



ELECTIONS

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November 3, 2020 – General Election General Information

Candidate Filing Dates

Tuesday, March 24: First day to circulate petitions for independent candidates, new party candidates and nonpartisan candidates

Monday, June 1: Last day for appointee by established managing committee to file documents when no candidate was nominated at the Primary election

Monday, June 8: Last day to file objections to a resolution to fill a vacancy when no candidate was nominated at the Primary election

Monday, July 13 – Monday, July 20: Candidate filing period for new political parties, independent candidates and nonpartisan candidates

Monday, July 27: Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of candidates who filed during the July 13 – July 20 filing period. Objections are filed with the election authority where the nomination papers were originally filed

Thursday, September 3: Last day to file a notarized declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate

Referendum Question Dates

Monday, August 3: 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 10: 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 17: Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a binding public question to appear on the ballot

Thursday, August 27: 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, Grace Period, Early Voting and Mail Voting Dates

Wednesday, August 5: First day to apply for a ballot by mail, ballots will not begin to be mailed until after September 24

Tuesday, October 6: Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials

Wednesday, October 7 – Monday, November 2: Grace period registration and voting

Sunday, October 18: Online voter registration closes

Monday, October 19 – Monday, November 2: Early voting period

Thursday, October 29: Last day to apply for a ballot by mail.

Friday, October 30 – Sunday, November 1: Nursing home voting

Ballot Counting & Canvassing Results Dates

Tuesday, November 17 - Deadline for validating and counting provisional ballots and late-arriving mail ballots

Tuesday, November 24 - Last day for County Clerk to canvass election results and proclaim result.

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.cookcountyclerk.com



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2020 County Offices Signature Requirements

Office	Democratic .5%	Republican .5%	Green .5%	Independent 5% – 8%	New Party 5%
State's Attorney	7,279	2,263	N/A	25,000 — 143,641 2,500*	25,000 2,500*
Clerk of the Circuit Court	7,279	2,263	N/A	25,000 — 143,641 2,500*	25,000 2,500*
Board of Review Commissioner 1 st District	5,363	2,263	N/A	25,000 — 61,020 2,500*	25,000 2,500*
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner	7,142	2,209	1,745	25,000 — 140,218 2,500*	<u>25,000</u> 2,500*

* Per Federal Court Decision