



**GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION – March 20, 2012
IMPORTANT FILING AND CIRCULATION DATES**

Abbreviated Dates:	<u>Established Party Candidates</u>	<u>Independent/New Party Candidates*</u>
1 st day to Circulate Petitions:	Tuesday, September 6, 2011	Tuesday, March 27, 2012
Filing Period:	November 28 th – December 5 th , 2011	June 18 – June 25, 2012

* Independent and New Party Candidates will only appear on the Nov. 6, 2012 General Election ballot (not the Primary).

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

First day to circulate nomination papers (**must include original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) for established party candidates who file between **Nov. 28th – Dec. 5th, 2011**. [10 ILCS 5/7-10]

Monday, November 28, 2011

First day for candidates of established political parties to file **original** nomination papers (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) in the office of the county clerk for county offices and precinct committeemen. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(2), 7-12(5)]

Monday, December 5, 2011

Last day by **5:00 p.m.** for candidates of established political parties to file **original** nomination papers (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) in the office of the county clerk for county offices and precinct committeemen. [10 ILCS 5/1-4, 7-12(2), 7-12(5)]

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Last day for written notice of the time and place for conducting lottery shall be given when two or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party as of the opening hour of the filing period, **November 28, 2011**. There must be seven days written notice given. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(6)]

Monday, December 12, 2011

Last day for an individual who has filed, during the **Nov. 28th – Dec. 5th, 2011** filing period, for two or more **incompatible offices** to withdraw from all but one of the offices. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(9), 10-7]

Last day for filing objections to the nomination papers of all candidates who filed during the **Nov. 28th – Dec. 5th, 2011** filing period. Objections are filed in the office where the nomination papers were originally filed. [10 ILCS 5/7-12.1, 7-13, 10-8]

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

Last day lottery shall be conducted by the election authority when two or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party, as of the opening hour of the filing period, **November 28, 2011**. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(6)]

Monday, December 19, 2011

Last day for filing petitions (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local). (EXCEPTION: proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions Article IX of the Liquor Control Act, and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code). [10 ILCS 5/28-2(a), 28-6, 28-7]

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Tuesday, December 27, 2011

Last day to file objections to petitions for the submission of questions of public policy (local). Objections are filed with the same office that has the original petitions. (EXCEPTION: proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of the Liquor Control Act, and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code). (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow **binding** public questions to appear on the ballot. [10 ILCS 5/28-2(c)]

Last day for County, Municipal, School, Township and Park Boards to adopt a resolution to allow **advisory** public questions to appear on the ballot. (55 ILCS 5/5-1005.5; 60 ILCS 1/80-80; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60; 70 ILCS 1205/8-30; 105 ILCS 5/9-1.5)

Thursday, January 12, 2012

Last day for State Board of Elections to certify the names of candidates to the county clerks. (10 ILCS 5/7-14, 8-10)

Last day for the circuit clerk and the local election official to certify any **binding** public question or **advisory** referenda to the election authority having jurisdiction over the political subdivision. (10 ILCS 5/28-5)

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Last day for candidates of established political parties to file withdrawal of nomination papers in the office of the county clerk. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(9), 7-14]

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Last day a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the proper election authority. **Write-ins shall be counted only for persons who have filed the Declaration of Intent. Write-in declarations are NOT filed with the State Board of Elections.** [10ILCS 5/7-59(b)]