

ELECTION CALENDAR AT A GLANCE
GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION - MARCH 18, 2014

September 3, 2013	First day to circulate petitions for established political parties (90 days before last day to file)
November 25 – December 2, 2013	Petition filing period for established political parties (not more than 113 and not less than 106 days prior to the general primary) The SBE Offices will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday on November 28, 2013 and November 29, 2013
December 9, 2013	Last day to withdraw when an individual has filed for 2 or more incompatible offices (filed within 5 business days after last day for filing) Last day to file objections to nominating petitions for November 25 - December 2, 2013 filing period (filed within 5 business days after last day for filing)
December 11, 2013	Last day to conduct lottery for November 25 - December 2, 2013 filing period (conducted within 9 days following the last day of petition filing)
December 16 – 23, 2013	Special judicial filing period (not more than 92 nor less than 85 days prior to the general primary for vacancies occurring during November 11-December 2, 2013)
December 16, 2013	Last day to file petition for public question (certain exceptions apply)
December 30, 2013	Last day to adopt a resolution or ordinance for binding/advisory public question Last day for County, Municipal, School, Township and Park Boards to adopt a resolution to allow advisory public questions to appear on the ballot (79 days prior to election).
December 31, 2013	Last day to file objections to nominating petitions for special judicial filing period (filed within 5 business days after last day for filing) Last day to withdraw when an individual has filed for 2 or more incompatible offices during the special judicial filing period (filed within 5 business days after last day for filing)
January 2, 2014	Last day to conduct lottery for special judicial filing period (conducted within 9 days after last day for filing)

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January 9, 2014	Last statutory day for candidates of established political parties to withdraw nomination papers with the SBE Certification of ballot by SBE (68 days before general primary)
January 15, 2014	Last day for established party candidates to file withdrawal of nomination papers in the office of the county clerk (62 days before general primary) Last day for the county clerk to certify to the board of election commissioners the names of all candidates to be voted for in said board's jurisdiction (62 days before general primary)
January 16, 2014	Last day to file a Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the appropriate election authority or authorities (61 days prior to the election)
January 31, 2014	Last day for E/A to have ballots available for mailing to persons in the U.S. service or their spouse and dependents, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the U.S. and nonresident civilians (46 days prior to primary)
February 6, 2014	First day any registered voter within the confines of the U.S. to make application by mail or in person to the E/A for an official ballot . (40 days prior to primary)
February 18, 2014	Last day for registration or transfer of registration within the office of the election authority. Registration closes 27 days preceding an election. (Please check with the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners or the Cook County Clerk's office as other provisions may apply)
February 19, 2014	First day for grace period registration and grace period voting in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority. Grace period voting may be done by mail at the discretion of the election authority. (begins at the close of registration and continues until the 3 rd day prior to the election)
March 3, 2014	First day for early voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated by the election authority for this purpose. (begins 15th day preceding election and extends through the 3rd day prior to an election) Check with E/A for business hours on March 3, 2014, observation of Casimir Pulaski's birthday.

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March 10, 2014

Last day for any member of the U.S. Service, spouse, and dependents to make application for an absentee ballot and the last day for the election authority to mail such ballot. (not less than 10 days before the election)

Last day for any nonresident civilian and any citizen of the U.S. temporarily residing outside the U.S. to make application for an absentee ballot and the last day for the election authority to mail an official ballot containing federal offices only. (not less than 10 days before the election)

March 13, 2014

Last day for the election authority to receive an application for an absentee ballot from any registered voter within the confines of the U.S. and for the election authority to mail such ballot. (5th day before election)

March 15, 2014

Last day for grace period registration and grace period voting in the office of the election authority. Grace period voting may be done by mail at the discretion of the election authority. (3rd day prior to election)

Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated by the election authority. (3rd day before election)

March 17, 2014

Last day to make application in person to vote an absentee ballot