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(c))

**JUNE 2025 QUARTERLY REPORT  
APRIL 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025**

First day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

**MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2025**

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the June Quarterly Report extends from April 1, 2025 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through June 30, 2025, inclusively. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

**TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2025**

First day that any political committee shall file its June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

**TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025**

Last day for a political committee to file its June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

**SEPTEMBER 2025 QUARTERLY REPORT  
JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

**TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2025**

First day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the September Quarterly Report extends from July 1, 2025 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through September 30, 2025, inclusively. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025**

First day that any political committee shall file its September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025**

Last day for a political committee to file its September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

**DECEMBER 2025 QUARTERLY REPORT  
OCTOBER 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025**

First day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. (10 ILCS 5/0-10(b))

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025**

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the December Quarterly Report extends from October 1, 2025 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through December 31, 2025, inclusively. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026**

First day that any political committee shall file its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026**

Last day for a political committee to file its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

**SCHEDULE A-1 REPORTS**

A political committee must file a report of any contribution of \$1,000 or more from one source with the Board within five (5) business days after receipt of the contribution, except that the report shall be filed within two (2) business days if received within 30 days prior to an election by a political committee. The dates during which the two-business day filing period must be observed are included within the above calendar.

**SCHEDULE B-1 REPORTS**

A political committee must file a report of any independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more it makes with the Board within five (5) business days after making the independent expenditure, except that the report shall be filed within two (2) business days if made within 60 days prior to an election by a political committee. The dates during which the two-business day filing period must be observed are included within the above calendar

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