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**SPRINGFIELD, IL, DECEMBER 5, 2001 - Monday, December 10, 2001** is the first day of petition filing for candidates seeking to be nominated at the March 19, 2002 Illinois General Primary Election.

The Illinois State Board of Elections will begin accepting candidate petitions for statewide offices at **8 a.m. December 10** in its **Springfield office** located at 1020 South Spring Street, Springfield, Illinois.

The petition filing period concludes at **5 p.m. Monday, December 17**. Board offices will be open each day of the filing period from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. including Saturday December 15 but **excluding Sunday, December 16** when the office is closed.

**Petitions MUST be filed in the Board's Springfield office.**

All candidates who are in line at 8 a.m. on the first day of filing or whose petitions are received in Springfield in the first mail delivery of the day qualify to a lottery to determine first ballot position. Subsequent filings are positioned in order of filing.

The lottery for all simultaneous 8 a.m. filers will be conducted at 2 p.m. on December 26 in the Board's Springfield office.

Since most candidates covet the top ballot position, the long line of candidates at the Board's office door early Monday morning has become tradition.

In 1999, 358 candidates filed at 8 a.m.; in 1997, 773; in 1995, 826; and in 1993, a record of 980 filed at 8 a.m.

Candidate petition filing information including name, political party, official date and time filed, and filing status will be immediately available on the [Board's web site](#)

Later, candidate objection information will also be available.

Offices for which candidates will be filing with the State Board of Elections include: United States Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller, Treasurer, Representatives in Congress, all state senators, and state representatives, judicial vacancies

and multi-county offices.

State election law provides for a special judicial filing period for judicial vacancies occurring between November 26 and December 17. The special judicial filing period is from December 31, 2001 to January 7, 2002 in Springfield.

Candidates for county offices file with their respective county clerks.

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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