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PREFACE

This *Candidate's Guide* has been prepared to provide information for candidates seeking office in 2012. It includes a listing of the offices to be nominated or elected, filing dates, general requirements for filing, and specific requirements for individual offices. In addition, information is provided regarding nomination procedures and the objection process. Also included is a section that provides answers to some of the more frequently asked questions about nominating petitions and procedures. A signature requirements section is included at the end of the guide.

All citations contained herein refer to the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/1-1 et seq., as amended) or as otherwise indicated. New legislation and court decisions made after July 2012 may not be included in this guide.

Legal information contained in this guide is not binding and should not be construed as sufficient argument in response to an objection to any candidate's nominating papers. The State Board of Elections recommends that all prospective candidates consult with competent legal counsel when preparing their nominating papers. Decennial redistricting will impact elections in the year 2012. Please be aware that any delay with the redistricting process could result in court action to change certain filing dates.

Statutory deadlines for filing objections and for withdrawing from all but one incompatible office will depend on the filing period. Specific deadline dates can be found in the SBE *Election and Campaign Finance Calendar for 2012.* The calendar, this guide, and filing date announcements can be found on the State Board of Elections' web site:

www.elections.il.gov

Additional information may be obtained by contacting your election authority (county clerk or board of elections commissioners) or the State Board of Elections in Springfield (217)/782-4141 or Chicago (312/814-6440).

NOTE:

Information about PRESIDENTIAL and DELEGATE/ALTERNATE DELAGATE petition filing requirements is (or will be) available in a separate publication.

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GENERAL PRIMARY	**GENERAL ELECTION**
(Third Tuesday in March)	(First Tuesday after first Monday in November)
March 20, 2012	**NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED AT THE GENERAL PRIMARY AND ELECTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION:

Representatives in Congress – all 18 districts
State Senators – all 59 districts

Representatives in the General Assembly – all 118 districts

Judges (Additional judgeships if required):

Supreme Court Judges, vacancies will be filled if required
Appellate Court Judges, vacancies will be filled if required
Circuit Court Judges, vacancies will be filled if required
Resident Circuit Court Judges, vacancies will be filled if required
Subcircuits, vacancies will be filled if required
All judges seeking retention will appear on the ballot at the General Election

County Auditors (in counties with a population of 75,000 – 3,000,000)
County Board Members (in counties under township organization)
County Commissioners (in counties not under township organization)
County Circuit Clerks
County Coroners
County Recorder of Deeds (in counties with a population of 60,000 or more)
Regional Superintendent of Schools (vacancies)
Sanitary District Commissioners and Trustees (Prairie Dupont Levee and Sanitary District file with State Board of Elections)
States Attorneys

OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED AT THE GENERAL PRIMARY:

Delegates and Alternate Delegates (requirements available in separate publication)
Precinct Committeemen (all counties except Cook County)
Ward Committeemen (City of Chicago)
School Districts under Article 33 of the School Code, Members
Special Charter Municipalities, Annual Municipal Election, Officers
(Contact county clerk, board of election commissioners or municipal clerk for filing information)

Annual Municipal Election
10/ILCS 5/2A-1.2(b) (3)

Municipal Primary (if required)….February 7, 2012
Municipal General Election……March 20, 2012

Contact County Clerk, Board of Elections Commissioners or Municipal Clerk for filing information.

FILING PERIODS

FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY

November 28 – December 5, 2011 (Petitions may not be circulated prior to September 6, 2011) [10 ILCS 5/7-12, 7-10]	ESTABLISHED PARTY CANDIDATES (For Presidential preference and delegate filing – see below)
December 19 – December 27, 2011 [10 ILCS 5/7-12]	SPECIAL JUDICIAL FILING PERIOD [Supreme, Appellate, Circuit Court when a vacancy occurs within the three week period prior to the filing deadline] (November 14 through December 5, 2011)
November 28 – December 5, 2011 (Petitions may not be circulated prior to September 6, 2011)	REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE and DELEGATES
January 3 – January 6, 2012 (Petitions may not be circulated prior to October 8, 2011) [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-11]	DEMOCRAT PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE and DELEGATES
June 18 – June 25, 2012 (Petitions may not be circulated prior to March 27, 2012) [10 ILCS 5/10-4, 10-6]	NEW POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES and INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES (Also includes INDEPENDENT and NEW PARTY candidates for President – filing requirements available in separate publication)

MUNICIPAL

October 17 – October 24, 2011 (Petitions may not be circulated prior to (July 26, 2011) [10 ILCS 5/10-6(3)(5)]	ESTABLISHED PARTY and NONPARTISAN Officers
November 28, 2011– December 5, 2011 (Petitions may not be circulated prior to September 6, 2011) [10 ILCS 5/10-6(3)]	NEW POLITICAL PARTY and INDEPENDENT Officers

SCHOOL BOARDS UNDER ARTICLE 33

November 28, 2011 – December 5, 2011 (Petitions may not be circulated prior to September 6, 2011) [10 ILCS 5/10-6(3)]	NONPARTISAN Members

SANITARY DISTRICT ACT OF 1936

June 18 – June 25, 2012 (Petitions may not be circulated prior to March 27, 2012) [10 ILCS 5/10-4, 10-6]	NONPARTISAN Commissioners or Trustees

REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING NOMINATING PAPERS

A. GENERAL FILING INFORMATION

1. Candidates are strongly advised to obtain legal counsel regarding their legal qualifications for office, the proper method for completing the petition forms with respect to the office, the minimum and maximum number of signatures required, the qualifications of the signers and circulators, etc.

2. Candidates must file for office in one of the following manners:

   a. candidate of an established political party;

   b. candidate of a new political party;

   c. independent candidate; or

   d. as a nonpartisan candidate [certain sanitary districts]

3. Candidates **must** file the following papers, except as noted:

   a. Statement of Candidacy;

   b. Loyalty Oath (OPTIONAL);

   c. Receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interests (not required for Federal Office or political party offices – (see page 9);

   d. Nominating petition sheets, containing a sufficient number of **original** signatures.

   NOTE: Certificate of Officers Authorized to Fill Vacancies (**new party filings only**). A new political party petition must have attached thereto a certificate (SBE Form P-8C) stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. Failure to file the certificate will not invalidate the petitions but will preclude the new party from being able to fill any vacancy that may occur. [See Peoples Independent Party v. Petroff, 191 Ill. App 3d 706, 138 Ill. Dec. 915, 548 N.E. 2d 145 (5th Dist. 1989)]

4. Election laws prescribe the forms to be submitted when seeking nomination to office. The State Board of Elections has prepared **suggested** forms for petitions, statements of candidacy, etc. The official State Board of Elections form number to be used is included under each office listed in this guide. Forms are (or will be) available and may be downloaded from the State Board of Elections web site (www.elections.il.gov) or obtained from election authorities. Forms also are available for purchase from election supply vendors.

5. Petitions may be filed by mail or in person, by either the candidate or a representative of the candidate.

   a. Information on where to file is included under each office listed in this guide.

   b. Filings must be made within the appropriate filing period discussed on page ii.

   c. Filings must be received no earlier than 8:00 a.m. or the normal opening hour of such office, whatever the case may be, on the first day of the appropriate filing period and no later than 5:00 p.m. or the close of business, whichever is later, on the last day of that filing period.
   Welsh vs. Education Officer's Electoral Board, 322 Ill.App.3d 568, 750 N.E. 2d 222, 255 Ill.Dec. 641 (1st Dist. 2001)
   [10 ILCS 5/1-4, 7-12(6), 10-6.2]

   NOTE: The State Board of Elections will **NOT ACCEPT** any petition for filing after 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the filing period. This includes any individual waiting in line as of the 5:00 p.m. deadline who has not yet filed his/her petition.

   d. Petitions sent by mail (United States Post Office only) and received **AFTER** midnight of the first day for filing and in the first mail delivery or pickup of that day shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. of the day or as of the normal opening hour of such day, as the case may be. Candidates who file by mail with the State Board of Elections and wish to qualify for the lottery, must **mail** their petitions to the State Board of Elections, P. O. Box 4187, Springfield, IL 62708. (Use the P.O. Box for mailing, not the street address.) Nominating petitions received through other delivery systems are not considered "mail" and will not be included in the lottery. It is important to note that petitions received **BEFORE** the first day of filing cannot be accepted.
   [10 ILCS 5/7-12 (6), 8-9, 10-6.2]

6. Ballot Position Lottery (see page 45)

   a. The lottery is held within nine days following the last day to file petitions.

   b. Petitions filed on the first day at 8:00 a.m. or the opening hour (as the case may be) and petitions sent by mail and received in the first mail delivery of the first day are included in the lottery drawing.

   c. Candidates who file petitions after 8:00 a.m. or the opening hour (as the case may be) on the first day are placed on the ballot in the order filed.
   [10 ILCS 5/7-12 (6), 8-9, 10-6.2]

7. Multiple Filings

If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed for a candidate for the same office, the State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or local election official where the petitions are filed shall, within two (2) business days, notify the candidate of his/her multiple petition filings and that the candidate has three (3) business days after receipt of the notice to notify the State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or local election official that he or she may cancel prior sets of petitions. If the candidate sends notice, the last set of petitions filed shall be the only petitions to be considered valid. If the candidate fails to send notice, then only the first set of petitions filed shall be valid and all subsequent petitions shall be void.
[10 ILCS 5/7-12 (11), 8-9, 10-6.2]

NOTE: If petitions for nomination have been filed for the same person with respect to more than one political party, his/her name shall not be certified for the primary ballot of any party. If petitions for nomination have been filed for the same person for two or more offices which are incompatible, a person must withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such offices within the 5 business days following the last day for petition filing or his/her name shall not be certified for the primary ballot for any office. Judicial candidates at the circuit court level are limited to filing a petition for one circuit court vacancy and/or a petition for one subcircuit vacancy in any filing period. [10 ILCS 5/7-12 (9)]

For questions concerning compatibility of offices, contact the Opinions Division of the Attorney General's office at 217/782-1974.

B. NOMINATING PETITION SHEETS

1. Petition Sheet Heading

a. The top portion (heading) of the nomination petition pages which include information relative to the election, the candidate, the office and political party, where applicable, must be completed prior to the circulation of the petition sheet.

b. **The State Board of Elections will certify each candidate's name as it appears on the first numbered page of the petition.** (Other Election Authorities may follow a different rule with regard to petitions filed with them).

c. The candidate's given name or names, initial or initials, nickname by which the candidate is commonly known, or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to the candidate's surname. No other designation such as a political slogan**,** title, degree or nickname suggesting or implying possession of a

title, degree or professional status, or similar information may be used in connection with the candidate's surname.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17(b), 8-8.1, 10-5.1, 16-3(e)]

NOTE: If a candidate has changed his or her name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the last day for filing the petition or certificate for that office, whichever is applicable, then (i) the candidate's name on the petition or certificate must be followed by "formerly known as (list all prior names during the 3-year period) until name changed on (list date of each such name change)" and (ii) the petition or certificate must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the candidate's previous names during the period specified in (i) and the date or dates each of those names was changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds for denying certification of the candidate's name for the ballot or removing the candidate's name from the ballot, as appropriate, but these requirements do not apply to name changes resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent's or parents' surname, marriage to assume a spouse's surname, or dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage to assume a former surname.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17, 8-8.1, 10-5.1, 16.3]

d. A political slogan is defined as any word or words expressing or connoting a position, opinion or belief that the candidate may espouse, including but not limited to any word or words conveying any meaning other than that of the personal identity of the candidate. A candidate may not use a political slogan as part of his or her name on the ballot, notwithstanding that the political slogan may be part of the candidate's name.
[10 ILCS 5/7-17 (b), 16-3(e)]

NOTE: The State Board of Elections, a local election official or an election authority shall not certify to any election authority any candidate name designation that is inconsistent with this statutory reference.
[10 ILCS 5/7-17(c), 16-3(f)]

e. The form of name on the petition sheets must match the form of name on the Statement of Candidacy. **THE CANDIDATE'S NAME SHOULD APPEAR IN EXACTLY THE SAME FORM ON THE PETITION SHEETS, STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY AND LOYALTY OATH.** The State Board of Elections will certify each candidate's name as it appears on the first numbered page of the petition (other Election Authorities may

follow a different rule with regard to petitions filed with them). Failure to match the name on the petition to the name on the Statement of Candidacy may result in the candidate not being certified for ballot.

f. The name of more than one candidate of the same party for a group office or for different offices of the same political subdivision may appear on the same petition if such petition is filed with the same filing office. However, each candidate must submit his or her individual Statement of Candidacy, receipt for filing the Statement of Economic Interests and optional Loyalty Oath. [10 ILCS 5/7-10]

g. Each sheet must contain precisely the same information in the heading. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4]

h. Petition sheets which are filed with the proper local election official, election authority or the State Board of Elections must contain the **original** signatures signed by the voters and the original signature of the circulator thereof, and shall not be photocopies or duplicates of such sheets. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4]

2. Petition Circulator

a. A petition circulator must be at least 18 years of age or older and a citizen of the United States. **The circulator must personally witness all signatures given and sign the required circulator's statement stating that all signatures were taken in his or her presence.** No one may be considered a circulator of any petition page except the person who signs the circulator's statement. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4**]**

b. Petition sheets must **not** be circulated more than 90 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petitions. The circulator’s statement on a candidate’s petition sheet must specify either the dates on which the sheets were circulated, the first and last dates on which the sheet was circulated or that none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing the petitions. See page ii for dates when candidates may start circulating petitions. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4]

c. A petition circulator may not circulate for more than one established political party. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]

d. A petition circulator may not circulate for an independent candidate or candidates in addition to candidates for a new political party.
[10 ILCS 5/10-4]

e. A petition circulator may not circulate for more than one new political party. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]

f. A petition circulator must complete the circulator's statement at the bottom of each petition sheet certifying address, age and citizenship information and also certifying that the signatures on that sheet were signed in his/her presence and are genuine and that to the best of his/her knowledge the persons so signing were duly registered voters of the political subdivision for which the candidate or candidates shall be nominated, or elected, and that their respective registration addresses are correctly stated therein. This statement shall be sworn to and signed before an officer authorized to administer oaths in Illinois.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4]

g. Petition circulators shall indicate on such petition their residence address, written, or printed, including the street address or rural route number of the circulator, as well as the circulator's city, village or town.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4]

3. Petition Signers

a. A signer **MAY NOT** sign petitions for a candidate of more than one political party for the same Primary Election..
[10 ILCS 5/7-10]

b. A signer may sign the petitions of one established political party for the Primary Election and one new political party or independent for the subsequent General Election. [10 ILCS 5/10-3]

c. A signer must sign his/her own signature on the petition. The signer cannot sign for someone else, such as another member of his or her family.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4]

d. A petition signer may change party affiliation from one election to another. Kusper v. Pontikes, 414 U.S. 51, 94 S. Ct. 303 (1973); Sperling v. County Officers Electoral Board, 57 Ill.2d 81, 309 N.E. 2d 589 (1974)

e. Petition signers must be registered voters in the political subdivision in which the candidate is seeking nomination or election.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-2, 10-3, 10-4]

f. Petition signers shall indicate on such petition their residence address, written or printed, including the street address or rural route number, as well as their city, village or town, county and state. However, the state, county, city, village and town of residence may be pre-printed on the petition form when all of the electors signing the petition form reside therein. Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the residence address, including street number, if any. **A petition signer must be a registered voter from the address shown opposite his/her signature on the petition. [**10 ILCS 5/7-10, 3-1.2, 8-8, 10-4]

g. Signatures may be struck from the petition by the circulator or the candidate, prior to filing, in the following manner:

1) The person striking the signature must initial the petition at the place where the signature is struck.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-3]

2) The person striking the signature must sign a certification (such as SBE suggested form P-2A) listing the page number and line number of each signature struck from the petition. Such certification shall be filed as part of the petition.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-3]

3) The person striking signatures from independent candidate petitions must sign an additional certificate (SBE Form P-2B) specifying the number of certification pages listing stricken signatures, which are attached to the petition, and the page numbers indicated on such certifications. This additional certificate must be filed as part of the petition, shall be numbered, and shall be attached immediately following the last page of voters' signatures and before the certifications of stricken signatures. [10 ILCS 5/10-3]

4) All of the foregoing requirements are necessary to effect a valid striking of any signature. Provisions authorizing the striking of signatures do not impose criminal liability on any person so authorized to strike signatures that may be fraudulent.
[10 ILCS 5/10-3]

4. Petition Preparation [10 ILCS 5/ Articles 7, 8, 10]

a. The petition signature sheets must be **original** and of **uniform size.**

b. The petition **signature** sheets must be numbered consecutively, beginning with the top sheet as number "1."

c. The following original documents are to be attached (preferably on top) to the nominating petition signature sheets:

1) Statement of Candidacy;

2) Loyalty Oath (optional);

3) Receipt for filing the Statement of Economic Interests (not required for federal or party office). The receipt may be filed at any time during the filing period and will not change the initial date and time of filing. (Candidates for county office need only file the statement itself.)

The above documents are NOT numbered.

4) Any certifications related to the striking of signatures shall be attached immediately following the last petition page and numbered consecutively beginning with the number "1." [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-3]

5) For all new political party petitions, the petition must have attached thereto a certificate (SBE Form P-8C) stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. Failure to file the certificate will result in the party forfeiting its right to fill vacancies in nomination, but will not invalidate the petition. [10 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-11]

6) Any other documentation, which may be required to qualify for a specific office.

d. The petition signature sheets must be **neatly fastened together** in book form by fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable manner.

NOTE: A petition once filed shall not be altered or added to. However, the receipt for an economic interest statement filing may be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day on which nomination papers may be filed. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12, 10-4, 10-5]

C. STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-5]

1. Each candidate, whether an individual candidate or one whose name appears on a group petition or certificate of nomination, must complete and file a Statement of Candidacy. The form of the candidate's name, as printed and signed, should match the name as printed on the petition. Furthermore, the address of the candidate; the office for which the person is a candidate; political party designation, if applicable; and statements that the person is qualified for the office specified, should also match the information as printed on the petition. See each individual office in this guide for the correct SBE Statement of Candidacy form.

2. The candidate's given name or names, initial or initials, nickname by which the candidate is commonly known, or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to the candidate's surname. No other designation such as a political slogan, title, degree or nickname suggesting or implying possession of a title, degree or

professional status, or similar information may be used in connection with the candidate's surname. [10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17(b), 8-8.1, 10-5.1, 16-3(e)]

NOTE: If a candidate has changed his or her name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the last day for filing the petition or certificate for that office, whichever is applicable, then (i) the candidate's name on the petition or certificate must be followed by "formerly known as (list all prior names during the 3-year period) until name changed on (list date of each such name change)" and (ii) the petition or certificate must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the candidate's previous names during the period specified in (i) and the date or dates each of those names was changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds for denying certification of the candidate's name for the ballot or removing the candidate's name from the ballot, as appropriate, but these requirements do not apply to name changes resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent's or parents' surname, marriage to assume a spouse's surname, or dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage to assume a former surname.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17 (b), 8-8.1, 10-5.1, 16.3(e)]

3. The candidate must swear to or affirm and sign the Statement of Candidacy, and the statement must be notarized.

D. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS - RECEIPT

1. Each candidate must file a <u>receipt</u> indicating that he or she has filed a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12, 8-8, 10-5; 5 ILCS 420/1-101 et seq.] **EXCEPTION:** The receipt is not required if the Statement of Economic Interests is filed with the same officer with which the nominating papers are filed. (i.e. county officers) [10 ILCS 5/7-12 (8)]

2. Candidates are advised to file their <u>receipt</u> at the same time they file their nominating petitions. While the receipt need not accompany the nominating petitions at the time of filing, it must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day to file the petitions. The date and time at which a nominating petition was filed is not changed when the receipt of economic interests is filed at another time during the filing period. [10 ILCS 5/7-12, 10-5]

3. Statement of Economic Interests forms may be obtained from the local county clerk, the State Board of Elections, or the Office of the Secretary of State.

4. The completed Statement of Economic Interests form must be filed with the Secretary of State, Index Division, 111 East Monroe, Springfield, IL 62756, for candidates that file petitions with the State Board of Elections, or with the county

clerk in the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. [5 ILCS 420/4A-106) (Note: Prairie Dupont Levee and Sanitary District – See pages 28 & 29]

The Statement of Economic Interests is <u>not</u> required for federal or party offices.

E. LOYALTY OATH (Optional)

The filing of the Loyalty Oath is optional.

F. CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE (NOTICE OF OBLIGATION)

The official with whom nomination papers are filed, must provide to each candidate at the time he files his nomination papers a notice of obligation to comply with the Illinois Campaign Financing Act. However, if a candidate files his nomination papers by mail, or an agent of the candidate files his nomination papers, the clerk or secretary with whom the petitions were filed will send the notice to the candidate by first class mail. The notice will state that the manual of instructions and forms for statements required to be filed under Article 9 of the Election Code are available from the State Board of Elections. Forms may also be downloaded for the State Board's website: www.elections.il.gov. [10 ILCS 5/7-12.7, 9-16, 10-6.1; 60 ILCS 1/45-35]

G. USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO INFLUENCE VOTERS IS PROHIBITED

No public funds shall be used to urge any elector to vote for or against any candidate or proposition, or be appropriated for political or campaign purposes to any candidate or political organization. This provision shall not prohibit the use of public funds for dissemination of factual information relative to any proposition appearing on an election ballot, or for dissemination of information and arguments published and distributed pursuant to law in connection with a proposition to amend the Constitution of the State of Illinois. [10 ILCS 5/9-25.1]

H. FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT

Candidates and committees are urged to abide by the provisions for campaigning outlined in the Fair Campaign Practices Act. This is a voluntary statement made and filed prior to an election, vowing that the candidate making the statement will conduct a positive, rather than a negative campaign. If a candidate or committee chooses to make such a statement, it shall be filed with the county clerk if the candidate is a local candidate or committee. [10 ILCS 5/29B et.seq.]

OFFICE: **U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

FILING INFORMATION DOCUMENT/ESTABLISHED PARTY
FILING INFORMATION DOCUMENT/ INDEPENDENT AND NEW PARTY
PETITION FILING DATA CARD/ESTABLISHED PARTY
PETITION FILING DATA CARD/INDEPENDENT AND NEW PARTY
P-28 NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE
CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT
P-2A CERTIFICATE OF DELETIONS (Established Party, New Party and Independent Candidates)
P-2B CERTIFICATE OF ATTACHED LIST OF DELETIONS (Independent Candidates)
P-8C CERTIFICATE OF OFFICERS (NEW PARTY VACANCY IN NOMINATION)

NOTE: At the time of the publication of this guide, the validity of the state's Congressional District map, enacted pursuant to PA 97-14, is the subject of federal litigation. Such litigation could result in changes to the Congressional District map, and that might affect the validity of signatures collected on petitions drafted and circulated under the PA 97-14 map.

Committee For A Fair And Balanced Map, et al., v. Illinois State Board of Elections, et al. No. 1:11-cv-05065 (N.D. Ill.)

League of Women Voters of Illinois v. Quinn, et al. No. 1:11-cv-05569 (N.D. Ill.)

MINIMUM AGE:	25 years
RESIDENCY:	United States citizen for seven years. Inhabitant of Illinois at the time of the election and a registered voter. (U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 2)
SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:	ESTABLISHED PARTY CANDIDATES At least 600 qualified primary electors of the candidate's party in the congressional district. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(b)] (See Signature Requirements Section.) INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES At least 5,000 qualified voters of the congressional district. [10 ILCS 5/10-3] (See Signature Requirements Section.) NEW PARTY CANDIDATES At least 5,000 qualified voters of the congressional district. [10 ILCS 5/10-2] (See Signature Requirements Section.)

PETITIONS:	ESTABLISHED PARTY: **SBE No. P-11**
	INDEPENDENT: **SBE No. P-3**
	NEW PARTY: **SBE No. P-8**
STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:	ESTABLISHED PARTY: **SBE No. P-1**
	INDEPENDENT: **SBE No. P-1B**
	NEW PARTY: **SBE No. P-1D**
STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:	Not required for federal office.
LOYALTY OATH:	(Optional) Filed with nomination papers. **SBE No. P-1C**
FILING DATES:	ESTABLISHED PARTY: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary, November 28 – December 5, 2011.
	INDEPENDENT: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election, June 18 – 25, 2012
	NEW PARTY: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election, June 18 - 25, 2012.
WHERE TO FILE:	State Board of Elections, 1020 South Spring Street, P.O. Box 4187, Springfield, Illinois 62708. (Use P.O. Box for mailing)
CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE:	Filed with the Federal Election Commission, 999 "E" Street N.W., Washington, DC 20463 (Telephone: 800/424-9530).
	NOTE: These filing requirements are subject to change by the FEC. We advise that you contact the FEC for the latest information on filing requirements.
TERM BEGINS:	Noon, January 3, 2013 (U.S. Constitution, Amendment XX, Section 2)
TERM OF OFFICE:	2 years

OFFICE: **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
STATE SENATOR and STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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NOTE: At the time of the publication of this guide, the validity of the state's General Assembly District map, enacted pursuant to PA 97-6, is the subject of federal litigation. Such litigation could result in changes to the General Assembly District map, and that might affect the validity of signatures collected on petitions drafted and circulated under the PA 97-6 map.

Radogno, et al., v. Illinois State Board of Elections, et al. No. 1:11-cv-04884 (N.D. Ill.)

League of Women Voters of Illinois v. Quinn, et al. No. 1:11-cv-05569 (N.D. Ill.)

MINIMUM AGE: 21 years

RESIDENCY: United States Citizen, resident of the district for 2 years preceding the election and a registered voter.

In the General Election following redistricting, a candidate for the General Assembly may be elected from any district that contains a part of the district in which he resided at the time of redistricting and reelected if a resident of the new district he represents for 18 months prior to reelection.
[Ill. Constitution, Article IV, Section 2(c)]

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: ESTABLISHED PARTY CANDIDATES

State Senator – At least 1,000 but not more than
3,000 of the candidate's party in his legislative district. (Senate) district.
(10 ILCS 5/8-8) (See Signature Requirements Section.)

State Representative – At least 500 but not more than 1,500 qualified primary electors of the candidate's party in the representative district.
[10 ILCS 5/8-8]
(See Signature Requirements Section.)

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

State Senator – At least 3,000 qualified voters in the legislative district [10 ILCS 5/10-3]

State Representative – At least 1500 qualified voters in the representative district. [10 ILCS 5/10-3] (See Signature Requirements Section.)

NEW PARTY CANDIDATES

State Senator – At least 3,000 qualified voters in the legislative district. [10 ILCS 5/10-2]

State Representative – At least 1,500 qualified voters in the representative district. [10 ILCS 5/10-2]
(See Signature Requirements Section.)

PETITIONS: ESTABLISHED PARTY: **SBE No. P-12 – State Senator**
SBE No. P-13 – State Representative

INDEPENDENT: **SBE No. P-3**

NEW PARTY: **SBE No. P-8**

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with nomination papers.

ESTABLISHED PARTY: **SBE No. P-1**

INDEPENDENT: **SBE No. P-1B**

NEW PARTY: **SBE No. P-1D**

LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with nomination papers. **SBE No. P-1C**

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the Secretary of State Index Division, 111 East Monroe Street, Springfield, Illinois 62756. (Receipt must be filed with petitions or by the end of the filing period.)

FILING DATES: ESTABLISHED PARTY: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary, November 28 – December 5, 2011

INDEPENDENT: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election, June 18 – 25, 2012.

NEW PARTY: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election, June 18 – 25, 2012.

WHERE TO FILE: State Board of Elections, 1020 South Spring Street, P.O. Box 4187, Springfield, Illinois 62708. (Use P.O. Box for mailing)

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:	Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 1020 South Spring, Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
TERM BEGINS:	Second Wednesday of January (January 9, 2013) after their election. [Ill. Constitution, Article IV, Section 5(a)]
TERM OF OFFICE:	STATE SENATORS: -- all 59 state senate districts (terms will be determined by a lottery which will be held after this publication is posted.)
	STATE REPRESENTATIVES: All 118 Representative Districts – 2-year terms.

NOTICE TO JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

P.A. 97-81, effective July 5, 2011, amended 10 ILCS 5/7-12(9) to add the following restriction:

"*A candidate in a judicial election may file petitions for nomination for only one vacancy in a subcircuit and only one vacancy in a circuit in any one filing period, and if petitions for nomination have been filed for the same person for 2 or more vacancies in the same circuit or subcircuit in the same filing period, his or her name shall be certified only for the first vacancy for which the petitions for nomination were filed.*"

The State Board of Elections will accept for filing and process only one petition for a circuit vacancy and/or only one petition for a subcircuit vacancy in any filing period. PA 97-81 did not change existing law regarding candidates filing for other multiple incompatible offices.

Please refer to the judicial candidate filing and multiple office filing information in the State Board of Elections' 2012 Candidate's Guide (www.elections.il.gov) for further guidance. The 2012 Candidate's Guide contains important information as to these topics and the State Board of Elections' policies on judicial filings.

OFFICE: **ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT JUDGE, APPELLATE COURT JUDGE, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, RESIDENT CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, SUBCIRCUIT JUDGE**

NOTE: A preliminary list of declared vacancies is currently (or will be) available on the Board's website (www.elections.il.gov).

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MINIMUM AGE: 21 years (General qualifications, Supreme Court, Rule 701)

RESIDENCY: United States citizen. Licensed attorney-at-law in Illinois. Resident of the judicial unit that selects him/her, and a registered voter in Illinois. (Ill. Constitution, Article VI, Section 11)

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: ESTABLISHED PARTY CANDIDATES
The number of signatures required for a candidate for judicial office in a district is .4% (.004) of the number of votes cast in that district for the candidate for his/her political party for the office of Governor at that last general election at which a Governor was elected, but in no event less than 500 signatures

A candidate for circuit, or subcircuit is 0.25% (.0025) of the number of votes cast for the judicial candidate of his/her party who received the highest number of votes at the last regular General Election at which a judicial officer from the same district, circuit, or subcircuit was regularly scheduled to be elected, but in no event shall be less than 500 signatures. **NOTE:** For circuits and subcircuits located in the First Judicial District not less than 1,000 signatures. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(h)]
(See Signature Requirements Section.)

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES
Not less than 5% nor more than 8% of the total number of persons who voted at the last General Election within the district or judicial unit, except that where 5% is greater than 25,000, the minimum number of signatures required is 25,000. [10 ILCS 5/10-3] (See Signature Requirements Section.)

NEW PARTY CANDIDATES
Not less than 5% of the total number of persons who voted at the last regular General Election within the district or judicial unit, except that where 5% is greater than 25,000, the minimum number of signatures required is 25,000. [10 ILCS 5/10-2] (See Signature Requirements Section.)

PETITIONS: ESTABLISHED PARTY:

SBE No. P-14	Supreme Court Judge
SBE No. P-15	Appellate Court Judge
SBE No. P-16	Circuit Court Judges, Cook County
SBE No. P-16A	Circuit Court Judge (Subcircuits)
SBE No. P-17	Circuit Court Judges, excluding Cook County
SBE No. P-18	Resident Circuit Judges, excluding Cook County

INDEPENDENT: **SBE No. P-3**

NEW PARTY: **SBE No. P-8**

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with nomination papers.

ESTABLISHED PARTY: SBE No. P-1

INDEPENDENT: **SBE No. P-1B**

NEW PARTY: **SBE No. P-1D**

LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with nomination papers. SBE No. P-1C

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the Secretary of State, Index Division, 111 E. Monroe St., Springfield, IL 62756. (Receipt must be filed with petitions or by the end of the filing period.)

FILING DATES: ESTABLISHED PARTY: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary, November 28 – December 5, 2011

INDEPENDENT: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election, June 18 – 25, 2012.

NOTE: When a vacancy occurs in the office of Supreme, Appellate or Circuit Court judge within the three-week-period (November 14, 2011 – December 5, 2011) prior to the standard filing period for nominating petitions, filings for those vacancies shall be December 19 thru December 27, 2011. The petitions must be filed in the principal office of the State Board of Elections. **CONTACT THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS DURING THIS TIME PERIOD FOR AN UPDATED LISTING OF VACANCIES FOR THE SPECIAL JUDICIAL FILING PERIOD.**

NEW PARTY: Not more than 141 or less than 134 days prior to the General Election, June 18 – 25, 2012.

WHERE TO FILE: State Board of Elections, 1020 South Spring Street, P.O Box 4187, Springfield, Illinois 62708. (Use P.O. Box for mailing)

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE: Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 1020 South Spring, Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

TERM BEGINS: First Monday in December following the election. (December 3, 2012)
[Ill Constitution, Article VI, Section 12(d)]
[10 ILCS 5/1A-19 (c), 7A – 1, 2A --9 (b)]

TERM OF OFFICE: Supreme Court and Appellate Court Judges, 10 years
Circuit Court Judges, 6 years
[Ill Constitution, Article VI, Section 10]

ELECTION: Judicial vacancies and newly created judicial offices are initially elected on a partisan basis. The State Board of Elections is provided with a certification from the Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court delineating which vacancies will be filled by election in the year 2012. Interested citizens may contact the State Board of Elections to learn which judicial offices will be filled by election. The judicial office being sought is the vacancy of the preceding ELECTED judge, not the judge appointed to fill the vacancy until the next election. The nominating petitions and Statement of Candidacy must state the exact vacancy or the exact additional judgeship that the candidate is seeking.

RETENTION: Once elected to office, a judge may seek to retain that office at the expiration of the term by seeking retention on a special ballot separate from the regular ballot. No party affiliation is indicated on a retention ballot. Nominating petitions are not required to seek retention for another term.

A Declaration of Judicial Candidacy to succeed oneself must be filed in the office of the Secretary of State on or before May 6, 2012 (not less than six months before the General Election preceding the expiration of his/her term of office). [Illinois Constitution, Article VI, Section 12(d)]

JUDICIAL SUB-CIRCUITS:

It is the duty of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts to assign judgeships to the subcircuits as vacancies occur as well as additional judgeships created by legislation. Interested citizens may contact the State Board of Elections.

NOTE: When a vacancy occurs in the office of Supreme, Appellate, or Circuit Court Judge within the three week period preceding the 106th day before a General Primary Election (November 14 thru December 5th, 2011), a special filing period shall be held not more than 92 nor less than 85 days prior to the date of the General Primary Election (December 19 – December 27, 2011). Consult the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and the State Board of Elections concerning newly created vacancies. On or before May 7, 2012 (not less than six months before the General Election preceding the expiration of his/her term of office), any elected judge who wishes to seek retention shall file in the Office of the Secretary of State, a Declaration of Judicial Candidacy to succeed himself/herself. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(1)]

NOTE: PA 97-81 amended 10 ILCS 7-12(9), effective July 5, 2011, such that judicial candidates at the circuit court level are limited to filing a petition for one circuit court vacancy and/or a petition for one subcircuit vacancy in any filing period. For any individual circuit court judge candidate, the State Board of Elections will accept only one petition for a circuit court vacancy and/or only one petition for a subcircuit vacancy in any filing period. A new circuit court or subcircuit judgeship created by statute or by conversion of a resident judge position to a subcircuit position is a vacancy. A resident judge vacancy is a circuit court vacancy.

<u>For “in person” petition filings</u>, the SBE staff will accept from any candidate (or filing agent) only one petition for a full circuit judicial vacancy and only one petition for a subcircuit judicial vacancy in any filing period. The staff will refuse to accept any additional judicial petition filings at the circuit court level for that candidate.

<u>For petition filings by mail or by commercial carriers</u>, the SBE staff will accept and process only one petition for a full circuit judicial vacancy and only one petition for a subcircuit judicial vacancy in any filing period for any candidate.

If multiple petitions are sent in a single envelope (or package):
If the candidate designates a particular petition as the chosen petition, the staff will accept that petition and return the rest of the petitions to the candidate.

In the absence of a designation by the candidate and if the petitions are all oriented such that the print side of each petition faces the same way, the staff will accept the top petition in the pile and return the rest of the petitions to the candidate.

In the absence of a designation by the candidate and if the petitions are not all oriented with the print facing the same way, the staff will accept the petition that was on top of the pile when the petitions were removed from the envelope with the postage, postmarked and/or mailing label side of the envelope or package facing up, and return the rest of the petitions to the candidate.

If petitions are mailed in multiple envelopes, the first envelope processed will be the one accepted and all other petitions will be returned to the candidate.

A withdrawal of an accepted petition will be accepted, but no new petition for a different judicial vacancy will be accepted after a withdrawal. Withdrawal and filing of a new petition for the same vacancy will be permitted

OFFICE: **COUNTY OFFICERS – CIRCUIT CLERK, RECORDER, STATE'S ATTORNEY, AUDITOR, CORONER, PRESIDENT OF COUNTY BOARD, COUNTY COMISSIONERS, COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS AND REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS * (VACANCIES)**

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The number of countywide offices which are elected varies from county to county. Contact your local election authority for additional information.

MINIMUM AGE: 18 years. Licensed attorneys in Illinois must be 21 years old. (See Residency below - Illinois Supreme Court Rule 701)

RESIDENCY: United States citizen. Resident of the county for 30 days. Registered voter in the county or county board district.

NOTE: Candidates for State's Attorney do not have residency requirements but must be citizens of the United States and licensed attorneys in Illinois.
[Ill. Constitution, Article VI, Section 19]

NOTE: Candidates for county board member or commissioner, in counties with a population of 3,000,000 or less, must reside in the county for at least one year prior to the election. [55 ILCS 5/2-3015]

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: ESTABLISHED PARTY CANDIDATES
For all offices (including Chairman of the County Board and county board members elected from the county at large), petitions must be signed by at least .5% (.005) of the vote cast for any candidate of the party who received the highest number of votes in the county at the 2010 General Election. The party candidate with the highest vote in the county could be any federal, state or county candidate. (The actual number is compiled by the election authority.)
[10 ILCS 5/7-10 (c)]

For offices elected by district, at least .5% (005) of the qualified electors of his/her party in the entire county at the last preceding general election (determined by the number of votes received by the candidate of each political party who received the highest number of votes at the 2010 General Election in the county; the candidate with the highest number of votes in the county could be federal, state, or county candidates), divided by the number of county board districts, but in any event not less than 25 qualified primary electors of his party in the district. The actual number is compiled by the election authority.) [10 ILCS 5/7-10(c)]

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES
An Independent candidate for county office (including Chairman of the County Board and county board members elected from the county at large) must submit nomination papers signed by qualified voters of the county equaling not less than 5%, nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at the **LAST** General Election in the county or county board district, (for county board district, the LAST time the district elected a member).
[10 ILCS 5/10-3]

For offices elected by district, not less than 5%, nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of total number of votes cast at the preceding General Election for the county office voted on throughout such county for which the greatest total number of votes were cast for all candidates, divided by the number of districts, but in any event not less than 25 qualified voters of the district. (The actual number is compiled by the election authority.)

NEW PARTY CANDIDATES
A petition to form a new political party for countywide offices shall contain a complete list of candidates of such party for all offices (including all county board districts) to be filled at the election.
[10 ILCS 5/10-2]

Not less than 5% of the number of persons who voted at the **LAST** General Election in the county. (The actual number of signatures required is compiled by your election authority.)

For offices elected by district, not less than 5% of the total number of votes cast at the preceding General Election for the county office voted on throughout the county, for which the greatest total number of votes were cast for all candidates, divided by the number of districts, but in any event not less than 25 qualified voters of the district. (The actual number of signatures required is compiled by the election authority.)

New party candidates seeking county office with officers elected by district and at-large should follow [10 ILCS 5/10-2]

PETITIONS: ESTABLISHED PARTY: **SBE No. P-10**

NOTE: County Board Members elected from districts: **SBE No. P-26**

INDEPENDENT: **SBE No. P-3**

NEW PARTY: (At-large offices) **SBE No. P-8**
(At-large offices and offices by district - **SBE No. P-8B**)

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with nomination papers.

ESTABLISHED PARTY: **SBE No. P-1**

INDEPENDENT: **SBE No. P-1B**

NEW PARTY: **SBE No. P-1D**

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the County Clerk. Receipt must be filed with petitions or by the end of the filing period. (For exception see pages 9 para. D, 1-4) Multi-County Regional Superintendent candidates file with the county clerk in the county where the principal office of the region is located.

LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with nomination papers. **SBE No. P-1C**

FILING DATES: ESTABLISHED PARTY: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary, November 28 – December 5, 2011

INDEPENDENT: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election, June 18 – 25, 2012

NEW PARTY: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election, June 18 - 25, 2012.

WHERE TO FILE: Office of the County Clerk. (Exceptions: Candidates for Regional Superintendent of a Multi-County Region file with the State Board of Elections, and candidates in DuPage County file with the DuPage County Board of Election Commissioners.)

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE: Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 1020 South Spring, Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years and until a successor is elected and qualified.
(For County Board members elected by district, terms will be determined by a lottery. Please refer to 55 ILCS 5/2‑3009).

NOTE: County Commissioner term is 6-years and until a successor is elected and qualified. Cook County Commissioner term is 4-years.

County Commissioners are elected at-large in certain downstate counties. County Board Members and Commissioners may be elected at-large and from districts.

TERM BEGINS: First day of the month following the election, December 1, 2012, for the following offices:

COUNTY AUDITOR	[55 ILCS 5/3-1001]
CIRCUIT CLERK	[705 ILCS 105/1.1]
CORONER	[55 ILCS 5/3-3002]
RECORDER OF DEEDS	[55 ILCS 5/3-5004]
STATE'S ATTORNEY	[55 ILCS 3-9002]

First Monday of the month following the election: December 3, 2012, for the following offices:

COUNTY BOARD MEMBER	[55 ILCS 5/2-3009]
COMMISSIONER	[55 ILCS 5/2-3009]

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

* A candidate for REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS must possess a master's degree and certain other educational qualifications that are listed in 105 ILCS 5/3-1. No other petition of any candidate for nomination for the office of Regional Superintendent of Schools may be filed and no such candidate's name may be placed on a primary or General Election ballot, unless such candidate files as part of his/her petition, a certificate from the State Board of Education certifying that from the records of its office such candidate has the qualifications required by this section; however, any incumbent filing his/her petition for nomination for a succeeding term of office shall not be required to attach such certificate to his/her Petition of Candidacy. Candidates for Regional Superintendent of Schools should examine the provisions of Section 3-1 carefully in order to determine if they qualify.

OFFICE: **COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW COMMISSIONER**

MINIMUM AGE: 18 Years

RESIDENCY: Shall be an elector of the county and a resident of the election district for at least 2 years before the date of the election. In addition, the Commissioner shall hold no other lucrative public office or public employment. [35 ILCS 200/5-5(a)]

NOTE: An incumbent must be a resident for 18 months prior to re-election if he/she is a resident of a new district which contains a part of their former district in which he/she resided at the time of redistricting. [35 ILCS 200/5-5(c)]

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: **Contact Cook County Clerk**

ESTABLISHED PARTY CANDIDATES

In the first primary election following a redistricting of Cook County Board of Review districts at least 4,000 signatures or at least the number of signatures required for a countywide candidate in Cook County, whichever is less, of the qualified electors of his or her party in the district. [10 ILCS 5/7-10 (d) (3)]

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

For offices elected by district, not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of total number of votes cast at the preceding General Election for the county office voted on throughout such county for which the greatest total number of votes were cast for all candidates, divided by the number of districts, but in any event not less than 25 qualified voters of the district. (The actual number of is compiled by the election authority.)[10 ILCS 5/10-3]

NEW PARTY CANDIDATES

For offices elected by district, not less than 5% of the total number of votes cast at the preceding General Election for the county office voted on throughout the county, for which the greatest total number of votes were cast for all candidates, divided by the number of districts, but in any event not less than 25 qualified voters of the district. (The actual number of signatures required is compiled by the election authority.)
[10 ILCS 5/10-2]

PETITIONS: ESTABLISHED PARTY: SBE No. P-10

INDEPENDENT: SBE No. P-3

NEW PARTY: SBE No. P-8

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:	Filed with nomination papers. ESTABLISHED PARTY: SBE No. P-1 INDEPENDENT: SBE No. P-1B NEW PARTY: SBE No. P-1D
LOYALTY OATH:	(Optional) Filed with nomination papers. SBE No. P-1C
STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:	Filed with the office of the county clerk (See page 9)
FILING DATES:	ESTABLISHED PARTY: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary, November 28 – December 5, 2011. INDEPENDENT: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election, June 18 – 25, 2012 NEW PARTY: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election, June 18 - 25, 2012.
WHERE TO FILE:	Office of the Cook County Clerk.
CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:	Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 1020 South Spring, Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
TERM OF OFFICE:	4 years
TERM BEGINS:	First Monday in December following his/her election. (December 3, 2012) [35 ILCS 200/5-5]

OFFICE: **SANITARY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS (Prairie Dupont Levee and Sanitary District)** Sanitary District Act of 1907

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Three trustees to be elected from the territory of the district in the county having the greater assessed valuation of the district and two trustees elected from the territory of the district in the county having the lesser-assessed valuation of the district. All five may be elected at-large if the equalized assessed valuation of the district is less than $100,000,000. [70 ILCS 2205/5]

MINIMUM AGE: 18 years

RESIDENCY: Must be a registered voter and a resident of that portion of the district in the county from which the candidate wishes to seek office. [70 ILCS 2205/5]

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:

ESTABLISHED PARTY CANDIDATES
At least .5% (.005) of the total vote cast for that party's candidate who received the highest number of votes in the district at the last regular election for Commissioners of such sanitary district. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(g)] (See Signature Requirements Section)

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES
Not less than 5%, nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election for Commissioners of the sanitary district. Where 5% is greater than 25,000, 25,000 is the minimum number of signatures required. [10 ILCS 5/10-3] (See Signature Requirements Section)

NEW PARTY CANDIDATES
Not less than 5% of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election for Commissioners of the sanitary district. Where 5% is greater than 25,000, 25,000 is the minimum number of signatures required. [10 ILCS 5/10-2] (See Signature Requirements Section)

PETITIONS:	ESTABLISHED PARTY: **SBE No. P-10** INDEPENDENT: **SBE No. P-3** NEW PARTY: **SBE No. P-8**
STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:	Filed with nomination papers. ESTABLISHED PARTY: **SBE No. P-1** INDEPENDENT: **SBE No. P-1B** NEW PARTY: **SBE No. P-1D**
LOYALTY OATH:	(Optional) Filed with nomination papers. **SBE No. P-1C**
STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:	Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of government is located. It is suggested that a copy be filed in each county clerk's office in the other counties of the district.
FILING DATES:	ESTABLISHED PARTY: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary, November 28 – December 5, 2011. INDEPENDENT: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election, June 18 – 25, 2012 NEW PARTY: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election, June 18- 25, 2012.
WHERE TO FILE:	State Board of Elections, 1020 South Spring Street, P.O. Box 4187, Springfield, Illinois 62708. (Use P.O. Box for mailing) [10 ILCS 5/7-12(2)]
CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:	Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 1020 South Spring, Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
TERM BEGINS:	Trustees hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. [70 ILCS 2205/5]
TERM OF OFFICE:	4 years

OFFICE:	**SANITARY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS (Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago) Three commissioners are to be elected for six-year terms. [70 ILCS 2605/3 and 2605/3.2]**
MINIMUM AGE:	18 years
RESIDENCY:	Resident of sanitary district and must be a registered voter.
SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:	**Contact the Cook County Clerk.** ESTABLISHED PARTY CANDIDATES At least .5% (.005) of the total vote cast for that party's candidate who received the highest number of votes in the district at the last regular election for Commissioners of such sanitary district. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(g)] **(Signature requirements compiled by the office of the Cook County Clerk)** INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES Not less than 5%, nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election for Commissioners of the sanitary district. Where 5% is greater than 25,000, 25,000 is the minimum number of signatures required. [10 ILCS 5/10-3] **(Signature requirements compiled by the office of the Cook County Clerk)** NEW PARTY CANDIDATES Not less than 5% of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election for Commissioners of the sanitary district. Where 5% is greater than 25,000, 25,000 is the minimum number of signatures required. [10 ILCS 5/10-2] **(Signature requirements compiled by the office of the Cook County Clerk)**
PETITIONS:	ESTABLISHED PARTY: SBE No. P-10 INDEPENDENT: SBE No. P-3 NEW PARTY: SBE No. P-8 **NOTE: The Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago is not a countywide district. Therefore, a complete slate of county offices is not required.**
STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:	Filed with nomination papers. ESTABLISHED PARTY: SBE No. P-1 INDEPENDENT: SBE No. P-1B NEW PARTY: SBE No. P-1D

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:	Filed with the Cook County Clerk. (See page 9)
LOYALTY OATH:	(Optional) Filed with nomination papers. SBE No. P-1C
FILING DATES:	ESTABLISHED PARTY: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary, November 28 – December 5, 2011 INDEPENDENT: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election, June 18 – 25, 2012 NEW PARTY: Not more than 141 or less than 134 days prior to the General Election, June 18 - 25, 2012.
WHERE TO FILE:	Office of the Cook County Clerk [10 ILCS 5/7-12(2)]
CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:	Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 1020 South Spring, Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
TERM BEGINS:	First Tuesday after the first Monday of the month following the month of their election, December 4, 2012. [70 ILCS 2605/3]
TERM OF OFFICE:	6 years and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

OFFICE: **SANITARY DISTRICT TRUSTEES (North Shore Sanitary District) Contact the district in Waukegan for the specific wards electing trustees and the term of office. [70 ILCS 2305/3]**

MINIMUM AGE: 18 years

RESIDENCY: Resident of sanitary district and must be a registered voter.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: **Contact Lake County Clerk.**

ESTABLISHED PARTY CANDIDATES

In the first primary election following redistricting of sanitary districts elected from wards, a candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the signatures of 150 qualified primary electors of his or her ward of that sanitary district. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(g)]

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

For the first election following redistricting of sanitary districts elected from wards, nomination papers for an independent candidate shall be signed by qualified voters of the ward equal to not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the total number of votes cast at the preceding general election, as the case may be, for the office voted on throughout the district for which the greatest total number of votes were cast for all candidates, divided by the number of wards electing candidates, but in any event not less than 25 qualified voters of the district. (The actual number of signatures is compiled by the election authority.) [10 ILCS 5/10-3]

NEW PARTY CANDIDATES

For the first election following redistricting of sanitary districts elected from wards, a petition to form a new political party in such ward, shall be signed by qualified voters of the ward equal to not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the total number of votes cast at the preceding general election, as the case may be, for the office voted on throughout the district for which the greatest total number of votes were cast for all candidates, divided by the number of wards electing candidates, but in any event not less than 25 qualified voters of the district. (The actual number of signatures is compiled by the election authority.)
[10 ILCS 5/10-2]

PETITIONS:	ESTABLISHED PARTY: SBE No. P-10 INDEPENDENT: SBE No. P-3 NEW PARTY: SBE No. P-8
STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:	Filed with nomination papers. ESTABLISHED PARTY: SBE No. P-1 INDEPENDENT: SBE No. P-1B NEW PARTY: SBE No. P-1D
STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:	Filed with the Lake County Clerk. (See page 9)
LOYALTY OATH:	(Optional) Filed with nomination papers. SBE No. P-1C
FILING DATES:	ESTABLISHED PARTY: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary, November 28 – December 5, 2011 INDEPENDENT: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election, June 18 – 25, 2012 NEW PARTY: Not more than 141 or less than 134 days prior to the General Election, June 18 - 25, 2012.
WHERE TO FILE:	Office of the Lake County Clerk. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(2)]
CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:	Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 1020 South Spring, Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
TERM BEGINS:	First Monday of December following their election, December 3, 2012. [70 ILCS 2305/3]
TERM OF OFFICE:	In a 10-year cycle, each ward has two 4-year terms and one 2-year term. For further information, contact the Lake County Clerk's Office at 847/ 377-2400.

OFFICE:	**SANITARY DISTRICT TRUSTEES (Sanitary District Act of 1936)** For those districts that have chosen by referendum to elect their trustees, three trustees are to be elected for four-year terms. [70 ILCS 2805/3.1 and 2805/3.2] **Contact the district office for the number of trustees to be elected.**
MINIMUM AGE:	18 years
RESIDENCY:	Resident of said district and a registered voter. [70 ILCS 2805/3]
SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:	NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES Not less than 5%, nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election in such district for the election of officers. [70 ILCS 2805/3.2; 10 ILCS 5/10-3 and 10-3.1]
PETITIONS:	NONPARTISAN: SBE No. P-4
STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:	Filed with nomination papers. NONPARTISAN: SBE No. P-1A
STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:	Filed with the office of the county clerk. (See page 9)
LOYALTY OATH:	(Optional) Filed with nomination papers. SBE No. P-1C
FILING DATES:	Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election, June 18 – 25, 2012.
WHERE TO FILE:	Office of the county clerk.
CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:	Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 1020 South Spring, Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
TERM BEGINS:	The first Monday of the month following the General Election, December 3, 2012. [70 ILCS 2805/3.2]
TERM OF OFFICE:	4 years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

OFFICE:	**BOARD MEMBER (BOARD OF EDUCATION)** (Under 105 ILCS 5/33 - City of Peoria Only)
MINIMUM AGE:	18 years
RESIDENCY:	United States citizen and a resident of the district for at least one year immediately preceding the election. [105 ILCS 5/33-2]
SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:	At least 200 qualified voters of the district. [105 ILCS 5/33-2]
PETITION:	Board of Education Petition. SBE No. P-7
STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:	Filed with nominating petitions NONPARTISAN: SBE No. P-1A
STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:	Filed with the county clerk. (Receipt shall be filed with petitions or by last day of filing period.)
LOYALTY OATH:	(Optional) Filed with nominating petitions. SBE No. P-1C
FILING DATES:	Not more that 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary Election in even-numbered years, November 28 – December 5, 2011.
WHERE TO FILE:	Secretary of the Board of Education.
CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:	Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 1020 South Spring, Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
TERM BEGINS:	All terms shall commence on July 1, 2012, following the election. [105 ILCS 5/33-1]
TERM OF OFFICE:	5-year terms [105 ILCS 5/33-1]. By referendum, may change to 4 -year terms [105 ILCS 5/33-1A].

OFFICE:	**WARD COMMITTEEMEN AND PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN (Party officers elected at the Primary)**
MINIMUM AGE:	18 years
RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:	United States Citizen. Must be a registered voter and a resident of that ward or precinct from which that candidate wishes to seek office.
SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:	**WARD COMMITTEEMEN** – not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than minimum, whichever is greater) of the primary electors of his party in the ward. Signature requirements may be obtained from the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners – (312) 269-7970. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(i)] NOTE: Although Sec. 7-10(i) requires not less than 10% nor more than 16% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the primary electors of his party in the ward, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit held in Gjersten v. Board of Election Commissioners for City of Chicago, 791 F.2d 472 (7th Cir., 1986), that a signature requirement in excess of 5% is unconstitutional and thus unenforceable. Thus, 5% of the primary electors of the candidate's party in the ward is the minimum number of signatures required for ward committeemen petitions. **PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN** – a minimum of 10 primary electors of his party in his precinct. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(i)]
PETITIONS:	ESTABLISHED PARTY: SBE No. P-10 (Ward Committeemen) SBE No. P-27 (Precinct Committeemen)
STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:	Filed with nominating petitions. SBE No. P-1
STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:	Not required for party office.
LOYALTY OATH:	(Optional) Filed with nominating petitions. SBE No. P-1C
FILING DATES:	(Elected at Primary) Not more that 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary, November 28 – December 5, 2011.
WHERE TO FILE:	**Ward Committeemen** file with the office of the Cook County Clerk. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(5)] **Precinct Committeemen** file with the office of the county clerk. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(5)]

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:	Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 1020 South Spring, Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.	
TERM BEGINS:	Date of completion of canvass and proclamation.	
TERM OF OFFICE:	Ward Committeemen:	4 years
	Precinct Committeemen:	2 years

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

A. NOMINATION OF ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES

1. A political party which at the last General Election for state and county offices, polled for its candidate for Governor more than 5% of the entire vote cast for Governor, is an "established political party" as to the state and as to any district or political subdivision thereof. [10 ILCS 5/10-2]

   A political party, which at the last election in any congressional district, legislative district, county, township, municipality or other political subdivision or district in the state, polled more than 5% of the entire vote cast within such territorial area or political subdivision, as the case may be, has voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve the respective territorial area of such district or political subdivision, is an "established political party" as to such district or political subdivision. [10 ILCS 5/10-2]

2. The State Board of Elections recommends that established political party candidates review the information contained in "General Requirements for Filing Nominating Papers" before attempting to prepare his/her nomination papers. See pages 1 thru 11.

3. Established political party candidates file nomination papers with the State Board of Elections for federal, state, judicial, and multi-county offices. Nomination papers for county offices are filed with the county clerk. Candidates in DuPage County file with the DuPage County Board of Election Commissioners. The filing period is November 28 – December 5, 2011. [10 ILCS 5/7-12]

4. A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a partisan candidate at a primary election, and who is defeated for nomination, is prohibited from being listed on the ballot as an independent candidate or as a candidate of another political party candidate, and may not file a Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In candidate at that General Election. [10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-3, 17-16.1 and 18-9.1]

5. Qualifications for office, signature requirements, and other relevant information for filing can be found under the specific office listed elsewhere in this guide.

6. Individual voters who sign an established party candidate petition may not sign a petition of a candidate of another established party or independent candidate.

B. NOMINATION OF NEW POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES

1. A new political party is created when a political group files nomination papers for a complete slate of candidates within the state, a specific district, or a political subdivision. If the new party receives more than 5% of the total votes cast at the General Election, it becomes an established political party in the state, district or political subdivision. [10 ILCS 5/7-2 and 10-2]

2. The name for the new political party cannot contain more than five words. The new party name cannot bear the same name or include the name of any established political party. [10 ILCS 5/10-2, 10-5]

3. New party candidates seeking county office where officers are elected from districts and at-large should follow 10 ILCS 5/10-2 which provides in part:

   …."In the case of a petition to form a new political party within a political subdivision in which officers are elected from districts and at-large, such petition shall consist of separate components for each district from which an officer is to be elected. (Petition - SBE No. P-8B). Each component shall be circulated only within a district of the political subdivision and signed only by qualified electors who are residents of that district. Each sheet of such petition must contain a complete list of the names of the candidates of the party for all offices to be filled in the political subdivision at-large, but the sheets comprising each component shall also contain the names of those candidates to be elected from the particular district. Each component of the petition for each district from which an officer is to be elected must be signed by qualified voters of the district equaling in number not less than 5% of the number of voters who voted at the next preceding regular election in such district at which an officer was elected to serve the district. The entire petition, including all components, must be signed by a total of qualified voters of the entire political subdivision equaling in number not less than 5% of the number of voters who voted at the next preceding regular election in such political subdivision at which an officer was elected to serve the political subdivision at-large"…

4. Nomination papers for a new political party must include a Certificate of Officers (SBE Form P-8C) listing the names and addresses of the new party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. Failure to file this certificate will result in the party forfeiting the right to fill vacancies in nomination, but will not invalidate the petition. [10 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-11]

   (See "Requirements for Filing Nominating Papers" beginning on page 1 for more detailed information.)

   Nomination papers for new party candidates must also include the following documents:

   a. A Statement of Candidacy for each candidate;

   b. Loyalty Oath for each candidate (optional);

   c. A <u>receipt</u> for the filing of each candidate's Statement of Economic Interests; (see page 9)

5. The party must nominate one candidate for each office to be filled within the political subdivision at the General Election. In the case of group offices, the number of candidates nominated must equal the number of positions being elected.

6. Nomination papers for new political parties must be filed with the State Board of Elections for federal, state, judicial, and multi-county offices, with the county clerk for county offices and candidates in DuPage County file with the DuPage County Board of Election Commissioners during the filing period June 18 - 25, 2012. [10 ILCS 5/10-6]

7. Signature requirements and other relevant information for filing are detailed under the appropriate office listed elsewhere in this Guide.

8. If a new political party is invalidated in its entirety by an electoral board or upon judicial review, the new party officers cannot replace the entire slate of candidates on the pretext of filling vacancies in nomination. ***People ex. Rel. Vigilant Party vs. Village of Dolton***, 118 Ill. App. 2d 392, 254 NE 2d 832 (1969)
[10 ILCS 5/10-7]

9. A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a partisan candidate at a Primary Election, and who is defeated for nomination, is prohibited from being listed on the ballot at the General Election as an independent candidate or as a candidate of another political party, and may not file a Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate at that General Election.
[10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-3, 17-16.1, 18-9.1]

C. NOMINATION OF INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

1. Independent candidates are those individuals who are not candidates of any political party, but who are candidates in a General Election at which party candidates may appear on the ballot. Such candidates are listed on the ballot under the heading, "Independent." (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

   NOTE: Independent candidates are listed on the ballot under the label "Independent."

2. Nomination papers must be filed with the State Board of Elections for federal, state, judicial and multi-county offices, with the county clerk for county offices and candidates in DuPage County file with the DuPage County Board of Election Commissioners during the filing period June 18 – 25, 2012
[10 ILCS 5/7-12, 10-6]

3. Signature requirements and other relevant information for filing are detailed under the specific office listed elsewhere in this guide.

4. An independent candidate is an individual candidate not supported by a political party structure. Therefore, there is no political party organization to fill the vacancy in nomination. [10 ILCS 5/10-7]

5. Independent candidates seeking election should review the information contained in "Requirements for Filing Nomination Papers," beginning on page 1.

6. A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a partisan candidate at a Primary Election, and who is defeated for nomination, is prohibited from being listed on the ballot at the General Election as an independent candidate or as a candidate of another political party, and may not file a Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate at that General Election.
[10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-3, 17-16.1, 18-9.1]

D. WRITE-IN CANDIDATE PROCEDURES

1. A candidate who is defeated for nomination is prohibited from filing a Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate at that General Election.

2. A write-in candidate must file a notarized "Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate" no later than 61 days prior to the election. However, whenever an objection to a candidate's nominating papers or petitions for any office is sustained after the 61st day before the election, the candidate may file a notarized declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for that office with the proper election authority or authorities no later than 7 days prior to the election. The declaration must be filed with the proper **election authority or authorities** in those jurisdictions in which he or she is seeking to be a write-in candidate. **Declarations of Intent forms are NOT TO BE FILED with the State Board of Elections.** [10 ILCS 5/7-59(b), 17-16.1, 18-9.1]

   The "Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate" form can be obtained from the election authority's office, i.e., the county clerk or board of elections commissioners.

3. To qualify as a candidate for an established political party in a General Election, a write-in candidate at a Primary Election for that party must receive the number of votes that is equal to or greater than the number of signatures required on a petition for that office if the number of candidates whose names appear on the primary ballot is less than the number of persons the party is entitled to nominate or elect to that office at the Primary Election.

4. The number of votes required for write-in candidates to be nominated or elected to an office at a **Primary Election,** as outlined above, does not apply if:

(a) The number of votes he/she receives exceeds the number of votes received by at least one of the candidates whose name was printed on the ballot for nomination or election to the same office;

(b) The number of candidates whose names appear on the ballot equals or exceeds the number of persons the party in entitled to nominate or elect to that office. [10 ILCS 5/7-59]

5. A winning write-in candidate who receives the required number of votes at a Primary Election must file: 1) a Statement of Candidacy; 2) a receipt for the filing of the Statement of Economic Interests (exception: federal and party offices); 3) a Loyalty Oath (optional). These forms must be filed within 10 days of the canvass. The forms must be filed with a certifying officer or board (example: winning write-in candidate for State Representative would file with the State Board of Elections). [10 ILCS 5/7-60]

E. FILING FOR INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES

If petitions for nominations have been filed for the same person for two or more offices which are incompatible, e.g., State Senator and State Representative, so that the same person could not serve in more than one of such offices if elected, that person must withdraw as a candidate from all but one of such offices within five business days following the last day for petition filing. If petitions are filed for the same person with respect to more than one political party, the candidate shall not be certified for either primary ballot. [10 ILCS 5/7-12, 8-9 and 10-7] Judicial candidates at the circuit court level are limited to filing a petition for one circuit court vacancy and/or a petition for one subcircuit vacancy in any filing period. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(9)]

For questions concerning compatibility of offices, contact the Opinions Division of the Attorney General's office at 217/782-1974

F. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. For the purpose of determining eligibility to sign a nominating petition or a petition proposing a public question, the terms "voter," "registered voter," "qualified voter," "legal voter," "elector," "qualified elector," "primary elector," and "qualified primary elector" shall mean a person who is registered to vote at the address shown opposite his/her signature on the petition or was registered to vote as such address when he/she signed the petition. [10 ILCS 5/3-1.2]

2. Whenever a statute requires that a nominating petition or a petition proposing a public question shall be signed by a specific percentage of the registered voters of the state, a political subdivision or district, the total number of voters to which the percentage is applied shall be the number of voters who are registered in the state, political subdivision or district, as the case may be, on the date registration closed before the regular election next preceding the last day on which such petition may be filed. [10 ILCS 5/3-1.3]

3. When computing signature requirements, the number of primary electors is determined as follows: a) in a district, the total vote cast for the candidate for such political party who received the highest number of votes, statewide, at the last General Election in the state at which electors for President of the United States were elected, and b) in a political subdivision, the total vote cast for the candidate for such political party who received the highest number of votes in such political subdivision at the last regular election at which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from that subdivision. [10 ILCS 5/7-10]

4. When a candidate withdraws his or her nominating petition, the original petition is not returned to the individual, but remains in the office of either the State Board of Elections, the election authority or the local election official.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4]

5. Blank nomination petitions may be reproduced prior to circulation. The signatures of the signers (voters), circulator and the notary public must be original.

OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATING PAPERS

FILING OBJECTION PETITION:	Nomination papers shall be deemed to be valid unless objections are filed in writing, **an original and one copy**, within five business days after the last day for the filing of nomination papers. The last day to file an objection will depend on the filing period. (See SBE Election and Campaign Finance Calendar for 2012.) The objection shall be filed with the SBE, the election authority or local election official with whom the original nomination petition was filed. [10 ILCS 5/7-13, 10-8]
PROCESSING OBJECTION:	Not later than 12 noon on the second business day after receipt of an objector's petition, the State Board of Elections, the election authority or local election official shall transmit by registered mail or receipted personal delivery the Certificate of Nomination or nomination papers and the original objector's petition to the chairman of the proper electoral board designated in Section 10-9, or his/her authorized agent, and shall transmit a copy of the objector's petition, by registered mail or receipted personal delivery, to the candidate whose Certificate of Nomination or nomination papers are objected to, addressed to the place of residence designated in said Certificate of Nomination or nominating papers.
RESPONSIBILITY OF CHAIRMAN OF ELECTORAL BOARD:	Within 24 hours after receipt of the objector's petition, the chairman of the electoral board, other than the State Board of Elections, shall send a call by registered or certified mail to each of the members of the electoral board, the objector, and the candidate, and shall also cause the Sheriff of the county or counties in which such officers and persons reside to serve a copy of such call upon each of the officers and persons. In those cases where the State Board of Elections is the designated electoral board, the Chairman of the State Board of Elections shall send the call to the objector and candidate whose Certificate of Nomination or nomination papers are objected to stating the day, hour and place at which the State Board of Elections shall meet to hear the objection.
ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING:	The meeting of the electoral board shall not be less than three nor more than five days after receipt of the objector's petition by the chairman of electoral board.
JUDICIAL REVIEW FILED:	Within 5 days after the decision of the electoral board, the candidate or objector aggrieved by the 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 and such officers or board shall abide and comply with the ruling so made to all intents and purposes.

Section 201.40 Simultaneous Filing for the Same Office – LOTTERY

Simultaneous filings of candidate nominating petitions for the same office occur only at 8:00 a.m., or the opening hour, on the first day of filing. The lottery system to be used by the State Board of Elections, the election authority, or the local election official to break ties resulting from such simultaneous filings must be approved by the State Board of Elections. The following system has been so approved:

a) The names of all candidates who filed simultaneously for the same office shall be listed alphabetically and shall be numbered consecutively commencing with the number one which shall be assigned to the candidate whose name is listed first on the alphabetical list; provided, however, that candidates filing a group petition for the same office shall be treated as one in the alphabetical list. For example, if five candidates by the name of Downs, Brown, Edwards, Cook and Adams have filed simultaneously, they will be arranged alphabetically and assigned numbers as follows: Adams, one; Brown, two; Cook, three; Downs, four; and Edwards, five. However, if Cook and Adams filed a group petition and Cook's name appeared first on the petition, then the candidates would be arranged as follows: Brown, one; Cook and Adams, two; Downs, three; and Edwards, four.

b) All ties will be broken by a single drawing. A number shall be placed in a container representing each number assigned to each candidate and group of candidates pursuant to the alphabetical listing procedures set forth in paragraph a) above. For example, if the largest number to be used for any office is five, then numbers one, two, three, four and five will be placed in a container. In this manner, sufficient numbers will be placed in the container to conduct a drawing for all offices at the same time.

c) After the numbers are placed in the container, they shall be drawn one at a time from the container after they have been thoroughly shaken and mixed. The candidate or group of candidates in the position on an alphabetical list corresponding to the first number drawn shall be certified ahead of the other candidates listed on the alphabetical list. The candidate or group of candidates in the position on the alphabetical list corresponding to the second number drawn will be certified second and so forth until all numbers have been drawn. For example, where no group petitions were filed, if candidates Adams, Brown, Cook, Downs, and Edwards filed simultaneously at 8:00 a.m. on the first day of filing, and the number three is first drawn, then candidate Cook, who is listed in the third position on the alphabetical list, shall be certified first on the ballot. If the number one is drawn second, then candidate Adams, who is listed in the first position on the alphabetical list, shall be certified second on the ballot…and so on. For offices where group petitions were filed, using the example set forth above where candidates Cook and Adams file a group petition for the same office, and Cook's name appears first on the petition, and number three is drawn first, then candidate Downs would be listed first. If the number two is drawn second, then candidates Cook and Adams would be certified

second and third, respectively. If the number four is drawn third, then candidate Edwards would be certified fourth….and so on. In districts with fewer names on the alphabetical list than are in the drawing, then all numbers in excess of the number of candidates or group of candidates that appear on the particular alphabetical list shall be disregarded. Thus, if five numbers are placed in the container, and only four candidates or groups of candidates are on a particular list, then the number five shall be disregarded. For example, if candidates Adams and Cook, filing separate petitions, are the only candidates listed on the alphabetical list and five numbers are chosen in the following order: 3, 5, 4, 2 and 1, then candidate Cook's name will appear in the certification prior to the name of candidate Adams.

d) If at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of filing, two or more nominating petitions for the same office are presented; they shall be deemed filed in the order of actual receipt. Ballot position shall be assigned consecutively to these petitions with the first petition received placed upon the ballot before the second set of petitions received and so on. No nominating petitions will be accepted after 5:00 p.m.

e) All candidates shall be certified in the order in which petitions have been filed with the State Board of Elections, election authority or the local election official. In cases where candidates have filed simultaneously, they shall be certified (in the order determined by the lottery procedure outlined above) prior to candidates who filed for the same office who filed their petitions at a later time, except in those situations where the law requires rotation on a district-by-district basis.

(Source: Amended at 5 Ill. Reg. 14140, effective December 4, 1981)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SIGNING PETITIONS

1. Can a registered voter sign petitions for candidates of more than one political party for the same Primary Election?

No. A "qualified primary elector" of a party may not sign petitions for or be a candidate in the primary of more than one party.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4]

2. May a voter who voted Republican in the last Primary Election now sign a petition for a Democratic candidate?

Yes, however, no one may sign petitions for candidates of more than one political party for the **same** Primary Election.
Kusper v. Pontikes, 414 U.S. 51, 94 S. Ct. 303 (1973); Sperling v. County Officers Electoral Board, 57 111.2d 81, 309 N.E. 2d 589 (1974)

3. Can a voter sign an established party petition and a new party and/or independent petition?

Yes, a voter may sign an established party candidate's petition prior to a General Primary Election and subsequent to that Election, sign a petition of an independent OR new political party candidate prior to a General Election. The voter may not however, sign a petition of more than one independent or new political party candidate's petition for the same office.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-3]

4. How should the voter sign his name when he signs the petition?

The voter should sign the petition with the same name as he or she is registered to vote. Example – the signature for James Smith should not appear on the petition as Jim Smith however, signing with a nickname will not invalidate the signature, provided the voter can be identified.

5. Are pencil signatures allowed?

Yes, but it is advisable to use a pen with dark ink.

6. Are abbreviations allowed on petitions?

Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the voter's address, including the street number.

7. Can ditto marks be used on the petitions?

Ditto marks should be avoided. The use of ditto marks could be objected to and the outcome of an objection cannot be predicted. Also, writing over ditto marks should be avoided because it may appear that the petition has been altered. A circulator can, however, fill in any missing information except, of course, a voter's signature.

CIRCULATORS

8. May a candidate circulate his or her own petition sheets?

Yes.

9. When can the circulator start collecting signatures?

No more than 90 days prior to the last day for filing petitions. (See page ii)
]10 ILCS 5/7-10,8-8,10-4]

10. If a candidate finds something wrong with his or her petitions after they are filed, can a new set of petitions be circulated and filed before the end of the filing period?

Yes, but the candidate must cancel the original set of petitions in writing. If the candidate fails to cancel the original set of petitions, then only the original petitions shall be considered filed and all subsequent petitions shall be void.

11. May a circulator circulate petitions for an independent candidate and an established party candidate?

No.
[10 ILCS 5/10-4]

12. May a circulator sign as a voter on the petition he or she is circulating?

Yes, as long as he/she is a registered voter in the district.

13. May a circulator circulate petitions for an established party candidate and a new party candidate?

No.
[10 ILCS 5/10-4]

14. Is the circulator required to be a registered voter?

No, but they must be a United States Citizen and be at least 18 years of age.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10]

15. Can a petition sheet be circulated by more than one individual?

No. Only the person who signs the page as circulator can circulate that sheet. By signing as circulator, the circulator is attesting that all signers signed in his/her presence.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10]

FILING PETITIONS

16. May a candidate file in person and by mail?

Yes. The candidate will have to notify the filing office which filing should be the official filing. If the candidate fails to notify the filing officer, then only the first set of petitions filed shall be valid.

17. May a petition contain the names of two or more candidates of the same established party?

Yes. An established party may slate a candidate for each office to be filled within a district. For example, in a judicial district several judges are to be elected. Each candidate of the slate must individually file a Statement of Candidacy and a receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interests. The Statement of Candidacy and the receipt for each candidate must be attached to the original slate petition.

18. When must a petition be filed with a complete slate of candidates?

New political parties must file a complete slate of candidates for offices in the political subdivision or district from which they wish to run for office (10 ILCS 5/10-2). An established party or independent candidates may file a complete slate or they may file either a single candidate petition or a partial slate petition for the political subdivision or district.
[10 ILCS 5/7-2, 10-2]

19. If you are first in line or your petition is in the first mail pickup or delivery of the day, will you be first on the ballot?

Not necessarily. If there are two or more candidates in line prior to the opening of the office filing from the same party and for the same office, they would be considered as filing simultaneously along with any petition in the first mail pickup or delivery and will be involved in a lottery to determine ballot position.
[10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 10-6.2]
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS – RULES AND REGULATIONS
(As codified under the Illinois Administrative Procedures Act)
Section 201.40

20. Must the notary of the petition be an Illinois notary, and may the notary also be a signatory of the petition?

Under the provisions of the Uniform Recognition of Acknowledgements Act:
[765 ILCS 30/2]

"Notarial acts may be performed outside this State for use in this State with the same effect as if performed by a notary public of this State by the following persons authorized pursuant to the laws and regulations of other governments in addition to any other person authorized by the laws and regulations of this State:

(1) "A notary public authorized to perform notarial acts in the place in which the act is performed. …"

For additional information, contact the Index Department of the Secretary of State's Office, 111 E. Monroe, Springfield, IL 62756-0001, Phone 217/782-7017.

It has not been definitively determined whether a notary may also be a signatory to a petition. Some electoral boards and Circuit Courts have upheld petitions where the notary was also a signer of the petition, but the issue has not yet been decided by the Supreme Court or any Appellate Court in Illinois. A cautious candidate might wish to avoid using a petition signer as the notary so as to avoid the risk of having to defend against an objection on this issue.

21. Is a lottery conducted for party placement on the ballot?

For the General Election, a lottery is conducted by each election authority for all established parties to determine the proper order of party placement on the ballot. This lottery is held within 30 days following the proclamation of the results of the Primary Election. New parties are involved in a lottery when there is a simultaneous filing with the State Board of Elections or the county clerk. The State Board of Elections conducts the lottery for new parties that file in the Springfield office and the election authorities must use such order. No party lottery is done for the Primary Election since each party has its own ballot, separate from any other established party.

22. In filing a petition to fill a vacancy in the office of Circuit Judge, must the petition contain the vacancy for which the candidate is filing?

Yes. For example, "To fill the vacancy of the Honorable John Jones." The vacancy is for the preceding elected judge, not the interim appointee.

23. Are judges running for retention required to file petitions?

No. Judges running for retention are required to file a Declaration of Candidacy with the Secretary of State on or before May 6, 2012 preceding the expiration of their term of office.
[Illinois Constitution, Article VI, Section 12(d)]

24. Does a candidate have to file his or her own nomination papers?

No. The candidate or a representative of the candidate can file the candidate's petitions.

25. May a candidate file his or her own petition and petitions for other candidates at the same time?

Yes.

26. May a candidate file for more than one office?

Yes, however, the candidate must withdraw from all but one office within five business days following the last day of petition filing, if the offices are incompatible. The withdrawal notice must be in writing and notarized. If he/she does not withdraw, his/her name will not be certified for any office. Judicial candidates at the circuit court level are limited to filing a single petition for one circuit court vacancy and/or a single petition for one subcircuit vacancy in any filing period.
[10 ILCS 5/7-12(9)]

27. When may petitions be mailed?

There are no statutory requirements regarding a time element for mailing petitions. However, all petitions that are received in the office prior to the opening of the office on the first day of the filing period will be returned to the sender.

28. May a petition that has been filed be changed?

No. A petition once filed may not be added to or altered. However, the receipt(s) for filing Statements of Economic Interests may be filed at any time during the filing period.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12]

29. Who can remove a signature from a nominating petition?

Only the circulator or the candidate on whose behalf the petition was circulated may strike a signature. However, an individual can submit a written request to the proper filing office to have his/her own name removed **before** the petition is filed.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-3]

30. When a candidate withdraws his nominating petition, are the petitions returned to the candidate?

No. The original documents are not returned, but remain in the office of the authority in which they were filed. They must remain in the office for a period of at least six months.

31. When are petitions open to the public?

Upon their filing with the proper office. As a practical matter, there will be some delay in availability while the Election Authority processes each petition

2012 SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Office	Democratic	Republican	Independent	New Party
Congress	600	600	5,000	5,000
State Senate	1,000 - 3,000	1,000 - 3,000	3,000	3,000
State Representative	500 - 1,500	500 - 1,500	1,500	1,500

SUPREME & APPELLATE COURT JUDGE

District	Democratic .4% or 500	Republican .4% or 500	Independent 5% - 8% **	New Party 5% **
1st District	3,604	1,602	25,000 - 113,996	25,000
2nd District	1,394	2,012	25,000 - 74,936	25,000
3rd District	833	1,196	25,000 - 44,819	25,000
4th District	518	1,070	21,696 - 34,712	21,696
5th District	634	977	21,848 - 34,955	21,848

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Circuit	Democratic .25% or 1,000	Republican .25% or 1,000	Independent 5% - 8% **	New Party 5% **
Cook Circuit	2,403	1,000	25,000 - 113,996	25,000
1st Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	4,812 - 7,698	4,812
2nd Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	4,570 - 7,310	4,570
3rd Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	5,081 - 8,129	5,081
4th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	7,152 - 11,442	7,152
5th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	6,065 - 9,703	6,065
6th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	5,620 - 8,991	5,620
7th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	6,887 - 11,018	6,887
8th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	9,267 - 14,826	9,267
9th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	5,321 - 8,513	5,321
10th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	6,964 - 11,141	6,964
11th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	4,408 - 7,052	4,408
12th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	8,108 - 12,971	8,108
13th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	7,645 - 12,230	7,645
14th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	2,224 - 3,557	2,224
15th Subcircuit	1,000	1,000	6,480 - 10,367	6,480
Circuit	Democratic .25% or 500	Republican .25% or 500	Independent 5% - 8%	New Party 5%
1st Circuit	500	500	5,014 - 8,022	5,014
2nd Circuit	500	500	4,742 - 7,586	4,742
3rd Circuit	500	500	4,442 - 7,106	4,442
4th Circuit	500	500	4,283 - 6,851	4,283
5th Circuit	500	500	2,785 - 4,455	2,785
6th Circuit	500	500	5,824 - 9,317	5,824
7th Circuit	500	500	7,764 - 12,421	7,764
8th Circuit	500	500	2,612 - 4,179	2,612
9th Circuit	500	500	2,743 - 4,388	2,743

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Circuit	Democratic .25% or 500	Republican .25% or 500	Independent 5% - 8%	New Party 5%
10th Circuit	500	500	5,442 - 8,706	5,442
11th Circuit	500	500	6,555 - 10,486	6,555
12th Circuit	500	500	9,843 - 15,748	9,843
1st Subcircuit	500	500	2,159 - 3,453	2,159
2nd Subcircuit	500	500	2,375 - 3,799	2,375
3rd Subcircuit	500	500	1,843 - 2,948	1,843
4th Subcircuit	500	500	1,833 - 2,931	1,833
5th Subcircuit	500	500	1,628 - 2,603	1,628
13th Circuit	500	500	3,286 - 5,256	3,286
14th Circuit	500	500	4,582 - 7,330	4,582
15th Circuit	500	500	4,149 - 6,637	4,149
16th Circuit	500	500	9,490 - 15,182	9,490
1st Subcircuit	500	500	1,635 - 2,615	1,635
2nd Subcircuit	500	500	1,709 - 2,733	1,709
3rd Subcircuit	500	500	2,959 - 4,734	2,959
4th Subcircuit	500	500	2,294 - 3,670	2,294
5th Subcircuit	500	500	1,898 - 3,036	1,898
17th Circuit	500	500	7,485 - 11,974	7,485
1st Subcircuit	500	500	1,442 - 2,306	1,442
2nd Subcircuit	500	500	1,443 - 2,308	1,443
3rd Subcircuit	500	500	1,208 - 1,931	1,208
4th Subcircuit	500	500	1,208 - 1,931	1,208
18th Circuit	500	544	14,434 - 23,094	14,434
19th Circuit	500	500	9,536 - 15,257	9,536
1st Subcircuit	500	500	1,695 - 2,710	1,695
2nd Subcircuit	500	500	2,052 - 3,282	2,052
3rd Subcircuit	500	500	1,729 - 2,766	1,729
4th Subcircuit	500	500	2,314 - 3,701	2,314
5th Subcircuit	500	500	1,871 - 2,992	1,871
6th Subcircuit	500	500	1,937 - 3,098	1,937
20th Circuit	500	500	5,992 - 9,586	5,992
21st Circuit	500	500	2,062 - 3,297	2,062
22nd Circuit	500	500	4,767 - 7,627	4,767
1st Subcircuit	500	500	1,020 - 1,630	1,020
2nd Subcircuit	500	500	817 - 1,306	817
3rd Subcircuit	500	500	1,034 - 1,654	1,034
4th Subcircuit	500	500	1,034 - 1,654	1,034

** 10 ILCS 5/10-2, 10-3
Whenever 5% is greater than the statewide requirement, the minimum signature requirement shall be 25,000.

RESIDENT CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Circuit County	Democratic .25% or 500	Republican .25% or 500	Independent 5% - 8%	New Party 5%
1st Circuit				
Alexander	500	500	246 - 392	246
Jackson	500	500	1,327 - 2,121	1,327
Johnson	500	500	213 - 340	213
Massac	500	500	366 - 585	366
Pope	500	500	114 - 181	114
Pulaski	500	500	157 - 249	157
Saline	500	500	585 - 935	585
Union	500	500	448 - 716	448
Williamson	500	500	1,302 - 2,083	1,302
2nd Circuit				
Crawford	500	500	360 - 574	360
Edwards	500	500	149 - 237	149
Franklin	500	500	949 - 1,517	949
Gallatin	500	500	148 - 235	148
Hamilton	500	500	220 - 351	220
Hardin	500	500	134 - 213	134
Jefferson	500	500	898 - 1,436	898
Lawrence	500	500	384 - 612	384
Richland	500	500	337 - 539	337
Wabash	500	500	226 - 360	226
Wayne	500	500	422 - 674	422
White	500	500	444 - 710	444
3rd Circuit				
Bond	500	500	369 - 590	369
Madison	500	500	6,494 - 10,390	6,494
4th Circuit				
Christian	500	500	591 - 945	591
Clay	500	500	339 - 541	339
Clinton	500	500	661 - 1,056	661
Effingham	500	500	642 - 1,026	642
Fayette	500	500	453 - 723	453
Jasper	500	500	207 - 330	207
Marion	500	500	612 - 978	612
Montgomery	500	500	670 - 1,070	670
Shelby	500	500	575 - 919	575

RESIDENT CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Circuit County	Democratic .25% or 500	Republican .25% or 500	Independent 5% - 8%	New Party 5%
5th Circuit				
Clark	500	500	363 - 580	363
Coles	500	500	1,146 - 1,832	1,146
Cumberland	500	500	275 - 438	275
Edgar	500	500	418 - 667	418
Vermilion	500	500	1,186 - 1,897	1,186
6th Circuit				
Champaign	500	500	2,694 - 4,309	2,694
DeWitt	500	500	291 - 465	291
Douglas	500	500	305 - 487	305
Macon	500	500	1,860 - 2,974	1,860
Moultrie	500	500	326 - 520	326
Piatt	500	500	323 - 516	323
7th Circuit				
Greene	500	500	335 - 535	335
Jersey	500	500	394 - 629	394
Macoupin	500	500	885 - 1,415	885
Morgan	500	500	784 - 1,253	784
Sangamon	500	500	3,707 - 5,929	3,707
Scott	500	500	125 - 198	125
8th Circuit				
Adams	500	500	1,456 - 2,328	1,456
Brown	500	500	132 - 210	132
Calhoun	500	500	157 - 251	157
Cass	500	500	282 - 450	282
Mason	500	500	250 - 399	250
Menard	500	500	322 - 514	322
Pike	500	500	406 - 648	406
Schuyler	500	500	170 - 271	170
9th Circuit				
Fulton	500	500	663 - 1,060	663
Hancock	500	500	412 - 658	412
Henderson	500	500	169 - 269	169
Knox	500	500	891 - 1,424	891
McDonough	500	500	472 - 754	472
Warren	500	500	302 - 483	302

RESIDENT CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Circuit County	Democratic .25% or 500	Republican .25% or 500	Independent 5% - 8%	New Party 5%
10th Circuit				
Marshall	500	500	257 - 409	257
Peoria	500	500	2,732 - 4,369	2,732
Putnam	500	500	149 - 236	149
Stark	500	500	154 - 246	154
Tazewell	500	500	2,205 - 3,527	2,205
11th Circuit				
Ford	500	500	274 - 438	274
Livingston	500	500	788 - 1,260	788
Logan	500	500	652 - 1,042	652
McLean	500	500	2,209 - 3,533	2,209
Woodford	500	500	620 - 991	620
12th Circuit				
Will	500	500	9,843 - 15,748	9,843
13th Circuit				
Bureau	500	500	755 - 1,206	755
Grundy	500	500	849 - 1,357	849
LaSalle	500	500	2,539 - 4,062	2,539
14th Circuit				
Henry	500	500	857 - 1,370	857
Mercer	500	500	461 - 737	461
Rock Island	500	500	2,357 - 3,770	2,357
Whiteside	500	500	896 - 1,433	896
15th Circuit				
Carroll	500	500	308 - 492	308
JoDaviess	500	500	420 - 670	420
Lee	500	500	825 - 1,319	825
Ogle	500	500	787 - 1,259	787
Stephenson	500	500	1,091 - 1,744	1,091
16th Circuit				
DeKalb	500	500	1,460 - 2,335	1,460
Kane	500	500	6,453 - 10,324	6,453
Kendall	500	500	1,577 - 2,523	1,577

RESIDENT CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Circuit County	Democratic .25% or 500	Republican .25% or 500	Independent 5% - 8%	New Party 5%
17th Circuit				
Boone	500	500	756 - 1,208	756
Winnebago	500	500	3,650 - 5,839	3,650
18th Circuit				
DuPage	500	544	14,434 - 23,094	14,434
19th Circuit				
Lake	500	500	9,536 - 15,257	9,536
20th Circuit				
Monroe	500	500	536 - 856	536
Perry	500	500	515 - 823	515
Randolph	500	500	596 - 952	596
St. Clair	500	500	4,113 - 6,580	4,113
Washington	500	500	409 - 653	409
21st Circuit				
Iroquois	500	500	650 - 1,039	650
Kankakee	500	500	2,417 - 3,866	2,417
22nd Circuit				
McHenry	500	500	4,767 - 7,627	4,767

REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

For an unexpired 2 year term

Region	Democratic .5%	Republican .5%	Independent 5% - 8%	New Party 5%
Brown/Cass Morgan/Scott	60	61	950 - 1,519	950
Carroll/JoDaviess Stephenson	83	87	1,427 - 2,282	1,427
Clay/Crawford/Jasper Lawrence/Richland	70	84	1,334 - 2,133	1,334

PRAIRIE DUPONT LEVEE & SANITARY DISTRICT

	Democratic .5%	Republican .5%	Independent 5% - 8%	New Party 5%
Prairie Dupont Levee and Sanitary District	10	5	119 - 190	119