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CHANGES IN SECOND REVISION (JULY 29, 2014)
TO
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Includes changes made by P.A. 98-691 (House Bill 105), effective July 1, 2014, including:

- 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, November 26, 2014 instead of Thursday, January 15, 2015 – for the February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election – Wednesday, January 7, 2015 instead of Thursday, January 7, 2015 for the April 7, 2015 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Election
- Objectors must file two (2) copies of the objector’s petition instead of just one copy when filing their objector’s petition. Objection petitions that do not include 2 copies thereof shall not be accepted. (Page 9)

Inserts date information for deadline to withdraw if person presents name as a candidate for 2 or more offices that are incompatible – Wednesday, December 3, 2014.

Inserts date information for deadline for City Clerk to certify any public questions to be submitted to voters within the City of Chicago at the February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election initiated by the Chicago City Council – Thursday, December 18, 2014.

CHANGES IN FIRST REVISION (APRIL 8, 2014)
TO
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Makes various spelling, grammatical and punctuation corrections

Adds sentence in Footnote 1 stating, “If elected, that person may be re-elected from the new ward he or she represents if he or she resides in the new ward for at least one year next preceding the re-election, meaning that for the February 26, 2019 Municipal General Election, such person must establish residency in the new ward not later than February 26, 2018.”

Deletes references to the County Clerk of Cook County regarding the filing of Campaign Disclosure Documents. (Page 6)

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PREFACE

The Chicago Board of Election Commissioners is pleased to provide this 2015 Election Information Pamphlet and Calendar to inform interested citizens and candidates of important information and dates, including nominating petition signature requirements, that pertain to the nomination and election of candidates for the offices of Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Alderman by voters in the City of Chicago at the February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election and the April 7, 2015 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections, if necessary.

It is important to note that since the last election of Alderman in the City of Chicago in 2011, the Chicago City Council redistricted ward boundaries in the City. See *Ward Redistricting Ordinance* adopted by the Chicago City Council on January 19, 2012, corrected on September 12, 2012. The fact that a redistricting of ward boundaries has occurred affects the residency requirement for the office of Alderman (see pages 3-4 of this Pamphlet), as well as the minimum number of signatures required on petitions circulated and filed by candidates for the office of Alderman (see pages 2, 4 of this Pamphlet).

You are strongly encouraged to seek competent legal advice concerning your rights and obligations as a voter or as a candidate for public office and you should not rely solely on the contents of this publication.

This publication is intended as a guide and not as a legal document. For specific requirements, please refer to the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/1-1 *et seq.*) and the Illinois Revised Cities and Villages Act (65 ILCS 20/1-1 *et seq.*). All citations contained herein are from the "Illinois Compiled Statutes," 2010, as amended. The information contained in this publication is drawn from provisions of federal and state law current as of July 29, 2014.

This publication may also incorporate information provided by the Illinois State Board of Elections, but the contents of this publication may not be identical in all respects with similar calendars or materials produced by that agency. You are encouraged, therefore, to consult the calendar and candidate's guide published by the Illinois State Board of Elections to determine whether there might be a difference concerning an important date or piece of information.

The Chicago Board of Election Commissioners does not distribute blank or sample petition forms or other nomination papers. The Illinois State Board of Elections does, however, make available "suggested" sample petition forms for the various types of elective offices throughout the State of Illinois. The 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 publication conflicts with any statute or case law decisions of the State of Illinois or of the United States, such statute or case law decision supersedes this publication.

CITY OF CHICAGO 2015 ELECTION SUMMARY
MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION
FOR MAYOR, CLERK, TREASURER AND ALDERMAN
AND

MUNICIPAL RUNOFF AND SUPPLEMENTARY ALDERMANIC ELECTIONS

DATES OF ELECTION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015

MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION FOR
MAYOR, CLERK, TREASURER AND
ALDERMAN

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015

MUNICIPAL RUNOFF AND SUPPLEMENTARY
ALDERMANIC ELECTIONS (IF NECESSARY)

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
FOR MAYOR, CLERK AND TREASURER:	12,500	NONE
FOR ALDERMAN	473	NONE

2015 ELECTIONS AND OFFICES TO BE FILLED IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Municipal General Election, Tuesday, February 24, 2015

To be elected: Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer

The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast for each office shall be declared elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, a runoff election shall be held on April 7, 2015, when only the names of the candidates receiving the highest and second highest number of votes at the February 24, 2015 election shall appear on the ballot. [10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b) and 5/2A-1.2(d); 65 ILCS 20/21-5, 20/21-12]

To be elected: One Alderman each in the 50 wards in the City of Chicago.

The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast for Alderman in each ward shall be declared elected. In the event that no candidate receives a majority of such votes in any ward, a supplementary election shall be held on April 7, 2015, when only the names of the candidates receiving the highest and second highest number of votes at the February 24, 2015 election shall appear on the ballot. [65 ILCS 20/21-22, 20/21-25 and 20/21-26; 10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b) and 5/2A-1.2(d)]

Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections (if necessary), Tuesday, April 7, 2015

To be elected: Mayor, City Clerk or City Treasurer if no candidate for these offices receives a majority of the votes cast at the February 24, 2015 election. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. [10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2(d); 65 ILCS 20/21-5, 20/21-12]

To be elected: One Alderman from each ward where no Aldermanic candidate received a majority of the votes cast in the February 24, 2015 election. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. [10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b), 5/2A-1.1a, 5/2A-1.2(c)(1), 5/2A-25 and 5/2A-26; 65 ILCS 20/21-25 and 20/21-26]

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer

Qualifications:

- a) A registered voter who has resided in the City of Chicago at least one year next preceding the election. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5]
- b) Is not eligible to take the oath of office if is, at the time required for taking the oath of office, in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the City of Chicago or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury or other felony. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5(b)]
- c) Is not eligible to hold a municipal office if, at any time during the term of office, is in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the City of Chicago or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5(b-5)]

Term of office:

The Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer shall hold office for 4 years beginning at Noon on the third Monday in May following his or her election, and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. [65 ILCS 20/21-5(b), 20/21-12]

*Alderman***Qualifications:**

- a) A qualified elector who has resided in the ward he or she seeks to represent at least 1 year before the date of the election, provided, however, that in the election following a redistricting, a candidate for Alderman may be elected from any ward containing a part of the ward in which he or she resided for at least 1 year next preceding the election that follows the redistricting¹. [65 ILCS 20/21-14(a)]
- b) Is not eligible to take the oath of office if is, at the time required for taking the oath of office, in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the City of Chicago or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury or other felony. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5(b)]
- c) Is not eligible to hold a municipal office if, at any time during the term of office, is in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the City of Chicago or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5(b-5)]
- d) No member of the City Council shall at the same time hold any other civil service office under the federal, State or City government, except if such member is granted a leave of absence from such civil service office, or except in the National Guard, or as a notary public, and except such honorary offices as go by appointment without compensation. [65 ILCS 20/21-14(b)]

Term of office:

Aldermen shall serve a term of 4 years beginning at Noon on the third Monday in May following the election of City officers, and until their successors are elected and have qualified. [65 ILCS 20/21-22(a)]

General Information

No political party affiliation is permitted for candidates for Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer or Alderman. [65 ILCS 20/21-5, 20/21-12, 20/21-32] Candidates are nominated by a petition that must conform to the election and ballot laws concerning the nomination of independent candidates for public office. [65 ILCS 20/21-28; 10 ILCS 5/10-3]

¹ The 2015 municipal elections in Chicago will be the next election following the 2012 redistricting of Wards in the City of Chicago. For example, if a candidate, for at least one year preceding the February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election, resides in what was Ward 1 prior to redistricting, such candidate may run for Alderman in 2015 in any new ward *after* redistricting that contains a part of the old Ward 1 *prior* to redistricting, even if the candidate's residence address is not in the new ward. If elected, that person may be re-elected from the new ward he or she represents if he or she resides in the new ward for at least one year next preceding the re-election, meaning that for the February 26, 2019 Municipal General Election, such person must establish residency in the new ward not later than February 26, 2018.

Ballot Forfeiture

The name of a person who has not paid a civil penalty imposed against him or her under Article 20 of the Election Code regarding Disclosure of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures shall not appear upon any ballot for any office in any election while the penalty is unpaid. [10 ILCS 5/9-30]

NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON NOMINATING PAPERS

Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer

Nominating petitions for candidates for Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer must contain not less than 12,500 valid signatures of registered voters residing in the City of Chicago. [65 ILCS 20/21-28(b)]

Alderman

For the election following the redistricting of wards², petitions for nominations of candidates for Alderman shall be signed by the number of legal voters of the ward as will aggregate not less than 4% of the total number of votes cast for mayor at the last preceding municipal election divided by the number of wards. [65 ILCS 20/21-28] At the last preceding municipal election (February 22, 2011), 590,391 votes were cast for Mayor. Four percent (4%) of 590,391 is 23,615.64, which, divided by the number of wards (50), yields a minimum signature requirement of 472.3128, or 473.

DOCUMENTS AND FORMS TO BE FILED

Nomination Papers (filed with the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners)

Statement of Candidacy

The statement shall contain (a) the candidate's name, (b) the candidate's address, (c) the office for which he or she is a candidate, (d) a statement that the candidate is qualified for the office specified, and (e) a statement that the candidate has filed (or will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests, as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. This Statement of Candidacy shall request that the candidate's name be placed upon the official ballot and must be signed and sworn to by the candidate before some officer authorized to take acknowledgement of deeds in the State of Illinois. [10 ILCS 5/10-5] The Statement of Candidacy shall be substantially in the form prescribed in Section 10-5 of the Election Code. (Sample forms may be available from the Illinois State Board of Elections; call 312-814-6440 for information)

Designation of Candidate's Name

In the designation of the name of a candidate on a petition of nomination, a certificate of nomination or nomination papers, the candidate's given name or names, initial or initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly known, or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to the candidate's surname. No other designation such as a political slogan, title or degree or nickname suggesting or implying possession of a title, degree or professional status or similar information may be used in connection with the candidate's surname.

If a candidate has changed his or her name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in Illinois or in any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the last day for filing the nomination papers for that office then (i) the candidate's name on the papers must be followed by "formerly known as (list all prior names during the 3-year period) until named changed on (list date of each such name change)": and (ii) the papers must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the candidate's previous names during the period specified in (i) above and the date or dates each of those names was changed. Failure to meet these name-change requirements shall be grounds for denying certification of the candidate's name for the ballot or removing the candidate's name from the ballot, as appropriate; however, these

² See note 1.

requirements do not apply to name changes resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent's or parents' surname, marriage to assume a spouse's surname or dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage to assume a former surname. [10 ILCS 5/10-5.1]

Petition Sheets

Petition sheets must be of uniform size and shall contain above the space for signatures an appropriate and uniform heading giving information as to the candidate's name, address, and office being sought. Petition sheets must include a space for the signatures of qualified voters and their residence address. Petition sheets must also include an oath to be completed by the circulator of the petition sheet. Only the original sheets that have been signed by the voters and by the circulator thereof shall be filed, and not photocopies or duplicates of such sheets. [10 ILCS 5/10-4] (Sample forms may be available from the Illinois State Board of Elections; call 312-814-6440 for information)

Receipt for Statement of Economic Interest

The receipt issued by the County Clerk's Office for the filing of the Statement of Economic Interest in relation to your candidacy, as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act (see *Statement of Economic Interest* below), must be included in your nomination papers or filed separately before the close of the filing period for filing nomination papers. [10 ILCS 5/10-5] FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE A RECEIPT FOR A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS SHALL INVALIDATE A CANDIDATE'S NOMINATION PAPERS.

Loyalty Oath

The requirement of filing a Loyalty Oath has been declared unconstitutional; hence its filing is optional. [10 ILCS 5/10-5]

Statement of Economic Interest (filed with the County Clerk of Cook County)

This form is available at the office of the County Clerk of Cook County and must be filed in relation to your candidacy before the end of the period for filing nomination papers unless you have already filed in 2014 a statement of economic interest in relation to the City of Chicago. Contact the Cook County Clerk's Office at 312-603-0907 or at its Web site at <http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/ethics/econinterest/Pages/default.aspx>. [5 ILCS 420/4A-104, 420/4A-105; 10 ILCS 5/10-5]

Campaign Disclosure Documents (filed with the State Board of Elections)

A candidate (or any individual, trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other organization or group of persons) who either accepts contributions or makes expenditures in a 12-month period exceeding \$5,000 is required to file certain reports with the State Board of Elections. These reports and information concerning them can be obtained from the State Board of Elections. [10 ILCS 5/9-1, et. seq.] Contact the State Board of Elections at 312-814-6440 or at <http://www.elections.state.il.us>. FAILURE TO FILE SUCH REPORTS WILL NOT INVALIDATE A CANDIDATE'S NOMINATION PAPERS; HOWEVER, FAILURE TO PAY OUTSTANDING PENALTIES OR FINES DUE TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS MAY RESULT IN NOT BEING CERTIFIED AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE BALLOT OR REMOVAL FROM THE BALLOT. [10 ILCS 5/9-30]

Ethics Reports (filed with the City of Chicago Board of Ethics)

Candidates for Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Alderman are obligated by the City of Chicago's Campaign Financing Ordinance to file statements of financial interests with the City of Chicago Board of Ethics on forms prescribed by the Board of Ethics within five days after qualifying as a candidate. The City's Campaign Financing Ordinance also regulates the giving or receipt of certain kinds of contributions. For more information, contact the City of Chicago's Board of Ethics at 312-744-9660 or contact its Web site at http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/ethics/supp_info/general_guide_forthepublic.html. [Chapter 2-164 of the Municipal Code of Chicago] REPORTS REQUIRED BY THE CITY'S CAMPAIGN FINANCING ORDINANCE ARE NOT FILED WITH THE CANDIDATE'S NOMINATION PAPERS AND THE FAILURE TO FILE SUCH REPORTS WITH THE CITY'S BOARD OF ETHICS WILL NOT INVALIDATE A CANDIDATE'S

NOMINATION PAPERS.

SIGNING AND CIRCULATING PETITION SHEETS

Signing petition sheets

- Each person signing the petition must personally sign the petition. No one may sign another person's name or signature on the petition, including spouses or members of the family for another person. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- The signer's residence address must be written or printed opposite his or her name and shall include the street address, city and county, except that the City of Chicago and Cook County may be printed on the petition forms. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- Each petition signer must, at the time he or she signs the petition, be registered to vote at the address shown opposite his or her signature on the petition. If the petition is for Mayor, Clerk or Treasurer, such address must be within the city of Chicago. If the petition is for Alderman, such address must be within the ward in which the candidate is seeking election. [10 ILCS 5/3-1.2, 5/10-4]
- Petition signers may not sign more than one nominating petition for the same office. [10 ILCS 5/10-3]

Circulating petition sheets

- No petition sheet shall be circulated more than 90 days preceding the last day provided by law for filing the petition; therefore, the first day that petition sheets may be circulated for the February 24, 2015 election is Tuesday, August 26, 2014. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- Petition circulators must be at least 18 years of age and be citizens of the United States. They need not be registered to vote nor are they required to be residents of the City or of the Ward in which they circulate petitions. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- A candidate may circulate his or her own petition sheets. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- All signatures on a single petition sheet must be signed in the presence of the circulator of that sheet. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- Each petition sheet must contain at the bottom a statement completed and signed by the circulator of that sheet certifying that the signatures were signed in his or her presence, that the signatures are genuine, that none of the signatures were signed more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing the petitions, that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief the persons signing the petition were at the time of signing the petition duly registered voters of the political subdivision or district in which the candidate is seeking election, and that the respective addresses of the signers are correctly stated on the petition sheet. Such statement must be sworn to by the circulator before some officer authorized to administer oaths in the State of Illinois. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]

FILING OF NOMINATION PAPERS

Assembling the nomination papers before filing

- Only original signed nominating petition sheets may be filed; photocopies or duplicates are not permitted. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- All the original petition sheets must be neatly fastened together in book form by placing the sheets in a pile and fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable manner. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- All petition sheets must be numbered consecutively. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]

- Nomination papers must include
 - a Statement of Candidacy;
 - a receipt for the Statement of Economic Interest; and
 - the original petition sheets.
- A loyalty oath is optional. [10 ILCS 5/10-4, 5/10-5]
- A petition, when presented or filed, shall not be withdrawn, altered, or added to. No additions or deletions may be made to the nomination papers once they have been filed and no signatures shall be revoked except by revocation filed in writing with the Board of Election Commissioners before the presentment or filing of such petitions. However, if the nomination papers indicate that the Statement of Economic Interest has not yet been filed, but will be timely filed, the receipt for such Statement of Economic Interest must be filed with the Board of Election Commissioners before the close of the filing period for nomination papers. [10 ILCS 5/10-4, 5/10-5]

When, where and how to file

Where: Nomination papers must be filed in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago, 69 West Washington, Chicago, Illinois 60602. [10 ILCS 5/10-6]

When: Nomination papers shall be filed not earlier than Monday, November 17, 2014 and not later than Monday, November 24, 2014. The office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to Noon on Saturday. No nomination papers will be accepted on Sunday. [10 ILCS 5/10-6(4)]

How: Candidates may file their nomination papers either in person or by mail. Nomination papers filed by mail and received **after** midnight and in hand when the office opens on the first day of filing are considered to have been filed as of 9:00 a.m. of that day. Petitions received in the mail prior to midnight of the first day of filing will be returned to the sender. [10 ILCS 5/10-6.2] Nomination papers shall not be considered filed until *received* by the Board, notwithstanding when such papers, if mailed or messengered, were postmarked or left with a courier for delivery, as the case may be. [5 ILCS 70/1.25]

LOTTERY PROCEDURES FOR SIMULTANEOUS FILING OF PETITIONS

Simultaneous petition filing

All petitions filed by persons waiting in line as of 9:00 a.m. on the first day for petition filing shall be deemed filed as of 9:00 a.m. Petitions filed by mail and received after midnight of the first day for filing and in the first mail delivery or pickup of that day shall be deemed filed as of 9:00 a.m. of that day. All such petitions shall be deemed to have been filed simultaneously. All petitions received thereafter shall be deemed filed in the order of actual receipt; however, 2 or more petitions filed within the last hour of the filing deadline shall be deemed filed simultaneously. [10 ILCS 5/10-6.2; 65 ILCS 20/21-30(6)]

Lottery for two or more petitions received simultaneously

When 2 or more petitions are received simultaneously, the Board will break ties and determine the order of filing by means of a lottery. Such lottery will be conducted within 9 days following the last day for petition filing (See “2015 Election Calendar” section for dates) and shall be open to the public. Seven days written notice of the time and place of conducting the lottery will be given by the Board of Election Commissioners to the Chairman of each political party and to each organization of citizens within the city of Chicago that was entitled to have pollwatchers present on election day at the next preceding election (November 4, 2014). The Board will post in a conspicuous, open and public place at the entrance to its office a notice of the time and place of conducting the lottery. [10 ILCS 5/10-6.2; 65 ILCS 20/21-30(6)]

Order of Certification

All candidates will be certified in the order in which their petitions have been filed and in the manner prescribed by the Election Code. Where candidates have filed simultaneously, they will be certified in the order determined by lottery and prior to candidates who filed for the same office or offices at a later time. [10 ILCS 5/10-6.2]

MULTIPLE SETS OF NOMINATION PAPERS*If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed*

If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed for a candidate to the same office, the Board of Election Commissioners will, within 2 business days, notify the candidate of his or her multiple petition filings and that the candidate has 3 business days after receipt of the notice to notify the Board that he or she may cancel prior sets of petitions. If the candidate notifies the Board of the cancellation, the last set of petitions filed shall be the only petitions to be considered valid by the Board. If the candidate fails to notify the Board, then only the first set of petitions filed shall be valid and all subsequent petitions shall be void. [10 ILCS 5/10-6.2]

WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATE AND FILING FOR INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES*Withdrawal of candidate*

Any person whose name has been presented as a candidate may cause his name to be withdrawn from any such nomination by his request in writing, signed by him or her, and duly acknowledged before an officer qualified to take acknowledgment of deeds, not later than the date of certification of the ballot. Such withdrawal must be filed with the Board of Election Commissioners. 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. See “2015 Election Calendar” section of this document for dates. [10 ILCS 5/10-7; 65 ILCS 20/21-29]

Filing for incompatible offices

If the name of the same person has been presented as a candidate for 2 or more offices which are incompatible so that the same person could not serve in more than one of such offices if elected, that person must withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such offices within the 5 business days following the last day for petition filing. If the candidate fails to withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such offices within such time, his or her name shall not be certified, nor printed on the ballot, for any office. [10 ILCS 5/10-7]

OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION PAPERS

Nomination papers filed as required by the Election Code and being in apparent conformity with the provisions of the Election Code will be deemed valid unless an objection thereto is duly made in writing within 5 business days after the last day for filing the nomination papers. (See “2015 Election Calendar” section of this document for dates). Any legal voter of the political subdivision (the City of Chicago, in case of objections to nomination papers of candidates for Mayor, Clerk or Treasurer) or district (the Ward, in cases of objections to nomination papers of candidates for Alderman) shall file an objector’s petition together with 2 copies thereof in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. **OBJECTION PETITIONS THAT DO NOT INCLUDE 2 COPIES THEREOF SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** In the event an objection is timely and duly filed, the Board of Election Commissioners, acting ex officio as an electoral board, will convene and hear and pass upon the objector’s petition. See Sections 10-8 through 10-10.1 of the Election Code for details on filing objections and the procedures for hearing and passing upon such objections. [10 ILCS 5/10-8 through 5/10-10.1]

NOMINATION PAPERS NOT IN APPARENT CONFORMITY WITH PROVISIONS OF THE ELECTION CODE

If no objections are filed but a candidate’s nomination papers on their face are not in apparent conformity with the

provisions of the Election Code, the Board of Election Commissioners will not certify the name of such candidate to the ballot. The candidate will be notified if the Board decides not to certify his or her name to the ballot and given an opportunity to address the Board on this issue. [10 ILCS 5/10-8]

RESOURCES ON CHICAGO ELECTION BOARD WEB SITE

The Chicago Election Board's Web site at <http://www.chicagoelections.com> offers an "Index of Electoral Board Decisions." This Index is offered in the "For Candidates" section of the web site. See, http://www.chicagoelections.com/dm/general/document_498.pdf. The Index provides a detailed listing of rulings by the Electoral Board (and, where applicable, the courts) on a wide range of topics related to the Procedures for Filing Objections and Requirements for Nomination Papers. The Index also contains a hyperlink that, if clicked, will take the reader directly to a copy of the case. The Index is intended to be a reference guide and not legal advice. There is also a "Library of Electoral Board Decisions" that is sorted by year and case number and is searchable by candidate or objector name.

2015 ELECTION CALENDAR

- Saturday, July 12, 2014

First day to circulate petitions for the submission of a Local Option referendum under the Liquor Control Act for the February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election if filing petition on last day permitted by law (November 12, 2014) (not more than 4 months before filing of petition). [235 ILCS 5/9-4]
- Tuesday, August 26, 2014

First day to circulate for signature candidate nominating petitions for the offices of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Alderman (not more than 90 days preceding last day for petition filing). [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Last day to file petitions for the submission of a Local Option Referendum under the Liquor Control Act for the February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election (at least 104 days before election). File in the office of the City Clerk. [235 ILCS 5/9-2]
- Monday, November 17, 2014

First day to file candidate nomination papers for the offices of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Alderman with the Board of Election Commissioners (not more than 99 days before the election). [10 ILCS 5/10-6(4)]
- Monday, November 24, 2014

Last day to file candidate nomination papers for the offices of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Alderman with the Board of Election Commissioners (not less than 92 days before the election). [10 ILCS 5/10-6(4)]

Last day to file petitions for the submission of a question of public policy under Article 28 of the Election Code for the February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election (not less than 92 days before election). File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/28-2]
- Wednesday, November 26, 2014

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to notify any candidate who filed multiple sets of nomination papers for the same office of his or her multiple petition filings and that the candidate has 3 business days after receipt of the notice to notify the Board that he or she may cancel prior sets of petitions (within 2 business days). If the candidate notifies the Board, the last set of petitions filed shall be the only petitions to be considered valid by the Board. If the candidate fails to notify the Board, then only the first set of petitions filed shall be valid and all subsequent petitions shall be void. [10 ILCS 5/10-6.2]

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to give notice of the time and place of conducting a lottery when petitions are filed simultaneously by two or more candidates for the same office (at least 7 days written notice). Such notice to be given to the Chairman of each political party and to each organization of citizens that was entitled at the next preceding election to have pollwatchers on the day of election. [10 ILCS 5/10-6.2]

First day for civilians within the confines of the United States who wish

to vote absentee to make application by mail, electronically on the Board's website, or in person for an Absent Voter's Ballot for the February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election (not more than 90 days prior to date of election). [10 ILCS 5/19-2]

*NOTE: A person who registered to vote by mail cannot vote by absentee ballot at the first election following their registration and such person must vote in person at his or her precinct polling place unless the person first provides the Board with sufficient proof of identity and the Board is able to verify the person's proof of identity. Sufficient proof of identity shall include the person's driver's license number or State identification card number or, if the person does not have either of these, the last 4 digits of the person's Social Security number, a copy of a current and valid photo ID, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document showing the person's name and address. Persons who apply to register to vote by mail but provide inadequate proof of identity shall be notified by the Board that the registration has not been fully completed and the person remains ineligible to vote by mail or in person until such proof is presented. These requirements do not apply to any person entitled to vote by absentee ballot under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, or under any other applicable Federal law (42 USC 1973gg-4(c)); or any person who has been admitted to a hospital, nursing home or a rehabilitation center not more than 14 days before the election and is entitled to personal delivery of an absentee ballot in the hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation center. (10 ILCS 5/6-105, 5/19-12.3; 26 Ill. Admin. Code, Ch. I, §216.90)

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Last day to file objections to candidate nomination papers for the offices of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Alderman for the February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election (within 5 business days after last day for filing petitions – November 27 and 28 are State Holidays to observe Thanksgiving). File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/10-8]

Last day to file objections to petitions for submission of a question of public policy under Article 28 of the Election Code for the February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election (within 5 business days after last day for filing petitions – November 27 and 28 are State Holidays to observe Thanksgiving). File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/10-8, 5/28-4]

Last day for any person whose name has been presented as a candidate for 2 or more offices that are incompatible so that the same person could not serve in more than one of such offices if elected to withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such offices (within 5 business days after last day for filing petitions – November 27 and 28 are State Holidays to observe Thanksgiving). If such person fails to withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such offices within such time, such person's name shall not be certified, nor printed on the ballot, for any

office. [10 ILCS 5/10-7]

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to conduct a lottery when petitions are filed simultaneously by two or more candidates for the same office (within 9 days following last day for petition filing). [10 ILCS 5/10-6.2]

Monday, December 8, 2014

Last day for governing boards of political subdivisions to adopt resolutions or ordinances initiating the submission of public questions for the February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election (not less than 79 days before election – actual date is Sunday, December 7, 2014 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). [10 ILCS 5/28-2(c)]

Thursday, December 18, 2014

Last day for candidates for the offices of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Alderman to withdraw as a candidate (not later than the date of certification of candidates for the ballot). File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. No name so withdrawn shall be printed upon the ballot. If a request for withdrawal is received after this date (the date for certification of candidates for the ballot), then the votes cast for the withdrawn candidate are invalid and shall not be reported by the Board. [10 ILCS 5/10-7, 5/10-15; 65 ILCS 20/21-29]

Last day for the Chicago City Clerk to certify to the Board of Election Commissioners any public question to be submitted to the voters within the City of Chicago at the February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election that was initiated by action of the Chicago City Council (not less than 68 days before the election). [10 ILCS 5/28-5]

Last day for Board of Election Commissioners to certify the names of all candidates entitled to be printed on the ballot for the February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election (not less than 68 days before election). [10 ILCS 5/10-15]

Friday, December 26, 2014

Last day (by 5:00 p.m.) a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate for the February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election (not later than the 61st day before election – actual date is Thursday, December 25, 2014 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6); however, if an objection to a candidate's nomination papers is sustained after this date, then the deadline for filing a Declaration of Intent shall be February 17, 2015. File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/18-9.1]

Monday, January 12, 2015

Last day for Board to have absentee ballots available for mailing to persons in the United States Service or their spouse and dependents of voting age and citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States who have filed an application for ballot prior to the 45th day before the election (45 days prior to date of election – actual date is Saturday, January 10, 2015 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). [10 ILCS 5/16-5.01]

Thursday, January 15, 2015

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 February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election (not later than 40th day preceding date of election). File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/18-6, 5/17-23]

Tuesday, January 20, 2015
through
Tuesday, January 27, 2015

Completed registrations accepted by deputy registrars and at library branch offices during this period (between 35th and 28th day before election) must be returned to the office of the Board of Election Commissioners within 48 hours of the date received by the registrar or by the close of business on January 28, 2015, whichever should occur first. [10 ILCS 5/6-35.03, 5/6-50.2]

Monday, January 26, 2015

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 for the February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election (not less than 30 days before election – actual date is Sunday, January 25, 2015 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). [10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 5/20-3]

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

Last day for regular voter registration in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners or to transfer registration to a new address for the February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election (registration may be taken up to and including the 28th day before election), with the exception of “grace period” registration and voting. [10 ILCS 5/6-29]

Last day for deputy registrars and registrars in library branch offices to accept completed registrations prior to the February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election. Completed registrations shall be returned to the office of the Board of Election Commissioners within 24 hours of the date received by the registrar or by the close of business on January 28, 2015, whichever should occur first. [10 ILCS 5/6-35.03, 5/6-50.2]

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

First day of “grace period” registration and voting in the office of the Board (from the close of registration and until the 3rd day before election). Unregistered qualified elector may register to vote, and a registered voter may submit a change of address, in person at the office of the Board or at a location specifically designated for this purpose by the Board. Persons registering or filing a change of address during this “grace period” and who wish to vote must do so either in person in the office of the Board or at a location specifically designated by the Board. The Board may allow grace period voting by mail only if the Board has no ballots prepared at its office. [10 ILCS 5/6-100]

February 1, 2015
through
February 7, 2015

Board must publish 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)

First day for the Board to publish notice of public questions appearing on the ballot at the election. (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

Monday, February 9, 2015

First day for early voting at the offices of the Board and at permanent and temporary polling place locations designated by the Board (beginning the 15th day preceding the election). Early voting shall be conducted at permanent polling places between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and holidays and 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sundays. Early voting may be also conducted at temporary polling places on days and at hours to be announced and published. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

First day a qualified voter admitted to a hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation center not more than 14 days before the election may make application for personal delivery of an Absent Voter's Ballot for the February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election. [10 ILCS 5/19-3]

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Last day for members of the United States Armed Forces while on active duty and their spouses and dependents of voting age accompanying them, members United States Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents of voting age accompanying them, and United States government employees serving outside the territorial limits of the United States who expect to be absent from the county in which they reside on election day to make application for an absentee ballot (not less than 10 days before election – actual date is Saturday, February 14, 2015 – moved to next business day after Sunday and Presidents' Day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). [10 ILCS 5/20-2, 5/20-2.3, 5/20-3] Signed applications may be submitted in person, by mail, by facsimile or by e-mail. [10 ILCS 5/20-2.3]

Last day (by 5:00 p.m.) a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate for the February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election (not later than 7 days prior to election) only if an objection to the person's nomination papers was sustained after December 26, 2014 (otherwise, the last day to file a Declaration of Intent is December 26, 2014). File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/18-9.1]

Thursday, February 19, 2015

Last day any registered voter may apply by mail for an Absent Voter's Ballot for the February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election; applications must be received by the Board by this date (not less than 5 days prior to date of election). [10 ILCS 5/19-2]

Friday, February 20, 2015
through

Dates that may be scheduled for absentee voting in nursing homes for the February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election (Friday, Saturday,

Monday, February 23, 2015	Sunday or Monday immediately preceding the election). [10 ILCS 5/19-12.2]
Saturday, February 21, 2015	<p>Last day for early voting at the offices of the Board and at permanent and temporary polling place locations designated by the Board (up until 3rd day before election). (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)</p> <p>Last day for “grace period” registration and voting in the office of the Board or at a voter registration location specifically designated for this purpose by the Board (through the 3rd day before election). [10 ILCS 5/6-100]</p>
Monday, February 23, 2015	<p>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 February 24, 2015 Municipal General Election (not less than one day before election). [10 ILCS 5/19-2]</p> <p>Last day for any temporarily or permanently physically disabled voter to request of the Board that two (2) judges 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 5/17-3, 5/18-5.1]</p>
Tuesday, February 24, 2015	<p>MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION for the offices of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer for the City of Chicago and for the office of Alderman in all wards of the City of Chicago. Polling places are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. [10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b), 5/2A-1.2(d), 5/2A-26; 65 ILCS 20/21-5, 20/21-5a, 20/21-12, 20/21-22, 20/21-25 and 20/21-26]</p>
Wednesday, February 25, 2015	<p>Registration re-opens in the office of the Board and in the library branch offices. [10 ILCS 5/6-29, 5/6-50]</p>
Tuesday, March 3, 2015	<p>Last day for a person who cast a provisional ballot to submit to the Board additional information to support or verify his/her eligibility to cast a ballot (within 7 calendar days after election). Such information must be received by the Board by this date. [10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d)]</p>
Tuesday, March 10, 2015	<p>Last day for the Board to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots (within 14 calendar days of day of election). [10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a)]</p> <p>Last day for the Board to process and count absent voters’ ballots mailed and postmarked by midnight preceding the opening of the polls on 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)]</p>

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Last day to canvass and proclaim the results of the February 24, 2015
Municipal General Election (within 21 days after close of election). [10
ILCS 5/22-17]

IF A MUNICIPAL RUNOFF OR A SUPPLEMENTARY ALDERMANIC ELECTION IS NECESSARY ON APRIL 7, 2015, THE FOLLOWING DATES SHALL ALSO APPLY

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

First day for civilians within the confines of the United States who wish to vote absentee to make application by mail or in person for an Absent Voter's Ballot for the April 7, 2015 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Election (not more than 90 days prior to date of election). [10 ILCS 5/19-2]

*NOTE: A person who registered to vote by mail cannot vote by absentee ballot at the first election following their registration and such person must vote in person at his or her precinct polling place unless the person first provides the Board with sufficient proof of identity and the Board is able to verify the person's proof of identity. Sufficient proof of identity shall include the person's driver's license number or State identification card number or, if the person does not have either of these, the last 4 digits of the person's Social Security number, a copy of a current and valid photo ID, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document showing the person's name and address. Persons who apply to register to vote by mail but provide inadequate proof of identity shall be notified by the Board that the registration has not been fully completed and the person remains ineligible to vote by mail or in person until such proof is presented. These requirements do not apply to any person entitled to vote by absentee ballot under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, or under any other applicable Federal law (42 USC 1973gg-4(c)); or any person who has been admitted to a hospital, nursing home or a rehabilitation center not more than 14 days before the election and is entitled to personal delivery of an absentee ballot in the hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation center. (10 ILCS 5/6-105, 5/19-12.3; 26 Ill. Admin. Code, Ch. I, §216.90)

Thursday, February 26, 2015

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 April 7, 2015 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections (at least 40 days before election). File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/17-23, 5/18-6]

Tuesday, March 3, 2015
through
Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Completed registrations accepted by deputy registrars and at library branch offices during this period (between 35th and 28th days before election) must be returned to the office of the Board within 48 hours of the date received by the registrar or by close of business on March 11, 2015, whichever occurs first. [10 ILCS 5/6-35.03, 5/6-50.2]

Monday, March 09, 2015

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 election – actual date is Sunday, March 8, 2015 – moved to next

business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). [10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 5/20-3]

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Last day for voter registration in the office of the Board or to transfer registration to a new address for the April 7, 2015 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections (registrations may be taken up to and including 28th day before 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 deputy registrars and registrars in library branch offices to accept completed registrations prior to the April 7, 2015 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections. Completed registrations shall be returned to the office of the Board of Election Commissioners within 24 hours of the date received by the registrar or by the close of business on March 11, 2015, whichever should occur first. [10 ILCS 5/6-35.03, 5/6-50.2]

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

First day of “grace period” registration and voting in the office of the Board (from the close of registration and until the 3rd day before election). Unregistered qualified elector may register to vote, and a registered voter may submit a change of address, in person at the office of the Board or at a location specifically designated for this purpose by the Board. Persons registering or filing a change of this address during this “grace period” and who wish to vote must vote either in person in the office of the Board or at a location specifically designated by the Board. The Board may allow grace period voting by mail only if the Board has no ballots prepared at its office. [10 ILCS 5/6-100]

Monday, March 23, 2015

First day for early voting at the offices of the Board and at permanent and temporary polling place locations designated by the Board (beginning on the 15th day before election). Early voting shall be conducted at permanent polling places between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays and holidays, and 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sundays. Early voting may be also conducted at temporary polling places on days and at hours to be announced and published. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

First day a qualified voter admitted to a hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation center not more than 14 days before the election may make application for personal delivery of an Absent Voter's Ballot for the April 7, 2015 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections. [10 ILCS 5/19-13]

Monday, March 30, 2015

Last day for members of the United States Armed Forces while on active duty and their spouses and dependents of voting age accompanying them, members United States Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents of voting age accompanying them, and United States government employees serving outside the territorial limits of the United States who expect to be absent from the county in which they reside on election day to make application for an absentee

- ballot (not less than 10 days before election – actual date is Saturday, March 28, 2015 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). [10 ILCS 5/20-2, 5/20-2.3, 5/20-3] Applications may be submitted in person, by mail, by facsimile or by e-mail. [10 ILCS 5/20-2.3]
- Thursday, April 2, 2015
Last day any registered voter may apply by mail for an Absent Voter's Ballot for the April 7, 2015 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections; applications must be received by the Board by this date (not less than 5 days prior to date of election). [10 ILCS 5/19-2]
- Saturday, April 4, 2015
Last day for early voting at the offices of the Board and at permanent and temporary polling place locations designated by the Board (through the 3rd day before election). (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)
- Last day for “grace period” registration and voting in the office of the Board or at a voter registration location specifically designated for this purpose by the Board (through the 3rd day before election). [10 ILCS 5/6-100]
- Monday, April 6, 2015
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 April 7, 2015 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections (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 Board that two (2) judges 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 5/17-3, 5/18-5.1]
- Tuesday, April 7, 2015
MUNICIPAL RUNOFF ELECTION (if necessary) for the offices of Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer for the City of Chicago and SUPPLEMENTARY ALDERMANIC ELECTIONS (if necessary) in the City of Chicago.
Polling places are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. [10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b), 5/2A-1.1a, 5/2A-1.2(c)(1), 5/2A-25, 5/2A-26; 65 ILCS 20/21-5, 20/21-5a, 20/21-12, 20/21-25 and 20/21-26]
- Wednesday, April 8, 2015
Registration re-opens in the office of the Board and in the library branch offices. [10 ILCS 5/6-29, 5/6-50]
- Tuesday, April 14, 2015
Last day for a person who cast a provisional ballot to submit to the Board additional information to support or verify his/her eligibility to cast a ballot (within 7 calendar days of the election). Such information must be received by the Board by this date. [10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d)]

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

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

Last day for the Board to process and count absent voters' ballots mailed and postmarked by midnight preceding the opening of the polls on 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 28, 2015

Last day to canvass and proclaim results of the April 7, 2015 Municipal Runoff Election and Supplementary Aldermanic Election (if necessary) (within 21 days after close of the election). [10 ILCS 5/22-17]

Monday, May 18, 2015

Term of office begins at Noon for Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Alderman (Noon on Third Monday in May following the election of city officers). [65 ILCS 20/21-5, 21-12, 21-22]