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# Preface

This calendar pertains to all offices to be nominated and/or elected for municipalities, libraries, parks, school districts, and other special purpose districts in the Consolidated Primary Election in February 2027, and the Consolidated Election in April 2027.

This calendar may be amended to include new legislation and court decisions. Please visit the Illinois State Board of Elections website (www.elections.il.gov) for any updates or follow us on social media to be notified when updated publications are released.

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

# Definitions

The following definitions are employed as related to this calendar:

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| **Election Authority** | The County Clerk, the Municipal Board of Election Commissioners, or the County Board of Election Commissioners. (10 ILCS 5/1-3(8)) |
| **Local Election Official** | The clerk or secretary of a unit of local government or a school district. (10 ILCS 5/1-3(10)) |
| **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(22)) |

# Calculation of Dates and Filing Periods

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

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

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

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

# Statutory References

All citations contained herein refer to the Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/1-1 *et seq*., unless otherwise indicated, and are current as of June 2026. This calendar is a summary of the Board's understanding of the timeline for the 2027 Consolidated Primary Election and Consolidated Election and is not a legal document. Election authorities, candidates, and others should refer directly to relevant statutes and rules for relevant dates and legal requirements and should consult their own competent legal counsel rather than relying upon this calendar. Citation to this calendar shall not be sufficient evidence before an electoral board to overrule an objection to the timeliness of any filing.

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# CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION
# FEBRUARY 23, 2027
**(10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b), 2A-1.2(d))**

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

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

- Municipalities under 5,000 population may determine by ordinance (no later than November 15, 2026) that political parties shall nominate candidates for municipal offices by primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-1(b))
- Mayor or President
- Municipal Clerk
- Municipal Treasurer
- Alderperson or Trustee

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

**NONPARTISAN OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED:**

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

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

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

**NONPARTISAN OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED:**

- If a candidate receives more than 50% of the vote:
    - Municipal-City of Chicago
        - Mayor
        - Clerk
        - Treasurer
        - Alderperson

# DATES GOVERNING THE CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION

## THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

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

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

## TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026

**PETITION CIRCULATION**

First day to circulate nominating petitions for established political party and nonpartisan candidates who file between October 19-26, 2026. (90 days preceding the last day to file nomination papers) (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12, 10-4, 10-6)

## MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

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

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

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CREATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

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

# MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026

**CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY NOMINATION FILING – FIRST DAY**

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

1) Established political parties in municipalities over 5,000 population;
2) Municipalities under 5,000 that by ordinance nominate candidates by primary;
3) Municipalities that by referendum conduct a partisan or nonpartisan primary;
4) Managerial municipalities that conduct nonpartisan primaries; and
5) Candidates for the City of Chicago offices

(10 ILCS 5/7-1, 7-12(3), 10-6(4); 60 ILCS 1/45-5, 45-55; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20, 3.1-25-60; 65 ILCS 20/21-5(a), 21-12, 21-22(a), 21-25)

**Notes:**

- **Please consult with your municipal clerk or election authority to determine whether your municipality elects its officers on a nonpartisan basis.**
- **This filing period does not cover candidates for park, library, school, community college, educational service region trustees, or fire protection district offices.**

# MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2026

**CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY NOMINATION FILING – LAST DAY**

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

- Established political parties in municipalities over 5,000 population;
- Municipalities under 5,000 that by ordinance nominate candidates by primary;
- Municipalities that by referendum conduct a partisan or nonpartisan primary;
- Managerial municipalities that conduct nonpartisan primaries; and
- Candidates for the City of Chicago offices

(10 ILCS 5/7-1, 7-12(3), 10-6(4); 60 ILCS 1/45-5, 45-55; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20, 3.1-25-60; 65 ILCS 20/21-5(a), 21-12, 21-22(a), 21-25)

**Notes:**

- **Please consult with your municipal clerk or election authority to determine whether your municipality elects its officers on a nonpartisan basis.**
- **This filing period does not cover candidates for park, library, school, community college, educational service region trustees, or fire protection district offices.**

**STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS**

Last day for candidates filing nomination papers during the October 19-26, 2026, filing period to file a Statement of Economic Interests with the county clerk as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. The receipt must be filed on or before this date with the local election official or election authority who received the nomination papers. The receipt must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. (5 ILCS 420/4A-105; 10 ILCS 5/7-12(8), 10-5)

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

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

**Notes:**

- **The specific statutory provisions governing the creation of political subdivisions can be found in the relevant Code(s) governing such subdivisions (e.g. the Illinois Municipal, Township, and Counties Code).**
- **Objections can be filed on or before the date of the hearing with the appropriate circuit court clerk. (10 ILCS 5/28-4)**
- **If initial officers are to be elected at the election for creation of a new unit of government, candidates for such offices shall file nomination papers 127-120 days before the election (October 19 – October 26, 2026). (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2(f),7-12(3), 10-6)**
- **The circuit court clerk shall publish the hearing date for a public policy petition filed in the circuit court clerk's office not later than 14 days after the petition is filed, and at least five days before the hearing. Final orders must be issued within seven days after the hearing. (10 ILCS 5/28-4)**

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

# WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026

**NOTICE OF BALLOT PLACEMENT LOTTERY**
Last day for written notice of the time and place for conducting the ballot placement lottery to be given when two or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party or nonpartisan candidates: (a) as of the opening hour of the filing period, October 19, 2026; and/or (b) within the last hour of the filing period, October 26, 2026. The State Board of Elections or the election authority shall give notice to the chair of each established political party and to each organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction entitled to have pollwatchers present at the last election. Notice must also be posted. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 10-6.2)

**Note:**

- **There must be seven days' notice given. If the lottery is to be held on the last statutory date, November 4, 2026, the last day to give notice is October 28, 2026.**

# MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026

**OBJECTIONS – CANDIDATE NOMINATION FILING**
Last day for filing objections to the nomination papers of all candidates who filed during the October 19-26, 2026, filing period. Objections are filed with the office where the nomination papers were originally filed – the local election official or election authority. (10 ILCS 5/7-12.1, 7-13, 10-8)

**Note:**
- **For procedures on objections, see page 44.**

**INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES**
Last day for an individual who has filed nomination papers for two or more incompatible offices during the October 19-26, 2026, filing period to withdraw from all but one of the offices in the office where the nomination papers were originally filed. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9), 10-7)

**OBJECTIONS - NEW POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**
Last day for filing objections to a petition to create a political subdivision in the office where the petition was originally filed. (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

# WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026

**BALLOT PLACEMENT LOTTERY**
Last day for the local election official or election authority to conduct a ballot placement lottery when two or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party or nonpartisan candidates as of the opening hour of the filing period on October 19, 2026, or during the last hour on October 26, 2026. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 10-6.2)

# MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026

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

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

# MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2026

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

**Exceptions:**
- **Propositions 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. (35 ILCS 200/18-120; 235 ILCS 5/9)**

**Note:**
- **Petitions to initiate backdoor referenda must be filed under the deadline specified in the specific statute authorizing the referenda, but in no case later than 92 days prior to the ensuing election. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(f))**

# WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2026

**VOTE BY MAIL – FIRST DAY TO APPLY**
First day for any registered voter within the confines of the United States to apply by mail or in person to the election authority for an official vote by mail ballot. Please note that mailing and delivery of ballots does not begin until Thursday, January 14, 2027.
(10 ILCS 5/19-2, 19-4)

# MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2026

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

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

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

# TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2026

**DEPUTY REGISTRARS – BEGINNING OF TERM**
Beginning of two-year term of all deputy registrars, except precinct committeepersons who began their two-year term on the date of the county convention following their election.
(10 ILCS 5/4-6.2(a), 5-16.2(a), 6-50.2(a))

# WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2026

**OBJECTIONS – REFERENDA**
Last day to file objections to petitions for the submission of questions of public policy (local). Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same office where the petitions were originally filed. (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

**Exceptions:**
- **Propositions 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. (35 ILCS 200/18-120; 235 ILCS 5/9)**

**Notes:**
- **For procedures on objections see page 44 (except those filed with the Circuit Clerk).**
- **The objection period is five business days. If the office of the appropriate local election official or election authority is open on Friday, November 27, then the deadline to file an objection is Tuesday, December 1, 2026.**

# MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2026

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

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

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

# TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2026

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

# THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2026

**BALLOT CERTIFICATION – LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS**
Last day for the local election official to certify candidates and the offices they are filing for to the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/7-13.1)

**BALLOT CERTIFICATION – PUBLIC QUESTIONS**
Last day for the clerk of the circuit court 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)

Last day for the county clerk to certify to the board of election commissioners any referenda to be submitted to the voters in its jurisdiction. (10 ILCS 5/28-5)

**WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY**
Last day a candidate may file a Withdrawal of Candidacy in the office of the local election official or election authority. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9), 10-7)

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATES (TO FORCE A PRIMARY)**
Last day an individual may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the proper local election official 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 candidates must also file a Declaration of Intent with the proper election authority or authorities by December 24, 2026. Write-in declarations are NOT filed with the State Board of Elections.
(10 ILCS 5/7-5(d), 7-12(10)(c); 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20)

**Notes:**

- **65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20 sets the filing deadline as 61 days prior to the Consolidated Primary Election (Thursday, December 24, 2026) for village primaries. However, that day is after the certification deadline for local election officials.**

- **P.A. 102-15 provides that nonpartisan city offices are not subject to a primary election if the office is otherwise uncontested, even if a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate is filed. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-20-45)**

# WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2026

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

# THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2026

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**
Last day an individual may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the proper election authority or authorities. Write-in votes shall be counted only for candidates who have filed a Declaration of Intent. Write-in declarations are NOT filed with the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-59(b), 17-16.1)

# MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2026

**VOTER REGISTRATION DATA – LAST DAY TO CERTIFY**
Last day for the election authority to indicate in writing that their voter registration data, including voting history from the latest election, is complete and up to date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

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

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

# MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2027

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

**Note:**
- **No registration shall be required to vote pursuant to the sections cited.**

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

**VOTER LIST FOR COUNTY CHAIR**
Last day for the election authority to provide to each county chair or their representative a precinct list prepared for the 2026 General Election marked to indicate which registrants voted at the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/4-11, 5-14, 6-60)

**SCHEDULE FOR EARLY VOTING – LAST DAY TO PROVIDE TO SBE**
Last day for the election authority to provide the State Board of Elections with a list of all early voting sites and the hours each site will be open. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25(f))

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

Last day for the election authority to post the schedule for early voting conducted at the office of the election authority and at each temporary location. Posting shall remain at each site until the last day of the early voting period (February 22, 2027). If the election authority has a website, it shall make the schedule available on the website. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25(b) and (d))

# THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2027

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

First day for the election authority to publish

1) The location of each temporary site for early voting and the precincts served by each location.
2) The dates and hours that early voting will be conducted at each location.

The election authority shall publish this information once during the week before early voting begins and at least once per week during the period for early voting. If the election authority maintains a website, the election authority shall make the schedule available on their website.
(10 ILCS 5/19A-25(a) and (d))

# FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2027

**VOTE BY MAIL – UOCAVA**

Last day for the election authority to have in the office of the election authority a sufficient number of ballots printed and available for mailing to members of the United States Service, service members' spouses, service members' dependents of voting age, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States. (10 ILCS 5/7-16, 16-5.01(a)) January 8, 2027 is the last business day to mail ballots requested at least 45 days before the Consolidated Primary Election. (52 U.S.C. § 20302(a)(8)(A))

**Note:**

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

# THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2027

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

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

Within one day after receipt of a vote by mail voter's ballot, the election authority shall electronically transmit the voter's name, street address, email address and precinct, ward, township, and district numbers to the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/1A-25(5)(i))

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

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

Within one day after receipt of an early voter's ballot, the election authority shall electronically transmit the voter's name, street address, email address and precinct, ward, township, and district numbers to the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/1A-25(5)(ii))

**ORGANIZATIONS OF CITIZENS – POLLWATCHERS**

Last day for the entities listed below to register with the proper election authority if such organization(s) or person(s) wish to qualify as pollwatchers at the Consolidated Primary Election.

1) Organizations of citizens which have among its purpose the investigation or prosecution of election fraud
2) Proponents or opponents of ballot propositions
3) State nonpartisan civic organizations

Registration must include the organization or person's (a) name and address and (b) names and addresses of their principal officers (if applicable). (10 ILCS 5/7-34)

**VOTE CENTER CERTIFICATION**

Last day for the election authority to identify the location, hours of operations, and any health and safety requirements of their vote center(s) and certify such information to the State Board of Elections. Election authorities in jurisdictions with a population of up to 500,000 inhabitants shall establish at least one vote center, while election authorities in jurisdictions with a population of more than 500,000 inhabitants shall establish at least two vote centers. (10 ILCS 5/11-8)

# SUNDAY – TUESDAY, JANUARY 24-26, 2027

**LODGING HOUSE AFFIDAVITS**

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

**Note:**

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

# MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2027

**PUBLICATION – FIRST DAY FOR NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION**

First day for the election authority to publish notice of the Consolidated Primary Election. Notice shall include the primary date, poll hours, offices to be listed on the ballot, political parties entitled to participate, and the colors of the primary ballots. Notice shall also include a list of precinct polling addresses unless these are published separately at least ten days prior to the Consolidated Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/7-15, 7-18)

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

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

**Note:**

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

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

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

**Note:**

- **Citizens temporarily residing outside the U.S. may use the dual application for registration and vote by mail ballot, or the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).**

# TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2027

**CLOSE OF REGISTRATION**

Last day for regular registration or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority. Grace period registration and voting will be available after this date. Online registration through the State Board of Elections website will continue through Sunday, February 7, 2027. Area and precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for registration deadlines. (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5(l), 4-6, 4-16, 5-5, 6-29, 6-50)

**Note:**

- **Under the provisions of the NVRA, agency and motor vehicle offices will continue to accept registration after the statutory close of registration. (52 U.S.C. § 20506 *et seq.*) Only those registration applications completed no later than 27 days (16 days for Motor Vehicle Offices and online applications) before the election will be processed**

**for the next ensuing election. (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5(l), 4-6, 5-5, 6-29) Applications for registration completed within five days of the registration deadline at Secretary of State facilities and qualified agencies will be transmitted within five days of completion and must be processed for the election. (52 U.S.C. § 20506(d)(2)) A mail registration application shall be deemed timely filed if postmarked prior to the close of registration. If no postmark exists or if the postmark is illegible, the election authority shall consider the application timely filed if it is received by the election authority no later than five calendar days after the close of registration. (10 ILCS 5/19-8)**

**CLOSE OF REGISTRATION – DEPUTY REGISTRARS**

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

**Note:**

- **Deputy Registrars must return completed forms to the election authority within seven days of the day on which they are completed. Registrations accepted between the 35th and 28th day preceding an election must be returned within 48 hours. Registrations accepted on the 28th day preceding an election must be returned within 24 hours. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2(c), 5-16.2(c), 6-50.2(c))**

# WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2027

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

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

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

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

# WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2027

**EMPLOYEE NOTICE TO BE ELECTION JUDGE**

Last day for an employee to give their employer written notice that the employee will be absent from the place of employment on Election Day because they have been appointed as an election judge under the provisions of Election Code Sections13-1 or 13-2. These provisions only apply to employers with 25 or more employees. (10 ILCS 5/13-2.5,14-4.5)

# FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2027

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

# SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2027

**ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION**
Last day for individuals to register to vote through the State Board of Elections' website.
(10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5(l))

# MONDAY - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8-9, 2027

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

**Note:**

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

# TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2027

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

**Note:**

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

**POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS**
Last day for the election authority to have sufficient quantities of pollwatcher credentials printed and available for distribution. (10 ILCS 5/7-34)

**Note:**

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

# THURSDAY – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11-13, 2027

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

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

# TUESDAY – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16-18, 2027

**HEARINGS FOR REGISTRATION ERASURE – CITY BOARDS UNDER 500K**
Dates on which boards of election commissioners, except the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners, shall hold hearings to determine whether names in the registry of voters shall be erased, registered, or restored. (10 ILCS 5/6-45)

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

# TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2027

**PUBLICATION – LAST DAY FOR NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION**
Last day for the election authority to publish notice of the Consolidated Primary Election. Notice shall include the primary date, poll hours, offices to be listed on the ballot, political parties entitled to participate, and the colors of the primary ballots. Notice shall also include a list of precinct polling addresses unless these are published separately at least ten days prior to the Consolidated Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/7-15, 7-18)

**PUBLICATION – LAST DAY FOR NOTICE OF POLLING PLACE ADDRESSES**
Last day for the election authority to publish precinct polling place addresses, if not included in the Consolidated Primary Election notice. (10 ILCS 5/7-15)

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

**VOTE BY MAIL – LAST DAY FOR UOCAVA APPLICATIONS**
Last day for any voter who is a member of the United States Service, a service member's spouse, or a service member's dependent of voting age who expects to be absent from the voter's county of residence on Election Day to apply for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction

over the precinct of residence. Last day for the election authority to mail such ballots. Members of the Armed Forces may apply via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.3, 20-3)

**Note:**

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

# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2027

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

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

**PUBLIC TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT**

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

**Note:**

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

**PUBLICATION – SPECIMEN BALLOTS**

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

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

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

**Note:**

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

**NURSING HOME VOTING – LISTING OF FACILITIES WITH NO APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**
Last day (by noon) the election authority shall post the names and addresses of nursing home facilities from which no applications for vote by mail ballots have been received and in which no supervised voting will be conducted. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

# FRIDAY - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - 22, 2027

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

**Note:**

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

# FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2027

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

# MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2027

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

**VOTE BY MAIL – LAST DAY TO APPLY IN PERSON**
Last day for any registered voter within the confines of the United States to request a vote by mail ballot in person at the office of the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

**CURBSIDE VOTING APPLICATION FOR INACCESSIBLE POLLING PLACES**

If a physically disabled voter is unable to enter an inaccessible polling place, the voter must register a request with the election authority that a ballot be delivered to the voter outside of the polling place. This request must be made no later than the close of business on the day preceding the election. Two election judges of opposite party affiliations will deliver a ballot to the voter at the point where the voter is unable to continue forward motion toward the polling place. (10 ILCS 5/7-47.1(b), 17-13(b), 18-5.1)

**Notes:**

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

**BALLOT DELIVERY TO ELECTION JUDGES**

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

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

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

**SPECIMEN BALLOT DELIVERY**

Last day for the election authority to deliver specimen ballots, substantially in the form of the official primary ballots to be used at the Consolidated Primary Election, to election judges and local election officials. (10 ILCS 5/7-21)

# TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2027
# CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION
# POLLS OPEN 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM

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

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

**ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTER**

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

# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2027

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

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

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

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

**PROVISIONAL VOTERS – REPORTING**
Last day for the election authority to submit the name, street address, email address, and precinct, ward, township, and district numbers of each person casting a provisional ballot to the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d))

# TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2027

**PROVISIONAL VOTERS – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**
Last day a provisional voter may submit additional information to the election authority to verify or support the voter's registration status. Materials must be received by this date.
(10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d))

# TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2027

**VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT COUNTING – LAST DAY**
Last day for the election authority to complete the tabulation of vote by mail ballots that were:

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

(10LCS 5/19-8)

**Note:**

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

**PROVISIONAL BALLOT COUNTING – LAST DAY**

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

# TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2027

**CANVASS – ELECTION AUTHORITY**

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

**Note:**

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

**VOTE BY MAIL STATISTICS**

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

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

The report of this information must be made public by March 23, 2027.
(10 ILCS 5/19-20, 20-20)

# AFTER THE CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION

**RETABULATION BEFORE PROCLAMATION BY ELECTION AUTHORITY**

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

**DISCOVERY RECOUNT**

Within five days after the last day for proclamation of the results, petitions for discovery recount may be filed by any qualified individual (who came within 5% of the votes cast for any successful candidate) with the appropriate election authority. Petitions for discovery recount may also be filed

by five electors of the same area in which votes were cast for a public question if the losing side of the question would have prevailed had it received an additional number of votes equal to 5% of the total votes cast.

The deadline to file a discovery recount for an office canvassed by the State Board of Elections is five days after the last day for the Board to canvass. (10 ILCS 5/22-9.1)

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

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

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

Each successful write-in candidate nominated or elected at the Consolidated Primary Election shall file the following documents with the proper election authority within five days of the proclamation by the appropriate board:

1) Statement of Candidacy
2) Receipt for filing of a Statement of Economic Interests
3) Loyalty Oath (optional)

(10 ILCS 5/7-60.1)

**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 5/7-63, 23-4, 23-5)

**ESTABLISHED PARTY LOTTERY – LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS**

Each local election official shall conduct a public lottery for the order of placement of the established political parties on the Consolidated Election ballot. Three days' written notice of the time and place for conducting such a lottery must be sent to each party chair and to organizations that were entitled to have pollwatchers at the most recent election. Notice must also be posted. The lottery shall be prior to the certification for the Consolidated Election. The local election official shall certify the ballot placement with the proper election authorities immediately after the order of placement is determined. (10 ILCS 5/7-60.1)

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

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

# CONSOLIDATED ELECTION
# APRIL 6, 2027
**(10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b))**

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

- Municipal (including Special Charter):
  - Mayor or President
  - Municipal Clerk
  - Municipal Treasurer
  - Municipal Alderperson or Trustee

**NONPARTISAN OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED:**

- Municipal - Council-Manager form (Councilmen at-large and from districts) and Commission form:
  - Mayor or President
  - Municipal Clerk
  - Municipal Treasurer (Council-Manager only)
  - Municipal Council Members, Commissioners, Trustees, or Alderpersons
- Municipal – City of Chicago (run-off elections if required) (65 ILCS 20/21-26)
- Park District – Commissioners and Trustees
- Public Library District – Trustees
- Township and Municipal Library – Trustees
- Regional Board of School Trustees – Trustees
- School District – Board Members (including districts under Article 33 of the School Code), School Directors, Special Charter, and Inspectors
- Township Trustees of Schools (Cook County)
- Community College District – Trustees
- Township Land Commissioners (in counties under 220,000 population)
- Fire Protection District – Trustees
- Police District Council Members (City of Chicago)
- Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority – Commissioners
- Fox Metro Water Reclamation District - Trustees
- Fox Waterway Agency - Directors
- Other special purpose districts (see applicable statutes)

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

# DATES GOVERNING THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

## MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026

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

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

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026

**PETITION CIRCULATION**

First day to circulate nominating petitions for independent and new political party candidates in municipalities, and nonpartisan candidates who file between November 16-23, 2026 (90 days preceding the last day to file nomination papers). (10 ILCS 5/10-4, 10-6; 615 ILCS 90/5)

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026

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

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

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CREATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

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

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026

**CONSOLIDATED ELECTION CANDIDATE FILING – FIRST DAY**

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

1. Independent and new political party candidates in municipalities;
2. Nonpartisan candidates in township and municipal libraries, library districts, park districts, school boards, community college boards, regional boards of school trustees, fire protection districts, and forest preserve districts.

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. Fox Waterway Agency and Fox Metro Water Reclamation District candidates file their petitions with the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/10-6(2); 105 ILCS 5/6-10; 615 ILCS 90/5)

# MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2026

**CONSOLIDATED ELECTION CANDIDATE FILING – LAST DAY**

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

1. Independent and new political party candidates in municipalities;
2. Nonpartisan candidates in township and municipal libraries, library districts, park districts, school boards, community college boards, regional boards of school trustees, fire protection districts, and forest preserve districts.

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. Fox Waterway Agency and Fox Metro Water Reclamation District candidates file their petitions with the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/10-6(2); 105 ILCS 5/6-10; 615 ILCS 90/5)

**STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS**

Last day for candidates filing nomination papers during the November 16-23, 2026, filing period to file a Statement of Economic Interests with the county clerk as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. The receipt must be filed on or before this date with the local election official or election authority who received the nomination papers. The receipt must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. (5 ILCS 420/4A-105; 10 ILCS 5/10-5)

# WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2026

**NOTICE OF BALLOT PLACEMENT LOTTERY**

Last day for written notice of the time and place for conducting the ballot placement lottery to be given when two or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party or nonpartisan candidates: (a) as of the opening hour of the filing period, November 16, 2026; and/or (b) within the last hour of the filing period, November 23, 2026. The State Board of Elections or the election authority shall give notice to the chair of each political party and to each organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction entitled to have pollwatchers present at the last election. Notice must also be posted in the office of the presiding authority. (10 ILCS 5/10-6.2)

**Note:**

- **There must be seven days' notice given. If the lottery is to be held on the last statutory date, December 2, 2026, the last day to give notice is November 25, 2026.**

# MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2026

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

**DEPUTY REGISTRARS – PARTY CHAIR LISTING OF ADDITIONAL APPLICANTS**
Last day for County Central Committee Chairs to submit a list to the election authority of applicants for additional deputy registrars. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

# TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2026

**DEPUTY REGISTRARS – BEGINNING OF TERM**
Beginning of two-year term of all deputy registrars, except precinct committeepersons who began their two-year term on the date of the county convention following their election.
(10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

# WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2026

**BALLOT PLACEMENT LOTTERY**
Last day for the local election official or election authority to conduct a ballot placement lottery when two or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party or nonpartisan candidates as of the opening hour of the filing period on November 16, 2026, or during the last hour on November 23, 2026.
(10 ILCS 5/10-6.2)

**OBJECTIONS – CANDIDATE NOMINATION FILING**
Last day for filing objections to the nomination papers of all candidates who filed during the November 16-23, 2026, filing period. Objections are filed with the office where the nomination papers were originally filed - the local election official, election authority, or State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/10-8)

**Notes:**

- **The objection period is five business days. If the office of the appropriate local election official or election authority is open on Friday, November 27, then the deadline to file an objection is Tuesday, December 1, 2026**
- **For procedures on objections, see page 44**

**INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES**
Last day for an individual who has filed nomination papers for two or more incompatible offices during the November 16-23, 2026, filing period to withdraw from all but one of the offices in the office where the nomination papers were originally filed. (10 ILCS 5/10-7)

# MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2026

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

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

**PETITION TO CREATE A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**
Last day to file petitions (must include original sheets signed by voters and circulators) to create a political subdivision with the appropriate officer or board. (10 ILCS 28-2(b))

**Notes:**

- **The specific statutory provisions governing the creation of political subdivisions can be found in the relevant Code governing each subdivision (e.g. the Illinois Municipal, Township, and Counties Code).**
- **Objections can be filed on or before the date of the hearing with the appropriate circuit court clerk. (10 ILCS 5/28-4)**
- **If initial officers are to be elected at the election for creation of a new unit of government, candidates for such offices shall file nomination papers 141-134 days before the election (November 16-23, 2026). (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2(f), 10-6)**
- **The circuit court clerk shall publish the hearing date for a public policy petition filed in the circuit court clerk's office not later than 14 days after the petition is filed, but at least five days before the hearing. Final orders must be issued within seven days of hearing. (10 ILCS 5/28-4)**

# MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2026

**CAUCUS CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION FILING – FIRST DAY**
First day established political party caucus certificates of nomination may be filed in the office of the local election official along with a Statement of Candidacy for each candidate. The receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interest for each candidate may be filed any time during the filing period. (5 ILCS 420/4A-105(a); 10 ILCS 5/10-1(a), 10-5)

**OBJECTIONS – NEW POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**
Last day for filing objections to a petition to create a political subdivision in the office where the petition was originally filed. (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

# TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2026

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

# MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2026

**CAUCUS CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION FILING – LAST DAY**
Last day established political party caucus certificates of nomination may be filed in the office of the local election official along with Statement of Candidacy for each candidate. The receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interests for each candidate may be filed any time during the filing period. (5 ILCS 420/4A-105; 10 ILCS 5/10-1(a), 10-5)

# MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2026

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

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

# TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2026

**OBJECTIONS - CAUCUS NOMINATION DOCUMENTS**
Last day for filing objections to the caucus certificates of nomination and nomination papers filed during the December 14-21, 2026, filing period. Objections are filed with the office where the nomination papers were originally filed – the local election official, election authority, or State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/10-8)

**Note:**

- **The objection period is five business days. If the office of the election authority or local election official is closed or open for less than 7 hours on December 24, 2026, that office must extend the deadline for filing objections in that office to December 30, 2026.**

# MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2027

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

**Note:**

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

**VOTE BY MAIL REGISTRATION – CITIZENS TEMPORARILY OUTSIDE THE U.S.**
First day for a citizen of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States who is not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who expects to be absent from the citizen's county of residence on Election Day to simultaneously apply to the election

authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for registration and a vote by mail ballot. Citizens of the United States may apply via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

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

**Exceptions:**
- **Propositions 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. (35 ILCS 200/18-120; 235 ILCS 5/9)**

**Note:**
- **Petitions to initiate backdoor referenda must be filed under the deadline specified in the specific statute authorizing the referenda, but in no case later than 92 days prior to the ensuing election. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(f))**

**VOTER LIST FOR COUNTY CHAIR**
Last day for the election authority to provide to each county chair or their representative a precinct list prepared for the 2026 General Election marked to indicate which registrants voted at the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/4-11, 5-14, 6-60)

# WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2027

**VOTE BY MAIL – FIRST DAY TO APPLY**
First day for any registered voter within the confines of the United States to apply by mail or in person to the election authority for an official vote by mail ballot. Please note that mailing and delivery of ballots does not begin until Thursday, February 25, 2027 (or March 12, 2027, if a primary was held). (10 ILCS 5/19-2, 19-4)

# MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2027

**OBJECTIONS – REFERENDA**
Last day to file objections to petitions for the submission of questions of public policy (local). Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same office where the petitions were originally filed. (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

**Exceptions:**
- **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. (35 ILCS 200/18-120; 235 ILCS 5/9)**

**Note:**
- **For procedures on objections, see page 44 (except those filed with the Circuit Clerk).**

# TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2027

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

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

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

# WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2027

**VACANCY IN NOMINATION**
Last day for an established political party to fill a vacancy in nomination for failure to nominate at the December 7th Municipal Caucus,.

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

# THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2027

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

**Note:**
- **We suggest the lottery be held no later than January 27, 2027, in order to certify the ballot by January 28, 2027.**

**BALLOT CERTIFICATION**
Last day for the local election official to certify candidates and the offices they have filed for to the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/7-60.1)

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

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

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

**WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY**

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

# WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2027

**OBJECTIONS – VACANCY IN NOMINATION**

Last day for filing objections to resolutions for filling a vacancy in nomination by an established party for (1) failure to nominate at the December 7th Municipal Caucus or (2) when the party does not have to conduct a primary election and the party has fewer candidates filed than positions to fill for the particular office. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-11)

# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2027

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

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

# FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2027

**PUBLICATION – VOTING AIDS**

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

**PUBLICATION – PUBLIC QUESTION**

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

# MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2027

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

# TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2027

**SCHEDULE FOR EARLY VOTING – LAST DAY TO PROVIDE TO SBE**
Last day for the election authority to provide the State Board of Elections with a list of all early voting sites and the hours each site will be open. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25(f))

**POSTING FOR EARLY VOTING – LAST DAY TO POST**
Last day for the election authority to post schedule for early voting conducted at the office of the election authority and each temporary location. Posting shall remain at each site until the last day of the early voting period (April 5, 2027). If the election authority maintains a website, they shall make the schedule available on their website. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25(b) and (d))

# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2027

**PUBLICATION – FIRST DAY TO PUBLISH EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE**
First day for the election authority to publish:

1) The location of each temporary site for early voting and the precincts served by each location.
2) The dates and hours that early voting will be conducted at each location.

The election authority shall publish this information once during the week before early voting begins and at least once per week during the period for early voting. If the election authority maintains a website, the election authority shall make the schedule available on their website.
(10 ILCS 19A-25(a) and (d))

# FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2027

**VOTE BY MAIL – UOCAVA**
Last day for the election authority to have in the office of the election authority a sufficient number of ballots printed and available for mailing to members of the United States Service, service members' spouses, service members' dependents of voting age, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States. (10 ILCS 5/16-5.01(a)) February 19, 2027, is the last business day to mail ballots requested at least 45 days before the Consolidated Election. (52 U.S.C. § 20302(a)(8)(A))

**Note:**

- **Pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), as amended by the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (the MOVE Act), vote by mail ballots requested by military and overseas voters must be transmitted at least 45 days before an election. (52 U.S.C. § 20302(a)(8)(A)) Please be advised that the 45-day UOCAVA deadline may not be extended under any circumstances; therefore, although the 45-day deadline falls on a Saturday, military and overseas vote by mail ballots MUST be mailed by that date. An election authority that waits until the first**

**business day following the 45-day deadline to mail military and overseas ballots will be considered in violation of UOCAVA. Jurisdictions failing to meet the deadline must be reported to the U.S. Congress and may be subject to civil suit filed by the U.S. Attorney General. (52 U.S.C. § 20307(a))**

# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2027

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

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

Within one day after receipt of a vote by mail voter's ballot, the election authority shall electronically transmit the voter's name, street address, email address and precinct, ward, township, and district numbers to the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/1A-25(5)(i))

**EARLY VOTING – OFFICE OF ELECTION AUTHORITY**

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

Within one day after receipt of an early voter's ballot, the election authority shall electronically transmit the voter's name, street address, email address and precinct, ward, township, and district numbers to the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/1A-25(5)(ii))

**VOTE CENTER CERTIFICATION**

Last day for the election authority to identify the location, hours of operations, and any health and safety requirements of their vote center(s), and certify such information to the State Board of Elections. Election authorities in jurisdictions with a population of up to 500,000 inhabitants shall establish at least one vote center, while election authorities in jurisdictions with a population of more than 500,000 inhabitants shall establish at least two vote centers. (10 ILCS 5/11-8)

**ORGANIZATION OF CITIZENS – POLLWATCHERS**

Last day for the entities listed below to register with the proper election authority if such organization(s) or person(s) wish to qualify as pollwatchers at the Consolidated Election.

1) Organizations of citizens which have among its purpose the investigation or prosecution of election fraud
2) Proponents or opponents of ballot propositions
3) State nonpartisan civic organizations

Registration must include the organization or person's (a) name and address and (b) names and addresses of their principal officers (if applicable). (10 ILCS 5/17-23(3.5), 18-6)

# SUNDAY-TUESDAY, MARCH 7-9, 2027

**LODGING HOUSE AFFIDAVITS**

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

**Note:**

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

# MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2027

**PUBLICATION – FIRST DAY FOR NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED ELECTION**

First day for the election authority to publish notice of the Consolidated Election. Notice shall include the election date, poll hours, and the offices to be listed on the ballot. Notice must also include a list of precinct polling addresses unless published separately at least 10 days prior to the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/12-4)

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

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

**Note:**

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

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

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

# TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2027

**CLOSE OF REGISTRATION**

Last day for regular registration or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority. Grace period registration and voting will be available after this date. Online voter registration through the State Board of Elections website will continue through Sunday, March 21, 2027. Area and precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for registration deadlines. (10 ILCS 5/4-6, 4-16, 5-5, 5-23, 6-29, 6-50, 6-53, 6-54)

**Note:**

- **Under the provisions of the NVRA, agency and motor vehicle offices will continue to accept registration after the statutory close of registration. (52 U.S.C. § 20506 *et seq.*) Only those registration applications completed no later than 27 days (16 days for Motor Vehicle Offices and online applications) before the election will be processed for the next ensuing election. (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5(l), 4-6, 5-5, 6-29) Applications for**

**registration completed within five days of the registration deadline at Secretary of State Facilities and qualified agencies will be transmitted within five days of completion and must be processed for the election. (52 U.S.C. § 20506(d)(2)) A mail registration application shall be deemed timely filed if postmarked prior to the close of registration. If no postmark exists or if the postmark is illegible, the application shall be considered timely filed if received by the election authority no later than five calendar days after the close of registration. (10 ILCS 5/19-8)**

**CLOSE OF REGISTRATION – DEPUTY REGISTRARS**

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

**Note:**

- **Deputy Registrars must return completed forms to the election authority within seven days of the day on which they are completed. Registrations accepted between the 35th and 28th day preceding an election must be returned within 48 hours. Registrations accepted on the 28th day preceding an election must be returned within 24 hours. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2(c), 5-16.2(c), 6-50.2(c))**

# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2027

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

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

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

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

# FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2027

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

First day to vote early or by mail if a primary was held in the election jurisdiction and if so much time is required to have prepared and printed the ballots containing the names of persons nominated for offices at the Consolidated Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/19-4)

# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2027

**EMPLOYEE NOTICE TO BE ELECTION JUDGE**

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

# FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2027

**VOTER REGISTRATION DATA – FOLLOWING CLOSE OF REGISTRATION**
Last day for the election authority to indicate in writing that the election authority's voter registration data, including voting history from the last election, is complete and up to date.
(10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

# SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2027

**ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION**
Last day for individuals to register to vote through the State Board of Elections' website.
(10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5(l))

# MONDAY – TUESDAY, MARCH 22-23, 2027

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

**Note:**

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

# TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2027

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

**Note:**

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

**POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS**
Last day for the election authority to have sufficient quantities of pollwatcher credentials printed and available for distribution. (10 ILCS 5/7-34)

**Note:**

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

**REGISTRATION REPORT FOR EACH COUNTY CHAIR**
Last day for county clerks (other than Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, and Will Counties) to provide to each county chair or their representative, precinct lists prepared for the 2027 Consolidated Election marked to indicate the names of all persons who have registered since the 2027 Consolidated Primary. (10 ILCS 5/4-11)

**Note:**

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

# THURSDAY-SATURDAY, MARCH 25-27, 2027

**HEARINGS FOR ERASURE**

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

**Note:**

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

# MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2027

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

Last day for the election authority to publish notice of the Consolidated Election. Notice shall include the election date, poll hours, and the offices to be listed on the ballot. Notice must also include a list of precinct polling addresses unless these are published separately at least 10 days prior to the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/12-4)

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Note:**

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

# TUESDAY – THURSDAY, MARCH 30 – APRIL 1, 2027

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

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

**Note:**

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

# THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2027

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

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

**PUBLIC TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT**

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

**Note:**

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

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

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

**Note:**

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

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

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

# FRIDAY – MONDAY, APRIL 2-5, 2027

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

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

**Note:**

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

# FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2027

**OFFICIAL BALLOT INSPECTION**

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

# MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2027

**EARLY VOTING – LAST DAY**

Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority and locations designated by the election authority. Temporary early voting locations can be established by the election authority but are not required to maintain the same voting days and hours as the office of the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15, 19A-20)

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

**Notes:**

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

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

**VOTE BY MAIL – LAST DAY TO APPLY IN PERSON**
Last day for any registered voter within the confines of the United States to request a vote by mail ballot in person at the office of the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

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

**PUBLICATION – LIST OF NOMINATIONS**
Last day for the election authority in counties having a population of not more than 500,000 to publish a list of all the nominations to be voted for at the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/16-10)

# TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2027
# CONSOLIDATED ELECTION
# POLLS OPEN 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM

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

**ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTER**
Election authorities **shall** establish at least one location at an office of the election authority or in the largest municipality within its jurisdiction where all voters in its jurisdiction are allowed to vote on Election Day during polling place hours, regardless of the precinct in which they are registered, and that location shall provide curbside voting. **Election authorities may establish more than one**

**vote center.** In jurisdictions with a population of more than 500,000 inhabitants, the election authority shall establish at least two vote centers. (10 ILCS 5/11-8)

# THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2027

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

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

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

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

**PROVISIONAL VOTERS – REPORTING**
Last day for the election authority to submit the name, street address, email address, and precinct, ward, township, and district numbers of each person casting a provisional ballot to the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d))

# TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2027

**PROVISIONAL VOTERS – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**
Last day a provisional voter may submit additional information to the election authority to verify or support the voter's registration status. Material must be received by this date. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d))

# TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2027

**PROVISIONAL BALLOT COUNTING – LAST DAY**
Last day for the election authority to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a))

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

Last day for the election authority to complete the tabulation of vote by mail ballots that were:

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

(10 ILCS 5/19-8)

**Note:**

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

# TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2027

**CANVASS – ELECTION AUTHORITY**

Last day for the election authority to canvass the election results, including referenda.
(10 ILCS 5/22-17)

**VOTE BY MAIL STATISTICS**

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

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

The report of this information must be made public by May 4, 2027. (10 ILCS 5/19-20, 20-20)

# AFTER THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

**RETABULATION BEFORE PROCLAMATION BY ELECTION AUTHORITY**

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

**AFTER PROCLAMATION BY ELECTION AUTHORITY**

The county clerk shall issue a certificate of election to each person declared elected. For political subdivisions that are multi-county, the county clerk of the county where the principal office of the political subdivision is located shall issue the certificate of election.
(10 ILCS 5/22-18)

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

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

1) Statement of Candidacy
2) Receipt for filing of a Statement of Economic Interests
3) Loyalty Oath (optional)

(10 ILCS 5/22-7)

**DISCOVERY RECOUNT**

Within five days after the last day for proclamation of the results, petitions for discovery recount may be filed by any qualified individual (who came within 5% of the votes cast for any successful candidate) with the appropriate election authority. Petitions for discovery recount may also be filed by five electors of the same area in which votes were cast for a public question if the losing side of the question would have prevailed had it received an additional number of votes equal to 5% of the total votes cast.

The deadline to file a discovery recount for an office or public question canvassed by the State Board of Elections is five days after the last day for the Board to canvass. The petition for discovery is filed with the appropriate election authority or authorities (not filed with the State Board of Elections). (10 ILCS 5/22-9.1)

**ELECTION CONTEST**

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

**TAKING OFFICE**

Municipal Office (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-15)
City of Chicago (65 ILCS 20/21-22)
Public Library District and Local Libraries (75 ILCS 5/4-3, 4-6, 16/30-10)
Fox Waterway Agency (615 ILCS 90/5)
Fox Metro Water Reclamation District (70 ILCS 2405/3)
Park Districts (70 ILCS 1205/2-12)
Forest Preserve Districts (70 ILCS 805/3.5a)
School District Members under Article 33 (105 ILCS 5/33-1a)
Regional Board of School Trustees (105 ILCS 5/6-17)
School Districts (105 ILCS 5/10-16)
School Directors (105 ILCS 5/10-4)
Community Colleges (110 ILCS 805/3-8)
Fire Protection Districts (70 ILCS 705/4)
Police District Councilmembers (Chicago Municipal Code 2-80-070 District Councils)
Township Land Commissioners (105 ILCS 5/15-24)
Southwestern Illinois Community College (110 ILCS 805/3-7)
Lincoln Land Community College (110 ILCS 805/3-7)

# FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2027

**CANVASS – STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Last day for the State Board of Elections to canvass and proclaim the results for the Fox Waterway Agency and Fox Metro Water Reclamation District offices. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a), 22-7)

# MONDAY, MAY 17, 2027

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

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

**IVRS AND POLLING PLACE ACCESSIBILITY GRANT DUE**

Last day for the election authority to submit a reimbursement request through IVRS via the Grants tab for the IVRS Grant and the Polling Place Accessibility Grant for the FY27 grant period (July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027).

# TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2027

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

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

# PROCEDURES ON OBJECTIONS

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

**FILING OBJECTION PETITION**

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

**PROCESSING OBJECTION**

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

**RESPONSIBILITY OF CHAIR OF ELECTORAL BOARD**

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

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

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

**ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING**

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

**JUDICIAL REVIEW FILED**

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

**NO JUDICIAL REVIEW**

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

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

# CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR

## DECEMBER 2026 QUARTERLY REPORT
## OCTOBER 1, 2026, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2026**
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, 2026 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through December 31, 2026, inclusively. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2027**
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, 2027**
Last day for a political committee to file its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

## CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION
## FEBRUARY 23, 2027

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2026**
First day of the period during which independent expenditures of $1,000 or more made by a political committee must be reported electronically within two (2) business days after making the independent expenditure. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(e))

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2027**
First day of the period during which any receipt of a contribution of $1,000 or more by a political committee participating in the election must be reported within two (2) business days following its receipt. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(c))

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2027**
Last day of the period during which any receipt of a contribution of $1,000 or more by a political committee participating in the election must be reported within two (2) business days following its receipt. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(c))

## MARCH 2027 QUARTERLY REPORT
## JANUARY 1, 2027, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2027

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2027**
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))

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2027**
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, 2027 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through March 31, 2027, inclusively. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

**THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2027**
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))

**THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2027**
Last day for a political committee to file its March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

# CONSOLIDATED ELECTION
# APRIL 6, 2027

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2027**
First day of the period during which any receipt of a contribution of $1,000 or more by a political committee participating in the election must be reported within two (2) business days following its receipt. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(c))

**MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2027**
Last day of the period during which independent expenditures of $1,000 or more made by a political committee must be reported electronically within two (2) business days after making the independent expenditure. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(e))

**MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2027**
Last day of the period during which any receipt of a contribution of $1,000 or more by a political committee participating in the election must be reported within two (2) business day following its receipt. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(c))

# JUNE 2027 QUARTERLY REPORT
# APRIL 1, 2027, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027

**THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2027**
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))

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2027**
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, 2027 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through June 30, 2027, inclusively. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

**THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2027**
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))

**THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2027**
Last day for a political committee to file its June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

# SEPTEMBER 2027 QUARTERLY REPORT
# JULY 1, 2027, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2027

**THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2027**
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))

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2027**
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, 2027 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through September 30,2027, inclusively. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2027**
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))

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2027**
Last day for a political committee to file its September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

# DECEMBER 2027 QUARTERLY REPORT
# OCTOBER 1, 2027, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2027**
First day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. (10 ILCS 5/0-10(b)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2027**
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, 2027 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through December 31, 2027, inclusively. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1,2028**
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))

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2028**

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

# SCHEDULE A-1 REPORTS

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

# SCHEDULE B-1 REPORTS

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

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