

PREFACE

The 2015 Calendar contains the specific date entries required in the nomination and/or election of officials of municipalities, libraries, parks, school districts and other special purpose districts.

The following definitions are employed as related to this calendar.

Election Authority – the County Clerk, the Municipal Board of Election Commissioners, or the County Board of Election Commissioners. (10 ILCS 5/1-3)

Local Election Official – the clerk or secretary of a unit of local government or a school district. (10 ILCS 5/1-3)

Business Day – any day in which the office of an election authority, local election official or the State Board of Elections is open to the public for a minimum of seven hours. (10 ILCS 5/1-3)

State Holiday

For the purposes of this Section, “State holiday” means New Year’s Day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday, Lincoln’s Birthday, President’s Day, Casimir Pulaski’s Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans’ Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and any other day from time to time declared by the President of the United States or the Governor of Illinois to be a day during which the agencies of the State of Illinois that are ordinarily open to do business with the public shall be closed for business.

[10 ILCS 5/1-6(b)]

Number of Signatures – the specific number of signatures required on a nominating petition as calculated by the election authority or the local election official for an individual to be a candidate for a specific office. To receive specific signature requirements, candidates should contact the election authority or local election official who is responsible for receiving the filing of the petition for nomination and/or election to office.

Where appropriate, the provision 10 ILCS 5/1-6 was applied when calculating the dates and time period contained in this calendar. Section 1-6 provides: “If the first or last day fixed by law to do any act required or allowed by this Code falls on a State holiday or a Saturday or a Sunday, the period shall extend through the first business day next following the day otherwise fixed as the first or last day, irrespective of whether any election authority or local election official conducts business on the State holiday, Saturday, or Sunday.”

ALL CITATIONS CONTAINED HEREIN ARE “ILLINOIS COMPILED STATUTES, 2013,” as amended.

The provisions of the Illinois Election Code do not apply to referendum initiated under the provisions of the LIQUOR CONTROL ACT OF 1934.

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**CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY
Last Tuesday in February
February 24, 2015**

**ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY
Offices to be Nominated**

MUNICIPAL - over 5,000 population* and/or Special Charter

Mayor or President
Clerk
Treasurer
Aldermen or Trustees

*Municipalities under 5,000 population may have a partisan primary by ordinance
(10 ILCS 5/7-1)

**NONPARTISAN
Offices to be nominated******

MUNICIPAL - Council-Manager Form (councilmen at-large and from districts)

Villages incorporated after January 1, 1992

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

****A village may conduct a nonpartisan primary by referendum
(65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-60)

**NONPARTISAN
Offices to be elected
(65 ILCS 20/21-5, 21-12, 21-25)**

Municipal - City of Chicago
Mayor
Clerk
Treasurer
Aldermen

CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY
February 24, 2015
10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b), 7-4(1)
Polls open 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

2014

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2014

First day to circulate nomination papers (**must include original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) for established political party and nonpartisan candidates who file between **NOVEMBER 17 – 24, 2014. (90th day preceding the last day to file nomination papers)**

(10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12, 10-4, 10-6)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 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.

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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.

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014

Last day to file petition (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) to create a political subdivision with the appropriate officer or board.

[10 ILCS 5/28-2(b)]

NOTE: The specific statutory provisions governing the creation of political subdivisions can be found in the relevant Code governing such subdivisions.

NOTE: Objections can be filed on or before the date of the hearing with the appropriate circuit court clerk.
(10 ILCS 5/28-4)

**NOTE: If initial officers are to be elected at the election for creation of a new unit of government, candidates for such offices shall file nomination papers 99-92 days before such election. (November 17 – 24, 2014)
(10 ILCS 5/10-6)**

**NOTE: The circuit court clerk shall publish the hearing date for a public policy petition filed in his/her office not later than 14 days after the petition is actually filed, but at least five (5) days before the actual hearing. (Final orders within seven (7) days of hearing).
(10 ILCS 5/28-4)**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2014

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014

First day for candidates to file in the office of the local election official or Board of Election Commissioners **original** nomination papers (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) for: 1) established political parties in municipalities over 5,000 population; 2) municipalities under 5,000 which by ordinance nominate candidates by primary; 3) municipalities which by referendum conduct a partisan or nonpartisan primary; 4) managerial municipalities which conduct nonpartisan primaries, and 5) the City of Chicago.
(10 ILCS 5/7-1, 7-12(3), 10-6(4); 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20, 3.1-25-60, 5-2-18.5, 20/21-5, 21-12, 21-22, 21-25)

NOTE: Please consult with your municipal clerk or election authority to determine whether your municipality elects its officers on a non-partisan basis.

NOTE: This filing period does not cover candidates for park, library, school, community college, educational service region, or fire protection district offices.

NOTE: Seven (7) days written notice of the time and place for conducting a lottery shall be given when 2 or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party or nonpartisan candidates, as of the opening hour of the filing period NOVEMBER 17, 2014 or within the last hour of the filing period NOVEMBER 24,

2014. Notice shall be given by the local election official to the chairman of each political party and to each organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction entitled to have pollwatchers present at the last Consolidated Election. Notice must be posted at the entrance of the office. The lottery itself must be conducted within 9 days of the last of petition filing. (The State Board of Elections recommends notifying all candidates involved in the lottery.)
(10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 10-6.2)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014

Last day State Board of Elections shall certify to the proper election authority a list of facilities licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, or the ID/DD Community Care Act. The list shall indicate bed capacity and the chief administrator of each facility.
(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014

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

EXCEPTION: Proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code.

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014

Last day for candidates to file in the office of the local election official or Board of Election Commissioners **original** nomination papers **(must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators)** for 1) established political parties in municipalities over 5,000 population; 2) municipalities under 5,000 population which by ordinance nominate candidates by primary; 3) municipalities which by referendum conduct a partisan or nonpartisan primary; 4) managerial municipalities which conduct nonpartisan primaries, and 5) the City of Chicago.
(10 ILCS 5/7-1, 7-12(3), 10-6(4); 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20, 3.1-25-60, 5-2-18.5, 20/21-5, 21-12, 21-22, 21-25)

NOTE: This filing period does not cover candidates for park, library, school, community college, educational service region, or fire protection district offices.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014

Last day for filing a Statement of Economic Interests with the county clerk as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. The **receipt** must be filed on or before this date with the local official or election authority who received the nomination papers.

(5 ILCS 420/4A-105(a); 10 ILCS 5/7-12(8), 10-5)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2014

First day for any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States, to make application **by mail** or **in person** to the election authority for an official ballot.

(10 ILCS 5/19-2)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2014

Last day County Central Committee Chairman shall submit a list to the election authority of applicants for additional deputy registrars.

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

NOTE: The county clerk may require a Chairman of a County Central Committee to furnish a supplemental list of applicants.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014

Beginning of 2-year term of all deputy registrars, **except** precinct committeemen who began their own 2-year term on the date of the county convention following their election.

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014

Last day to file objections to petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local). Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same office in which the original petitions were filed.

(10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

EXCEPTION: Proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code.

NOTE: For procedures on objections see page 44.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014

Last day for an individual who has filed nomination papers for two (2) or more **incompatible** offices to withdraw from all but one of the offices with the local election official or election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/7-12(9), 10-7)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014

Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of established political party and nonpartisan candidates in the office of the local election official or election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/7-12.1, 10-8)

NOTE: December 3rd objection deadline is based upon the SBE holiday schedule. The Friday after Thanksgiving, SBE offices are closed. If your county or units of government have different schedules, this might affect your objection deadlines.

NOTE: For procedures on objections see page 44.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014

Last day lottery shall be conducted by the local election official or election authority when two (2) or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party or nonpartisan candidates as of the opening hour of the filing period (NOVEMBER 17, 2014) or within the last hour of the filing period (NOVEMBER 24, 2014) for established parties.

(10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 10-6.2)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014

Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a **binding** public question to appear on the ballot.

[10 ILCS 5/28-2(c)]

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014

Last day for County, Municipal, School, Township and Park Boards to authorize the placement of **advisory** referenda on the ballot by resolution.

(55 ILCS 5/5-1005.5; 60 ILCS 1/80-80; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60; 70 ILCS 1205/8-30; 105 ILCS 5/9-1.5)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014

First day for election authorities to submit updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or other electronic data processing information containing voter registration information to the State Board of Elections.

(10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014

Last day candidate may file Withdrawal of Candidacy in the office of the local election official or election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/7-12(9), 10-7; 65 ILCS 20/21-29)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014

Last day to file a Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate in the office of the election official with whom nomination papers for such office are filed where the office would otherwise be uncontested (and no primary would otherwise be held), and such filing would force a primary election for the office. **Write-in votes shall only be counted for person(s) who have filed a Declaration of Intent with Election Authority or Authorities (so additional originally executed declaration(s) should also be filed with each Election Authority). Write-in declarations are NOT filed with the State Board of Elections.**

(10 ILCS 5/7-5(d), 7-12 (10)(c); 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20)

NOTE: 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20 sets the last date as 61 days prior (Thursday, December 25, 2014) with regard to municipalities, however that day is after the certification deadline for local election officials.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014

Last day for local election official to certify candidates and the offices they are filing for to the election authority.
(10 ILCS 5/7-13.1, 10-15)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2014

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2014

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

(10 ILCS 5/7-12(10)(c), 7-59(b),17-16.1; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2014

Last day for election authorities to submit updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or other electronic data processing information containing voter registration information to the State Board of Elections.

(10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2014

Last day the election authority shall provide public notice, calculated to reach the elderly and handicapped voters, of the availability of 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, and procedures for early voting by personal appearance.
(10 ILCS 5/7-15)

2015

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2015

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

NOTE: No registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to this section.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2015

First day for citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who expect to be absent from their county of residence on election day to make simultaneous application to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for absentee registration and an absentee ballot. Citizens of the United States may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission.
(10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

NOTE: Absentee registration shall be required for citizens temporarily residing outside the United States in order to vote.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015

Last day for election authorities to provide to each county chairman or his representative, precinct lists prepared for the 2014 General Election marked to indicate which registrants voted at the General Election.
(10 ILCS 5/4-11, 5-14, 6-60)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2015

Last day for the election authority to have in his office a sufficient number of ballots printed and 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.
(10 ILCS 5/7-16, 16-5.01)

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015

Last day the election authority shall notify the municipal, township and road district clerks within its jurisdiction if they are to conduct in-person absentee voting.
(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015

First day for mailing or delivery of absentee ballots.
(10 ILCS 5/19-4)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015

Last day for organizations of citizens which have among its purposes the investigation or prosecution of election fraud, ballot proposition proponents or opponents and State non-partisan civic organizations to register their names and addresses and the names and addresses of their principal officers with the proper election authority if such organization(s) or person(s) wish to qualify for pollwatchers at the Consolidated Primary Election.
(10 ILCS 5/7-34)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2015

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015

Dates for filing Lodging House Affidavits listing the names and descriptions of those residents who list such location as their voting address with the Board of Election Commissioners. *(The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit enforcement of this provision.)*
(10 ILCS 5/6-56)

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015

First day for election authority to publish notice of the Consolidated Primary. The notice must include the color of the primary ballots, the time and place of holding the primary and the polling hours, the offices for which candidates will be nominated and the political parties entitled to participate. Such notice must also include a list of precinct polling addresses unless published separately at least ten (10) days prior to the Consolidated Primary. Such notice of the Consolidated Primary shall be published once in one or more newspapers published in each political subdivision having such primary, and if there is no such newspaper, then published once in a local community newspaper having general circulation in the subdivision, and also once in a newspaper published in the county wherein the political subdivisions, or portions thereof, having such primary are situated.
(10 ILCS 5/7-15, 7-18, 12-4)

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015

First day for the election authority to publish notice of a question of public policy appearing on the ballot at the Consolidated Primary. Such notice shall be published once in a local community newspaper having general circulation in the political or governmental subdivision. The notice shall also be given at least ten (10) days before the date of the election by posting a copy of the notice at the principal office of the election authority. The local election official shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the political or governmental subdivision, or if there is no principal office at the building in which the governing body of the political or governmental subdivision held its first meeting of the calendar year in which the referendum is being held.

(10 ILCS 5/12-5)

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015

Last day for the election authority to arrange with nursing home administrators the date and time to conduct in-person absentee voting in such facilities and to post a notice in the office of the election authority of all such arrangements.

(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015

Last day for citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the United States who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who expect to be absent from their county of residence on election day to make simultaneous application to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for absentee registration and an absentee ballot and the last day for the election authority to mail such a ballot.

(10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015

Last day for registration or transfer of registration in the office of the election authority. **Precinct registration may apply in the City of Chicago. Please check with this jurisdiction for registration deadlines.**

(10 ILCS 5/4-6, 4-16, 5-5, 5-23, 6-29, 6-50, 6-53, 6-54)

EXCEPTION: Grace period registration and transfer of registration.

NOTE: UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF NVRA AND/OR RULES PROMULGATED BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF NVRA. A VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION MAY BE EXECUTED WHILE VOTER REGISTRATION IS CLOSED, BUT IN SUCH CASE SUCH APPLICATION SHALL NOT ENTITLE THE APPLICANT TO VOTE AT ANY ELECTION HELD BEFORE REGISTRATION RE-OPENS. APPLICATIONS FOR NVRA REGISTRATION COMPLETED WITHIN THE FIVE (5) DAY PERIOD PRECEDING THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE AT SECRETARY OF STATE FACILITIES AND

QUALIFIED AGENCIES MUST BE TRANSMITTED WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS OF COMPLETION AND MUST BE PROCESSED FOR THE NEXT ELECTION. A MAIL REGISTRATION APPLICATION SHALL BE DEEMED TIMELY FILED IF POSTMARKED PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION. IF NO POSTMARK EXISTS OR IF THE POSTMARK IS ILLEGIBLE, THE APPLICATION SHALL BE CONSIDERED TIMELY FILED IF RECEIVED BY THE ELECTION AUTHORITY NO LATER THAT FIVE (5) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015

Last day for registration of voters by deputy registrars, including municipal, township, road district clerks and precinct committeemen. **Area and precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago. Please check with this jurisdiction for registration deadlines.**

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

NOTE: Deputy Registrars must return completed forms to the election authority within 7 days of the day on which they are completed. Registrations accepted during the period of 35-28 days before an election must be returned within 48 hours. Registrations accepted on the 28th day must be returned within 24 hours.

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2015

First day of grace period registration or change of address in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2015

First day for grace period voting at the election authority's office, or location designated by the election authority, or by mail, at the discretion of the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2015

Last day for deputy registrars who are officials or members of a bona fide labor organization to return unused registration materials to the election authority. **Area and precinct registration may apply in the City of Chicago. Please check with this jurisdiction for registration deadlines and return of material deadlines.**

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2015

Last day for the election authority to supply absentee ballot materials to local election officials (qualified municipal, township and road district clerks) authorized by the election authority to conduct in-person absentee voting. It is suggested that they make available such supplies on this date, as in-person absentee voting begins the following day.
(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015

First day for local election officials (qualified municipal, township and road district clerks) authorized by the election authority to conduct in-person absentee voting.
(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015

First day for election authority to publish (1) the location of each permanent and temporary site for early voting and the precincts served by each location, and (2) the dates and hours that early voting will be conducted at each location. The election authority shall publish this information at least once a week during the statutory period for early voting. If the election authority maintains a website, they shall make the schedule available on its website.
[10 ILCS 5/19A-25 (a)(d)]

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015

The election authority shall post a schedule for early voting at each location where early voting will be conducted. Such posting shall remain at each site until the last day of the early voting period (FEBRUARY 21, 2015). If the election authority has a website, they shall make the schedule available on the website.
[10 ILCS 5/19A-25(b)(d)]

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015

Last day for employee to give employer written notice that they will be absent from place of employment on Election Day because they have been appointed as an election judge under the provisions of 10 ILCS 5/13-1 or 13-2.
(10 ILCS 5/13-2.5, 14-4.5)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2015

Last day for election authority to submit voter registration information to the State Board of Elections within ten (10) days following the close of registration for the February 24, 2015 Consolidated Primary Election.
(10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015

First day for early voting at the office of the election authority and permanent locations designated by the election authority. Temporary early voting locations may be established by the election authority, but are not required to maintain the same voting days and hours as the election authority.
(10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015

Dates on which any voter or precinct committeeman may file an application with the election authority to erase names from the registry of voters. (*The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit the enforcement of this provision*).
(10 ILCS 5/4-12, 5/15, 6-44)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015

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

NOTE: This provision for absentee voting is available through Election Day if the process can be completed and the voted ballot returned to the election authority in sufficient time for the ballot to be delivered by the election authority to the election authority's central ballot counting location before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
(10 ILCS 5/19-13)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015

Last day for election authority or State Board of Elections to have pollwatcher credentials available for distribution.
(10 ILCS 5/7-34, 17-23, 18-6)

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2015

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2015

Dates on which county clerks and Chicago Board of Election Commissioners shall hold hearings to determine whether names in the registry of voters shall be erased, registered, or restored. (*The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit enforcement of this provision.*)
(10 ILCS 5/4-13, 5-16, 6-45)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

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

Such notice of the Consolidated Primary shall be published once in one or more newspapers published in each political subdivision having such primary, and if there is no such newspaper, then published once in a local community newspaper having general circulation in the subdivision, and also once in a newspaper published in the county wherein the political subdivisions, or portions thereof, having such primary are situated.

(10 ILCS 5/7-15, 7-18, 12-4)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

Last day for the election authority to publish notice of a question of public policy appearing on the ballot at the Consolidated Primary Election. Such notice shall be published once in a local community newspaper having general circulation in the political or governmental subdivision. The notice shall also be given at least ten (10) days before the date of the election by posting a copy of the notice at the principal office of the election authority. The local election official shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the political or governmental subdivision, or if there is no principal office at the building in which the governing body of the political or governmental subdivision held its first meeting of the calendar year in which the referendum is being held.

(10 ILCS 5/12-5)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

Last day for election authority to publish precinct polling place addresses if not included in the Consolidated Primary Election notice.

(10 ILCS 5/7-15)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

Last day for any voter who is a member of the United States Service and his spouse and dependents of voting age who expect to be absent from their county of residence on election day to make application for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence, and the last day for the election authority to mail such ballot. Members of the armed Forces may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission.

(10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.3, 20-3)

NOTE: No registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to this section.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY, 17, 2015

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015

Dates on which Boards of Election Commissioners (except Chicago Board of Election Commissioners) shall hold hearings to determine whether names in registry of voters shall be erased, registered, or restored. *(The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit enforcement of this provision.)*

(10 ILCS 5/6-45)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015

Last day for the election authority to conduct the public test of the automatic tabulating equipment, Optical Scan Equipment and Direct Recording Electronic Voting Equipment.

(10 ILCS 5/24A-9, 24B-9, 24C-9)

NOTE: All election authorities must provide timely written notice of their public test to the State Board of Elections prior to such test. Such notice must contain the date, time, and location of such test. Public notice of the time and place of the test must be given at least 48 hours prior to such test.

(10 ILCS 5/24A-9, 24B-9, 24C-9)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015

Last day for election authority to receive application **by mail** from any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States.

(10 ILCS 5/19-2, 19-4)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015

Last day for local election official to publish specimen ballot. Such specimen ballots shall be provided by the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/7-21)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015

Last day (by noon) election authority shall post the names and addresses of nursing home facilities from which no applications for absentee ballots have been received and in which no supervised voting will be conducted.

(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015

Last day for a physically incapacitated voter who desires to vote in person at their facility of residence (i) federally operated veterans' homes, hospitals, and facilities located in Illinois or (ii) facilities licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act or the ID/DD Community Care Act, to make application to the election authority. Such voting shall take place on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday immediately preceding the Consolidated Primary Election, as determined by the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2015

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2015

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2015

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

The election authority will determine on which of the above dates Nursing Home voting will be conducted, pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the

Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, or the ID/DD Community Care Act. No later than 9:00 a.m. of the day designated by the election authority to conduct in-person voting on the premises, the election authority shall deliver official absentee ballots to the judges of election conducting such voting at the facility. Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., sufficient time shall be allowed for residents of the facility to vote on the premises of such facility. Immediately thereafter, the judges shall bring the sealed envelope containing the voted ballots to the office of the election authority who shall deliver such ballots to the election authority's central ballot counting location prior to the closing of the polls on the day of election.

(10 ILCS 5/19-4, 19-12.2)

NOTE: In-person absentee voting shall be conducted on the premises of facilities licensed pursuant to the Illinois Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, or the ID/DD Community Care Act and federally operated veterans' homes and hospitals, for the sole benefit of residents of such facilities who have made prior application and are registered to vote in that precinct.

(10 ILCS 5/19-4, 19-12.2)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2015

Last day for election authority to have official ballots available for inspection by candidates or their agents.

(10 ILCS 5/16-5)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2015

Last day of grace period registration or change of address in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2015

Last day for grace period voting at the election authority's office, or location designated by the election authority, or by mail, at the discretion of the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2015

Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority and permanent locations designated by the election authority. Temporary early voting locations may be established by the election authority, but are not required to maintain the same voting days and hours as the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/19A-15, 19A-20)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

(No later than 6:00 p.m.)

Last day for election authority to deliver ballots to the judges of election in each precinct at which the Consolidated Primary Election will be conducted.

(10 ILCS 5/7-35, 16-5)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

Last day for election authority in counties having a population **under 500,000** to publish a list of all the nominations that is to be voted for at the Consolidated Primary Election.

(10 ILCS 5/16-10)

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

Last day for any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States, to vote **in person** at the election authority, municipal, township or road district clerk who is authorized to conduct absentee voting.

(10 ILCS 5/19-2, 19-2.1)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2013

Last day for election authority to deliver (prior to opening the polling place) to the judges of election in each precinct the list of registered voters in that precinct to whom absentee ballots have been issued by mail, a listing of grace period and early voters.

[10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100, 19-4, 19A-5(c)]

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

Last day for any temporarily or permanently physically disabled voter to request at the election authority's office, that two (2) judges of election of opposite party affiliation deliver a ballot to him/her at the point where he/she is unable to continue forward motion toward the polling place.

(10 ILCS 5/7-47.1(b), 17-13, 18-5.1)

NOTE: The election authority shall notify the judges of election of the appropriate precinct of such requests.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015

CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION

(10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015

Date when authorized local election officials, who have not delivered in-person absentee ballots to the election authority, shall deliver in-person absentee ballots to election authority's central ballot counting location before the polls close. All unused in-person absentee voting supplies are to be returned to the office of the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015

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

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015

Last day a provisional voter may submit additional information to the county clerk or board of election commissioners to verify or support his/her registration status. Material must be **received** by this date.

[10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d)]

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

Deadline for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots.

[10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a)]

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

Deadline for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the tabulation of absentee ballots that were (1) postmarked by the midnight preceding the opening of the polls on Election Day, and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day but not later than 14 days after the election, or (2) not postmarked at all, but did have a certification date prior to the Election Day on the certification envelopes, and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day but not later than 14 days after the election.

[10 ILCS 5/19-8(c)]

NOTE: Absentee voters whose ballots were rejected must be sent a notice of such along with the reason for the rejection within two (2) days of the rejection, but in all cases prior to the end of the 14 day period in which to count the absentee ballots. Such voters must be given an opportunity to appear before the election authority on or before the 14 day following the election to show cause as to why the ballot should not be rejected.

[10 ILCS 5/19-8(g)]

BEFORE PROCLAMATION BY ELECTION AUTHORITY

PRIOR TO THE CANVASS In those jurisdictions where in-precinct counting equipment is utilized, the election authority shall retabulate the total number of votes cast in 5% of the precincts within the election jurisdiction, as well as 5% of the voting devices used in early voting. AS SELECTED ON A RANDOM BASIS BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

(10 ILCS 5/24A-15, 24B-15, 24C-15)

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015

Last day for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to canvass election results.

(10 ILCS 5/22-17)

NOTE: An established party with a vacancy in nomination due to failure to nominate at the FEBRUARY 24, 2015 Consolidated Primary Election must fill such vacancy within in five (5) days after the date on which the canvass occurs.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015

Last day the election authority shall transmit to the State Board of Elections the following: (1) the number, by precinct, of absentee ballots requested, provided and counted (2) the number of rejected absentee ballots, (3) the number of voters seeking review of rejected absentee ballots and (4) the number of absentee ballots counted following review.

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

CANVASS AND POST CANVASS PRECEDURES:

Consolidated Primary election returns are to be immediately delivered by two election judges (one from each of the two leading established political parties) to the election authority. As soon as possible after the conclusion of the 14 day period for county provisional and absentee ballots, the returns shall be canvassed for all primary elections by the election authority acting as the canvassing board pursuant to Section 1-8 of the Election Code. Following the canvass the election authority shall transmit to the State Board of Elections the following: (1) the number, by precinct, of absentee ballots requested, provided and counted, (2) the number of rejected absentee ballots, and (3) the number of voters seeking review of rejected absentee ballots. Within 48 hours of conducting the canvass, as required by this code, the election authority shall deliver an original certificate of results to each local official.

(10 ILCS 5/1-8, 7-56, 17-22, 19-20, 20-20)

**NOTE: The election authority also canvasses the results of a public question submitted to referendum pursuant to a court order and shall immediately transmit a signed copy or an original duplicate of its completed abstract of the votes to the court which order the referendum.
(10 ILCS 5/22-18)**

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Each successful write-in candidate shall file the following documents with the proper election authority within five (5) day following the proclamation by the appropriate canvassing board.

- (1) Statement of Candidacy
 - (2) Receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interest, and
 - (3) Loyalty Oath (optional)
- (10 ILCS 5/7-60.1)

DISCOVERY RECOUNT

Within five (5) days after the last day for the proclamation of the results of the canvass, petitions for discovery recount may be filed by any candidate who came with 5% of the winning candidate. Such petition is filed with the appropriate election authority.
(10 ILCS 5/22-9.1)

ELECTION CONTEST

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

ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY LOTTERY

Each local election official shall conduct a public lottery for the order of placement of the established political parties on the Consolidated Election ballot. Three (3) days written notice of the time and place for conducting such lottery must be sent to the party chairmen and organizations that were entitled to have pollwatchers at the most recent election, and post notice of the lottery in a conspicuous, open and public place at the entrance of the office. Such lottery shall be prior to the certification for the Consolidated Election (no later than five (5) days following the canvass of the Consolidated Primary election).
(10 ILCS 5/7-60.1)

EXCEPTION: Boards of Election Commissioners shall hold the lottery within five (5) days following the canvass.

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION
First Tuesday in April
April 7, 2015

**ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTIES,
INDEPENDENT AND NEW POLITICAL PARTY**
Offices to be Elected

MUNICIPAL* - including Special Charter
Mayor or President
Clerk
Treasurer
Aldermen or Trustees
*(65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20, 3.1-25-60)

NONPARTISAN
Offices to be Elected

MUNICIPAL-Council-Manager form (Council at-large and from districts), Commission
Form
Villages incorporated after January 1, 1992**

Mayor or President
Clerk
Treasurer (Council-Manager only)
Council Members or Commissioners or Trustees
** (65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20, 3.1-25-60)

MUNICIPAL
City of Chicago (run-off elections only)
(65 ILCS 20/21-5a, 21-12)

PARK DISTRICT
Commissioners

PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
Trustees

TOWNSHIP AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARY
Trustees

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE REGIONS
Trustees

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Board Members (including districts under Article 33)
School Directors

SCHOOL DISTRICTS - Special Charter

School Inspectors
Board Members

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS - Cook County Only

Trustees

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Trustees

TOWNSHIP LAND COMMISSIONERS, Counties having a population under 220,000

Commissioners

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS

Trustees

FOX WATERWAY AGENCY

1 Director to be elected from Lake County
2 Directors to be elected from McHenry County

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

Commissioners

SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION AND AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY

Commissioners

OTHER SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION
April 7, 2015
10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b)
Polls open 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

2014

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

First day to circulate nomination papers (**must be original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) for independent and new political party candidates in municipalities and nonpartisan candidates for township and municipal libraries, Fox Waterway Agency, library districts, park districts, school boards, community college boards, regional boards of school trustees, fire protection districts, and forest preserve districts who file **December 15 – 22, 2014. (90th day preceding the last day to file nominating papers)**
(10 ILCS 5/10-4, 10-6; 615 ILCS 90/5)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 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.
[10 ILCS 5/28-2(g)]

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2014

Last day for municipal clerk to publish notice of municipal caucus in municipalities over 500 population (in municipalities under 500, notice shall be given by the municipal clerk by posting the notice in 3 of the most public places in the municipality).
[10 ILCS 5/10-1(b)]

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2014

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

NOTE: The county clerk may require a Chairman of a County Central Committee to furnish a supplemental list of applicants.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014

Date on which the municipal caucus must be held (in municipalities under 5,000 population) which have established political parties.
[10 ILCS 5/10-1(a)]

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014

Beginning of 2- year term of all deputy registrars, **except** precinct committeemen who began their own 2-year term on the date of the county convention following their election.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 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.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014

Last day to file petition (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) to create a political subdivision with the appropriate officer or board.

[10 ILCS 5/28-2(b)]

NOTE: The specific statutory provisions governing the creation of political subdivisions can be found in the relevant Code governing such subdivisions.

NOTE: Objections can be filed on or before the date of the hearing with the appropriate circuit court clerk.
(10 ILCS 5/28-4)

NOTE: If the initial officers are to be elected at the election for creation of a new unit of government, candidates for such offices shall file nomination papers 113-106 days before such election (December 15 – 22, 2014).
(10 ILCS 5/10-6)

NOTE: The circuit court clerk shall publish the hearing date for a public policy petition filed in his/her office not later than 14 days after the petition is actually filed, but at least five (5) days before the actual hearing. (Final orders within seven (7) days of hearings.)
(10 ILCS 5/28-4)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014

First day established political party caucus certificates of nomination may be filed in the office of the local election official along with Statement of Candidacy and Loyalty Oath (optional) for each candidate. The **receipt** for filing a Statement of Economic Interest for each candidate may be filed any time during the filing period.

[5 ILCS 420/4A-105, 10 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-6(2)]

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014

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

EXCEPTION: Nomination papers for the office of Regional Board of School Trustees in a **single county** shall be filed in the office of the county clerk. Petitions for the office of **Multi-County** Regional Board of School Trustees shall be filed in the principal office of the State Board of Elections.
(10 ILCS 5/10-6(1); 105 ILCS 5/6-10)

NOTE: **Seven (7) days written notice of the time and place for conducting lottery shall be given when 2 or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party or nonpartisan candidates, as of the opening hour of the filing period (DECEMBER 15, 2014) or within the last hour of the filing period (DECEMBER 22, 2014). Notice shall be given by the local election official to the chairmen of each political party and to each organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction entitled to have pollwatchers present at the last Consolidated Election. Notice must be posted at the entrance of the office. The lottery itself must be conducted within 9 days of the last day of petition filing. (The State Board of Elections recommends notifying all candidates involved in the lottery.)**
(10 ILCS 5/10-6.2)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014

First day for election authorities to submit updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or other electronic data processing information containing voter registration information to the State Board of Elections.
(10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014

Last day to file objection to petition to create a political subdivision in the office of the appropriate officer where the petitions were originally filed.
(10 ILCS 5/28-4)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2014

Last day established political party caucus certificates of nomination may be filed in the office of the local election official along with Statement of Candidacy and Loyalty Oath (optional) for each candidate.
[5 ILCS 420/4A-105, 10 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-6(2)]

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2014

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

EXCEPTION: Nomination papers for the office of Regional Board of School Trustees in a **single county** shall be filed in the office of the county clerk. Petitions for the office of **Multi-County** Regional Board of School Trustees shall be filed in the principal office of the State Board of Elections.
(10 ILCS 5/10-6(1); 105 ILCS 5/6-10)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2014

Last day for filing a Statement of Economic Interests with the county clerk as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. The **receipt** must be filed on or before this date with the local election official, election authority or State Board of Elections who received the nomination papers or caucus certificates of nomination.
(5 ILCS 420/4A-105; 10 ILCS 5/10-5)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2014

Last day for election authorities to submit updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or other electronic data processing information containing voter registration information to the State Board of Elections.
(10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2014

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2014

Last day State Board of Elections shall certify to the proper election authority a list of facilities licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, or the ID/DD Community Care Act. The list shall indicate bed capacity and the chief administrator of each facility.
(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2014

Last day for an individual who has filed for two (2) or more **incompatible** offices to withdraw from all but one of the offices with the local election official or election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/10-7)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2014

Last day for filing objections to nomination petitions of new political party, nonpartisan, and independent candidates also to certificates of nomination for established party caucus candidates in the office of the local election official or election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/10-8)

EXCEPTION: Objections to the nominating petitions of candidates for the office of **Multi-county** Educational Service Region Trustees and Fox Waterway Agency are filed with the State Board of Elections.

NOTE: December 30th objection deadline is based upon the SBE holiday schedule. The Wednesday before and Friday after Christmas, SBE offices are open. If your county or units of government have different schedules, this might affect your objection deadlines.

NOTE: For procedures on objections see page 44.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2014

Last day lottery shall be conducted by the State Board of Elections, election authority or local election official when two (2) or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office by more than one (1) independent candidate or more than one (1) new political party candidate; or by more than one (1) nonpartisan candidate and for established party, as of the opening hour of the filing period (DECEMBER 15, 2014) or within the last hour of the filing period (DECEMBER 22, 2014)

(10 ILCS 5/10-6.2)

2015

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2015

First day any voter who is a member of the United States Service and his/her spouse or dependents of voting age who expect to be absent from their county of residence on election day to make application for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over their residence. Members of the Armed Forces may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission.

(10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.3, 20-3)

NOTE: No registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to this section.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2015

First day for citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who expect to be absent from their county of residence on election day to make simultaneous application to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for absentee registration and an absentee ballot. Citizens of the United States may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission.

(10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

NOTE: Absentee registration shall be required for citizens temporarily residing outside the United States in order to vote.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015

Last day for election authorities to provide to each county chairman or his representative precinct lists prepared for the 2014 General Election marked to indicate which registrants voted at the General Election.

(10 ILCS 5/4-11, 5-14, 6-60)

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015

Last day for filing petitions (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulator**) for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local).

(10 ILCS 5/28-2(a), 28-6, 28-7)

EXCEPTION: Proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code.

NOTE: Petitions to initiate backdoor referenda must be filed under the deadline specified in the specific statute authorizing the referenda, but in no case not later than 92 days prior to the ensuing election.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2015

First day for any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States to make application **by mail** or **in person** to the election authority for an official ballot.

(10 ILCS 5/19-2)

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015

Last day to file objections to petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local). Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same office in which the original petitions were filed.

(10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

EXCEPTION: Proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under

the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code.

NOTE: For procedures on objections see page 44.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2015

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015

Last day for County, Municipal, School, Township and Park Boards to place **advisory** referenda on the ballot by resolution.
(55 ILCS 5/2-3002, 5-1005.5; 60 ILCS 1/30-205, 80-80; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60; 70 ILCS 1205/8-30 105 ILCS 5/9-1.5)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2015

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2015

Last day for established political party (local established or statewide established) to fill a vacancy in nomination for failure to nominate at the December 1 municipal caucus.
(10 ILCS 5/7-60.1, 7-61)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify Multi-County Regional Trustees and Fox Waterway Agency candidates to the election authorities.
(10 ILCS 5/7-60.1; 105 ILCS 5/6-5; 615 ILCS 90/5)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015

Last day for local election official to certify candidates and the offices they are filing for to the election authority.
(10 ILCS 5/10-15)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015

Last day a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the proper election authority or authorities (appropriate county clerk(s) and/or boards of election commissioners. **Write-in votes shall only be counted for person(s) who have filed a Declaration of Intent. Write-in declarations are NOT filed with the State Board of Elections.**
(10 ILCS 5/17-16.1; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2015

Last day the election authority shall provide public notice, calculated to reach the elderly and handicapped voters of the availability of 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, and procedures for early voting by personal appearance.
(10 ILCS 5/12-1)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2015

Last day for the election authority to have in their office a sufficient number of ballots printed and available in his office 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.

(10 ILCS 5/16-5.01)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

Last day the election authority shall notify the municipal, township and road district clerks within its jurisdiction if they are to conduct in-person absentee voting.

(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015

First day for mailing or delivery of absentee ballots.

(10 ILCS 5/19-4)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015

Last day for organizations of citizens which have among its purposes the investigation or prosecution of election fraud, ballot proposition proponents or opponents and State non-partisan civic organizations to register their names and addresses and the names and addresses of their principal officers with the proper election authority if such organizations(s) or person(s) wish to qualify for pollwatchers at the Consolidated Election.

(10 ILCS 5/17-23, 18-6)

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

Dates for filing Lodging House Affidavits listing the names and descriptions of those residents who list such location as their voting address with Boards of Election Commissioners. (*The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit the enforcement of this provision.*)

(10 ILCS 5/6-56)

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015

First day for the election authority to publish notice of the Consolidated Election. The notice must include the polling hours, and the offices for which candidates will be elected. Such notice must also include a list precinct polling addresses unless published separately at least ten (10) days prior to the Consolidated Election. Such notice of the Consolidated Election shall be published once in one or more newspapers published in each political subdivision, and if there is no such newspaper, then published once in a local community newspaper having general circulation in the subdivision, and also once in a newspaper published in the county wherein the political subdivisions, or portions thereof, having such elections are situated.

(10 ILCS 5/12-4)

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015

First day for the election authority to publish notice of a question of public policy appearing on the ballot at the Consolidated Election. Such notice shall be published once in a local community newspaper having general circulation in the political or governmental subdivision. The notice shall also be given at least ten (10) days before the date of election by posting a copy of the notice at the principal office of the election authority. The local election official shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the political or governmental subdivision, or if there is no principal office at the building in which the governing body of the political or governmental subdivision held its first meeting of the calendar year in which the referendum is being held.

(10 ILCS 5/12-5)

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015

Last day for the election authority to arrange with nursing home administrators the date and time to conduct in-person absentee voting in such facilities and to post a notice in the office of the election authority of all such arrangements.

(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015

Last day for citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the United States who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who expect to be absent from their county of residence on election day to make simultaneous application to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for absentee registration and an absentee ballot and the last day for the election authority to mail such ballot.

(10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

Last day for registration or transfer of registration in the office of the election authority. **Precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago. Please check with this jurisdiction for registration deadlines.**

(10 ILCS 5/4-6, 4-16, 5-5, 5-23, 6-29, 6-50, 6-53, 6-54)

EXCEPTION: Grace period registration and transfer of registration.

NOTE: UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF NVRA AND/OR RULES PROMULATED BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF NVRA. A VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION MAY BE EXECUTED WHILE VOTER REGISTRATION IS CLOSED, BUT IN SUCH CASE SUCH APPLICATION SHALL NOT ENTITLE THE APPLICANT TO VOTE AT ANY ELECTION HELD BEFORE REGISTRATIONS RE-OPENS. APPLICATIONS FOR NVRA REGISTRATION COMPLETED WITHIN THE FIVE (5) DAY PERIOD PRECEDING THE REGISTRION DEADLINE AT SECRETARY OF STATE FACILITIES AND QUALIFIED AGENCIES MUST BE

TRANSMITTED WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS OF COMPLETION AND MUST BE PROCESSED FOR THE NEXT ELECTION. A MAIL REGISTRATION APPLICATION SHALL BE DEEMED TIMELY FILED IF POSTMARKED PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION. IF NO POSTMARK EXISTS OR IF THE POSTMARK IS ILLEGIBLE, THE APPLICATION SHALL BE CONSIDERED TIMELY FILED IF RECEIVED BY THE ELECTION AUTHORITY NO LATER THAN FIVE (5) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

Last day for registration of voters by deputy registrars including municipal, township and road district clerks and precinct committeemen. **Area and precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago. Please check with this jurisdiction for registration deadlines.**

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

NOTE: Deputy Registrars must return completed forms to the election authority within 7 days of the day on which they are completed. Registrations accepted during the period of 35-28 days before an election must be returned within 48 hours. Registrations accepted on the 28th day must be returned within 24 hours.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015

First day of grace period registration or change of address in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015

First day for grace period voting at the election authority's office, or location designated by the election authority, or by mail, at the discretion of the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015

Last day for deputy registrars who are officials or members of a bona fide labor organization to return unused registration materials to the election authority. **Area and precinct registration may apply in the City of Chicago. Please check with this jurisdiction for registration and return of materials deadlines.**

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015

First day to vote absentee if a primary was held in the election jurisdiction.

(10 ILCS 5/19-4)

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015

Last day for election authority to supply absentee ballot materials to local election officials (qualified municipal, township and road district clerks) authorized by the election authority to conduct in-person absentee voting. It is suggested that they make available such supplies on this date, as in-person absentee voting begins the following day.

(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015

First day for local election officials (qualified municipal, township and road district clerks) authorized by the election authority to conduct in-person absentee voting.

(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015

First day for election authority to publish (1) the location of each permanent and temporary sites for early voting and the precincts served by each location, and (2) the dates and hours that early voting will be conducted at each location. The election authority shall publish this information at least once a week during the statutory period for early voting. If the election authority maintains a website, they shall make the schedule available on its website.

[10 ILCS 5/19A-25(a)(d)]

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015

The election authority shall post a schedule for early voting at each location where early voting will be conducted. Such posting shall remain at each site until the last day of the early voting period (APRIL 4, 2015). If the election authority has a website, they shall make the schedule available on the website.

[10 ILCS 5/19A-25(b)(d)]

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015

Last day for employee to give employer written notice that they will be absent from place of employment on Election Day because they have been appointed as an election judge under the provisions of 10 ILCS 5/13-1 or 13-2.

(10 ILCS 5/13-2.5, 14-4.5)

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2015

Last day for election authority to submit voter registration information to the State Board of Elections within ten (10) days following the close of registration for the April 7, 2015 Consolidated Election.

(10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015

First day for early voting at the office of the election authority and permanent locations designated by the election authority. Temporary early voting locations may be established by the election authority, but are not required to maintain the same voting days and hours as the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015

Last day for established party to fill vacancy in nomination for failure to nominate at the FEBRUARY 24, 2015, Consolidated Primary Election.
(10 ILCS 5/7-60.1)

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015

Dates on which a voter or precinct committeeman may file an application with the election authority to erase names from the registry of voters. *(The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit the enforcement of this provision.)*
(10 ILCS 5/4-12, 5-15, 6-44)

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015

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

NOTE: This provision for absentee voting is available through Election Day if the process can be completed and the voted ballot returned to the election authority in sufficient time for the ballot to be delivered by the election authority to the election authority's central ballot counting location before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
(10 ILCS 5/19-13)

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015

Last day for election authority or State Board of Elections to have pollwatcher credentials available for distribution.
(10 ILCS 5/17-23, 18-6)

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2015

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015

Dates on which county clerks and Chicago Board of Election Commissioners shall hold hearings to determine whether names in the registry of voters shall be erased, registered or restored. *(The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit the enforcement of this provision.)*
(10 ILCS 5/4-13, 5-16, 6-45)

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015

Last day for the election authority to publish notice of the Consolidated Election. The notice must include the polling hours, and the offices for which candidates will be elected. Such notice must also include a list of precinct polling addresses unless these are published separately at least ten (10) days prior to the Consolidated Election. Such notice of the Consolidated Election shall be published once in one or more newspapers published in each political subdivision, and if there is no such newspaper, then published once in a local community newspaper having general circulation in the subdivision, and also once in a newspaper published in the county wherein the political subdivisions, or portions thereof, having such primary are situated.

(10 ILCS 5/12-4)

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015

Last day for the election authority to publish notice of a question of public policy appearing on the ballot at the Consolidated Election. Such notice shall be published once in a local community newspaper having general circulation in the political or governmental subdivision. The notice shall also be given at least ten (10) days before the date of the election by posting a copy of the notice at the principal office of the election authority. The local election official shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the political or governmental subdivision, or if there is no principal office at the building in which the governing body of the political or governmental subdivision held its first meeting of the calendar year in which the referendum is being held.

(10 ILCS 5/12-5)

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015

Last day for election authority to publish precinct polling place addresses, if not included in the Consolidated Election notice.

(10 ILCS 5/12-4)

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015

Last day for any voter who is a member of the United States Service and his spouse and dependents of voting age who expect to be absent from their county of residence on election day to make application for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence, and the last day for the election authority to mail such ballot. Members of the Armed Forces may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission.

(10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.3, 20-3)

NOTE: No registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to this section.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2015

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015

Dates on which Boards of Election Commissioners (except Chicago Board of Election Commissioners) shall hold hearings to determine whether names in the registry of voters shall be erased, registered, or restored. *(The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit the enforcement of this provision.)*
(10 ILCS 5/6-45)

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015

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

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015

Last day for a physically incapacitated voter who desires to vote in person at their facility of residence (i) federally operated veterans' homes, hospitals, and facilities located in Illinois or (ii) facilities licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act or the ID/DD Community Care Act, to make application to the election authority. Such voting shall take place on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday immediately preceding the Consolidated Election, as determined by the election authority.
(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2015

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015

The election authority will determine on which of the above dates Nursing Home (etc.) voting will be conducted, pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, or the ID/DD Community Care Act. No later than 9:00 a.m. of the day designated by the election authority to conduct in-person voting on the premises, the election authority shall deliver official absentee ballots to the judges of election conducting such voting at the facility. Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., sufficient time shall be allowed for residents of the facility to vote on the premises of such facility. Immediately thereafter, the judges shall bring the sealed envelope containing the voted ballots to the office of the election authority who shall deliver such ballots to the election authority's central ballot counting location prior to the closing of the polls on the day of election.

(10 ILCS 5/19-4, 19-12.2)

NOTE: In-person absentee voting shall be conducted on the premises of facilities licensed pursuant to the Illinois Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, or the ID/DD Community Care Act and federally operated veterans' homes and hospitals, for the sole benefit of residents of such facilities who have made prior application and are registered to vote in that precinct.

(10 ILCS 5/19-4, 19-12.2)

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2015

Last day of grace period registration or change of address in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2015

Last day of grace period voting at the election authority's office, or location designated by the election authority, or by mail, at the discretion of the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5/50, 6-100)

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2015

Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority and permanent locations designated by the election authority. Temporary early voting locations may be established by the election authority, but are not required to maintain the same voting days and hours as the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/19A-15, 19A-20)

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015

(No later than 6:00 p.m.)

Last day for election authority to deliver ballots to the judges of election in each precinct at which the Consolidated Election will be conducted.

(10 ILCS 5/16-5)

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015

Last day for election authority in counties having a population **under 500,000** to publish a list of all the nominations that is to be voted for at the Consolidated Election.

(10 ILCS 5/16-10)

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015

Last day for any registered voter, presently within the confines of the United States, to vote **in-person** at the election authority, or municipal, township or road district clerk who is authorized to conduct absentee voting.

(10 ILCS 5/19-2, 19-2.1)

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015

Last day for election authority to deliver (prior to opening the polling place) to the judges of election in each precinct the list of registered voters in that precinct to whom absentee ballots have been issued by mail, a listing of grace period and early voters.

[10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100, 19-4, 19A -5(c)]

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015

Last day for any temporarily or permanently physically disabled voter to request at the election authority's office, that two (2) judges of election of opposite party affiliation deliver a ballot to him/her at the point where he/she is unable to continue forward motion toward the polling place.

(10 ILCS 5/17-13, 18-5.1)

NOTE: The election authority shall notify the judges of election of the appropriate precinct of such requests.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

(10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1)

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015

Date when authorized local election officials who have not delivered in-person absentee ballots to the election authority, shall deliver in-person absentee ballots to election authority's central ballot county location before the polls close. All unused in-person absentee voting supplies are to be returned to the office of the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015

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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015

Last day a provisional voter may submit additional information to the county clerk or board of election commissioners to verify or support his/her registration status. Material must be **received** by this date.

[10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d)]

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015

Deadline for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots.

[10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a)]

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015

Deadline for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the tabulation of absentee ballots that were (1) postmarked by the midnight preceding the opening of the polls on Election Day, and were received after the close of polls on Election Day but not later than 14 days after the election, or (2) not postmarked at all, but did have a certification date prior to the Election Day on the certification envelope, and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day but not later than 14 days after the election.

[10 ILCS 5/19-8(c)]

NOTE: Absentee voters whose ballots were rejected must be sent a notice of such along with the reason for the rejection within two (2) days of the rejection, but in all cases prior to the end of the 14 day period in which to count the absentee ballots. Such voters must be given an opportunity to appear before the election authority on or before the 14 day following the election to show cause as to why the ballot should not be rejected.

[10 ILCS 5/19-8(g)]

BEFORE PROCLAMATION BY ELECTION AUTHORITY

PRIOR TO THE CANVASS in those jurisdictions where in-precinct counting equipment is utilized, the election authority shall retabulate the total number of votes cast in 5% of the precincts within the election jurisdiction, as well as 5% of the voting devices used in early voting. AS SELECTED ON A RANDOM BASIS BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

(10 ILCS 5/24A-15, 24B-15, 24C-15)

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015

Last day for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to canvass the election results.

(10 ILCS 5/22-17)

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015

Last day the election authority shall transmit to the State Board of Elections the following: (1) the number, by precinct, of absentee ballots requested, provided and counted, (2) the number of rejected absentee ballots, (3) the number of voters seeking review of rejected absentee ballots and (4) the number of absentee ballots counted following review.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2015

Last day for the State Board of Elections to canvass results for the Fox Waterway Agency office.

[10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a)]

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015

First day for election authorities to submit updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or other electronic data processing information containing voter registration information to the State Board of Elections.

(10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Each successful write-in candidate shall file the following documents with the proper election authority or State Board of Elections prior to taking office.

- (1) Statement of candidacy
- (2) Receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interests, and
- (3) Loyalty Oath (optional)

(10 ILCS 5/22-7)

ABSTRACT OF VOTES

NOTE: The county clerk and board of election commissioners have the responsibility of canvassing the returns of the Consolidated Election under his/her jurisdiction.

(10 ILCS 5/22-18)

**NOTE: The election authority canvasses the results of a public question submitted to referendum pursuant to a court order, the election authority shall immediately transmit a signed copy or an original duplicate of its completed abstract of the votes to the court which ordered the referendum.
(10 ILCS 5/22-18)**

AFTER PROCLAMATION CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

The election authority shall issue a certificate of election to each person declared elected.
(10 ILCS 5/22-18)

For political subdivisions which are multi-county, the election authority of the county where the principal office of the political subdivision is located shall make the certificate of election.
(10 ILCS 5/22-18)

DISCOVERY RECOUNT

Within five (5) days after the last day for the proclamation of the results of the canvass, petitions for discovery recount may be filed by any candidate who came within 5% of the winning candidate. Such petition is filed with the appropriate election authority.
(10 ILCS 5/22-9.1)

ELECTION CONTEST

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

TAKING OFFICE

Municipal Officers (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-15)
City of Chicago (65 ILCS 20/21-5(b), 21-12, 21-22)
Public Library District & Local Libraries
(75 ILCS 5/4-3.1, 4-6, 16/30-10)
School District Members, under Article 33
(105 ILCS 5/33-1, 33-1a)
Fox Waterway Agency (615 ILCS 90/5)
Park Districts (70 ILCS 1205/2-12, 2-15)
Forest Preserve Districts (70 ILCS 805/3.5)
Regional Board of School Trustees (105 ILCS 5/6-17)
School Districts (105 ILCS 5/10-16)

Trustees of Schools (Cook County Only)(105 ILCS 5/5-14)
School Directors (105 ILCS 5/10-5)
Community Colleges (110 ILCS 805/3-8)
Fire Protection Districts (70 ILCS 705/4a)
Township Land Commissioners (105 ILCS 5/15-24)
Southwestern Area Community College (110 ILCS 805/3-7)
Springfield Exposition and Auditorium Authority (70 ILCS 200/255-90)
Lincoln Land Community College (110 ILCS 805/3-7)

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015

Last day for election authorities to submit updated copies of computer tapes or computer discs or other electronic data processing information containing voter registration information to the State Board of Elections.
(10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2015

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

NOTE: The county clerk may require a Chairman of a County Central Committee to furnish a supplemental list of applicants.

PROCEDURES ON OBJECTIONS

All citations contained herein are "Illinois Compiled Statutes," 2012, 10 ILCS 5/10-8 through 10-10.1.

FILING OBJECTION PETITION

Nomination papers shall be deemed to be valid unless objections are filed in writing, **an original and two (2) copies, within 5 business days** after the last day for filing nomination papers.

PROCESSING OBJECTION

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

RESPONSIBILITY OF CHAIRMAN OF ELECTORAL BOARD

Within 24 hours after receipt of the objector's petition, the chairman of the electoral board other than the State Board of Elections shall **send a call by registered or certified mail**, to each of the members of electoral board, objector and candidate and shall also cause the sheriff of the county or counties in which such officers and persons reside to serve a copy of such call upon each of the officers and persons. The call shall state the day, hour and place at which the electoral board shall meet (in the case of County Officers Electoral Board, the Municipal Officers Electoral Board, or the Education Officers Electoral Board, the hearing shall be held in the county courthouse).

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

ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING

Meetings of electoral board **shall not be less than three nor more than five days after receipt of objector's petitions** by the chairman of the electoral board.

JUDICIAL REVIEW FILED

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

NO JUDICIAL REVIEW

If no petition for judicial review has been filed **within 5 days after the decision of the electoral board, the electoral board shall transmit a copy of its ruling together with the original certificate of nomination or nomination papers or petitions and the original objector's petitions** to the officers or board with whom they were on file and such officer or board shall abide by and comply with the ruling so made to all intents and purposes.

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR
CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY FILING PERIOD**

2014

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014 THRU
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014**

During the period when petitions for nomination of established political parties and nonpartisan candidates are being filed, it is required that, within two (2) business days of its receipt of any such petition, the local election official with whom such nomination papers have been filed, shall notify any candidates on whose behalf such petition is filed of their obligation to comply with the Illinois Campaign Financing Act.

(10 ILCS 5/7-12(7), 9-16)

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR
CONSOLIDATED ELECTION FILING PERIOD**

2014

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014 THRU
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2014**

During the period when petitions for nomination of a new political party, nonpartisan and independent candidates are being filed, it is required that, within two (2) business days of receipt of any such petition, the local election official with whom such nomination papers have been filed, shall notify any candidates on whose behalf such petition is filed of their obligation to comply with the Illinois Campaign Financing Act.

(10 ILCS 5/7-12(7), 9-16)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014 THRU
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2014**

During the period when caucus certificates of nomination are being filed, it is required that, within two (2) business days of receipt of any such caucus certificates, the local election official with whom such caucus certificates have been filed, shall notify any candidates on whose behalf such caucus certificates are filed of their obligation to comply with the Illinois Campaign Financing Act.

(10 ILCS 5/7-12(7), 9-16)

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR
2014 DECEMBER QUARTERLY REPORT
OCTOBER 1, 2014 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2014**

2014

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2014

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the December Quarterly Report extends from October 1, 2014 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through December 31, 2014 inclusively.
(10 ILCS 5/9-10)

2015

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2015

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015

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

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR
CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY
FEBRUARY 24, 2015**

2015

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2015

First day of period during which any independent expenditure of \$1000 or more made by a political committee must be reported electronically within five (5) business days after making the independent expenditure.

[10 ILCS 5/9-10(e)]

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2015

First day of period during which any receipt of a contribution of \$1000 or more by a political committee participating in the election must be reported within two (2) business days following its receipt.

[10 ILCS 5/9-10(c)]

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

Last day of period during which any independent expenditure of \$1000 or more made by a political committee must be reported electronically within five (5) business days after making the independent expenditure.

[10 ILCS 5/9-10(e)]

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

Last day of period during which any receipt of a contribution of \$1000 or more by a political committee participating in the election must be reported within two (2) business days following its receipt.

[10 ILCS 5/9-10(c)]

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015

CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR
CONSOLIDATED ELECTION
APRIL 7, 2015**

2015

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015

First day of period during which any independent expenditure of \$1000 or more made by a political committee must be reported electronically within five (5) business days after making the independent expenditure.
[10 ILCS 5/9-10(e)]

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015

First day of period during which any receipt of a contribution of \$1000 or more by a political committee participating in the election must be reported within two (2) business days following its receipt.
[10 ILCS 5/9-10(c)]

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015

Last day of period during which any independent expenditure of \$1000 or more made by a political committee must be reported electronically within five (5) business days after making the independent expenditure.
[10 ILCS 5/9-10(e)]

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015

Last day of period during which any receipt of a contribution of \$1000 or more by a political committee participating in the election, must be reported within two (2) business days following its receipt.
[10 ILCS 5/9-10(c)]

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR
MARCH QUARTERLY REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2015 THRU MARCH 31, 2015**

2015

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2015

First day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.

[10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2015

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the March Quarterly Report extends from January 1, 2015 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through March 31, 2015 inclusively.

[10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015

First day that any political committee shall file its March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board.

[10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015

Last day for a political committee to file its March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board.

[10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR
JUNE QUARTERLY REPORT
APRIL 1, 2015 THRU JUNE 30, 2015**

2015

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2015

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the June Quarterly Report extends from April 1, 2015 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through June 30, 2015 inclusively.
[10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2015

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015

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

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR
SEPTEMBER QUARTERLY REPORT
JULY 1, 2015 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

2015

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2015

First day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.

[10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the September Quarterly Report extends from July 1, 2015 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through September 30, 2015 inclusively.

[10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2015

First day that any political committee shall file its September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board.

[10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015

Last day for a political committee to file its September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board.

[10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR
DECEMBER QUARTERLY REPORT
OCTOBER 1, 2015 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2015**

2015

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2015

First day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.

[10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2015

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the December Quarterly Report extends from October 1, 2015 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through December 31, 2015 inclusively.

[10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

2016

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016

First day that any political committee shall file its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board.

[10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016

Last day for a political committee to file its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board.

[10 ILCS 5/9-10(b)]

SCHEDULE A-1 REPORTS

A political committee must file a report of any contribution of \$1000 or more received from one source with the Board within five (5) business days after receipt of the contribution, except that the report shall be filed within two (2) business days if received within 30 days prior to an election. The dates during which the two-business day filing period must be observed are included within the above calendar.

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