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PREFACE

This *Candidate's Guide for 2003* has been prepared to provide information for prospective candidates seeking office at the local level in 2003. The guide begins with a listing of offices nominated or elected at the Consolidated Primary Election on February 25 and at the Consolidated Election on April 1. Filing dates and the general requirements for filing are included.

All citations contained herein refer to the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/1-1 *et seq.*, as amended) or as otherwise indicated. New legislation and court decisions made after July 1, 2002, are not included in this guide. Even though the guide is intended to provide candidates with the basic information needed for filing nominating papers, it should not be used in lieu of consulting competent legal counsel.

In addition to information on the proper completion and filing of nomination papers, this guide lists the qualifications required for candidates seeking specific offices. For further information, we advise that you contact your county clerk, your local election official (municipal clerk, park district secretary, school board secretary, etc.), or the State Board of Elections.

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CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY

Last Tuesday in February
February 25, 2003

ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED

MUNICIPAL -- over 5,000 population and/or Special Charter

Mayor or President
Clerk
Treasurer
Alderman or Trustee

Municipalities under 5,000 population may determine by ordinance (no later than November 15, 2002) that political parties shall nominate candidates for municipal offices by primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-1)

NONPARTISAN OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED

MUNICIPAL -- Council-Manager form (councilmen at-large and from districts) and Commission form

Mayor or President
Treasurer (Council-Manager form only)
Council Member, Trustee, Commissioners

A village may conduct a nonpartisan primary if approved by referendum.
(65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-60)

NONPARTISAN OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

MUNICIPAL -- City of Chicago

Mayor
Clerk
Treasurer
Alderman

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

First Tuesday in April

April 1, 2003

ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTIES, INDEPENDENT AND NEW POLITICAL PARTY OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

MUNICIPAL -- including Special Charter

Mayor or President

Clerk

Treasurer

Alderman or Trustee

NONPARTISAN OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

MUNICIPAL -- Council-Manager form (Councilmen at-large and from districts),
Commission form

Mayor or President

Treasurer (Council-Manager only)

Council Members or Commissioners or Trustees

MUNICIPAL -- City of Chicago (run-off elections if required)
(65 ILCS 20/21-5a, 21-12)

PARK DISTRICT - Commissioners, Trustees

PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT - Trustees

TOWNSHIP AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARY - Trustees

REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES - Trustees

SCHOOL DISTRICT - Board Members, School Directors

SCHOOL DISTRICT - Special Charter - Inspectors, Board Members

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS (Cook County only)

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT - Trustees

TOWNSHIP LAND COMMISSIONERS (in counties under 220,000 population)

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - Trustees

FOX WATERWAY MANAGEMENT AGENCY - Directors, Chairman

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT - Commissioners

SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION AND AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY -
Commissioner

OTHER SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS (see applicable statutes)

FILING PERIODS

(and caucus date information)

December 9-16, 2002

Filing period for candidates seeking nomination at the **Consolidated Primary Election**, February 25, 2003. See page "i."

(Petitions may NOT be circulated prior to September 17, 2002.)

January 13-21, 2003 (Last day of filing extended due to observance of Martin Luther King holiday.)

Filing period for candidates seeking election at the **Consolidated Election**, April 1, 2003. See page "ii."

(Petitions may NOT be circulated prior to October 23, 2002.)

In **MUNICIPALITIES** under 5,000 population, established political parties hold their caucuses on January 6, 2003, and file their certificates of nomination with the municipal clerk during the filing period, January 13-21, 2003.

Note: Municipalities of 5,000 or less may determine by ordinance (no later than November 15, 2002) that established political parties shall nominate candidates for municipal offices by primary election. [10 ILCS 5/7-1 (et seq)]

New political parties file nominating petitions which must include a full slate of candidates as well as a certificate stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies. (See pages 3 - 5)

Independent and **nonpartisan** candidates **must** file nominating petitions. (See pages 5 - 7.)

TERM TRANSITION SCHEDULE

The abolition of the Nonpartisan Election in November of odd-numbered years, as a result of PA 90-358, has shortened the terms of some officials elected to replace those elected in the last Nonpartisan Election, which was held in November 1997.

10 ILCS 5/2A-54 states, in part:

The term of office of a person elected at a nonpartisan election whose term begins before the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997 shall expire on the date that his or her term would have expired had this amendatory Act of 1997 not been enacted. The term of office of a person elected at a consolidated election held on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997 to succeed to a term of office of a person elected at a nonpartisan election shall begin upon the termination of the predecessor's term of office. The term of office of a person elected to succeed to a term of office of a person elected at a nonpartisan election shall end after the next consolidated election at which a successor is elected and at the regularly scheduled time for the ending of terms of office as provided in the Act or Acts creating or governing that unit of local government or school district.

The effect of this law for 2003 is as follows:

Offices with 4-year terms will no longer be affected because four years has passed since the effective date of the Act. However, those elected to a 6-year term at the April 1, 2003, Consolidated Election will take office in November 2003 (upon the termination of his/her predecessor's 6-year term of office).

ESTABLISHED PARTY, NEW PARTY, INDEPENDENT AND NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE FILINGS

A. ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES in MUNICIPALITIES - NOMINATION BY PRIMARY ELECTION

1. An established political party is defined as a political party which at the election next preceding a primary for that governmental unit received more than 5% of the entire vote cast in that governmental unit.
(10 ILCS 5/7-2 and 10-2)
2. A political party which, at the last election in any municipality in the State, polled more than 5% of the entire vote cast within such territorial area, as the case may be, has voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve the respective territorial area, is an "established political party" as to such municipality. (10 ILCS 5/7-2 and 10-2)
3. In the 2003 elections, municipalities over 5,000 population and not governed by the commission or council-manager forms of government or municipalities that have adopted a nonpartisan primary system fall under the provisions of Article 7 (Primary Elections) of the Election Code.
[10 ILCS 5/7-1 (*et seq*)]
4. No primary election shall be held where the name of not more than one person of a political party has filed as a candidate for the nomination for each office to be filled at an election at which no other offices are to be voted on. Primary elections are held only for contested offices. (10 ILCS 5/7-5b)
5. Candidates of established political parties seeking nomination by primary election to municipal offices should follow the information contained in "Requirements for Filing Nominating Papers" beginning on page 8 in preparing their nomination papers for filing.
6. Specific qualifications for office, signature requirements and location for filing are detailed under the appropriate office listed elsewhere in this guide.
7. A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a partisan candidate at a primary election, and who is defeated for nomination, is prohibited from being listed on the ballot at the Consolidated Election as an independent candidate, a candidate of another political party, or from filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate at that Consolidated Election.
(10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-3, 17-16.1, and 18-9.1)

B. CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION BY ESTABLISHED PARTY CAUCUS IN MUNICIPALITIES WITH A POPULATION OF 5,000 OR LESS

1. Established political parties shall nominate candidates by caucus in municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less. (10 ILCS 5/7-1 and 10-1) This provision does not apply to commission, council-manager forms of government, or to any municipality that has adopted a nonpartisan primary system, as candidates in these municipalities are elected on a nonpartisan basis. See page 1 for definition of "Established Political Parties."

NOTE: Municipalities of 5,000 or less population may determine by ordinance no later than November 15, 2002, that established political parties shall nominate candidates for municipal offices by a primary election in accordance with Article 7 of the Election Code. [10 ILCS 5/7-1 (*et seq*)]

2. **Caucus Date for municipalities:** The municipal caucuses shall be conducted on **January 6, 2003**, the Monday immediately preceding the first day for filing caucus certificates of nomination.
3. Only those registered voters who reside within the territory for which the nomination is made shall be permitted to vote or take part in the caucus proceedings. (See Form H-1A)
4. No voter shall vote or take part in the proceedings of more than one caucus or meeting to make a nomination for the same municipality.
5. The caucus may make **ONE** nomination for each office to be filled at the Consolidated Election.
6. A Certificate of Nomination by Caucus, Form H-2, shall be prepared to include:
 - a. the names and addresses of the candidates along with the offices to which they are nominated; and
 - b. the established party name.
7. The presiding officer and secretary of the caucus shall list their addresses and sign the Certificate of Nomination. The certificate shall be sworn to by them to be true to the best of their knowledge and belief and must be notarized.

8. Candidates nominated by caucus must individually provide the following documents which are filed with the caucus certificate of nomination:
 - a. a Statement of Candidacy;
 - b. a receipt for the filing of the candidate's Statement of Economic Interests. The receipt must be filed prior to the filing deadline; and
 - c. a Loyalty Oath. (The filing of the Loyalty Oath is OPTIONAL.)

(See "Requirements for Filing Nominating Papers" beginning on page 8 for more detailed information.)

9. The Certificate of Nomination along with the required individual candidate documentation shall be filed with the appropriate municipal clerk, during the regular filing period (January 13-21, 2003).
10. Any vacancy in nomination by caucus of an established political party for a municipal office shall be filled in accordance with 10 ILCS 5/7-61.
11. A candidate who participated at a caucus and who is defeated at the caucus for nomination is ineligible to be listed as a candidate of another political party, an independent candidate, or to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate at the Consolidated Election.

C. NEW POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES

1. A political group wishing to form a new political party within a municipality must file petitions with a full slate of candidates for such political subdivision. Upon such filing, a new political party is created. That new political party remains a new political party until the election for which it filed a full slate of candidates. If the new political party receives more than 5% of the votes cast at that election, it becomes an established political party. If it does not, it ceases to exist. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)
2. The new political party petition must include a certificate (SBE Form P-8C) which includes the names and addresses of party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. (10 ILCS 5/10-7 and 10-11) See #5. (10 ILCS 5/10-5)
3. Where a new political party petition is invalidated by an electoral board or upon judicial review or the entire new party slate withdraws, the new party officers cannot replace the entire slate of candidates on the pretext of filling vacancies in nomination. (10 ILCS 5/10-7 and 10-11)

4. The new party name may not contain more than five words. Moreover, such party shall not bear the same name as, or include the name of any established party. (10 ILCS 5/10-2 and 10-5)
5. Petitions for new political party candidates must include the following:
 - a. a Statement of Candidacy for each candidate;
 - b. a receipt for the filing of each candidate's Statement of Economic Interests. The receipt must be filed prior to the filing deadline;
 - c. a Loyalty Oath (the filing of the Loyalty Oath is OPTIONAL); and
 - d. a Certificate (SBE Form P-8C) stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. Failing to file such certificate will not invalidate the petition, but if it is not filed, the new party will not be able to fill vacancies in nomination. (*Peoples Independent Party v. Petroff*, 191 ILL. App.3d 706, 548 N.E. 2nd 145 (5th Dist. 1989).

(See "Requirements for Filing Nominating Papers" beginning on page 8 for more detailed information.)

6. The new party must nominate one candidate for each office to be filled within the political subdivision (municipality, ward or district) at the Consolidated Election. In the case of group offices, the number of candidates nominated must equal the number of offices to be filled.
7. New party candidates seeking office where officers are elected from wards or districts and at-large should follow 10 ILCS 5/10-2 as follows:
 - In the case of a petition to form a new political party within a municipality in which officers are to be elected from wards or districts and at-large, such petition shall consist of separate components for each ward or district from which an officer is to be elected. Each component shall be circulated only within a ward or district of the political subdivision and signed only by qualified electors who are residents of such ward or district.
 - Each sheet of such petition must contain a complete list of the names of the candidates of the party for all offices to be filled in the political subdivision at large, but the sheets comprising each component shall also contain the names of those candidates to be elected from the particular ward or district. Each component of the petition (SBE No. P-8A) for each ward or district from which an officer is to be elected must be signed

by qualified voters of the ward or district equaling a number not less than 5% of the number of voters who voted at the last regular election in such ward or district at which an officer was elected to serve the ward or district.

- The entire petition, composed of all components, must be signed by a total of qualified voters of the entire political subdivision equaling in number not less than 5% of the number of voters who voted at the last regular election in such municipality at which an officer was elected to serve the municipality at large.
8. A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a partisan candidate at a Consolidated Primary Election, and who is defeated for nomination, is prohibited from being listed on the ballot at the Consolidated Election as an independent candidate, a candidate of another political party, or from filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate at that Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-3, 17-16.1, and 18-9.1)

D. INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

1. Independent candidates are defined as those individuals who are not candidates of any political party, but who are candidates in an election at which party candidates may appear on the ballot. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)
2. Independent candidates should follow the information contained in "Requirements for Filing Nominating Papers" beginning on page 8 in preparing their nomination papers for filing.
3. Nomination papers must be filed in the office of the appropriate local election official or board of election commissioners during the filing period, January 13-21, 2003.
4. Signature requirements and locations for filing are detailed under the appropriate office listed elsewhere in this guide.
5. Vacancies for independent candidates cannot be filled. A vacancy in nomination contemplates a political party organization to fill it; but an independent candidate is not supported by a party structure.
6. A partisan candidate who is defeated for nomination in the Consolidated Primary, is prohibited from being listed on the ballot at the Consolidated Election as an independent candidate, a candidate of another political party, or from filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate at that Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-3, 17-16.1, and 18-9.1)

E. NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES

1. The statutes governing certain units of government require that candidates file for office on a nonpartisan basis. The ballot listing such candidates shall be printed without any party designation or "Independent" designation at its head.
2. Certain governmental units require that candidates file for office on a nonpartisan basis to be elected at the Consolidated Election, April 1, 2003. These include:
 - a. Candidates for municipal office in municipalities operating under commission and council-manager (councilmen-at-large) forms of government. (A village may adopt a system of nonpartisan primary and general elections for the election of village officers as provided in 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20 through 3.1-25-60, and in certain home-rule municipalities who have devised governmental systems unique to them.)
 - b. Candidates for Library Trustee
 - c. Candidates for Park District Commissioner or Park Trustee
 - d. Candidates for School Board Member in districts adopting Article 33 of the School Code
 - e. Candidates for Regional Board of School Trustees
 - f. Candidates for School District Board Members, School Directors
 - g. Candidates for Township Trustees of Schools in Cook County
 - h. Candidates for Community College Trustees
 - i. Candidates for Fire Protection District Trustees
 - j. Candidates for Fox Waterway Agency Chairman and Directors
 - k. Candidates for Forest Preserve District Commissioners
 - l. Candidates for Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority Commissioners
3. Nonpartisan candidates should follow the information contained in "Requirements for Filing Nominating Papers" beginning on page 8 in preparing nomination papers for filing.

4. Specific qualifications for office, signature requirements and location for filing are detailed under the appropriate office listed elsewhere in this guide.
5. Nonpartisan candidates for office who are defeated at the Consolidated Primary may not file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate in the Consolidated Election.

F. WRITE-IN CANDIDATE PROCEDURES

For the Consolidated Primary and Consolidated Election, write-in votes shall be counted only for individuals who have filed with the election authority or authorities a notarized declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday preceding the election.

Write-in candidates are not nominated for an office at the Consolidated Primary unless the number of votes received equals or exceeds the number of signatures required on a nominating petition for that office; or unless the number of votes received exceeds the number of votes received by at least one of the candidates whose name was printed on the Consolidated Primary ballot for that office; or unless the number of candidates whose names appear on the ballot equals or exceeds the number of persons the party is entitled to nominate to that office.

Within five days following the completion of the canvass of results for the Consolidated Primary Election and within five days following the canvass of the Consolidated Election, write-in candidates who are declared nominated or elected must file a Statement of Candidacy and a receipt for the filing of the Statement of Economic Interests. The filing of a Loyalty Oath form is optional. (10 ILCS 5/7-60.1) The winning write-in candidates should be notified of these requirements by the election authority.

Upon the filing of the necessary documents, the election authority shall issue a certificate of election to the write-in winners, upon their application.
(10 ILCS 5/22-18)

To force a primary election for an office of an established party, OR to force a nonpartisan municipal primary: If the nomination for any office in the Consolidated Primary is uncontested, an individual seeking to be a write-in candidate must file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate on or before the date of certification, December 26, 2002, which is 61 days prior to the Consolidated Primary. The declaration must be filed with the appropriate office with whom nomination papers for such office are filed. [10 ILCS 5/7-5(d), 5/7-13.1]

REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING NOMINATING PAPERS

A. GENERAL FILING REQUIREMENTS

1. Candidates are advised to obtain legal counsel regarding their qualifications for office, the proper method for completing the petition forms for a specific office, the minimum and maximum number of signatures required, the qualifications of the signers and circulators, etc.
2. Candidates may file for office in the following manner:
 - a. as a candidate of an established political party;
 - b. as a candidate of a new political party;
 - c. as an independent candidate; or
 - d. as a nonpartisan candidate in units of government where it is required that all candidates file on a nonpartisan basis. (See pages 6 and 7.)
3. Candidates must file the following, except as noted:
 - a. Statement of Candidacy;
 - b. Nominating petition sheets or Certificate of Nomination by party caucus;
 - c. Receipt for the filing of a Statement of Economic Interests;
 - d. Loyalty Oath (the filing of the Loyalty Oath is OPTIONAL);
 - e. Certificate of Officers Authorized to Fill Vacancies (new party filings only).
4. Election laws prescribe the forms to be submitted in seeking nomination to office. The State Board of Elections has prepared suggested forms for petitions, statements of candidacy, etc. See listing and forms beginning on page 45. The official SBE form number to be used is included under each office listed elsewhere in this guide. Forms are **not** available from the offices of the State Board of Elections, but they are available as downloadable documents from the State Board of Elections' official website. Local officials are advised to contact their local election authority (county clerk, board of election commissioners) regarding the availability of forms. Forms are also available for purchase from election supply companies.

5. A candidate's nomination papers may be challenged by the filing of an objection. The deadline for filing objections is five business days after the last day of the filing period. Objections to all nominating papers are heard by the proper electoral board as designated in the Election Code and decisions of the electoral board are subject to judicial review. (10 ILCS 5/10-8 through 10-10.1) See page 41.
6. Petitions may be filed by mail or in person by either the candidate or a representative of the candidate.
 - a. Information on where to file is included under each office as listed elsewhere in this guide.
 - b. Filings must be made within the appropriate filing period, page "iii."
 - c. Filings made by mail must be received no earlier than the opening of the office on the first day of the appropriate filing period and no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day of that filing period.
 - d. Petitions filed by mail and received after midnight on the first day for filing and in the first mail delivery or pickup of a filing day shall be deemed as filed at 8:00 a.m. of that day or as of the normal opening hour of such day, as the case may be. (10 ILCS 5/7-12)
7. Ballot position will be determined by the time of filing. On the first day of filing, petitions filed by persons waiting in line as of the normal opening hour of the office involved shall be deemed filed simultaneously with petitions received in the first mail delivery or pickup of that day. A lottery is held for simultaneous filings to break any tie within nine days following the last day for petition filing. (10 ILCS 5/7-12 and 10-6.2; 105 ILCS 5/9-11.1, 9-11.2)
8. A candidate for whom nomination papers have been filed as a partisan candidate at a Consolidated Primary Election, and who is defeated for his/her nomination at the Consolidated Primary Election, **is ineligible** for nomination as a candidate of another political party or as an independent candidate and **is prohibited** from filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for that Consolidated Election.

A candidate seeking election to an office for which candidates of a political party are nominated by caucus who is a participant in the caucus and who is defeated for his/her nomination at such caucus, **is ineligible** for nomination as a candidate of another political party or as an independent candidate, and **is prohibited** from filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for that Consolidated Election.

Nonpartisan candidates for municipal office who are defeated at the Consolidated Primary may not file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-3, 17-16.1 and 18-9.1)

B. NOMINATING PETITION SHEETS

1. Voter Signature Pages

- a. The top portion (heading) of the nominating petition pages which includes information relative to the election, the candidate, the office and political party, as applicable, must be completed prior to the circulation of the petition sheet.
- b. The candidate's name must appear on the petition pages as indicated on the Statement of Candidacy. The candidate's given name or names, initial or initials, nickname by which the candidate is commonly known, or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to the candidate's surname. However, no degree or title may be used or implied in connection with the candidate's surname, except that the title "Mrs." may be used in the case of a married woman. (10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 10-5.1)
- c. The name of more than one candidate of the same political party for a group office or for different offices of the same political subdivision may appear on the same petition. However, each candidate must submit his or her individual Statement of Candidacy, receipt for the filing of the Statement of Economic Interests and the optional Loyalty Oath. (10 ILCS 5/7-10 and 28-3)
- d. Each petition signature page must contain precisely the same information in the heading. (10 ILCS 5/7-10 and 10-4)
- e. Petition sheets which are filed with the proper local election officials, election authorities or the State Board of Elections shall be the original sheets which have been signed by the voters and by the circulator thereof, and not photocopies or duplicates of such sheets. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4, and 28-3)

2. Petition Circulator

- a. A petition circulator must be 18 years of age or older and a citizen of the United States. [A petition circulator no longer must be a voter registered in the subdivision for which the candidate is seeking office. See *Krislov v. Rednour*, 226F.2d 851 (7th Cir. 2000).]
- b. Petition sheets must not be circulated more than 90 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petitions. The circulator's statement on a candidate's petition must specify either the dates on which the

sheets were circulated, the first and last dates on which the sheet was circulated or that none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90 days preceding that last day for filing of the petitions. See page "iii" for additional filing date information. (10 ILCS 5/7-10 and 10-4)

- 1) Petitions circulated for established political party candidates and nonpartisan candidates who are required to file for the February 25 Consolidated Primary Election may be circulated starting September 17, 2002, for the filing period December 9-16, 2002.
 - 2) Petitions circulated for independent candidates, new political party candidates and nonpartisan candidates who are required to file for the April 1 Consolidated Election may be circulated starting October 23, 2002, for the filing period January 13 - 21, 2003.
- c. A petition circulator may not circulate for more than one political party.
 - d. A petition circulator may not circulate for an independent candidate or candidates in addition to candidates for an established political party. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)
 - e. A petition circulator may not circulate for more than one new political party. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)
 - f. A petition circulator may not circulate for an independent candidate or candidates in addition to candidates for a new political party. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)
 - g. A petition circulator may not circulate for more than one independent candidate or nonpartisan candidate for each office to be elected.
 - h. A petition circulator must witness all signatures on each sheet he circulates and signs as circulator. (10 ILCS 5/7-10 and 10-4)
 - i. A petition circulator must complete and sign the statement at the bottom of each sheet certifying that the signatures on that sheet were signed in his presence and are genuine and that to the best of his knowledge the persons so signing were duly registered voters of the political subdivision or district at the time of signing for which the candidate or candidates shall be nominated and that their respective residences are correctly stated therein. This statement shall be sworn to and signed before some officer authorized to administer oaths in Illinois. (10 ILCS 5/7-10 and 10-4)

- j. Petition circulators shall indicate on such petition their residence address, written or printed, including the street address or rural route number of the circulator, as well as the circulator's city, village, or town. (10 ILCS 5/7-10 and 10-4)

3. Petition Signers

- a. A voter may **NOT** sign petitions for candidates of more than one political party for the same primary election. (10 ILCS 5/7-10) If a voter does not sign a political party petition, he may sign one independent candidate's petition or one nonpartisan candidate's petition for each office to be elected. The voter may sign the petitions of one established political party for the Consolidated Primary and one new political party for the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)
- b. A registered voter must sign the petition in his own person. He may not sign for someone else, such as another member of his or her own family. (10 ILCS 5/7-10 and 10-4)
- c. A petition signer may change party affiliation from one election to another. *Kusper v. Pontikes*, 414 U.S. 51, 94 S. Ct. 303. (1973); see also *Sperling v. County Officers Electoral Board*, 57 Ill. 2d 81, 309 N.E. 2d 589 (1974).
- d. Petition signers must be registered voters in the political subdivision in which the candidate is seeking nomination or election. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-2, 10-3, and 10-4)
- e. Petition signers shall indicate on such petition their residence address, written or printed, including the street address or rural route number, as well as the city, village, or town. The address on the petition must be the signer's voter registration address. (10 ILCS 5/7-10 and 10-4)
- f. Signatures may be struck from the petition by the circulator or the candidate prior to filing in the following manner:
 - 1) The person striking the signature shall initial the petition at the place where the signature is struck. (10 ILCS 5/7-10 and 10-3)
 - 2) The person striking the signature shall sign a certification (SBE Form P-2A); listing the page and line number of each signature struck from the petition. Such certification shall be filed as part of the petition. (10 ILCS 5/7-10 and 10-3)

- 3) The person striking signatures from independent and nonpartisan candidate petitions shall also sign an additional certificate (SBE form P-2B) specifying the number of certification pages listing stricken signatures which are attached to the petition and the page numbers indicated on such certification. This additional certificate shall be filed as a part of the petition, shall be numbered consecutively beginning with the number "1", and shall be attached immediately following the last page of voters' signatures and before the certifications of stricken signatures. (10 ILCS 5/10-3 and 10-3.1)

All of the foregoing requirements are necessary to effect a valid striking of any signature. The provisions authorizing the striking of signatures shall not impose criminal liability on any person so authorized to strike signatures which may be fraudulent. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

4. Petition Preparations (10 ILCS 5/7-10 and 10-4)

- a. The petition sheets must be of uniform size.
- b. The petition sheets shall be neatly fastened together in book form and fastened together at one edge in a secure and suitable manner.
- c. The petition sheets (the sheets with the signers' signatures) must be numbered consecutively beginning with the top sheet as number "1."
- d. The following documents are to be attached (preferably on top) to the nominating petitions. The Statement of Candidacy, the optional Loyalty Oath, and the receipt for the filing of the Economic Interests Statement are NOT to be numbered.
 - 1) Statement of Candidacy;
 - 2) Receipt for the filing of the Statement of Economic Interests (the receipt may be filed at any time during the filing period and will not change the initial date and time of filing the petition);
 - 3) The Loyalty Oath, which is optional;
 - 4) Any certifications related to the striking of signatures shall be attached immediately following the last petition page and numbered consecutively beginning with the number "1."
(10 ILCS 5/7-10 and 10-3)

- 5) Any other documentation which may be required to qualify for said office.

IMPORTANT: A new political party petition must include a certificate (SBE Form P-8C) stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. Failure to file the certificate does not invalidate a petition. However, the party would not be authorized to fill a vacancy in nomination if the certificate is not filed. (10 ILCS 5/10-5 and 10-11)

- e. A petition when filed shall not be altered or added to. However, the receipt for the filing of an economic interests statement may be filed no later than 5:00 P.M. on the last day of the filing period. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12, 10-4 and 10-5)

C. STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY (10 ILCS 5/7-10 and 10-5)

1. Each candidate, whether he is an individual candidate or his name appears on a group petition or certificate of nomination, must complete and file a Statement of Candidacy. The Statement of Candidacy shall set out the name of the candidate as it will appear on the ballot; the address of the candidate; the office for which he is a candidate; political party designation, if applicable; and a statement(s) that he is qualified for the office specified. See each office in the guide for the correct SBE Statement of Candidacy form. This statement must accompany the nomination papers.
2. In the designation of the name of a candidate on a petition for nomination or certificate of nomination, the candidate's given name or names, initial or initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly known, or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to the candidate's surname.

IMPORTANT: No title or degree or nickname implying title, degree or professional status may be used with the candidate's surname, except that the title "Mrs." may be used by a married woman. (10 ILCS 5/7-10.2 and 10-5.1)

3. The candidate must swear to and sign the Statement of Candidacy and the statement must be notarized.

D. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS - RECEIPT

1. A Statement of Economic Interests must be filed by every candidate for local office. The statement is filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located.

If it is not apparent which county the principal office of a unit of local government is located, the chief administrative officer, or his designee, has the authority to determine what county in which the principal office is located. (5 ILCS 420/4A-101)

2. The receipt for the filing of the statement, or a copy thereof, must be filed with the election official who receives the nominating petitions. (10 ILCS 5/7-10 and 10-5)
3. The statement must be filed during the calendar year in which the nominating petitions are filed. While the receipt need not accompany the nominating petitions at the time of filing, it must be filed no later than 5:00 P.M. on the last day for filing the petitions. Filing the receipt by the last day of the filing period will not change the initial date and time of filing the nominating petitions. (10 ILCS 5/10-5)
4. Statements of Economic Interests forms may be obtained from the Secretary of State or the office of the County Clerk.
5. A Statement of Economic Interests filed for a different office may not be acceptable. If in doubt, consult with your county clerk or the Index Division of the Secretary of State, 111 E. Monroe Street, Springfield, Illinois 62756. (Telephone 217/782-7017)

E. LOYALTY OATH (Optional)

The filing of the Loyalty Oath is optional. The following court cases have held that the requirement for filing the Loyalty Oath is unconstitutional: *Communist Party of Indiana v. Witcomb*, 94 S. Ct. 656 414 U.S. 441 (1974) and *Communist Party of Illinois v. Ogilvie*, 357 F. Supp. 105 (7th Cir. 1972).

F. CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE - NOTICE OF OBLIGATION

The official with whom nomination papers are filed, must provide to each candidate at the time he files his nomination papers a notice of obligation to comply with the Illinois Campaign Financing Act. However, if a candidate files his nomination papers by mail, or an agent of the candidate files his nomination papers, the clerk or secretary with whom the petitions were filed will send the notice to the candidate by first class mail. The notice will state that the manual of instructions and forms for statements required to be filed under Article 9 of the Election Code are available from the State Board of Elections or county clerk upon request. [10 ILCS 5/7-12.7, 9-16(7), 10-6.1 and 60 ILCS 1/45-5]

G. IMPROPER USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

No public funds shall be used to urge any elector to vote for or against any candidate or proposition, or be appropriated for political or campaign purposes to any candidate or political organization. This provision, however, shall not prohibit the use of public funds for dissemination of factual information relative to any proposition appearing on an election ballot, or for dissemination of information and arguments published and distributed pursuant to law in connection with a proposition to amend the Constitution of the State of Illinois. (10 ILCS 5/9-25.1)

H. FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT

Candidates and committees are urged to abide by the provisions for campaigning outlined in the Fair Campaign Practices Act. This is a voluntary statement made and filed prior to an election, vowing that the candidate making the statement will conduct a positive, rather than a negative campaign. If a candidate or committee chooses to make such a statement, it shall be filed with the county clerk if the candidate is a local candidate or committee. (10 ILCS, Article 29B)

COMMISSION FORM - MUNICIPAL

- OFFICE:** Mayor and Commissioners
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5)
Must not be arrears in the payment of any tax or other indebtedness due the municipality; must not have been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony.
(65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5)
- RESIDENCY:** One-year residency in the municipality preceding the election.
(65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5)
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** Equal to at least 1% of the total vote cast for mayor at the last preceding mayoral election of the municipality. (65 ILCS 5/4-3-8)
- PETITION:** Nonpartisan municipal-commission form, SBE No. P-5.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE No. P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with nominating petitions. SBE No. P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located.
See page 15 regarding the filing of the receipt. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
- FILING DATES:** December 9-16, 2002 (not more than 78 days nor less than 71 days before the Consolidated Primary).
- WHERE TO FILE:** Municipal Clerk, or in those municipalities which have a municipal Board of Election Commissioners, with the clerk of that Board.
- CAMPAIGN FINANCING:** Filed with the State Board of Elections and the County Clerk.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 16.)
- TERM BEGINS:** The terms of elected municipal officers shall commence at the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities during the month of April following the proclamation of the results of the regular municipal election at which such officers were elected, except as may otherwise be provided by ordinance fixing the date for inauguration of newly elected officers of a municipality. No such ordinance shall fix the time for inauguration of newly elected officers later than the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities in the month of May following such election. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-15)
- TERM OF OFFICE:** 4 years. (65 ILCS 5/4-3-4)

MAYOR-ALDERMAN AND PRESIDENT-TRUSTEE FORM MUNICIPAL

NOTE: Candidates of established political parties file petitions to be placed on the Consolidated Primary Election ballot in municipalities of over 5,000 population.

Municipalities of 5,000 or less population may determine by ordinance, no later than November 15, 2002, that political parties shall nominate candidates for municipal offices by primary election in accordance with Article 7 of the Election Code. (10 ILCS 5/7-1 et seq.)

OFFICE: Mayor or President, Alderman or Trustee, Clerk, Treasurer

Cities of 10,000 or fewer inhabitants may, by ordinance, allow for the appointment of a city treasurer. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-15-5)

Villages of fewer than 5,000 inhabitants may, by resolution, choose to have the clerk appointed by the village president. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-90)

This procedure for election of officers includes municipalities which have adopted the managerial form and retained or later adopted the mayor-aldermanic or president-trustee form of electing their officers. (65 ILCS 5/5-1-2)

QUALIFICATIONS: Qualified elector/registered voter. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5)
Must not be in arrears in the payment of any tax or other indebtedness due the municipality; must not have been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5)

RESIDENCY: Mayor or President, Clerk, Treasurer, Alderman and Trustee: One-year residency in the municipality preceding the Consolidated Election. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5)

Trustees elected by district in villages with a population of over 5,000: Each of the districts shall be represented by one trustee who shall have been a resident of the district for at least six months immediately before his or her election in the first election after redistricting. (65 ILCS 3.1-25-75)

SIGNATURE

REQUIREMENTS: **Established Political Party Candidates** - For Primary ONLY.
For president, mayor, trustee or clerk, at least .5% (.005) of the qualified **primary** electors of his **party** in the city, incorporated town, town or village. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(d)]

For alderman, by at least .5% (.005) of the voters of his party of his ward.

The number of qualified primary electors is determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for such political party who received the highest number of votes in such political subdivision, ward or district at the last regular election at which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from that subdivision, ward or district. (10 ILCS 5/7-10) If an established political party **was not** on the ballot at the election on which the signature requirements for the political subdivision are based, then .5% (.005) of the registered voters, but **not less** than 25 signatures are required. [10 ILCS 5/7-10 (k)]

In the case of an election for alderman or trustee of a municipality to be elected from a ward or district, for the first primary following a redistricting or the initial establishment of wards or districts, then by .5% of the total number of votes cast for the candidate of such political party who received the highest number of votes in the entire municipality at the last regular election which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from the entire municipality, divided by the number of wards or districts, but in any event not less than 25 qualified primary electors of his party in the ward or district. (10 ILCS 5/7-10)

New Political Party Candidates - For the Consolidated Election, not less than 5% of the total number of persons who voted in the last regular election in the district or political subdivision in which such district or political subdivision voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

For the first election following redistricting of county board districts, or of municipal wards or districts, or for the first election following the initial establishment of such districts or wards in a county or municipality, a petition to form a new political party in a county board district or in a municipal ward or district shall be signed by qualified voters of the district or ward equal to not less than 5% of the total number of votes cast at the preceding general or municipal election, as the case may be, for the county or municipal office voted on throughout the county or municipality for which the greatest total number of votes were cast for all candidates, divided by the number of districts or wards, but in any event not less than 25 qualified voters of the district or ward. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

Independent Candidates - For the Consolidated Election, not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election in the district or political subdivision in which such district or political subdivision voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

Example: If 1,000 voters cast ballots at the last regular election in the district or political subdivision, the formula of 5% - 8% would result in a signature requirement of 50 - 80. Illinois statutes (10 ILCS 5/10-3) require a difference of 50 between the minimum and maximum. Therefore, the signature requirement would be 50 - 100.

For the first election following redistricting of county board districts, or of municipal wards or districts, or for the first election following the initial establishment of such districts or wards in a county or municipality, nomination papers for an independent candidate for county board member, or for alderman or trustee of such municipality, shall be signed by qualified voters of the district or ward equal to not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the total number of votes cast at the preceding general or general municipal election, as the case may be, for the county or municipal office voted on throughout such county or municipality for which the greatest total number of votes were cast for all candidates divided by the number of districts or wards, but in any event not less than 25 qualified voters of the district or ward.
(10 ILCS 5/10-3)

Nonpartisan City - If a city has adopted the nonpartisan form of government as authorized by Article VII of the Constitution, the signature requirements which apply would be those in 10 ILCS 5/10-3 (independent signature requirements) as authorized by the second paragraph of 10 ILCS 5/10-3.1.

PETITION:	Established Party - SBE No. P-10 (for Primary)
	New Party - SBE No. P-8 or P-8A (for Consolidated Election)
	Independent - SBE No. P-3 (for Consolidated Election)
	Nonpartisan - SBE No. P-4 (for Primary, as applicable)

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICERS:	New Party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination - SBE No. P-8C
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STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:	Filed with nominating petitions or filed with caucus certificate of nomination.
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	Established Party - SBE No. P-1
	New Party - SBE No. P-1D
	Independent - SBE No. P-1B
	Nonpartisan SBE No. P-1A

LOYALTY OATH:	(Optional) Filed with nominating papers. SBE No. P-1C.
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STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 15 regarding the filing of the receipt. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)

FILING DATES: For established political party candidates and nonpartisan candidates, December 9-16, 2002 (not more than 78 nor less than 71 days prior to the Consolidated Primary). For new party candidates and independent candidates, January 13-21, 2003 (not more than 78 nor less than 71 days prior to the Consolidated Election).

WHERE TO FILE: With the appropriate city or village clerk. In those cities having a Board of Election Commissioners, with the clerk of that Board.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING DISCLOSURE: Filed with the State Board of Elections and the county clerk.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 16.)

TERM BEGINS: The terms of elected municipal officers shall commence at the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities during the month of April following the proclamation of the results of the regular municipal election at which such officers were elected, except as may otherwise be provided by ordinance fixing the date for inauguration of newly elected officers of a municipality. No such ordinance shall fix the time for an inauguration of newly elected officers later than the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities in the month of May following such election. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-15)

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years. The term may be reduced to 2 years by referendum. 65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-65 also provides that any municipality of less than 500,000 population who originally voted to shorten terms may submit a proposition to lengthen terms.

COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT - MUNICIPAL

Upon adoption of the managerial form of government, the procedures for electing municipal officers will remain the same as prior to the adoption of 65 ILCS, Article 5. A referendum may be approved by the voters to establish a different type of municipal organization in conjunction with the managerial form.

The council-manager form is the only form of municipal government covered (for election of officers) by Article 5 of 65 ILCS. Other cities and villages which have adopted Article 5 and have retained or later adopted the mayor-aldermanic form or the president-trustee village form will follow the provisions under Article 3.1 of 65 ILCS for the election of officers. Cities and villages which have adopted or retained a commission form would follow provisions under Article 4 of 65 ILCS for the election of officers.

Refer to the appropriate section of this guide for either mayor-aldermanic, president-trustee or commission form if the municipality is also a managerial form.

OFFICE: Mayor, Councilmen at-large (and part from districts in some cities), Clerk, Treasurer

QUALIFICATIONS: Qualified elector/registered voter. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5)

Must not be in arrears in the payment of any tax or other indebtedness due the municipality; must not have been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5)

RESIDENCY: One-year residency in the municipality preceding the election. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5)

SIGNATURE

REQUIREMENTS: Cities and villages that retained or later adopted Article 3.1 of 65 ILCS, see Mayor-Alderman and President-Trustee form for signature requirements.

If a city has adopted the nonpartisan form of government as authorized by Article VII of the Constitution, the signature requirements which apply would be those in 10 ILCS 5/10-3 of the Election Code (independent signature requirements) as authorized by the second paragraph of 10 ILCS 5/10-3.1. (See pages 19, 20.)

Signature requirements are governed by the form of government prior to the adoption of Council-Manager.

Council-Manager (formerly Commission):

1% of the total vote cast at the last preceding election in the municipality for mayor. (65 ILCS 5/4-3-8, 5/5-2-12)

Council-Manager (formerly nonpartisan President/Trustee):
1% of the total vote cast at the last preceding election in the village for president.

Council-Manager (formerly a city/village whose candidates ran as independents):
Signature requirements are those set out for independent candidates in 10 ILCS 5/10-3 of the Election Code as authorized by 5/10-3.1 (second paragraph).

PETITION: Nonpartisan SBE No. P-4 or P-5.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE No. P-1A.

LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with nominating petitions. (SBE No. P-1C)

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated located. See page 15 regarding the filing of the receipt. (5 ILCS420/4A-106)

FILING DATES: December 9-16, 2002 (not more than 78 nor less than 71 days prior to the Consolidated Primary.

WHERE TO FILE: Filed with the city clerk. In those cities having a Board of Election Commissioners, with the clerk of that Board.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING DISCLOSURE: Filed with the State Board of Elections and the county clerk.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 16.)

TERM BEGINS: The terms of elected municipal officers shall commence at the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities during the month of April following the proclamation of the results of the regular municipal election at which such officers were elected, except as may otherwise be provided by ordinance fixing the date for inauguration of newly elected officers later than the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities in the month of May following such election. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-15)

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years. The term may be reduced to 2 years by referendum. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-65) Any municipality of less than 500,000 population who originally voted to shorten terms may submit a proposition to lengthen terms.

MUNICIPAL – CITY OF CHICAGO

OFFICE: Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Alderman

QUALIFICATIONS: Qualified elector/registered voter. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5)
Must not be in arrears in the payment of any tax or other indebtedness due to the city of Chicago or must not have been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony.

RESIDENCY: One year residency in the municipality preceding the election.
(65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5)

In the election following redistricting, a candidate for alderman may be elected from any ward containing a part of the ward in which he or she resided for the two years before the election that follows the redistricting and may be re-elected from the new ward he or she represents if he or she resides in that ward for 18 months before the re-election.
(65 ILCS 20/21-14)

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: For mayor, clerk and treasurer, not less than 5% not more than 8% of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election in the City of Chicago in which the city voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area. (10 ILCS 5/10-3,10-3.1)

For alderman, in an election following the redistricting of wards, petitions for the nominations of candidates shall be signed by the number of legal voters of the ward as will aggregate not less than 2% of the total number of votes cast for mayor at the last preceding municipal election divided by the number of wards.
(65 ILCS 20/21-28)

Compiled by the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners.

PETITION: Available from the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners, 69 W. Washington, 6th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Telephone 312/269-7900.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with the nominating petitions. Available from the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners.

LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions, SBE No. P-1C.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the Cook County Clerk. See page 15 regarding the filing of the receipt. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)

FILING DATES: December 9-16, 2002 (not more than 78 nor less than 71 days prior to the Consolidated Primary).

WHERE TO FILE: Filed with the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners, 69 W. Washington, 6th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING: Filed with the State Board of Elections and the Cook County Clerk.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary – see page 16.)

TERM BEGINS: Mayor, clerk, treasurer and alderman terms begin at noon on the first Monday of the month following the election. Terms begin on May 5, 2003. (65 ILCS 20/21-5, 20/21-12, 20/21-22)

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years. No person shall be elected to the office of city treasurer for two terms in succession. (65 ILCS 20/21-5, 20/21-12, 20/21-22)

REDISTRICTING WARDS: On or before the first day of December, of the year following the year in which the national census is taken, and every ten years thereafter the city council shall by ordinance redistrict the city on the basis of the national census of the preceding year. All elections of aldermen shall be held from the existing wards until a redistricting is had. (65 ILCS 20/21-38)

PARK DISTRICT

- OFFICE:** Park Commissioner, Trustee
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter.
- RESIDENCY:** Commissioner must be resident of the Park District at least one year prior to the election. (70 ILCS 1205/2-11)
Trustee must be resident of the Park District. (70 ILCS 1205/2-15)
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** Signature requirements for general park district commissioners and pleasure driveway and park district trustees: Petition must be signed by not less than 2% of the number of votes cast at the last election for trustee or commissioner in the district, but in no case by less than 25. (70 ILCS 1205/2-11, 2-17)
- PETITION:** Nonpartisan SBE No. P-4.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE No. P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE No. P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 15 regarding the filing of the receipt. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
- FILING DATES:** January 13-21, 2003 (not more than 78 nor less than 71 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE:** Park District Secretary.
- CAMPAIGN FINANCING DISCLOSURE:** Filed with the State Board of Elections and the county clerk.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 16.)
- TERM BEGINS:** Commissioners and Pleasure Driveway and Park District Trustees shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. (70 ILCS 1205/2-12, 15)

TERM OF OFFICE:

5 Commissioners: 6-year term. (70 ILCS 1205/2-12)

7 Commissioners: 6-year term, by resolution or referendum. (70 ILCS 1205/2-10A)

5-7 Commissioners: 4-year term, by resolution or referendum. (70 ILCS 1205/2-12A)

Pleasure Driveway and Park District

President and 6 trustees: 4-year term. (70 ILCS 1205/2-15)

Township Park District

3 Commissioners: 6-year term. (70 ILCS 1205/2-19)

PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

- OFFICE:** Public Library District Board - Trustee
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter.
- RESIDENCY:** Resident of Public Library District. (75 ILCS 16/30-25)
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** A number of qualified voters residing in the district equivalent to at least 2% of the votes cast at the last election for library trustees, or 50, whichever is less.
(75 ILCS 16/30-20)
- PETITION:** Nonpartisan SBE No. P-4.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE No. P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE No. P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 15 regarding the filing of the receipt.
(5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
- FILING DATES:** January 13-21, 2003 (not more than 78 nor less than 71 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE:** Library District Secretary.
- CAMPAIGN FINANCING DISCLOSURE:** Filed with the State Board of Elections and the county clerk.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 16.)
- TERM BEGINS:** The first Monday (May 5, 2003) of the month following the regular election of trustees. (75 ILCS 16/30-10 and 16/30-40) Within 60 days after their election or appointment, the incumbents and new trustees shall meet to organize the board.
- TERM OF OFFICE:** 7 Trustees: 6-year terms. The library board by resolution may change to 4- year terms. (75 ILCS 16/30-10)

LIBRARY (Municipal - Township)

OFFICE: Local Library Board - Trustee (Under the Commission form of government, the Library Board of Trustees are appointed by the village council.) (75 ILCS 5/4-2)

QUALIFICATIONS: Qualified elector/registered voter.

RESIDENCY: Resident of incorporated town, village or township involved.
(75 ILCS 5/4-3.3 and 4-4)

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: Petition must be signed by at least 50 qualified voters residing in the incorporated town, village (except a village under the Commission form of government) or township. (75 ILCS 5/4-3.3)

PETITION: Nonpartisan SBE No. P-4.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE No. P-1A.

LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE No. P-1C.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 15 regarding the filing of the receipt.
(5 ILCS 420/4A-106)

FILING DATES: January 13-21, 2003 (not more than 78 nor less than 71 days prior to the Consolidated Election).

WHERE TO FILE: Appropriate local municipal or township clerk.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING: Filed with the State Board of Elections and the county clerk.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 16.)

TERM BEGINS: Trustees hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. (75 ILCS 5/4-3.1) Within 60 days after their election the trustees shall meet and organize. (75 ILCS 5/4-6)

TERM OF OFFICE: 7 Trustees: 6 years for incorporated towns, villages, library boards. (Library Board may change to 4-year terms by resolution.) (75 ILCS 5/4-3.2)

7 Trustees: 4 years for Township Public Libraries.
(75 ILCS 5/4-3.2)

REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES (Regional Office of Education)

OFFICE: Regional Board of School Trustee

The regional board of school trustees, in both single-county and multi-county educational service regions, shall consist of seven members. In single county regions, not more than one trustee may be a resident of any one congressional township; however, in case there are fewer than seven congressional townships in the region, then not more than two of such trustees may be residents of the same congressional township. In two-county regions, at least two trustees shall be residents of each county. In regions of three or more counties, at least one trustee shall be a resident of each county. If more than seven counties constitute the educational service region, the regional board of school trustees consists of one resident of each county.
(105 ILCS 5/6-2)

QUALIFICATIONS: Qualified elector/registered voter. No person shall be eligible for the office who is not a voter of the Educational Service Region and qualified to vote in the election for members of the Regional Board of School Trustees, or who is a member of a school board, or who is a school board employee or who holds any county office.
(105 ILCS 5/6-3)

RESIDENCY: Must be resident of the educational service region. (105 ILCS 5/6-3)

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: Petition must be signed by at least 50 qualified voters from the educational service region. In addition, the petition shall specify the county and township (or road district) of the candidate's residence.
(105 ILCS 5/6-10)

PETITION: Single county Regional School Trustee: SBE No. P-21A
Multi-county Regional School Trustee SBE No. P-21

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form No. P-1A.

LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE No. P-1C.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 15 regarding the filing of the receipt.
(5 ILCS 420/4A-106)

FILING DATES: January 13-21, 2003 (not more than 78 nor less than 71 days prior to the Consolidated Election).

WHERE TO FILE: Single county region candidates file with the county clerk. Multi-county region candidates file with the State Board of Elections.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING DISCLOSURE: Filed with the State Board of Elections and the county clerk.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 16.)

TERM BEGINS: See page "iv."

TERM OF OFFICE: 7 members: 6-year terms. (105 ILCS 5/6-2 and 6-17)

BOARDS OF EDUCATION

- OFFICE: Board of Education Member
- QUALIFICATIONS: Qualified elector/registered voter.
- RESIDENCY: Any person who, on the date of election, is a U.S. citizen of the age of 18 or over and a resident of the State and the territory encompassing the district for one year preceding the election is eligible. A member cannot serve as a school trustee or school treasurer.
(105 ILCS 5/10-10)
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: Petition must be signed by at least 50 qualified voters or 10% of the voters, whichever is less, residing within the district.
(105 ILCS 5/9-10)
- PETITION: Board of Education petition. SBE No. P-7.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE No. P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE No. P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 15 regarding the filing of the receipt.
(5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
- FILING DATES: January 13-21, 2003 (not more than 78 nor less than 71 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE: Secretary of Board of Education. **(If the Board Secretary is an incumbent board member seeking re-election, a disinterested person must witness the filing of the Secretary's petition.)**
- CAMPAIGN FINANCING DISCLOSURE: Filed with the State Board of Elections and the county clerk.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 16.)
- TERM BEGINS: Within seven days after the election. (105 ILCS 5/10-5)
See page "iv."
- TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years - may be changed to 6 years by referendum.
(105 ILCS 5/9-5)

SCHOOL DIRECTOR
(In districts having a population fewer than 1,000)

and

TOWNSHIP LAND COMMISSIONERS*
(In counties having fewer than 220,000 population)

*In counties of fewer than 220,000 inhabitants with townships with common school lands, there shall be three land commissioners elected in the same manner as provided for election of school directors. (105 ILCS 5/15-24)

OFFICE: School Director and Township Land Commissioner

QUALIFICATIONS: Qualified elector/registered voter.

RESIDENCY: Any person who, on the date of election, is a U.S. citizen of the age of 18 or over and a resident of the State and the territory encompassing the district for one year preceding the election.
(105 ILCS 5/10-3)

ELIGIBILITY: A land commissioner or director cannot serve as a school trustee or school treasurer. (105 ILCS 5/10-3)

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: Petition must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters or 5% of the voters, whichever is less, residing within the district. (105 ILCS 5/9-10)

PETITION: Board of Education petition. SBE No. P-7.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE No. P-1A.

LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE No. P-1C.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal officer of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 15 regarding the filing of the receipt.
(5 ILCS 420/4A-106)

FILING DATES: January 13-21, 2003 (not more than 78 nor less than 71 days prior to the Consolidated Election).

WHERE TO FILE: School Director candidates file with the Secretary of the Board of School Directors. Township Land Commissioner candidates file with the Township Land Commissioner's Secretary.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING DISCLOSURE: Filed with the State Board of Elections and the county clerk.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 16.)

TERM BEGINS: School Directors and Land Commissioners shall meet and organize within seven days after the election by appointing one of their number president and another clerk. For additional information see page "iv." (105 ILCS 5/10-5 and 15-24)

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years.
105 ILCS 5/10-1 and 10-4)

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS
(Cook County)

- OFFICE:** Trustee of Schools
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter.
- RESIDENCY:** Resident of township. If there are three or more school districts in a township, no two trustees shall reside, when elected, in the same school district; except that in townships in which at least 90% of the electors reside in one school district, this restriction shall not apply. (105 ILCS 5/5-3)
- ELIGIBILITY:** No person shall be eligible for the office of trustee of schools and school director or school board member simultaneously. (105 ILCS 5/5-3)
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** At least 25 qualified voters of the school township. (105 ILCS 5/5-4)
- PETITION:** Petition for nomination of township school trustee. SBE No. P-22.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE No. P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE No. P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 15 regarding the filing of the receipt. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
- FILING DATES:** January 13-21, 2003 (not more than 78 nor less than 71 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE:** Township School Treasurer. (Appointed by the Trustees of Schools)
- CAMPAIGN FINANCING DISCLOSURE:** Filed with the State Board of Elections and the county clerk.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 16.)
- TERM BEGINS:** See transition schedule on page "iv."
- TERM OF OFFICE:** 6 years. (105 ILCS 5/5-13)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

(Under Article 33 - City of Peoria)

- OFFICE:** Board of Education Member
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter.
- RESIDENCY:** Resident of district for at least one year immediately preceding the election. (105 ILCS 5/33-2)
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** At least 200 qualified voters of the district. (105 ILCS 5/33-2)
- PETITION:** Board of Education petition. SBE No. P-7.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE No. P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE No. P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 15 regarding the filing of the receipt. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
- FILING DATES:** January 13-21, 2003 (not more than 78 nor less than 71 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE:** Secretary of the Board of Education.
- CAMPAIGN FINANCING DISCLOSURE:** Filed with the State Board of Elections and the county clerk.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 16)
- TERM BEGINS:** All terms shall commence July 1, following the election.
- TERM OF OFFICE:** 5 years. May be changed to 4-year terms by referendum. (105 ILCS 5/33-1, 1a)

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Southwestern Illinois Community College District Trustees run from separate subdistricts; all others run at-large.

- OFFICE: Trustee
- QUALIFICATIONS: Qualified elector/registered voter.
- RESIDENCY: Resident of State and the territory encompassing community college district for one year immediately preceding election. (110 ILCS 805/3-7)
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: At least 50 qualified voters or 10% of the voters, whichever is less, residing within the district. (110 ILCS 805/3-7.10)
- PETITION: Community College petition. SBE No. P-6.
Southwestern Illinois Community College. SBE No. P-6A.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE No. P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE No. P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 15 regarding the filing of the receipt. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
- FILING DATES: January 13-21, 2003 (not more than 78 nor less than 71 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE: With the Secretary of the Board of Community College District or designated representative. **If the Secretary is an incumbent board member seeking re-election, a disinterested person must witness the filing of the Secretary's petition.** (110 ILCS 805/3-7.10)
- CAMPAIGN FINANCING DISCLOSURE: Filed with the State Board of Elections and the county clerk(s).
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 16.)
- TERM BEGINS: See transition schedule on page "iv." (110 ILCS 805/3-7, 3-8)
Southwestern Illinois Community College – terms of trustees elected in 2001 end on date of 2003 canvass.
- TERM OF OFFICE: 6 years. (110 ILCS 805/3-7) See page "iv."
Southwestern Illinois Community College – to stagger terms, some districts will receive 4-year terms in 2003, some will receive 6-year terms in 2003. (110 ILCS 805/3-7)

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

- OFFICE:** Trustee
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter.
- RESIDENCY:** Resident of the fire protection district. (70 ILCS 705/4A)
- NOTE:** In the case of a multi-county district, the number of trustees for each county shall be proportional to the number of district residents from that county in relation to the district's total population. Not more than one trustee can be from a municipality unless that municipality has more than 50% of the population in the district. (70 ILCS 705/4)
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** Not less than 5% nor more than 8%, or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater, of the number of people who voted at the last regular election in which such district voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area. (10 ILCS 5/10-3.1 and 70 ILCS 705/4A)
- PETITION:** Nonpartisan petition. SBE No. P-4.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE No. P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE No. P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 15 regarding the filing of the receipt. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
- FILING DATES:** January 13-21, 2003 (not more than 78 nor less than 71 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE:** Secretary of the Fire Protection District.
- CAMPAIGN FINANCING DISCLOSURE:** Filed with the State Board of Elections and the county clerk.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 16.)
- TERM BEGINS:** See transition schedule on page "iv."
- TERM OF OFFICE:** 6 years. (70 ILCS 705/4A)

FOX WATERWAY AGENCY

- OFFICE:** Chairman (unexpired 2-year term in 2003)
1 Director for Lake County
2 Directors for McHenry County
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Registered voter. (615 ILCS 90/5)
- RESIDENCY:** Must be a resident of a member county and the territory of the agency.
(615 ILCS 90/5)
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** For Directors, at least 200 qualified voters of such county who reside within the territory of the agency. For Chairman, at least 200 qualified voters of each member county who reside in the territory.
(615 ILCS 90/5)
- PETITIONS:** Nonpartisan - SBE No. P-4-1.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE No. P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE No. P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 15 regarding the filing of the receipt.
(5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
- FILING DATES:** January 13-21, 2003 (not more than 78 nor less than 71 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE:** Filed with the State Board of Elections.
- CAMPAIGN FINANCING DISCLOSURE:** Filed with the State Board of Elections and the county clerk.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 16.)
- TERM BEGINS:** First Monday (May 5, 2003) of the month following the election. (615 ILCS 90/5)
- TERM OF OFFICE:** 4 years. (615 ILCS 90/5)

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

- OFFICE:** Commissioner
(In counties with a population of more than 30,000 but less than 90,000)
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter.
- RESIDENCY:** Must be a resident of the forest preserve district. (70 ILCS 805/3.5)
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** Not less than 5% nor more than 8%, or 50 more than the minimum whichever is greater, of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election in the district or political subdivision in which the district or political subdivision voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area.
- PETITION:** Nonpartisan petition. SBE No. P-4.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE No. P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE No. P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 15 regarding the filing of the receipt.
(5 ILCS 420/4A-106)
- FILING DATES:** January 13-21, 2003 (not more than 78 nor less than 71 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE:** With the Secretary of the District.
- CAMPAIGN FINANCING DISCLOSURE:** Filed with the State Board of Elections and the county clerk.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 16.)
- TERM BEGINS:** On the first Monday (May 5, 2003) of the month following the election.
(70 ILCS 805/3.5)
- TERM OF OFFICE:** 5 Commissioners: 4-year terms. (70 ILCS 805/3.5)

OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATING PETITIONS

(10 ILCS 5/10-8 through 10-10.1)

FILING OBJECTION PETITION:	Nomination papers shall be deemed to be valid unless objections are filed in writing (an original and one copy) within five business days after the last day for filing nomination papers. The objector's petitions are filed with the same office in which the nominating petitions are filed.
PROCESSING OBJECTIONS:	Not later than 12:00 noon on the second business day after receipt of the objector's petition, the election authority or local election official, shall transmit by registered mail or receipted personal delivery the Certificate of Nomination or nomination papers and original objector's petition to the chairman of the proper electoral board designated in Section 10-9, or his authorized agent, and shall transmit a copy by registered mail or receipted personal delivery of the objector's petitions, to the candidate whose Certificate of Nomination or nomination papers are objected to, addressed to the place or residence designated in said Certificate of Nomination or nomination papers.
RESPONSIBILITY OF CHAIRMAN OF ELECTORAL BOARD:	Within 24 hours after receipt of the objector's petition, the chairman of the electoral board shall send a call by registered or certified mail to each of the members of the electoral board, the objector, and the candidate, and shall also cause the Sheriff of the county or counties in which such officers and persons reside to serve a copy of such call upon each of the officers and persons.
ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING:	The meeting of the electoral board shall not be less than three nor more than five days after receipt of the objector's petition by the chairman of the electoral board. The Municipal Officers Electoral Board, and the Education Officers Electoral Board are required to convene hearings in the county courthouse.
JUDICIAL REVIEW FILED:	Within 10 days after the decision of the Electoral Board, the candidate or objector aggrieved by the decision may file a petition for Judicial Review with the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Court hearings are to be held within 30 days after the filing of the petition and a decision delivered promptly thereafter.
NO JUDICIAL REVIEW:	If no petition for Judicial Review has been filed within 10 days after the decision of the Electoral Board, the Electoral Board shall transmit a copy of its ruling together with the original Certificate of Nomination or nomination papers or petitions and the original objector's petitions to the officers or board with whom they were on file and such officer or board shall abide by and comply with the ruling so made to all intents and purposes. (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 10-9, 10-10, and 10-10.1)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PETITION PAGES

- 1. Are abbreviations allowed on petitions?**
Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the resident's address, including the street number.
- 2. What name should the voter use when signing a petition?**
The voter should sign the petition as he is registered to vote. Example - The signature for James Smith should not appear on the petition as Jim Smith, however, signing with a nickname will not invalidate the signature, provided the voter can be identified.
- 3. May a petition once filed be changed?**
No. A petition once filed may not be added to or altered. However, the receipt for filing the Statement of Economic Interests may be filed at any time during the filing period.
- 4. Are pencil signatures allowed?**
Yes. However, dark ink is preferable.
- 5. Who can remove a name from a nomination petition?**
Only the circulator or the candidate on whose behalf the petition was circulated may strike the signature. (10ILCS 5/7-10 and 10-3) However, an individual can submit a written request with the election authority or the local election official to have his/her name removed before the petition is filed.
- 6. May a voter sign a petition for someone else?**
No. A registered voter must sign the petition in his own person. He may not sign for someone else, such as another member of his or her own family.

CIRCULATOR

- 1. May a candidate circulate his own petitions?**
Yes.
- 2. May a circulator circulate petitions for an independent candidate and a partisan candidate, or for more than one political party?**
No.
- 3. Does the circulator have to be a registered voter?**
No. A petition circulator must be a U.S. citizen and at least 18 years of age. (See page 10, item 2a.)
- 4. May a circulator sign as a voter on the petition he is circulating?**
Yes, if he/she is a registered voter of the political subdivision in which the candidate is seeking office.

NOTARIZATION

- 1. Is it proper for the notary of the petition to have signed the same petition as a voter?**
No. As listed in the section prohibiting acts by a Notary Public, "A notary public shall not acknowledge any instrument in which the notary's name appears as a party to the transaction." [5 ILCS 312/6-104(b)]
- 2. Must the notary put the date of his commission expiration on the document?**
Yes, the notary stamp indicates the date the commission expires.
- 3. Must the notary public live in the same county as the candidate?**
No, but the notary must be authorized to administer oaths in Illinois.

FILING PETITIONS

- 1. May a candidate file more than one set of petitions for the same office?**
Yes. However, upon notice from the filing office the candidate must make a decision in writing to the filing office; otherwise, the set of petitions filed first will be considered the official filing.
- 2. When are petitions open to the public?**
Upon their filing with the proper office and at the earliest convenience of that office.
- 3. Does a candidate have to file his or her own petition?**
No.
- 4. May a candidate file his own petition and petitions for other candidates at the same time?**
Yes.
- 5. When may petitions be mailed?**
There are no statutory requirements regarding a time element for mailing petitions; however, all petitions that are received in the office prior to the opening of the office on the first day of the filing period will be returned to the sender.
- 6. May a candidate file for more than one office?**
Yes, however, he must withdraw from all but one office within five business days following the last day of petition filing, if the offices are incompatible. If he does not withdraw from all but one incompatible office, his name will not be certified for any office.
- 7. Who has to file a complete slate of candidates?**
Persons wishing to form a New Political Party in a given jurisdiction must file a petition containing the names of candidates for EACH office to be filled for that jurisdiction.

- 8. May a petition contain the names of two or more candidates of the same established party?**
Yes. An established political party petition may contain the names of candidates for several offices to be filled at the upcoming election. The nominating papers must contain a separate statement of candidacy signed by each candidate and a receipt for the filing of a statement of economic interests by each candidate. The Loyalty Oath is optional.
- 9. If you are first in line or your petition is in the first mail pickup or delivery on the first day of filing, will you be first on the ballot?**
Not necessarily. If there are two or more candidates in line prior to the opening of the office filing for the same party and the same office, they will be considered as filing simultaneously along with any petition in the first mail pickup or delivery and will be involved in a lottery for ballot position.
- 10. May a candidate file as an Independent for a school office?**
No. "Independents" run in partisan elections but choose not to associate with a political party, so the word "independent" identifies them on the ballot label. All candidates for school offices run on a "nonpartisan" basis.

FORMS

H-1A	Affidavit of Voter Attending Municipal Caucus
H-2	Certificate of Nomination by Caucus
P-1	Statement of Candidacy
P-1A	Statement of Candidacy (Nonpartisan)
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P-2A	Certificate of Deletions
P-2B	Certificate of Attached List of Deletions
P-3	Independent Candidate Petition
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P-6	Petition (to Secretary of Board of Trustees of Community College District)
P-6A	Petition (to Secretary of Board of Trustees of Community College District for Community Colleges which elect from districts rather than at-large)
P-7	Petition (to Secretary of Board of Education or Board of Directors)
P-7A	Petition (for School Boards which elect from districts rather than at-large or by township....)
P-8	Petition for Nomination (to form New Party)
P-8A	Petition for Nomination and formation of a New Political Party (in city, town or village in which officers are to be elected from districts or wards and at-large)
P-8C	Certificate of Officers Authorized to Fill Vacancies in Nomination for a New Political Party
P-10	General Primary Petition
P-21	Petition (for Multi-County Regional School Trustees to be filed with the SBE)
P-21A	Petition (for Single-County Regional School Trustees to be filed with County Clerk)
P-22	Petition (for Nomination for Trustee of Schools)
P-25	Withdrawal of Candidacy

AFFIDAVIT OF VOTERS ATTENDING MUNICIPAL CAUCUS

At a caucus of the _____ Party in and for the City/Village of _____
in _____ County of Illinois, held at _____, Illinois,
on _____
(insert month, day, year)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
County of _____)

(City or Village)

I hereby certify that I am a registered voter in the City or Village aforesaid and that I am affiliated with the political party, aforesaid, and I will not participate in the caucus of another political party.

SIGNATURE OF VOTER	ADDRESS
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This Affidavit was signed and sworn to before me by each of the persons whose signature appears thereon

(insert month, day, year)

(Caucus Judge)

CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION BY CAUCUSTo _____
(Local Election Official)We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that on _____ at a caucus of the
(insert month, day, year)_____ PARTY in the _____
(City, Village, Township)of _____ in _____ County, Illinois, the
following nominations were made for the respective offices herein designated, to be voted for at the
Election to be held on _____

(insert month, day, year)

NAME OF CANDIDATE (As it is to appear on ballot)	OFFICE	RESIDENCE ADDRESS (Street and number)

We also certify that at the last candidate election in this political subdivision aforesaid, the
_____ PARTY polled more than 5% of the entire vote cast._____
(Secretary)_____
(Presiding Officer)_____
(Address)_____
(Address)STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
County of _____)The persons whose names are subscribed to the above certificate personally appeared
before me on _____ and upon their oaths stated that the same is true and correct
(insert month, day, year)
to the best of their knowledge._____
(Signature of Person Authorized to
Administer Oaths in Illinois)_____
(Title)Filed _____ in the office of _____
(insert month, day, year)**This certificate of nomination shall be accompanied by a Statement of Candidacy and Loyalty Oath
(optional) and a receipt for filing Economic Interests Statement for each candidate nominated.**

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

NAME	ADDRESS-ZIP CODE	OFFICE	DISTRICT	PARTY

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
County of _____)

SS.

I, _____, being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at _____ Street, in the _____ of _____ City or Village or unincorporated area (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code _____ in the County of _____ State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a qualified Primary voter of the _____ Party; that I am a candidate for _____ to the office of _____ in the _____ Nomination or Election

District, to be voted upon at the primary election to be held on _____, and that I am legally (insert month, day, year) qualified (including being the holder of any license that may be an eligibility requirement for the office I seek the nomination for) to hold such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official _____ Primary ballot for _____ for such office. Name of Party Nomination or Election

Signature of Candidate

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, (Name of Candidate)

on _____ (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

Notary Public

IF YOUR NAME AS IT APPEARS IN THE BOX ABOVE IS NOT IN THE FORM YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT, SIGN AND PRINT YOUR NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO BE CERTIFIED (INCLUDING NICKNAME AND INITIALS, IF DESIRED) ON THE LINE BELOW. THE PRINTED AND SIGNED FORMS ON THE LINE BELOW MUST BE THE SAME. IF YOU LEAVE THIS LINE BLANK, YOUR NAME WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT IN THE FORM THAT IT APPEARS IN THE "NAME" BOX AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE.

SIGNATURE

PRINT

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY NONPARTISAN

Table with 4 columns: NAME, ADDRESS-ZIP CODE, OFFICE, CITY OR DISTRICT

STATE OF ILLINOIS) County of _____) SS.

I, _____, being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at _____ Street, in the _____ of _____ City or Village or unincorporated area _____ Zip Code _____ in the County of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service)

_____ State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein, that I am a candidate for _____ to the office of _____ in the _____ Nomination or Election _____ to be voted upon at the election to be held on _____; _____ City, School, College or Special District (insert month, day, year)

and that I am legally qualified to hold such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official ballot for _____ to such office. _____ Nomination or Election

Signature of Candidate

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ Name of Candidate

before me, on _____ (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

NOTARY PUBLIC

IF YOUR NAME AS IT APPEARS IN THE BOX ABOVE IS NOT IN THE FORM YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT, SIGN AND PRINT YOUR NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO BE CERTIFIED (INCLUDING NICKNAME AND INITIALS, IF DESIRED) ON THE LINE BELOW. THE PRINTED AND SIGNED FORMS ON THE LINE BELOW MUST BE THE SAME. IF YOU LEAVE THIS LINE BLANK, YOUR NAME WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT IN THE FORM THAT IT APPEARS IN THE "NAME" BOX AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE.

SIGNATURE

PRINT

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

INDEPENDENT

Table with 4 columns: NAME, ADDRESS-ZIP CODE, OFFICE, CITY, VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP, COUNTY, DISTRICT OR STATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____, being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at _____ Street, in the _____ of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) City or Village or unincorporated area _____ Zip Code _____ in the County of _____ State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein, that I am a candidate for election to the office of _____ in the _____ to be voted upon at the election to be held on _____, City, Village, Township, County, District or State (insert month, day, year)

and that I am legally qualified to hold such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official ballot for election to such office.

Signature of Candidate

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ Name of Candidate

before me, on _____ (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

NOTARY PUBLIC

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SIGNATURE PRINT

ATTACH TO PETITION

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Suggested
Revised July, 1999
SBE No. P-1C

LOYALTY OATH
(OPTIONAL)

United States of America)
) SS.
State of Illinois)

I, _____, do swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States and the State of Illinois, that I am not affiliated directly or indirectly with any communist organization or any communist front organization, or any foreign political agency, party, organization or government which advocates the overthrow of constitutional government by force or other means not permitted under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of this State; that I do not directly or indirectly teach or advocate the overthrow of the government of the United States or of this State or any unlawful change in the form of the governments thereof by force or any unlawful means.

Signature of Candidate

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me,
(Name of Candidate)

on _____
(insert month, day, year)

NOTARY PUBLIC

(SEAL)

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

NEW POLITICAL PARTY

NAME	ADDRESS-ZIP CODE	OFFICE	CITY, VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP, COUNTY, DISTRICT OR STATE	PARTY

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____, being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at
_____ Street, in the _____
City or Village or unincorporated area

of _____, Zip Code _____ in the County of
(if unincorporated list municipality that provides postal service)

_____ State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein, that I am a candidate for election
to the office of _____ in the _____
City, Village, Township, County, District or State

to be voted upon at the election to be held on _____; and that I am legally qualified to hold
(insert month, day, year)

such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests
as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official
ballot for election to such office.

Signature of Candidate

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____
Name of Candidate

before me, on _____
(insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

NOTARY PUBLIC

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SIGNATURE PRINT

CERTIFICATION OF DELETIONS

I, _____, do hereby certify that I have properly initialed
(Insert Name of Candidate or Circulator)
the deletions of signatures, listed hereinafter by page and line numbers, from the petition of _____
who is a candidate for _____
(Name of Candidate) (Election or Nomination)
to the office of _____ at the _____ Election to be held on _____
(insert month, day, year)

Page No.	Line No.	Page No.	Line No.	Page No.	Line No.

(Signature of Person Deleting Signatures)

Only the person circulating the petition, or the candidate on whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any signature from the petition. If deletions are made, this **CERTIFICATION OF DELETIONS** shall be filed as part of the petition.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTACHED LIST OF DELETIONS

We, the undersigned persons who have stricken signatures from the attached hereby certify that there is/are _____ page(s) of **CERTIFICATION OF DELETIONS** listing signatures which have been stricken, and are attached hereafter to the petitions of _____ who is a candidate for election to the office of _____ at the _____
(Name of Candidate)
Election to be held on _____
(insert month, day, year)

The following are the page numbers indicated on the attached **CERTIFICATION OF DELETIONS**:

(CANDIDATE)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

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Every person striking signatures from the petition shall each sign this certificate. This certificate shall be filed as part of the petition, shall be numbered, and shall be attached immediately following the last page of voters' signatures and preceding any **CERTIFICATION OF DELETION** sheets.

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE PETITION

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the _____ of _____ in the County of _____ and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person shall be an Independent Candidate for election to the office hereinafter specified to be voted for at the _____ election to be held on _____ (insert month, day, year)

NAME	OFFICE	ADDRESS--ZIP CODE

NAME	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1			IL
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State of _____)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ do hereby certify that I reside at _____

Street, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area (circle one) of _____

Zip Code _____, County of _____ State of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service)

that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated as above set forth.

(Signature of Person Making this Affidavit)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(Notary Public)

(SEAL)

**PETITION FOR NOMINATION
(NONPARTISAN)**

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the _____ of
_____ in the County of _____ and State of
Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person shall be a Nonpartisan Candidate for
_____ to the office hereinafter specified, in the political division aforesaid, to
(nomination or election)
be voted for at the _____ election to be held on _____
(Insert month, day, year)

PLEASE CIRCLE FULL TERM OR VACANCY AS SHOWN BELOW

NAME	OFFICE (full term) (vacancy)	ADDRESS--ZIP CODE

NAME	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1			IL
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State of _____)
) SS.
County of _____)

I, _____ do hereby certify that I reside at _____

Street, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area (circle one) of _____
(if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service)

Zip Code _____, County of _____ State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated as above set forth.

(Signature of Person Making this Affidavit)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(Notary Public)

(SEAL)

**PETITION FOR NOMINATION
(FOX WATERWAY AGENCY)**

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the Fox Waterway Agency, in the County of _____ and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person shall be a Nonpartisan Candidate for election to the office hereinafter specified, in the political division aforesaid, to be voted for at the _____ election to be held on _____ (insert month, day, year)

NAME	OFFICE	ADDRESS-ZIP CODE

NAME	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
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State of _____)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ do hereby certify that I reside at _____

Street, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area (circle one) of _____

Zip Code _____, County of _____ State of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service)

that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated as above set forth.

(Signature of Person Making this Affidavit)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(Notary Public)

(SEAL)

**PRIMARY PETITION
(NONPARTISAN – MUNICIPALITY -- COMMISSION FORM)**

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the _____ of _____ in the County of _____ and State of Illinois, and residing at the places set opposite our respective names, do hereby petition that the name of _____, who resides at _____ in the City, Village of _____ Zip Code _____ County of _____ State of Illinois, be placed upon the ballot as a candidate for the nomination for the office of *(full term), *(vacancy) _____ at the Consolidated Primary Election to be held on _____ (insert month, day, year)

***PLEASE CIRCLE FULL TERM OR VACANCY AS SHOWN ABOVE.**

NAME	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
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State of _____)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ do hereby certify that I reside at _____ Street, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area (circle one) of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code _____, County of _____ State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated as above set forth.

(Signature of Person Making this Affidavit)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(Notary Public)

(SEAL)

PETITION FOR NOMINATION
TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
NO. _____

We, the undersigned, being (_____ or more) (or 10% or more) of the voters residing within said district, hereby petition that _____ who resides at _____ in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of _____ (If unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) in _____ Township in said district shall be a candidate for the office of member of the Board of Trustees *(full term), *(vacancy) to be voted for at the Consolidated Election to be held on _____ (insert month, day, year).

*PLEASE CIRCLE FULL TERM OR VACANCY AS SHOWN ABOVE.

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State of _____)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ do hereby certify that I reside at _____ Street, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area (circle one) of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code _____, County of _____ State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated as above set forth.

(Signature of Person Making this Affidavit)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____ (Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(Notary Public)

(SEAL)

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10 ILCS 5/10-3.1
110 ILCS 805/3-7.10

Suggested
Revised July, 2001
SBE No. P-6A

**PETITION FOR NOMINATION
TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES WHICH ELECT FROM DISTRICTS RATHER THAN AT-LARGE
NO. _____**

We, the undersigned, being (_____ or more) (or 10% or more) of the voters residing within said district,
hereby petition that _____ who resides at _____
in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of _____
in _____ Township in said district shall be a candidate for the office of member of the Board of
Trustees _____ District *(full term), *(vacancy) to be voted for at the Consolidated Election to
be held on _____
(insert month, day, year)

***PLEASE CIRCLE FULL TERM OR VACANCY AS SHOWN ABOVE.**

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State of _____)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ do hereby certify that I reside at _____
Street, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area (circle one) of _____
Zip Code _____, County of _____ State of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service)
that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90
days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the
persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate
is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated as above set forth.

(Signature of Person Making this Affidavit)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(Notary Public)

(SEAL)

PETITION FOR NOMINATION
(LEAVE OUT THE INAPPLICABLE PART)

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS) OF DISTRICT NUMBER _____ IN _____ COUNTY OF ILLINOIS.

We, the undersigned, being (_____ or more) (or 10% or more) (or 5% or more) of the voters residing within said district, hereby petition that _____ who resides at _____ in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of _____ (If unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) in Township _____ in said district shall be a candidate for the office of _____ of the Board of Education (or Board of Directors) *(full term), *(vacancy) to be voted for at the Consolidated Election to be held on _____ (insert month, day, year)

*PLEASE CIRCLE FULL TERM OR VACANCY AS SHOWN ABOVE.

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State of _____)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ do hereby certify that I reside at _____ Street, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area (circle one) of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code _____, County of _____ State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated as above set forth.

(Signature of Person Making this Affidavit)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____ (Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(Notary Public)

(SEAL)

**PETITION FOR NOMINATION
FOR SCHOOL BOARDS WHICH ELECT FROM DISTRICTS RATHER THAN AT-LARGE OR BY TOWNSHIP
(LEAVE OUT THE INAPPLICABLE PART)**

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS) OF DISTRICT NUMBER _____ IN _____ COUNTY OF ILLINOIS.

We, the undersigned, being (_____ or more) (or 10% or more) (or 5% or more) of the voters residing within said district, hereby petition that _____ who resides at _____ in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of _____ in _____ Township _____ (If unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) in said district shall be a candidate for the office of _____ of the Board of Education (or Board of Directors) _____ District *(full term), *(vacancy) to be voted for at the Consolidated Election to be held on _____ (insert month, day, year)

***PLEASE CIRCLE FULL TERM OR VACANCY AS SHOWN ABOVE.**

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State of _____)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ do hereby certify that I reside at _____ Street, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area (circle one) of _____ (If unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code _____, County of _____ State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated as above set forth.

(Signature of Person Making this Affidavit)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____ (Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(Notary Public)

(SEAL)

**PETITION FOR NOMINATION
(To Form a New Political Party)**

We, the undersigned, qualified voters of the _____ of _____ in the County of _____ and State of Illinois, do declare that it is our intention to form a new political party in the political division aforesaid, to be known and designated as the _____ Party, and do hereby petition that the following named persons shall be candidates for the offices hereinafter specified, to be voted at the Election to be held on _____ (insert month, day, year).

A COMPLETE SLATE IS HEREBY PRESENTED

NAME	OFFICE	ADDRESS - ZIP CODE

NAME	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
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State of _____)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ do hereby certify that I reside at _____ Street, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area (circle one) of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code _____, County of _____ State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated as above set forth.

(Signature of Person Making this Affidavit)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____ (Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(Notary Public)

(SEAL)

PETITION FOR NOMINATION AND FORMATION OF A NEW POLITICAL PARTY (IN CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE IN WHICH OFFICERS ARE TO BE ELECTED FROM DISTRICTS OR WARDS AND AT-LARGE)

We, the undersigned, qualified voters of District/Ward Number _____ in the City, Town or Village of _____, in the County of _____ and State of Illinois, do hereby declare that it is our intention to form a new political party in such city, town or village to be known as the _____ and the following named persons shall be candidates of such party for

(Name of New Political Party) the offices hereinafter specified to be voted at the Election to be held on _____ (insert month, day, year)

NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR ALL OFFICES TO BE ELECTED AT-LARGE

Table with 3 columns: NAME OF CANDIDATE, OFFICE, ADDRESS - ZIP CODE. Multiple empty rows.

NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR ALL OFFICES TO BE ELECTED BY DISTRICT OR WARD

Table with 4 columns: NAME OF CANDIDATE, OFFICE, DISTRICT OR WARD NO., ADDRESS - ZIP CODE. Multiple empty rows.

Table with 4 columns: NAME, STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER, CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE, COUNTY. Rows numbered 1 through 10.

State of _____)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ do hereby certify that I reside at _____

Street, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area (circle one) of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service)

Zip Code _____, County of _____, State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated as above set forth.

(Signature of Person Making this Affidavit)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____ (Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(Notary Public)

(SEAL)

**CERTIFICATE OF OFFICERS
AUTHORIZED TO FILL VACANCIES IN NOMINATION
FOR A NEW POLITICAL PARTY**

We, the undersigned, duly certify that the persons whose names and addresses are listed below are the designated officers of the _____
(Name of New Political Party)

who are authorized to fill vacancies in nomination pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-11.

(Name and Title)

(Name and Title)

(Address)

(Address)

(City) (Zip Code)

(City) (Zip Code)

(Name and Title)

(Name and Title)

(Address)

(Address)

(City) (Zip Code)

(City) (Zip Code)

Signed: _____
(CHAIRMAN)

Attest: _____
(SECRETARY)

(Use additional sheets if necessary)

A new political party petition shall have attached thereto a certificate stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. Failure to file this form results in party forfeiting the right to fill vacancies. It does not alone invalidate the petition.

GENERAL PRIMARY PETITION

We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the _____ Party and qualified primary electors of the _____ Party, in the _____ of _____ in the County of _____, and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person or persons shall be a candidate(s) of the _____ Party for the election/nomination for the office or offices hereinafter specified to be voted for at the primary election to be held on _____.

(insert month, day, year)

NAME	OFFICE	ADDRESS

NAME	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
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State of _____)
) SS.
 County of _____)

I, _____ do hereby certify that I reside at _____ Street, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area (circle one) of _____

(if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service)
 Zip Code _____, County of _____, State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the _____ Party in the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated as above set forth.

 (Signature of Person Making this Affidavit)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____
 (Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

 (Notary Public)

(SEAL)

**PETITION FOR NOMINATION FOR
MULTI-COUNTY REGIONAL SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TO BE FILED WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

We, the undersigned, being 50 or more of the voters qualified to vote, hereby petition that _____ who resides at _____ in Township (or Road District) _____, in _____ County, shall be a candidate for the office of MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES of _____ *(full term),

(Name of Counties Comprising Region)
*(vacancy) to be voted for at the Consolidated Election to be held _____ (insert month, day, year)

*PLEASE CIRCLE FULL TERM OR VACANCY AS SHOWN ABOVE

NAME	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1			IL
2			IL
3			IL
4			IL
5			IL
6			IL
7			IL
8			IL
9			IL
10			IL
11			IL
12			IL
13			IL
14			IL
15			IL
16			IL
17			IL
18			IL
19			IL
20			IL

State of _____)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ do hereby certify that I reside at _____

Street, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area (circle one) of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service)
Zip Code _____, County _____ State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated as above set forth.

(Signature of Person Making this Affidavit)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____ (Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(Notary Public)

**PETITION FOR NOMINATION FOR
 SINGLE-COUNTY REGIONAL SCHOOL TRUSTEES
 TO BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK**

We, the undersigned, being 50 or more of the voters qualified to vote, hereby petition that _____ who resides at _____ in Township (or Road District) _____, in _____ County, shall be a candidate for the office of MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES of _____ *(full term),
 (Name of County)

*(vacancy) to be voted for at the Consolidated Election to be held on _____
 (insert month, day, year)

***PLEASE CIRCLE FULL TERM OR VACANCY AS SHOWN ABOVE**

NAME	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1			IL
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3			IL
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State of _____)
) SS.
 County of _____)

I, _____ do hereby certify that I reside at _____
 Street, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area (circle one) of _____

(if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service)
 Zip Code _____, County of _____ State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older,
 that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more
 than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge
 and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in
 which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated as above set
 forth.

 (Signature of Person Making this Affidavit)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____
 (Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

 (Notary Public)

(SEAL)

**PETITION FOR NOMINATION
FOR TRUSTEE OF SCHOOLS**

TO THE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL TREASURER OF TOWNSHIP NO. _____, RANGE NO. _____
IN THE COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

We, the undersigned, being at least 25 voters residing within said Township hereby petition that _____ who resides at _____ in Township No. _____, Range No. _____, shall be a candidate for the office of TRUSTEE OF SCHOOLS in Township No. _____, Range No. _____, for a "(full term), *(vacancy) to be voted for at the Consolidated Election to be held on _____ (insert month, day, year)

*PLEASE CIRCLE FULL TERM OR VACANCY AS SHOWN ABOVE

NAME	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
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State of _____)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ do hereby certify that I reside at _____ Street, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area (circle one) of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code _____, County of _____ State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated as above set forth.

(Signature of Person Making this Affidavit)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(Notary Public)

(SEAL)

SHEET NO. _____

WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY

I, _____ being first duly sworn, say that I reside at

 (Name of Candidate)
 _____ in the City/Village of _____,
 County of _____ and State of Illinois; that I am the same person whose name
 is subscribed hereto in whose behalf nomination papers were filed for the office of
 _____ district,
 _____ Party, and I hereby withdraw as a candidate for said office and
 respectfully request that my name **NOT** be printed upon the official ballot as a candidate for the
 _____ Election to be held on _____.
 (insert month, day, year)

 SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

STATE OF _____)
) SS.
 COUNTY OF _____)

I, _____, a Notary Public, in and for said County and
 State aforesaid, do hereby certify that _____ personally known to
 me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to in the foregoing withdrawal, appeared
 before me in person this day and acknowledged that he/she signed the said instrument as his free
 and voluntary act of his/her own will and accord.

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before
 me, on _____.
 (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

 NOTARY PUBLIC

Withdrawal is filed with the office where original nominating petition or certificate of nomination was filed. Upon receipt, the local election official must issue amended certification to each election authority who prepares ballots for the political subdivision.

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