



ELECTIONS

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Tuesday, April 1, 2025 – Consolidated Election

Important Dates

Candidate Filing Dates & Deadlines

Tuesday, August 20: First day to circulate petitions for independent, new political parties and nonpartisan offices

Tuesday, November 12 – Monday, November 18: Petition filing period for nomination petitions of new political parties, nonpartisan and independent candidates

Monday, November 25: Last day to file objections to nomination petitions of new political party, nonpartisan and independent candidates as well as certificates of nomination for established party caucus candidates who filed during the November 12 – 18 filing period

*Last day to withdraw (incompatible offices)

Wednesday, November 27: Last day to conduct ballot placement lottery

Monday, December 9 – Monday, December 16: Caucus Certificate of Nomination filling

Thursday, January 23: Last day to file a Withdrawal of Candidacy with the local election official or authority

Thursday, January 30: Last day to file a notarized declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate

Referenda Question Deadlines

Monday, December 30: Last day for filing petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy with the local election official

Monday, January 13: Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a binding public question to appear on the ballot

Certification of Ballot Deadline

Thursday, January 23: Last day for the local election official to certify candidates, offices and any referenda questions to the election authority

Voter Registration, Early Voting & Mail Voting

Friday, February 14: Military & overseas ballots available

Thursday, February 20: First day to mail ballots (if available)

Tuesday, March 4: Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials

Wednesday, March 5 – Monday, March 31: Grace period registration & voting period

Sunday, March 16: Online voter registration closes

Monday, March 17 – Monday, March 31: Early voting period

Thursday, March 27: Last day to apply for a ballot by mail

Ballot Counting & Canvassing Results Dates

Tuesday, April 15: Deadline for validating and counting provisional ballots and late-arriving mail ballots

Tuesday, April 22: Last day for County Clerk to canvass election results and proclaim results

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- For the complete Election Calendar and Candidates Guide please visit the Illinois State Board of Elections Website: elections.state.il.us
- Visit the Cook County Clerk's Website: cookcountyclerk.gov