



ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF DAN WHITE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This past July, Bryan Schneider was unanimously elected the 21st Chairman of the State Board of Elections. Wanda Rednour was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman serve two year terms. On behalf of Chairman Schneider, Vice-Chairman Rednour and Members of the Board, this is to commend and thank Illinois election authorities for their continued support and dedication to fair and honest elections in Illinois. And as we collectively prepare for administration of the upcoming February Primary Election and October candidate petition filing period, we offer our support and gratitude.

2009 IMPORTANT DATES

- **Monday, September 21** - Advisory Committee meeting 9:30 a.m. Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Springfield
- **Tuesday, October 20** - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Chicago
- **Monday, November 16** - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Springfield
- **Thursday, December 3** - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Chicago (certify ballot for February primary election) (video link unavailable)
- **Tuesday, January 19** - Advisory Committee meeting 9:30 a.m. Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Springfield
- **Wednesday, February 17** - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Chicago
- **Friday, March 5** - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Springfield (proclamation of results of the February primary election)
- **Tuesday, April 20** - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Chicago
- **Monday, May 17** - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Springfield
- **Tuesday, June 15** - Board meeting 10:30 a.m. Chicago

Each Board meeting is connected via video conference in the non-principal location unless otherwise noted.

2010 PRIMARY SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES

General Primary Election - February 2, 2010

Last day to register to vote Tuesday, January 5

Grace Period Registration and Voting

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

Early Voting for Primary

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

INTRODUCING



SHARON STEWARD

State Board of Elections
Director of Campaign Disclosure

Sharon Steward, Deputy Director of Campaign Disclosure in the Springfield office was promoted to Director of Campaign Disclosure at the September 21 Board meeting. Ms. Steward is based in Springfield and will manage the operations of the Campaign Disclosure division.

FILING PERIOD DATES FOR 2010 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Monday, October 26 - Monday, November 2

- Filing period for candidates of established political parties to file original nomination papers in the principal office of the State Board of Elections for US Senate, statewide executive offices, congressional offices, Democratic and Green Parties state central committeemen and women, legislative, multi-county regional superintendents of school and judicial offices
- Filing period for candidates of established political parties to file original nomination papers in the office of county clerk for county offices, township committeemen (Cook County) and precinct committeemen.

Monday, November 9

- Last day for an individual who filed during the October 26 - November 2, 2009 filing period for 2 or more incompatible offices to withdraw from all but one of the offices.
- Last day for filing objections to the nomination papers of all candidates who filed during the October 26-November 2, 2009 filing period (exception: objections to petitions for precinct or township committeemen which last day is Friday, November 13).

Thursday, November 12

- Last day lottery shall be conducted by the election authority or State Board of Elections when 2 or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party as of the opening hour of the October 26 filing period.

Monday, November 16 - Monday 23

- Filing period for candidates of established political parties to file original nomination papers in the principal office of the State Board of Elections for judicial vacancies which occurred during the three week period prior to the 92nd day before the General Primary Election (October 12-November 2)

Wednesday, December 2

- Last day for individual who has filed for two or more incompatible offices for the November 16-23 filing period to withdraw from all but one of the offices in the office of the State Board of Elections.
- Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of candidates who filed petitions with the State Board of Elections for judicial office during the period November 16-23.
- Last day to conduct lottery by the SBE when 2 or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party as of the opening of the November 16 filing period (special judicial filing period).

Thursday, December 3

- Last day a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the proper election authority or authorities.
- Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify the names of candidates to the county clerks.
- Last day for county clerk to certify to the board of election commissioners any referenda to be submitted to the voters in its jurisdiction.

Wednesday, December 9

- Last day for county clerk to certify to the board of election commissioners the names of candidates to be voted for in its jurisdiction.

HAVA FUNDING UPDATE

Current grants available to all jurisdictions

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

The State Board of Elections will be updating the State Plan in order to request FY 09 federal funding of HAVA requirements funds. The SBE did receive state matching funds as required by HAVA.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Each fiscal year the SBE includes in its budget appropriation request funding items that directly or indirectly impact operations of local election jurisdictions. Items such as, election judge reimbursement, support for the statewide voter registration system and clerk's stipend are among these.

This fiscal year a substantial part of the SBE Fiscal Year 2010 Budget, which began July 1, 2009 and ends June 30, 2010, was reduced by 50% of our original request. This cut is a lump sum reduction that in total reduced a number of items, including those indicated above.

At the September Board meeting, the Board approved a plan which fully funds the clerk's stipend and funds judges of election (election day & early) and local Voter Registration System support at 50% of full funding that was originally requested.

Unless the legislature restores funding, judges of election will be reimbursed at 50% of the statutory amount per judge, and support of the statewide system will be half of what each jurisdiction requested.

The State Board of Elections will be seeking restoration of full funding for all underfunded items during the fall veto session and ask for the continued support of the election authorities.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Cris Cray presented a legislative update at the September 17 Election Commission and County Clerks and Recorders joint fall meeting in Bloomington. If you missed it and would like a copy of her handout please contact Cris at crcray@elections.il.gov

ILLINOIS VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM

Am I Registered?

Since our last newsletter, the State Board of Elections has added a great new feature to its public website. This new tool will prove to be of great benefit to all Illinois residents.

This new tool is called "Am I Registered" and it allows individuals to answer that very question quickly and easily. This new feature can be found from our homepage by clicking on the "Voting and Elections" tab at the top of the page. Then, from the next page, click the "Am I Registered" link at the top left.

Upon reaching the link an individual must enter their first name, last name, and zip code. If the individual is registered to vote at that zip code, they will be shown their full name as it appears on the registration as well as the address to their polling place. If the voter chooses, they can then enter their street number and choose their street name from a drop down. This will then show the voter all the districts in which they are allowed to vote with links to their Federal Congressional, State Senate, and State Representative officials' contact information.

If more than one individual exists with the same name in the same zip code, the user will be prompted to enter their street number and to choose their street name from the drop down, in order to confirm which voter is verifying his registration.

If the user is unable to locate his registration through the system, he is asked to contact his local election authority, for which a complete listing is made available.

ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Visit the Election Assistance Commission's website at www.eac.gov to find useful election related publications. The EAC Web site also features a variety of information for voters, including registration deadlines for each state, how to register using the National Mail Voter Registration Form, and how to become a poll worker.

BON VOYAGE



**TONY
MORGANDO**

Tony Morgando, Deputy Director of the Campaign Disclosure Division in the Chicago Office is retiring from the State Board of Elections after 34 years of service. He will be spending a lot of time in Florida! Have a great retirement Tony!

DID YOU KNOW?

The first occupant of the Illinois Executive Mansion was Joel Aldrich Matteson in 1855. He was the 10th Governor of Illinois.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Division of Election Training and Resource Development has scheduled 32 election judges schools for the February 2010 General Primary Election.

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The 2010 Candidates Guide, and the 2010 Election & Campaign Finance Calendar are available on the website under the Voting and Elections front page link. Petition filing instructions for established party candidates and independent and new party candidates are also available on the website.

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The Election Center offers a program for election officials to become a Certified Election and Registration Administrator (CERA). State Board of Elections employee, Becky Glazier earned that designation this August in San Diego, California. This is a comprehensive 12 course educational program designed to assist professionals at all levels. If interested in pursuing this program please visit the Election Center's website www.electioncenter.org.

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Happy 25th Anniversary to the Election Center and 20th Anniversary to the National Association of State Election Directors!

MEET THE STAFF



**AMY CALVIN
SPRINGFIELD**

**HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT
HAVA GRANTS?
GIVE A CALL TO
AMY CALVIN
OR
BECKY GLAZIER**



**BECKY GLAZIER
SPRINGFIELD**

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