

2012 CANDIDATE INFORMATION

<u>SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS</u>				
Office	Republican	Democratic	Independent	New Party
U.S. Representative	600	600	5,000	5,000
State Senator	1000 - 3000	1000 - 3000	3,000	3,000
State Representative	500 - 1500	500 - 1500	1,500	1,500
Countywide Officer	301	237	3,706 - 5,930	3,706
Note: Only the following Countywide Offices will be up in 2012: Auditor, Circuit Clerk, Coroner, Recorder of Deeds and State's Attorney.				
County Board Member (all districts)	25	25	128 - 204	128
Precinct Committeemen	10	10	N/A	N/A
<u>IMPORTANT DATES</u>				
1st Day to Circulate Petitions - September 6, 2011				
Filing Period (Established Party ONLY) - November 28 - December 5, 2011				
Filing Period (Special Period for Judicial Offices) - December 19 - 27, 2011				
Note: Independent and New Parties file after the Primary				
Last day to file petition for public questions (certain exceptions apply) - December 19, 2011				
<u>WHAT TO FILE</u>				
Candidates must file the following papers, except as noted: Statement of Candidacy, Loyalty Oath (optional), Receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interest (excluding Precinct Committeemen), and Nominating Petition sheets containing a sufficient number of original signatures.				
<u>IMPORTANT NOTICE</u>				
PLEASE NOTE: 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. In addition, decennial redistricting will have an impact on elections in the year 2012. Please be aware that any delay with the redistricting process could result in court action to change particular filing dates.				
More information can be obtained by requesting a Candidate's Guide from the State Board of Elections at www.elections.il.gov or calling (217) 782-4141, or from the Sangamon County Election Office at www.sangamoncountyclerk.com or calling (217) 753-VOTE (8683).				