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**SPRINGFIELD, IL, DECEMBER 4, 2003** - Candidates for the March 16, 2004 Primary Election begin filing their nominating petitions with the State Board of Elections next Monday, December 8, 2003.

The petition filing period runs for a week concluding on Monday, December 15, 2003.

As the petition filing begins, the State Board of Elections announced a new policy regarding purchasing copies of petitions.

Any person requesting a copy of a candidate's petitions must pay in advance when ordering petitions.

The cost of petition copies is 25 cent per page and payment can be made by check or cash, no credit cards will be accepted.

For additional information contact the State Board of Elections at (217)782-4141 in Springfield or (312)814-6440 in Chicago

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