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## PREFACE

The 2009 Calendar contains the specific date entries required in the nomination and/or election of officials of municipalities, townships, libraries, parks, school districts and other special purpose districts.

The following definitions are employed as related to this calendar.

**Election Authority** – the County Clerk, the Municipal Board of Election Commissioners, or the County Board of Election Commissioners.

**Local Election Official** – the clerk or secretary of a unit of local government or a school district.

**Business Day** – any day in which the office of an election authority, local election official or the State Board of Elections is open to the public for a minimum of seven hours.  
(10 ILCS 5/1-3)

### **State Holiday**

For the purposes of this Section, “State holiday” means New Year’s Day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday, Lincoln’s Birthday, President’s Day, Casimir Pulaski’s Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans’ Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and any other day from time to time declared by the President of the United States or the Governor of Illinois to be a day during which the agencies of the State of Illinois that are ordinarily open to do business with the public shall be closed for business.

[10 ILCS 5/1-6(b)]

**Number of Signatures** – the specific number of signatures required on a nominating petition as calculated by the election authority or the local election official for an individual to be a candidate for a specific office. To receive specific signature requirements, candidates should contact the election authority or local election official who is responsible for receiving the filing of the petition for nomination and/or election to office.

Where appropriate, the provision 10 ILCS 5/1-6 was applied when calculating the dates and time period contained in this calendar. Section 1-6 provides: “If the first or last day fixed by law to do any act required or allowed by this Code falls on a State holiday or a Saturday or a Sunday, the period shall extend through the first business day next following the day otherwise fixed as the first or last day, irrespective of whether any election authority or local election official conducts business on the State holiday, Saturday, or Sunday.”

***ALL CITATIONS CONTAINED HEREIN ARE “ILLINOIS COMPILED STATUTES, 2007,” as amended.***

***The provisions of the Illinois Election Code do not apply to referendum initiated under the provisions of the LIQUOR CONTROL ACT OF 1934.***

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**CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY  
Last Tuesday in February  
February 24, 2009**

**ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY  
Offices to be nominated**

MUNICIPAL – over 5,000 population\*

Mayor or President  
Clerk  
Treasurer  
Aldermen or Trustees

\*Municipalities under 5,000 population may conduct a partisan primary by ordinance.  
(10 ILCS 5/7-1)

A village may conduct a nonpartisan primary by referendum.  
(65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-60)

TOWNSHIPS IN COOK COUNTY \*\*

TOWNSHIPS AND MULTI-TOWNSHIP ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS, WITH A POPULATION  
OF MORE THAN 15,000 OUTSIDE OF COOK COUNTY \*\*

Supervisor  
Clerk  
Assessor or Multi-Township Assessor  
Highway Commissioner  
Collector (if elected) \*\*\*  
Trustees

\*\*Townships may conduct a primary in lieu of a caucus if the township central committee  
approves  
(60 ILCS 1/45-55)

\*\*\*Counties with a population of over 100,000 that have township organization, except Cook  
County, may conduct a referendum to discontinue the office of collector (60 ILCS 1/50-30)

**NONPARTISAN  
Offices to be nominated\*\*\*\***

MUNICIPAL - Council-Manager form (Councilmen at-large and from districts)

Villages incorporated after January 1, 1992

Mayor or President

Treasurer (Council-Manager form only)

Council Members or Trustees or Commissioners

\*\*\*\*A village may conduct a nonpartisan primary by referendum (65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-60)

**NONPARTISAN  
Offices to be elected  
(65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-51, 20/21-22)**

Alderman – City of Chicago, if required due to vacancy

**CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY**  
**February 24, 2009**  
**10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b), 7-4(1)**  
**Polls open 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

**2008**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008**

**(90<sup>th</sup> day preceding the last day to file nominating papers)**

First day to circulate nomination papers **(must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators)** for established political party and nonpartisan candidates who file between **DECEMBER 8 - 15, 2008**.

(10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12, 10-4, 10-6)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2008**

First day notice of intention to file a petition to create a political subdivision whose officers are to be elected, rather than appointed, may be published in a newspaper within the proposed political subdivision, or if none, in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed territory.

[10 ILCS 5/28-2(g)]

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008**

Last day notice of intention to file a petition to create a political subdivision whose officers are to be elected, rather than appointed, may be published in a newspaper within the proposed political subdivision, or if none, in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed territory.

[10 ILCS 5/28-2(g)]

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008**

Last day to file a petition **(must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators)** to create a political subdivision with the appropriate circuit court clerk.

[10 ILCS 5/28-2(b)]

**NOTE: The specific statutory provisions governing the creation of political subdivisions can be found in the relevant Code governing such subdivisions.**

**NOTE: Objections can be filed on or before the date of the hearing with the appropriate circuit court clerk.**  
**(10 ILCS 5/28-4)**

**NOTE:** If the initial officers are to be elected at the election for creation of a new unit of government, candidates for such offices shall file nomination papers between 78-71 days before such election (DECEMBER 8 - 15, 2008).  
(10 ILCS 5/10-6)

**NOTE:** The circuit court clerk shall publish the hearing date for a public policy petition filed in his/her office not later than 14 days after the petition is actually filed, but at least 5 days before the actual hearing (final orders within 7 days of hearing).  
(10 ILCS 5/28-4)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2008**

Last day for the township central committee in counties having a population of over 3,000,000 and townships having a population of over 15,000 in counties of less than 3,000,000 population to notify the appropriate election authority that their specific party will nominate candidates by primary election.  
(10 ILCS 5/7-1; 60 ILCS 1/45-55)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008**

Last day for municipal clerk to certify to the election authority the municipal ordinance providing for the nomination of municipal officers by party primary (municipalities under 5,000 population).  
(10 ILCS 5/7-1)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008**

Last day the State Board of Elections shall certify to the proper election authority a list of facilities licensed or certified under the Nursing Home Care Reform Act of 1979. The list shall indicate bed capacity and the Chief Administrator of each facility.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2008**

Last day to file an objection to a petition to create a political subdivision in the circuit court or other appropriate office where the petitions were originally filed.  
(10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2008**

Last day County Central Committee Chairmen shall submit a list to the election authority of applicants for additional deputy registrars.  
(10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008**

Beginning of 2-year term of all deputy registrars, except precinct committeemen who began their 2-year term on the date of the county convention following their election.  
(10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008**

First day for filing in the office of the local election official or Board of Election Commissioners **original** nomination papers (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) for: (1) established political parties in municipalities over 5,000 population; (2) townships in Cook County where the township central committee has approved a primary; (3) municipalities under 5,000 which by ordinance nominate candidates by primary; (4) municipalities which by referendum conduct a partisan or nonpartisan primary; (5) managerial municipalities which conduct nonpartisan primaries, and (6) candidates for City of Chicago offices (if a special election is required due to a vacancy in office).

(10 ILCS 5/7-1, 7-12(3), 10-6(4); 60 ILCS 1/45-55; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-60, 20/21-5, 21-12, 21-25)

**NOTE:** Please consult with your municipal clerk or election authority to determine whether your municipality elects its officers on a non-partisan basis.

**NOTE:** Candidates who file for township or multi-township assessor must also file proof of qualification.  
(60 ILCS 1/45-20, 45-30)

**NOTE:** This filing period does not cover candidates for park, library, school, community college, educational service region trustees, or fire protection district offices.

**NOTE:** Seven (7) days written notice of the time and place for conducting the lottery shall be given when 2 or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party or nonpartisan candidates, as of the opening hour of the filing period, DECEMBER 8, 2008. Notice shall be given by the local election official to the chairman of each political party and to each organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction entitled to have pollwatchers present at the last Consolidated Election. Notice must be posted at the entrance of the office. The lottery itself must be conducted within 9 days of the last day of petition filing. (The SBE recommends notifying all candidates involved in the lottery.)  
(10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 10-6.2)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008**

Last day for filing petitions (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local). (EXCEPTION: proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code.)

(10 ILCS 5/28-2(a), 28-6, 28-7)



**NOTE: Petitions to initiate backdoor referenda must be filed under the deadline specified in the specific statute authorizing the referenda, but in no case later than 78 days prior to the ensuing election.**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008**

Last day for filing in the office of the local election official or Board of Election Commissioners **original** nomination papers (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) for: (1) established political parties in municipalities over 5,000 population; (2) townships in Cook County where the township central committee has approved a primary; (3) municipalities under 5,000 population which by ordinance nominate candidates by primary; (4) municipalities which by referendum conduct a partisan or nonpartisan primary; (5) managerial municipalities which conduct nonpartisan primaries, and (6) candidates for City of Chicago offices (if a special election is required due to a vacancy in office).

(10 ILCS 5/7-1, 7-12(3), 10-6(4); 60 ILCS 1/45-55; and 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-60, 20/21-5, 21-12, 21-25)

**NOTE: This filing period does not cover candidates for park, library, school, community college, educational service region trustees, or fire protection district offices.**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008**

Last day for filing a Statement of Economic Interests with the county clerk as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. The **receipt** must be filed on or before this date with the local election official or election authority who received the nomination papers.

(5 ILCS 420/4A-105; 10 ILCS 5/7-12(8), 10-5)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008**

Last day to file objections to petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local). (EXCEPTION: proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code.) Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same office in which the original petitions were filed.

(10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

**NOTE: For procedures on objections see page 46.**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2008**

Last day for an individual who has filed nomination papers for 2 or more **incompatible** offices to withdraw from all but one of the offices with the local election official or election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/7-12(9), 10-7)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2008**

Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a **binding** public question to appear on the ballot.

[10 ILCS 5/28-2(c)]

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2008**

Last day for County, Municipal, Township and Park Boards to authorize the placement of **advisory** referenda on the ballot by resolution.

(55 ILCS 5/5-1005.5; 60 ILCS 1/80-80; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60; 70 ILCS 1205/8-30)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2008**

Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of established political party and nonpartisan candidates in the office of the local election official or election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/7-12.1, 10-8)

**NOTE: For procedures on objections see page 46.**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2008**

Last day for the election authority to publish a notice that mechanical or electronic voting devices will be used for the first time at the Consolidated Primary Election.

(10 ILCS 5/24-1.1, 24A-3, 24B-3, 24C-3)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2008**

Last day lottery shall be conducted by the local election official or election authority when two (2) or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party or nonpartisan candidates as of the opening hour of the filing period (DECEMBER 8, 2008).

[10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 10-6.2]

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2008**

Last day for the local election official to certify candidates and the offices they are filing for to the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/7-13)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2008**

Last day for the circuit court clerk and the local election official to certify any **binding** public question or **advisory** referenda to the election authority having jurisdiction over the political subdivision.

(10 ILCS 5/28-5)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2008**

Last day to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate in the office of the election official with whom nomination papers for such office are filed. Such filing may force a primary election for any office for which the nomination is uncontested. **Write-in votes shall only be counted for person(s) who have filed a Declaration of Intent. Write-in declarations are NOT filed with the State Board of Elections.**  
(10 ILCS 5/7-5(d); 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2008**

Last day candidate may file Withdrawal of Candidacy in the office of the local election official or election authority. (Excluding aldermanic candidates, City of Chicago)  
(10 ILCS 5/7-12(9), 10-7; 65 ILCS 20/21-29)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2008**

Last day the election authority shall provide public notice, calculated to reach the elderly and handicapped voters of the availability of registration and voting aids under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, and of the availability of assistance in marking the ballot and procedures for voting by absentee ballot.  
(10 ILCS 5/7-15)

**2009**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2009**

First day for citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who expect to be absent from their county of residence on election day to make simultaneous application to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for absentee registration and an absentee ballot.  
(10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

**NOTE: Absentee registration shall be required for citizens temporarily residing outside the United States in order to vote.**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2009**

First day any voter who is a member of the United States Service and his spouse and dependents of voting age who expect to be absent from their county of residence on election day to make application for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over their residence. Members of the Armed Forces may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission.  
(10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.3, 20-3)

**NOTE: No registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to this section.**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009**

Last day for election authorities to provide to each county chairman or his representative, precinct lists prepared for the 2008 General Election marked to indicate which registrants voted at the General Election.  
(10 ILCS 5/4-11, 5-14, 6-60)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009**

Last day the election authority shall notify the municipal, township and road district clerks within its jurisdiction if they are authorized to conduct in-person absentee voting.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009**

Last day for the election authority to have in his office a sufficient number of ballots printed and available for mailing to persons in the United States Service or their spouse and dependents of voting age and citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States.  
(10 ILCS 5/7-16, 16-5.01)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009**

First day for any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States, who expects to be absent from his/her county of residence on Election Day, to make application **by mail** or **in person** to the election authority for an official ballot.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-2)

**NOTE: Certain situations other than absence from county of residence also permit application for absentee ballot to be made.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-2)**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009**

Last day for organizations of citizens which have among its purposes the investigation or prosecution of election fraud, ballot proposition proponents or opponents and State non-partisan civic organizations to register their names and addresses and the names and addresses of their principal officers with the proper election authority if such organization(s) or person(s) wish to qualify for pollwatchers at the Consolidated Primary Election.  
(10 ILCS 5/7-34)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009**

Last day for the election authority to mail by nonforwardable mail to any qualified elector who has filed a "Temporarily Absent Student Notice", an application for Absent Student Ballot.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-4, 19-12.3)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009**

Dates for filing Lodging House Affidavits listing the names and descriptions of those residents who list such location as their voting address, with the Board of Election Commissioners. (*The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit enforcement of this provision.*)

(10 ILCS 5/6-56)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009**

First day for the election authority to publish notice of the Consolidated Primary. The notice must include the color of the primary ballots, the time and place of holding the primary and the polling hours, the offices for which candidates will be nominated and the political parties entitled to participate. Such notice must also include a list of precinct polling addresses unless these are published separately at least ten (10) days prior to the Consolidated Primary. Such notice of the Consolidated Primary shall be published once in one or more newspapers published in each political subdivision having such primary, and if there is no such newspaper, then published once in a local community newspaper having general circulation in the subdivision, and also once in a newspaper published in the county wherein the political subdivisions, or portions thereof, having such primary are situated.

(10 ILCS 5/7-15, 7-18, 12-4)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009**

First day for the election authority to publish notice of a question of public policy appearing on the ballot at the Consolidated Primary. Such notice shall be published once in a local community newspaper having general circulation in the political or governmental subdivision. The notice shall also be given at least ten (10) days before the date of the election by posting a copy of the notice at the principal office of the election authority. The local election official shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the political or governmental subdivision, or if there is no principal office at the building in which the governing body of the political or governmental subdivision held its first meeting of the calendar year in which the referendum is being held.

(10 ILCS 5/12-5)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009**

First day for the election authority to publish in a newspaper of general circulation throughout its jurisdiction, (1) the location of each permanent and temporary site for early voting and the precincts served by each location, and (2) the dates and hours that early voting will be conducted at each location. The election authority shall publish this information at least once a week during the statutory period for early voting. If the election authority maintains a website, they shall make the schedule available on its website.

[10 ILCS 19A-25(a)]

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009**

Last day for the election authority to arrange with nursing home administrators the date and time to conduct in-person absentee voting in such facilities and to post a notice in the office of the election authority of all such arrangements.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009**

Last day for citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the United States who are not registered to vote but otherwise qualified to vote and who expect to be absent from their county of residence on election day to make simultaneous application to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for absentee registration and an absentee ballot.  
(10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009**

Last day for registration or transfer of registration in the office of the election authority. **Precinct registration may apply in the City of Chicago. Please check with this jurisdiction for registration deadlines.** (EXCEPTION: grace period registration and transfer of registration).  
(10 ILCS 5/4-6, 4-16, 5-5, 5-23, 6-29, 6-50, 6-53, 6-54)

**NOTE: UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF NVRA AND/OR RULES PROMULGATED BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF NVRA. A VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION MAY BE EXECUTED WHILE VOTER REGISTRATION IS CLOSED, BUT IN SUCH CASE SUCH APPLICATION ON SHALL NOT ENTITLE THE APPLICANT TO VOTE AT ANY ELECTION HELD BEFORE REGISTRATION RE-OPENS. APPLICATIONS FOR NVRA REGISTRATION COMPLETED WITHIN THE FIVE (5) DAY PERIOD PRECEDING THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE AT SECRETARY OF STATE FACILITIES AND QUALIFIED AGENCIES MUST BE TRANSMITTED WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS OF COMPLETION AND MUST BE PROCESSED FOR THE NEXT ELECTION. A MAIL REGISTRATION APPLICATION SHALL BE DEEMED TIMELY FILED IF POSTMARKED PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION. IF NO POSTMARK EXISTS OR IF THE POSTMARK IS ILLEGIBLE, THE APPLICATION SHALL BE CONSIDERED TIMELY FILED IF RECEIVED BY THE ELECTION AUTHORITY NO LATER THAN FIVE (5) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION.**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009**

Last day for registration of voters by deputy registrars, including municipal, township, road district clerks and precinct committeemen. **Precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago. Please check with this jurisdiction for registration deadlines.**  
[10 ILCS 5/4-6.2(a), 5-16.2(a), 6-50.2(a)]

**NOTE:** Deputy Registrars must return completed forms to the election authority within 7 days of the day on which they are completed. Registrations accepted during the period of 35 - 28 days before an election must be returned within 48 hours. Registrations accepted on the 28<sup>th</sup> day must be returned within 24 hours.  
[10 ILCS 5/6-50.2(c)]

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2009**

First day for grace period registration or change of address in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.  
(10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2009**

First day for grace period voting at the election authority's office, or location designated by the election authority, or by mail, at the discretion of the election authority.  
(10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2009**

The election authority shall post a schedule for early voting at each location where early voting will be conducted. Such posting shall remain at each site until the last day of the early voting period (FEBRUARY 19, 2009). If the election authority has a website, they shall make the schedule available on the website.  
(10 ILCS 5/19A-25)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2009**

Last day for deputy registrars who are officials or members of a bonafide labor organization to return unused registration materials to the election authority. **Area registration may apply in the City of Chicago. Please check with this jurisdiction for registration and return of material deadlines.**  
[10 ILCS 5/4-6.2(c), 5-16.2(c), 6-50.2(c)]

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2009**

First day for the election authority to supply absentee ballot materials to local election officials (qualified municipal, township and road district clerks) authorized by the election authority to conduct in-person absentee voting. It is suggested that they make available such supplies on this date, as in-person absentee voting begins the following day.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009**

First day for early voting at the office of the election authority and permanent locations designated by the election authority. Temporary early voting locations may be established by the election authority, but are not required to maintain the same voting days and hours as the election authority.  
(10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009**

First day for local election officials (qualified municipal, township, and road district clerks) authorized by the election authority to conduct in-person absentee voting.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2009**

Last day for aldermanic candidates in the City of Chicago to file their withdrawals of candidacy in the office of the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners. *(Applicable only if a special election is required due to a mid-term vacancy)*  
(65 ILCS 20/21-29)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2009**

Last day for an employee to give their employer written notice that they will be absent from their place of employment on election day because they have been appointed as an election judge under the provisions of 10 ILCS 5/13-1 or 13-2.  
(10 ILCS 5/13-2.5, 14-4.5)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2009**

Last day for election authority to submit voter registration information to the State Board of Elections within ten (10) days following the close of registration for the FEBRUARY 24, 2009 Consolidated Primary Election.  
(10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2009**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

Dates on which any voter or precinct committeeman may file an application with the election authority to erase names from the registry of voters. *(The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit the enforcement of this provision).*  
(10 ILCS 5/4-12, 5-15, 6-44)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

First day that a qualified voter who has been admitted to a hospital, nursing home, or rehabilitation center not more than 14 days before an election to make an application with the election authority for the personal delivery of an absentee ballot.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-13)

**NOTE:** This provision for absentee voting is available through Election Day if the process can be completed and the voted ballot returned to the election authority in sufficient time for the ballot to be delivered by the election authority to the election authority's central ballot counting location before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-13)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

Last day for election authority to have pollwatcher credentials available for distribution.  
(10 ILCS 5/7-34)



**NOTE:** Pollwatcher credentials may, at the discretion of the election authority, be distributed prior to this date. Credentials must be available on this date and up to, and including Election Day.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

Last day of grace period registration or change of address in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.  
(10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

Last day of grace period voting at the election authority's office, or location designated by the election authority, or by mail, at the discretion of the election authority.  
(10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2009**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2009**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2009**

Dates on which county clerks and the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners shall hold hearings to determine whether names in the registry of voters shall be erased, registered or restored. *(The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit the enforcement of this provision.)*  
(10 ILCS 5/4-13, 5-16, 6-45)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

Last day for the election authority to publish notice of the Consolidated Primary. The notice must include the color of the primary ballots, the time and place of holding the primary and the polling hours, the offices for which candidates will be nominated and the political parties entitled to participate. Such notice must also include a list of precinct polling addresses unless these are published separately at least ten (10) days prior to the Consolidated Primary. Such notice of the Consolidated Primary shall be published once in one or more newspapers published in each political subdivision having such primary, and if there is no such newspaper, then published once in a local community newspaper having general circulation in the subdivision, and also once in a newspaper published in the county wherein the political subdivisions, or portions thereof, having such primary are situated.  
(10 ILCS 5/7-15, 7-18, 12-4)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

Last day for the election authority to publish notice of a question of public policy appearing on the ballot at the primary. Such notice shall be published once in a local community newspaper having general circulation in the political or governmental subdivision. The notice shall also be given at least ten (10) days before the date of the election by posting a copy of the notice at the principal office of the election authority. The local election official shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the political or governmental subdivision, or if there is no principal office at the

building in which the governing body of the political or governmental subdivision held its first meeting of the calendar year in which the referendum is being held.  
(10 ILCS 5/12-5)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

Last day for election authority to publish precinct polling place addresses, if not included in the Consolidated Primary election notice.  
(10 ILCS 5/7-15)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

Last day for any voter who is a member of the United States Service and his spouse and dependents of voting age who expect to be absent from the county of residence on election day to make application for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence, and the last day for the election authority to mail such ballot. Members of the Armed Forces may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission.  
(10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.3, 20-3)

**NOTE: No registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to this section.**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

Dates on which Boards of Election Commissioners (except the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners) shall hold hearings to determine whether names in the registry of voters shall be erased, registered or restored. *(The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit the enforcement of this provision.)*  
(10 ILCS 5/6-45)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

Last day for a physically incapacitated voter who desires to vote in person at their facility of residence pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act of 1979, to make application to the election authority. Such voting shall take place on either the Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday immediately preceding the Consolidated Primary election, as determined by the election authority.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority and permanent locations designated by the election authority. Temporary early voting locations may be established by the election authority, but are not required to maintain the same voting days and hours as the election authority.  
(10 ILCS 5/19A-15, 19A-20)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

Last day for the election authority to conduct the public test of the automatic tabulating equipment, Optical Scan Equipment and Direct Recording Electronic Voting Equipment.  
(10 ILCS 5/24A-9, 24B-9, 24C-9)

**NOTE: All election authorities must provide timely written notice of their public test to the State Board of Elections prior to such test. Such notice must contain the date, time and location of such test. Public notice of the time and place of the test must be given at least 48 hours prior to such test.  
(10 ILCS 5/24A-9, 24B-9, 24C-9)**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

Last day for the election authority to receive an application by mail from any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States, who expects to be absent from his county of residence on election day and the last day for the election authority to mail such ballot.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-2, 19-4)

**NOTE: Certain situations other than absence from county of residence also permit application for absentee ballot to be made.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-2)**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

Last day for the local election official to publish the specimen ballot. Such specimen ballots shall be provided by the election authority.  
(10 ILCS 5/7-21)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

Last day (by noon) election authority shall post the names and addresses of nursing home facilities from which no applications for absentee ballots have been received and in which no supervised voting will be conducted.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2009**

Last day for the election authority to have official ballots available for inspection by candidates or their agents.  
(10 ILCS 5/16-5)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2009**

Last day for the election authority to transmit a list of voters to whom he has issued temporarily absent student ballots, to those election authorities in whose jurisdiction those student temporarily reside.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-4)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2009**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2009**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2009**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

The election authority will determine on which of the above dates Nursing Home Voting will be conducted, pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act of 1979. No later than 9:00 a.m. of the day designated by the election authority to conduct in-person voting on the premises, the election authority shall deliver official absentee ballots to the judges of election conducting such voting at the facility. Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., sufficient time shall be allowed for residents of the facility to vote on the premises of such facility. Immediately thereafter, the judges shall bring the sealed envelope containing the voted ballots to the office of the election authority who shall deliver such ballots to the election authority's central ballot counting location prior to the closing of the polls on the day of election.

(10 ILCS 5/19-4, 19-12.2)

**NOTE:** In person absentee voting shall be conducted on the premises of facilities licensed pursuant to the Illinois Nursing Homes, Sheltered Care Homes and Homes for the Aged Act, for the sole benefit of residents of such facilities who have made prior application and are registered to vote in that precinct.

(10 ILCS 5/19-4, 19-12.2)

**NOTE:** For those residents who submitted a request for an absentee ballot by mail, the judges of election conducting in-person voting at the facility shall deliver the ballot in person to the applicant on the premises of the facility.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

**(No later than 6:00 p.m.)**

Last day for election authority to deliver ballots to the judges of election in each precinct at which the Consolidated Primary election will be conducted.

(10 ILCS 5/7-35, 16-5)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

Last day for the election authority in counties having a population **under 500,000** to publish a list of all the nominations that are to be voted for at the Consolidated Primary Election.

(10 ILCS 5/16-10)

**NOTE:** This provision does not apply in situations where the local election official has already published the specimen ballot pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-21.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

Last day for any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States, who expects to be absent from his county of residence on election day, to make application **in person** to the election authority or municipal, township or road district clerk who is authorized to conduct absentee voting.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-2, 19-2.1)

**NOTE: Certain situations other than absence from county of residence also permit application for absentee ballot to be made.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-2)**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

Last day for election authority to deliver (prior to opening the polling place) to the judges of election in each precinct the list of registered voters in that precinct to whom absentee ballots have been issued by mail and a listing of grace period and early voters.  
[10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100, 19-4, 19A-5(c)]

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

Last day for a temporarily or permanently physically disabled voter to request at the election authority's office, that two (2) judges of election of opposite party affiliation deliver a ballot to him/her at the point where he/she is unable to continue forward motion toward the polling place.  
(10 ILCS 5/7-47.1(b), 17-13, 18-5.1)

**NOTE: The election authority shall notify the judges of election of the appropriate precinct of such requests.**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009**

**CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION  
(10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1)**

**CANVASS AND POST CANVASS PROCEDURES:**

**Consolidated Primary election returns are to be immediately delivered by two election judges (one from each of the two leading established political parties) to the election authority. As soon as possible after the conclusion of the 14-day period for counting provisional and absentee ballots, the returns shall be canvassed for all primary elections by the election authority acting as the canvassing board pursuant to Section 1-8 of the Election Code. Following the canvass the election authority shall transmit to the State Board of Elections the following: (1) the number, by precinct, of absentee ballots requested, provided and counted, (2) the number of rejected absentee ballots, and (3) the number of voters seeking review of rejected absentee ballots. Within 48 hours of conducting the canvass, as required by this code, the election authority shall deliver an original certificate of results to each local official.  
(10 ILCS 5/1-8, 7-56, 17-22, 19-20, 20-20)**

**NOTE:** The election authority also canvasses the results of a public question submitted to referendum pursuant to a court order and shall immediately transmit a signed copy or an original duplicate of its completed abstract of the votes to the court which order the referendum.  
(10 ILCS 5/22-18)

#### **WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

Each successful write-in candidate shall file the following documents with the proper election authority within ten (10) days following the proclamation by the appropriate canvassing board.

- (1) A Statement of Candidacy
  - (2) A receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interests, and
  - (3) A Loyalty Oath (optional)
- (10 ILCS 5/7-60.1)

#### **DISCOVERY RECOUNT**

Within five (5) days after the last day for the proclamation of the results of the canvass, petitions for discovery recount may be filed by any candidate who came within 5% of the winning candidate. Such petition is filed with the appropriate election authority.  
(10 ILCS 5/22-9.1)

#### **ELECTION CONTEST**

Within ten (10) days after completion of the final canvass of the Consolidated Primary Election, a losing candidate may file a contest of election against the candidate nominated for the office and party (if applicable) for which they were a candidate.  
(10 ILCS 5/7-63)

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009**

Last day for authorized local election officials (or the election authority on behalf of the local election official) to deliver the carrier envelope containing in-person absentee ballots to the election authority's central ballot counting location before the polls close. All unused in-person absentee voting supplies are to be returned to the office of the election authority.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009**

Registration opens in the office of the election authority and for all deputy registrars including all municipal, township and road district clerks who are authorized deputy registrars.  
(10 ILCS 5/4-6, 5-5, 6-50)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009**

Last day a provisional voter may submit additional information to the county clerk or board of election commissioners to verify or support his/her registration status. Materials must be received by this date.

[10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d)]

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009**

Deadline for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots.

[10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a)]

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009**

Deadline for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the tabulation of absentee ballots that were (1) postmarked\* by the midnight preceding the opening of the polls on Election Day, and (2) received after the close of the polls on Election Day but not later than 14 days after the election. **\*Recently enacted legislation provides that a mailed absentee ballot absent a postmark shall be counted if the certification date is a date preceding the election.**

(10 ILCS 5/19-8)

**NOTE: Absentee voters whose ballots were rejected must be sent a notice of such along with the reason for the rejection within two (2) days of the rejection, but in all cases prior to the end of the 14 day period in which to count the absentee ballots. Such voters must be given an opportunity to appear before the election authority on or before the 14 day following the election to show cause as to why the ballot should not be rejected.**

[10 ILCS 5/19-8(g)]

**BEFORE PROCLAMATION BY ELECTION AUTHORITY**

**In those jurisdictions where in-precinct counting equipment is utilized, the election authority shall re-tabulate the total number of votes cast in 5% of the precincts within the election jurisdiction PRIOR TO THE CANVASS. In jurisdictions that employ Direct Recording Devices, 5% of the precincts must also be re-tabulated PRIOR TO THE CANVASS.**

**(10 ILCS 5/24A-15, 24B-15, 24C-15)**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009**

Suggested last day for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to canvass election results.

(10 ILCS 5/22-17)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009**

Last day the election authority shall transmit to the State Board of Elections the following: (1) the number, by precinct, of absentee ballots requested provided and counted (2) the number of rejected absentee ballots, and (3) the number of voters seeking review of rejected absentee ballots.

10 ILCS 5/19-20, 20-20)

**ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY LOTTERY**

**Each local election official shall conduct a public lottery for the order of placement of the established political parties on the Consolidated Election ballot. Three (3) days written notice of the time and place for conducting such lottery must be sent to the party chairmen and organizations that were entitled to have pollwatchers at the most recent election, and post notice of the lottery in a conspicuous, open and public place at the entrance of the office. Such lottery shall be prior to the certification for the Consolidated Election (no later than five (5) days following the canvass of the Consolidated Primary election). (EXCEPTION: Boards of Election Commissioners shall hold the lottery within five (5) days following the canvass.)**

**10 ILCS 5/7-60.1)**



**CONSOLIDATED ELECTION  
First Tuesday in April  
April 7, 2009**

**ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTIES  
INDEPENDENTS AND NEW POLITICAL PARTIES  
Offices to be elected**

MUNICIPAL\* – Including Special Charter

Mayor or President

Clerk

Treasurer

Aldermen or Trustees

\*(See 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20, 3.1-25-60)

TOWNSHIP

Supervisor

Clerk

Assessor or Multi-Township Assessor

Highway Commissioner

Collector\*\* (if elected)

Trustees

\*\*Counties with a population of over 100,000 that have township organization, except Cook County, may conduct a referendum to discontinue the office of collector.  
(60 ILCS 1/50-30)

**NONPARTISAN  
Offices to be elected**

MUNICIPAL

Council-Manager form (Councilmen at-large and from districts) and Commission form

Villages incorporated after January 1, 1992\*\*\*

Mayor or President

Treasurer (Council-Manager form only)

Council Members or Trustees or Commissioners

\*\*\*(See 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20, 3.1-25-60)

MUNICIPAL

City of Chicago, Aldermanic run-off elections only if required due to an unexpired term created by a vacancy.

(65 ILCS 20/21-5a, 21-12)

PARK DISTRICT

Commissioners

PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Trustees

TOWNSHIP AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Trustees

ROAD DISTRICT

Clerk

Commissioner

REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOLS (Single County and Multi-County)

Trustees

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Members (including districts under Article 33)

School Directors

SCHOOL DISTRICT – Special Charter

School Inspectors

Board Members

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS (Cook County Only)

Trustees

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Trustees

TOWNSHIP LAND COMMISSIONERS (Counties having a population under 220,000)

Commissioners

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Trustees

FOX WATERWAY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Chairman

2 Directors to be elected from Lake County

1 Director to be elected from McHenry County

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

Commissioners

OTHER SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS

**CONSOLIDATED ELECTION**  
**April 7, 2009**  
**10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1**  
**Polls open 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

**2008**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2008**

**(90<sup>th</sup> day preceding the last day to file nominating papers)**

First day to circulate nomination papers **(must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators)** for independent and new political party candidates in municipalities and townships, and nonpartisan candidates for township and municipal libraries, the Fox Waterway Management Agency, library districts, park districts, school boards, community college boards, regional board of school trustees, fire protection districts and forest preserve districts who file between **JANUARY 19 – 26, 2009**.

(10 ILCS 5/10-4, 10-6)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008**

First day notice of intention to file a petition to create a political subdivision whose officers are to be elected, rather than appointed, may be published in a newspaper within the proposed political subdivision, or if none, in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed territory.

[10 ILCS 5/28-2(g)]

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2008**

Last day County Central Committee Chairmen shall submit a list to the election authority of applicants for additional deputy registrars.

(10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008**

Beginning of 2-year term of all deputy registrars, except precinct committeemen who began their 2-year term on the date of the county convention following their election.

(10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2008**

Last day the township clerk shall notify the chairman of each township central committee by first class mail of his obligation to report the time and location of the party's caucus.

(60 ILCS 1/45-10)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008**

Last day the multi-township clerk shall notify the chairman of each multi-township central committee by first class mail of his obligation to report the time and location of the party's caucus.

(60 ILCS 1/45-25)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2008**

Last day notice of intention to file a petition to create a political subdivision whose officers are to be elected, rather than appointed, may be published in a newspaper within the proposed political subdivision, or if none, in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed territory.

[10 ILCS 5/28-2(g)]

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2008**

Last day to file a petition (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) to create a political subdivision with the appropriate circuit court clerk.

[10 ILCS 5/28-2(b)]

**NOTE:** The specific statutory provisions governing the creation of political subdivisions can be found in the relevant Code governing such subdivisions.

**NOTE:** Objections can be filed on or before the date of the hearing with the appropriate circuit court clerk.  
(10 ILCS 5/28-4)

**NOTE:** If the initial officers are to be elected at the election for creation of a new unit of government, candidates for such offices shall file nomination papers between 78 – 71 days before such election (JANUARY 19 - 26, 2009).  
(10 ILCS 5/10-6)

**NOTE:** The circuit court clerk shall publish the hearing date for a public policy petition filed in his/her office not later than 14 days after the petition is actually filed, but at least five (5) days before the actual hearing (final orders within seven (7) days of hearing).  
(10 ILCS 5/28-4)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2008**

Last day each chairman of the township central committee shall notify the township clerk by first class mail of the time and location of their party's caucus.

(60 ILCS 1/45-10)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2008**

Last day each chairman of the multi-township central committee shall notify the multi-township clerk by first class mail of the time and location of their party's caucus.

(60 ILCS 1/45-25)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2008**

Last day the State Board of Elections shall certify to the proper election authority a list of facilities licensed or certified under the Nursing Home Care Reform Act of 1979. The list shall indicate bed capacity and the Chief Administrator of each facility.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2008**

Last day for the Regional Superintendent of Schools to certify to the State Board of Elections a list of each unit school district under his or her supervision and control and a listing of each county in which all or any part of each of those districts is located.  
(105 ILCS 5/6-5)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2008**

Last day to file an objection to a petition to create a political subdivision in the office of circuit court or other appropriate office where the petitions were originally filed.  
(10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

**2009**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2009**

First day any voter who is a member of the United States Service and his spouse and dependents of voting age who expect to be absent from their county of residence on election day to make application for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over their residence. Members of the Armed Forces may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission.  
(10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.3, 20-3)

**NOTE: No registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to this section.**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2009**

First day for citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States who are not registered but otherwise qualified to vote and who expect to be absent from their county of residence on election day to make simultaneous application to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for absentee registration and an absentee ballot.  
(10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

**NOTE: Absentee registration shall be required for citizens temporarily residing outside the United States in order to vote.**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2009**

Last day for municipal clerk to publish a notice of municipal caucus in municipalities over 500 population (in municipalities under 500, notice shall be given by the municipal clerk by posting the notice in three (3) of the most public places in the municipality).  
[10 ILCS 5/10-1(b)]

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2009**

Last day the township board shall publish a notice stating the time and location of the caucus for each political party.  
(60 ILCS 1/45-10)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2009**

Last day the multi-township central committee shall publish a notice stating the time and location of the caucus for each political party.  
(60 ILCS 1/45-25)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009**

Last day for election authorities to provide to each county chairman or his representative, precinct lists prepared for the 2008 General Election marked to indicate which registrants voted at the General Election.  
(10 ILCS 5/4-11, 5-14, 6-60)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009**

Date on which the municipal caucus must be held (in municipalities under 5,000) which have established parties.  
(10 ILCS 5/10-1)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009**

Date on which the township caucus must be held (in those townships which have not adopted the primary system).  
(60 ILCS 1/45-10)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009**

Date on which the multi-township caucus must be held.  
(60 ILCS 1/45-25)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2009**

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify a list of unit school districts and counties encompassed by the school districts to the election authorities.  
(105 ILCS 5/6-5)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2009\***

First day established political party caucus certificates of nomination may be filed in the office of the local election official along with Statement of Candidacy and Loyalty Oath (optional) for each candidate. The **receipt** for filing a Statement of Economic Interest for each candidate may be filed any time during the filing period.  
(5 ILCS 420/4A-105; 10 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-6(2); 65 ILCS 1/45-20, 45-30)

**NOTE: Candidates who file for township or multi-township assessor must also file a proof of qualification.  
(60 ILCS 1/45-20, 45-30)**

**\*Filing is between 78-71 days prior to the Consolidated Election. January 19, 2009 is the 78<sup>th</sup> day prior to that election and is the first day of filing in those offices which are open. Those offices that are closed in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday will begin accepting nominating papers on January 20, 2009. Regardless of whether the office is open on January 19, the last day to file is January 26, 2009.**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2009\***

First day for filing in the office of the local election official or Board of Election Commissioners **original** nominating petitions (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) for independent and new political party candidates in municipalities and townships; nonpartisan candidates in township and municipal libraries; the Fox Waterway Management Agency (filed with the State Board of Elections); road districts; library districts; park districts; school boards; community college boards; regional board of school trustees; fire protection districts; and forest preserve districts.  
(10 ILCS 5/10-6(2), 10-6(6); 615 ILCS 90/5)

**NOTE: Candidates who file for township or multi-township assessor must also file a proof of qualification.  
(60 ILCS 1/45-20, 45-30)**

**\*Filing is between 78-71 days prior to the Consolidated Election. January 19, 2009 is the 78<sup>th</sup> day prior to that election and is the first day of filing in those offices which are open. Those offices that are closed in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday will begin accepting nominating petitions on January 20, 2009. Regardless of whether the office is open on January 19, the last day to file is January 26, 2009.**

**EXCEPTION:** Nomination papers for the office of Regional Board of School Trustees in a **single** county shall be filed in the office of the county clerk. Petitions for the office of **Multi-County** Regional Board of School Trustees shall be filed in the principal office of the State Board of Elections.  
(105 ILCS 5/6-10)

***The State Board of Elections is not open on January 19, 2009. The first day for filing for candidates for the Fox Waterway Management Agency and Multi-County Regional Boards of School Trustees will be January 20, 2009 at the Board's principal office in Springfield. The last day will be January 26, 2009.***  
**(10 ILCS 5/10-6; 105 ILCS 5/6-10; 615 ILCS 90/5)**

**NOTE:** Seven (7) days written notice of the time and place for conducting the lottery for simultaneous filings shall be given by the State Board of Elections, election authority, local election official or Board of Election Commissioners to the county chairmen of the established parties and to each organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction entitled to have pollwatchers present at the last Consolidated Election. Notice must be posted at the entrance of the office. The lottery itself must be conducted within 9 days of the last day of petition filing. (The SBE recommends notifying all candidates involved in the lottery.)  
**(10 ILCS 5/10-6.2)**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009**

Last day for filing petitions **(must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulator)** for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local). (EXCEPTION: proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code.)  
**(10 ILCS 5/28-2(a), 28-6, 28-7)**

**NOTE:** Petitions to initiate backdoor referenda must be filed under the deadline specified in the specific statute authorizing the referenda, but in no case later than 78 days prior to the ensuing election.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009**

Last day established political party caucus certificates of nomination may be filed in the office of the local election official, along with Statement of Candidacy, Loyalty Oath (optional), and receipt for filing the Statement of Economic Interests for each candidate.  
**[5 ILCS 420/4A; 10 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-6(2)]**

**NOTE:** Candidates who file for township or multi-township assessor must also file a proof of qualification.  
**(60 ILCS 1/45-20, 45-30)**



**MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009**

Last day for filing in the office of the local election official or Board of Election Commissioners **original** nominating petitions (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) for independent and new political party candidates in municipalities and townships; nonpartisan candidates in township and municipal libraries; the Fox Waterway Management Agency (filed with the State Board of Elections); road districts; library districts; park districts; school boards; community college boards; regional boards of school trustees; fire protection districts; and forest preserve districts.

(10 ILCS 5/10-6(2); 10-6(6); 615 ILCS 90/5)

**NOTE: Candidates who file for township or multi-township assessor must also file a proof of qualification.  
(60 ILCS 1/45-20, 45-30)**

EXCEPTION: Nomination papers for the office of Regional Board of School Trustees in a **single** county shall be filed in the office of the county clerk. Petitions for the office of **Multi-County** Regional Board of School Trustees shall be filed in the principal office of the State Board of Elections.

(105 ILCS 5/6-10)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009**

Last day for filing a Statement of Economic Interests with the county clerk as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. The **receipt** must be filed on or before this date with the local election official or election authority who received the nomination papers.

(5 ILCS 420/4A-105; 10 ILCS 5/10-5)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009**

Last day to file objections to petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local). (EXCEPTION: proposition to create a political subdivision and referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code.) Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same office in which the original petitions were filed.

(10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

**NOTE: For procedures on objections see page 46.**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009**

Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a **binding** public question to appear on the ballot.

[10 ILCS 5/28-2(c)]

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009**

Last day for County, Municipal, Township and Park Boards to authorize the placement of **advisory** referenda on the ballot by resolution.

(55 ILCS 5/5-1005.5; 60 ILCS 1/80-80; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60; 70 ILCS 1205/8-30)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009**

Last day for an individual who has filed nomination papers for two (2) or more **incompatible** offices to withdraw from all but one of the offices with the local election official or election authority.  
(10 ILCS 5/10-7)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009**

Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of new political party, nonpartisan, independent candidates and certificates of nomination for established party caucus candidates in the office of the local election official or election authority. (EXCEPTION: Objections to the nominating petitions of candidates for the office of **Multi-County** Educational Service Region Trustees and Fox Waterway Management Agency offices are filed with the State Board of Elections.)  
(10 ILCS 5/10-8)

**NOTE: For procedures on objections see page 46.**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2009**

Last day for established political party (local established or statewide established) to fill a vacancy in nomination for failure to nominate at the January 12 municipal caucus, January 13 township caucus or the January 14 multi-township caucus.  
(10 ILCS 5/7-61)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2009**

Last day for established party to fill a vacancy when the party did not have to conduct a primary election (when an office or offices were uncontested).  
(10 ILCS 5/7-61)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2009**

Last day lottery shall be conducted by the State Board of Elections, election authority or local election official when two (2) or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office by more than one (1) independent candidate or more than one (1) new political party candidate, or by more than one (1) nonpartisan candidate, as of the opening hour of the filing period (JANUARY 19, 2009 or JANUARY 20, 2009 if the office of the local election official or election authority is closed on Martin Luther King's birthday).  
(10 ILCS 5/10-6.2)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2009**

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. **Write-in votes shall only be counted for person(s) who have filed a Declaration of Intent. Write-in declarations are NOT filed with the State Board of Elections.**  
(10 ILCS 5/17-16.1)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2009**

Last day for the local election official to conduct a lottery for established party placement on the ballot when said parties nominate by caucus.

(10 ILCS 5/7-60.1, 10-6.2)

**NOTE: We suggest the lottery be held no later than FEBRUARY 4, 2009 in order to certify the ballot by FEBRUARY 5, 2009.**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2009**

Last day a candidate may file a Withdrawal of Candidacy in the office of the local election official or election authority. (Excluding aldermanic candidates, City of Chicago)

(10 ILCS 5/10-7; 65 ILCS 20/21-29)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2009**

Last day for the circuit court clerk and the local election official to certify any **binding** public question or **advisory** referenda to the election authority having jurisdiction over the political subdivision.

(10 ILCS 5/28-5)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2009**

Last day for the election authorities in single county educational service regions to certify candidates for Regional Trustees to the election authorities in those counties having unit school districts under the supervision and control of the single county educational service region.

(10 ILCS 5/7-60.1; 105 ILCS 5/6-5)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2009**

Last day for the local election official to certify candidates and the offices they are filing for to the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/10-15)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2009**

Last day the election authority shall provide public notice, calculated to reach the elderly and handicapped voters of the availability of registration and voting aids under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, and of the availability of assistance in marking the ballot and procedures for voting by absentee ballot.

(10 ILCS 5/12-1)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2009**

Last day for the election authority to publish a notice that mechanical or electronic voting devices will be used for the first time at the Consolidated Election.

(10 ILCS 5/24-1.1, 24A-3, 24B-3, 24C-3)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

Last day for the election authority to have in his office a sufficient number of ballots printed and available for mailing to persons in the United States Service or their spouse and dependents of voting age and citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States.  
(10 ILCS 5/16-5.01)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

Last day the election authority shall notify the municipal, township and road district clerks within its jurisdiction if they are authorized to conduct in-person absentee voting.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009**

First day for any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States, who expects to be absent from his/her county of residence on Election Day, to make application **by mail** or **in person** to the election authority for an official ballot.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-2)

**NOTE: Certain situations other than absence from county of residence also permit application for absentee ballot to be made.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-2)**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009**

Last day for organizations of citizens which have among its purposes the investigation or prosecution of election fraud, ballot proposition proponents or opponents and State non-partisan civic organizations to register their names and addresses and the names and addresses of their principal officers with the proper election authority if such organization(s) or person(s) wish to qualify for pollwatchers at the Consolidated Election.  
(10 ILCS 5/17-23, 18-6)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009**

Last day for the election authority to mail by nonforwardable mail to any qualified elector who has filed a "Temporarily Absent Student Notice", an application for Absent Student Ballot.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-4, 19-12.3)

**MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009**

Dates for filing Lodging House Affidavits listing the names and descriptions of those residents who list such location as their voting address with the Boards of Election Commissioners. (*The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit the enforcement of this provision.*)  
(10 ILCS 5/6-56)

**MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009**

First day for the election authority to publish in a newspaper of general circulation throughout its jurisdiction, (1) the location of each permanent and temporary sites for early voting and the precincts served by each location, and (2) the dates and hours that early voting will be conducted at each location. The election authority shall publish this information at least once a week during the statutory period for early voting. If the election authority maintains a website, they shall make the schedule available on its website.

[10 ILCS 5/19A-25(a)]

**MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009**

First day for the election authority to publish notice of the Consolidated Election. The notice must include the polling hours, and the offices for which candidates will be elected to. Such notice must also include a list precinct polling addresses unless published separately at least ten (10) days prior to the Consolidated Election. Such notice of the Consolidated Election shall be published once in one or more newspapers published in each political subdivision, and if there is no such newspaper, then published once in a local community newspaper having general circulation in the subdivision, and also once in a newspaper published in the county wherein the political subdivisions, or portions thereof, having such elections are situated.

(10 ILCS 5/12-4)

**MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009**

First day for the election authority to publish notice of a question of public policy appearing on the ballot at the Consolidated Election. Such notice shall be published once in a local community newspaper having general circulation in the political or governmental subdivision. The notice shall also be given at least ten (10) days before the date of election by posting a copy of the notice at the principal office of the election authority. The local election official shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the political or governmental subdivision, or if there is no principal office at the building in which the governing body of the political or governmental subdivision held its first meeting of the calendar year in which the referendum is being held.

(10 ILCS 5/12-5)

**MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009**

Last day for the election authority to arrange with nursing home administrators the date and time to conduct in-person absentee voting in such facilities and to post a notice in the office of the election authority of all such arrangements.

(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

**MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009**

Last day for citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the United States who are not registered to vote but otherwise qualified to vote and who expect to be absent from their county of residence on election day to make simultaneous application to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for absentee registration and an absentee ballot.

(10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009**

Last day for registration or transfer of registration in the office of the election authority. **Precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago. Please check with this jurisdiction for registration deadlines.** (EXCEPTION: grace period registration and transfer of registration).

(10 ILCS 5/4-6, 4-16, 5-5, 5-23, 6-29, 6-50, 6-53, 6-54)

**NOTE: UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF NVRA AND/OR RULES PROMULGATED BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF NVRA. A VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION MAY BE EXECUTED WHILE VOTER REGISTRATION IS CLOSED, BUT IN SUCH CASE SUCH APPLICATION SHALL NOT ENTITLE THE APPLICANT TO VOTE AT ANY ELECTION HELD BEFORE REGISTRATION RE-OPENS. APPLICATIONS FOR NVRA REGISTRATION COMPLETED WITHIN THE FIVE (5) DAY PERIOD PRECEDING THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE AT SECRETARY OF STATE FACILITIES AND QUALIFIED AGENCIES MUST BE TRANSMITTED WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS OF COMPLETION AND MUST BE PROCESSED FOR THE NEXT ELECTION. A MAIL REGISTRATION APPLICATION SHALL BE DEEMED TIMELY FILED IF POSTMARKED PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION. IF NO POSTMARK EXISTS OR IF THE POSTMARK IS ILLEGIBLE, THE APPLICATION SHALL BE CONSIDERED TIMELY FILED IF RECEIVED BY THE ELECTION AUTHORITY NO LATER THAN FIVE (5) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION.**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009**

Last day for registration of voters by deputy registrars, including municipal, township, road district clerks and precinct committeemen. **Precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago. Please check with this jurisdiction for registration deadlines.**

[10 ILCS 5/4-6.2(a), 5-16.2(a), 6-50.2(a)]

**NOTE: Deputy Registrars must return completed forms to the election authority within 7 days of the day on which they are completed. Registrations accepted during the period of 35 - 28 days before the election must be returned within 48 hours. Registrations accepted on the 28<sup>th</sup> day must be returned within 24 hours.**

[10 ILCS 5/6-50.2(c)]

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009**

First day for grace period registration or change of address in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.  
(10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009**

First day for grace period voting at the election authority's office, or location designated by the election authority, or by mail, at the discretion of the election authority.  
(10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009**

The election authority shall post a schedule for early voting at each location where early voting will be conducted. Such posting shall remain at each site until the last day of the early voting period (APRIL 2, 2009). If the election authority has a website, they shall make the schedule available on the website.  
(10 ILCS 5/19A-25)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009**

Last day for deputy registrars who are officials or members of a bonafide labor organization to return unused registration materials to the election authority. **Precinct registration may apply in the City of Chicago. Please check with this jurisdiction for registration and return of materials deadlines.**  
(10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2009**

First day to vote absentee if a primary was held in the election jurisdiction.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-4)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2009**

First day for election authority to supply absentee materials to local election officials (qualified municipal, township and road district clerks) authorized by the election authority to conduct in-person absentee voting. It is suggested that they make available such supplies on this date, as in person absentee voting begins the following day.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

**MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2009**

First day for early voting at the office of the election authority and permanent locations designated by the election authority. Temporary early voting locations may be established by the election authority, but are not required to maintain the same voting days and hours as the election authority.  
(10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

**MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2009**

First day for local election officials (qualified municipal, township and road district clerks) authorized by the election authority to conduct in-person absentee voting.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2009**

Last day for an employee to give their employer written notice that they will be absent from their place of employment on election day because they have been appointed as an election judge under the provisions of 10 ILCS 5/13-1 or 13-2.  
(10 ILCS 5/13-2.5, 14-4.5)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2009**

Last day for election authority to submit voter registration information to the State Board of Elections within ten (10) days following the close of registration for the APRIL 7, 2009 Consolidated Election.  
(10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

**MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009**

Dates on which any voter or precinct committeeman may file an application with the election authority to erase names from the registry of voters. *(The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit the enforcement of this provision.)*  
(10 ILCS 5/4-12, 5-15, 6-44)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009**

First day that a qualified voter who has been admitted to a hospital, nursing home, or rehabilitation center not more than 14 days before an election to make an application with the election authority for the personal delivery of an absentee ballot.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-13)

**NOTE:**        **This provision for absentee voting is available through Election Day if the process can be completed and the voted ballot returned to the election authority in sufficient time for the ballot to be delivered by the election authority to the election authority's central ballot counting location before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.**  
**(10 ILCS 5/19-13)**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009**

Last day of grace period registration or change of address in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.  
(10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009**

Last day of grace period voting at the election authority's office, or location designated by the election authority, or by mail, at the discretion of the election authority.  
(10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)



**TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009**

Last day for election authority to have pollwatcher credentials available for distribution.  
(10 ILCS 5/17-23, 18-6)

**NOTE:** Pollwatcher credentials may, at the discretion of the election authority, be distributed prior to this date. Credentials must be available on this date and up to, and including Election Day.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2009**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009**

Dates on which county clerks and Chicago Board of Election Commissioners shall hold hearings to determine whether names in the registry of voters shall be erased, registered or restored. (*The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit the enforcement of this provision.*)

(10 ILCS 5/4-13, 5-16, 6-45)

**MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2009**

Last day for the election authority to publish precinct polling place addresses, if not included in the Consolidated Election notice.

(10 ILCS 5/12-4)

**MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2009**

Last day for the election authority to publish notice of the Consolidated Election. The notice must include the polling hours, and the offices for which candidates will be elected to. Such notice must also include a list of precinct polling addresses unless these are published separately at least ten (10) days prior to the Consolidated Election. Such notice of the Consolidated Election shall be published once in one or more newspapers published in each political subdivision, and if there is no such newspaper, then published once in a local community newspaper having general circulation in the subdivision, and also once in a newspaper published in the county wherein the political subdivisions, or portions thereof, having such primary are situated.

(10 ILCS 5/12-4)

**MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2009**

Last day for the election authority to publish notice of a question of public policy appearing on the ballot at the Consolidated Election. Such notice shall be published once in a local community newspaper having general circulation in the political or governmental subdivision. The notice shall also be given at least ten (10) days before the date of the election by posting a copy of the notice at the principal office of the election authority. The local election official shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the political or governmental subdivision, or if there is no principal office at the building in which the governing body of the political or governmental subdivision held its first meeting of the calendar year in which the referendum is being held.

(10 ILCS 5/12-5)

**MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2009**

Last day for any voter who is a member of the United States Service and his spouse and dependents of voting age who expect to be absent from their county of residence on election day to make application for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence, and the last day for the election authority to mail such ballot. Members of the Armed Forces may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission.

(10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.3, 20-3)

**NOTE: No registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to this section.**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009**

Dates on which the Board of Election Commissioners (except the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners) shall hold hearings to determine whether names in the registry of voters shall be erased, registered or restored. (*The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit the enforcement of this provision.*)

(10 ILCS 5/6-45)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009**

Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority and permanent locations designated by the election authority. Temporary early voting locations may be established by the election authority, but are not required to maintain the same voting days and hours as the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/19A-15, 19A-20)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009**

Last day for the election authority to conduct the public test of the automatic tabulating equipment, Optical Scan Equipment and Direct Recording Electronic Voting Equipment.

(10 ILCS 24A-9, 24B-9, 24C-9)

**NOTE: All election authorities must provide timely written notice of their public test to the State Board of Elections prior to such test. Such notice must contain the date, time and location of such test. Public notice of the time and place of the test must be given at least 48 hours prior to such test.**

**(10 ILCS 5/24A-9, 24B-9, 24C-9)**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009**

Last day for a physically incapacitated voter who desires to vote in person at their facility of residence pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act of 1979, to make application to the election authority. Such voting shall take place on either the Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday immediately preceding the Consolidated Election, as determined by the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009**

Last day for the election authority to receive an application by mail from any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States, who expects to be absent from his county of residence on election day and the last day for the election authority to mail such ballot.

(10 ILCS 5/19-2, 19-4)

**NOTE: Certain situations other than absence from county of residence also permit application for absentee ballot to be made.**  
**(10 ILCS 5/19-2)**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009**

Last day (by noon) election authority shall post the names and addresses of nursing home facilities from which no applications for absentee ballots have been received and in which no supervised voting will be conducted.

(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2009**

Last day for the election authority to have official ballots available for inspection by candidates or their agents.

(10 ILCS 5/16-5)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2009**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2009**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2009**

**MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009**

The election authority will determine on which of the above dates Nursing Home Voting will be conducted, pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act of 1979. No later than 9:00 a.m. of the day designated by the election authority to conduct in-person voting on the premises, the election authority shall deliver official absentee ballots to the judges of election conducting such voting at the facility. Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., sufficient time shall be allowed for residents of the facility to vote on the premises of such facility. Immediately thereafter, the judges shall bring the sealed envelope containing the voted ballots to the office of the election authority who shall deliver such ballots to the election authority's central ballot counting location prior to the closing of the polls on the day of election.

(10 ILCS 5/19-4, 19-12.2)

**NOTE:** In person absentee voting shall be conducted on the premises of facilities licensed pursuant to the Illinois Nursing Homes, Sheltered Care Homes and Homes for the Aged Act, for the sole benefit of residents of such facilities who have made prior application and are registered to vote in that precinct.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-4, 19-12.2)

**NOTE:** For those residents who submitted a request for an absentee ballot by mail, the judges of election conducting in-person voting at the facility shall deliver the ballot in person to the applicant on the premises of the facility.

**MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009**

**(No later than 6:00 P.M.)**

Last day for the election authority to deliver ballots to the judges of election in each precinct at which the Consolidated Election will be conducted.  
(10 ILCS 5/16-5)

**MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009**

Last day for the election authority in counties having a population **under 500,000** to publish a list of all the nominations that are to be voted for at the Consolidated Election.  
(10 ILCS 5/16-10)

**MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009**

Last day for any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States, who expects to be absent from his county of residence on election day, to make application **in person** to the election authority or municipal, township or road district clerk who is authorized to conduct absentee voting.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-2, 19-2.1)

**NOTE:** Certain situations other than absence from county of residence also permit application for absentee ballot to be made.  
(10 ILCS 5/19-2)

**MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009**

Last day for election authority to deliver (prior to opening the polling place) to the judges of election in each precinct the list of registered voters in that precinct to whom absentee ballots have been issued by mail and a listing of grace period and early voters.  
[10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100, 19-4, 19A-5(c)]

**MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009**

Last day for a temporarily or permanently physically disabled voter to request at the election authority's office, that two (2) judges of election of opposite party affiliation deliver a ballot to him/her at the point where he/she is unable to continue forward motion toward the polling place.  
(10 ILCS 5/17-13, 18-5.1)

**NOTE: The election authority shall notify the judges of election of the appropriate precinct of such requests.**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009**  
**CONSOLIDATED ELECTION**  
**(10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1)**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009**

Last day for authorized local election officials (or election authority on behalf of the local election official) to deliver the carrier envelope containing in-person absentee ballots to the election authority's central ballot counting location before the polls close. All unused in-person absentee voting supplies are to be returned to the office of the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2009**

Registration opens in the office of the election authority and for all deputy registrars including all municipal, township and road district clerks who are authorized deputy registrars.

(10 ILCS 5/4-6, 5-5, 6-50)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2009**

Last day a provisional voter may submit additional information to the county clerk or board of election commissioners to verify or support his/her registration status. Materials must be received by this date.

[10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d)]

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009**

Deadline for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots.

[10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a)]

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009**

Deadline for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the tabulation of absentee ballots that were (1) postmarked\* by the midnight preceding the opening of the polls on Election Day, and (2) received after the close of the polls on Election Day but not later than 14 days after the election. **\*Recently enacted legislation provides that a mailed absentee ballot absent a postmark shall be counted if the certification date is a date preceding the election.**

(10 ILCS 5/19-8)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009**

Last day for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to canvass the election results.

(10 ILCS 5/22-17)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009**

Last day the election authority shall transmit to the State Board of Elections the following: (1) the number, by precinct, of absentee ballots requested provided and counted, (2) the number of rejected absentee ballots, and (3) the number of voters seeking review of rejected absented ballots.

(10 ILCS 5/19-20, 20-20)

**FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2009**

Last day for the State Board of Elections to canvass results for the Fox Waterway Management Agency offices.

[10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a)]

**BEFORE PROCLAMATION BY ELECTION AUTHORITY**

In those jurisdictions where in-precinct counting equipment is utilized, the election authority shall re-tabulate the total number of votes cast in 5% of the precincts within the election jurisdiction **PRIOR TO THE CANVASS**. In jurisdictions that employ Direct Recording Devices, 5% of the precincts must be re-tabulated **PRIOR TO THE CANVASS**.

(10 ILCS 5/24A-15, 24B-15, 24C-15)

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

Each successful write-in candidate shall file the following documents with the proper election authority or the State Board of Elections within 10 days from the proclamation by the appropriate board.

- (1) A Statement of Candidacy
  - (2) A receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interests, and
  - (3) A Loyalty Oath (optional)
- (10 ILCS 5/22-7)

**ABSTRACT OF VOTES**

**NOTE:** The county clerk and board of election commissioners have the responsibility of canvassing the returns of the Consolidated Election under his/her jurisdiction.  
(10 ILCS 5/1-8, 22-17, 22-18)

**NOTE:** The election authority canvasses the results of a public question submitted to referendum pursuant to a court order; the election authority shall immediately transmit a signed copy or an original duplicate of its completed abstract of the votes to the court which ordered the referendum.  
(10 ILCS 5/22-18)

## **AFTER PROCLAMATION CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION**

The election authority shall issue a certificate of election to each person declared elected to an office by such local canvassing board.  
(10 ILCS 5/22-18)

For political subdivisions which are multi-county, the election authority of the county where the principal office of the political subdivision is located shall make the certificate of election.  
(10 ILCS 5/22-18)

## **DISCOVERY RECOUNT**

Within five (5) days after the last day for the proclamation of the results of the canvass, petitions for discovery recount may be filed by any candidate who came within 5% of the winning candidate. Such petition is filed with the appropriate election authority.  
(10 ILCS 5/22-9.1)

## **ELECTION CONTEST**

In general, the circuit court shall hear election contests. Individuals should refer to the particular statute which applies to their unit of government.  
(10 ILCS 5/23-4, 23-5)

## **TAKING OFFICE**

Municipal Officers (65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-15)  
City of Chicago (65 ILCS 5/21-22)  
Township Supervisor, Clerk and Trustees (60 ILCS 1/50-15, 50-40)  
Township and Multi-Township Assessors (35 ILCS 200/2-45)  
Township Collectors (60 ILCS 1/50-15)  
Road Districts (605 ILCS 5/6-116)  
Public Library District and Local Libraries (75 ILCS 16/30-10, 4-3, 4-6)  
Fox Waterway Management Agency (615 ILCS 90/5)  
Park Districts (70 ILCS 1205/2-12)  
Forest Preserve Districts (70 ILCS 805/3.5a)  
School District Members under Article 33 (105 ILCS 5/33-1a)  
Regional Board of School Trustees (105 ILCS 5/6-17)  
School Districts (105 ILCS 5/10-16)  
Trustees of Schools - Cook County Only (105 ILCS 5/5-14)  
School Directors (105 ILCS 5/10-5)  
Community Colleges (110 ILCS 805/3-8)  
Fire Protection Districts (70 ILCS 705/4)

**Township Land Commissioners (105 ILCS 5/15-24)**  
**Southwestern Illinois Community College (110 ILCS 805/3-7)**  
**Lincoln Land Community College (110 ILCS 805/3-7)**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2009**

Last day the Chairman of each County Central Committee shall submit a list of applicants to the election authority for additional deputy registrars.  
(10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)



## PROCEDURES ON OBJECTIONS

All citations contained herein are "Illinois Compiled Statutes," 2007, 10 ILCS 5/10-8, through 10-10.1.

### FILING OBJECTION PETITION

Nomination papers shall be deemed to be valid unless a written objection is filed thereto, **an original and one (1) copy, within 5 business** days after the last day for filing nomination papers.

### PROCESSING OBJECTION

**Not later than 12 noon on the second business day** after the receipt of the objector's petitions, the election authority or local election official, **shall transmit by registered mail or receipted personal delivery**, the certificate of nomination or nomination papers and original objector's petition to the chairman of the proper electoral board designated in 5/10-9, or his authorized agent, and **shall transmit a copy by registered mail or receipted personal delivery** of the objector's petitions, to the candidate whose certificate of nomination or nomination papers are objected to, addressed to the place of residence designated in said certificate of nomination or nomination papers.

### RESPONSIBILITY OF CHAIRMAN OF ELECTORAL BOARD

**Within 24 hours** after the receipt of the objector's petition, the chairman of the electoral board other than the State Board of Elections shall **send a call by registered or certified mail**, to each of the members of the electoral board, the objector, and the candidate and shall also cause the sheriff of the county or counties in which such officers and persons reside to serve a copy of such call upon each of the officers and persons. The call shall state the day, hour and place at which the electoral board shall meet (in the case of the County Officers Electoral Board, the Municipal Officers Electoral Board, or the Education Officers Electoral Board, the hearing shall be held in the county courthouse. The Township Officers Electoral Board may meet at the county courthouse or the township office).

In those cases where the State Board of Elections is the designated electoral board, the Chairman of the State Board of Elections shall send the call to the objector and the candidate whose certificate of nomination or nomination papers are objected to stating the day, hour and place at which the State Board of Elections shall meet (the State electoral board hearing may be held in the Capitol Building or in the principal or permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections).

### ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING

The initial **meeting** of the electoral board **shall not be less than 3 nor more than 5 days after receipt of the objector's petitions** by the chairman of electoral board.

## JUDICIAL REVIEW FILED

**Within 10 days after the decision of electoral board**, the candidate or objector aggrieved by the decision of the board may file a petition for judicial review with clerk of the circuit court. **Court hearings are to be held within 30 days after filing the petition** and the decision delivered promptly thereafter.

## NO JUDICIAL REVIEW

If no petition for judicial review has been filed **within 10 days after the decision of the electoral board, the electoral board shall transmit a copy of its ruling together with the original certificate of nomination or nomination papers or petitions and the original objector's petitions** to the officers or board with whom they were on file and such officer or board shall abide by and comply with the ruling so made to all intents and purposes.

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR

**2008**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008 THRU  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008**

During that period when petitions for nomination of established political parties are being filed, it is required that the local election official with whom such nomination papers have been filed, shall notify any candidates named in such petition of their obligation to comply with the Illinois Campaign Financing Act. If the candidate files by mail or through an agent, the notice must be given to the candidate within two business days of receipt of the petition.

[10 ILCS 5/7-12(7), 9-16(7)]

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2008**

Last day that the State Board of Elections shall notify political committees that have filed a Statement of Organization of their obligation to file a Pre-Election Report of Campaign Contributions or in lieu thereof a Statement of Nonparticipation in the election with the Board or the Board and County Clerk.

[10 ILCS 5/9-10, 9-16(7)]

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR  
CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY  
FEBRUARY 24, 2009**

**2009**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2009**

First day that any political committee may file its December 31 Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board or the Board and County Clerk.  
(10 ILCS 5/9-10)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009**

Last day for a political committee to file its December Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board or the Board and County Clerk.  
(10 ILCS 5/9-10)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2009**

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its Pre-Election Report. The period covered by the Pre-Election Report extends from January 1, 2009 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through January 25, 2009.  
(10 ILCS 5/9-10)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009**

First day of the period during which any receipt by a political committee of a contribution in an aggregate of more than \$500 must be reported within two business days following its receipt.  
[10 ILCS 5/9-10 (b-5)]

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009**

First day that a political committee shall file its Pre-Election Report of Campaign Contributions or in lieu thereof a Statement of Nonparticipation in the election with the Board or the Board and County Clerk.  
(10 ILCS 5/9-10)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009**

Last day that a political committee shall file its Pre-Election Report of Campaign Contributions or in lieu thereof a Statement of Nonparticipation in the election with the Board or the Board and County Clerk.  
(10 ILCS 5/9-10)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

Last day of period during which any receipt by a political committee of a contribution in an aggregate of more than \$500 or more must be reported within two business days following its receipt.

[10 ILCS 5/9-10 (b-5)]

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009**

**CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION**

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR  
CONSOLIDATED ELECTION  
APRIL 7, 2009**

**2009**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2009 THRU  
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009**

During that period when petitions for nomination of new political party candidates, independents and caucus certificates of nomination are being filed, it is required that, the local election official with whom such nomination papers have been filed, shall notify any candidates named in such petition of their obligation to comply with the Illinois Campaign Financing Act. If the candidate files by mail or through an agent, the notice must be given to the candidate within two business days of receipt of the petition.

[10 ILCS 5/7-12(7), 6-16(7)]

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2009**

Last day that the State Board of Elections shall notify political committees that have filed a Statement of Organization of their obligation to file a Pre-Election Report of Campaign Contributions or in lieu thereof a Statement of Nonparticipation in the election with the Board or the Board and County Clerk.

[10 ILCS 5/9-10, 9-16(7)]

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2009**

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its Pre-Election Report. The period covered by the Pre-Election Report extends from the last day covered in the last report filed (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through March 8, 2009, inclusively.

(10 ILCS 5/9-10)

**MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009**

First day of the period during which any receipt by a political committee of a contribution in an aggregate of more than \$500 must be reported within two business days following its receipt.

[10 ILCS 5/9-10 (b-5)]

**MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009**

First day that a political committee shall file its Pre-Election Report of Campaign Contributions or in lieu thereof a Statement of Nonparticipation in the election with the Board or the Board and County Clerk.

(10 ILCS 5/9-10)

**MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009**

Last day that a political committee shall file its Pre-Election Report of Campaign Contributions or in lieu thereof a Statement of Nonparticipation in the election with the Board or the Board and County Clerk.

(10 ILCS 5/9-10)

**MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009**

Last day of the period during which any receipt by a political committee of a contribution in an aggregate of more than \$500 must be reported within two business days following its receipt.  
(10 ILCS 5/9-10 b-5)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009**  
**CONSOLIDATED ELECTION**

**CONSOLIDATED ELECTION  
CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR  
SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT  
JANUARY 1, 2009 THRU JUNE 30, 2009**

**2009**

**FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2009**

Last day that the State Board of Elections shall notify political committees that have filed a Statement of Organization of their obligation to file a June Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.  
[10 ILCS 5/9-16(7)]

**TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2009**

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its June Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the June 30 Semi-Annual Report extends from January 1, 2009 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through June 30, 2009 inclusively.  
(10 ILCS 5/9-10)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2009**

First day that any political committee shall file its June Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board or the Board and County Clerk.  
(10 ILCS 5/9-10)

**MONDAY, JULY 20, 2009**

Last day for a political committee to file its June Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board or the Board and County Clerk.  
(10 ILCS 5/9-10)



**CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR  
SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT  
JULY 1, 2009 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2009**

**2009**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009**

Last day that the State Board of Elections shall notify political committees that have filed a Statement of Organization of their obligation to file a December Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.  
[10 ILCS 5/9-16(7)]

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2009**

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its December 31 Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the December Semi-Annual Report extends from July 1, 2009 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through December 31, 2009 inclusively.  
(10 ILCS 5/9-10)

**2010**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2010**

First day that any political committee shall file its December Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board or the Board and County Clerk.  
(10 ILCS 5/9-10)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2010**

Last day for a political committee to file its December Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board or the Board and County Clerk.  
(10 ILCS 5/9-10)