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On Thursday, December 15, the State Board of Elections received notice that a three judge panel for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois ruled in favor of the defendants and has dismissed the lawsuit brought by *Committee for a Fair and Balanced Map, et al. v. Illinois State Board of Elections, et al.*, No. 11-c-5065. It is not known whether the Plaintiffs intend to appeal or seek reconsideration of this decision. The Board however, wishes to inform candidates for the office of Representative in the United States Congress that the dates previously established by Court Order are still in effect and are as follows:

- Friday, December 23, 2011, 8:00 a.m.: First day to file for candidates seeking the office of Representative in the U.S. Congress
- Tuesday, December 27, 2011, 5:00 p.m.: Last day to file for candidates seeking the office of Representative in the U.S. Congress (Please note that the Board offices will be closed on December 24th, 25th and 26th in observance of the Christmas Holiday.)
- Wednesday, January 4, 2012, **1:00 p.m.**: Last day for filing objections to the nominating petitions of candidates who have filed for the office of Representative in the U.S. Congress.
- Tuesday, January 17, 2012: Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify the names of Congressional candidates to the county clerks.

The State Board of Elections will be accepting petitions in its Springfield office, 1020 South Spring Street, Springfield, Illinois from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on both December 23rd and 27th. All candidates that file at 8:00 a.m. on December 23rd will be eligible for the lottery to determine ballot placement. The lottery will occur on January 5, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. in the Springfield office of the SBE.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the SBE and we encourage you to visit our website as we will continue to update the website to reflect any additional changes regarding the filing period or any additional court action.

The State Board of Elections is an independent state agency charged with the responsibility of having general supervision over the administration of election laws of the State. Elections are administered locally by the State's 110 election authorities.

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