



Office of the County Clerk

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Tuesday, March 20, 2018 – Primary Election General Information

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

Candidate Filing Dates & Deadlines

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

Monday, November 27 – Monday, December 4: Petition filing period for established political party candidates

Monday, December 11: Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of candidates who filed during the November 27 – December 3 filing period

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

Wednesday, December 13: Last day to conduct lottery for ballot placement

Thursday, January 11: Last day to file withdrawal papers with the State Board of Elections

Wednesday, January 17: Last day to file withdrawal papers with the County Clerk

Thursday, January 18: Last day to file a notarized declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate (5:00 PM)

Referenda Question Deadlines

Monday, December 18: Last day for filing petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy with the local election official

Tuesday, January 2: Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a binding public question to appear on the ballot

Certification of Ballot Deadlines

Thursday, January 11: Certification of Ballot by the State Board of Elections

- Certification of Ballot by local election authorities

Wednesday, January 17: Certification of Ballot to the City of Chicago

Voter Registration, Early Voting & Mail Voting

Wednesday, December 20: First day for to apply for a ballot by mail, ballots will not begin to be mailed until after February 8

Friday, February 2: Military & overseas ballots available

Thursday, February 8: Statutory start of Early Voting

Tuesday, February 20: Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials

Wednesday, February 21 – Monday, March 19: Grace period registration & voting

Sunday, March 4: Online voter registration closes

Monday, March 5 – Monday, March 19: Early Voting period

Thursday, March 15: Last day to apply for a ballot by mail

Friday, March 16 – Sunday, March 18: Nursing home voting

Disclaimer: This is not legal advice. The Cook County Clerk's office is providing dates and signature requirements for general information purposes only. All prospective Candidates should consult with competent 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.state.il.us

Visit the Cook County Clerk's Website: www.cookcountyclerk.com

2018 County Offices Signature Requirements

Office	Democratic .5%	Republican .5%	Green .5%	Independent 5% – 8%	New Party 5%
Board President	8,236	3,282		25,000 – 176,440	25,000
County Clerk	8,236	3,282		25,000 – 176,440	25,000
Sheriff	8,236	3,282		25,000 – 176,440	25,000
Treasurer	8,236	3,282		25,000 – 176,440	25,000
Assessor	8,236	3,282		25,000 – 176,440	25,000
2nd Board of Review†	4,833	3,282		25,000 – 56,790	25,000
3rd Board of Review†	4,944	3,282		25,000 – 38,310	25,000
MWRD	8,075	3,206	1,720	25,000 – 171,969	25,000

2018 County Board District Signature Requirements

County Board District	Democratic .5%	Republican .5%	Independent 5% – 8%	New Party 5%
1	387	78	4,272 - 6,835	4,272
2	327	65	3,680 - 5,888	3,680
3	430	91	4,828 - 7,725	4,828
4	421	67	4,592 - 7,346	4,592
5	382	62	4,165 - 6,663	4,165
6	354	148	4,363 - 6,980	4,363
7	134	33	1,559 - 2,493	1,559
8	209	58	2,512 - 4,017	2,512
9	318	257	4,488 - 7,179	4,488
10	359	145	4,482 - 7,171	4,482
11	349	162	4,300 - 6,879	4,300
12	282	132	3,636 - 5,817	3,636
13	380	189	4,909 - 7,856	4,909
14	324	332	4,793 - 7,668	4,793
15	267	219	3,806 - 6,088	3,806
16	192	110	2,467 - 3,946	2,467
17	375	314	5,307 - 8,490	5,307

2018 Township Committeemen Signature Requirements

Township	Base Year			Democrat 5 – 8%*	Republican 5 – 8%*	Green 5 – 8%*
	Dem	Rep	Green			
Barrington	2014	2017	2014	9 – 59	75 – 125	1 - 51
Berwyn	2017	2014	2014	131 – 209	71 – 121	2 - 52
Bloom	2017	2014	2014	368 – 587	117 – 186	1 - 51
Bremen	2014	2014	2014	208 – 332	180 – 286	1 - 51
Calumet	2017	2014	2014	79 – 129	8 – 58	1 - 51
Cicero	2014	2014	2014	102 – 162	56 – 106	1 - 51
Elk Grove	2014	2017	2014	81 – 131	200 – 318	1 - 51
Evanston	2014	2014	2014	318 – 507	83 – 133	1 - 51
Hanover	2014	2014	2014	62 – 112	163 – 260	1 - 51
Lemont	2014	2014	2014	23 – 73	91 – 144	1 - 51
Leyden	2014	2017	2014	136 – 217	370 – 591	1 - 51
Lyons	2017	2017	2014	393 – 627	332 – 529	1 - 51
Maine	2017	2017	2014	385 – 615	630 – 1,007	1 - 51
New Trier	2014	2014	2014	149 – 237	236 – 376	1 - 51
Niles	2014	2014	2014	217 – 346	168 – 267	1 - 51
Northfield	2017	2017	2014	229 – 365	259 – 413	1 - 51
Norwood Park	2014	2014	2014	40 – 90	63 – 113	1 - 51
Oak Park	2014	2014	2014	253 – 404	77 – 127	2 - 52
Orland	2014	2014	2014	120 – 191	328 – 523	1 - 51
Palatine	2014	2017	2014	82 – 132	442 – 706	1 - 51
Palos	2014	2014	2014	81 – 131	187 – 298	1 - 51
Proviso	2014	2014	2014	492 – 785	203 – 323	1 - 51
Rich	2017	2014	2014	461 – 736	88 – 140	1 - 51
River Forest	2014	2014	2014	27 – 77	35 – 85	1 - 51
Riverside	2014	2017	2014	36 – 86	99 – 158	1 - 51
Schaumburg	2017	2017	2014	193 – 308	329 – 525	1 - 51
Stickney	2014	2014	2014	59 – 99	45 – 95	1 - 51
Thornton	2017	2014	2014	826 – 1,321	120 – 191	1 - 51
Wheeling	2014	2017	2014	142 – 225	370 – 591	1 - 51
Worth	2014	2014	2014	264 – 420	357 – 570	1 - 51

* or 50 more than minimum, whichever is greater

‡ The numbers in the table for these offices were calculated using active voter totals. If inactive voters were to be included, it would add 133,416 voters to the 2nd Board of Review District and 178,568 voters to the 3rd Board of Review District. The addition of these voters would set the signature requirements as follows:

Office	Democratic	Republican	Green	Independent	New Party
2nd Board of Review	5,500	3,282		25,000 – 56,790	25,000
3rd Board of Review	5,837	3,282		25,000 – 38,310	25,000