



ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF DAN WHITE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The February primary election, the first in the nation, produced low turnout - a record low 23% statewide - and also was one of the most efficient and problem-free in memory. The volume of complaints logged by the SBE was very low with no significant voting irregularities reported. Early voting continues to be a popular alternative for voters with 144,000 casting early ballots, more than twice the number in 2006.

We recently debuted our new revamped, public website. Please check it out at www.elections.il.gov and let us know your comments and suggestions.

2010 IMPORTANT DATES

- **Sunday, May 2** - Last day for judges seeking retention in office to file Declaration of Judicial Candidacy with the Secretary of State.

Last day to file petitions with the Secretary of State to amend Article IV of the State Constitution.

- **Monday, May 17** - Advisory Committee meeting 9:30 a.m. - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Springfield

Last day on which the SBE shall conduct a hearing at which proponents of public policy questions may present arguments and evidence as to the conformity of any purported nonconforming signature.

- **Monday, June 14 - Monday, June 21** - Filing period for independent and candidates of new political parties.
- **Tuesday, June 15** - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Chicago
- **Wednesday, June 23** - Last day for written notice for conducting the lottery when two or more petitions are filed simultaneously as of the opening hour on June 14.
- **Monday, June 28** - Last day for filing objections to the nomination papers of all candidates filing June 14 through 21.

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2010 GENERAL ELECTION REGISTRATION DEADLINES

General Election - November 2, 2010

Last day to register to vote Tuesday, October 5

Grace Period Registration and Voting

First Day Wednesday, October 6
Last Day Tuesday, October 26

Early Voting

First Day Monday, October 11
Last Day Thursday, October 28

INTRODUCING



BRENT DAVIS

State Board of Elections
Elections Project Manager

Brent Davis was selected as the Elections Project Manager in the Election Information Division.

Mr. Davis will be responsible for the planning, development and implementation of the electronic canvass pursuant to Public Act 95-699.

2010 IMPORTANT DATES (CONT'D)

- **Wednesday, June 30** - Last day lottery shall be conducted by the State Board of Elections or the county clerk when two or more petitions were received simultaneously as of the opening hour on June 14..
- **Monday, July 19** - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Springfield
- **Thursday, August 26** - Last day for established political parties to fill vacancies in nomination (occurring on or after the primary and prior to certification—does not apply to vacancies created due to failure to nominate at the general primary).

Last day for new political parties to fill vacancies in nomination (occurring prior to certification).

- **Friday, August 27**- Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Chicago - Statutory deadline for certification of the November general election ballot.

Last day for candidates of new political parties who filed nomination papers with the State Board of Elections or for independent candidates to file withdrawals of nomination papers in the office of the State Board of Elections.

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify questions to amend the Constitution of Illinois and any statewide questions of public policy to the county clerks.

- **Wednesday, September 1** - Last day for established political parties to fill vacancies in nomination in county offices (occurring on or after the primary and prior to certification - does not apply to vacancies which occur due to failure to nominate at the primary).

Last day for new political parties to fill vacancies in nomination in county offices.

- **Thursday, September 2, 2010** - Last day for the county clerk to certify to the board of election commissioners the names of candidates to be voted for in its jurisdiction.

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).

Last day to file objections with the State Board of Elections to resolutions for filling a vacancy in nomination by an established party managing committee when a vacancy occurred on or after the primary and before certification. Last day to file objections to a resolution to fill a vacancy in nomination by a new political party with the State Board of Elections.

- **Monday, September 20** - Advisory Committee meeting 9:30 a.m. - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Springfield
- **Tuesday, October 19** - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Chicago
- **Monday, November 15** - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Springfield
- **Friday, December 3** - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Chicago - Statutory deadline for proclamation of results of the November general election.

Board meetings between the Springfield and Chicago offices will be connected via video conference if the necessary equipment is available. Dates, times and locations of Board meeting dates are subject to change.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

Proposed Campaign Finance Reform Rulemaking

This Rulemaking amends Title 26, Parts 100, 125 and 210. These amendments implement changes to the Campaign Finance Act resulting from the passage of Public Act 96-832 and may be viewed on the Board website.

At the April meeting the Board conducted the first of four public hearings to accept public comment on the proposed campaign finance reform rules. Three remaining hearings will be conducted in Chicago, DeKalb and Edwardsville at a time and facility to be determined later; please check the SBE website periodically for scheduling of these hearings. Written comments will also be accepted at any time prior to the June 17 Board meeting. Written comments should be submitted to the Board's General Counsel in the Springfield office.

Illinois Disclosure Information System 2.0

The divisions of Information Technology and Campaign Disclosure are working diligently on a new program for the electronic filing of campaign disclosure reports. The current IDIS program has been in use since 1999. It is believed that IDIS 2.0 will be much easier for filers to use and understand. Old committee data will be able to be migrated into the new system, which should provide a smooth transition between the two versions. The program will advise the user when reports are due and also if they are overdue. It has many additional features which cannot be found in the original IDIS program. We currently have approximately 30 volunteers from various committees serving as beta testers in order to assist in the stabilization of the program prior to distribution. A release date has not yet been set.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The legislature is currently scheduled to adjourn on May 7.

The general primary election in even-numbered years now moves back to the third Tuesday in March. The Governor signed the bill into law on March 17, 2010 (Public Act 96-0886).

ILLINOIS VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM

The Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE) was signed into law in October 2009 and will take effect for the General Election of 2010.

Development of the system is currently underway which will use a new application on the State Board of Elections website to offer the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Voting Act (UOCAVA) voter the opportunity to apply for registration and or absentee ballot, with an online marking tool (wizard) for ease of completing the application. This site will also be utilized for access to the Federal Write-In Ballot along with voting information, election information, and notices that will be beneficial to the UOCAVA voter. The UOCAVA voter will have the ability to establish an online account upon completion of the application with the ability to log in and determine all status levels of their request for voter registration and absentee ballot. Depending on the preference of the UOCAVA voter, the election authority will send the ballot electronically (including facsimile) or by mail. The system will provide a faster more efficient way to maintain correspondence with the UOCAVA voter, deliver important election information, and allow a more expedited ballot delivery time.

HAVA FUNDING UPDATE

Current grants available to all jurisdictions

VAID III -- available until **November 2010** - all paperwork must be submitted by December 17, 2010 - Can be used for polling place accessibility only, including accessible voting equipment.

The amended State Plan is on the State Board of Elections' website under the Voting and Elections link. Comments are being taken through May 10 and the Board will conduct a public hearing on the Plan at its May 17, 2010 Board meeting.

IVRS STATE GRANT

May 1, 2010 was the due date for submission of paperwork related to the 2010 Illinois Voter Registration State Grant. If you have not yet submitted your grant paperwork please do so quickly.

ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Visit the Election Assistance Commission's website at www.eac.gov to find useful election related publications.

The EAC Website also features a variety of information for voters, including registration deadlines for each state, how to register using the National Mail Voter Registration Form, and how to become a poll worker.

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

Illinois was admitted to the Federal Union as the twenty-first state on December 3, 1818. Since that historic date, Illinois has been governed from three different cities and from six Capitol buildings. Kaskaskia became the first Illinois State Capital in 1809 and Vandalia became the second State Capital in 1820. During the 1836-37 session of the General Assembly the Representative from Sangamon County, a young lawyer named Abraham Lincoln, introduced a bill calling for the transfer of the Capital to Springfield. Despite Vandalia's efforts to retain the Capital, Lincoln succeeded in having Springfield named as the third Illinois Capital. The State government began functioning in Springfield by July 4, 1839.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Division of Election Training and Resource Development is already scheduling election judges schools for the November 2, 2010 General Election. Contact Eric Donnewald at edonnewald@elections.il.gov for further information.

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The 2010 Mock Election programs will be on the website following the August 27, 2010 certification of the ballot.

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Bob Saar, Executive Director of the DuPage County Election Commission, is this year's President of IACREOT. The 2010 IACREOT Conference is being held in Chicago and runs June 26 through July 2, 2010. The agenda and registration materials for the conference can be found at www.iacreot.com.

COUNTY CLERK STIPENDS

In September 2009, the Board approved a budget plan which fully funded the county clerk's stipend. At that time it was questionable about funding for the election day judges of election. The Board approved full payment of election day judges at its April 2010 Board meeting. Early voting election judges reimbursement remains in question at this time. Further information will be made available as the fiscal year inches closer to its end on June 30, 2010.

MEET THE STAFF



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