

SPECIAL ELECTION CALENDAR
SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
FEBRUARY 26, 2013

Monday, December 3, 2012

Governor issued a Writ of Election on November 26 ordering that a Special Election to fill the vacancy in the office of Representative in Congress be conducted on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 and that a Special Primary Election to nominate candidates of established political parties be conducted on Tuesday, February 26, 2013. (U.S. Constitution, Art I, Sec. 2, Clause 4; 2 U.S.C. §8; 10 ILCS 5/2A-4; 10 ILCS 5/25-7, 5/7-61) P.A. 97-1134 changed the date of the special election to Tuesday, April 9, 2013. The Governor issued an amended Writ on December 3, in accordance with the new legislation.

Friday, December 28, 2012

Last day the election authority shall provide public notice, calculated to reach the elderly and handicapped voters, of the registration and voting aids under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act and of the availability of assistance in marking the ballot, and procedures for voting by absentee ballot. (10 ILCS 7-15)

Thursday, January 3, 2013

First day for candidates of established political parties to file original nomination papers in the principal office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(1))

Thursday, January 3, and Monday, January 7, 2013

The State Board of Elections will give written notice to each candidate filing petitions simultaneously at 8AM on January 3 and between 4PM and 5PM on January 7, of the time and place for conducting a lottery to determine ballot position for such candidates. In addition, notice shall be given to the chairman of each established political party and to each organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction entitled to have pollwatchers present at the last preceding election. Notice will also be posted at the entrance to each office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), Public Act 097-1044)

Monday, January 7, 2013

Last day for candidates of established political parties to file original nomination papers in the principal office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(1))

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

Last day for the State Board of Elections to conduct a lottery to determine ballot position for candidates when 2 or more petitions are filed simultaneously as of the opening hour for filing nominating petitions on January 3, 2013 and between 4PM and 5PM on January 7, 2013. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), Public Act 097-1044)

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

Last day (by 5:00 p.m.) a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate (Exception: If an objection to the person's nominating papers or petitions for the office is sustained after this date and the decision to sustain the objection has not been reversed by a reviewing court, the person may file a Declaration of Intent not later than 7 days prior to the Special Primary Election). Such Declarations must be filed in the offices of the appropriate election authorities. Declarations received by an election authority after 5:00 p.m. shall not be valid. Write-in votes shall only be counted for persons who have timely filed valid declarations of intent to be write-in candidates. (10 ILCS 5/7-59(b))

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify to the appropriate county clerks the names of candidates for the Special Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/7-13.1; 5/7-14)

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

Last day for the Cook County Clerk to certify to the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners the names of candidates for the Special Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/7-13.1; 5/7-14)

Friday, January 11, 2013

Last day for election authority whose office is not open on Saturday, January 12 to transmit electronically or by expedited mail official absentee ballots or equivalent ballots to persons in the United States Service (members of the Armed Forces while on active duty, members of the merchant Marine, and United States government employees serving outside the territorial limits of the United States) or their spouse and dependents, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and nonresident civilians. If the ballot provided does not include the names of candidates to be nominated at the Primary, the election authority shall advise such voters that the names of candidates to be nominated shall be available on the election authority's website and shall provide a phone number the voter may call to request the names of such candidates. In all cases, the election authority shall provide a notice to such absentee voters that the candidates listed on the ballot, or contained in any separate list may not appear on the final ballot if an objection is filed against their nominating papers and such objection is sustained. The election authority shall advise such absentee voters that an updated list of the names of candidates who have been objected to, and the status of such candidates (either certified for the ballot or removed) shall be available on the election authority's website and shall provide a phone number the person may call to request the names and status of such candidates. (42 U.S.C. § 1973ff-1(a)8(A), 10 ILCS 5/7-16, 5/16-5.01, P.A. 97-1134)

Saturday, January 12, 2013

Last day for election authority to transmit electronically or by expedited mail official absentee ballots or equivalent ballots to persons in the United States Service (members of the Armed Forces while on active duty, members of the merchant Marine, and United States government employees serving outside the territorial limits of the United States) or their spouse and dependents, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and nonresident civilians. If the ballot provided does not include the names of candidates to be nominated at the Primary, the election authority shall advise such voters that the names of

candidates to be nominated shall be available on the election authority's website and shall provide a phone number the voter may call to request the names of such candidates. In all cases, the election authority shall provide a notice to such absentee voters that the candidates listed on the ballot, or contained in any separate list may not appear on the final ballot if an objection is filed against their nominating papers and such objection is sustained. The election authority shall advise such absentee voters that an updated list of the names of candidates who have been objected to, and the status of such candidates (either certified for the ballot or removed) shall be available on the election authority's website and shall provide a phone number the person may call to request the names and status of such candidates. (42 U.S.C. § 1973ff-1(a)8(A), 10 ILCS 5/7-16, 5/16-5.01, P.A. 97-1134)

Monday, January 14, 2013

Last day to file objections to nomination papers of candidates who filed nomination papers from January 3, 2013 through January 7, 2013. Objections may be filed in the principal office of the State Board of Elections in Springfield, or the Board's permanent branch office in Chicago. (10 ILCS 5/7-12.1, 5/10-8)

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

No later than this date, official ballots must be transmitted to UOCAVA voters who requested absentee ballots prior to this date, by the method expressly requested by the voter (e-mail, fax or express mail delivery). (Consent Decree approved by the Federal Court on January 11, 2013, Case No. 13-cv-00189)

Thursday, January 17, 2013

Last day for organizations of citizens which have among its purposes the investigation or prosecution of election fraud and State non-partisan civic organizations to register their names and addresses and the names and addresses of their principal officers in order to be eligible for pollwatcher credentials for the Special Primary Election. Such registration shall be in the office of the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/7-34)

Thursday, January 17, 2013

First day for registered voters within the confines of the United States to make application by mail or in person for an Absent Voter's Ballot for the Special Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

Monday, January 28, 2013

Last day for unregistered citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States who are otherwise qualified to vote and who expect to be absent from their county of residence to apply for a ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence. Application must be made on the Federal Post Card Application or on forms provided by the election authority. If application is received not less than 10 days before the election, the applicant shall be sent a ballot and registration is waived. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1)

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

Last day for voter registration in the office of the election authority or to transfer registration to a new address for the Special Primary Election, with the exception of "grace period" registration and voting. (10 ILCS 5/4-6, 5/4-16, 5/5-5, 5/5-23, 5/6-29, 5/6-50, 5/6-51, 5/6-53, 5/6-100)

Last day for registration of voters by deputy registrars and registrars in branch offices prior to the Special Primary Election. Completed registrations and supporting materials shall be returned to the office of the election authority within 24 hours of the date received by the registrar or by the close of business on January 30, 2013, whichever occurs first. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2(a), 5/5-16.2(a), 5/6-35.03, 5/6-50.2)

Last day for voter registration or to transfer registration to a new address by mail or in qualifying State agencies and in Secretary of State driver's license examination stations for the Special Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/4-6, 5/4-16, 5/5-5, 5/5-23, 5/6-29, 5/6-50, 5/6-51, 5/6-53)

Wednesday, January 30, 2013

Last day for the State Board of Elections to adjudicate objections to candidates who filed petitions to appear on the February 26, 2013 Special Primary Election ballot. This date is subject to modification by the Court in the event that such objections cannot be adjudicated by this date. (Consent Decree approved by the Federal Court on January 11, 2013, Case No. 13-cv-00189)

Wednesday, January 30, 2013

First day of "grace period" registration and voting in the office of the election authority or at a voter registration location specifically designated for this purpose by the election authority. During the grace period, individuals may register to vote or submit a change of registration address in person in the election authority's office or at designated locations. If such individuals wish to vote at the first election or primary after the grace period, they must do so either in person at the election authority's office or at a location designated for that purpose, unless the election authority, in its discretion, permits such individuals to vote absentee by mail. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5/5-50, 5/6-100)

Thursday, January 31, 2013

Last day for the election authority to send individual notice to UOCAVA voters of the final list of names of certified candidates appearing on the February 26, 2013 Special Primary ballot. (Consent Decree approved by the Federal Court on January 11, 2013, Case No. 13-cv-00189)

Monday, February 4, 2013

First day for the election authority to publish a schedule of the dates and times that early voting will be conducted and the location of each permanent and temporary polling place for early voting and the precincts served by each location. The election authority shall publish a similar schedule at least once a week during the early voting period and post a copy of the schedule at each location to be used for early voting and on the election authority's Internet web site. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25)

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

Last day for the election authority to post a schedule for early voting at each location where early voting will be conducted. The schedule shall remain posted continuously until the end of early voting (February 23, 2013). (10 ILCS 5/19A-25(b))

Monday, February 11, 2013

First day for early voting at the offices of the election authority and at permanent polling place locations designated by the election authority. Early voting shall be conducted at such locations between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. A permanent early voting location must remain open for a total of at least 8 hours on any holiday during the early voting period and a total of at least 14 hours on the final weekend during the early voting period. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Last day for election authority to have pollwatcher credentials available for distribution. (10 ILCS 5/7-34)

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

First day a qualified voter admitted to a hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation center not more than 14 days before the Special Primary Election may make application for personal delivery of an Absent Voter's Ballot. (10 ILCS 5/19-13)

Friday, February 15, 2013

Last day to publish notice of primary. Notice shall include the primary date, poll hours, offices to be listed on the ballot and the political parties entitled to participate. (10 ILCS 5/7-15)

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

Last day any voter who is a member of the United States Service (members of the Armed Forces while on active duty, members of the Merchant Marine, and United States government employees serving outside the territorial limits of the United States) and his/her spouse and dependents of voting age who expects to be absent from his/her county of residence on election day to apply by mail, by facsimile machine or by other methods of electronic transmission for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over their residence. No registration is required to vote. Application must be made on the Federal Post Card Application or on forms provided by the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/20-2, 5/20-2.3, 5/20-3)

Last day for non-resident civilian citizens, otherwise qualified to vote, to make application to the election authority having jurisdiction over his/her precinct of former residence for an absentee ballot. Registration is not required. Application may be made on the Federal Post Card Application or by facsimile or electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.2)

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

Last day (by 5:00 p.m.) a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate if an objection to the person's nominating papers or petitions for the office is sustained and the decision to sustain the objection has not been reversed by a reviewing court after the date of certification. Such Declarations must be filed in the office of the appropriate election authority. Declarations received by the election authority after 5:00 p.m. will not be valid. Write-in votes shall only be counted for persons who have timely filed valid declarations of intent to be a write-in candidate. (10 ILCS 5/7-59(b))

Thursday, February 21, 2013

Last day for the election authority to receive an application by mail for an Absent Voter's Ballot for the Special Primary Election and the last day for the election authority to mail such a ballot. (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

Thursday, February 21, 2013

Last day for election authority to publish in 2 or more newspapers published in and having general circulation in the county a true and legible copy of the specimen ballot containing the names of offices and candidates to be voted on, as near as may be, in the form in which they will appear on the official ballot on election day. (10 ILCS 5/24B-18, 5/24C-18)

Thursday, February 21, 2013

Last day to post (by noon) the names and addresses of nursing home facilities from which no applications were received and in which no supervised absentee voting will be conducted. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.3)

Thursday, February 21, 2013

Last day for the election authority to conduct a public test of the automatic tabulating equipment (optical scan voting devices, direct recording electronic voting devices, touch screen voting devices, vote tallying software and equipment). The election authority must give public notice and notify the State Board of Elections of the date, time and location of the test at least 48 hours prior to such test. (10 ILCS 5/24A-9, 5/24B-9, 5/24C-9)

Friday, February 22, 2013

Last day for the election authority to have official ballots available for inspection by candidates or their agents. (10 ILCS 5/16-5)

Saturday, February 23, 2013

Last day for early voting at the offices of the election authority and at permanent polling place locations designated by the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

Saturday, February 23 2013

Last day of "grace period" registration and voting in the office of the election authority or at a voter registration location specifically designated for this purpose by the election authority. During the grace period, individuals may register to vote or submit a change of registered voter's address in person in the election authority's office or at designated locations. If such individuals wish to vote at the first election or primary after the grace period, they must do either in person at the election authority's office or at a location designated for that purpose, unless the election authority, in its discretion, permits such individuals to vote by mail. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5/5-50, 5/6-100)

Friday, February 22, 2013

Saturday, February 23, 2013

Sunday, February 24, 2013

Monday, February 25, 2013

Dates that may be scheduled by the election authority for absentee voting on the premises of facilities licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act for the sole benefit of

the residents of such facilities who have made prior application not later than 5 days before the election. Such voting shall be conducted during any continuous period sufficient to allow all applicants to cast their ballots between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on any one of these days. (10 ILCS 5/19-4, 5/19-12.2)

Monday, February 25, 2013

Last day any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States may apply in person for an Absent Voter's Ballot for the Special Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

Monday, February 25, 2013

Last day for any temporarily or permanently physically disabled voter to request the election authority that two (2) judges of election of opposite political party affiliation deliver a ballot to him/her at the point where he/she is unable to continue forward motion toward the polling place. (10 ILCS 5/7-47.1(b))

Monday, February 25, 2013

Last day for the election authority to deliver (prior to the opening of the polls) to judges of election in each precinct a list of registered voters in that precinct to whom absentee ballots have been issued by mail and a list of grace period and early voters. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5/5-50, 5/6-100, 5/19-4, 5/19A-5(c))

Tuesday, February 26, 2013 SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
Polling Places open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (10 ILCS 5/7-5, 5/25-7, as amended by PA 97-1134)

Thursday, February 28, 2013

Last day a person casting a provisional ballot may submit additional information to the election authority to verify or support his/her registration status. Material must be received by the election authority by this date. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d))

Thursday, February 28, 2013

Registration re-opens in the office of the election authority and for all deputy registrars. (10 ILCS 5/4-6, 5/5-5, 5/6-50)

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Last day for the election authority to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a))

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Last day for the election authority to process and count absent voters' ballots (1) mailed and postmarked by midnight preceding the opening of the polls on election day but received after the close of the polls and by this date, or (2) not postmarked at all, but having a certification date prior to election day on the certification envelope and received after the close of the polls and by this date. (10 ILCS 5/19-8(c))

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Last day for the election authority to conduct final canvass of election returns and certify the names of candidates nominated at the Special Primary. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a), 5/7-60.1)

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Last day for the election authority to transmit to the State Board of Elections the following information with respect to the election: (1) the number, by precinct, of absentee ballots requested, provided, and counted; (2) the number of rejected absentee ballots; (3) the number of voters seeking review of rejected absentee ballots; and (4) the number of absentee ballots counted following review. (10 ILCS 5/19-20)

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Last day for election authority to conduct a lottery to determine the order in which the major political parties will appear on the Special Election ballot. (10 ILCS 5/7-60, 5/7-60.1)

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Last day for Congressional committee of established political party to file a resolution to fill a vacancy in nomination when no candidate was nominated at the Special Primary Election. Resolutions to fill vacancies in nomination must be filed in the State Board of Elections' principal office in Springfield. (10 ILCS 5/7-61)

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Last day for the State Board of Elections to complete its final canvass of the vote. (10 ILCS 5/22-7, 5/18A-15(a))

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify to the County Clerk the names of all established political party candidates whose names have been nominated as shown by the proclamation of the State Board of Elections or have been nominated to fill a vacancy in nomination, directing the County Clerk to place upon the official ballot the names of such candidates in the same manner and in the same order as shown upon the certification. (10 ILCS 5/7-13.1)

Last day for the Cook County Clerk to certify to the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners the names of all candidates certified by the State Board of Elections and declare that the names of such candidates for the respective offices shall be placed upon the official ballot for the Special Election in the same manner and in the same order as shown upon the certification. (10 ILCS 5/7-13.1)

Thursday, March 14, 2013

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

SPECIAL ELECTION
APRIL 9, 2013
(10ILCS 5/27-5 as amended by PA 97-1134)

Thursday, January 31, 2013

First day for independent and new political party candidates to file original nomination papers in the principal office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/25-7, as amended by PA 97-1134)

Thursday, January 31 and Monday, February 4, 2013

The State Board of Elections will give written notice to each candidate filing petitions simultaneously at 8AM on January 31 and between 4PM and 5PM on February 4, of the time and place for conducting a lottery to determine ballot position for such candidates. In addition, notice shall be given to the chairman of each established political party and to each organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction entitled to have pollwatchers present at the last preceding election. Notice will also be posted at the entrance to each office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/10-6.2, Public Act 097-1044)

Monday, February 4, 2013

Last day for independent and new political party candidates to file original nomination papers in the principal office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/25-7, as amended by PA 97-1134)

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Last day for State Board of Elections to conduct a lottery to determine ballot position for candidates where 2 or more independent candidate petitions or two or more new political party candidate petitions were filed simultaneously as of the opening hour of the first day of filing; January 31, 2013 and between 4PM and 5PM on February 4, 2013. (10 ILCS 5/10-6.2, Public Act 097-1044)

Thursday, February 7, 2013

Last day (by 5:00 p.m.) a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate (Exception: If an objection to the person's nominating papers or petitions for the office is sustained after this date and the decision to sustain the objection has not been reversed by a reviewing court, the person may file a Declaration of Intent not later than 7 days prior to the Special Primary Election). Such Declarations must be filed in the offices of the appropriate election authorities. Declarations received by an election authority after 5:00 p.m. shall not be valid. Write-in votes shall only be counted for persons who have timely filed valid declarations of intent to be write-in candidates. (10 ILCS 5/17-16.1; 10 ILCS 5/18-9.1)

Friday, February 8, 2013

Last day the election authority shall provide public notice, calculated to reach the elderly and handicapped voter, of the registration and voting aids under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act and of the availability of assistance in marking the ballot, and procedures for voting by absentee ballot. (10 ILCS 5/12-1)

Monday, February 11, 2013

Last day to file objections to independent and new political party candidate nomination papers filed during the period January 31 through February 4, 2013. Objections to petitions may be filed in the principal office of the State Board of Elections in Springfield or in the Board's permanent branch office in Chicago. (10 ILCS 5/10-8)

Thursday, February 28, 2013

Last day for organizations of citizens which have among its purposes the investigation or prosecution of election fraud and State non-partisan civic organizations to register their names and addresses and the names and addresses of their principal officers in order to be eligible for pollwatcher credentials for the Special Election. File in the office of the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/17-23(5), 5/18-6)

Friday, March 8, 2013

No later than this date, official ballots must be transmitted to UOCAVA voters who requested absentee ballots prior to this date, by the method expressly requested by the voter (e-mail, fax or express mail delivery). (Consent Decree approved by the Federal Court on January 11, 2013, Case No. 13-cv-00189)

Monday, March 11, 2013

Last day for unregistered citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States who are otherwise qualified to vote and who expect to be absent from their county of residence on election day to apply for a ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over his/her precinct of residence. Application should be made on the Federal Post Card Application or on forms provided by the election authority. If application is received not less than 10 days before the election, the applicant shall be sent a ballot and registration is waived. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1)

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Last day for State Board of Elections to certify to the County Clerk the names of independent candidates and new political party candidates whose nomination papers were filed with the State Board of Elections and to direct the County Clerk to place upon the official ballot for the Special Election the names of such candidates in the same manner and in the same order as shown upon the certification. (10 ILCS 5/10-14)

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Last day for the Cook County Clerk to certify to the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners the names of independent candidates and new political party candidates certified to the Clerk by the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/10-14)

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Last day for voter registration in the office of the election authority or to transfer registration to a new address for the Special Election, with the exception of "grace period" registration. (10 ILCS 5/5-5, 5/5-23, 5/6-29, 5/6-50, 5/6-51, 5/6-53, 5/6-100)

Last day for registration of voters by deputy registrars prior to the Special Election. Completed registrations and supporting materials accepted shall be returned to the office of the election authority within 24 hours of the date received by the registrar or by the close of business on March 13, 2013, whichever occurs first. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2(a), 5/5-16.2(a), 5/6-35.03, 5/6-50.2)

Last day for voter registration or to transfer registration to a new address by mail or in qualifying State agencies and in Secretary of State driver's license examination stations for the Special Election. (10 ILCS 5/4-6, 5/4-16, 5/5-5, 5/5-23, 5/6-29, 5/6-50, 5/6-51, 5/6-53)

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

First day for the election authority to publish a schedule of the dates and times that early voting will be conducted and the location of each permanent and temporary polling place for early voting and the precincts served by each location. The election authority shall publish a similar schedule at least once a week during the early voting period and post a copy of the schedule at each location to be used for early voting and on the election authority's Internet web site. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25)

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

First day of "grace period" registration and voting in the office of the election authority or at a voter registration location specifically designated for this purpose by the election authority. During the grace period, individuals may register to vote or submit a change of registered voter's address in person in the election authority's office or at designated locations. If such individuals wish to vote at the first election or primary after the grace period, they must do either in person at the election authority's office or at a location designated for that purpose, unless the election authority, in its discretion, permits such individuals to vote by mail. (10 ILCS 5/6-100)

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Last day for the election authority to post a schedule for early voting at each location where early voting will be conducted. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25(b))

Thursday, March 14, 2013

Last day for election authority to transmit electronically or by expedited mail official absentee ballots or equivalent ballots to persons in the United States Service (members of the Armed Forces while on active duty, members of the merchant Marine, and United States government employees serving outside the territorial limits of the United States) or their spouse and dependents, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and nonresident civilians. If the ballot provided does not include the names of candidates to be nominated at the Primary, the election authority shall advise such voters that the names of candidates to be nominated shall be available on the election authority's website and shall provide a phone number the voter may call to request the names of such candidates. In all cases, the election authority shall provide a notice to such absentee voters that the candidates listed on the ballot, or contained in any separate list may not appear on the final ballot if an objection is filed against their nominating papers and such objection is sustained. The election authority shall advise such absentee voters that an updated list of the names of candidates who have been objected to, and the status of such candidates (either certified for the ballot or removed) shall be

available on the election authority's website and shall provide a phone number the person may call to request the names and status of such candidates. (42 U.S.C. § 1973ff-1(a)8(A), 10 ILCS 5/16-5.01, P.A. 97-1134)

Friday, March 15, 2013

First day for any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States to make application by mail or in person to the election authority for an official ballot. (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Last day to publish notice of Special Election. (10 ILCS 5/12-1)

Monday, March 25, 2013

First day for early voting at the offices of the election authority and at permanent polling place locations designated by the election authority. Early voting shall be conducted at such locations between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. A permanent early voting location must remain open for a total of at least 8 hours on any holiday during the early voting period and a total of at least 14 hours on the final weekend during the early voting period. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

Last day for election authority to have pollwatcher credentials available for distribution. (10 ILCS 5/17-23, 5/18-6)

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

First day a qualified voter admitted to a hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation center not more than 14 days before the Election may make application for personal delivery of an Absent Voter's Ballot. (10 ILCS 5/19-13)

Monday, April 1, 2013

Last day any voter who is a member of the United States Service (members of the Armed Forces while on active duty, members of the Merchant Marine, and United States government employees serving outside the territorial limits of the United States) and his/her spouse and dependents of voting age who expects to be absent from his/her county of residence on election day to apply by mail, by facsimile machine or by other methods of electronic transmission for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over their residence. No registration required to vote. Application should be made on the Federal Post Card Application or on forms provided by the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/20-2, 5/20-2.3, 5/20-3)

Last day for non-resident civilian citizens, otherwise qualified to vote, to make application to the election authority having jurisdiction over his/her precinct of former residence for an absentee ballot. Registration is not required. Application may be made on the Federal Post Card Application or by facsimile or electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.2)

Last day for election authority to publish precinct polling place addresses, if not included in notice of election. (10 ILCS 5/12-4)

Tuesday, April 2, 2013

Last day (by 5:00 p.m.) a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate if an objection to the person's nominating papers or petitions for the office is sustained and the decision to sustain the objection has not been reversed by a reviewing court after the date of certification. Such Declaration must be filed in the office of the appropriate election authority. Declarations received by the election authority after 5:00 p.m. shall not be valid. Write-in votes shall only be counted for persons who have timely filed valid declarations of intent to be write-in candidates. (10 ILCS 5/17-16.1; 10 ILCS 5/18-9.1)

Thursday, April 4, 2013

Last day for the election authority to receive an application by mail for an Absent Voter's Ballot for the Special Election and the last day for the election authority to mail such a ballot. (10 ILCS 5/19-2, 5/19-4)

Last day for election authority to publish in 2 or more newspapers published in and having general circulation in the county a true and legible copy of the specimen ballot containing the names of offices and candidates to be voted on, as near as may be, in the form in which they will appear on the official ballot on election day. (10 ILCS 5/24B-18, 524C-18)

Last day (by noon) to post the names and addresses of nursing home facilities from which no applications were received and in which no supervised absentee voting will be conducted. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

Last day for election authority to conduct a public test of the automatic tabulating equipment (optical scan voting devices, direct recording electronic voting equipment, touch screen voting devices, vote tallying software and equipment). The election authority must give public notice and notify the State Board of Elections of the date, time and location of the test at least 48 hours prior to such test. (10 ILCS 5/24A-9, 5/24B-9, 5/24C-9)

Friday, April 5, 2013**Saturday, April 6, 2013****Sunday, April 7, 2013****Monday, April 8, 2013**

Dates that may be scheduled by the election authority for absentee voting on the premises of facilities licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act for the sole benefit of the residents of such facilities who have made prior application not later than 5 days before the election. Such voting shall be conducted during any continuous period sufficient to allow all applicants to cast their ballots between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on any one of these days. (10 ILCS 5/19-4, 5/19-12.2)

Saturday, April 6, 2013

Last day of "grace period" registration and voting in the office of the election authority or at a voter registration location specifically designated for this purpose by the election authority. During the grace period, individuals may register to vote or submit a change of registered voter's address in person in the election authority's office or at designated locations. If such individuals wish to vote at the first election or primary after the grace period, they must do either in person at the election authority's office or at a location designated for that purpose, unless the election authority, in its discretion, permits such individuals to vote by mail. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5/5-50, 5/6-100)

Saturday, April 6, 2013

Last day for early voting at the offices of the election authority and at permanent polling place locations designated by the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

Monday, April 8, 2013

Last day any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States may apply in person for an Absent Voter's Ballot for the Special Election. (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

Last day for any temporarily or permanently physically disabled voter to request the election authority that two (2) judges of election of opposite political party affiliation deliver a ballot to him/her at the point where he/she is unable to continue forward motion toward the polling place. (10 ILCS 5/17-13, 5/18-5.1)

Tuesday, APRIL 9, 2013 SPECIAL ELECTION
**Polling Places open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (10 ILCS 5/17-1, 5/18-2, 5/25-7 as amended
by PA 97-1143)**

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Last day a person casting a provisional ballot may submit additional information to the election authority to verify or support his/her registration status. Material must be received by the election authority by this date. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d))

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Registration re-opens in the office of the election authority and for deputy registrars. (10 ILCS 5/4-6, 5/5-5, 5/6-50)

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Last day for the election authority to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a))

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Last day for the election authority to process and count absent voters' ballots (1) mailed and postmarked by midnight preceding the opening of the polls on election day but received after the close of the polls and by this date, or (2) not postmarked at all, but having a certification date prior to election day on the certification envelope and received after the close of the polls and by this date. (10 ILCS 5/19-8(c))

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Last day for the election authority to conduct final canvass of election returns. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a))

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

Last day for the election authority to transmit to the State Board of Elections the following information with respect to the election: (1) the number, by precinct, of absentee ballots requested, provided, and counted; (2) the number of rejected absentee ballots; (3) the number of voters seeking review of rejected absentee ballots; and (4) the number of absentee ballots counted following review. (10 ILCS 5/19-20, 5/20-20)

Friday, May 10, 2013

Last day for the State Board of Elections to complete its final canvass of the vote. (10 ILCS 5/22-7, 5/18A-15(a))