

OFFICE: **DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE**
to National Presidential Nominating Conventions
(Party office elected at the General Primary)

MINIMUM AGE: 18 years

RESIDENCY: United States Citizen. Resident of the Congressional District for 30 days. Registered voter of the district.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: **Democratic:** the lesser of .5% of the total primary vote cast for all presidential nominees of their congressional district in 2004 primary election or 1,000 (Illinois Delegate Selection Plan for the 2008 Democratic National Convention, Section III, A.2.c.)

Republican: at least .5% of the qualified primary electors of his party in his/her congressional district [10 ILCS 5/7-10(b)]

Green: The Green Party does not elect Delegates or Alternate Delegates to its National Nominating Convention.

NUMBER OF DEL. & ALT. DELEGATES ALLOCATED PER DISTRICT: The formula for allocating delegates per congressional district is certified to the State Board of Elections by each party. The Board allocates delegates according to the selected formulas upon receiving notification from the Secretary of State as to the number of delegates and alternate delegates to which Illinois will be entitled at the respective national nominating conventions. The Secretary of State shall ascertain the numbers from the call of the national convention of each party.

STATEMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE: Each candidate for delegate and alternate delegate must file a Statement of Presidential Preference supporting a specific presidential candidate, or a statement that he/she intends to run uncommitted** ([SBE No. P-1E](#)). However, Section 7-10.3 of the Illinois Election Code allows the State Central Committee of either political party to file a statement with the SBE, not less than 30 days prior to the first day for the filing of petitions, specifying that a candidate for delegate or alternate delegate is not required to file a "Statement of Declaration."

**Under the provisions of the Illinois Delegate Selection Plan for the 2008 Democratic National Convention, uncommitted delegates may only be elected if a petition is filed to place "Uncommitted" on the Presidential Preference ballot.

If more candidates file as committed to a Republican Presidential candidate than can be elected from a district, the Presidential candidate or his authorized agent has the option of filing a list with the SBE of delegate candidates who shall appear as committed to that candidate within 10 days after the last day to file. The remaining candidates will be certified as “uncommitted”. [10 ILCS 5/7-10.3(b)]

Under the provisions of the Illinois Delegate Selection Plan for the 2008 Democratic Convention, the Presidential candidate or authorized representative has the option of approving delegate and alternate delegates when more candidates file as committed to a Presidential candidate than can be elected in a district. The Presidential candidate will provide a list of approved delegate and alternate candidates to the SBE and the State Party Chair by 5:00 p.m. on November 9, 2007. Those candidates who are not approved by the candidate will not appear on the primary ballot. (Illinois Delegate Selection Plan For the 2008 Democratic National Convention, Section III, A.4.)

- PETITIONS: Delegate [SBE No. P-23](#)
Alternate Delegate [SBE No. P-24](#)
- STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with petition. [SBE No. P-1J](#)
- LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with nomination papers. [SBE No. P-1C](#)
- STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Not required for party office.
- FILING DATES: **Democratic:** October 29 – November 5, 2007
Circulation begins August 7, 2007
Republican: November 28 – December 5, 2007
Circulation begins September 6, 2007
- WHERE TO FILE: State Board of Elections: 1020 South Spring, Springfield, IL 62704
P.O. Box 4187, Springfield, IL 62708
(use P. O. box for mailing)

Democratic candidates shall file a copy of Statement of Candidacy and Presidential Preference Statement with State Party Chair
(Illinois Delegate Selection Plan for the 2008 Democratic National Convention, Section III A.3.b.)
- CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE: Not required for individual delegate candidates. Under some circumstances, groups of delegate candidates may be required to file with the Federal Election Commission. Call the FEC for further information (800-424-9530).

REPUBLICAN PARTY NOTE:

A vote for President of the United States, is for the sole purpose of securing an expression of the sentiment and will of the party voters with respect to candidates for nomination for said office, and the vote of the State at large is considered as **advisory** to the delegates and alternates at large to the **National Conventions**; and the vote of the respective congressional districts is considered **advisory** to the delegates and alternates of said congressional districts to the National Convention.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY NOTE:

Under the provisions of the Illinois Delegate Selection Plan for the 2008 Democratic National Convention, the "Illinois presidential primary election is a 'binding' primary. Accordingly, delegate and alternate positions shall be allocated so as to fairly reflect the expressed presidential (or uncommitted) preference of the primary voters in each district. The National Convention delegates and alternates selected at the district level shall be allocated in proportion to the percentage of the primary vote won in that district by each preference, except that preferences falling below a 15% threshold shall not be awarded any delegates or alternates." (Section III, A.5. a.)

The Delegate Selection Plan also provides that "In order to ensure the district-level delegates are equally divided between men and women, delegate positions within each district will be designated by presidential preference beginning with the highest vote-getting presidential preference. The assignment of delegate positions, alternating by sex as mathematically practical, will continue with the next highest vote-getting preference in descending order until the gender of each position has been assigned."

(Illinois Delegate Selection Plan For the 2008 Democratic National Convention, III A.6.a.)

Please check with the Democratic Party of Illinois, P. O. Box 518, Springfield, Illinois 62705, for further information.

[FILING INFORMATION DOCUMENT](#)

[PETITION FILING DATA CARD](#)

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[CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT](#)

[P-2A CERTIFICATE OF DELETIONS\(Established Party and Independent candidates\)](#)

[P-2B CERTIFICATE OF ATTACHED LIST OF DELETIONS \(Independent candidates\)](#)

2008 SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES ***

District	Democratic *	Republican **
1	600	238
2	595	220
3	447	502
4	227	139
5	390	397
6	208	696
7	527	226
8	193	767
9	437	406
10	274	673
11	237	814
12	332	699
13	246	886
14	180	793
15	190	888
16	223	842
17	298	697
18	224	906
19	268	951

* .5% of the total votes cast in the district for all Democratic Presidential candidates in the 2004 Primary Election or 1,000, whichever is less.

** .5% of the qualified primary electors in the district at the 2004 General Election.

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**2008 DISTRICT ALLOCATION FOR
DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES ****

District	Democratic	Republican
1	8 Delegates, 1 Alternate	2 Delegates, 2 Alternates
2	8 Delegates, 1 Alternate	2 Delegates, 2 Alternates
3	6 Delegates, 1 Alternate	2 Delegates, 2 Alternates
4	4 Delegates, 1 Alternate	2 Delegates, 2 Alternates
5	6 Delegates, 1 Alternate	2 Delegates, 2 Alternates
6	4 Delegates, 1 Alternate	3 Delegates, 3 Alternates
7	8 Delegates, 1 Alternate	2 Delegates, 2 Alternates
8	4 Delegates, 1 Alternate	3 Delegates, 3 Alternates
9	6 Delegates, 1 Alternate	2 Delegates, 2 Alternates
10	5 Delegates, 1 Alternate	3 Delegates, 3 Alternates
11	5 Delegates, 1 Alternate	4 Delegates, 4 Alternates
12	5 Delegates, 1 Alternate	3 Delegates, 3 Alternates
13	5 Delegates, 1 Alternate	4 Delegates, 4 Alternates
14	4 Delegates, 1 Alternate	4 Delegates, 4 Alternates
15	4 Delegates, 1 Alternate	4 Delegates, 4 Alternates
16	4 Delegates, 1 Alternate	4 Delegates, 4 Alternates
17	5 Delegates, 1 Alternate	3 Delegates, 3 Alternates
18	4 Delegates, 1 Alternate	4 Delegates, 4 Alternates
19	5 Delegates, 1 Alternate	4 Delegates, 4 Alternates

Total Elected	100 Delegates, 19 Alternates	57 Delegates, 57 Alternates
Appointed		
by Party	85 Delegates, 7 Alternates	13 Delegates, 10 Alternates
TOTAL	185 Delegates, 26 Alternates	70 Delegates, 67 Alternates

*** Under the provisions of 10 ILCS 5/7-14.1, the Secretary of State shall report to the State Board of Elections the number of delegates to which Illinois will be entitled from the call of the national convention of each party. The information listed above is based on information from the Illinois Delegate Selection Plan for the 2008 Democratic National Convention and from information received from the Republican National Committee. The information will remain UNOFFICIAL until the Secretary of State has received the call for both conventions.**

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