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2014 ELECTION CALENDAR

Second Revised July 29, 2014

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CHANGES IN SECOND REVISION (JULY 29, 2014)
TO
2014 ELECTION CALENDAR

Includes changes made by P.A. 98-691 (House Bill 105), effective July 1, 2014 for the November 4, 2014 General Election only:

- Changes the time voters may make application for an absentee ballot by mail, or in person or online to not more than 90 (currently 40) days prior to the election – Wednesday, August 6, 2014 instead of Thursday, September 25, 2014
- Extends the last day for Early Voting to the 2nd (now the 3rd) day before Election Day – Sunday, November 2, 2014 instead of Saturday, November 1, 2014 – and changes voting hours for Early Voting at permanent polling places during the last week of Early Voting to 7:00 PM (now 5:00 PM)
- Extends the last day for Grace Period registration and voting at permanent polling places for Early Voting until the close of the polls on Election Day (now the 3rd day before Election Day) – Tuesday, November 4, 2014 instead of Saturday, November 1, 2014

CHANGES IN REVISION (AUGUST 20, 2013)
TO
2014 ELECTION CALENDAR

Includes changes made by Public Act 98-0115 (House Bill 2418), effective July 29, 2013:

- Allows grace period voting by mail only if the election authority has not ballots prepared at the election authority's office
- Increases from 2 calendar days to 7 calendar days the time within which a provisional voter may submit to the election authority (and by which the election authority must receive) additional information concerning his or her eligibility to cast a provisional ballot

Includes minimum signature requirements for candidate nominating petitions to be filed with the State Board of Elections (calculated by the State Board of Elections) and with the Cook County Clerk (calculated by the Cook County Clerk).

PREFACE

The Chicago Board of Election Commissioners is pleased to provide this 2014 Election Calendar to inform interested citizens of important dates and nominating petition signature requirements that pertain to the nomination and election of candidates for offices by voters in the City of Chicago at the March 18, 2014 Primary Election and the November 4, 2014 General Election.

This publication is intended as a guide and not as a legal document. The information contained in this publication is drawn from provisions of federal and state law current as of July 29, 2014 (through Public Act 98-691). This publication also incorporates information provided by the Illinois State Board of Elections and the Cook County Clerk's office, but the contents of this publication are not identical in all respects with similar calendars produced by those agencies. You are encouraged, therefore, to consult the calendars published by the Illinois State Board of Elections and/or the Cook County Clerk's office to determine whether there might be a difference concerning an important date or piece of information.

The Illinois State Board of Election also publishes a "2014 Candidate's Guide" that contains information on filing dates, general requirements for filing and specific requirements for individual offices. The Illinois State Board of Elections also makes available "suggested" sample petition forms for the various types of elective offices throughout the State of Illinois. The Candidate's Guide and sample petition forms are or will be available at the State Board of Elections' office at 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, Illinois 60604 (312-814-6440) or by going to the State Board's web site at <http://www.elections.state.il.us>

TO THE EXTENT THAT THE INFORMATION IN THIS CALENDAR CONFLICTS WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL OR STATE LAW, THOSE LAWS PREVAIL OVER THE CALENDAR. YOU ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE CONCERNING YOUR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS AS A VOTER OR AS A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OR POLITICAL OFFICE AND YOU SHOULD NOT RELY SOLELY ON THE CONTENTS OF THIS PUBLICATION.

OFFICES TO BE FILLED IN 2014 ELECTIONS

March 18, 2014 - Primary Election

To Be Nominated:

United States Senator
Governor and Lieutenant Governor
Attorney General
Secretary of State
Comptroller
Treasurer
Representatives in Congress
State Senators
Representatives in the General Assembly
Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (3 to be nominated)
President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners
County Clerk of Cook County
Treasurer of the Cook County
Sheriff of Cook County
Assessor of Cook County
County Commissioners of Cook County (17 from single member districts)
Commissioner of the Board of Review of Cook County (District 3)
Supreme, Appellate, Circuit and Sub-circuit Judges (to fill vacancies if required)

To Be Elected:

State Central Committeeman *
Democratic Party (one Committeeman and one Committeewoman per Congressional District)
**Republican Party State Central Committee members are elected at party county convention*

November 4, 2014 - General Election

To be Elected:

United States Senator
Governor and Lieutenant Governor
Attorney General
Secretary of State
Comptroller
Treasurer
Representatives in Congress
State Senators
Representatives in the General Assembly
Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (3 to be elected)
President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners
County Clerk of Cook County
Treasurer of the Cook County
Sheriff of Cook County
Assessor of Cook County
County Commissioners of Cook County (17 from single member districts)
Commissioner of the Board of Review of Cook County (District 3)
Supreme, Appellate, Circuit and Sub-circuit Court Judges (to fill vacancies if required)
Judicial Retention

Petitions to be filed with the State Board of Elections

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

United States Senator
Representatives in Congress
Governor and Lieutenant Governor
Attorney General
Secretary of State
Comptroller
Treasurer
State Senators
Representatives in the General Assembly
Judicial Officers
State Central Committeemen

Petitions to be filed with the Clerk of Cook County

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

County Clerk of Cook County
Treasurer of Cook County
Sheriff of Cook County
Assessor of Cook County
Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
President of the Board of County Commissioners of Cook County
County Commissioners of Cook County
Commissioner of the Board of Review of Cook County

Established Political Party Candidates

First day to circulate nominating petition sheets:	Tuesday, September 3, 2013
First day to file nomination papers:	Monday, November 25, 2013
Last day to file nomination papers:	Monday, December 2, 2013

Supplemental filing period for judicial vacancies occurring during period November 8 through December 2, 2013:

First Day:	Monday, December 16, 2013
Last Day:	Monday, December 23, 2013

Independent and New Political Party Candidates

First day to circulate nominating petition sheets:	Tuesday, March 25, 2014
First day to file nomination papers:	Monday, June 16, 2014
Last day to file nomination papers:	Monday, June 23, 2014

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

FEDERAL, STATE, LEGISLATIVE OFFICES STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEMEN¹

*United States Senator, Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State,
Comptroller and Treasurer*

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

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

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

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

District	Democratic*	Republican*	Green	Independent**	New Party***
1	1,314	337	N/A	16,815 – 26,903	16,815
2	1,256	289	N/A	15,683 – 25,092	15,683
3	719	548	N/A	12,970 – 20,751	12,970
4	686	145	N/A	8,607 – 13,771	8,607
5	942	455	12	14,393 – 23,027	14,393
7	1,322	179	N/A	15,298 – 24,476	15,298
9	1,004	514	N/A	15,547 – 24,874	15,547

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

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

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

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

District	Democratic*	Republican*	Independent**	New Party***
3	1,000 – 3,000	1,000 – 3,000	4,502 – 7,202	4,502
6	1,000 – 3,000	1,000 – 3,000	5,126 – 8,201	5,126
12	1,000 – 3,000	1,000 – 3,000	2,634 – 4,214	2,634
15	1,000 – 3,000	1,000 – 3,000	4,723 – 7,555	4,723
18	1,000 – 3,000	1,000 – 3,000	5,050 – 8,079	5,050
39	1,000 – 3,000	1,000 – 3,000	3,864 – 6,181	3,864

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

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

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

¹ Source: Illinois State Board of Elections

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

District	Democratic*	Republican*	Unity*	Independent**	New Party***
1	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	1,157 – 1,850	1,157
2	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	1,245 – 1,990	1,245
3	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	1,268 – 2,018	1,268
4	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	1,730 – 2,766	1,730
5	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,388 – 3,819	2,388
6	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,115 – 3,383	2,115
8	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,450 – 3,919	2,450
9	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,266 – 3,624	2,266
10	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	2,381 – 3,808	2,381
11	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,456 – 3,928	2,456
12	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,671 – 4,272	2,671
13	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,169 – 3,469	2,169
14	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,037 – 3,257	2,037
15	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,008 – 3,212	2,008
16	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	1,811 – 2,896	1,811
19	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	1,919 – 3,068	1,919
20	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,130 – 3,406	2,130
21	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	1,079 – 1,725	1,079
22	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	1,515 – 2,422	1,515
23	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	1,394 – 2,228	1,394
24	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	1,241 – 1,985	1,241
25	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,208 – 3,532	2,208
26	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,531 – 4,048	2,531
27	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,877 – 4,603	2,877
28	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,529 – 4,045	2,529
29	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,574 – 4,117	2,574
31	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,450 – 3,919	2,450
32	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,058 – 3,291	2,058
33	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,518 – 4,027	2,518
34	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,662 – 4,258	2,662
35	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,697 – 4,314	2,697
36	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,353 – 3,764	2,353
39	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	1,523 – 2,436	1,523
40	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	1,489 – 2,381	1,489
55	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,091 – 3,345	2,091
78	500 – 1,500	500 – 1,500	N/A	2,499 – 3,996	2,499

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

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

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

SUPREME, APPELLATE, CIRCUIT AND SUB-CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES²

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

District	Democratic*	Republican*	Independent**	New Party***
1	3,604	1,602	25,000 – 113,996	25,000

* Equal to 0.4% of number of votes cast in district for candidate of same party for Governor at last general election at which a Governor was elected (November 2010), but in no event less than 500 signatures (10 ILCS 5/7-10(h))

** Not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at next preceding regular election in such district at which voted as a unit to elect officers to serve the district (whenever the minimum exceeds the minimum for office to be filled by voters of State at large, minimum shall be 25,000) (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

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

Cook County Circuit and Subcircuit Court Judge

District	Democratic*	Republican*	Independent**	New Party***
Cook Circuit	3,263	1,000	25,000 – 162,445	25,000
1 st Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	4,590 – 7,343	4,590
2 nd Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	7,060 – 11,295	7,060
3 rd Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	6,879 – 11,005	6,879
4 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	6,708 – 10,731	6,708
5 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	3,955 – 6,327	3,955
6 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	5,295 – 8,471	5,295
7 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	6,445 – 10,311	6,445
8 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	8,755 – 14,007	8,755
9 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	7,049 – 11,278	7,049
10 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	6,580 – 10,527	6,580
11 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	6,304 – 10,086	6,304
12 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	7,766 – 12,425	7,766
13 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	7,372 – 11,795	7,372
14 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	3,537 – 5,658	3,537
15 th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	5,902 – 9,443	5,902

* Equal to 0.25% of number of votes cast for judicial candidate of same party who received highest number of votes at the last general election at which judicial officer from same circuit was regularly scheduled to be elected, but in no event less than 500 signatures (10 ILCS 5/7-10(h))

** Not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at next preceding regular election in such district at which voted as a unit to elect officers to serve the district (whenever the minimum exceeds the minimum for office to be filled by voters of State at large, minimum shall be 25,000) (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

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

² Source: Illinois State Board of Elections

State Central Committeeman*

Democratic 100	Republican N/A (Republican Party State Central Committeeman elected at Party Convention)
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* At least 100 of primary electors of party in congressional district (10 ILCS 5/7-10(f))

COOK COUNTY OFFICERS & METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT³

*President of the Board of County Commissioners of Cook County
County Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff, Assessor*

District	Democratic*	Republican*	Independent**	New Party***
Cook	7,443	2,710	25,000 -- 162,445	25,000

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

** Not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at next preceding regular election in such district at which voted as a unit to elect officers to serve the district (whenever the minimum exceeds the minimum for office to be filled by voters of State at large, minimum shall be 25,000) (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

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

County Commissioners of Cook County

District	Democratic*	Republican*	Independent**	New Party***
1	438	160	5,972 – 9,555	5,972
2	438	160	5,972 – 9,555	5,972
3	438	160	5,972 – 9,555	5,972
4	438	160	5,972 – 9,555	5,972
5	438	160	5,972 – 9,555	5,972
6	438	160	5,972 – 9,555	5,972
7	438	160	5,972 – 9,555	5,972
8	438	160	5,972 – 9,555	5,972
9	438	160	5,972 – 9,555	5,972
10	438	160	5,972 – 9,555	5,972
11	438	160	5,972 – 9,555	5,972
12	438	160	5,972 – 9,555	5,972
13	438	160	5,972 – 9,555	5,972
14	438	160	5,972 – 9,555	5,972
15	438	160	5,972 – 9,555	5,972
16	438	160	5,972 – 9,555	5,972
17	438	160	5,972 – 9,555	5,972

* In the first primary election following a redistricting, at least 0.5% of qualified electors of party in entire county who cast votes at last preceding general election (determined by taking total vote cast for the candidate for that

³ Source: Cook County Clerk

political party who received highest number of votes in Cook County at last general election in Cook County), divided by total number of County Board districts comprising the County Board (17), but in no event less than 25. (10 ILCS 5/7-10(d)(2); 5/7-10)

** For the first election following a redistricting, equal to not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of total number of votes cast at preceding general election for the county office for which the greatest total number of votes were cast for all candidates, divided by number of districts, but in any event not less than 25 (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

*** For the first election following a redistricting, not less than 5% of total number of votes cast at preceding general election for the county office for which the greatest total number of votes were cast for all candidates, divided by number of districts, but in any event not less than 25 (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

Commissioner of the Board of Review of Cook County

District	Democratic*	Republican*	Independent**	New Party***
3	5,215	2,710	25,000 -- 59,624	25,000

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

** Not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at next preceding regular election in such district at which voted as a unit to elect officers to serve the district (whenever the minimum exceeds the minimum for office to be filled by voters of State at large, minimum shall be 25,000) (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

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

Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

District	Democratic*	Republican*	Green*	Independent**	New Party***
MWRD	7,305	2,634	1,005	25,000 – 159,041	25,000

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

** Not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at next preceding regular election in such district at which voted as a unit to elect officers to serve the district (whenever the minimum exceeds the minimum for office to be filled by voters of State at large, minimum shall be 25,000) (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

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

PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014

Established Political Party Primary Nominations

Tuesday, September 3, 2013

First day to circulate nominating petitions for candidates of established political parties who are required to file their petitions during the period from November 25 through December 2, 2013 (no petition sheet shall be circulated more than 90 days preceding last day for filing such petition). (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 5/8-8)

Monday, November 25, 2013

First day for candidates of established political parties to file original nomination papers for Federal, State, Legislative and Judicial offices and for Democratic Party State Central Committeeman in the principal office of the State Board of Elections (not more than 113 days prior to the primary). (10 ILCS 5/7-12(1), 5/8-9)⁴

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

Monday, December 2, 2013

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

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

Last day for candidates filing nomination papers from November 25 through December 2, 2013 to file a Statement of Economic Interests with the proper office as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act (Exception: candidates for federal offices and political party offices are not required to file economic interest statements). The receipt must be filed on or before this date with the election authority with whom the original nomination papers were filed. (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; 10 ILCS 5/7-12(8), 5/8-8)

NOTE: If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed for a candidate to the same office, the State Board of Elections or the election authority with whom nomination papers were filed will, within 2 business days, notify the candidate of his or her multiple petition filings. The candidate must within 3 business days after receipt of the notice notify the State Board of Elections or the appropriate election authority if he or she wishes to cancel one set of petitions. If the candidate fails to notify the State Board of Elections or the appropriate election authority, then only the first set of petitions filed will be deemed valid and all subsequent petitions will be void. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(11), 5/8-9(4), 5/10-6.2)

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Last day for State Board of Elections or the County Clerk to give written notice of the time and place for conducting a lottery to break ties and determine the order of filing and ballot position where two or more petitions are filed simultaneously for the same office as of the opening hour of the filing period on November 25, 2013 or within the last hour of filing deadline on December 2, 2013 (at least 7 days written notice). Notice shall be given to the chairman of each political party and to each organization of citizens with the election jurisdiction entitled to have pollwatchers present at the last preceding election. Notice must be also posted at the entrance to each office of the State Board of Elections or County Clerk. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 5/8-9)

Monday, December 9, 2013

Last day to file objections to nomination papers of candidates filing nomination papers from November 25 through December 2, 2013 (within 5 business days of last day for filing petitions). Objections to petitions filed with

⁴ The State Board of Elections advises that its offices will be closed on November 28 and 29 in observance of Thanksgiving holidays.

the State Board of Elections are filed in the principal or permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections. Objections to petitions filed with the Clerk of Cook County are filed in the office of the Clerk of Cook County. (10 ILCS 5/7-12.1, 5/8-9.1, 5/10-8)

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

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Last day for State Board of Elections or the County Clerk to conduct a lottery to break ties and determine the order of filing and ballot position where two or more petitions are filed simultaneously for the same office as of the opening hour of the filing period on November 25, 2013 or within the last hour of filing deadline on December 2, 2013 (within 9 days of the last day for filing petitions). (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 5/8-9)

Monday, December 16, 2013

First day for candidates of established political parties to file original nomination papers for all judicial vacancies occurring within the 3-week period (November 8 through December 2) preceding the 106th day before the primary (December 2, 2013) (not more than 92 days prior to date of primary). File in the principal office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(1))

Monday, December 23, 2013

Last day for candidates of established political parties to file original nomination papers for all judicial vacancies occurring within the 3-week period (November 8 through December 2) preceding the 106th day before the primary (December 2, 2013) (not less than 85 days prior to date of primary). File in the principal office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(1))

Last day for candidates filing nomination papers during the special judicial filing period from December 16 through December 23, 2013 to file a Statement of Economic Interests with the Secretary of State as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. The receipt must be filed on or before this date with the State Board of Elections. (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; 10 ILCS 5/7-12(8))

Thursday, December 26, 2013

Last day for State Board of Elections to give written notice of the time and place for conducting a lottery to break ties and determine the order of filing and ballot position where two or more petitions are filed simultaneously for the same office as of the opening hour of the special judicial filing period on December 16, 2013 or within the last hour of filing deadline on December 23, 2013 (at least 7 days written notice). Notice shall be given to the chairman of each established political party and to each organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction entitled to have pollwatchers present at the last preceding election. Notice must also be posted at the entrance to each office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6))

Tuesday, December 31, 2013

Last day for a candidate for whom nomination papers have been filed for 2 or more offices which are incompatible during the special judicial filing period from December 16 through December 23, 2013 to withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such offices (within 5 business days following last day for petition filing). (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9))

Last day to file objections to nomination papers of judicial candidates who filed nomination papers during the special judicial filing period from December 16 through December 23, 2013 (within 5 business days following last day for petition filing). File in the principal or permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-12.1, 5/10-8)

Thursday, January 2, 2014

Last day for State Board of Elections to conduct a lottery to break ties and determine the order of filing and ballot position where two or more petitions are filed simultaneously for the same office as of the opening hour of the special judicial filing period on December 16, 2013 or within the last hour of filing deadline on December 23, 2013 (within 9 days of last day for filing petitions – moved to next business day after New Year’s Day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 5/10-6.2)

Thursday, January 9, 2014

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

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

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

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

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

Write-In Candidates

Thursday, January 16, 2014

Last day (by 5:00 p.m.) a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate (not later than 61 days prior to the primary) (Exception: If an objection to the person's nomination papers or petitions for the office is sustained after this date, the person may file a Declaration of Intent not later than 7 days before the election (March 11, 2014)). File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners and in the office of every election authority having jurisdiction over the district in which the person seeks to be a write-in candidate. Write-in votes will be counted only for persons who have filed a Declaration of Intent. (10 ILCS 5/7-59(b))

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

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

Referenda

Thursday, October 17, 2013

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

Monday, November 18, 2013

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

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

Monday, November 25, 2013

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

Monday, December 16, 2013

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

Monday, December 23, 2013

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

Monday, December 30, 2013

Last day for governing boards of political subdivisions to adopt an ordinance or resolution initiating the placement of public questions on the ballot pursuant to law (not less than 79 days before the election – actual date is Sunday, December 29, 2013 – move to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/28-2(c); 55 ILCS 5/5-1005.5; 60 ILCS 1/80-80; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60; 70 ILCS 1205/8-30)

Thursday, January 9, 2014

Last day for the Circuit Court Clerk and the City Clerk to certify any question of public policy to the election authority having jurisdiction over the political subdivision (not less than 68 days before the election). (10 ILCS 5/28-5)

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

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

First day for the Board to publish notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within the jurisdiction (not more than 30 days before the election – actual date is Sunday, February 16, 2014 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

Monday, March 10, 2014

Last day for the Board to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within the jurisdiction (not less than 10 days before the election – actual date is Saturday, March 8, 2014 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). A copy of the notice shall be posted at the principal office of the Board of Election Commissioners and the City Clerk of the City of Chicago shall post a copy at the principal office of the City of Chicago. (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

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

Monday, November 18, 2013

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

Monday, December 2, 2013

Last day for Chairman of the County Central Committees of established political parties to submit list of additional deputy registrar applicants to the Board of Election Commissioners (by November 30 of each year –

moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/6-50.2)

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to complete any systematic program to remove ineligible voters from the registration rolls prior to the March 18, 2014 General Primary Election (at least 90 days before the election). (42 USC 1973gg-6(c)(2)(A))

Saturday, January 25, 2014

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

Thursday, February 6, 2014

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

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Through

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

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

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Last day to register to vote or to transfer registration to a new address in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners for the Primary Election (no new registrations during the 27 days preceding the election), with the exception of “grace period” registration and voting from February 19 through March 15, 2014. (10 ILCS 5/6-29, 5/6-50, 5/6-51, 5/6-53, 5/6-100)

Last day for registration of voters by deputy registrars and registrars in library branch offices for the Primary Election. Completed registrations and supporting materials shall be returned to the office of the Board of Election Commissioners within 24 hours of receipt by the registrar or by the close of business on February 19, 2014. (10 ILCS 5/6-35.03, 5/6-50.2)

Last day for voter registration or to transfer registration to a new address by mail or in qualifying State agencies and in Secretary of State driver’s license examination stations for the Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/6-29, 5/6-50, 5/6-51, 5/6-53)

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

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

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

First day of “grace period” registration and voting in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners or at a voter registration location specifically designated for this purpose by the Board. During the grace period, individuals may register to vote or submit a change of registered voter’s address in person in the Board’s office or at designated locations. If such individuals wish to vote at the first election or primary after the grace period, they must do so either in person at the Board’s office or at a location designated for that purpose, unless the Board has no ballots printed, in which such case the individual may vote by mail. (10 ILCS 5/6-100)

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

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

Friday, February 28, 2014

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

Monday, March 3, 2014

Last day to publish Notice of Primary stating the time and place of holding the Primary, the hours during which polls will be open, the offices to be listed on the ballot, and the political parties entitled to participate (not less than 15 days before the election). (10 ILCS 5/7-15)

Last day to publish an announcement of the color of the primary ballots of the respective parties (not less than 15 days before the election). Such notice shall be published for at least 1 week in at least 2 newspapers of general circulation published in the county. Such announcement shall also be posted in a conspicuous place in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. (10 ILCS 5/7-18)

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

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

Thursday, March 13, 2014

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

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

Saturday, March 15, 2014

Last day for “grace period” registration and voting in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners or at a voter registration location specifically designated for this purpose by the Board (until the 3rd day before the election). (10 ILCS 5/6-100)

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

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

Absentee Voting and Voting by Disabled Persons

Monday, December 9, 2013

Last day State Board of Elections shall certify to the Board a list of facilities licensed or certified under the Nursing Home Care Reform Act of 1979 (not less than 100 days before the election – actual date is Sunday, December 8, 2013 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). The list shall indicate bed capacity and the chief administrator of each such facility. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

Friday, January 17, 2014

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to provide public notice, calculated to reach the elderly and handicapped voter, of the registration and voting aids under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act and of the availability of assistance in marking the ballot, and procedures for voting by absentee

ballot (at least 60 days before the election). (10 ILCS 7-15)

Saturday, February 1, 2014

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

Thursday, February 6, 2014

First day for a registered voter within the confines of the United States who is eligible to vote absentee to make application by mail or in person for an Absent Voter's Ballot for the Primary Election (not more than 40 days prior to the election). (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to arrange with nursing home administrators a mutually convenient time period on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday immediately preceding the primary election to conduct voting on the premises of such facilities and to post in a prominent place in the offices of the Board a notice of the agreed day and time period for conducting such voting at each facility (not less than 30 days before the election – actual date is Sunday, February 16, 2014 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

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

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

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

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

Monday, March 10, 2014

Last day for non-resident civilians, otherwise qualified to vote, to make application to the Board of Election Commissioners for an absentee ballot containing Federal offices only (not less than 10 days before the election – actual date is Saturday, March 8, 2014 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). Such application may be made only on the official postcard. No registration is required. May apply via fax machine or electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.2)

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

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Last day any registered voter who is within the confines of the United States and who is eligible to vote by absentee ballot may apply by mail for an Absent Voter's Ballot for the Primary Election (not less than 5 days before the election). (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

Last day for any physically incapacitated voter who is a resident of a facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act to apply to vote at such facility (not less than 5 days before the election). (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

Last day by noon (on the Thursday before the election) for the Board of Election Commissioners to post the

names and addresses of nursing home facilities from which no applications for absentee ballot have been received and in which no supervised voting will be conducted. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

Friday, March 14, 2014

Saturday, March 15, 2014

Sunday, March 16, 2014

Monday, March 17, 2014

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

Monday, March 17, 2014

Last day any registered voter who is eligible to vote by absentee ballot may apply in person at the office of the Board of Election Commissioners for an Absent Voter's Ballot for the Primary Election (not less than 1 day before the election). (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

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

Early Voting, Primary Election Day and Post-Election Activities

February 24-28, 2014

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

Monday, March 3, 2014

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

Saturday, March 15, 2014

Last day for early voting at the offices of the Board and at polling place locations designated by the Board (3rd day before the election). (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014 PRIMARY ELECTION

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

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

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

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

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

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

Last day for the Board to process and count valid absent voters' ballots mailed and postmarked by midnight

preceding the opening of the polls on election day (or, if postmark is absent, date of certification on envelope precedes election day) but received after the close of the polls and by this date (before the close of period for counting provisional ballots). (10 ILCS 5/19-8(c))

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

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

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

Friday, April 18, 2014

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

Thursday, May 8, 2014

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

Monday, May 19, 2014

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to provide each county chairman a coded list of registered voters in each precinct indicating the political party primary each voter requested (within 60 days after the primary). (10 ILCS 5/6-66)

Vacancy in Nomination where No Candidate Nominated at Primary

Monday, June 2, 2014

Last day for legislative or representative committee of established political party to nominate a candidate to fill a vacancy in nomination when no candidate was nominated for the office of State Senator or Representative in the General Assembly at the General Primary Election (within 75 days after primary – actual date is Sunday, June 1, 2014 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). Person designated by appropriate committee of political party to fill vacancy in nomination when no candidate was nominated at the General Primary Election shall file together his or her nominating petitions, statement of candidacy, notice of appointment by the appropriate committee and receipt of filing his or her statement of economic interests. Such nominating petitions shall contain the number of signatures required for an established party candidate for that office. The circulation period for those petitions begins on the day the appropriate committee designates that person. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 5/8-17)

Monday, June 9, 2014

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

GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014

Independent Candidates and New Political Party Candidates

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

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

Monday, June 16, 2014

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

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

Monday, June 23, 2014

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

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

Last day for candidates filing nomination papers from June 16 through June 23, 2014 to file a Statement of Economic Interests with the proper office as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act (Exception: candidates for federal offices and political party offices are not required to file economic interest statements). The receipt must be filed on or before this date with the election authority with which the original nomination papers were filed. (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; 10 ILCS 5/10-5)

Wednesday, June 25, 2014

Last day for the State Board of Elections or the election authority with whom petitions are filed to give written notice of the time and place for conducting a lottery to break ties and determine ballot position when 2 or more petitions are filed simultaneously for the same office as of the opening hour of the filing period on June 16, 2014 or within the last hour of filing deadline on June 23, 2014 (at least 7 days written notice). (10 ILCS 5/10-6.2)

Monday, June 30, 2014

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

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

Wednesday, July 2, 2014

Last day for the State Board of Elections or the election authority with whom petitions are filed to conduct a lottery to break ties and determine ballot position when 2 or more petitions are filed simultaneously for the same office as of the opening hour of the filing period on June 16, 2014 or within the last hour of filing deadline on June 23, 2014 (within 9 days of the last day for filing petitions). (10 ILCS 5/10-6.2)

Thursday, August 21, 2014

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

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

Friday, August 22, 2014

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

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

Wednesday, August 27, 2014

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

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

Thursday, August 28, 2014

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

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

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

Thursday, September 4, 2014

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

Established Political Parties**Thursday, August 21, 2014**

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

NOTE: Any vacancy in nomination occurring after certification of the candidates to the ballot but prior to 15 days before the election must be filled within 8 days after the event creating the vacancy. Vacancies on

nomination occurring 15 days or less before the election shall not be filled. (10 ILCS 5/7-61)

NOTE: This date and these provisions DO NOT apply to vacancies in nomination created due to failure to nominate a candidate at the General Primary. See page 16 herein, "Vacancies in Nomination Where No Candidate Nominated at Primary."

Friday, August 22, 2014

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

Wednesday, August 27, 2014

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

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

Thursday, August 28, 2014

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

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

Thursday, September 4, 2014

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

Judicial Candidates*

Sunday, May 4, 2014

Last day for any Supreme, Appellate or Circuit Judge whose term expires in December 2014 to file a Declaration of Judicial Candidacy to be retained in office (not less than 6 months before the General Election preceding expiration of term of office). File in the office of the Secretary of State. (Illinois Constitution, Article VI, Section 12(d))

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

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

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

Write-In Candidates

Thursday, September 4, 2014

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

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

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

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

Referenda (including Local Option Referenda)

Sunday, March 23, 2014

First day it is permissible to circulate and sign a petition for the submission of a local option proposition under the Liquor Control Act of 1934 if the petition is filed on the last day (July 23, 2014). None of the signatures on such petition may be signed more than 4 months before the filing of the petition. (235 ILCS 5/9-4)

Monday, May 5, 2014

Last day to file petitions with the Secretary of State to amend Article IV of the State Constitution (at least 6 months before the General Election – actual date is Sunday, May 4, 2014 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/28-9)

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

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

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

Thursday, June 5, 2014

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

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

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

*NOTE: Under Section 10-8 of the Election Code, the deadline to file objections to petitions to amend Article IV of the Illinois Constitution and statewide advisory questions is 35 business days after the last day for filing such petitions, which is June 24, 2014. Section 28-4 of the Election Code provides that such objections may be filed within 42 business days after the petition is filed, which is July 3, 2014 if the petition is filed on the last day to file such petitions. The State Board of Elections has stated its intention to apply the more generous of the two calculations to determine the timeliness of the objections. (10 ILCS 5/28-4)

Monday, July 7, 2014

Last day notice of intention to file a petition to create a political subdivision whose officers are to be elected rather than appointed may be published in a newspaper within the proposed political subdivision, or if none, in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed territory (at least 122 days prior to election – the actual date is Saturday, July 5, 2014 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/28-2)

Last day to file original petition to create a political subdivision with the appropriate officer or board (at least 122 days prior to election – the actual date is Saturday, July 5, 2014 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/28-2)

Monday, July 14, 2014

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

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

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

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

Monday, August 4, 2014

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

Monday, August 11, 2014

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

Monday, August 18, 2014

Last day for governing boards of political subdivisions to adopt an ordinance or resolution initiating the placement of public questions on the ballot pursuant to law (not less than 79 days before election – actual date is Sunday, August 17, 2014 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/28-2)

Friday, August 22, 2014

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

Sunday, August 24, 2014

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

Thursday, August 28, 2014

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

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

Monday, October 6, 2014

First day for the Board of Election Commissioners to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon at the General Election (not more than 30 days before election – actual date is Sunday, October 5, 2014 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

Monday, October 27, 2014

Last day for the election authority to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within the jurisdiction (not less than 10 days before election – actual date is Saturday, October 25, 2014 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). A copy of the notice shall be posted at the principal office of the Board of Election Commissioners and the City Clerk of the City of Chicago shall post a copy at the principal office of the

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

Absentee Voting and Voting by Disabled

Monday, July 28, 2014

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify a list of facilities licensed or certified under the Nursing Home Care Reform Act of 1979 (not less than 100 days before election – actual date is Sunday, July 27, 2014 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). The list shall indicate bed capacity and the chief administrator of each such facility. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

Wednesday, August 6, 2014

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

Friday, September 5, 2014

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

Saturday, September 20, 2014

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

Monday, October 6, 2014

Last day for an unregistered citizen temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States to make simultaneous application for absentee registration and an absentee ballot (not less than 30 days before election actual date is Sunday, October 5, 2014 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). However, if the Board receives one of such applications after 30 days but not less than 10 days before the election, the applicant will be sent a ballot containing Federal offices only and registration for that election will be waived. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 5/20-3)

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to arrange with nursing home administrators a mutually convenient time period on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday immediately preceding the general election to conduct voting on the premises of such facilities and to post in a prominent place in the offices of the Board a notice of the agreed day and time period for conducting such voting at each facility (not less than 30 days before election actual date is Sunday, October 5, 2014 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

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

Monday, October 27, 2014

Last day for unregistered citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and who expect to be absent from their county of residence on election day to make simultaneous application to the election authority having jurisdiction over his/her precinct of residence for absentee registration and an absentee ballot a ballot containing Federal offices only (not less than 10 days before election – actual date is Saturday, October 25, 2014 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). If application is received after 30 days but not less than 10 days before the election, the applicant shall be sent a ballot containing Federal offices only and registration is waived. Application should be made on the Federal Post Card Application or on forms provided by

the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1)

Last day any member of the United States Service (i.e., a member of the Armed Forces while on active duty or a member of the Merchant Marine, and his/her spouse and dependents of voting age residing with or accompanying him/her, as well as a United States government employee serving outside the territorial limits of the United States) who expects to be absent from his/her county of residence on election day may apply for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over their residence (not less than 10 days before election – actual date is Saturday, October 25, 2014 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). No registration is required to vote. Application should be made on the Federal Post Card Application or on forms provided by the election authority. Members of the Armed Forces on active duty and their spouses and dependents may apply via fax or electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2, 5/20-2.3, 5/20-3)

Last day any nonresident civilian citizen, otherwise qualified to vote, may make application to the election authority having jurisdiction over his/her precinct of former residence for an absentee ballot containing Federal offices only (not less than 10 days before election – actual date is Saturday, October 25, 2014 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). No registration required to vote. Application should be made on the Federal Post Card Application. Nonresident civilians may make application via fax or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.2, 5/20-5)

Thursday, October 30, 2014

Last day any registered voter who is within the confines of the United States and who is eligible to vote by absentee ballot may apply by mail for an Absent Voter's ballot (not less than 5 days before election). (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

Last day for any physically incapacitated voter who is a resident of a facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act to apply to vote at such facility (not less than 5 days before election). (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

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

Friday, October 31, 2014

Saturday, November 1, 2014

Sunday, November 2, 2014

Monday, November 3, 2014

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

Sunday, November 2, 2014

Any registered voter who is eligible to vote by absentee ballot may apply and vote absentee in person in the offices of the Board between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12 Noon. (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

Monday, November 3, 2014

Last day any registered voter who is eligible to vote by absentee ballot may apply in person for an Absent Voter's Ballot for the General Election (not less than one day before election). (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

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

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

Monday, July 7, 2014

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to notify every principal and vice-principal of each high school, elementary school and vocational school situated in the city of Chicago of their eligibility to serve as deputy registrars and offer training courses for service as deputy registrars (at least 4 months prior to election – actual date is Friday, July 4, 2014 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/6-50.2(a))

Wednesday, August 6, 2014

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

Saturday, September 13, 2014

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

Thursday, September 25, 2014

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

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

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Tuesday, October 7, 2014

Completed registrations and supporting materials accepted by deputy registrars and in library branch offices during this period (between the 35th and 28th day preceding election) must be returned to office of the Board of Election Commissioners within 48 hours of the date received by the registrar or by the close of business on October 8, 2014 whichever occurs first. (10 ILCS 5/6-35.03, 5/6-50.2)

Monday, October 6, 2014

Last day to publish notice of General Election (at least 30 days before General Election – actual date is Sunday, October 5, 2014 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/12-1)

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

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

Last day for registration of voters by deputy registrars and registrars in library branch offices for the election (no registration during the 27 days preceding election). Completed registrations and supporting materials shall be returned to the office of the Board of Election Commissioners within 24 hours of receipt by the registrar or by the close of business on October 8, 2014. (10 ILCS 5/6-35.03, 5/6-50.2)

Last day for voter registration or to transfer registration to a new address by mail or in qualifying State agencies and in Secretary of State driver’s license examination stations for the General Election (no registration during the 27 days preceding election). (10 ILCS 5/6-29, 5/6-50, 5/6-51, 5/6-53)

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

*Note: A mail registration application will be accepted and processed for the election if postmarked on or before the day that voter registration is closed (October 6, 2014). If no postmark exists or if the postmark is

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

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

First day of “grace period” registration and voting in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners, or at a voter registration location specifically designated for this purpose by the Board (during the period from the close of registration for an election and until the 3rd day before election). During the grace period, individuals may register to vote or submit a change of registered voter’s address in person in the Board’s office or at designated locations. If such individuals wish to vote at the election after the grace period, they must do so either in person at the Board’s office or at a location designated for that purpose, unless the Board has no ballots printed, in which case the individual may vote by mail. (10 ILCS 5/6-100)

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

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

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

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

Thursday, October 30, 2014

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

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

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Last day (until the close of polls at 7:00 p.m.) for “grace period” registration and voting in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners or at any location designated as a permanent polling place for Early Voting. Persons registering to vote during the grace period on the day before the election or on election day shall be entitled to cast a provisional ballot. (10 ILCS 5/6-100)

Early Voting, General Election Day and Post-Election Activities

October 13-17, 2014

The Board shall publish during this period (during the week before the period for early voting) a schedule of the dates and times that early voting will be conducted and the location of each permanent and temporary polling place for early voting and the precincts served by each location. The Board shall publish a similar schedule at least once a week during the early voting period and post a copy of the schedule at each location to be used for early voting and on the Board’s Internet web site. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25)

Monday, October 20, 2014

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

Sunday, November 2, 2014

Last day for early voting at the offices of the Board and at permanent polling place locations designated by the Board (2nd day before election day). (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION
Polling Places open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2(a), 5/18-2)

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

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Last day for a person who cast a provisional ballot to submit to the Board additional information to support or verify his or her registration status (within 7 calendar days – actual date is Tuesday, November 11, 2014 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). Such information must be *received* by the Board by this date. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d))

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

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

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

Tuesday, November 25, 2014

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

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

Monday, December 1, 2014

Term of office for the following offices commences:⁵

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

Cook County Commissioners (on the first Monday of the month following the month of their election) (55 ILCS 5/2-6004)

County Clerk (on the first day in the month of December following his election on which the office of the county clerk is required, by statute or by action of the county board, to be open) (55 ILCS 5/3-2001)

County Treasurer (on the first day in the month of December following his election on which the

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

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

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

office of the county treasurer is required, by statute or by action of the county board, to be open) (55 ILCS 5/3-10001)
County Sheriff (on the first day in the month of December following his or her election on which the office of the sheriff is required, by statute or by action of the county board, to be open) (55 ILCS 5/3-6002)
Cook County Assessor (first Monday in December) (35 ILCS 200/3-50)
Cook County Board of Review Member (first Monday in December following their election) (35 ILCS 200/5-5(c))

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

Term of office for the following offices commences:

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

Friday, December 5, 2014

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

Saturday, January 3, 2015

Term of office for Federal officers (United States Senator, Representatives in Congress) elected at the November 4, 2014 General Election commences (at Noon on the 3rd day of January). (U.S. Const., Amendment XX, §2)

Monday, January 5, 2015

Last day for Board of Election Commissioners to indicate by italics, asterisk, or other means, on the list of registered voters in each precinct, each registrant who voted at the November 4, 2014 General Election and to provide a copy of such list to the chairman of the county central committee of each established political party or to the chairman's authorized representative (within 60 days after the general election – actual date is Saturday, January 3, 2015 – moved to the next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/6-60)

Monday, January 12, 2015

Term of office for the following offices commences (second Monday of January after their election) (Ill. Const., Art. V, §2):

Governor
Lieutenant Governor
Attorney General
Secretary of State
Comptroller
Treasurer

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

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