



ELECTIONS

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Tuesday, March 17, 2026 – Primary Election Important Dates & Signature Requirements Handout

Federal, State and Judicial candidates file with the Illinois State Board of Elections. Candidates for Countywide offices, County Commissioner, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, the Board of Review and Township Committeeperson, file with the Cook County Clerk's office.

Candidate Filing Dates & Deadlines

Tuesday, August 5: First day to circulate petitions for established political party candidates.

Monday, October 27 – Monday, November 3: Nomination paper filing period for established political party candidates.

Monday, November 10: Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of candidates who filed during the October 27 – November 3 filing period.

- Last day to withdraw for candidates who filed for incompatible offices.

Wednesday, November 12: Last day to conduct established party ballot placement lottery.

Thursday, January 8: Last day to file withdrawal papers with the State Board of Elections.

Wednesday, January 14: Last day to file withdrawal papers with the County Clerk.

Thursday, January 15: Last day to file a notarized declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate.

Referenda Question Deadlines

Monday, December 15: Last day for filing petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy with the local election authority.

Monday, December 29: Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a binding or advisory public question to appear on the ballot.

Thursday, January 8: Last day for the circuit court clerk and the local election official to certify any question of public policy to the election authority.

Voter Registration, Early Voting & Mail Voting Dates

Wednesday, December 17: First day for to apply for a ballot by mail, ballots will not begin to be mailed until after February 5.

Tuesday, February 17: Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials.

Wednesday, February 18 – Monday, March 16: Grace period registration & voting.

Sunday, March 1: Online voter registration closes through the State Board of Elections website.

Monday, March 2 – Monday, March 16: Early Voting period.

Thursday, March 12: Last day to apply for a mail ballot.

Friday, March 13: Nursing home voting.

Ballot Counting & Canvassing Results Deadlines

Tuesday, March 31: Deadline for validating and counting provisional ballots and mail ballots.

Tuesday, April 7: Last day for County Clerk to canvass election results and proclaim results.

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This is not legal advice. The Cook County Clerk's office is providing this for general information purposes only. All Candidates should consult with legal counsel regarding election matters. The Cook County Clerk's office cannot recommend an attorney or give legal advice on these matters. For the complete Election Calendar and Candidates Guide please visit the Illinois State Board of Elections Website: www.elections.il.gov Visit the Cook County Clerk's Website: www.cookcountyclerk.com

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Signature Requirements

Countywide Offices

Office	Democratic	Republican	Libertarian
Board President	7,858	2,919	622
County Clerk	7,858	2,919	622
Sheriff	7,858	2,919	622
Treasurer	7,858	2,919	622
Assessor	7,858	2,919	622

Cook County Commissioner

County Board District	Democratic	Republican	Libertarian
1 st District	496	75	54
2 nd District	400	81	34
3 rd District	533	97	41
4 th District	477	87	42
5 th District	469	89	53
6 th District	472	209	77
7 th District	234	83	17
8 th District	388	114	26
9 th District	504	357	51
10 th District	627	171	42
11 th District	408	244	40
12 th District	586	161	41
13 th District	500	167	33
14 th District	546	300	45
15 th District	409	264	40
16 th District	360	170	28
17 th District	494	382	97

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District

Office	Democratic	Republican
Commissioner	7,702	2,858

Cook County Board of Review

District	Democratic	Republican	Libertarian
1 st District	4,941	2,919	622
2 nd District	5,392	2,919	622

Township Committeeperson

Township	Base Year			Democratic Min/Max*	Republican Min/Max*	Libertarian Min/Max*
	Dem	Rep	Lib			
Barrington	2025	2025	2024	83 - 133	115 - 184	28 - 78
Berwyn	2025	2024	2024	138 - 220	262 - 419	55 - 105
Bloom	2025	2024	2024	378 - 605	350 - 560	212 - 339
Bremen	2025	2024	2024	305 - 488	799 - 1,279	450 - 720
Calumet	2025	2024	2024	67 - 117	43 - 93	26 - 76
Cicero	2024	2024	2024	645 - 1031	271 - 434	42 - 92
Elk Grove	2025	2025	2024	259 - 414	298 - 477	120 - 192
Evanston	2024	2024	2024	1,687 - 2,700	214 - 342	73 - 123
Hanover	2024	2024	2024	1,191 - 1,905	758 - 1,213	113 - 180
Lemont	2024	2024	2024	383 - 613	427 - 683	241 - 386
Leyden	2024	2025	2024	1,062-1,699	313 - 501	102 - 163
Lyons	2024	2024	2024	1,734 - 2,775	1,127 - 1,803	171 - 273
Maine	2025	2025	2024	649 - 1,039	276 - 442	203 - 324
New Trier	2024	2024	2024	1,221 - 1,953	577 - 923	94 - 150
Niles	2025	2024	2024	354 - 567	949 - 1,519	137 - 219
Northfield	2025	2025	2024	621 - 993	259 - 414	124 - 198
Norwood Park	2024	2024	2024	341 - 546	338 - 541	38 - 88
Oak Park	2024	2024	2024	1,370 - 2,193	192 - 307	157 - 251
Orland	2024	2025	2024	1,569 - 2,510	411 - 658	717 - 1,147
Palatine	2024	2024	2024	1,741 - 2,785	1,042 - 1,667	174 - 278
Palos	2024	2024	2024	731 - 1,169	665 - 1,064	89 - 143
Proviso	2024	2024	2024	2,502 - 4,002	735 - 1,176	187 - 299
Rich	2025	2024	2024	487 - 780	254 - 407	161 - 258
River Forest	2024	2024	2024	243 - 390	94 - 150	55 - 105
Riverside	2024	2024	2024	322 - 515	161 - 257	29 - 79
Schaumburg	2025	2025	2024	409 - 654	441 - 706	172 - 275
Stickney	2024	2024	2024	467 - 748	337 - 540	40 - 90
Thornton	2025	2025	2024	753 - 1,205	151 - 242	271 - 433
Wheeling	2025	2025	2024	628 - 1,006	771 - 1,234	219 - 351
Worth	2024	2024	2024	2,208 - 3,533	1,408 - 2,253	251 - 402

* or 50 more than minimum, whichever is greater