



GENERAL ELECTION – November 6, 2012
IMPORTANT FILING AND CIRCULATION DATES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

First day to circulate nomination papers for independent and new political party candidates who file June 18-25, 2012 – 90 days preceding the last day to file such papers. (10 ILCS 5/10-4, 10-6)

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Last day the election authority shall conduct a lottery to determine the order in which the major political parties will appear on the General Election ballot. (10 ILCS 5/7-60, 18A-15)

Monday, June 4, 2012

Last day for appointee, by established party managing committee, to file the following documents when no candidate was nominated at the General Primary Election. The following must be filed together (1) notice of appointment by appropriate committee, (2) nominating petitions, (3) statement of candidacy and (4) statement of economic interest receipt. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 8-17)

Monday, June 11, 2012

Last day to file objections to resolution to fill a vacancy in nomination by a party managing committee when no candidate was nominated at the General Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-8)

Monday, June 18 – Monday, June 25, 2012

Filing period for new political parties and independents to file for county offices and candidates for nonpartisan offices (if applicable) to file in the office of the county clerk. (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

Monday, July 2, 2012

Last day to file objections to nomination papers of all candidates who filed during the June 18-25, 2012 filing period. (10 ILCS 5/10-8)

Last day for an individual who has filed for 2 or more **incompatible offices** to withdraw from all but one of the offices. (10 ILCS 5/10-7)

Monday, August 6, 2012

Last day for filing petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local). (Exception: proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of 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]

Monday, August 13, 2012

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 Article IX of the Liquor Control Act, and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code). (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

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Monday, August 20, 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)

Friday, August 24, 2012

Date on which the State Board of Elections will certify names for General Election to the county clerks. [10 ILCS 5/1A-8(14), 7-60, 10-14] (EXCEPTION: The nominees for the Democratic and Republican Party for President and Vice President will not be certified until chosen by the national nominating convention.)

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify questions to amend the Constitution of Illinois and any statewide questions of public policy to the county clerks. (5 ILCS 20/2a; 10 ILCS 5/28-5)

Wednesday, August 29, 2012

Last day for established political parties to fill vacancies in nomination in county offices (occurring on or after the primary and prior to certification – does not apply to vacancies which occur due to a failure to nominate at the primary). (10 ILCS 5/7-61)

Thursday, August 30, 2012

Last day for circuit court clerk and 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)

Last day for new political parties, independent or nonpartisan candidates who filed nomination papers with the county clerk to file withdrawal of nomination papers in the office of the county clerk. (10 ILCS 5/10-7)

Thursday, September 6, 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 a Declaration of Intent. Write-in declarations are NOT filed with the State Board of Elections.** (10 ILCS 5/17-16.1)

Last day to file objections with the county clerk to resolutions for filling a vacancy in nomination by an established party managing committee when a vacancy occurred on or after the primary and before certification (does not apply to vacancies which occur due to a failure to nominate at the primary). (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-11)