



ELECTIONS

OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY CLERK

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November 5, 2024 – General Election Important Dates & Signature Requirements

Candidate Filing Dates & Deadlines

Tuesday, March 26: First day to circulate petitions for independent candidates and new party candidates.

Monday, June 3: Last day for appointee by established managing committee to file documents when no candidate was nominated at the Primary Election.

Monday, June 10: Last day to file objections to a resolution to fill a vacancy when no candidate was nominated at the Primary Election.

Monday, June 17 – Monday, June 24: Candidate filing period for new political parties, nonpartisan candidates and independent candidates.

Monday, July 1: Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of candidates who filed during the June 17 – June 24 filing period. Objections are filed with the election authority where the nomination papers were originally filed.

Thursday, September 5: Last day to file a notarized declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate.

Referendum Question Deadlines

Monday, August 5: Last day for filing petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy with the appropriate election official or local election official.

Monday, August 12: Last day to file objections to petitions for the submission of questions of public policy. Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same office that has the original petitions.

Monday, August 19: Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a binding or advisory public question to appear on the ballot.

Thursday, August 29: Last day for the circuit court clerk and the local election official to certify any question of public policy to the election authority.

Voter Registration, Early Voting and Mail Voting Dates

Wednesday, August 7: First day to apply for a ballot by mail, ballots will not begin to be mailed until after September 26.

Tuesday, October 8: Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials.

Wednesday, October 9 – Monday, November 4: Grace period registration and voting period.

Sunday, October 20: Online voter registration closes.

Monday, October 21 – Monday, November 4: Early voting period.

Thursday, October 31: Last day to apply for a ballot by mail.

Friday, November 1: Nursing home voting.

Ballot Counting & Canvassing Results Deadlines

Tuesday, November 19: Deadline for validating and counting provisional ballots and mail ballots.

Tuesday, November 26: Last day for County Clerk to canvass election results and proclaim results.

Disclaimer: This is not legal advice. The Cook County Clerk's office is providing this for general information purposes only. All Candidates should consult with legal counsel regarding election matters. The Cook County Clerk's office cannot recommend an attorney or give legal advice on these matters.

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



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Metropolitan Water Reclamation District

Office	Independent	New Party
Commissioner	25,000 – 113,988	25,000

Countywide Offices

Office	Independent	New Party
State's Attorney	25,000 – 116,695	25,000
Clerk of the Circuit Court	25,000 – 116,695	25,000
County Clerk	25,000 – 116,695	25,000

Cook County Commissioner

Office	Independent	New Party
1 st District	3,966 – 6,345	3,966

Cook County Board of Review Commissioner

Office	Independent	New Party
3 rd District	21,506 – 34,410	21,506