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PREFACE

This calendar includes all offices to be nominated and/or elected for municipalities, townships, libraries, parks, school districts, and other special purpose districts in the Consolidated Primary Election in February 2021, and the Consolidated Election in April 2021.

This calendar may be amended to include new legislation and court decisions. Please visit the Illinois State Board of Elections website (www.elections.il.gov) for any updates.

The following definitions are employed as related to this calendar:

"ELECTION AUTHORITY" – The County Clerk or the Board of Election Commissioners. (10 ILCS 5/1-3(8))

"LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIAL" – The clerk or secretary of a unit of local government or a school district.

"BUSINESS DAY" – Any day in which the office of an election authority, local election official, or the State Board of Elections is open to the public for a minimum of seven hours.

Note:

- If the first or last day of any action required or allowed by the Election Code falls on a State holiday, Saturday, or Sunday, then the period shall extend through the first business day following the day otherwise fixed as the first or last day for filing or the close of registration, irrespective of whether any election authority or local election official conducts business on the State holiday, Saturday, or Sunday. (10 ILCS 5/1-6(a))
- For purposes of this section "State Holiday" means New Year's Day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, Lincoln's Birthday, President's Day, Casimir Pulaski's Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and any other day declared by the President of the United States or the Governor of Illinois to be a day during which the agencies of the state of Illinois that are ordinarily open to do business with the public shall be closed for business. (10 ILCS 5/1-6(b))

FILING AND REGISTRATION DATES

Filing and registration dates are fixed by the Election Code. The dates shall conform to those expressed in statute unless they fall on a date which is not a business day as defined above. In such case(s), the period shall extend through the first business day next following the day otherwise fixed as the first or last date. (10 ILCS 5/1-6(a))

NUMBER OF SIGNATURES – To receive the specific signature requirements for any particular office, candidates should contact the Illinois State Board of Elections, election authority, or the local election official who is responsible for receiving the filing of the petition for nomination and/or election to the office.

All citations contained herein are "Illinois Compiled Statutes, 2019."

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CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION
FEBRUARY 23, 2021
(10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b))

ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED:

- Municipal (over 5,000 population and/or Special Charter) (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2(c))
    - Municipalities under 5,000 population may determine by ordinance (no later than November 15, 2020) that political parties shall nominate candidates for municipal offices by primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-1(b))
- Mayor or President
- Clerk
- Treasurer
- Alderman or Trustee

  Villages that have nominated and elected candidates for president and trustees in partisan elections prior to January 1, 1992, may continue to hold partisan elections without conducting a referendum. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20)

- Townships in Cook County (60 ILCS 1/45-55)
    - Townships may conduct a primary if the township central committee approves by November 15, 2020. (60 ILCS 1/45-55)
- Townships and Multi-Township Assessment Districts, with a population of more than 15,000 outside of Cook County. Townships of 5,000 population coterminous or wholly within cities/villages not under commission from of government. (60 ILCS 1/45-5)
- Supervisor
- Clerk
- Assessor, Multi-township Assessor
- Highway Commissioner
- Collector (if elected)
    - Counties having township organization with a population of over 100,000, except in Cook County, may conduct a referendum to discontinue the office of Collector. (60 ILCS 1/50-30)
- Trustees

NONPARTISAN OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED:

- Municipal (Council-Manager form (councilmen at-large and from districts))
- Mayor or President
- Clerk
- Treasurer (Council-Manager form only)
- Council Members or Trustees or Aldermen

  A village may conduct a nonpartisan primary by referendum. (Municipalities incorporated after May 13, 1993, are nonpartisan unless they adopt the partisan format.) (65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-60)

NONPARTISAN OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED:

- Alderman (City of Chicago, if required due to vacancy) (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-51, 20/21-22)

DATES GOVERNING THE CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020

PETITION TO REDUCE EDUCATION TAX EXTENSION
First day for voters within a school district to file a petition for public question to reduce the tax extension for education purposes. If the territory of the school district is located wholly within a single county, the petition must be filed with the election authority. If the territory of the district spans more than one county, the petition must be filed with the State Board of Elections. (35 ILCS 200/18-206)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020

PETITION TO REDUCE EDUCATION TAX EXTENSION
Last day for voters within a school district to file a petition for public question to reduce the tax extension for education purposes. If the territory of the school district is located wholly within a single county, the petition must be filed with the election authority. If the territory of the district spans more than one county, the petition must be filed with the State Board of Elections. (35 ILCS 200/18-206)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020

PETITION CIRCULATION
First day to circulate nomination papers (must include original sheets signed by voters and circulators) for established political party and nonpartisan candidates who file between November 16-23, 2020. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12, 10-4, 10-6)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CREATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
First day notice of intention to file a petition to create a political subdivision, whose officers are to be elected rather than appointed. The notice may be published in a newspaper within the proposed political subdivision, or if no such newspaper, then in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed territory. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(g))

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CREATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
Last day notice of intention to file a petition to create a political subdivision, whose officers are to be elected rather than appointed. The notice may be published in a newspaper within the proposed political subdivision, or if no such newspaper, then in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed territory. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(g))

PETITION TO CREATE A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
Last day to file petitions (must include original sheets signed by voters and circulators) to create a political subdivision with the appropriate officer or board. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(b))

Notes:

- **The specific statutory provisions governing the creating of political subdivisions can be found in the relevant Code governing such subdivisions.**
- **Objections can be filed on or before the date of the hearing with the appropriate circuit court clerk. (10 ILCS 5/28-4)**
- **If initial officers are to be elected at the election for creation of a new unit of government, candidates for such offices shall file nomination papers 99 – 92 days before such election (November 16 – November 23, 2020).**
- **The circuit court clerk shall publish the hearing date for a public policy petition filed in their office not later than 14 days after the petition is actually filed, but at least five days before the actual hearing. Final orders within seven days of hearing. (10 ILCS 5/28-4)**

LISTING OF NURSING HOME FACILITIES
Last day for the Department of Public Health to certify to the State Board of Elections a list of the facilities licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, the ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

NOTIFICATION OF TOWNSHIP CAUCUS
Last day the township clerk shall notify the chair of each township central committee by first class mail of their obligation to report the time and location of the party's caucus. (60 ILCS 1/45-10)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020

NOTIFICATION OF MULTI-TOWNSHIP CAUCUS
Last day the multi-township clerk shall notify the chair of each multi-township central committee by first class mail of their obligation to report the time and location of the party's caucus. (60 ILCS 1/45-25)

OBJECTIONS TO NEW POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PETITION
Last day to file objections to petitions to create a political subdivision in the appropriate office where the petitions were originally filed. (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020

NOTICE OF CAUCUS TO TOWNSHIP CLERK
Last day for each chair of the township central committee to notify the township clerk by first class mail of the time and location of their party's caucus. (60 ILCS 1/45-10(a))

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020

NOTICE OF CAUCUS TO MULTI-TOWNSHIP CLERK

Last day each chair of the multi-township central committee shall notify the multi-township clerk by first class mail of the time and location of their party's caucus. (60 ILCS 1/45-25(c))

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

NOTICE OF TOWNSHIP CONDUCTING PRIMARY

Last day for the township central committee in counties having a population of over 3,000,000 and townships having a population of over 15,000 in counties of less than 3,000,000 population to notify the appropriate election authority that their specific party will nominate candidates by primary election. (10 ILCS 5/7-1; 60 ILCS 1/45-55)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020

CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY NOMINATION FILING

First day for filing in the office of the local election official or Board of Election Commissioners original nomination papers (must include original sheet signed by voters and circulators) for:

1) Established political parties in municipalities over 5,000 population;
2) Townships in Cook county where the township central committee has approved a primary;
3) Municipalities under 5,000 which by ordinance nominate candidates by primary;
4) Municipalities which by referendum conduct a partisan or nonpartisan primary;
5) Managerial municipalities which conduct nonpartisan primaries; and
6) Candidates for the City of Chicago offices (if a special election is required due to a vacancy in office).

(10 ILCS 5/7-1, 7-12(3), 10-6(4); 60 ILCS 1/45-55; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20, 3.1-25-60, 5-2-18.5, 20/21-5, 21-12, 21-22, 21-25)

Notes:

- **Please consult with your municipal clerk or election authority to determine whether your municipality elects its officers on a nonpartisan basis.**
- **Candidates who file for township or multi-township assessor must also file proof of qualification. (60 ILCS 1/45-20, 45-30)**
- **This filing period does not cover candidates for park, library, school, community college, educational service region trustees, or fire protection district offices.**

NOTICE OF MUNICIPALITY CONDUCTING PRIMARY

Last day for municipal clerk to certify to the election authority the municipal ordinance providing for the nomination of municipal officers by party primary in municipalities under 5,000 population. (10 ILCS 5/7-1)

LISTING OF NURSING HOME FACILITIES

Last day State Board of Elections shall certify to the proper election authority a list of facilities licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, the ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act. The list shall indicate bed capacity and the chief administrator of each such facility. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020

PUBLICATION – TOWNSHIP CAUCUS

Last day the township board shall publish a notice stating the time and location of the caucus for each political party. (60 ILCS 1/45-25(a)(b))

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

PUBLICATION – MULTI-TOWNSHIP CAUCUS

Last day the multi-township central committee shall publish a notice stating the time and location of the caucus for each political party. (60 ILCS 1/45-25(c))

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020

CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY NOMINATION FILING

Last day for filing in the office of the local election official or Board of Election Commissioners original nomination papers (must include original sheet signed by voters and circulators) for:

1) Established political parties in municipalities over 5,000 population,
2) Townships in Cook county where the township central committee has approved a primary,
3) Municipalities under 5,000 which by ordinance nominate candidates by primary,
4) Municipalities which by referendum conduct a partisan or nonpartisan primary,
5) Managerial municipalities which conduct nonpartisan primaries, and
6) Candidates for the City of Chicago offices (if a special election is required due to a vacancy in office).

(10 ILCS 5/7-1, 7-12(3), 10-6(4); 60 ILCS 1/45-55; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20, 3.1-25-60, 5-2-18.5, 20/21-5, 21-12, 21-22, 21-25)

Notes:

- **Please consult with your municipal clerk or election authority to determine whether your municipality elects its officers on a nonpartisan basis.**
- **Candidates who file for township or multi-township assessor must also file proof of qualification. (60 ILCS 1/45-20, 45-30)**
- **This filing period does not cover candidates for park, library, school, community college, educational service region trustees, or fire protection district offices.**

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

Last day for filing a Statement of Economic Interests with the county clerk as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. The receipt must be filed on or before this date with the local election official or election authority who received the nomination papers. (5 ILCS 420/4A-105; 10 ILCS 5/7-12(8), 10-5)

REFERENDA – PETITION FILING
Last day for filing petitions (must include original sheets signed by voters and circulators) for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local). (10 ILCS 5/28-2(a), 28-6, 28-7)

Exception:

- **Proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code.**

Note:

- **Petitions to initiate backdoor referenda must be filed under the deadline specified in the specific statute authorizing the referenda, but in no case later than 92 days prior to the ensuing election.**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2020

VOTE BY MAIL – APPLICATION
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. Please note that mailing and delivery of ballots does not begin until Thursday, January 14, 2021. (10 ILCS 5/19-2, 19-4)

NOTICE OF LOTTERY
Last day for written notice of the time and place for conducting the lottery shall be given when two or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party: (a) as of the opening hour of the filing period, November 16, 2020; and/or (b) within the last hour of the filing period, November 23, 2020. (There must be seven days' notice given. If the lottery is to be held on the last statutory date, December 2nd, the last day to give notice is November 25th.) Notice shall be given by the State Board of Elections or the election authority to the chair of each political party and to each organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction entitled to have pollwatchers present at the last election. Notice must also be posted. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6))

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2020

PUBLICATION – MUNICIPAL CAUCUS
Last day for municipal clerks to publish a notice of municipal caucus in municipalities over 500 population. In municipalities with populations under 500, notice shall be given by the municipal clerk by posting the notice in three of the most public places in the municipality. (10 ILCS 5/10-1(b))

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020

DEPUTY REGISTRARS
Last day County Central Committee Chairs shall submit, to the election authority, a list of applicants for additional deputy registrars. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020

DEPUTY REGISTRARS
Beginning of two-year term of all deputy registrars, except precinct committeepersons who began their two-year term on the date of the county convention following their election. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

TOWNSHIP CAUCUS
Date on which the Township Caucus shall be held (in those townships which have not adopted the primary system). (10 ILCS 1/45-10)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020

OBJECTIONS – CANDIDATE NOMINATION FILING
Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of established political party and nonpartisan candidates in the office of the local election official or election authority. (10 ILCS 5/7-12.1, 10-8)

Notes:

- **For procedures on objections see page 42.**
- **The objection period is five business days. If the office of the election authority is open on Friday, November 27th, then the deadline is Tuesday, December 1st, 2020.**

OBJECTIONS – REFERENDA
Last day to file objections to petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local). Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same office in which the original petitions were filed. (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

Notes:

- **For procedures on objections see page 42.**
- **The objection period is five business days. If the office of the election authority is open on Friday, November 27th, then the deadline is Tuesday, December 1st, 2020.**

Exception:

- **Proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code.**

INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES
Last day for an individual who has filed (during the November 16 – 23, 2020, filing period) nomination papers for two or more incompatible offices to withdraw from all but one of the offices with the local election official or election authority. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9), 10-7)

BALLOT PLACEMENT LOTTERY
Last day the lottery shall be conducted by the local election official or election authority when two or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party or nonpartisan candidates as of the opening hour of the filing period on November 16, 2020, or during the last hour on November 23, 2020. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 10-6.2)

MULTI-TOWNSHIP CAUCUS
Date on which the Multi-Township Caucus shall be held. (10 ILCS 1/45-25)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020

MUNICIPAL CAUCUS
Date on which the Municipal Caucus shall be held (in municipalities under 5,000 population) which have established political parties. (10 ILCS 5/10-1(a))

REFERENDA RESOLUTIONS
Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a binding public question to appear on the ballot. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(c))

Last day for County, Municipal, Township, School Boards, and Park Boards to authorize the placement of advisory referenda on the ballot by resolution. (55 ILCS 5/2-3002, 5-1005.5; 60 ILCS 1/30-205, 80-80; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60; 70 ILCS 1205/8-30; 105 ILCS 5/9-1.5)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020

VOTER REGISTRATION DATA
First day for election authority to indicate in writing that their voter registration data, including voting history from the latest election, is complete and up-to-date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020

BALLOT CERTIFICATION
Last day for the local election official to certify candidates and the offices they are filing for to the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/7-13.1)

Last day for the circuit court clerk and the local election official to certify any binding public question or advisory referenda to the election authority having jurisdiction over the political subdivision. (10 ILCS 5/28-5)

WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY
Last day a candidate may file a Withdrawal of Candidacy in the office of the local election official or election authority. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9), 10-7; 65 ILCS 20/21-29)

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES (TO FORCE A PRIMARY)
Last day to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate in the office of the election official with whom nomination papers for such office are filed where the office would otherwise be uncontested (and no primary would otherwise be held), and such filing would force a primary election for the office. Write-in votes shall only be counted for persons who have filed a Declaration of Intent with the election authority or authorities (so additional originally executed declarations(s) should also be filed with each election authority). Write-in declarations are NOT filed with the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-5(d), 7-12(10)(c); 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20)

Notes:

- **65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20 sets the last date as 61 days prior to the Consolidated Primary Election (Thursday, December 24, 2020) with regard to municipalities, however, that day is after the certification deadline for local election officials.**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2020

PUBLICATION – NEW VOTING DEVICES
Last day for an election authority to publish a notice that mechanical or electronic voting devices will be used for the first time at the Consolidated Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/24-1.1, 24A-3, 24B-3, 24C-3)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES
Last day a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate with the proper election authority or authorities (appropriate county clerk(s) and/or boards(s) of election commissioners). Write-ins shall be counted only for persons who have filed the Declaration of Intent. Write-ins shall be counted only for persons who have filed the Declaration of Intent. Write-in declarations are NOT filed with the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-59(b), 17-16.1)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2020

VOTER REGISTRATION DATA
Last day for an election authority to indicate in writing that their voter registration data, including voting history from the latest election, is complete and up-to-date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

PUBLICATION – VOTING AIDS
Last day the election authority shall provide public notice, calculated to reach the elderly and handicapped voters, of the availability of registration and voting aids under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, of the availability of assistance in marking the ballot, procedures for voting by mail, and procedures for early voting. (10 ILCS 5/7-15)

PUBLICATION – PUBLIC QUESTION
First day for the election authority to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within the jurisdiction. (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

UNITED STATES SERVICE MEMBER VOTER REGISTRATION
First day any voter who is a member of the United States Service, their spouse, and/or dependents of voting age who expect to be absent from their county of residence on Election Day to make an application for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over their residence. Members of the Armed Forces may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.3, 20-3)

Note:

- **No registration shall be required to vote pursuant to this section.**

VOTE BY MAIL REGISTRATION – CITIZENS TEMPORARILY OUTSIDE THE U.S.
First day for citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who expect to be absent from their county of residence on Election Day to make simultaneous application to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for vote by mail registration and a vote by mail ballot. Citizens of the United States may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

Note:

- **Such application may be made only on the official federal postcard and no registration shall be required.**
- **Vote by mail registration shall be required for all citizens temporarily residing outside the United States in order to vote.**

LIST OF VOTERS
Last day for election authorities to provide to each county chair or their representative, precinct lists prepared for the 2020 General Election marked to indicate which registrants voted at the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/4-11, 5-14, 6-60)

POSTING FOR EARLY VOTING
Last day for the election authority to post schedule for early voting conducted at the office of the election authority and each temporary location. Posting shall remain at each site until the last day of the early voting period (February 22, 2021). If the election authority has a website, it shall make the schedule available on the website. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25(b)(d))

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021

PUBLICATION – EARLY VOTING
First day for the election authority to publish (1) the location of each permanent and temporary site for early voting and the precincts served by each location, and (2) the dates and hours that early voting will be conducted at each location. The election authority shall publish this information at least once a week during the statutory period for early voting. If the election authority maintains a website, they shall make the schedule available on its website. (10 ILCS 19A-25(a)(d))

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021

VOTE BY MAIL – UOCAVA
Last day for the election authority to have in their office a sufficient number of ballots printed and available for mailing to persons in the United States Service, their spouse, and/or their dependents of voting age, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States, and nonresident civilians. (10 ILCS 5/7-16, 16-5.01)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021

VOTE BY MAIL
First day for the election authority to mail an official ballot to a registered voter within the confines of the United States who has made application to vote by mail. (10 ILCS 5/19-4)

EARLY VOTING
First day for early voting at the office of the election authority and locations designated by the election authority. Temporary early voting locations may be established by the election authority, but are not required to maintain the same voting days and hours as the election authority. (10 ILCS 5-19A-15, 19A-20)

ORGANIZATIONS OF CITIZENS – POLLWATCHERS
Last day for organizations of citizens which have among its purpose the investigation or prosecution of election fraud, ballot proposition proponents or opponents, and State nonpartisan civic organizations to register their names and addresses and the names and addresses of their principal officers with the proper election authority if such organization(s) wish to qualify for pollwatchers at the Consolidated Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/7-34)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021

LODGING HOUSE AFFIDAVITS
Dates for filing Lodging House Affidavits listing the names and descriptions of those residents who list such location as their voting addresses with Boards of Election Commissioners. (10 ILCS 5/6-56)

Note:

- **The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit enforcement of this provision.**

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021

PUBLICATION – NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY
First day for the election authority to publish notice of the Consolidated Primary. The notice must include the color of the primary ballots, the time and place of holding the primary, the polling hours, the offices for which candidates will be nominated, and the political parties entitled to participate. Such notice must also include a list of precinct polling addresses unless these are published separately at least ten days prior to the Consolidated Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-15, 7-18, 12-4)

NURSING HOME VOTING
Last day for the election authority to arrange with nursing home administrators the date and time to conduct in-person voting in such facilities and to post a notice in the office of the election authority of all such arrangements. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

VOTE BY MAIL – CITIZENS TEMPORARILY OUTSIDE U.S.
Last day for citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the United States who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who expect to be absent from their county of residence on Election Day to make a simultaneous application to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for vote by mail registration and a vote by mail ballot and the last day for the election authority to mail such a ballot. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

Last day for regular registration or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority. Grace period registration and voting will be available after this date. Online registration through the State Board of Elections website will continue through Sunday, February 7, 2021. Area and precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for registration deadlines. (10 ILCS 5/4-6, 4-16, 5-5, 5-23, 6-29, 6-50, 6-53, 6-54)

Note:

- **Under the provisions of NVRA, agency and motor vehicle offices will continue to accept registration after the statutory close of registration. Only those registration applications completed no later than 27 days (16 days for Motor Vehicle Offices) before the election will be processed for the next ensuing election. Applications for registration completed within five days of the registration deadline at Secretary of State Facilities and qualified agencies will be transmitted within five days of completion and must be processed for the election. A mail registration application shall be deemed timely filed if postmarked prior to the close of registration. If no postmark exists or if the postmark is illegible, the application shall be considered timely filed if received by the election authority no later than five calendar days after the close of registration**.

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION – DEPUTY REGISTRARS

Last day for registration of voters by deputy registrars, including municipal, township, road district clerks, and precinct committeepersons. Area and precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for registration deadlines. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

Note:

- **Deputy Registrars must return completed forms to the election authority within seven days of the day on which they are completed. Deputy Registrars must return all registration materials within 48 hours of registration/cancellation if such registration/cancellation was accepted between the 35th and 28th day preceding an election.**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING

First day for grace period registration and voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority. If the election authority does not have ballots available, the election authority may mail the ballot to the voter when available. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

DEPUTY REGISTRARS

Last day for deputy registrars who are officials or members of a bona fide labor organization to return unused registration materials to the election authority. Area and precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for registrations deadlines and return of material deadlines. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

EMPLOYEE NOTICE TO BE ELECTION JUDGE
Last day for employee to give employer written notice that they will be absent from their place of employment on Election Day because they have been appointed as an election judge under the provisions of 10 ILCS 5/13-1 or 13-2. (10 ILCS 5/13-2.5,14-4.5)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021

VOTER REGISTRATION DATA
Last day for voters to register to vote through the State Board of Elections website. (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021

EARLY VOTING – PERMANENT POLLING PLACES
First day for early voting in counties with early voting at permanent polling places other than the office of the election authority. These permanent polling places are to be open on holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15(b))

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

ERASURE OF NAMES FROM VOTER REGISTRY
Dates on which any voter or precinct committeepersons may file an application with the election authority to erase names from the registry of voters. (10 ILCS 5/4-12, 5-15, 6-44)

Note:

- **The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit enforcement of this provision.**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

HOSPITALIZED VOTER
First day that a qualified voter who has been admitted to a hospital, nursing home, or rehabilitation center not more than 14 days before the Consolidated Primary Election to make an application with the election authority for the personal delivery of an official ballot. (10 ILCS 5/19-13)

Note:

- **This provision for voting by mail is available through Election Day if the process can be completed and the voted ballot returned to the election authority in sufficient time**

for delivery of the ballot to the election authority's central ballot counting location before 7:00 PM on Election Day.

POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS
Last day for the State Board of Elections or the election authority to have pollwatcher credentials available for distribution. (10 ILCS 5/7-34)

Note:

- **Pollwatcher credentials may, at the discretion of the election authority, be distributed prior to this date. Credentials must be available on this date through, and including, Election Day.**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021
FRIDAY, FEBRURY 12, 2021
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021

HEARINGS FOR REGISTRATION ERASURE
Dates on which county clerks or Chicago Board of Election Commissioners shall hold hearings to determine whether names in the registry of voters shall be erased, registered, or restored. (10 ILCS 5/4-13, 5-16, 6-45)

Note:

- **The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit enforcement of this provision.**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021

PUBLICATION – NOTICE OF PRIMARY
Last day for the election authority to publish notice of the Consolidated Primary. The notice must include the color of the primary ballots, the time and place of holding the primary, the polling hours, the offices for which candidates will be nominated, and the political parties entitled to participate. Such notice must also include a list of precinct polling addresses unless these are published separately at least 10 days prior to the Consolidated Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-15, 7-18, 12-4)

PUBLICATION – PUBLIC QUESTION
Last day for the election authority to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within the jurisdiction. The election authority shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the election authority. The local election official shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the political or governmental subdivision. If there is no principal office, the local election official shall post the notice at the building in which the governing body of the political or governmental subdivision held its first meeting of the calendar year in which the referenda is being held. (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

PUBLICATION – POLLING PLACE ADDRESSES
Last day for election authority to publish precinct polling place addresses, if not included in the Consolidated Primary Election notice. (10 ILCS 5/7-15)

VOTE BY MAIL – UOCAVA
Last day for any voter who is a member of the United States Service, their spouse, and/or their dependents of voting age who expect to be absent from the county of residence on Election Day to make application for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct residence and the last day for the election authority to mail such ballots. Members of the Armed Forces may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.3, 20-3)

Note:

- **No registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to this section.**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021

HEARINGS FOR REGISTRATION ERASURE
Dates on which boards of election commissioners (except Chicago Board of Election Commissioners) shall hold hearings to determine whether names in the registry of voters shall be erased, registered, or restored. (10 ILCS 5/6-45)

Note:

- **The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit enforcement of this provision.**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021

VOTE BY MAIL
Last day for the election authority to receive, by mail, application to vote by mail from any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States. (10 ILCS 5/19-2, 19-4)

PUBLICATION – SPECIMEN BALLOTS
Last day for the election authority to publish the specimen ballots, as near as may be, in the form in which they will appear on the official ballots on Election Day. (10 ILCS 5/7-21, 24A-18, 24B-18, 24C-18)

NURSING HOME VOTING – APPLICATION
Last day for a physically incapacitated voter who desires to vote in person at a federally operated veteran's home, hospital, or facility of residence pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act, to make application to the election authority. Such voting shall take place on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Monday immediately preceding the Consolidated Primary Election, as determined by the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

NURSING HOME VOTING – LISTING
Last day (by noon) the election authority shall post the names and addresses of nursing home facilities from which no applications for vote by mail ballots have been received and in which no supervised voting will be conducted. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

PUBLIC TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT
Last day for the election authority to conduct public test of automatic tabulating equipment, Optical Scan Equipment, and Direct Recording Electronic Voting Equipment. (10 ILCS 5/24A-9, 24B-9, 24C-9)

Note:

- **All election authorities must provide timely notice of their public test to the State Board of Elections prior to such test. Such notice must contain the date, time, and location of such test. Public notice of the time and place of the test must be given at least 48 hours prior to such test. (10 ILCS 5/24A-9, 24B-9, 24C-9)**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021

OFFICIAL BALLOT INSPECTION
Last day for the election authority to have official ballots available for inspection by candidates or their agents.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2021
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

NURSING HOME VOTING
The election authority will determine on which of the above dates Nursing Home voting will be conducted at federally operated veteran's homes, hospitals, and facilities licensed pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act. No later than 9:00 a.m. of the day designated by the election authority to conduct in-person voting on the premises, the election authority shall deliver official vote by mail ballots to the judges of election conducting such voting at the facility. Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., sufficient time shall be allowed for residents of the facility to vote on the premises of such facility. Immediately thereafter, the judges shall bring the sealed envelope to the office of the election authority who shall deliver such ballots to the election authority's central ballot counting location prior to the closing of the polls on the day of election. (10 ILCS 5/19-4, 19-12.2)

Note:

- **In person vote by mail voting shall be conducted on the premises of facilities licensed pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, the MC/DD Act, and federally operated veteran's homes and hospitals, for the sole benefit of residents of such facilities who have made prior application and are registered to vote in that precinct.**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY, 22, 2021

EARLY VOTING
Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority and permanent locations designated by the election authority. Temporary early voting locations may be established by the election authority but are not required to maintain the same voting days and hours as the election authority. (10 ILCS 19A-15, 19A-20)

BALLOT DELIVERY
Last day for the election authority to deliver ballots to the judges of election. (10 ILCS 5/7-35)

VOTE BY MAIL
Last day for any registered voter, presently within the confines of the United States, to apply in person at the election authority or approved local official for a vote by mail ballot. (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

CURBSIDE VOTING
Last day for any temporarily or permanently physically disabled voter to request at the election authority's office that two judges of election of opposite party affiliation deliver a ballot to the voter at the point where they are unable to continue forward motion toward the polling place. (10 ILCS 5/7-47.1(b))

Note:

- **The election authority shall notify the judges of election of the appropriate precinct of such requests.**

LISTS OF VOTE BY MAIL, EARLY, AND GRACE PERIOD VOTERS
Last day for election authority to deliver (prior to opening the polling place) to the judges of election in each precinct the list of registered voters in that precinct to whom vote by mail ballots have been issued, a listing of grace period and early voters. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100, 19-4, 19A-5(c))

PUBLICATION – LISTING OF NOMINATIONS
Last day for the election authority in counties having a population under 500,000 to publish a list of all the nominations that are to be voted for at the Consolidated Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/16-10)

Note:

- **This provision does not apply in situations where the local election official has already published the specimen ballot pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-21.**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021
CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION
POLLS OPEN 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING
Last day of grace period registration and voting in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority. Please contact the election authority to determine the availability of grace period registration and voting in the polling place on Election Day. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021

VOTER REGISTRATION
Registration opens in the office of the election authority and with all deputy registrars including municipal, township, and road district clerks who are authorized deputy registrars. (10 ILCS 5/4-6, 5-5, 6-50)

UNCOUNTED BALLOTS
No later than 48 hours after the closing of polling locations on Election Day, each election authority maintaining a website shall post the number of ballots that remain uncounted. The posting shall separate the number of ballots yet to be counted into the following categories: ballots cast on Election Day, early voting ballots, provisional ballots, vote by mail ballots received by the election authority but not counted, and vote by mail ballots sent by the election authority but have not been returned to the election authority. This information shall be updated on the website of the election authority each day until the period for counting provisional and vote by mail ballots has ended. All election authorities, regardless of whether they maintain a website, shall share the same information, separated in the same manner, with the State Board of Elections no later than 48 hours after the closing of polling locations on Election Day and each business day thereafter until the period for counting provisional and vote by mail ballots has ended. (10 ILCS 5/1-9.2)

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021

PROVISIONAL VOTERS
Last day a provisional voter may submit additional information to the county clerk or board of election commissioners to verify or support their registration status. Materials must be received by this date. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d))

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

PROVISIONAL BALLOT COUNTING
Last day for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d))

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT COUNTING
Last day for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the tabulation of vote by mail ballots that were:

1) Postmarked by Election Day, and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day, but not later than 14 days after the election;
2) Not postmarked, but did have a certification date prior to the Election Day on the certification envelope, and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day, but not later than 14 days after the election;
3) Not postmarked, but did have an intelligent mail barcode tracking system that verifies the envelope was mailed no later than Election Day, and received not later than 14 days after the election.

(10 ILCS 5/19-8)

Note:

- **Voters whose ballots were rejected must be sent a notice of such along with the reason for the rejection within two days of the rejection, but in all cases prior to the**

end of the 14-day period in which to count the vote by mail ballots. Such voters must be given an opportunity to appear before the election authority on or before the 14th day following the election to show cause to why the ballot should not be rejected. (10 ILCS 5/19-8(g))

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021

CANVASSING

Last day for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to canvass election results. (10 ILCS 5/22-17)

Note:

- **An established party with a vacancy in nomination due to failure to nominate at the February 23, 2021 Consolidated Primary Election must fill such vacancy within five days after the date on which the canvass occurs.**

VOTE BY MAIL STATISTICS

The last day the election authority shall transmit to the State Board of Elections the following:

1) The number, by precinct, of vote by mail ballots requested, provided, and counted;
2) The number of rejected vote by mail ballots;
3) The number of voters seeking review of rejected vote by mail ballots; and,
4) The number of vote by mail ballots counted following review.

(10 ILCS 5/19-20, 20-20)

AFTER THE CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION

RETABULATION

Prior to the canvass, in those jurisdictions where in-precinct counting equipment is utilized, the election authority shall retabulate the total number of votes cast in 5% of the precincts within the election jurisdiction, as well as 5% of the voting devices used in early voting as selected on a random basis by the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/24A-15, 24B-15, 24C-15)

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Each successful write-in candidate nominated or elected at the primary shall file the following documents with the proper election authority or the State Board of Elections within 10 days from the proclamation by the appropriate board:

1) A Loyalty Oath (optional);
2) A Statement of Candidacy; and
3) A receipt for filing of a Statement of Economic Interests.

(10 ILCS 5/7-60)

DISCOVERY RECOUNT

Within five days after the last day for proclamation of the results, petitions for discovery recount may be filed by any qualified individual (who came within 5% of the votes cast for any successful candidate) with the appropriate county clerk or board of election commissioners. The deadline to file a discovery recount for an office canvassed by the State Board of Elections is five days after the last day for the Board to canvass. The petition for discovery is filed with the appropriate election authority/authorities. (10 ILCS 5/22-9.1)

ELECTIONS CONTEST

Within 10 days after completion of the final canvass of the Consolidated Primary Election, a losing candidate may file a contest of election against the candidate nominated for the office and party (if applicable) for which they were a candidate. (10 ILCS 5/7-63, 23-5)

ESTABLISHED PARTY LOTTERY

Each local election official shall conduct a public lottery for the order of placement of the established political parties on the Consolidated Election ballot. Three days written notice of the time and place for conducting such lottery must be sent to the party chair and organizations that were entitled to have pollwatchers at the most recent election, and post notice of the lottery in a conspicuous, open and public place at the entrance of the office. Such lottery shall be prior to the certification for the Consolidated Election (no later than five days following the canvass of the Consolidated Primary Election, but must be conducted prior to the proclamation of results). (10 ILCS 5/7-60.1)

Exception:

- **Boards of Election Commissioners shall hold the lottery within five days following the canvass.**

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION
APRIL 6, 2021
(10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b))

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

- Municipal (including Special Charter)
- Mayor or President
- Clerk
- Treasurer
- Alderman or Trustee
- Supervisor
- Clerk
- Assessor or Multi-Township Assessor
- Highway Commissioner
- Collector (if elected)
    - Counties with a population of over 100,000 that have township organization, expect Cook County, may conduct a referendum to discontinue the office of collector. (60 ILCS 1/50-30)

NONPARTISAN OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED:

- Municipal (Council-Manager form (Councilmen at-large and from districts) and Commission form
- Mayor or President
- Clerk
- Treasurer (Council-Manager only)
- Council Members, Commissioners, or Trustees
- Municipal – City of Chicago (run—off elections if required) (65 ILCS 20/21-26)
- Municipal – Aldermanic run-off elections, if required due to unexpired term created by a vacancy (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-51, 20/21-22, 21-25)
- Park District – Commissioners and Trustees
- Public Library District – Trustees
- Township and Municipal Library – Trustees
- Regional Board of School Trustees – Trustees
- School District – Board Members (including districts under article 33), School Directors, Special Charter, and Inspectors
- Township Trustees of Schools (Cook County)
- Community College District – Trustees
- Township Land Commissioners (in counties under 220,000 population)
- Fire Protection District – Commissioners
- Road District – Clerk and Commissioners
- Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority – Commissioners
- Other special purpose districts (see applicable statues)

DATES GOVERNING THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2020

PETITION TO REDUCE EDUCATION TAX EXTENSION
First day for voters within a school district to file a petition for public question to reduce the tax extension for educational purposes. If the territory of the school district is located wholly within a single county, the petition must be filed with the election authority. If the territory of the district spans more than one county, the petition must be filed with the State Board of Elections. (35 ILCS 200/18-206)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

PETITION CIRCULATION
First day to circulate nomination papers (must include original sheets signed by voters and circulators) for independent and new political party candidates in municipalities and townships, and nonpartisan candidates for township and municipal libraries, road districts, library districts, park districts, school boards, community college boards, Fox Waterway Agency, regional board of school trustees, fire protection districts, and forest preserve districts who file between December 14-21, 2020 (90 days preceding the last day to file nomination papers). (10 ILCS 5/10-4, 10-6; 615 ILCS 90/5)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020

PETITION TO REDUCE EDUCATION TAX EXTENSION
Last day for voters within a school district to file a petition for public question to reduce the tax extension for educational purposes. If the territory of the school district is located wholly within a single county, the petition must be filed with the election authority. If the territory of the district spans more than one county, the petition must be filed with the State Board of Elections. (35 ILCS 200/18-206)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

NOTIFICATION OF TOWNSHIP CAUCUS
Last day the township clerk shall notify the chairman of each township central committee by first class mail of their obligation to report the time and location of the party's caucus. (60 ILCS 1/45-10)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020

NOTIFICATION OF MULTI-TOWNSHIP CAUCUS
Last day the multi-township clerk shall notify the chairman of each multi-township central committee by first class mail of their obligation to report the time and location of the party's caucus. (60 ILCS 1/45-25)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CREATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
First day notice of intention to file a petition to create a political subdivision, whose officers are to be elected rather than appointed, may be published in a newspaper within the proposed political subdivision, or if none, in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed territory. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(g))

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020

NOTICE OF CAUCUS TO TOWNSHIP CLERK
Last day each chairman of the township central committee shall notify the township clerk by first class mail of the time and location of their party's caucus. (60 ILCS 1/45-10(a))

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020

NOTICE OF CAUCUS TO MULTI-TOWNSIP CLERK
Last day each chairman of the multi-township central committee shall notify the multi-township clerk by first class mail of the time and location of their party's caucus. (60 ILCS 1/45-25(c))

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020

PUBLICATION – TOWNSHIP CAUCUS
Last day the township board shall publish a notice stating the time and location of the caucus for each political party. (60 ILCS 1/45-10(a))

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

PUBLICATION – MULTI-TOWNSHIP CAUCUS
Last day the multi-township central committee shall publish a notice stating the time and location of the caucus for each political party. (60 ILCS 1/45-25(c))

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2020

PUBLICATION – MUNICIPAL CAUCUS
Last day for municipal clerk to publish a notice of municipal caucus in municipalities over 500 population (in municipalities under 500, notice shall be given by the municipal clerk by posting the notice in three of the most public places in the municipality). (10 ILCS 5/10-1(b))

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020

DEPUTY REGISTRARS
Last day County Central Committee Chairs shall submit a list to the election authority of applicants for additional deputy registrars. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020

DEPUTY REGISTRARS
Beginning of two-year term of all deputy registrars, except precinct committeepersons who began their two-year term on the date of the county convention following their election. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

TOWNSHIP CAUCUS
Date on which the Township Caucus shall be held (in those townships which have not adopted the primary system). (60 ILCS 1/45-10)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020

MULTI-TOWNSHIP CAUCUS
Date on which the Multi-Township Caucus shall be held. (60 ILCS 1/45-25)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020

MUNICIPAL CAUCUS
Date on which the Municipal Caucus shall be held (in municipalities under 5,000 population) which have established political parties. (10 ILCS 5/10-1(a))

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CREATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
Last day notice of intention to file a petition to create a political subdivision, whose officers are to be elected rather than appointed, may be published in a newspaper within the proposed political subdivision, or if none, in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed territory. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(g))

PETITION TO CREATE A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
Last day to file petitions (must include original sheets signed by voters and circulators) to create a political subdivision with the appropriate officer or board. (10 ILCS 28-2(b))

Note:

- **The specific statutory provisions governing the creation of political subdivisions can be found in the relevant Code governing each subdivision.**
- **Objections can be filed on or before the date of the hearing with the appropriate circuit court clerk. (10 ILCS 5/28-4)**
- **If initial officers are to be elected at the election for creation of a new unit government, candidates for such offices shall file nomination papers 113-106 days before such election (December 14-21, 2020). (10 ILCS 5/10-6)**
- **The circuit court clerk shall publish the hearing date for a public policy petition filed in their office not later than 14 days after the petition is actually filed, but at least five days before the actual hearing. Final orders within seven days of hearing. (10 ILCS 5/28-4)**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION CANDIDATE FILING

First day for candidates to file in office of the local election official or Board of Election Commissioners original nominating petitions (must include original sheets signed by voters and circulators) for independent and new political party candidates in municipalities, nonpartisan candidates in township and municipal libraries, Fox Waterway Agency (filed with the State Board of Elections), library districts, park districts, school boards, community college boards, regional boards of school trustees, fire protection districts, and forest preserve districts. (10 ILCS 5/10-6(2); 615 ILCS 90/5)

Exception:

- **Nomination papers for the office of Regional Board of School Trustees in a single county shall be filed in the office of the county clerk. Petitions for the office of Multi-County Regional Board of School Trustees shall be filed in the principal office of the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/10-6(1); 105 ILCS 5/6-10)**

Note:

- **Candidates who file for township or multi-township assessor must also file a proof of qualification. (60 ILCS 1/45-30)**

CAUCUS CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION

First day established political party caucus certificates of nomination may be filed in the office of the local election official along with Statement of Candidacy and Loyalty Oath (optional) for each candidate. The receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interest for each candidate may be filed any time during the filing period. (5 ILCS 420/4A-105; 10 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-6(2); 60 ILCS 1/45-20, 45-25(e), 45-30)

Note:

- **Candidates who file for township or multi-township assessor must also file a proof of qualification. (60 ILCS 1/45-30)**

OBJECTIONS TO NEW POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PETITION

Last day to file objections to petitions to create a political subdivision in the appropriate office where the petitions were originally filed. (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020

VOTER REGISTRATION DATA

First day for election authority to indicate in writing that their voter registration data, including voting history from the latest election, is complete and up-to-date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION CANDIDATE FILING

Last day for candidates to file in office of the local election official or Board of Election Commissioners original nominating petitions (must include original sheets signed by voters and circulators) for independent and new political party candidates in municipalities, nonpartisan candidates in township and municipal libraries, Fox Waterway Agency (filed with the State Board of Elections), library districts, park districts, school boards, community college boards, regional boards

of school trustees, fire protection districts, and forest preserve districts. (10 ILCS 5/10-6(2); 615 ILCS 90/5)

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STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

Last day for filing a Statement of Economic Interests with the county clerk as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. The receipt must be filed on or before this date with the local election official or election authority who received the nomination papers. (5 ILCS 420/4A-105; 10 ILCS 5/7-12(8), 10-5)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2020

NOTICE OF LOTTERY

Last day for written notice of the time and place for conducting lottery shall be given when two or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party: (a) as of the opening hour of the filing period, December 14, 2020; and/or (b) within the last hour of the filing period, December 21, 2020, (there must be seven days' notice given. If the lottery is to be held on the last statutory date, December 30, the last day to give notice is December 23.) Notice shall be given by the State Board of Elections or the election authority to the chair of each political party and to each organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction entitled to have pollwatchers present at the last election. Notice must also be posted. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6))

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020

UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT CERTIFICATION

Last day for the Regional Superintendent of Schools to certify to the State Board of Elections a list of each unit school district under their supervision and control and a listing of each county in which all or any part of each of those districts is located. (105 ILCS 5/6-5)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2020

VOTER REGISTRATION DATA
Last day for election authorities to indicate in writing that their voter registration data, including voting history from the latest election, is complete and up-to-date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2020

INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES
Last day for an individual who has filed (during the December 14-21 filing period) nomination papers for two or more incompatible offices to withdraw from all but one of the offices with the local election official or election authority. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9), 10-7)

OBJECTIONS
Last day for filing objections to the nomination papers of all candidates who filed during the December 14-21, 2020, filing period. Objections are filed with whichever election authority the nomination papers were originally filed: the State Board of Elections, election authority, or local election official. (10 ILCS 5/7-12.1, 7-13, 10-8)

Note:

- **The objection period consists of five business days. If the office of the election authority or local election official is closed for days that would normally be business days prior to Friday, December 25, 2020, they must extend the deadline for filing objections in their office.**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2020

BALLOT PLACEMENT LOTTERY
Last day the lottery shall be conducted by the local election official or election authority when two or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party or nonpartisan candidates as of the opening hour of the filing period on December 14, 2020, or during the last hour on December 21, 2020. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 10-6.2)

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

UNITED STATES SERVICE MEMBER VOTER REGISTRATION
First day any voter who is a member of the United States Service, their spouse, and/or dependents of voting age who expect to be absent from their county of residence on Election Day to make an application for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over their residence. Members of the Armed Forces may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.3, 20-3)

Note:

- **No registration shall be required to vote pursuant to this section.**

VOTE BY MAIL REGISTRATION – CITIZENS TEMPORARILY OUTSIDE THE U.S.
First day for citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who expect to be absent from their county of residence on Election Day to make simultaneous application to the election

authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for vote by mail registration and a vote by mail ballot. Citizens of the United States may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

Note:

- **Such application may be made only on the official federal postcard and no registration shall be required.**
- **Vote by mail registration shall be required for all citizens temporarily residing outside the United States in order to vote.**

REFERENDA – PETITION FILING

Last day for filing petitions (must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators) for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local). (10 ILCS 5/28-2(a), 28-6, 28-7)

Exception:

- **Proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act, and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code.**

LISTING OF VOTERS

Last day for election authorities to provide to each county chair or their representative, precinct lists prepared for the 2020 General Election marked to indicate which registrants voted at the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/4-11, 5-14, 6-60)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021

VOTE BY MAIL – APPLICATION

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. Please note that mailing and delivery of ballots does not begin until Thursday, February 25, 2021. (10 ILCS 5/19-2, 19-4)

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021

OBJECTIONS – REFERENDA

Last day to file objections to petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local). Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same office in which the original petitions were filed. (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

Exception:

- **Proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act, and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code.**

Note:

- **For procedures on objections see page 42 (except those filed with the Circuit Clerk).**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2021

LISTING OF UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICTS
Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify a list of unit school districts and counties encompassed by the school districts to the election authorities. (105 ILCS 5/6-5)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021

REFERENDA RESOLUTIONS
Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a binding public question to appear on the ballot. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(c))

Last day for County, Municipal, Township, and Park Boards to authorize the placement of advisory referenda on the ballot by resolution. (55 ILCS 5/2-3002, 5-1005.5; 60 ILCS 1/30-205, 80-80; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60; 70 ILCS 1205/8-30; 105 ILCS 5/9-1.5)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021

VACANCY IN NOMINATION
Last day for established political party (local established or statewide established) to fill a vacancy in nomination for failure to nominate at the December 7th municipal caucus, December 1st township caucus, or the December 2nd multi-township caucus.

Last day for an established party to fill a vacancy when the party does not have to conduct a primary election and the party has fewer candidates who filed than positions to fill for the particular office (i.e. when an office or offices were not just uncontested, but an insufficient number of candidates filed for such office or offices). (10 ILCS 5/7-60.1, 7-61)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021

BALLOT PLACEMEMT LOTTERY
Last day for the local election official to conduct a lottery for established party placement on the ballot when said parties nominate by caucus or when no primary is being held. (10 ILCS 5/7-60, 7-60.1, 10-6.2)

Note:

- **We suggest the lottery be held no later than January 27, 2021, in order to certify the ballot by January 28, 2021.**

BALLOT CERTIFICATION
Last day for the local election official (including township clerk) to certify candidates and the offices they are filing for to the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/7-13.1; 60 ILCS 1/45-20)

Last day for the election authorities in single county educational service regions to certify candidates for Regional Trustees to the election authorities in those counties having unit school districts under the supervision and control of the single county educational service region. (10 ILCS 5/10-15; 105 ILCS 5/6-5)

Last day for the State Board of Election to certify Multi-County Regional Trustees and Fox Waterway Agency candidates to the election authorities. (10 ILCS 5/7-60.1; 105 ILCS 5/6-5; 615 ILCS 90/5)

Last day for the circuit court clerk and the local election official to certify any binding public question or advisory referenda to the election authority having jurisdiction over the political subdivision. (10 ILCS 5/28-5)

WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY

Last day candidates may file Withdrawal of Candidacy in the office of the local election official, election authority, or the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9),10-7; 65 ILCS 20/21-29)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

OBJECTIONS – VACANCY IN NOMINATION

Last day to file an objection to resolutions for filling a vacancy in nomination by an established party for (1) failure to nominate at the December 7th municipal caucus, December 1st township caucus, or the December 2nd multi-township caucus or (2) when the party does not have to conduct a primary election and the party has fewer candidates filed than positions to fill for the particular office. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-11)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Last day a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the proper election authority or authorities (appropriate county clerk(s) and/or boards of election commissioners). Write-in votes shall only be counted for person(s) who have filed a Declaration of Intent. Write-in declarations are NOT filed with the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/17-16.1)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021

PUBLICATION – VOTING AIDS

Last day the election authority shall provide public notice, calculated to reach the elderly and handicapped voter, of the availability of registration and voting aids under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, of the availability of assistance in marking the ballot, procedures for voting by mail, and procedures for early voting. (10 ILCS 5/7-15, 12-1)

PUBLICATION – PUBLIC QUESTION

First day for the election authority to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within the jurisdiction. (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021

PUBLICATION – NEW VOTING DEVICES

Last day for the election authority to publish a notice that mechanical or electronic voting devices will be used for the first time at the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/24-1.1, 24A-3, 24B-3, 24C-3)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021

POSTING FOR EARLY VOTING
Last day for election authority to post schedule for early voting conducted at the office of the election authority and each temporary location. Posting shall remain at each site until the last day of the early voting period (April 5, 2021). If the election authority has a website, it shall make the schedule available on the website. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25(b))

SCHEDULE FOR EARLY VOTING
Last day for the election authority to provide the State Board of Elections with a list of all early voting sites and the hours each site will be open. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25(f))

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021

PUBLICATION – EARLY VOTING
First day for election authority to publish (1) the location of each permanent and temporary site for early voting and the precincts served by each location, and (2) the dates and hours that early voting will be conducted at each location. The election authority shall publish this information at least once a week during the statutory period for early voting. If the election authority maintains a website, they shall make the schedule available on its website. (10 ILCS 19A-25(a)(d))

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021

VOTE BY MAIL – UOCAVA
Last day for the election authority to have in their office a sufficient number of ballots printed and available for mailing to persons in the United States Service or their spouse and dependents of voting age, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States, and nonresident civilians. (10 ILCS 5/7-16, 16-5.01)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021

VOTE BY MAIL
First day for the election authority to mail an official ballot to a registered voter within the confines of the United States who has made application to vote by mail. (10 ILCS 5/19-4)

EARLY VOTING – OFFICE OF THE ELECTION AUTHORITY
First day for early voting at the office of the election authority and temporary locations designated by the election authority. Temporary polling locations for early voting can be established at the discretion of the election authority, and the dates and hours are also at the discretion of the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15, 19A-20)

ORGANIZATION OF CITIZENS – POLLWATCHERS
Last day for organizations of citizens which have among their purpose the investigation or prosecution of election fraud ballot proposition proponents or opponents and state nonpartisan civic organizations to register their names and addresses and the names and addresses of their principal officers with the proper election authority if such organizations(s) wish to qualify for pollwatchers at the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/17-23, 18-6)

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

LODGING HOUSE AFFIDAVITS
Dates for filing Lodging House Affidavits listing the names and descriptions of those residents who list such location as their voting address, with the Boards of Election Commissioners (10 ILCS 5/6-56)

Note:

- **The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit the enforcement of this provision.**

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021

PUBLICATION – CONSOLIDATED ELECTION
First day for the election authority to publish notice of the Consolidated Election. The notice must include the polling hours and the offices for which candidates will be elected. Such notice must also include a list of precinct polling addresses unless published separately at least 10 days prior to the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/12-4)

NURSING HOME VOTING
Last day for the election authority to arrange with nursing home administrators the date and time to conduct in-person voting in such facilities and to post a notice in the office of the election authority of all such arrangements. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

VOTE BY MAIL – CITIZENS TEMPORARILY OUTSIDE U.S.
Last day for citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who expect to be absent from their county of residence on Election Day to make simultaneous application to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for vote by mail registration and a vote by mail ballot. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION
Last day for regular registration or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority. Grace period registration and voting will be available after this date. Online voter registration through the State Board of Elections website will continue through March 21, 2021. Area and precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for registration deadlines. (10 ILCS 5/4-6, 4-16, 5-5, 5-23, 6-29, 6-50, 6-53, 6-54)

Note:

- **Under the provisions of NVRA, agency and motor vehicle offices will continue to accept registration after the statutory close of registration. Only those registration applications completed no later than 27 days (16 days for Motor Vehicle Offices) before the election will be processed for the next ensuing election. Applications for registration completed within five days of the registration deadline at Secretary of**

State Facilities and qualified agencies will be transmitted within five days of completion and must be processed for the election. A mail registration application shall be deemed timely filed if postmarked prior to the close of registration. If no postmark exists or if the postmark is illegible, the application shall be considered timely filed if received by the election authority no later than five calendar days after the close of registration.

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION – DEPUTY REGISTRARS

Last day for registration of voters by deputy registrars, including municipal, township, road district clerks, and precinct committeepersons. Area and precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for registration deadlines. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

Note:

- **Deputy Registrars must return completed forms to the election authority within seven days of the day on which they are completed. Deputy Registrars must return all registration materials within 48 hours of registration/cancellation if such registration/cancellation was accepted between the 35th and 28th day preceding an election. Registrations accepted on the 28th day must be returned within 24 hours. (10 ILCS 5/6-50.2(c))**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING

First day for grace period registration and voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority. If the election authority does not have ballots available, the election authority may mail the ballot to the voter when available. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

DEPUTY REGISTRARS

Last day for deputy registrars who are officials or members of a bona fide labor organization to return unused registration materials to the election authority. Area and precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for the registration deadlines. (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021

EARLY VOTING AND VOTE BY MAIL (IF PRIMARY WAS HELD)

First day to vote early or by mail if a primary was held in the election jurisdiction. (10 ILCS 5/19-4)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021

EMPLOYEE NOTICE TO BE ELECTION JUDGE

Last day for employee to give employer written notice that they will be absent from place of employment on Election Day because they have been appointed as an election judge under the provisions of 10 ILCS 5/13-1 or 13-2. (10 ILCS 5/13-2.5, 14-4.5)

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021

VOTER REGISTRATION DATA
Last day for election authority to indicate in writing that their voter registration data is complete and up-to-date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION
Last day for voters to register to vote through the State Board of Elections website. (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5)

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021

EARLY VOTING – PERMANENT POLLING PLACES
First day for early voting at permanent polling places other than the office of the election authority. These permanent polling places are to be open on holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15(b))

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021

ERASURE OF NAMES FROM VOTER REGISTRY
Dates on which any voter or precinct committeepersons may file an application with the election authority to erase names from the registry of voters. (10 ILCS 5/4-12, 5-15, 6-44)

Note:

- **The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit the enforcement of this provision.**

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021

HOSPITALIZED VOTER
First day a qualified voter who has been admitted to a hospital, nursing home, or rehabilitation center not more than 14 days before the Consolidated Election to make an application with the election authority for the personal delivery of a vote by mail ballot. (10 ILCS 5/19-13)

Note:

- **This provision for voting by mail is available through Election Day if the process can be completed and the voted ballot returned to the election authority in sufficient time for delivery of the ballot to the election authority's central ballot counting location before 7:00 PM on Election Day.**

POLLWATCHER CREDENTIALS
Last day for the State Board of Elections or the election authority to have pollwatcher credentials available for distribution. (10 ILCS 5/17-23)

Note:

- **Pollwatcher credentials may, at the discretion of the election authority, be distributed prior to this date. Credentials must be available on this date and up to, and including, Election Day.**

REGISTRATION REPORT FOR EACH COUNTY CHAIR
Last day for county clerks (other than Cook, DuPage, Lake, and Will Counties) to provide to each county chair or their representative, precinct lists prepared for the 2021 Consolidated Election marked to indicate the names of all persons who have registered since the 2021 Consolidated Primary. (10 ILCS 5/4-11)

Note:

- **There is no statutory deadline for these lists in jurisdictions under boards of election commissioners (including DuPage County) in Cook, Lake, or Will counties. These statutes specify only that such lists be prepared and distributed prior to the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/5-14, 6-60)**

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021
FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021
SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021

HEARINGS FOR REGISTRATION ERASURE
Dates on which county clerks or Chicago Board of Election Commissioners shall hold hearings to determine whether names in the registry of voters shall be erased, registered, or restored. (10 ILCS 5/4-13, 5-16, 6-45)

Note:

- **The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit enforcement of this provision.**

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021

PUBLICATION – NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED ELECTION
Last day for the election authority to publish notice of the Consolidated Election. The notice must include the polling hours and the offices for which candidates will be elected. Such notice must also include a list of precinct polling addresses unless these are published separately at least 10 days prior to the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/12-4)

PUBLICATION – PUBLIC QUESTION
Last day for the election authority to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within the jurisdiction. The election authority shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the election authority. The local election official shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the political or governmental subdivision. If there is no principal office, the local election official shall post the notice at the building in which the governing body of the political

or governmental subdivision held its first meeting of the calendar year in which the referenda is being held. (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

VOTE BY MAIL – UOCAVA

Last day for any voter who is a member of the United States Service, their spouse, and/or their dependents of voting age who expect to be absent from their county of residence on Election Day to make application for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct residence and the last day for the election authority to mail such ballots. Members of the Armed Forces may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.3, 20-3)

Note:

- **No registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to this section.**

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021
THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021

HEARINGS FOR REGISTRATION ERASURE

Dates on which boards of election commissioners (except Chicago Board of Election Commissioners) shall hold hearings to determine whether names in the registry of voters shall be erased, registered, or restored. (10 ILCS 5/6-45)

Note:

- **The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit the enforcement of this provision.**

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021

PUBLIC TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

Last day for the election authority to conduct public test of automatic tabulating equipment, Optical Scan Equipment, and Direct Recording Electronic Voting Equipment. (10 ILCS 5/24A-9, 24B-9, 24C-9)

Note:

- **All election authorities must provide timely written notice of their public test to the State Board of Elections prior to such test. Such notice must contain the date, time, and location of such test. Public notice of the time and place of the test must be given at least 48 hours prior to such test. (10 ILCS 5/24A-9, 24B-9, 24C-9)**

NURSING HOME VOTING – APPLICATION

Last day for a physically incapacitated voter who desires to vote in person at a federally operated veteran's home, hospital, or facility of residence pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act to make application for such to the election authority. Such voting shall take place on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Monday immediately preceding the Consolidated Election, as determined by the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

NURSING HOME VOTING – LISTING
Last day (by noon) the election authority shall post the names and addresses of nursing home facilities from which no applications for vote by mail ballots have been received and in which no supervised voting will be conducted.
(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

VOTE BY MAIL – APPLICATION
Last day for the election authority to receive, by mail, a vote by mail application from any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021
SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021

NURSING HOME VOTING
The election authority will determine on which of the above dates for Nursing Home voting will be conducted at federally operated veteran's homes, hospitals, and facilities licensed pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, or the MC/DD Act. No later than 9:00 a.m. of the day designated by the election authority to conduct in-person voting on the premises, the election authority shall deliver official vote by mail ballots to the judges of election conducting such voting at the facility. Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., sufficient time shall be allowed for residents of the facility to vote on the premises of such facility. Immediately thereafter, the judges shall bring the sealed envelope to the office of the election authority who shall deliver such ballots to the election authority's central ballot counting location prior to the closing of the polls on the day of election.
(10 ILCS 5/19-4, 19-12.2)

Note:

- **In person vote by mail voting shall be conducted on the premises of facilities licensed pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, the ID/DD Community Care Act, the MC/DD Act, and federally operated veteran's homes and hospitals, for the sole benefit of residents of such facilities who have made prior application and are registered to vote in that precinct. (10 ILCS 5/19-4, 19-12.2, 24A-9, 24B-9, 24C-9)**

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021

EARLY VOTING
Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority and locations designated by the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15, 19A-20)

CURBSIDE VOTING
Last day for any temporarily or permanently physically disabled voter to request at the election authority's office that two judges of election of opposite party affiliation deliver a ballot to them at the point where they are unable to continue forward motion toward the polling place. (10 ILCS 5/17-13, 18-5.1)

Note:

- **The election authority shall notify the judges of election for the appropriate precinct of such requests.**

BALLOT DELIVERY
Last day for the election authority to deliver ballots to the judges of election. (10 ILCS 5/16-5)

VOTE BY MAIL
Last day for any registered voter, presently within the confines of the United States, to request a vote by mail ballot in person at the office of the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

LISTS OF VOTE BY MAIL, EARLY, AND GRACE PERIOD VOTERS
Last day for election authority to deliver, prior to opening the polling place, to the judges of election in each precinct the list of registered voters in that precinct to whom vote by mail ballots have been issued by mail, a listing of grace period and early voters. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100, 19-4, 19A-5(c))

PUBLICATION – LIST OF NOMINATIONS
Last day for the election authority in counties having a population under 500,000 to publish a list of all the nominations that is to be voted for at the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/16-10)

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021
CONSOLIDATED ELECTION
POLLS OPEN 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING
Last day of grace period registration and voting in the office of the election authority or at locations designated for this purpose by the election authority. Please contact the election authority to determine the availability of grace period registration and voting in the polling place on Election Day. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021

VOTER REGISTRATION
Registration opens in the office of the election authority and with all deputy registrars including municipal, township, and road district clerks who are authorized deputy registrars.
(10 ILCS 5/4-6, 5-5, 6-50)

UNCOUNTED BALLOTS
No later than 48 hours after the closing of polling locations on Election Day, each election authority maintaining a website shall post the number of ballots that remain uncounted. The posting shall separate the number of ballots yet to be counted into the following categories: ballots cast on

Election Day, early voting ballots, provisional ballots, vote by mail ballots received by the election authority but not counted, and vote by mail ballots sent by the election authority but have not been returned to the election authority. This information shall be updated on the website of the election authority each day until the period for counting provisional and vote by mail ballots has ended. All election authorities, regardless of whether they maintain a website, shall share the same information, separated in the same manner, with the State Board of Elections no later than 48 hours after the closing of polling locations on Election Day and each business day thereafter until the period for counting provisional and vote by mail ballots has ended. (10 ILCS 5/1-9.2)

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021

PROVISIONAL VOTERS

Last day a provisional voter may submit additional information to the county clerk or board of election commissioners to verify or support their registration status. Material must be received by this date. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d))

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021

PROVISIONAL BALLOT COUNTING

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

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT COUNTING

Last day for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the tabulation of vote by mail ballots that were: (1) postmarked by Election Day and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day but not later than 14 days after the election, (2) not postmarked at all, but did have a certification date prior to the Election Day on the certification envelope, and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day, but not later than 14 days after the election, and (3) not postmarked, but did have an intelligent mail barcode tracking system that verifies the envelope was mailed no later than Election Day and received not later than 14 days after the election. (10 ILCS 5/19-8)

Note:

- **Voters whose ballots were rejected must be sent a notice of such along with the reason for the rejection within two (2) days of the rejection, but in all cases prior to the end of the 14-day period in which to count the vote by mail ballots. Such voters must be given an opportunity to appear before the election authority on or before the 14th day following the election to show cause to why the ballot should not be rejected. (10 ILCS 5/19-8(g))**

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021

CANVASSING

Last day for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to canvass the election results. (10 ILCS 5/22-17)

VOTE BY MAIL STATISTICS

The last day the election authority shall transmit to the State Board of Elections the following: (1) the number, by precinct, of vote by mail ballots requested, provided, and counted, (2) the number of

rejected vote by mail ballots, (3) the number of voters seeking review of rejected vote by mail ballots, and (4) the number of vote by mail ballots counted following review. (10 ILCS 5/19-20, 20-20)

AFTER THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

RETABULATION

Prior to the canvass, in those jurisdictions where in-precinct counting equipment is utilized, the election authority shall retabulate the total number of votes cast in 5% of the precincts within the election jurisdiction, as well as 5% of the voting devices used in early voting as selected on a random basis by the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/24A-15, 24B-15, 24C-15)

AFTER PROCLAMATION BY ELECTION AUTHORITY

The election authority shall issue a certificate of election to each person declared elected.
(10 ILCS 5/22-18)

For political subdivisions which are multi-county, the election authority of the county where the principal office of the political subdivision is located shall make the certificate of election.
(10 ILCS 5/22-18)

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Each successful write-in candidate elected at the Consolidated Election shall file the following documents with the proper election authority or the State Board of Elections within 10 days from the proclamation by the appropriate board:

1. A Loyalty Oath (optional);
2. A Statement of Candidacy; and
3. A receipt for filing of a Statement of Economic Interests.

(10 ILCS 5/7-60)

DISCOVERY RECOUNT

Within five days after the last day for proclamation of the results, petitions for discovery recount may be filed by any qualified individual (who came within 5% of the votes cast for any successful candidate) with the appropriate county clerk or board of election commissioners. The deadline to file a discovery recount for an office canvassed by the State Board of Elections is five days after the last day for the Board to canvass. The petition for discovery is filed with the appropriate election authority/authorities. (10 ILCS 5/22-9.1)

ELECTION CONTEST

In general, the circuit court shall hear election contests. Individuals should refer to the particular statute which applies to their unit of government. (10 ILCS 5/23-4, 23-5)

TAKING OFFICE

Municipal Office (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-15)
City of Chicago (65 ILCS 20/21-22)
Township Supervisor, Clerk, and Trustees (60 ILCS 1/50-15, 50-40)
Township and Multi-Township Assessors (35 ILCS 200/2-45)
Township Collectors (60 ILCS 1/50-15)
Road Districts (605 ILCS 5/6-116)
Public Library District and Local Libraries (75 ILCS 5/4-3, 4-6, 16/30-10)

Fox Waterway Agency (615 ILCS 90/5)
Park Districts (70 ILCS 1205/2-12)
Forest Preserve Districts (70 ILCS 805/3.5a)
School District Members under Article 33 (105 ILCS 5/33-1a)
Regional Board of School Trustees (105 ILCS 5/6-17)
School Districts (105 ILCS 5/10-16)
Trustees of Schools – Cook County Only (105 ILCS 5/5-14)
School Directors (105 ILCS 5/10-4)
Community Colleges (110 ILCS 805/3-8)
Fire Protection Districts (70 ILCS 705/4)
Township Land Commissioners (105 ILCS 5/15-24)
Southwestern Illinois Community College (110 ILCS 805/3-7)
Lincoln Land Community College (110 ILCS 805/3-7)

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021

CANVAS – FOX WATERWAY AGENCY
Last day for the State Board of Elections to canvass results for the Fox Waterway Agency offices. (10 ILCS 5/22-7)

MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021

VOTER REGISTRATION DATA
First day for election authority to indicate in writing that their voter registration data, including voting history from the latest election, is complete and up-to-date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021

VOTER REGISTRATION DATA
Last day for election authority to indicate in writing that their voter registration data, including voting history from the latest election, is complete and up-to-date. (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

PROCEDURES ON OBJECTIONS

All citations contained herein are "Illinois Compiled Statutes," 2019, 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 two (2) copies, within 5 business** days after the last day for filing nomination papers.

PROCESSING OBJECTION

Not later than 12:00 noon on the second business day after the receipt of objector's petitions, the election authority or local election officials, **shall transmit by registered mail or receipted personal delivery** the certificate of nomination or nomination papers and original objector's petition to the chair of the proper electoral board designated in 5/10-9, or their 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 of residence designated in said certificate of nomination or nomination papers.

RESPONSIBILITY OF CHAIR OF ELECTORAL BOARD

Within 24 hours after the receipt of objector's petition, chair of the electoral board other than the State Board of Elections shall **send a call by registered or certified mail**, to each of the members of the electoral board, objector, and 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.

In those cases where the State Board of Elections is the designated electoral board, the Chair of the State Board of Elections shall send the call to the objector and candidate whose certificate of nomination or nomination papers are objected to stating the day, hour and place at which the State Board of Elections shall meet (electoral board hearing may be held in the principal or permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections).

ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING

Meetings of electoral board **shall not be less than 3 nor more than 5 days after receipt of objector's petitions** by chair of electoral board.

JUDICIAL REVIEW FILED

Within 5 days after the decision of electoral board, the candidate or objector aggrieved by decision of the board may file petition for judicial review with clerk of the circuit court. **Court hearings are to be held within 30 days after filing the petition** and the decision delivered promptly thereafter.

NO JUDICIAL REVIEW

If no petition for judicial review has been filed **within 5 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.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR

2020 DECEMBER QUARTERLY REPORT
OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2020
Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the December Quarterly Report extends from October 1, 2020 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through December 31, 2020 inclusively. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021
First day that any political committee shall file its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2021
Last day for a political committee to file its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION
FEBRUARY 23, 2021

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2020
First day of the period during which independent expenditures of $1000 or more made by a political committee must be reported electronically within two (2) business days after making the independent expenditure. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(e))

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021
First day of period during which any receipt of a contribution of $1000 or more by a political committee participating in the election, must be reported within two (2) business days following its receipt. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(c))

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021
Last day of period during which any receipt of a contribution of $1000 or more by a political committee participating in the election, must be reported within two (2) business days following its receipt. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(c))

MARCH QUARTERLY REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2021

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021
First day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021
Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the March Quarterly Report extends from January 1, 2021 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through March 31, 2021 inclusively. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021
First day that any political committee shall file its March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021
Last day for a political committee to file its March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

JUNE QUARTERLY REPORT
APRIL 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021
First day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2021
Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the June Quarterly Report extends from April 1, 2021 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through June 30, 2021 inclusively. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2021
First day that any political committee shall file its June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021
Last day for a political committee to file its June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

SEPTEMBER QUARTERLY REPORT
JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2021
First day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021
Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the September Quarterly Report extends from July 1, 2021 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through September 30, 2021 inclusively. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021
First day that any political committee shall file its September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021
Last day for a political committee to file its September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION
APRIL 6, 2021

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021
First day of period during which any receipt of a contribution of $1000 or more by a political committee participating in the election, must be reported within two (2) business days following its receipt. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(c))

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021
Last day of period during which independent expenditures of $1000 or more made by a political committee must be reported electronically within two (2) business days after making the independent expenditure. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(e))

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021
Last day of period during which any receipt of a contribution of $1000 or more by a political committee participating in the election, must be reported within two (2) business day following its receipt. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(c))

DECEMBER QUARTERLY REPORT
OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021
First day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. (10 ILCS 5/0-10(b)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021
Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the December Quarterly Report extends from October 1, 2021 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through December 31, 2021 inclusively. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022
First day that any political committee shall file its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022
Last day for a political committee to file its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board. (10 ILCS 5/9-10(b))

SCHEDULE A-1 REPORTS

A political committee must file a report of any contribution of $1000 or more from one source with the Board within five (5) business days after receipt of the contribution, except that the report shall be filed within two (2) business days if received within 30 days prior to an election by a political committee. The dates during which the two-business day filing period must be observed are included within the above calendar.

SCHEDULE B-1 REPORTS

A political committee must file a report of any independent expenditure of $1000 or more it makes with the Board within five (5) business days after making the independent expenditure, except that the report shall be filed within two (2) business days if made within 60 days prior to an election by a political committee. The dates during which the two-business day filing period must be observed are included within the above calendar

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