

## Illinois State Board of Elections

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**SPRINGFIELD, IL, DECEMBER 6, 2001** - When candidates file their nominating papers Monday at the State Board of Elections' office in Springfield, the information will immediately be available to anyone with access to a computer, board officials announced today.

All pertinent petition information will be displayed on the board's website at [www.elections.state.il.us](http://www.elections.state.il.us) as soon as a petition filer signs a receipt confirming the filing.

Board director Ron Michaelson said that the candidate's name, office, political party, date and time filed, and filing status will be displayed in the [Candidate Filing](#) section of the board's website.

"Our PC based filing system has been thoroughly tested and updated to provide on-line, up-to-the-minute candidate information to anyone who visits our website."

Also available on-line is information indicating petition inspection and requests for copies.

The following week objections to petitions will be indicated as they are filed.

Michaelson said that each filing period the board has improved the candidates filing procedure to accommodate candidates and provide greater access to the information.

"The filing information, available 24 hours a day, is furnished in an easy to access format with clear directions and help options. Candidate information can be accessed by name, office and most recently filed," Michaelson said.

"This year we have added a new feature that allows users to bring up the entire listing of state senators and/or state representatives filed to date, he said. In addition to the board's website, the Illinois State Library has computer terminals that the public can use to check filings.

State election offices also reminded candidates that original nomination papers must be filed in the board's Springfield office located at 1020 South Spring Street and that no petitions will be accepted after the 5 p.m. close



of business.

The filing period begins Monday December 10 at 8 a.m. and concludes at 5 p.m. Monday December 17, 2001. The board's Springfield office is open each day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the filing period except Sunday, December 16 when the office is closed.

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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