

**State of Illinois**

# **CANDIDATE'S GUIDE**

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## PREFACE

This *Candidate's Guide for 2015* has been prepared to provide information for candidates seeking office at the local level in 2015. It includes a listing of offices nominated or elected at the Consolidated Primary Election on February 24 and at the Consolidated Election on April 7. Filing dates and the general requirements for filing are included. In addition, information is provided regarding nomination procedures and the objection process. Also included is a section that provides answers to some of the more frequently asked questions about nominating petitions and procedures.

All citations contained herein refer to the Illinois Election Code [10 ILCS 5/1-1 *et seq.*, as amended] or as otherwise indicated. This Guide may be amended to include new legislation and court decisions. Please visit the Illinois State Board of Election's website ([www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov)) for any updates.

**Legal information contained in this guide, however, is not binding and should not be construed as sufficient argument in response to an objection to any candidate's nominating papers.** The State Board of Elections recommends that all prospective candidates consult with competent legal counsel when preparing their nomination papers.

For additional information, we advise that you contact your county clerk, your local election official (municipal clerk, township clerk, road district clerk, park district secretary, school board secretary, etc.), or the State Board of Elections in Springfield (217/782-4141) or Chicago (312/814-6440). Website is: [www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov).

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**CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY**  
Last Tuesday in February  
February 24, 2015  
[10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b)]

**ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY  
OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED**

MUNICIPAL -- over 5,000 population and/or Special Charter

Mayor or President  
Treasurer  
Clerk  
Alderman or Trustee

Municipalities under 5,000 population may determine by ordinance (no later than November 15, 2014) that political parties shall nominate candidates for municipal offices by primary. [10 ILCS 5/7-1(b)]

Villages that have nominated and elected candidates for president and trustees in partisan elections prior to January 1, 1992, may continue to hold partisan elections without conducting a referendum. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20]

**NONPARTISAN  
OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED**

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

Mayor or President  
Clerk  
Treasurer (Council-Manager form only)  
Council Members or Trustees or Commissioners

A village may conduct a nonpartisan primary by referendum. (Municipalities incorporated after May 13, 1993 are non-partisan unless they adopt the partisan format) [65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-60]

**NONPARTISAN  
OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED  
(If no candidate gets more than 50%, a runoff is required.)**

MUNICIPAL -- City of Chicago

Mayor  
Clerk  
Treasurer  
Alderman

# **CONSOLIDATED ELECTION**

First Tuesday in April

April 7, 2015

[10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b)]

## **ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTIES, INDEPENDENT AND NEW POLITICAL PARTY OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED**

MUNICIPAL -- including Special Charter

Mayor or President  
Clerk  
Treasurer  
Alderman or Trustee

## **NONPARTISAN OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED (City of Chicago run-off election, if required)**

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

Mayor or President  
Clerk  
Treasurer (Council-Manager only)  
Council Members or Commissioners or Trustees

MUNICIPAL – Aldermanic run-off elections. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-51, 20/21-22 and 21-25]

MUNICIPAL -- City of Chicago (run-off election, if required)

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

PARK DISTRICT – Commissioners, Trustees

PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT - Trustees

TOWNSHIP AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARY - Trustees

REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES - Trustees

SCHOOL DISTRICT - Board Members (including districts under Article 33), School Directors

SCHOOL DISTRICT - Special Charter - Inspectors, Board Members

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS – Cook County Only

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT – Trustees

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

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - Trustees

FOX WATERWAY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

1 Director elected from Lake County, 2 Directors elected from McHenry County

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT - Commissioners

SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION AND AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY -  
Commissioners

OTHER SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS (see applicable statutes)

## **FILING PERIODS**

**(And caucus date information)**

### **November 17 – 24, 2014**

Filing period for candidates seeking nomination at the **Consolidated Primary Election** February 24, 2015 (This includes candidates for Chicago municipal offices).  
[10 ILCS 5/7-12(3), 10-6(4)]

(Petitions may NOT be circulated prior to August 26, 2014) [10ILCS 5/10-4]

### **December 15 – 22, 2014**

Filing period for candidates seeking election at the **Consolidated Election**, April 7, 2015. [10 ILCS 5/10-6(2)]

(Petitions may NOT be circulated prior to September 23, 2014)[10ILCS 5/10-4]

In **MUNICIPALITIES** under 5,000 population, established political parties hold their caucuses on December 1, 2014, and file their certificates of nomination with the municipal clerk during the filing period, December 15- 22, 2014. [10 ILCS 5/10-1(a)]

Note: Municipalities of 5,000 or less may determine by ordinance (no later than November 15, 2014) that established political parties shall nominate candidates for municipal offices by primary election.  
[10 ILCS 5/7-1 (b)]

**New political parties** file nominating petitions which must include a full slate of candidates for all offices to be elected within the political subdivision (municipality or township) as well as a certificate stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies. (See pages 3 - 5)

**Independent** and **nonpartisan** candidates **must** file nominating petitions. (See pages 5 - 7.)

# ESTABLISHED PARTY, NEW PARTY, INDEPENDENT AND NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE FILINGS

## A. ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES in MUNICIPALITIES - NOMINATION BY PRIMARY ELECTION

1. A political party, which at the municipal election for city, village or incorporated town officers then next preceding a primary, cast more than 5 per cent of the entire vote cast in any city or village, or incorporated town is hereby declared to be a political party within the meaning of this Article, within said city, village or incorporated town, and shall nominate all city, village or incorporated town officers in said city or village or incorporated town. [10 ILCS 5/7-2, 10-2]
2. In the 2015 elections, municipalities over 5,000 population and not governed by the commission or council-manager forms of government or municipalities that have not adopted a nonpartisan primary system fall under the provisions of Article 7 (Established Political Parties) of the Election Code. Municipalities incorporated after May 13, 1993 are nonpartisan unless they adopt the partisan format. [10 ILCS 5/7-1 (*et seq*)]
3. No primary election shall be held where the nomination for any office is uncontested. An office is uncontested where not more than the number of persons to be nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers seeking the nomination of such political party.  
[10 ILCS 5/7-5b]
4. Candidates of established political parties seeking nomination by primary election to municipal office should follow the information contained in "Requirements for Filing Nominating Papers" beginning on page 9 in preparing their nomination papers for filing.
5. Specific qualifications for office, signature requirements and location for filing are detailed under the appropriate office listed elsewhere in this guide.
6. A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a partisan candidate at a primary election, and who is defeated for nomination, is prohibited from being listed on the ballot at the Consolidated Election as

an independent candidate, a candidate of another political party, or from filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate at that Consolidated Election. [10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-3, 17-16.1, 18-9.1]

**B. CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION BY ESTABLISHED PARTY CAUCUS IN MUNICIPALITIES WITH A POPULATION OF 5,000 OR LESS**

1. Established political parties shall nominate candidates by caucus in municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less. [10 ILCS 5/7-1, 10-1] This provision does not apply to commission, council-manager forms of government, or to any municipality that has adopted a nonpartisan primary system, as candidates in these municipalities are elected on a nonpartisan basis. See page 1 for definition of “Established Political Parties.”

NOTE: Municipalities of 5,000 or less population may determine by ordinance no later than November 15, 2014, that established political parties shall nominate candidates for municipal offices by a primary election in accordance with Article 7 of the Election Code. [10 ILCS 5/7-1(b)]

2. **Caucus Date for municipalities:** The municipal caucuses shall be conducted on December 1, 2014. The municipal caucuses shall be conducted on the first Monday in December of even-numbered years, except that, when that Monday is a holiday or the eve of a holiday, the caucuses shall be held on the next business day following the holiday. [10 ILCS 5/10-1(a)]
3. Only those registered voters who reside within the territory for which the nomination is made shall be permitted to vote or take part in the caucus proceedings. (See SBE Form H-1A) [10 ILCS 5/10-1(e)]
4. No voter shall vote or take part in the proceedings of more than one caucus or meeting to make a nomination for the same municipality. (See SBE Form H-1A) [10 ILCS 5/10-1(e)]
5. The caucus may make **ONE** nomination for each office to be filled at the Consolidated Election. [10 ILCS 5/10-1(a)]
6. A Certificate of Nomination by Caucus, (SBE Form H-2), shall be prepared to include:
  - a. the names and addresses of the candidates along with the offices to which they are nominated; and
  - b. the established party name.



7. The presiding officer and secretary of the caucus shall list their addresses and sign the Certificate of Nomination. The certificate shall be sworn to by them to be true to the best of their knowledge and belief and must be notarized. [10 ILCS 5/10-1 (a)]
8. Candidates nominated by caucus must individually provide the following documents which are filed with the caucus certificate of nomination:
  - a. a Statement of Candidacy (SBE Form P-1K);
  - b. a receipt for the filing of the candidate's Statement of Economic Interests. The receipt must be filed prior to the filing deadline; and
  - c. a Loyalty Oath. (OPTIONAL) (SBE Form P-1C)

(See "Requirements for Filing Nominating Papers" beginning on page 9 for more detailed information.)
9. The Certificate of Nomination along with the required individual candidate documentation shall be filed with the appropriate municipal clerk, during the regular filing period (December 15 – 22, 2014).  
[10 ILCS 5/10-1(a), 10-5]
10. Any vacancy in nomination following the caucus of an established political party for a municipal office shall be filled in accordance with 10 ILCS 5/7-61.
11. A candidate who participated at a caucus and who is defeated at the caucus for nomination is ineligible to be listed as a candidate of another political party, an independent candidate, or to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate at the Consolidated Election.  
[10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-3, 17-16.1, 18-9.1]

### **C. NEW POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES**

1. A political group wishing to form a new political party within a municipality must file petitions with a full slate of candidates for each office within the municipality. Upon such filing, a new political party is created. That new political party remains a new political party for the election for which it filed a full slate of candidates. If the new political party receives more than 5% of the votes cast at that election, it becomes an established political party. If it does not, it ceases to exist. [10 ILCS 5/10-2]
2. The new political party petition must include a certificate (SBE Form P-8C) which includes the names and addresses of party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. [10 ILCS 5/10-5(2), 10-7, 10-11] See #5.

3. Where a new political party petition is invalidated by an electoral board or upon judicial review or the entire new party slate withdraws, the new party officers cannot replace the entire slate of candidates on the pretext of filling vacancies in nomination. [10 ILCS 5/10-7, 10-11]
4. The new party name may not contain more than five words. Moreover, such party shall not bear the same name as, or include the name of any established party. (However, see Norman v. Reed (1992) 502 U.S. 279, 112 S.Ct. 698 in the US Supreme Court and Reed v. Kusper (1992) 154 Ill.2d 77, 607 N.E.2d 1198, 180 Ill.Dec. 685 in the Illinois Supreme Court. [10 ILCS 5/10-2, 10-5]
5. Petitions for new political party candidates must include the following:
  - a. a Statement of Candidacy for each candidate;
  - b. a receipt for the filing of each candidate's Statement of Economic Interests. The receipt must be filed prior to the filing deadline; [10 ILCS 5/10-5]
  - c. a Loyalty Oath (OPTIONAL) (SBE Form P-1C); and
  - d. a Certificate (SBE Form P-8C) stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. Failing to file such certificate will not invalidate the petition, but if it is not filed, the new party will not be able to fill vacancies in nomination. (*Peoples Independent Party v. Petroff*, 191 ILL. App.3d 706, 548 N.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> 145, 138 ILL. Dec. 641 (5<sup>th</sup> Dist. 1989). [10 ILCS 5/10-5]

(See "Requirements for Filing Nominating Papers" beginning on page 10 for more detailed information.)

6. The new party must nominate one candidate for each office to be filled within the political subdivision (municipality, ward or district) at the Consolidated Election. In the case of group offices, the number of candidates nominated must equal the number of offices to be filled.
7. New party candidates seeking office where officers are elected from wards or districts and at-large. [10 ILCS 5/10-2]:
  - In the case of a petition to form a new political party within a municipality in which officers are to be elected from wards or districts and at-large, such petition shall consist of separate components for each ward or district from which an officer is to be elected. Each component shall be circulated only within a ward or district of the political subdivision and signed only by qualified electors who are residents of such ward or district.

- Each sheet of such petition must contain a complete list of the names of the candidates of the party for all offices to be filled in the political subdivision at large, but the sheets comprising each component shall also contain the names of those candidates to be elected from the particular ward or district. Each component of the petition (SBE Form P-8A) for each ward or district from which an officer is to be elected must be signed by qualified voters of the ward or district equaling a number not less than 5% of the number of voters who voted at the last regular election in such ward or district at which an officer was elected to serve the ward or district.
  - The entire petition, composed of all components, must be signed by a total of qualified voters of the entire political subdivision equaling in number not less than 5% of the number of voters who voted at the last regular election in such municipality at which an officer was elected to serve the municipality at large.
8. A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a partisan candidate at a Consolidated Primary Election, and who is defeated for nomination, is prohibited from being listed on the ballot at the Consolidated Election as an independent candidate, a candidate of another political party and new party candidate or from filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate at that Consolidated Election.  
[10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-3, 17-16.1, 18-9.1]

#### **D. INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES**

1. Independent candidates are defined as those individuals who are not candidates of any political party, but who are candidates in an election at which partisan candidates may appear on the ballot. [10 ILCS 5/10-3]
2. Independent candidates should follow the information contained in “Requirements for Filing Nominating Papers” beginning on page 10 in preparing their nomination papers for filing.
3. Nomination papers must be filed in the office of the appropriate local election official or board of election commissioners during the filing period, December 15 – 22, 2014.
4. Signature requirements and locations for filing are detailed under the appropriate office listed elsewhere in this guide.
5. Whenever the name of an independent candidate for an office is withdrawn or an independent candidate’s petition is declared invalid by an electoral board or upon judicial review, no vacancy in nomination for that office shall exist. A vacancy in nomination contemplates a political party organization to fill it; but an independent candidate is not supported by a

party structure, therefore vacancies for independent candidates cannot be filled. [10ILCS 5/10-7]

6. A partisan candidate who is defeated for nomination in the Consolidated Primary is prohibited from being listed on the ballot at the Consolidated Election as an independent candidate, a candidate of another political party and new party candidate, or from filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate at that Consolidated Election.  
[10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-3, 17-16.1, 18-9.1]

## **E. NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES**

1. The statutes governing certain units of government require that candidates file for office on a nonpartisan basis. The ballot listing such candidates shall be printed without any party designation and without the “Independent” designation at its head.
  
2. Certain governmental units require that candidates file for office on a nonpartisan basis to be elected at the Consolidated Election, April 7, 2015. These include:
  - a. Candidates for municipal office in municipalities operating under council-manager (councilmen-at-large) form of government. (A village may adopt a system of nonpartisan primary and general elections for the election of village officers as provided in 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20 through 3.1-25-60, and in certain home-rule municipalities who have devised governmental systems unique to them.) These candidates file for the February 24, 2015 Consolidated Primary. No primary is held for any uncontested office. Candidates for municipal office under the commission form of government file for the April 7, 2015 Consolidated Election. Municipalities incorporated after May 13, 1993 are non-partisan unless they adopt the partisan format.
  - b. Candidates for Library Trustee
  - c. Candidates for Park District Commissioner or Park Trustee
  - d. Candidates for School Board Member in districts adopting Article 33 of the School Code
  - e. Candidates for Regional Board of School Trustees
  - f. Candidates for School District Board Members, School Directors & Township Land Commissioners
  - g. Trustees Candidates for Township Trustee of Schools in Cook County
  - h. Candidates for Community College
  - i. Candidates for Fire Protection District Trustees
  - j. Candidates for Fox Waterway Agency Directors
  - k. Candidates for Forest Preserve District Commissioners
  - l. Candidates for Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority
  
3. Nonpartisan candidates should follow the information contained in “Requirements for Filing Nominating Papers” beginning on page 10 in

- preparing nomination papers for filing.
4. Specific qualifications for office, signature requirements and location for filing are detailed under the appropriate office listed elsewhere in this guide.
  5. Nonpartisan candidates for office who are defeated at the Consolidated Primary may not file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate in the Consolidated Election. [10 ILCS 5/17-16.1]

## **F. WRITE-IN CANDIDATE PROCEDURES**

For the Consolidated Primary and Consolidated Election, a write-in candidate must file a notarized “Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate” no later than 61 days prior to the election. However, whenever an objection to a candidate’s nominating papers or petitions for any office is sustained after the 61<sup>st</sup> day before the election, the candidate may file a notarized declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for that office with the proper election authority or authorities no later than 7 days prior to the election. The declaration must be filed with the proper election authority or authorities in those jurisdictions in which he or she is seeking to be a write-in candidate [10 ILCS 5/17-16.1].

Write-in candidates are not nominated for an office at the Consolidated Primary unless the number of votes received equals or exceeds the number of signatures required on a nominating petition for that office; or unless the number of votes received exceeds the number of votes received by at least one of the candidates whose name was printed on the Consolidated Primary ballot for that office; or unless the number of candidates whose names appear on the ballot equals or exceeds the number of persons the party is entitled to nominate to that office. [10 ILCS 5/7-59(c)]

For nonpartisan municipal primaries if the name of only one candidate for a particular office appeared on the primary ballot, the name of the person having the largest number of write-in votes shall not be placed upon the ballot at the general municipal election unless the number of votes received in the primary election by that person was at least 10% of the number of votes received by the candidate for the same office whose name appeared on the primary ballot. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-40 (b)]

Within five days following the completion of the canvass of results for the Consolidated Primary Election or prior to taking office for the Consolidated Election, write-in candidates who are declared nominated or elected must file a Statement of Candidacy and a receipt for the filing of the Statement of Economic Interests. Such candidates shall not be certified if they fail to timely file the above documents. The filing of a Loyalty Oath form is optional. [10 ILCS 5/7-60.1] Any necessary qualification certificate that may be required for a particular office must also be filed. The winning write-in candidates should be notified of these requirements by the election authority.

Upon the filing of the necessary documents following the Consolidated Election, the election authority shall issue a certificate of election to the write-in winners, upon their application. [10 ILCS 5/22-18]

If the nomination for any office in the Consolidated Primary is uncontested, an individual seeking to be a write-in candidate must file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate on or before the date of certification, December 26, 2014, which is 61 days prior to the Consolidated Primary. The declaration must be filed with the appropriate office with whom nomination papers for such office are filed. [10 ILCS 5/7-5(d), 5/7-13.1]

# REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING NOMINATING PAPERS

## A. GENERAL FILING REQUIREMENTS

1. Candidates are strongly advised to obtain legal counsel regarding their qualifications for office, the proper method for completing the petition forms for a specific office, the minimum and maximum number of signatures required, the qualifications of the signers and circulators, etc.

**NOTE:** For number of signatures - candidates should contact the election authority or the local election official who is responsible for receiving the filing of the petition for nomination and/or election to office for further information as to the specific number of signatures required on a nominating petition for a specific office (or for the data needed to calculate that number).

2. Candidates in jurisdictions using the partisan format may file for office in the following manner:
  - a. as a candidate of an established political party;
  - b. as a candidate of a new political party;
  - c. as an independent candidate; or
3. Candidates must file on a non-partisan basis in units of government where it is required that all candidates file on a nonpartisan basis. (See pages 7 and 8)
4. Candidates must file the following papers, except as noted:
  - a. Statement of Candidacy;
  - b. Receipt for the filing of a Statement of Economic Interests;
  - c. Loyalty Oath (the filing of the Loyalty Oath is OPTIONAL);
  - d. Certificate of qualifications (e.g., township/multi-township assessors).
  - e. Nominating petition signature sheets or Certificate of Nomination by party caucus;

**NOTE:** Certificate of Officers Authorized to Fill Vacancies (new party filings only). A new political party petition must have attached thereto a certificate (SBE Form P-8C) stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies in



nomination. Failure to file the certificate will not invalidate the petitions but will preclude the new party from being able to fill any vacancy that may occur. [See Peoples Independent Party v. Petroff, 191 Ill. App 3d 706, 138 Ill. Dec. 915, 548 N.E. 2d 145 (5<sup>th</sup> Dist. 1989)]

5. Election laws prescribe the forms to be submitted in seeking nomination to office. The State Board of Elections has prepared **suggested** forms for petitions, statements of candidacy, etc. See listing and forms beginning on page 59. The official SBE form number to be used is included under each office listed elsewhere in this guide. Petitions packets are **not** available from the offices of the State Board of Elections. Local election officials are advised to contact their local election authority (county clerk, board of election commissioners) regarding the availability of forms. Forms are also available for purchase from election supply companies.
6. A candidate's nomination papers may be challenged by the filing of an objection. The deadline for filing objections is five business days after the last day of the petition filing period. Objections to all nominating papers are heard by the proper electoral board as designated in the Election Code and decisions of the electoral board are subject to judicial review. [10 ILCS 5/10-8 through 10-10.1] See page 54.
7. Petitions may be filed by mail or in person by either the candidate or a representative of the candidate.
  - a. Information on where to file is included under each office as listed elsewhere in this guide.
  - b. Filings must be made within the appropriate filing period; see page "iii".
  - c. Filings made by mail must be received no earlier than the opening of the office on the first day of the appropriate filing period and no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day of that filing period.
  - d. Petitions filed by mail and received after midnight on the first day for filing and in the first mail delivery or pickup of a filing day shall be deemed as filed at 8:00 a.m. of that day or as of the normal opening hour of such day, as the case may be. [10 ILCS 5/7-12, 10-6.2]
8. Ballot position is determined as follows:
  - a) On the first day of filing, petitions filed by persons seeking the same office and waiting in line as of the normal opening hour of the filing office shall be deemed filed simultaneously with petitions received in the first mail delivery or pickup of that day. A lottery is held for simultaneous filings to determine ballot order and the lottery must be held within nine days following the last day for petition filing.

b) Ballot position for all subsequent filings is determined by time and date of petition filing.

[10 ILCS 5/7-12, 10-6.2; 105 ILCS 5/9-11.1, 9-11.2]

c) **Per P.A.97-1044 (Effective January 1, 2013) and P.A 98-115 (Effective July 29, 2013), 2 or more petitions filed within the last hour of the filing deadline (between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the last filing day) shall be deemed filed simultaneously and a lottery drawing will be held to determine the final ballot position.**

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

9. A candidate for whom nomination papers have been filed as a partisan candidate at a Consolidated Primary Election, and who is defeated for his/her nomination at the Consolidated Primary Election, **is ineligible** for nomination as a candidate of another political party or as an independent candidate and **is prohibited** from filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for that Consolidated Election.

A candidate seeking election to an office for which candidates of a political party are nominated by caucus who is a participant in the caucus and who is defeated for his/her nomination at such caucus, **is ineligible** for nomination as a candidate of another political party or as an independent candidate, new party candidate and **is ineligible** from filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for that Consolidated Election.

[10 ILCS 5/17-16.1, 7-61, 10-3, 18-9.1]

Nonpartisan candidates for municipal office who are defeated at the Consolidated Primary are **ineligible** to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for the Consolidated Election.

[10 ILCS 5/17-16.1, 18-9.1]

## **B. NOMINATING PETITION SHEETS**

1. Petition Sheet Heading
- a. The top portion (heading) of the nominating petition pages which include information relative to the election, the candidate, the office and political party, as applicable, must be completed prior to the circulation of the petition sheet.
- b. The candidate's name should appear on the petition pages as it appears on the Statement of Candidacy. The candidate's given name or names, initial or initials, nickname by which the candidate is commonly known, or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to the candidate's surname. It is the policy of the State Board of Elections to certify each candidate's name as it appears on the first numbered page of the petition. Other filing officers may refer to other documents such as the Statement of Candidacy when

determining the actual name to be certified. No other designation such as a **“POLITICAL SLOGAN”**, title, degree or professional status, or similar information may be used in connection with the candidate’s surname. [10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17(b), 10-5.1, 16-3(e)]

A **“POLITICAL SLOGAN”** is defined as any word or words expressing or connoting a position, opinion or belief that the candidate may espouse, including but not limited to any word or words conveying any meaning other than that of the personal identity of the candidate. A candidate may not use a **“POLITICAL SLOGAN”** as part of his or her name on the ballot, notwithstanding that the political slogan may be part of the candidate’s name. [10 ILCS 5/7-17 (b)]

**NOTE:** The State Board of Elections, a local election official or an election authority shall not certify to any election authority any candidate name designation that is inconsistent with this statutory reference. [10 ILCS 5/7-17(c), 16-3(f)]

**NOTE:** If a candidate has changed his or her name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the last day for filing the petition or certificate for that office, whichever is applicable, then (i) the candidate’s name on the petition or certificate must be followed by “formerly known as (list all prior names during the 3-year period) until name changed on (list date of each such name change)” and (ii) the petition or certificate must be accompanied by the candidate’s affidavit stating the candidate’s previous names during the period specified in (i) and the date or dates each of those names was changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds for denying certification of the candidate’s name for the ballot or removing the candidate’s name from the ballot, as appropriate, but these requirements do not apply to name changes resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent’s or parents’ surname, marriage to assume a spouse’s surname, or dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage to assume a former surname.

[10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17, 8-8.1, 10-5.1 and 16.3]

- c. The name of more than one candidate of the same political party for a group office or for different offices of the same political subdivision may appear on the same petition. However, each candidate must submit his or her individual Statement of Candidacy, receipt for the filing of the Statement of Economic Interests and the optional Loyalty Oath. In the case of a new political party a complete slate of candidates for each office to be elected must be submitted.

[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-2, 10-5]

- d. Each petition signature page must contain precisely the same information in the heading. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4]
- e. Petition sheets which are filed with the proper local election officials, election authorities or the State Board of Elections shall be the original sheets which have been signed by the voters and by the circulator thereof, and not photocopies or duplicates of such sheets. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4]

## 2. Petition Circulator

- a. A petition circulator must be 18 years of age or older and a citizen of the United States. The circulator must personally witness all signatures given and sign the certificate required stating that all signatures were taken in his or her presence. No one may be considered a circulator of any petition page except the person who signs its certificate.  
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4]
- b. Petition sheets must not be circulated more than 90 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petitions. The circulator's statement on a candidate's petition must specify either the dates on which the sheets were circulated, the first and last dates on which the sheet was circulated or that none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90 days preceding that last day for filing of the petitions. See page "iii" for additional filing date information.  
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4]
  - 1) Petitions circulated for established political party candidates and nonpartisan candidates who are required to file for the February 24 Consolidated Primary Election may be circulated starting August 26, 2014, for the filing period November 17 -24, 2014.
  - 2) Petitions circulated for independent candidates, new political party candidates and nonpartisan candidates who are required to file for the April 7 Consolidated Election may be circulated starting September 23, 2014, for the filing period December 15 – 22, 2014.
- c. A petition circulator may not circulate for more than one political party. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- d. A petition circulator may not circulate for an independent candidate or candidates in addition to candidates for an established political party. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]

- e. A petition circulator may not circulate for more than one new political party. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- f. A petition circulator may not circulate for an independent candidate or candidates in addition to candidates for a new political party. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- g. A petition circulator must witness all signatures on each sheet he circulates and signs as circulator. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4]
- h. A petition circulator must complete and sign the statement at the bottom of each sheet certifying that the signatures on that sheet were signed in his presence and are genuine and that to the best of his knowledge the persons so signing were duly registered voters of the political subdivision or district at the time of signing for which the candidate or candidates shall be nominated and that their respective residences are correctly stated therein. This statement shall be sworn to and signed before some officer authorized to administer oaths in Illinois. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4]
- i. Petition circulators shall indicate on such petition their residence address, written or printed, including the street address or rural route number of the circulator, as well as the circulator's city, village, or town. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4]

### 3. Petition Signers

- a. A voter may **NOT** sign petitions for candidates of more than one political party for the same primary election. [10 ILCS 5/7-10] If a voter does not sign a political party petition, he may sign one independent candidate's petition for each office to be elected. No unit of government has both nonpartisan and established party candidates running simultaneously for its public offices. A political subdivision that elects its officers on a nonpartisan basis prohibits candidates from running as political party candidates for its offices to be elected. [10 ILCS 5/10-2]
- b. A registered voter must sign the petition in his own person. He may not sign for someone else, such as another member of his or her own family. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4]
- c. A petition signer may change party affiliation from one election cycle to another. *Kusper v. Pontikes*, 414 U.S. 51, 94 S. Ct. 303. (1973); see also *Sperling v. County Officers Electoral Board*, 57 Ill. 2d 81, 309 N.E. 2d 589 (1974).

- d. Petition signers must be registered voters in the political subdivision in which the candidate is seeking nomination or election.  
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-2, 10-3, 10-4]
- e. Petition signers shall indicate on such petition their residence address, written or printed, including the street address or rural route number, as well as the city, village, or town. The address on the petition must be the signer's voter registration address.  
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4]
- f. Signatures may be struck from the petition by the circulator or the candidate prior to filing in the following manner:
  - 1) The person striking the signature shall initial the petition at the place where the signature is struck.  
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-3]
  - 2) The person striking the signature shall sign a certification (SBE Form P-2A); listing the page and line number of each signature struck from the petition. Such certification shall be filed as part of the petition. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-3]
  - 3) The person striking signatures from independent candidate petitions shall also sign an additional certificate (SBE form P-2B) specifying the number of certification pages listing stricken signatures which are attached to the petition and the page numbers indicated on such certification. This additional certificate shall be filed as a part of the petition, shall be numbered consecutively beginning with the number "1", and shall be attached immediately following the last page of voters' signatures and before the certifications of stricken signatures.  
[10 ILCS 5/10-3, 10-3.1]

All of the foregoing requirements are necessary to effect a valid striking of any signature. The provisions authorizing the striking of signatures shall not impose criminal liability on any person so authorized to strike signatures which may be fraudulent.  
[10 ILCS 5/10-3]

- 4. Petition Preparations [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4]
  - a. The petition sheets must be **original** and of uniform size.
  - b. The petition sheets shall be neatly fastened together in book form and fastened together at one edge in a secure and suitable manner.

- c. The petition sheets (the sheets with the signers' signatures) must be numbered consecutively beginning with the top sheet as number "1."
- d. The following documents are to be attached (preferably on top) to the nominating petitions. The Statement of Candidacy, the receipt for the filing of the Economic Interests Statement and the optional Loyalty Oath are NOT to be numbered.
  - 1) Statement of Candidacy;
  - 2) Receipt for the filing of the Statement of Economic Interests (the receipt may be filed at any time during the filing period and will not change the initial date and time of filing the petition);
  - 3) The Loyalty Oath, which is optional;
  - 4) Any certifications related to the striking of signatures shall be attached immediately following the last petition page and numbered consecutively beginning with the number "1."  
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-3]
  - 5) Any other documentation which may be required to qualify for said office.

IMPORTANT: A new political party petition must include a certificate (SBE Form P-8C) stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. Failure to file the certificate does not invalidate a petition. However, the party would not be authorized to fill a vacancy in nomination if the certificate is not filed. [10 ILCS 5/10-5 and 10-11] [See *Peoples Independent Party v. Petroff*, 191 Ill. App 3d 706, 138 Ill. Dec. 915, 548 N.E. 2d 145 (5<sup>th</sup> Dist. 1989)]

- e. A petition when filed shall not be altered or added to. However, the receipt for the filing of an economic interests statement may be filed no later than 5:00 P.M. on the last day of the filing period.  
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12, 10-4, 10-5]

**C. STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-5]**

1. Each candidate, whether he is an individual candidate or his name appears on a group petition or certificate of nomination, must complete and file a Statement of Candidacy. The Statement of Candidacy shall set out the name of the candidate; the address of the candidate; the office for which he is a candidate; political party designation, if applicable; and a statement(s) that he is qualified for the office specified. See each office in the guide for the correct SBE Statement of Candidacy form. **THIS STATEMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THE NOMINATION PAPERS.**
  
2. In the designation of the name of a candidate on a petition for nomination or certificate of nomination, the candidate's given name or names, initial or initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly known, or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to the candidate's surname. The State Board of Elections will certify each candidate's name as it appears on the first numbered page of the petition. Other filing officers may refer to other documents such as the Statement of Candidacy when determining the actual name to be certified. No other designation such as a "**POLITICAL SLOGAN**", title, degree or professional status, or similar information may be used in connection with the candidate's surname.  
[10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17(b), 10-5.1, 16-3(e)]

**NOTE:** If a candidate has changed his or her name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the last day for filing the petition or certificate for that office, whichever is applicable, then (i) the candidate's name on the petition or certificate must be followed by "formerly known as (list all prior names during the 3-year period) until name changed on (list date of each such name change)" and (ii) the petition or certificate must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the candidate's previous names during the period specified in (i) and the date or dates each of those names was changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds for denying certification of the candidate's name for the ballot or removing the candidate's name from the ballot, as appropriate, but these requirements do not apply to name changes resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent's or parents' surname, marriage to assume a spouse's surname, or dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage to assume a former surname.

[10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17, 8-8.1, 10-5.1, 16.3]

3. The candidate must swear to and sign the Statement of Candidacy and the statement must be notarized.



#### **D. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS - RECEIPT**

1. A Statement of Economic Interests must be filed by every candidate for local office. The statement is filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government for which the person is a candidate is located.

If it is not apparent which county the principal office of a unit of local government is located, the chief administrative officer, or his designee, has the authority to determine what county in which the principal office is located. [5 ILCS 420/4A-106]

2. The receipt for the filing of the statement, or a copy thereof, must be filed with the election official who receives the nominating petitions. [10 ILCS 5/7-10 and 10-5]
3. The statement must be filed during the **calendar year** in which the nominating petitions are filed. While the receipt need not accompany the nominating petitions at the time of filing, it must be filed no later than 5:00 P.M. on the last day for filing the petitions. Filing the receipt by the last day of the filing period will not change the initial date and time of filing the nominating petitions. [10 ILCS 5/10-5]
4. Statements of Economic Interests forms may be obtained from the Secretary of State or the office of the County Clerk.
5. A Statement of Economic Interests filed for a different office may not be acceptable. If in doubt, consult with your county clerk or the Index Division of the Secretary of State, 111 E. Monroe Street, Springfield, Illinois 62756. (Telephone 217/782-7017)

#### **E. LOYALTY OATH (Optional)**

The filing of the Loyalty Oath is optional. The following court cases have held that the requirement for filing the Loyalty Oath is unconstitutional: *Communist Party of Indiana v. Witcomb*, 94 S. Ct. 656 414 U.S. 441 (1974); *Communist Party of Illinois v. Ogilvie*, 357 F. Supp. 105 (N.D. Ill. 1972) and *Socialist Workers Party v. Ogilvie*, 357 F. Supp. 109 (N.D. Ill. 1972)

## **F. CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE - NOTICE OF OBLIGATION**

The official with whom nomination papers are filed, must provide to each candidate at the time he files his nomination papers a notice of obligation to comply with the Illinois Campaign Financing Act. However, if a candidate files his nomination papers by mail, or an agent of the candidate files his nomination papers, the clerk or secretary with whom the petitions were filed will send the notice to the candidate by first class mail. The notice will state that the manual of instructions and forms for statements required to be filed under Article 9 of the Election Code are available from the State Board of Elections. Forms may also be downloaded from the State Board's website: [www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov). [10 ILCS 5/7-12.7, 9-16, 10-6.1; 60 ILCS 1/45-35]

## **G. IMPROPER USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS**

No public funds shall be used to urge any elector to vote for or against any candidate or proposition, or be appropriated for political or campaign purposes to any candidate or political organization. This provision, however, shall not prohibit the use of public funds for dissemination of factual information relative to any proposition appearing on an election ballot, or for dissemination of information and arguments published and distributed pursuant to law in connection with a proposition to amend the Constitution of the State of Illinois. [10 ILCS 5/9-25.1]

## **H. FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT**

Candidates and committees are urged to abide by the provisions for campaigning outlined in the Fair Campaign Practices Act. This is a voluntary statement made and filed prior to an election, vowing that the candidate making the statement will conduct a positive, rather than a negative campaign. If a candidate or committee chooses to make such a statement, it shall be filed with the county clerk if the candidate is a local candidate or committee. [10 ILCS 5/29B et.seq.]

## COMMISSION FORM - MUNICIPAL

- OFFICE:** Mayor and Commissioners
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter.  
A person is not eligible to take the oath of office for a municipal office if that person is, at the time required for taking the oath of office, in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the municipality or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony.  
[65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5(a)(b)]
- RESIDENCY:** One-year residency in the municipality preceding the election. If a person is a resident of a municipality immediately prior to the active duty military service of that person or that person's spouse, resides anywhere outside of the municipality during that active duty military service, and immediately upon completion of that active duty military service is again a resident of the municipality, then the time during which the person resides outside the municipality during the active duty military service is deemed to be time during which the person is a resident of the municipality for purposes of determining the residency requirement.  
[65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5(a)(d)]
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** Equal to at least 1% of the total vote cast for mayor at the last preceding mayoral election of the municipality. [65 ILCS 5/4-3-8]
- PETITION:** Nonpartisan, non municipal or municipal-commission form, SBE Form P-4.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt.  
[5 ILCS 420/4A-106]
- FILING DATES:** December 15 – 22, 2014 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days before the consolidated election)  
[10 ILCS 5/10-6(2); 65 ILCS 5/4-3-1]
- WHERE TO FILE:** Municipal Clerk, or in those municipalities which have a municipal Board of Election Commissioners, with the clerk of that Board.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE: Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd. Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)

TERM BEGINS: The terms of elected municipal officers shall commence at the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities after receipt of the official election results from the county clerk of the regular municipal election at which the officers were elected, except as otherwise provided by ordinance fixing the date for inauguration of newly elected officers of a municipality. The ordinance shall not, however, fix the time for inauguration of newly elected officers later than the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities in the month of June following the election. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-15]

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years. Elected mayor and commissioners shall hold their respective offices for the term of 4 years and until their successors are elected and have qualified. [65 ILCS 5/4-3-4]

## **MAYOR-ALDERMAN AND PRESIDENT-TRUSTEE FORM MUNICIPAL**

**NOTE:** Candidates of established political parties file petitions to be placed on the Consolidated Primary Election ballot in municipalities of over 5,000 population.

**Municipalities of 5,000 or less population may determine by ordinance, no later than November 15 2014, that political parties shall nominate candidates for municipal offices by primary election in accordance with Article 7 of the Election Code.**

**[10 ILCS 5/7-1 et seq.]**

**OFFICE:** Mayor or President, Alderman or Trustee, Clerk, Treasurer,

Cities of 10,000 or fewer inhabitants may, by ordinance, allow for the appointment of a city treasurer. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-15-5]

Villages of fewer than 5,000 inhabitants may, by resolution, choose to have the clerk appointed by the village president with the concurrence of the village board.  
[65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-90]

This procedure for election of officers includes municipalities which have adopted the managerial form and retained or later adopted the mayor-aldermanic or president-trustee form of electing their officers. [65 ILCS 5/5-1-2]

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter.

A person is not eligible to take the oath of office for a municipal office if that person is, at the time required for taking the oath of office, in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the municipality or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5(a)(b)]

**RESIDENCY:** Mayor or President, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustee: One-year residency in the municipality preceding the Consolidated Election. If a person is a resident of a municipality immediately prior to the active duty military service of that person or that person's spouse, resides anywhere outside of the municipality during that active duty military service, and immediately upon completion of that active duty military service is again a resident of the municipality, then the time during which the person resides outside the municipality during the active duty military service is deemed to be time during which the person is a resident of the municipality for purposes of determining the residency requirement.  
[65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5(a)(d)]

Alderman must reside in the ward at least 1 year preceding their election. Trustees elected from districts must reside in their municipalities at least 1 year preceding their election. For trustees elected by district in villages with a population of over 5,000, each of the districts shall be represented by one trustee who shall have been a resident of the district for at least six months immediately before his or her election in the first election after redistricting. [65 ILCS 3.1-10-5(c), 3.1-25-75]

**SIGNATURE**

**REQUIREMENTS:**

**Established Political Party Candidates.**

For president, mayor, trustee or clerk, treasurer at least .5% (.005) of the qualified **primary** electors of his **party** in the city, incorporated town, town or village. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(e)]

For alderman, at least .5% (.005) of the qualified primary electors within their ward. In no event shall the number of required signatures be less than 25. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(e)]

The number of qualified primary electors is determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for such political party who received the highest number of votes in such political subdivision, ward or district at the last regular election at which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from that subdivision, ward or district. [10 ILCS 5/7-10]

In the case of an election for alderman or trustee of a municipality to be elected from a ward or district, for the first primary following a redistricting or the initial establishment of wards or districts, then by .5% of the total number of votes cast for the candidate of such political party who received the highest number of votes in the entire municipality at the last regular election which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from the entire municipality, divided by the number of wards or districts, but in any event not less than 25 qualified primary electors of his party in the ward or district. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(e)]

**New Political Party Candidates** - For the Consolidated Election, not less than 5% of the total number of persons who voted in the last regular election in the district or political subdivision in which such district or political subdivision voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area. [10 ILCS 5/10-2]

For the first election following redistricting of municipal wards or districts, or for the first election following the initial establishment of such districts or wards in a municipality, a petition to form a new political party in a municipal ward or district shall be signed by qualified voters of the district or ward equal to not less than 5% of the total number of votes cast at the preceding municipal election, as the case may be, for the municipal office voted on throughout

the municipality for which the greatest total number of votes were cast for all candidates, divided by the number of districts or wards, but in any event not less than 25 qualified voters of the district or ward. In the case of a petition to form a new political party within a political subdivision in which officers are to be elected from districts and at-large, such petition shall consist of separate components for each district from which an officer is to be elected. [10 ILCS 5/10-2]

**Independent Candidates** - For the Consolidated Election, not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election in the district or political subdivision in which such district or political subdivision voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area. [10 ILCS 5/10-3]

Example: If 1,000 voters cast ballots at the last regular election in the district or political subdivision, the formula of 5% - 8% would result in a signature requirement of 50 - 80. Illinois statutes [10 ILCS 5/10-3] require a difference of 50 between the minimum and maximum. Therefore, the signature requirement would be 50 - 100.

For the first election following redistricting of municipal wards or districts, or for the first election following the initial establishment of such districts or wards in a municipality, nomination papers for an independent candidate for alderman or trustee of such municipality, shall be signed by qualified voters of the district or ward equal to not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the total number of votes cast at the preceding general municipal election, as the case may be, for the municipal office voted on throughout such county or municipality for which the greatest total number of votes were cast for all candidates divided by the number of districts or wards, but in any event not less than 25 qualified voters of the district or ward. [10 ILCS 5/10-3]

**Non-Partisan:**

**City:** For the Consolidated Election, not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election in the district or political subdivision in which such district or political subdivision voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area. [10 ILCS 5/10-3, 10-3.1]

**Village:** 1% of the total vote cast at the last preceding election in the village for president. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-30]

**PETITION:** Established Party - SBE Form P-10 (for Primary)  
New Party - SBE Form P-8 or P-8A (for Consolidated Election)  
Independent - SBE Form P-3 (for Consolidated Election)  
Nonpartisan - SBE Form P-5 (for Primary, as applicable)

**CERTIFICATE OF OFFICERS:** New Party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination - SBE Form P-8C

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with nominating petitions or filed with caucus certificate of nomination.

Established Party - SBE Form P-1(for Primary)  
Established Party - SBE Form P-1K (Caucus)  
New Party - SBE Form P-1D  
Independent - SBE Form P-1B  
Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A

**LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with nominating papers. SBE Form P-1C.

**STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt.  
[5 ILCS 420/4A-106]

**FILING DATES:** For established political party candidates and nonpartisan candidates filing for a primary, November 17 – 24, 2014 (not more than 99 nor less than 92 days prior to the Consolidated Primary). For new party candidates and independent candidates, December 15 – 22, 2014(not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election). Caucus certificates for nomination for established party candidates are filed December 15 – 22, 2014.

**WHERE TO FILE:** With the appropriate city or village clerk. In those cities having a Board of Election Commissioners, with the clerk of that Board.

**CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:** Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

**FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)



TERM BEGINS: The terms of elected municipal officers shall commence at the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities after receipt of the official election results from the county clerk of the regular municipal election at which the officers were elected, except as otherwise provided by ordinance fixing the date for inauguration of newly elected officers of a municipality. The ordinance shall not, however, fix the time for inauguration of newly elected officers later than the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities in the month of June following the election. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-15]

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years. The term may be reduced to 2 years by referendum. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-65]. Any municipality of less than 500,000 population that originally voted to shorten terms may submit a proposition to lengthen terms. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-75]

## **COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT - MUNICIPAL**

Upon adoption of the managerial form of government, the procedures for electing municipal officers will remain the same as prior to the adoption of 65 ILCS, Article 5. A referendum may be approved by the voters to establish a different type of municipal organization in conjunction with the managerial form.

The council-manager form is the only form of municipal government covered (for election of officers) by Article 5 of 65 ILCS/5. Other cities and villages which have adopted Article 5 and have retained or later adopted the mayor-aldermanic form or the president-trustee village form will follow the provisions under Article 3.1 of 65 ILCS/5 for the election of officers. Cities and villages which have adopted or retained a commission form would follow provisions under Article 4 of 65 ILCS/5 for the election of officers.

Refer to the appropriate section of this guide for either mayor-aldermanic, president-trustee or commission form if the municipality is also a managerial form.

**OFFICE:** Mayor, Councilmen at-large (and part from districts in some cities), Clerk, Treasurer

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter.

A person is not eligible to take the oath of office for a municipal office if that person is, at the time required for taking the oath of office, in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the municipality or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5(a)(b)]

**RESIDENCY:** One-year residency in the municipality preceding the election. If a person is a resident of a municipality immediately prior to the active duty military service of that person or that person's spouse, resides anywhere outside of the municipality during that active duty military service, and immediately upon completion of that active duty military service is again a resident of the municipality, then the time during which the person resides outside the municipality during the active duty military service is deemed to be time during which the person is a resident of the municipality for purposes of determining the residency requirement. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5]

**SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** Cities and villages that retained or later adopted Article 3.1 of 65 ILCS, see Mayor-Alderman and President-Trustee form for signature requirements.

If a city has adopted the nonpartisan form of government as authorized by Article VII of the Constitution, the signature requirements which applies would be those in 10 ILCS 5/10-3 of the Election Code (independent signature requirements) as authorized by the second paragraph of [10 ILCS 5/10-3.1.] (See page 25)

Signature requirements are governed by the form of government prior to the adoption of Council-Manager.

Council-Manager (formerly Commission):

1% of the total vote cast at the last preceding election in the municipality for mayor. [65 ILCS 5/4-3-8, 5/5-2-12(i)]

Council-Manager (formerly nonpartisan President/Trustee):

1% of the total vote cast at the last preceding election in the village for president.

Council-Manager (formerly a city/village whose candidates ran as independents):

Signature requirements are those set out for independent candidates in 10 ILCS 5/10-3 of the Election Code as authorized by 5/10-3.1 (second paragraph).

PETITION: Nonpartisan SBE Form P-5.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.

LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt. [5 ILCS420/4A-106]

FILING DATES: November 17 – 24, 2014 (not more than 99 nor less than 92 days prior to the Consolidated Primary. [10 ILCS 5/10-6(4)])

WHERE TO FILE: Filed with the municipal clerk. In those cities having a Board of Election Commissioners, with the clerk of that Board.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE: Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)

TERM BEGINS: The terms of elected municipal officers shall commence at the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities after receipt of the official election results from the county clerk of the regular municipal election at which the officers were elected, except as otherwise provided by ordinance fixing the date for inauguration of newly elected officers of a municipality. The ordinance shall not, however, fix the time for inauguration of newly elected officers later than the first regular or special meeting of the corporate authorities in the month of June following the election. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-15]

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years. The term may be reduced to 2 years by referendum. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-65]. Any municipality of less than 500,000 population who originally voted to shorten terms may submit a proposition to lengthen terms. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-75]

## MUNICIPAL – CITY OF CHICAGO

OFFICE: Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Alderman

QUALIFICATIONS: Qualified elector/registered voter.

A person is not eligible to take the oath of office for a municipal office if that person is, at the time required for taking the oath of office, in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the municipality or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10.5 (a)(b)]

RESIDENCY: One year residency in the municipality preceding the election. If a person is a resident of a municipality immediately prior to the active duty military service of that person or that person's spouse, resides anywhere outside of the municipality during that active duty military service, and immediately upon completion of that active duty military service is again a resident of the municipality, then the time during which the person resides outside the municipality during the active duty military service is deemed to be time during which the person is a resident of the municipality for purposes of determining the residency requirement.[65 ILCS 5/3.1-10.5 (d)]. For aldermen, one year residency in the ward preceding the election. [65 ILCS 20/21-14(a)]

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: All nominations for mayor, city clerk, and city treasurer in the city shall be by petition. Each petition for nomination of a candidate must be signed by at least 12,500 legal voters of the city. [65 ILCS 20/21-28(b)]

All nominations for alderman of any ward in the city shall be by petition. All petitions for nominations of candidates shall be signed by such a number of legal voters of the ward as will aggregate not less than 4% of all the votes cast for alderman in such ward at the last preceding general election. For the election following the redistricting of wards petitions for nominations of candidates shall be signed by the number of legal voters of the ward as will aggregate not less than 4% of the total number of votes cast for mayor at the last preceding municipal election divided by the number of wards. [65 ILCS 20/21 – 28(a)]

**Compiled by the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners.**

PETITION: Nonpartisan SBE Form P- 5

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.

LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions, SBE Form P-1C.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the Cook County Clerk. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt. [5 ILCS 420/4A – 106]

FILING DATES: November 17 – 24, 2014 (not more than 99 nor less than 92 days prior to the Consolidated Primary)

WHERE TO FILE: Filed with the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners, 69 W. Washington, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60602

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE: Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary – See Page 20)

TERM BEGINS: Mayor, clerk, treasurer and alderman terms begin at noon on the third Monday in May following the election. Terms begin on May 18, 2015 [65 ILCS 20/21–5(b), 20/21–12, 20/21–22(a)]

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years. No person shall be elected to the office of city treasurer for two terms in succession. [65 ILCS 20/21-5(b), 20/21–12, 20/21–22(a)]

## PARK DISTRICT

- OFFICE:** Park Commissioner, Trustee
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter. A person is not eligible to serve as park commissioner if that person is in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the park district or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony. [70 ILCS 1205/2-11]
- RESIDENCY:** Commissioner must be resident of the Park District at least one year prior to the election. [70 ILCS 1205/2-11]  
Pleasure Driveway and Park District trustees shall be legal voters of and reside within the park district. [70 ILCS 1205/2-15]
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** Signature requirements for general park district commissioners and pleasure driveway and park district trustees: Petition must be signed by not less than 2% of the number of ballots cast at the last election for trustee or commissioner in the district, but in no case by less than 25. [70 ILCS 1205/2-11, 2-17]
- PETITION:** Nonpartisan SBE Form P-4.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt. [5 ILCS 420/4A-106]
- FILING DATES:** December 15 – 22, 2014 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE:** Park District Secretary.
- CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:** Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)

TERM BEGINS: Commissioners and Pleasure Driveway and Park District Trustees shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.  
[70 ILCS 1205/2-12, 2-15]

TERM OF OFFICE:

5 Commissioners: 6-year term. [70 ILCS 1205/2-12]

7 Commissioners: 6-year term, by resolution or referendum. [70 ILCS 1205/2-10(a)]

5-7 Commissioners: 4-year term, by resolution or referendum. [70 ILCS 1205/2-12(a)]

**Pleasure Driveway and Park District**

President and 6 trustees: 4-year term. [70 ILCS 1205/2-15]

**Township Park District**

3 Commissioners: 6-year term. [70 ILCS 1205/2-19]



## **PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**

- OFFICE:** Public Library District Board - Trustee
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter.
- RESIDENCY:** Resident of Public Library District.
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** A number of qualified voters residing in the district equivalent to at least 2% of the votes cast at the last election for library trustees, or 50, whichever is less. [75 ILCS 16/30-20]
- PETITION:** Nonpartisan SBE Form P-4.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt. [5 ILCS 420/4A-106]
- FILING DATES:** December 15 – 22, 2014 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE:** Library District Secretary.
- CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:** Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)
- TERM BEGINS:** The third Monday (May 18, 2015) of the month next following the election of trustees. [75 ILCS 16/30-10 (c) and 16/30-40 (e)] Within 74 days after their election or appointment, the incumbents and new trustees shall take their oath of office and meet to organize the board. [75 ILCS 16/30-40(a)]
- TERM OF OFFICE:** 7 Trustees: 6-year terms. The library board by resolution may change to 4- year terms. [75 ILCS 16/30-10]

## **LIBRARY (Municipal - Township)**

- OFFICE:** Local Library Board - Trustee (In villages under the Commission form of government, the Library Board of Trustees are appointed by the village council.) [75 ILCS 5/4-2]
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter.
- RESIDENCY:** Resident of incorporated town, village or township involved. [75 ILCS 5/4-3.3]
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** Petition must be signed by at least 25 legal voters residing in the incorporated town, village (except a village under the Commission form of government) or township. [75 ILCS 5/4-3.3]
- PETITION:** Nonpartisan SBE Form P-4.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt. [5 ILCS 420/4A-106]
- FILING DATES:** December 15 – 22, 2014 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE:** Appropriate local municipal or township clerk.
- CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:** Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601..
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)
- TERM BEGINS:** Trustees hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. [75 ILCS 5/4-3.1] Within 60 days after their election the trustees shall meet and organize. [75 ILCS 5/4-6]

TERM OF  
OFFICE:

7 Trustees: 6 years for incorporated towns, villages, library boards. (Library Board may change to 4-year terms by resolution.)  
[75 ILCS 5/4-3.1]

7 Trustees: 4 years for Township Public Libraries.  
[75 ILCS 5/4-3.2]

## **REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES (Regional Office of Education)**

**OFFICE:** Regional Board of School Trustee

The regional board of school trustees, in both single-county and multi-county educational service regions, shall consist of seven members. In single county regions, not more than one trustee may be a resident of any one congressional township; however, in case there are fewer than seven congressional townships in the region, then not more than two of such trustees may be residents of the same congressional township. In two-county regions, at least two trustees shall be residents of each county. In regions of three or more counties, at least one trustee shall be a resident of each county. If more than seven counties constitute the educational service region, the regional board of school trustees consists of one resident of each county.

[105 ILCS 5/6-2]

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter. No person shall be eligible for the office who is not a voter of the Educational Service Region and qualified to vote in the election for members of the Regional Board of School Trustees, or who is a member of a school board, or who is a school board employee or who holds any county office.

[105 ILCS 5/6-3]

**RESIDENCY:** Must be resident of the educational service region.

[105 ILCS 5/6-3]

**SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** Petition must be signed by at least 50 qualified voters from the educational service region. In addition, the petition shall specify the county and township (or road district) of the candidate's residence.

[105 ILCS 5/6-10]

**PETITION:** Single county Regional School Trustee: SBE Form P-21A  
Multi-county Regional School Trustee SBE Form P-21

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.

**LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.

**STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt.

[5 ILCS 420/4A-106]

FILING DATES: December 15 – 22, 2014 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).

WHERE TO FILE: Single county region candidates file with the county clerk.  
Multi-county region candidates file with the State Board of Elections.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE: Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)

TERM BEGINS: Third Monday in May following election [105 ILCS 5/6-17].  
(May 18, 2015)

TERM OF OFFICE: 7 members: 6-year terms. [105 ILCS 5/6-17]

## **BOARDS OF EDUCATION**

- OFFICE:** Board of Education Member
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter and shall not be a child sex offender as defined in Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of 2012. [105 ILCS 5/10-10]
- RESIDENCY:** Any person who, on the date of election, is a U.S. citizen of the age of 18 or over and a resident of the State and the territory encompassing the district for one year preceding the election is eligible. A member cannot serve as a school trustee. [105 ILCS 5/10-10]
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** Petition must be signed by at least 50 qualified voters or 10% of the voters, whichever is less, residing within the district. [105 ILCS 5/9-10]
- PETITION:** Board of Education petition (at large) SBE Form P-7  
Board of Education petition (district) SBE Form P-7A
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt. [5 ILCS 420/4A-106]
- FILING DATES:** December 15 – 22, 2014 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE:** Filed with the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of the school district is located. [105 ILCS 5/9-10]
- CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:** Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)

TERM BEGINS: Within 28 days after the election. [105 ILCS 5/10-16]

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years - may be changed to 6 years by referendum.  
[105 ILCS 5/9-5]

**SCHOOL DIRECTOR**  
**(In districts having a population fewer than 1,000)**

and

**TOWNSHIP LAND COMMISSIONERS\***  
**(In counties having fewer than 220,000 population)**

\*In counties of fewer than 220,000 inhabitants containing townships with common school lands, there shall be three land commissioners elected in the same manner as provided for election of school directors. [105 ILCS 5/15-24]

OFFICE: School Director and Township Land Commissioner

QUALIFICATIONS: Qualified elector/registered voter and is not a child sex offender as defined in Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of 2012. [105 ILCS 5/10-3].

RESIDENCY: Any person who, on the date of election, is a U.S. citizen of the age of 18 or over and a resident of the State and the territory encompassing the district for one year preceding the election. [105 ILCS 5/10-3]

ELIGIBILITY: A land commissioner or director cannot serve as a school trustee or school treasurer. [105 ILCS 5/10-3]

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: Petition must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters or 5% of the voters, whichever is less, residing within the district. [105 ILCS 5/9-10]

PETITION: Board of Education petition. SBE Form P-7.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.

LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE No. P-1C.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal officer of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the filing of the receipt. [5 ILCS 420/4A-106]

FILING DATES: December 15 – 22, 2014 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).



**WHERE TO FILE:** School Director candidates file with the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of the school district is located. [105 ILCS 5/9-10]

Township Land Commissioner candidates file with the Township Land Commissioner's Secretary.

**CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:** Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

**FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)

**TERM BEGINS:** School Directors and Land Commissioners shall meet and organize within 28 days after the election by appointing one of their number president and another clerk. [105 ILCS 5/10-5, 15-24]

**TERM OF OFFICE:** 4 years [105 ILCS 5/10-1, 10-4]

## **TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS (Cook County)**

- OFFICE:** Trustee of Schools
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter.
- RESIDENCY:** Resident of township. If there are three or more school districts in a township, no two trustees shall reside, when elected, in the same school district; except that in townships in which at least 90% of the electors reside in one school district, this restriction shall not apply. [105 ILCS 5/5-3]
- ELIGIBILITY:** No person shall be eligible for the office of trustee of schools and school director or school board member simultaneously. [105 ILCS 5/5-3]
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** At least 25 qualified voters of the school township. [105 ILCS 5/5-4]
- PETITION:** Petition for nomination of township school trustee. SBE Form P-22.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the Cook County Clerk  
See page 20 regarding the filing of the receipt.  
[5 ILCS 420/4A-106]
- FILING DATES:** December 15 – 22, 2014 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE:** Township School Treasurer. (Appointed by the Trustees of Schools) [105 ILCS 5/5-4]
- CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:** Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)

TERM BEGINS: Third Monday of month following election. (May 18, 2015)  
[105 ILCS 5/5-14]

TERM OF OFFICE: 6 years. [105 ILCS 5/5-13]

# BOARD OF EDUCATION

## (Under Article 33 - City of Peoria)

- OFFICE: Board of Education Member
- QUALIFICATIONS: Qualified elector/registered voter.
- RESIDENCY: Resident of district for at least one year immediately preceding the election and shall not be a child sex offender as defined in Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of 2012. [105 ILCS 5/33-2]
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: At least 200 qualified voters of the district. [105 ILCS 5/33-2]
- PETITION: Board of Education petition. SBE Form P-7A.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt. [5 ILCS 420/4A-106]
- FILING DATES: December 15 – 22, 2014 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE: Peoria County Clerk's office.
- CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE: Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd.. Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 19)
- TERM BEGINS: All terms shall commence July 1, following the election. [105 ILCS 5/33-1]
- TERM OF OFFICE: 5 years. May be changed to 4-year terms by referendum. [105 ILCS 5/33-1, 33-1(a)]

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Southwestern Illinois Community College District Trustees (522) and Lincoln Land Community College District Trustees (526) run from separate subdistricts; all others run at-large.

OFFICE: Trustee

QUALIFICATIONS: Qualified elector/registered voter.

RESIDENCY: Resident of State and the territory encompassing community college district for one year immediately preceding election.  
Residency for Lincoln Land Community College (526) must be a resident of the district for one year preceding the election.  
[110 ILCS 805/3-7 (c)]

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: At least 50 qualified voters or 10% of the voters, whichever is less, residing within the district. [110 ILCS 805/3-7.10]

PETITION: Community College petition. SBE Form P-6.  
Southwestern Illinois Community College. SBE Form P-6A.  
Lincoln Land Community College. SBE Form P-6A.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.

LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt.  
[5 ILCS 420/4A-106]

FILING DATES: December 15 – 22, 2014 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).

WHERE TO FILE: With the Secretary of the Board of Community College District or designated representative. **If the Secretary is an incumbent board member seeking re-election, a disinterested person must witness the filing of the Secretary's petition.**  
[110 ILCS 805/3-7.10]

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE: Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)

TERM BEGINS: Following the canvass and within 28 days of the election  
[110 ILCS 805/3-8]

TERM OF OFFICE: 6 years. [110 ILCS 805/3-7a, 3-7b]

Lincolnland Community College (526) and Southwestern Illinois Community College (522): 4 or 6 years.

The trustees are divided into 2 groups, with terms of 4 & 6 years or 6 & 4 years. [110 ILCS 805/3-7a and 3-7c]

**NOTE: For the 2015 Consolidated Election, there are no trustee seats scheduled to be elected in either Southwestern Illinois Community College (522) or Lincolnland Community College (526).**

## **FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**OFFICE:** Trustee

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter. No person is eligible to serve on the board of any fire protection district if that person has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this State or comparable laws of any other state or the United States or is in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to a fire protection district. [70 ILCS 705/10.1]

**RESIDENCY:** Resident of the fire protection district. [70 ILCS 705/4a]

**NOTE:** In the case of a multi-county district, the number of trustees for each county shall be proportional to the number of district residents from that county in relation to the district's total population. Not more than one trustee can be from a municipality unless that municipality has more than 50% of the population in the district. [70 ILCS 705/14.07]

**SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** 25 registered voters or 5% of the registered voters residing within the district, whichever is less. [10 ILCS 5/10-3.1; 70 ILCS 705/4a]

**PETITION:** Nonpartisan petition. SBE Form P-4-2.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.

**LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.

**STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt. [5 ILCS 420/4A-106]

**FILING DATES:** December 15 – 22, 2014 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).

**WHERE TO FILE:** Secretary of the Fire Protection District.

**CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:** Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

**FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)

TERM BEGINS: Third Monday in May following election (May 18, 2015).  
[70 ILCS 705/4a]

TERM OF OFFICE: 6 years. [70 ILCS 705/4a]



## FOX WATERWAY AGENCY

- OFFICE: 1 Director to be elected from Lake County  
2 Directors to be elected from McHenry County
- QUALIFICATIONS: Registered voter at least 18 years of age. [615 ILCS 90/5]
- RESIDENCY: Must be a resident of a member county and the territory of the agency. [615 ILCS 90/5]
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: For Directors, at least 200 qualified voters of such county who reside within the territory of the agency. [615 ILCS 90/5]
- PETITIONS: Nonpartisan - SBE Form P-4-1.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt. [5 ILCS 420/4A-106]
- FILING DATES: December 15 – 22, 2014 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election). [615 ILCS 90/5]
- WHERE TO FILE: Filed with the State Board of Elections. 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., P.O. Box 4187, Springfield, IL 62708
- CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE: Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT: Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)
- TERM BEGINS: Third Monday (May 18, 2015) in May following the election. [615 ILCS 90/5]
- TERM OF OFFICE: 4 years. [615 ILCS 90/5]

## FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

- OFFICE:** Commissioner  
(In counties with a population of more than 30,000 but less than 90,000)
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualified elector/registered voter.
- RESIDENCY:** Must be a resident of the forest preserve district.  
[70 ILCS 805/3.5(a)]
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** Not less than 5% nor more than 8%, or 50 more than the minimum whichever is greater, of the number of persons who voted at the last regular election in the district or political subdivision in which the district or political subdivision voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area.  
[10 ILCS 5/10-3, 10-3.1]
- PETITION:** Nonpartisan petition. SBE Form P-4.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt.  
[5 ILCS 420/4A-106]
- FILING DATES:** December 15 – 22, 2014 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE:** With the Secretary of the District.
- CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:** Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)
- TERM BEGINS:** On the third Monday (May 18, 2015) of the month following the election. [70 ILCS 805/3.5]
- TERM OF OFFICE:** 5 Commissioners: 4-year terms. [70 ILCS 805/3.5(a)]

## **SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION AND AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY**

- OFFICE:** Board Member
- QUALIFICATIONS:** Registered voter. [70 ILCS 200/255-70]
- RESIDENCY:** Qualified to vote within the metropolitan area [70 ILCS 200/255-70]
- SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:** Nomination of a candidate for member of the Board shall be made by a petition filed with the county clerk, signed by at least 50 voters qualified to vote at the election. [70 ILCS 200/255-75]
- PETITION:** Nonpartisan petition. SBE Form P-4.
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:** Filed with the nominating petitions. Nonpartisan SBE Form P-1A.
- LOYALTY OATH:** (Optional) Filed with the nominating petitions. SBE Form P-1C.
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS:** Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. See page 19 regarding the filing of the receipt. [5 ILCS 420/4A-106]
- FILING DATES:** December 15 – 22, 2014 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the Consolidated Election).
- WHERE TO FILE:** Sangamon County Clerk.
- CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE:** Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.
- FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT:** Filed with the county clerk. (Voluntary - see page 20)
- TERM BEGINS:** Upon election. [70 ILCS 200/255-90]
- TERM OF OFFICE:** 4 year terms.  
[70 ILCS 200/255-65, as modified by U.S District Court consent decree entered July 11, 1988]

## OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATING PETITIONS

[10 ILCS 5/10-8 through 10-10.1]

### FILING OBJECTION PETITION:

Nomination papers shall be deemed to be valid unless objections are filed in writing (an original and two copies) within five business days after the last day for filing nomination papers. The objector's petitions are filed with the same office in which the nominating petitions are filed.

### PROCESSING OBJECTIONS:

Not later than 12:00 noon on the second business day after receipt of the objector's petition, 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 Section 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 receipt of the objector's petition, the chairman of the electoral board 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.

### ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING:

The meeting of the electoral board shall not be less than three nor more than five days after receipt of the objector's petition by the chairman of the electoral board. The Municipal Officers Electoral Board, Electoral Board, and the Education Officers Electoral Board may meet at the location (other than their county courthouse) where the governing body of the municipality, or community college district, respectively, holds its regularly scheduled meetings, if that location is available; provided that voter records may be removed from the offices of an election authority only at the discretion and under the supervision of the election authority. **P.A. 98-115 effective July 29, 2013 allows the county officers electoral board to hear and pass upon objections to the nominations of candidates for any school district offices.**  
[10 ILCS 5/10-9(2), 10-10]

### JUDICIAL REVIEW FILED:

Within 5 days after the decision of the Electoral Board, the candidate or objector aggrieved by the decision may file a petition for Judicial Review with the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Court hearings are to be held within 30 days after the filing of the petition and a decision delivered promptly thereafter. [10 ILCS 10-10.1]

NO JUDICIAL  
REVIEW:

If no petition for Judicial Review has been filed within 5 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. [10 ILCS 5/10-8, 10-9, 10-10, 10-10.1]

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## SIGNING PETITIONS

- 1. Are abbreviations allowed on petitions?**  
Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the resident's address, including the street number.
- 2. What name should the voter use when signing a petition?**  
The voter should sign the petition as he is registered to vote. Example - The signature for James Smith should not appear on the petition as Jim Smith, however, signing with a nickname will not invalidate the signature, provided the voter can be identified.
- 3. May a petition once filed be changed?**  
No. A petition once filed may not be added to or altered. However, the receipt for filing the Statement of Economic Interests may be filed at any time during the filing period.  
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12, 10-4, 10-5]
- 4. Are pencil signatures allowed?**  
Yes. However, black ink is preferable.
- 5. Who can remove a name from a nomination petition?**  
Only the circulator or the candidate on whose behalf the petition was circulated may strike the signature. [10ILCS 5/7-10 and 10-3] However, an individual can submit a written request with the election authority or the local election official to have his/her name removed before the petition is filed.
- 6. May a voter sign a petition for someone else?**  
No. A registered voter must sign the petition in his own person. He may not sign for someone else, such as another member of his or her own family.  
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4]

## CIRCULATOR

- 1. May a candidate circulate his own petitions?**  
Yes.
- 2. May a circulator circulate petitions for an independent candidate and a partisan candidate, or for more than one political party?**  
No.  
[10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- 3. Does the circulator have to be a registered voter?**  
No. A petition circulator must be a U.S. citizen and at least 18 years of age. (See page 14, item 2a.)  
[10 ILCS 5/7-10]
- 4. May a circulator sign as a voter on the petition he is circulating?**  
Yes, if he/she is a registered voter of the political subdivision in which the candidate is seeking office

**5. When can the circulator start collecting signatures?**

No more than 90 days prior to the last day for filing petitions (see page iii)  
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4]

## **NOTARIZATION**

**1. Is it proper for the notary of the petition to have signed the same petition as a voter?**

It has not been definitely determined whether a notary may also be a signatory to a petition. Some electoral boards and Circuit Courts have upheld petitions where the notary was also a signer of the petition, but the issue has not yet been decided by the Supreme Court or any Appellate Court in Illinois. A cautious candidate might wish to avoid using a petition signer as the notary so as to avoid the risk of having to defend against an objection on this issue.

**2. Must the notary put the date of his commission expiration on the document?**

Yes, the notary stamp indicates the date the commission expires.

**3. Must the notary public live in the same county as the candidate?**

No, but the notary must be authorized to administer oaths in the place where the notary act is performed.

## **FILING PETITIONS**

**1. May a candidate file more than one set of petitions for the same office?**

Yes. However, upon notice from the filing office the candidate must make a selection in writing to the filing office; otherwise, the set of petitions filed first will be considered the official filing.

**2. When are petitions open to the public?**

Upon their filing with the proper office and at the earliest convenience of that office. Once filed, a petition is available for public inspection.

**3. Does a candidate have to file his or her own petition?**

No. A candidate may choose someone to file the petition on their behalf.

**4. May a candidate file his own petition and petitions for other candidates at the same time?**

Yes.

**5. When may petitions be mailed?**

There are no statutory requirements regarding a time element for mailing petitions; however, all petitions that are received by the office prior to the first day of the filing period will be returned to the sender. Petitions received after the end of the filing period, regardless of postmark, will not be accepted.

**6. May a candidate file for more than one office?**

Yes, however, he must withdraw from all but one office within five business days following the last day of petition filing, if the offices are incompatible. If he does not withdraw from all but one incompatible office, his name will not be certified for any office.

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

**7. Who has to file a complete slate of candidates?**

Persons wishing to form a New Political Party in a given jurisdiction must file a petition containing the names of candidates for EACH office to be filled for that jurisdiction.

[10 ILCS 5/7-2, 10-2]

**8. May a petition contain the names of two or more candidates of the same established party?**

Yes. An established political party petition may contain the names of candidates for several offices to be filled at the upcoming election. The nominating papers must contain a separate statement of candidacy signed by each candidate and a receipt for the filing of a statement of economic interests by each candidate. The Loyalty Oath is optional.

**9. If you are first in line or your petition is in the first mail pickup or delivery on the first day of filing, will you be first on the ballot?**

Not necessarily. If there are two or more candidates in line prior to the opening of the office filing for the same party and the same office, they will be considered as filing simultaneously along with any petition in the first mail pickup or delivery and will be involved in a lottery for ballot position.

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

**NOTE:** Candidates who file petitions during the last hour of filing (between 4PM and 5PM) on the last day to file petitions are also eligible for a lottery to determine the final ballot position.

**10. May a candidate file as an Independent for a school office?**

No. "Independents" run in partisan elections but choose not to associate with a political party, so the word "independent" identifies them on the ballot label. All candidates for school offices run on a "nonpartisan" basis.



# FORMS

H-1A	Affidavit of Voter Attending Municipal Caucus
H-2	Certificate of Nomination by Caucus
P-1	Statement of Candidacy
P-1A	Statement of Candidacy (Nonpartisan)
P-1B	Statement of Candidacy (Independent)
P-1C	Loyalty Oath (optional form)
P-1D	Statement of Candidacy (New Political Party)
P-1K	Statement of Candidacy (Nomination by Caucus)
P-2A	Certificate of Deletions
P-2B	Certificate of Attached List of Deletions
P-3	Independent Candidate Petition
P-4	Petition for Nomination (non-municipal and commission form of municipality)
P-4-1	Petition for Nomination (Fox Waterway Agency)
P-4-2	Petition for Nomination (Fire Protection Districts)
P-5	Primary Petition (nonpartisan – municipality other than commission form)
P-6	Petition (to Secretary of Board of Trustees of Community College District)
P-6A	Petition (to Secretary of Board of Trustees of Community College District for Community Colleges which elect from districts rather than at-large)
P-7	Petition (for Board of Education or Board of Directors)
P-7A	Petition (for School Boards which elect from districts rather than at-large or by township....)
P-8	Petition for Nomination (to form New Political Party)
P-8A	Petition for Nomination and formation of a New Political Party (in city, town or village in which officers are to be elected from districts or wards and at-large)
P-8B	Petition for Nomination and formation of a New Political Party (in counties in which officers are to be elected from districts and at-large)
P-8C	Certificate of Officers Authorized to Fill Vacancies in Nomination for a New Political Party
P-10	General Primary Petition
P-21	Petition (for Multi-County Regional School Trustees to be filed with the SBE)
P-21A	Petition (for Single-County Regional School Trustees to be filed with County Clerk)
P-22	Petition (for Nomination for Trustee of Schools)
P-25	Withdrawal of Candidacy

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### AFFIDAVIT OF VOTERS ATTENDING MUNICIPAL CAUCUS

At a caucus of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party in and for the City/Village of \_\_\_\_\_  
in \_\_\_\_\_ County of Illinois, held at \_\_\_\_\_, Illinois,  
on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(insert month, day, year)

STATE OF ILLINOIS            )  
  ) SS.  
County of \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City or Village)

I hereby certify that I am a registered voter in the City or Village aforesaid and that I am affiliated with the political party, aforesaid, and I will not participate in the caucus of another political party.

SIGNATURE OF VOTER	ADDRESS
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This Affidavit was signed and sworn to before me by each of the persons whose signature appears thereon  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Caucus Judge)



STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

NAME	ADDRESS-ZIP CODE	OFFICE	DISTRICT	PARTY

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 8-8.1 or 10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS \_\_\_\_\_ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON \_\_\_\_\_  
(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Candidate) being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_, in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a qualified Primary voter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party; that I am a candidate for Nomination/Election to the office of \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ District, to be voted upon at the primary election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election) and that I am legally qualified (including being the holder of any license that may be an eligibility requirement for the office to which I seek the nomination) to hold such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Party) Primary ballot for Nomination/Election for such office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of Candidate) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

NONPARTISAN

NAME	ADDRESS-ZIP CODE	OFFICE	CITY, VILLAGE OR SPECIAL DISTRICT

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS \_\_\_\_\_ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON \_\_\_\_\_  
(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_, in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein, that I am a candidate for Nomination/Election to the office of \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ Name of City, Village or Special District to be voted upon at the election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election) and that I am legally qualified to hold such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official ballot for Nomination/Election to such office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of Candidate) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY  
INDEPENDENT

NAME	ADDRESS-ZIP CODE	OFFICE	CITY, VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP, COUNTY, DISTRICT OR STATE

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS \_\_\_\_\_ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON \_\_\_\_\_  
(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 ) SS.  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

I, \_\_\_\_\_ being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_, in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein, that I am a candidate for election to the office of \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ to be  
Name of City, Village, Township, County, District or State

voted upon at the election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election) and that I am legally qualified (including being the holder of any license that may be an eligibility requirement for the office to which I seek election) to hold such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official ballot for election to such office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Candidate) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

ATTACH TO PETITION

10 ILCS 5/7-10.1

Suggested  
Revised July, 2004  
SBE No. P-1C

**L O Y A L T Y   O A T H**  
(OPTIONAL)

United States of America                    )  
  )  
State of Illinois                                )       SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States and the State of Illinois, that I am not affiliated directly or indirectly with any communist organization or any communist front organization, or any foreign political agency, party, organization or government which advocates the overthrow of constitutional government by force or other means not permitted under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of this State; that I do not directly or indirectly teach or advocate the overthrow of the government of the United States or of this State or any unlawful change in the form of the governments thereof by force or any unlawful means.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me,  
(Name of Candidate)

on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(insert month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

(SEAL)



**STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY**  
**NEW POLITICAL PARTY**

NAME	ADDRESS-ZIP CODE	OFFICE	CITY, VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP, COUNTY, DISTRICT OR STATE	PARTY

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS \_\_\_\_\_ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON \_\_\_\_\_  
(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_, in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein, that I am a candidate for election to the office of \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of City, Village, Township, County, District or State

to be voted upon at the election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election) and that I am legally qualified (including being the holder of any license that may be an eligibility requirement for the office to which I seek election) to hold such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official ballot for election to such office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Candidate) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY**  
**(NOMINATION BY CAUCUS)**

NAME	ADDRESS-ZIP CODE	OFFICE	CITY, VILLAGE OR TOWNSHIP	PARTY

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(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 ) SS.  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Candidate) being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_, in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a qualified Primary voter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party; that I am a candidate for election to the office of \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ (city, village or township), as duly nominated at said party's caucus, to be voted upon at the election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election) and that I am legally qualified (including being the holder of any license that may be an eligibility requirement for the office to which I seek the nomination) to hold such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official ballot for election to such office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Candidate) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)



### CERTIFICATE OF ATTACHED LIST OF DELETIONS

We, the undersigned persons who have stricken signatures from the attached hereby certify that there is/are \_\_\_\_\_ page(s) of **CERTIFICATION OF DELETIONS** listing signatures which have been stricken, and are attached hereafter to the petitions of \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Candidate) who is a candidate for election to the office of \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

The following are the page numbers indicated on the attached **CERTIFICATION OF DELETIONS**:

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(Circulator)

Every person striking signatures from the petition shall each sign this certificate. This certificate shall be filed as part of the petition, shall be numbered, and shall be attached immediately following the last page of voters' signatures and preceding any **CERTIFICATE OF DELETION** sheet.

### INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE PETITION

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person shall be an Independent Candidate for election to the office hereinafter specified to be voted for at the \_\_\_\_\_ Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

NAME	OFFICE	ADDRESS--ZIP CODE

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS \_\_\_\_\_ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON \_\_\_\_\_  
(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
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5		IL	
6		IL	
7		IL	
8		IL	
9		IL	
10		IL	
11		IL	
12		IL	
13		IL	
14		IL	
15		IL	

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_,

in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides

postal service) Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

SHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**NONPARTISAN PETITION  
(NON-MUNICIPAL AND COMMISSION FORM OF MUNICIPALITY)**

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ (unit of government) \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person shall be a Nonpartisan Candidate for election to the office hereinafter specified, in the aforesaid unit of government, to be voted for at the election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

NAME	OFFICE	ADDRESS--ZIP CODE
	office title:  full term or ____ year vacancy (circle one)	

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS \_\_\_\_\_ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON \_\_\_\_\_  
(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

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State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Circulator's Name) (Street Address)  
in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(City/Village/Unincorporated Area) (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code)

County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

**PETITION FOR NOMINATION  
(FOX WATERWAY MANAGEMENT AGENCY)**

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the Fox Waterway Management Agency, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person shall be a Nonpartisan Candidate for election to the office hereinafter specified, in the political division aforesaid, to be voted for at the \_\_\_\_\_ Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

NAME	OFFICE	ADDRESS--ZIP CODE

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS \_\_\_\_\_ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON \_\_\_\_\_  
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State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Circulator's Name) (Street Address)

in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(City/Village/Unincorporated Area) (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code)

County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of Circulator) (Insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

**PETITION FOR NOMINATION  
Fire Protection Districts**

To the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of fire district)

We, the undersigned being \_\_\_\_\_ (number of signatories or 5% or more) of the voters residing within the district, hereby petition that \_\_\_\_\_ who resides at \_\_\_\_\_

(name of candidate)  
in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Illinois, in this district shall be a candidate for the office of \_\_\_\_\_ of the Board of Trustees, full-term or \_\_\_\_\_ year vacancy (circle one) to be voted for at the election to be held \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS \_\_\_\_\_ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON \_\_\_\_\_  
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State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Circulator's Name) (Street Address)

in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(City/Village/Unincorporated Area) (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code)

County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

SHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_



CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY PETITION (NONPARTISAN – MUNICIPALITY OTHER THAN COMMISSION FORM)

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois, and residing at the places set opposite our respective names, do hereby petition that the name of \_\_\_\_\_, who resides at \_\_\_\_\_ in the City, Town or Village of \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of Illinois, be placed upon the ballot as a candidate for nomination for the office of \_\_\_\_\_ full term or vacancy (circle one) at the Consolidated Primary election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of primary election); provided that if no primary election is required, the candidate's name will appear on the ballot at the Consolidated Election for election to said office and term.

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS \_\_\_\_\_ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON \_\_\_\_\_ (List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

Table with 4 columns: NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE), STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER, CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE, COUNTY. Rows 1-15.

State of \_\_\_\_\_ ) County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_ (Circulator's Name) (Street Address) in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (City/Village/Unincorporated Area) (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code) County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

**PETITION FOR NOMINATION  
TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

We, the undersigned, being (\_\_\_\_\_ or more) (or 10% or more) of the voters residing within said district, hereby petition that \_\_\_\_\_ who resides at \_\_\_\_\_ in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_ (If unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) in \_\_\_\_\_ Township in said district shall be a candidate for the office of member of the Board of Trustees, full term or \_\_\_\_ year vacancy (circle one) to be voted for at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS \_\_\_\_\_ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON \_\_\_\_\_  
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State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Circulator's Name) (Street Address)

in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(City/Village/Unincorporated Area) (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code)

County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

SHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION FOR NOMINATION  
TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES WHICH ELECT FROM DISTRICTS RATHER THAN AT-LARGE**

We, the undersigned, being ( \_\_\_\_\_ or more) (or 10% or more) of the voters residing within said district, hereby petition that \_\_\_\_\_ who resides at \_\_\_\_\_ in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_ (If unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) in \_\_\_\_\_ Township in said district shall be a candidate for the office of member of the Board of Trustees \_\_\_\_\_ District, full term or \_\_\_\_\_ year vacancy (circle one) to be voted for at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS \_\_\_\_\_ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON \_\_\_\_\_  
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State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Circulator's Name) (Street Address)  
in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(City/Village/Unincorporated Area) (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code)  
County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

(SEAL)

SHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

PETITION FOR NOMINATION

TO THE COUNTY CLERK OR COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS HAVING JURISDICTION OVER  
\_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ IN \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, ILLINOIS

We, the undersigned, being (\_\_\_\_\_ or more) (or 10% or more) (or 5% or more) of the voters residing within said district, hereby petition that \_\_\_\_\_ who resides at \_\_\_\_\_ in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_ (If unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) in Township \_\_\_\_\_ in said district shall be a candidate for the office of \_\_\_\_\_ full term or \_\_\_ year vacancy (circle one) of the Board of Education (or Board of Directors) to be voted for at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS \_\_\_\_\_ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON \_\_\_\_\_  
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State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Circulator's Name) (Street Address)  
in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(City/Village/Unincorporated Area) (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code)  
County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

**PETITION FOR NOMINATION  
FOR SCHOOL BOARDS WHICH ELECT FROM DISTRICTS RATHER THAN AT-LARGE OR BY TOWNSHIP**

**TO THE COUNTY CLERK OR COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS HAVING JURISDICTION OVER  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ IN \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

We, the undersigned, being (\_\_\_\_\_ or more) (or 10% or more) (or 5% or more) of the voters residing within \_\_\_\_\_ district, (specify district number 1 - 7) hereby petition that \_\_\_\_\_ who resides at \_\_\_\_\_ in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_ (If unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) in said district shall be a candidate for the office \_\_\_\_\_ of the Board of Education (or Board of Directors) full term or \_\_\_\_\_ year vacancy (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_ District (specify district 1 - 7) to be voted for at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS \_\_\_\_\_ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON \_\_\_\_\_  
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State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Circulator's Name) (Street Address)  
in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(City/Village/Unincorporated Area) (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code)

County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of Circulator) (Circulator's Signature) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)









**CERTIFICATE OF OFFICERS  
AUTHORIZED TO FILL VACANCIES IN NOMINATION  
FOR A NEW POLITICAL PARTY**

We, the undersigned, duly certify that the persons whose names and addresses are listed below are the designated officers of the \_\_\_\_\_ who are authorized to fill vacancies in nomination  
(Name of New Political Party)  
pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-11.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (Zip Code)

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(City) (Zip Code)

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(Name and Title)

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(Name and Title)

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(Address)

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(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (Zip Code)

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(City) (Zip Code)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(CHAIRMAN)

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
(SECRETARY)

(Use additional sheets if necessary)

A new political party petition shall have attached thereto a certificate stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. Failure to file this form results in the party forfeiting the right to fill vacancies. It does not alone invalidate the petition.

### GENERAL PRIMARY PETITION

We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the \_\_\_\_\_ Party and qualified primary electors of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party, in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person or persons shall be a candidate(s) of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party for the nomination/election for the office or offices hereinafter specified to be voted for at the Primary Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

NAME	OFFICE	ADDRESS

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 8-8.1 or 10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

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State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides

postal service) (Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition qualified voters of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party in the political division in which the candidate is seeking nomination/elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

**PETITION FOR NOMINATION FOR  
MULTI-COUNTY REGIONAL SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
TO BE FILED WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

We, the undersigned, being 50 or more of the voters qualified to vote, hereby petition that \_\_\_\_\_ who resides at \_\_\_\_\_ in Township (or Road District) \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ County, shall be a candidate for the office of **MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES** of \_\_\_\_\_ Region (Counties within region) full term or vacancy (circle one) to be voted for at the Consolidated Election to be held \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS \_\_\_\_\_ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON \_\_\_\_\_  
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State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Circulator) (Circulator's Signature) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

SHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)

**PETITION FOR NOMINATION FOR  
SINGLE-COUNTY REGIONAL SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
TO BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK**

We, the undersigned, being 50 or more of the voters qualified to vote, hereby petition that \_\_\_\_\_ who resides at \_\_\_\_\_ in Township (or Road District) \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ County, shall be a candidate for the office of **MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES** of \_\_\_\_\_ County full term or vacancy (circle one) to be voted for at the Consolidated Election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election).

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS \_\_\_\_\_ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON \_\_\_\_\_  
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State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Circulator's Name) (Street Address)

in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(City/Village/Unincorporated Area) (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code)  
County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_ that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public's Signature)



