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STATE OF ILLINOIS

ELECTION AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR

2012

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2012 ELECTION CALENDAR

NEW OR CHANGED DATES

Amended October 5, 2011

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 changed wording – EXCEPTION: Established Party Presidential, delegate and alternate delegate candidates.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2011 instead of Tuesday, September 6, 2011 – first day to circulate nomination papers for the Republican candidates for President, delegate and alternate delegate who file January 3 – 6, 2012.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2011 changed wording – EXCEPTION: Established Party Presidential, delegate and alternate delegate candidates.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011 changed wording – EXCEPTION: Established Party Presidential, delegate and alternate delegate candidates.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011 new entry – last day for the State Board of Elections to certify to the county clerks the number of Democratic and Republican delegates and alternate delegates to be elected from each Congressional District and the number to be elected at large from the State or to be chosen at the State Party Convention.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2011 new entry – last day the State Board of Elections shall certify unit school districts and counties to the appropriate election authorities after receiving the list by the regional superintendent of schools.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012 instead of Monday, November 28, 2011 – first day for Republican Presidential Preference, delegate and alternate delegate candidates to file original petitions in the principal office of the State Board of Elections.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2012 instead of Monday, December 5, 2011 – last day for Republican Presidential Preference, delegate and alternate delegate candidates to file original petitions in the principal office of the State Board of Elections.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012 changed wording – last day for written notice of the time and place for conducting lottery for ballot placement for **Presidential Preference, delegate and alternate delegate candidates** shall be given when two (2) or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party, as of the opening hour of the filing period, JANUARY 3, 2012. Notice shall also be posted.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012 new entry – last day for Republican Presidential candidate or his authorized agent to file an affidavit with the State Board of Elections designating which delegate and alternate delegate candidates shall be listed as committed to him when more candidates that have been allocated to a district file statements designating the same Presidential candidate as their preference. The remaining candidates will be listed as uncommitted.

AMENDED JULY 10, 2012

MONDAY OCTOBER 22, 2012 instead of Monday October 15, 2012 – first day for early voting at the office of the election authority and permanent locations designated by the election authority.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2012 instead of Tuesday October 30, 2012 - last day of grace period registration or change of address in the office of the election authority or at a location designated by the election authority.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2012 instead of Tuesday October 30, 2012 - last day of grace period voting at the election authority's office, or location designated by the election authority, or by mail, at the discretion of the election authority.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2012 instead of Thursday November 1, 2012 - last day for early voting at the office of the election authority and permanent locations designated by the election authority.

AMENDED SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012 instead of Tuesday, October 9, 2012 - first day for election authority to publish (1) the locations of each permanent and temporary sites for early voting and the precincts served by each location, and (2) the dates and hours that early voting will be conducted at each location. The election authority shall publish this information at least once a week during the statutory period for early voting. If the election authority maintains a website, he or she shall make the schedule available on its website.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2012 instead of Wednesday, October 10, 2012 - first day for election authority to post schedule for early voting at each location where early voting will be conducted. Such posting shall remain at each site until the last day of the early voting period (NOVEMBER 3, 2012). If the election authority has a website, they shall make the schedule available on the website.

PREFACE

THIS CALENDAR INCLUDES ALL OFFICES TO BE NOMINATED AND/OR ELECTED AT THE FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN MARCH AND AT THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER.

THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS ARE EMPLOYED AS RELATED TO THIS CALENDAR:

"ELECTION AUTHORITY" - THE COUNTY CLERK, THE MUNICIPAL BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OR THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

"LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIAL" - THE CLERK OR SECRETARY OF A UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR SCHOOL DISTRICT.

THIS CALENDAR DOES NOT INCLUDE THE NOMINATION AND/OR ELECTION OF OFFICIALS OF MUNICIPALITIES, TOWNSHIPS, LIBRARIES, PARKS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR OTHER SPECIAL DISTRICTS.

"BUSINESS DAY" - ANY DAY IN WHICH THE OFFICE OF AN ELECTION AUTHORITY, LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIAL OR THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR A **MINIMUM** OF 7 HOURS. (10 ILCS 5/1-3)

FILING AND REGISTRATION DATES

(A) IF THE FIRST OR LAST DAY FIXED BY LAW TO DO ANY ACT REQUIRED OR ALLOWED BY THIS CODE FALLS ON A STATE HOLIDAY OR A SATURDAY OR A SUNDAY, THE PERIOD SHALL EXTEND THROUGH THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING THE DAY OTHERWISE FIXED AS THE LAST DAY FOR FILING OR THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER ANY ELECTION AUTHORITY OR LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIAL CONDUCTS BUSINESS ON THE STATE HOLIDAY, SATURDAY OR SUNDAY. [10 ILCSA 5/1-6(a)]

(B) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION "STATE HOLIDAY" MEANS NEW YEAR'S DAY, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY, LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY, PRESIDENT'S DAY, CASIMIR PULASKI'S BIRTHDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, MEMORIAL DAY, INDEPENDENCE DAY, LABOR DAY, COLUMBUS DAY, VETERANS' DAY, THANKSGIVING DAY, CHRISTMAS DAY, AND ANY OTHER DAY DECLARED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS TO BE A DAY DURING WHICH THE AGENCIES OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS THAT ARE ORDINARILY OPEN TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE PUBLIC SHALL BE CLOSED FOR BUSINESS. [10 ILCS 5/1-6(b)]

NUMBER OF SIGNATURES - THE SPECIFIC NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON A NOMINATING PETITION, AS CALCULATED BY THE ELECTION AUTHORITY OR THE LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIAL, FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR A SPECIFIC OFFICE. TO RECEIVE SPECIFIC SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS, CANDIDATES SHOULD CONTACT THE ELECTION AUTHORITY OR THE LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIAL WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RECEIVING THE FILING OF THE PETITION FOR NOMINATION AND/OR ELECTION TO OFFICE.

ALL CITATIONS CONTAINED HEREIN ARE "ILLINOIS COMPILED STATUTES, 2010."

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PRIMARY ELECTION

MARCH 20, 2012

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TO BE NOMINATED*

- Representatives in Congress - All 18 Districts
- State Senators – All 59 Districts
- Representatives in the General Assembly - All 118 Districts
- Sanitary District Commissioners/Trustees
(Prairie Dupont Levee & Sanitary District Candidates file with SBE)
- Circuit Clerks
- Recorders (in counties with a population of 60,000 or more inhabitants)
- State's Attorney
- Auditors (in counties with a population over 75,000 and under 3,000,000)
- Coroners
- Regional Superintendent of Schools (vacancies)
- County Commissioners (Counties not under township organization)
- County Board Members (Counties under township organization)
- Judges (Additional Judgeships if required)
 - Supreme Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
 - Appellate Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
 - Circuit Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
 - Resident Circuit Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
 - Subcircuit Judges, Vacancies will be filled

TO BE ELECTED

- Delegates and Alternate Delegates (in accordance with approved Delegate Selection Plans)
- Precinct Committeemen (all counties, excluding Cook)
- Ward Committeemen (City of Chicago)

*10 ILCS 5/7-19 Ballot Order

President of the United States, State offices, congressional offices, delegates and alternate delegates, member of sanitary district, county offices, judicial offices, municipal offices (municipalities with annual elections) precinct or ward committeemen.

**DATES GOVERNING FEDERAL, STATE,
AND COUNTY GENERAL PRIMARY**

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

MARCH 20, 2012

10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2(a)

Polls open 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.

2011

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

First day to circulate nomination papers **(must include original sheets signed by voters and circulators)** for established political party who file **NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 5, 2011. (90 days preceding the last day to file nomination papers)**
(10 ILCS 5/7-10)

(EXCEPTION: Established Party Presidential, delegate and alternate delegate candidates).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2011

First day to circulate nomination papers for Democratic candidates for President and delegate who file **JANUARY 3 – 6, 2012. (90 days preceding the last day to file such papers)**
(10 ILCS 5/7-11)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2011

First day to circulate nomination papers for Republican candidates for President, delegate and alternate delegate who file **JANUARY 3 – 6, 2012. (90 days preceding the last day to file such papers)**
(10 ILCS 5/7-11)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2011

First day notice of intention to file a petition to create a political subdivision, whose officers are to be elected rather than appointed, may be published in a newspaper within the proposed political subdivision, or if none, in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed territory.
[10 ILCS 5/28-2(g)]

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011

Last day notice of intention to file a petition to create a political subdivision, whose officers are to be elected rather than appointed, may be published in a newspaper within the proposed political subdivision, or if none, in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed territory.
[10 ILCS 5/28-2(g)]

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011

Last day to file petitions (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) to create a political subdivision with the appropriate officer or board.

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

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

NOTE: Objections can be filed on or before the date of the hearing with the appropriate circuit court clerk.

(10 ILCS 5/28-4)

NOTE: If initial officers are to be elected at the election for creation of a new unit of government, candidates for such offices shall file nomination papers 113-106 days before such election (**NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 5, 2011**).

(10 ILCS 5/10-6)

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

(10 ILCS 5/28-4)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2011

First day for candidates of established political parties to file **original** nomination papers (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) in the **principal** office of the State Board of Elections for congressional, legislative and judicial offices, or for any office to be elected by the voters of more than one county.

(10 ILCS 5/7-12(1), 8-9)

(EXCEPTION: Established Party Presidential, delegate and alternate delegate candidates).

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2011

First day for candidates of established political parties to file **original** nomination papers (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) in the office of the county clerk for county offices, ward committeemen (City of Chicago), and precinct committeemen (in counties containing a population of less than 2,000,000).

[10 ILCS 5/7-12(2), 7-12(5)]

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2011

Last day to file objections to petition to create a political subdivision in the office of the appropriate officer, board or circuit court.
(10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2011

Last day for chairmen of the county central committees of the two major parties to submit a list to the election authority of applicants for additional deputy registrars.
(10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011

Last day by **(5:00 p.m.)** for candidates of established political parties to file **original** nomination papers **(must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators)** in the **principal** office of the State Board of Elections for congressional, legislative and judicial offices, or for any office to be elected by the voters of more than one county.
[10 ILCS 5/1-4, 7-12(1), 8-9]

(EXCEPTION: Established Party Presidential, delegate and alternate delegate candidates).

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011

Last day **(by 5:00 p.m.)** for candidates of established political parties to file **original** nomination papers **(must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators)** in the office of the county clerk for county offices, ward committeemen (City of Chicago), and precinct committeemen (in counties containing a population of less than 2,000,000).
[10 ILCS 5/1-4, 7-12(2), 7-12(5)]

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011

Last day for filing a Statement of Economic Interests with the proper office as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Candidates who file petitions with the county clerk and have a current economic interest statement on file for the same office with the same county do not have to file an additional receipt. Candidates who file petitions with the State Board of Elections must file a current receipt for the same office with the petitions. The **receipt**, if required, must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m.
[5 ILCS 420/4A-105, 10 ILCS 5/7-12(8)]

(EXCEPTION: Candidates for federal and party offices, i.e. candidates for Representatives in Congress, precinct committeemen and ward committeemen are not required to file an Economic Interest Statement.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2011

Last day for written notice of the time and place for conducting lottery shall be given when two (2) or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party as of the opening hour of the filing period, NOVEMBER 28, 2011. (There must be 7 days written notice given. If the lottery is to be held on the last statutory date, DECEMBER 14, the last day to give notice is DECEMBER 7.) The State Board of

Elections shall give notice to the chairman of each established political party, and by the Election Authority to the chairman of each political party and to each organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction entitled to have pollwatchers present at the last preceding election. Notice must also be posted at the entrance of each office.
[10 ILCS 5/7-12(6)]

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2011

Last day for the Regional Superintendent of Schools to certify to the State Board of Elections a list of each unit school district under his or her supervision and control and a listing of each county in which all or any part of each of those districts is located.
(105 ILCS 5/3-1.1)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011

Last day for an individual who has filed, during the **NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 5, 2011** filing period, for 2 or more **incompatible offices** to withdraw from all but one of the offices (with the State Board of Elections or with whichever election authority the nomination papers were originally filed). An elected party office in an established political party is not incompatible with any elected public office.
(10 ILCS 5/7-12(9), 10-7)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011

Last day for filing objections to the nomination papers of all candidates who filed during the **NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 5, 2011** filing period. Objections are filed in the office of the State Board of Elections or the county clerk (with whichever election authority the nomination papers were originally filed).
(10 ILCS 5/7-12.1, 7-13, 10-8)

NOTE: For procedures on objections, see page 53.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011

Last day lottery shall be conducted by the election authority or the State Board of Elections when two (2) or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party, as of the opening hour of the filing period, NOVEMBER 28, 2011.
[10 ILCS 5/7-12(6)]

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify to the county clerks the number of Democratic and Republican delegates and alternate delegates to be elected from each Congressional District and the number to be elected at large from the State or to be chosen at the State Party Conventions.
(10 ILCS 5/7-14.1)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2011

First day for election authority to submit updated voter registration information to the State Board of Elections.
(10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011

First day for candidates of established political parties to file **original** nomination papers **(must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators)** in the principal office of the State Board of Elections for judicial vacancies which occurred during the 3 week period prior to the 106th day before the General Primary (NOVEMBER 14 – DECEMBER 5, 2011).
[10 ILCS 5/7-12(1)]

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011

Last day for filing petitions **(must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators)** for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local). Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same officer in which the original petitions were filed.
(10 ILCS 5/28-2(a), 28-6, 28-7)

(EXCEPTION: proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions Article IX of the Liquor Control Act, and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2011

Last day for election authorities to complete any systematic program to remove ineligible voters from the voting roles prior to the MARCH 20, 2012 General Primary Election.
[42 USC 1973gg-6(c)(2)(A)]

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2011

Last day for candidates of established political parties to file **original** nomination papers **(must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators)** in the principal office of the State Board of Elections for judicial vacancies which occurred during the period NOVEMBER 14 – DECEMBER 5, 2011.
[10 ILCS 5/7-12(1)]

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2011

Last day for candidates who file nomination papers during the special judicial filing period, **(DECEMBER 19 – 27, 2011)**, to file a Statement of Economic Interests with the

Secretary of State as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Candidates who file petitions with the State Board of Elections must file a current **receipt** for the same office with the State Board no later than 5:00 p.m.

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2011

Last day to file objections to petitions for the submission of questions of public policy (local). Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same office that has the original petitions.

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

(EXCEPTION: proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act, and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code.)

NOTE: For procedures on objections, see page 53.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2011

Last day for election authorities to submit updated voter registration information to the State Board of Elections.

(10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2011

Last day for written notice of the time and place for conducting lottery shall be given when two (2) or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party as of the opening hour of the filing period, DECEMBER 19, 2011 (special judicial filing period). Notice shall be given by the State Board of Elections to the chairman of each established political party. Notice must also be posted.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2011

Last day the State Board of Elections shall certify unit school districts and counties to the appropriate election authorities after receiving the list certified by the regional superintendent of schools.

(105 ILCS 5/3-1.1)

2012

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012

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

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

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012

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

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

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012

First day any nonresident civilian citizen otherwise qualified to vote, to make application to the election authority having jurisdiction over his precinct of former residence for an absentee ballot containing the Federal offices only.

(10 ILCS 5/20-2.2, 20-5)

NOTE: Such application may be made only on the official Federal postcard and no registration shall be required.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012

First day for Democratic Presidential Preference and delegate candidates to file **original** petitions (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) in the principal office of the State Board of Elections.

[10 ILCS 5/7-12(1)]

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012

First day for Republican Presidential Preference, delegate and alternate delegate candidates to file **original** petitions (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) in the principal office of the State Board of Elections.

[10 ILCS 5/7-12(1)]

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012

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

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012

Last day for County, Municipal, School, Township and Park Boards to adopt a resolution to allow **advisory** public questions to appear on the ballot.

(55 ILCS 5/5-1005.5; 60 ILCS 1/80-80; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60; 70 ILCS 1205/8-30; 105 ILCS 5/9-1.5)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2012

Last day for filing objections to the nomination papers of candidates who filed petitions with the State Board of Elections for judicial office during the period **DECEMBER 19 – 27, 2011.**

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

NOTE: For procedures on objections, see page 53.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2012

Last day for individual who has filed for 2 or more incompatible offices during the DECEMBER 19 – 27, 2011 (or having filed for one office during the NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 5, 2011 filing period and a second incompatible office during the DECEMBER 19 – 27, 2011 filing period) to withdraw from all but one of the offices in the office of the State Board of Elections.

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012

Last day lottery shall be conducted by the State Board of Elections when two or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party as of the opening of the filing period, DECEMBER 19, 2011 (special judicial filing period).

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2012

Last day for Democratic Presidential Preference and delegate candidates to file **original** petitions (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) in the principal office of the State Board of Elections.

[10 ILCS 5/7-12(1)]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2012

Last day for Republican Presidential Preference, delegate and alternate delegate candidates to file **original** petitions (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) in the principal office of the State Board of Elections.

[10 ILCS 5/7-12(1)]

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012

Last day for written notice of the time and place for conducting lottery for ballot placement for Presidential Preference, delegate and alternate delegate candidates shall be given when two (2) or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party, as of the opening hour of the filing period, JANUARY 3, 2012. Notice shall also be posted.

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012

Last day for Democratic Presidential candidate or his authorized agent to file an affidavit with the State Board of Elections and the State Party Chair designating which delegate candidates shall be listed as committed to him when more candidates than have been allocated to a district file statements designating the same Presidential candidate as their preference for President. The delegate candidates who are not designated by the candidates shall not be certified to the ballot.

[10 ILCS 5/1A-8(14); Delegate Selection Rules for the 2012 Democratic National Convention, Rule 12; Illinois Delegate Selection Plan for the 2012 Democratic National Convention, Section III, A.5.b.]

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012

Last statutory day for candidates of established political parties to file withdrawal of nomination papers in the office of the State Board of Elections.

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012

Last day for the State Board of Elections shall certify the names of candidates to the county clerks.

(10 ILCS 5/7-14, 8-10)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012

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

(10 ILCS 5/28-5)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012

Last day for the county clerk to certify to the board of election commissioners any referenda to be submitted to the voters in its jurisdiction.

(10 ILCS 5/28-5)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2012

Last day for an individual who has filed, during the JANUARY 3 – 6, 2012 filing period, for 2 or more **incompatible offices** to withdraw from all but one of the offices with the State Board of Elections.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2012

Last day for filing objections to the nomination papers of Presidential Preference, delegate and alternate delegate candidates in the office of the State Board of Elections who filed JANUARY 3 – 6, 2012.

(10 ILCS 5/7-12.1)

NOTE: For procedures on objections, see page 53.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012

Last day for Republican Presidential candidate or his authorized agent to file an affidavit with the State Board of Elections designating which delegate and alternate delegate candidates shall be listed as committed to him when more candidates than have been allocated to a district file statements designating the same Presidential candidate as their preference. The remaining candidates will be listed as uncommitted.
(10 ILCS 5/7-10.3)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012

Last day lottery shall be conducted by the State Board of Elections when two or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party as of the opening of the filing period, JANUARY 3, 2012.
[10 ILCS 5/7-12(6)]

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012

Last day for candidates of established political parties to file withdrawal of nomination papers in the office of the county clerk.
(10 ILCS 5/7-12(9), 7-14)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012

Last day for the county clerk to certify to the board of election commissioners the names of candidates to be voted for in its jurisdiction.
(10 ILCS 5/7-14)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012

Last day a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the proper election authority or authorities (appropriate county clerk(s) and/or board(s) of election commissioners.) **Write-ins shall be counted only for persons who have filed the Declaration of Intent. Write-in declarations are NOT filed with the State Board of Elections.**
[10 ILCS 5/7-59(b)]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2012

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2012

Last day for the election authority to publish notice that **new** mechanical or electronic voting devices will be used for the first time at the General Primary Election.
(10 ILCS 5/24-1.1, 24A-3, 24B-3; 24C-3)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2012

Last day for the election authority to have in his office a sufficient number of ballots printed and available for mailing to persons in the United States Service or their spouse and dependents, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and nonresident civilians.

(10 ILCS 5/7-16, 16-5.01)

NOTE: Pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), as amended by the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (the MOVE Act), absentee ballots requested by military and overseas voters must be transmitted at least 45 days before a federal election. 42 U.S.C. § 1973ff-1(g). Please be advised that the 45 day UOCAVA deadline may not be extended under any circumstances; therefore, although the 45 day deadline falls on a Saturday, military and overseas absentee ballots MUST be mailed by that date. An election authority that waits until the first business day following the 45 day deadline to mail military and overseas ballots will be considered in violation of UOCAVA.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012

Last day the election authority shall notify the municipal, township and road district clerks within its jurisdiction if they are to conduct in-person absentee voting.

(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012

First day for any registered voter presently within the United States, to make application **by mail** or **in person** to the election authority for an official ballot.

(10 ILCS 5/19-2)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012

Last day for civic organizations (which have as a stated purpose the investigation or prosecution of election fraud) and proposition proponents or opponents to register their names and address and the names and addresses of their principal officers with the proper election authority to qualify to have pollwatchers for the General Primary Election.

(10 ILCS 5/7-34)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2012

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2012

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012

The days for filing Lodging House Affidavits with boards of election commissioners. *(The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit enforcement of this provision.)*

(10 ILCS 5/6-56)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012

First day for the election authority to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within the jurisdiction.

(10 ILCS 5/12-5)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012

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

[10 ILCS 19A-25(a)]

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012

First day for the election authority to send an official ballot for Federal offices only, upon receipt of either an application for absentee registration or an application for absentee ballot, to citizens of the United States who are temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States.

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

NOTE: Unregistered citizens temporarily are residing outside the territorial limits of the United States who make application for absentee registration and/or absentee ballots after 30 days but not less than 10 days (FEBRUARY 21 – MARCH 10, 2012) prior to Election Day, shall be sent the Federal offices ballot only.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012

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

(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012

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

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

NOTE: To receive the full ballot, applications should be in the hands of the election authority no later than 30 days before the election.

NOTE: Registration is not required in order to vote a ballot containing Federal offices only.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012

Last day for registration or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority. **Precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for registration deadlines.**

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

NOTE: UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF NVRA, AGENCY AND MOTOR VEHICLE OFFICES WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT REGISTRATION AFTER THE STATUTORY CLOSE OF REGISTRATION. ONLY THOSE REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS COMPLETED NO LATER THAN 27 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION WILL BE PROCESSED FOR THE NEXT ENSUING ELECTION. APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION COMPLETED WITHIN 5 DAYS OF REGISTRATION DEADLINE AT SECRETARY OF STATE FACILITIES AND QUALIFIED AGENCIES WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITHIN 5 DAYS OF COMPLETION AND MUST BE PROCESSED FOR THE ELECTION. A MAIL REGISTRATION APPLICATION SHALL BE DEEMED TIMELY FILED IF POSTMARKED PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION. IF NO POSTMARK EXISTS OR IF THE POSTMARK IS ILLEGIBLE, THE APPLICATION SHALL BE CONSIDERED TIMELY FILED IF RECEIVED BY THE ELECTION AUTHORITY NO LATER THAN 5 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012

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

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

NOTE: Deputy Registrars must return completed forms to the election authority within 7 days of the day on which they are completed. Deputy Registrars must return all registration materials within 48 hours of registration/cancellation if such registration/cancellation was accepted between the 35th and 28th day preceding an election.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2012

First day for grace period registration or change of address in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2012

First day for grace period voting at the election authority's office, or location designated by the election authority, or by mail, at the discretion of the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2012

First day for election authority to post schedule for early voting at each location where early voting will be conducted. Such posting shall remain at each site until the last day of the early voting period (MARCH 15, 2012). If the election authority has a website, they shall make the schedule available on the website.
[10 ILCS 5/19A-25(b)]

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2012

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2012

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2012

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2012

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2012

Last day for the election authority to publish newspaper notice of primary election in counties of **less than 500,000 inhabitants.**
(10 ILCS 5/7-15)

NOTE: Notice shall include the primary date, poll hours, offices to be listed on the ballot and the political parties entitled to participate.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2012

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2012

Last day for election authorities to submit voter registration information to the State Board of Elections (within 10 days following the close of registration) for the MARCH 20, 2012 General Primary Election.
(10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2012

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012

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

NOTE: Check with the election authority for business hours on MARCH 5, 2012 observation of Casimir Pulaski's birthday.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012

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

NOTE: This provision for absentee voting is available through Election Day if the process can be completed and the voted ballot returned to the election authority in sufficient time for delivery of the ballot to the election authority's central ballot counting location before 7 p.m. on Election Day.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012

Last day for the election authority to publish newspaper notice of primary election in counties of **more than 500,000 inhabitants**.
(10 ILCS 5/7-15)

NOTE: Notice shall include the primary date, poll hours, offices to be listed on the ballot and the political parties entitled to participate.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012

Last day for the election authority to publish announcement of the colors of the primary ballot. Publication shall be for at least one week in at least two newspapers published in the county. The election authority shall also post in a conspicuous place in his office an announcement of the colors of the primary ballots.
(10 ILCS 5/7-18)

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012

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

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2012

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2012

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2012

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

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012

Last day for the election authority to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within the jurisdiction. The election authority shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the election authority. The local election official shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the political or governmental subdivision. If there is no principal office, the local election official shall post the notice at the building in which the governing body of the political or governmental subdivision held its first meeting of the calendar year in which the referenda is being held.
(10 ILCS 5/12-5)

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012

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

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

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012

Last day for any nonresident civilian, otherwise qualified to vote, to make application to the election authority having jurisdiction over his precinct of former residence for an absentee ballot containing Federal offices only, and the last day for election authority to mail such ballot.

(10 ILCS 5/20-2.2, 20-5)

NOTE: Such application may be made only on the official Federal postcard and no registration shall be required to vote.

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012

Last day for the election authority to send an official ballot for Federal offices only, upon receipt of either an application for absentee registration or an application for absentee ballot, to citizens of the United States who are temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States.

(10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3, 20-4)

NOTE: Registration is not required in order to vote the ballot containing the Federal offices only.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012

Last day of grace period registration or change of address in the office of the election authority or at location designated for this purpose by the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012

Last day of grace period voting at the election authority's office, or location designated by the election authority, or by mail, at the discretion of the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012

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

(10 ILCS 5/6-45)

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012

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

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012

Last day for the election authority to receive application **by mail** from any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012

Last day for the election authority to publish the specimen ballot labels, as near as may be, in the form in which they will appear on the official ballot labels on Election Day.

(10 ILCS 5/7-21; 24A-18; 24B-18, 24C-18)

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012

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

(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012

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

(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2012

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

(10 ILCS 5/16-5)

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2012

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2012

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012

The election authority will determine on which date Nursing Home Voting will be conducted. No later than 9:00 a.m., the election authority shall deliver official absentee ballots to the judges of election in the precinct where the facility pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act or the MR/DD Community Care Act, is located. The judges shall then deliver in person the ballot to the applicant on the premises of the facility. Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., sufficient time shall be allowed for residents of the licensed or certified Illinois Nursing Homes or federally operated veterans' homes or hospitals to vote on the premises of these facilities. Immediately thereafter, the judges shall bring the sealed envelope to the office of the election authority who shall deliver such ballots to the election authority's central ballot counting location prior to the closing of the polls on the day of election.

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

NOTE: In-person absentee voting shall be conducted on the premises of facilities licensed pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act or the MR/DD Community Care Act and federally operated veterans' homes and hospitals, for the sole benefit of residents of such facilities who have made prior application and are registered to vote in that precinct. (ILCS 5/19-4, 19-12.2)

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012

Last day for the election authority to deliver ballots to the judges of election.

(10 ILCS 5/7-35)

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012

Last day for any registered voter, presently within the confines of the United States, to vote **in person** at the election authority, municipal, township or road district clerk office who is authorized to conduct absentee voting.

(10 ILCS 5/19-2)

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012

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

[10 ILCS 5/7-47.1(b)]

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

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012
GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

NOTE: Primary election returns are to be immediately delivered to the election authority from whom the General Primary Election ballots were obtained.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012

Date when authorized local election officials, who have not delivered in-person absentee ballots to the election authority, shall deliver in-person absentee ballots to election authority's central ballot counting location before the polls close. All unused in-person absentee voting supplies are to be returned to the office of the election authority.
(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012

Last day a provisional voter may submit additional information to the county clerk or board of election commissioners to verify or support his/her registration status. Material must be **received** by this date.
[10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d)]

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012

Deadline for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots.
[10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a)]

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012

Deadline for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the tabulation of absentee ballots that were (1) postmarked by midnight preceding the opening of the polls on Election Day, and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day but not later than 14 days after the election, or (2) not postmarked at all, but did have a certification date prior to the Election Day on the certification envelope, and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day but not later than 14 days after the election.
(10 ILCS 5/19-8)

NOTE: Absentee voters whose ballots were rejected must be sent a notice of such along with the reason for the rejection within two (2) days of the rejection, but in all cases prior to the end of the 14 day period in which to count the absentee ballots. Such voters must be given an opportunity to appear before the election authority on or before the 14 day following the election to show cause to why the ballot should not be rejected.
[10 ILCS 5/19-8(g)]

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012

The board of election commissioners shall transmit a tabulated statement of the returns to the county clerk.
[10 ILCS 5/7-56, 18A-15(a)]

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012

Last day for canvassing of election results by proper canvassing board.
[10 ILCS 5/7- 56, 18A-15(a)]

(EXCEPTION: State Board of Elections as canvassing board.)

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012

The last day the election authority shall transmit to the State Board of Elections the following: (1) the number, by precinct, of absentee ballots requested, provided and counted, (2) the number of rejected absentee ballots, (3) the number of voters seeking review of rejected absentee ballots, and (4) the number of absentee ballots counted following review.
(10 ILCS 5/19-20, 20-20)

CANVASSING BOARD

The county clerk has the responsibility of canvassing the returns of the General Primary Election under its jurisdiction.
10 ILCS 5/7-56)

The board of election commissioners has the responsibility of canvassing the returns of the General Primary under its jurisdiction.
10 ILCS 5/7-56)

BEFORE PROCLAMATION BY COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD

PRIOR TO THE CANVASS in those jurisdictions where in-precinct counting equipment is utilized, the election authority shall retabulate the total number of votes cast in 5% of the precincts within the election jurisdiction AS SELECTED ON A RANDOM BASIS BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.
(10 ILCS 5/24A-15, 24B-15, 24C-15)

THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS SHALL RECEIVE CERTIFIED COPIES OF TABULATED STATEMENTS OF RETURNS (ABSTRACTS) FROM EACH COUNTY CLERK.

The county clerk shall make a tabulated statement of returns by precinct or ward for each political party separately, stating in appropriate columns and under proper headings, the total number of votes cast for each candidate for each party. Within two (2) days after the completion of said canvass, the county clerk shall mail to the State Board of Elections a certified copy of such tabulated statement of returns.

(10 ILCS 5/7-56)

NOTE: If there is a board of election commissioners within a county, the county abstracts shall include the statement of returns from such board of election commissioners (5/22-9).

AFTER PROCLAMATION BY COUNTY BOARD CANVASSING BOARD:

The county clerk shall issue a certificate of nomination to each person declared nominated to a county office.

The county clerk shall issue a certificate of election to each person declared elected to the office of ward committeeman or precinct committeeman.

(10 ILCS 7/58)

PRECINCT RESULTS

Within 1 day after the canvassing and proclamation, each election authority shall transmit to the State Board of Elections a canvass of votes by precinct or ward for the following offices: President, state senator, representative in the general assembly, any candidate for congressional office, and the offices of ward, and precinct committeemen and total ballots cast, and copies of the current precinct list via overnight mail.

(10 ILCS 5/22-15)

CANVASS BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The Board shall canvass the returns for the nomination or election of candidates for offices for which petitions were filed with the State Board of Elections.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Each successful write-in nominated or elected at the primary shall file the following documents with the proper election authority or the State Board of Elections within 10 days from the proclamation by the appropriate board:

- (1) A Loyalty Oath (optional)
- (2) A Statement of Candidacy, and
- (3) A receipt for filing of a Statement of Economic Interests (not required for federal offices, precinct or ward committeemen)

(10 ILCS 5/7-60)

DISCOVERY RECOUNT

Within 5 days after the last day for proclamation of the results, petitions for discovery recount may be filed by any qualified individual with the appropriate county clerk, or board of election commissioners. The deadline to file a discovery recount for an office canvassed by the State Board of Elections is 5 days after the Board's canvass. The petition for discovery is filed with the appropriate election authority(ies)
(10 ILCS 5/22-9.1)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012

Each established political party shall hold a county convention at its respective county.
[10 ILCS 5/7-9(a)]

**NOTE: Precinct committeemen begin their terms as deputy registrars on the date of the county convention.
(10 ILCS 5/4-6.2, 5-16.2, 6-50.2)**

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012

Last day for the State Board of Elections to canvass the votes for federal, congressional, legislative, representative and judicial offices as well as multi-county regions.
[10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a)]

MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2012

Last day for the chairman of each county central committee to forward to the State Board of Elections the names and addresses of its officers and precinct committeemen.
[10 ILCS 5/7-9(a)]

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012

Last day the election authority shall conduct a lottery (*within 30 days following the canvass and proclamation of the results of the General Primary Election*) to determine the order in which the major political parties will appear on the General Election ballot.

The election authority shall send 7 days written notice to party chairmen and organizations with pollwatchers of the time and place for conducting such lottery, and shall post a copy of such notice at the entrance of the office.
(10 ILCS 5/7-60, 18A-15)

MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012

Last day for the election authority to provide to each county chairman or his representative a precinct list prepared for the 2012 primary which has been marked to indicate which party's ballot each registrant requested at the 2012 primary.
(10 ILCS 5/4-22, 5-29, 6-66)

GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 6, 2012

TO BE ELECTED

- President and Vice President of the United States
- Representatives in Congress - All 18 Districts
- State Senators – All 59 districts
- Representatives in the General Assembly - All 118 Districts
- Sanitary District Commissioners/Trustees
(Prairie DuPont Levee & Sanitary District candidates file with SBE)
- Circuit Clerk
- Recorders (In counties with a population of 60,000 or more inhabitants)
- State's Attorney
- Auditors (In counties with a population of over 75,000 and under 3,000,000)
- Coroners
- Regional Superintendent of Schools (vacancies)
- County Commissioners (Counties not under township organization)
- County Board Members (Counties under township organization)
- Judges (Additional Judgeships if required)
 - Supreme Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
 - Appellate Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
 - Circuit Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
 - Resident Circuit Court Judges, Vacancies will be filled
 - Subcircuit Judges, Vacancies will be filled
- Judicial Retention

**DATES GOVERNING FEDERAL, STATE
AND COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION**

**GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6, 2012
10 ILCS 5/2A-1(a)
Polls open 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

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TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012

First day to circulate nomination papers (**must include original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) for independent candidates and new political party candidates who file **JUNE 18 – 25, 2012. (90 days preceding the last day to file nomination papers)**

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

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012

Last day for judges seeking retention in office to file Declaration of Judicial Candidacy with the Secretary of State.

[Illinois Constitution, Article VI, Section 12(d)]

MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012

Last day to file petitions with the Secretary of State to amend Article IV of the State Constitution. Such petitions must be signed by a number of electors equal to at least 8% of the total votes cast for candidates for Governor at the 2010 General Election (minimum signatures – 298,400).

(10 ILCS 5/28-9)

MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012

Last day to file a statewide petition for advisory public policy question with the State Board of Elections. Such petitions must be signed by a number of electors equal to at least 8% of the total votes cast for candidates for Governor at the 2010 General Election (minimum signatures – 298,400).

(10 ILCS 5/28-9)

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012

Last day for the Secretary of State to deliver a petition to amend the Constitution to the State Board of Elections.

(10 ILCS 5/28-9)

MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012

Within 7 days following the last day for the filing of the petition, proponents and opponents shall certify in writing to the State Board of Elections that they publicly support or oppose the statewide advisory question of public policy. Said individuals shall register with the State Board of Elections the name and address of its group and the name and address of its chairman and designated agent for acceptance of service of notices.

(10 ILCS 5/28-13)

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012

First day for election authorities to submit updated voter registration information to the State Board of Elections.

(10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012

Last day proponents for petitions for a statewide advisory question of public policy shall file copies of sectioned election jurisdiction petition sheets with each proper election authority and obtain a receipt therefore.

(10 ILCS 5/28-9)

MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012

Last day for election authorities to provide to each county chairman or his representative a precinct list for the 2012 primary election marked to indicate which party's ballot each registrant requested at the 2012 primary.

(10 ILCS 5/4-22, 5-29, 6-66)

MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012

Last day for the State Board of Elections to conduct a hearing at which proponents of statewide advisory questions may present arguments and evidence as to the conformity of any purported nonconforming signature.

(10 ILCS 5/28-10)

NOTE: Public test on validity of sampling method for the verification of petition signatures.

The State Board of Elections shall design a standard and scientific random sampling method to verify petition signatures and shall conduct a public test to prove its validity. Notice of the time and place for such test shall be given at least 10 days before such test.

(10 ILCS 5/28-11)

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2012

The State Board of Elections shall apply its proven random sampling method to select and identify the petition signatures to be included in the sample signature verification for the respective jurisdictions for statewide advisory questions. A list by page and line number shall be transmitted to each proper election authority.
(10 ILCS 5/28-11)

NOTE: Election authorities are involved in petition signature verification.

Using the petition copies filed by the petition proponents, each election authority shall apply the proven random sampling method. Within 14 business days following receipt from the State Board of Elections of the list of signatures for verification, each election authority shall transmit a properly dated certificate to the Board setting forth the results of the verification of signatures. An election authority may seek and be granted additional days to complete the verification process.
(10 ILCS 5/28-11)

The State Board of Elections shall conduct a hearing if the statewide projection made from results of random sampling falls below 95% of the minimum number of petition signatures required on a petition for statewide advisory question of public policy.
(10 ILCS 5/28-12)

Proponents shall be allowed to present competent evidence or an additional sample to rebut the presumption of invalidity. The Board shall declare the petition to be valid or invalid. This hearing to be held prior to August 24, 2012.
(10 ILCS 5/28-12)

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2012

Last day for election authorities to submit updated computer voter registration information to the State Board of Elections.
(10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012

Last day for appointee, by established party managing committee, to file the following documents when no candidate was nominated at the General Primary Election. The following must be filed together: (1) notice of appointment by the appropriate committee, (2) nominating petitions, (3) statement of candidacy and (4) statement of economic interest receipt.
(10 ILCS 5/7-61, 8-17)

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012

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

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

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012

Last day to file objections to resolution to fill a vacancy in nomination by a party managing committee when no candidate was nominated at the General Primary Election.

(10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-8)

NOTE: For procedures on objections, see page 53.

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012

First day for candidates of new political parties to file **original** nomination papers (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) in the **principal** office of the State Board of Elections for Federal, legislative, judicial offices, or for any office to be elected by the voters of more than one county. For the NOVEMBER 6, 2012 General Election, a statewide new political party slate must include the names of a candidate for President and Vice President. Petitions for President and Vice President must include a list of Presidential electors' names and addresses. The petition must also include a certificate of officers authorized to fill a vacancy in nomination. *Failure to file the certificate will result in the party forfeiting the ability to fill a vacancy in nomination.*

(10 ILCS 5/10-2, 10-5, 10-6)

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012

First day for independent candidates to file **original** nomination papers (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) in the **principal** office of the State Board of Elections for Federal offices, legislative offices, judicial offices or for any office to be elected by the voters of more than one county. The candidates for President and Vice President must appear on the same petition and include a list of Presidential electors' names and addresses.

(10 ILCS 5/10-3, 10-6)

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012

First day for candidates of new political parties and independents to file for county offices and candidates for nonpartisan offices to file **original** nomination papers (**must contain original sheet signed by voters and circulators**) in the office of the county clerk. New political party petitions must include a complete slate of candidates and a certificate stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. *Failure to file the certificate will result in the party forfeiting the ability to fill a vacancy in nomination.*

(10 ILCS 5/10-6)

MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012

Last day for candidates of new political parties to file **original** nomination papers (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) in the **principal** office of the State Board of Elections for Federal offices, legislative offices, judicial offices, or for any office to be elected by the voters of more than one county. For the NOVEMBER 6, 2012 General Election, a statewide new political party slate must include the names of a candidate for President, Vice President and United States Senator. Petitions for President and Vice President must include a list of Presidential electors' names and addresses. The petition must also include a certificate of officers authorized to fill a vacancy in nomination. *Failure to file the certificate will result in the party forfeiting the ability to fill a vacancy in nomination.*

(10 ILCS 5/10-2, 10-5, 10-6)

MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012

Last day for independent candidates to file **original** nomination papers (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) in the **principal** office of the State Board of Elections for Federal, legislative, judicial offices, or for any office to be elected by the voters of more than one county. The candidates for President and Vice President must appear on the same petition and include a list of Presidential electors' names and addresses.

(10 ILCS 5/10-2, 10-5 10-6)

MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012

Last day for candidates of new political parties and independents to file for county offices and candidates for nonpartisan offices to file **original** nomination papers (**must contain original sheet signed by voters and circulators**) in the office of the county clerk. New political party petitions must include a complete slate of candidates and a certificate stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. *Failure to file the certificate will result in the party forfeiting the ability to fill a vacancy in nomination.*

(10 ILCS 5/10-6)

MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012

Last day for filing a Statement of Economic Interests with the proper office as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Candidates who file petitions with the county clerk and have filed a current economic interest statement for the same office with the same county do not have to file an additional receipt. Candidates who file petitions with the State Board of Elections must file a current **receipt** for the same office with the petitions.

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

(EXCEPTION: Candidates for Federal office are not required to file a state economic interest statement)

TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012

Under the provisions of 10 ILCS 5/10-8, the deadline to file objections to petitions to amend Article IV of the Illinois Constitution and statewide advisory questions is 35 business days after the last day for filing which, in 2012, is JUNE 26. Section 28-4 states that 42 business days after the petition actually is filed is the deadline for objections. Upon receipt of any such petition, the State Board of Elections will apply the more generous of the two calculations to determine the timeliness of any objection. (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2012

Last day for written notice of the time and place for conducting lottery shall be given when two (2) or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party, nonpartisan or independent candidates, as of the opening hour of the filing period, JUNE 16, 2008. Notice shall be given by the State Board of Elections or the Election Authority to the chairman of each political party and to each organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction entitled to have pollwatchers present at the last election. Notice must also be posted. (10 ILCS 5/10-6.2)

MONDAY, JULY 2, 2012

Last day for the municipal, township and road district clerks to file a written waiver with the election authority indicating that he/she is unable to conduct in-person absentee voting and the reasons therefore. (10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

MONDAY, JULY 2, 2012

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

MONDAY, JULY 2, 2012

Last day for filing objections to the nomination papers of all candidates (whose nomination papers were filed during the period **JUNE 18 – 25, 2012**) in the office of the State Board of Elections or the county clerk (with whichever election authority the nomination papers were originally filed). (10 ILCS 5/10-8)

NOTE: For procedures on objections, see page 53.

THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2012

Last day lottery shall be conducted by the State Board of Elections or the county clerk when two (2) or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office by more than one new political party, nonpartisan, or for the same office by more than one independent candidate, as of the opening hour of the filing period, JUNE 18, 2012. (10 ILCS 5/10-6.2)

MONDAY, JULY 9, 2012

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

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

MONDAY, JULY 9, 2012

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

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

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

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

**NOTE: If initial officers are to be elected at the election for creation of a new unit of government, candidates for such offices shall file nomination papers 113-106 days before such election. (JULY 16 – 23, 2012).
(10 ILCS 5/10-6)**

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

MONDAY, JULY 16, 2012

Last day to file objections to petitions to create a political subdivision in the office of the appropriate officer, board or circuit court.

(10 ILCS 5/28-4)

MONDAY, JULY 30, 2012

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify a list of facilities licensed or certified under the Nursing Home Care Reform Act or the MR/DD Community Care Act, to the proper election authority. The list shall indicate bed capacity and the name of the chief administrator of each facility.

(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2012

Last day for filing petitions (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local). Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same officer in which the original petitions are filed.

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

(EXCEPTION: proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act, and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code.)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2012

Last day for election authorities to complete any systematic program to remove ineligible voters from the voting roles prior to the NOVEMBER 6, 2012 General Election. [42 USC 1973gg-6(c)d(2)(A)]

MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2012

Last day to file objections to petitions for the submission of questions of public policy (local). Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same office that has the original petitions.

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

(EXCEPTION: proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act, and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code.)

NOTE: For procedures on objections, see page 53.

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2012

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

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2012

Last day for County, Municipal, School, Township and Park Boards to adopt a resolution to allow **advisory** public questions to appear on the ballot.

(55 ILCS 5/5-1005.5; 60 ILCS 1/80-80; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60; 70 ILCS 1205/8-30; 105 ILCS 5/9-1.5)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2012

Last day for established political parties to fill vacancies in nomination (**occurring on or after the primary and prior to certification—does not apply to vacancies created due to failure to nominate at the General Primary**) for congressional, legislative, and representative offices. Resolutions are filed in the **principal** office of the State Board of Elections.

(10 ILCS 5/7-61)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2012

Last day for new political parties to fill vacancies in nomination (occurring prior to certification) for congressional, legislative and representative offices. Resolutions are filed in the **principal** office of the State Board of Elections.
(10 ILCS 5/10-11)

NOTE: Any vacancies in nomination occurring after certification, but prior to 15 days before the General Election, shall be filled by the political party officers, or other persons making the original nomination, within 8 days after the event creating the vacancy.
(10 ILCS 5/10-11)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2012

Last day for candidates of new political parties who filed nomination papers with the State Board of Elections to file withdrawal of nomination papers.
(10 ILCS 5/10-7)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2012

Last day for independent candidates to file withdrawals of nomination papers in the office of the State Board of Elections.
(10 ILCS 5/10-7)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2012

Date on which the State Board of Elections will certify the names of established political party candidates, new party candidates and independent candidates for the General Election ballot to the county clerks.
(10 ILCS 5/1A-8(14), 7-60, 10-14)

(EXCEPTION: The nominees for the Democratic Party and Republican Party for President and Vice President of the United States will not be certified until chosen by the national nominating convention.)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2012

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify questions to amend the Constitution of Illinois and any statewide questions of public policy to the county clerks.
(5 ILCS 20/2a; 10 ILCS 5/28-5)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2012

Last day for established political parties to fill vacancies in nomination in county offices (occurring on or after the primary and prior to certification—does not apply to vacancies which occur due to a failure to nominate at the primary).
(10 ILCS 5/7-61)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2012

Last day for new political parties to fill vacancies in nomination in county offices.
(10 ILCS 5/10-11)

**NOTE: Any vacancies in nomination occurring after certification, but prior to 15 days before the General Election, shall be filled by the political party officers, or other persons making the original nomination, within 8 days after the event creating the vacancy.
(10 ILCS 5/10-11)**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2012

Last day for the county clerk to certify to the board of election commissioners the names of candidates to be voted for in its jurisdiction.
(10 ILCS 5/7-60, 10-14)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2012

Last day for new political parties, independent or nonpartisan candidates who filed nomination papers with the county clerk to file withdrawal of nomination papers in the office of the county clerk.
(10 ILCS 5/10-7)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2012

Last day to file objections with the State Board of Elections to resolutions for filling a vacancy in nomination by an established party managing committee when a vacancy occurred on or after the primary and before certification.
(10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-8, 10-11)

NOTE: For procedures on objections, see page 53.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2012

Last day to file objections to a resolution to fill a vacancy in nomination by a new political party with the State Board of Elections.
(10 ILCS 5/10-8, 10-11)

NOTE: For procedures on objections, see page 53.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2012

Last day for county clerk to certify the general election ballot and issue a copy to the State Board of Elections
(10 ILCS 5/10-14)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2012

Last day for the circuit court clerk and the local election official to certify any **binding** public question or **advisory** referenda to the election authority having jurisdiction over the political subdivision.
(10 ILCS 5/28-5)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2012

Last day for the county clerk to certify to the board of election commissioners any referenda to be submitted to the voters in its jurisdiction.
(10 ILCS 5/28-5)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

Last day for the Secretary of State to certify the names of all judges seeking retention in office to the State Board of Elections.
(Illinois Constitution, Article VI, Section 12; 10 ILCS 5/7A-1)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

Last day for the election authority to publish notice that **new** mechanical or electronic voting devices will be used for the first time at the General Election.
(10 ILCS 5/24-1.1, 24A-3, 24B-3, 24C-3)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

Last day a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the proper election authority or authorities (appropriate county clerk(s) and/or board(s) of election commissioners.) **Write-ins shall be counted only for persons who have filed a Declaration of Intent. Write-in declarations are NOT filed with the State Board of Elections.**
(10 ILCS 5/17-16.1)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

Last day to file objections with the county clerk to resolutions for filling a vacancy in nomination by a established party managing committee when a vacancy occurred on or after the primary and before certification (*does not apply to vacancies which occur due to a failure to nominate at the primary*).
(10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-11)

NOTE: For procedures on objections, see page 53.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

Last day to file objections with the county clerk to a resolution to fill a vacancy in nomination by a new political party when the vacancy occurred prior to certification.
(10 ILCS 5/10-8, 10-11)

NOTE: For procedures on objections, see page 53.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2012

Last day the election authority shall provide public notice, calculated to reach the elderly and handicapped voters, of the availability of registration and voting aids under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, of the availability of assistance in marking the ballot, procedures for voting by absentee ballot, and procedures for early voting by personal appearance.
(10 ILCS 5/12-1)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

Last day for statewide and candidates for Supreme and Appellate Court judgeships to submit personal statements and photographs for the internet voters' guide to the State Board of Elections.

[10 ILCS 5/12A-10(g)]

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

Last day each legislative committee and representative committee shall meet and organize. Said meeting shall be held within the limits of such district.

(10 ILCS 5/8-5)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

Last day for each established party to hold a state party convention. The call for the state convention must be issued at least 33 days prior to the date of the convention.

[10 ILCS 5/7-9(b)(e)]

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

Last day for the election authority to have in his office a sufficient number of ballots printed and available for mailing to persons in the United States Service or their spouse or dependents and citizens of the United States who are temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and nonresident civilians.

(10 ILCS 5/16-5.01)

NOTE: Pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), as amended by the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (the MOVE Act), absentee ballots requested by military and overseas voters must be transmitted at least 45 days before a federal election. 42 U.S.C. § 1973ff-1(g). Please be advised that the 45 day UOCAVA deadline may not be extended under any circumstances; therefore, although the 45 day deadline falls on a Saturday, military and overseas absentee ballots MUST be mailed by that date. An election authority that waits until the first business day following the 45 day deadlines to mail military and overseas ballots will be considered in violation of UOCAVA.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2012

Last day for the State Board of Elections to publish Internet Voter's Guide on the Board's website.

(10 ILCS 5/12A-5)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

Last day the election authority shall notify the municipal, township and road district clerks within its jurisdiction if they are to conduct in-person absentee voting.

(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2012

First day for any registered voter presently within the United States, to make application **by mail** or **in person** to the election authority for an official ballot.
(10 ILCS 5/19-2)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2012

Last day for civic organizations (which have as a stated purpose the investigation or prosecution of election fraud) and proposition proponents or opponents to register their names and addresses and the names and addresses of their principal officers with the proper election authority to qualify to have pollwatchers for the General Election.
(10 ILCS 5/17-23)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2012

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2012

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012

The days for filing Lodging House Affidavits with boards of election commissioners (*The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit the enforcement of this provision.*).
(10 ILCS 5/6-56)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012

First day for the election authority to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within the jurisdiction.
(10 ILCS 5/12-5)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012

First day a registered Illinois voter who has moved within 30 days outside of his/her precinct prior to a Presidential election may apply either **by mail** or **in person** for an absentee ballot for President and Vice President only with the election authority having jurisdiction over his/her precinct of former residence.
(10 ILCS 5/20-13.1)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012

Last day for the Secretary of State to publish and mail to every mailing address in the State a copy of the pamphlet giving the proponents and opponents views on amendments to the Constitution of Illinois.
(5 ILCS 20/2)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012

Last day for election authority to publish a notice of General Election.
(10 ILCS 5/12-1)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012

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

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

NOTE: To receive the full ballot, applications should be in the hands of the election authority no later than 30 days before the election. Applications received after OCTOBER 7 and prior to OCTOBER 27 will entitle the voter to cast a Federal ballot only.

NOTE: Registration shall be required in order to vote pursuant to this Section.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012

First day for the election authority to send an official ballot for Federal offices only, upon receipt of either an application for absentee registration or an application for absentee ballot, to citizens of the United States who are temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States.

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

NOTE: Unregistered citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States who make application for absentee registration and/or absentee ballots after 30 days but not less than 10 days prior to Election Day shall be sent the Federal offices ballot only.

NOTE: Registration is not required in order to vote the ballot containing the Federal offices only.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012

Last day for registration or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority. **Precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for registration deadlines.**

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

NOTE: UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF NVRA, AGENCY AND MOTOR VEHICLE OFFICES WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT REGISTRATION AFTER THE STATUTORY CLOSE OF REGISTRATION. ONLY THOSE REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS COMPLETED NO LATER THAN 27 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION WILL BE PROCESSED FOR THE NEXT ENSUING ELECTION. APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION COMPLETED WITHIN 5 DAYS OF REGISTRATION DEADLINE AT SECRETARY OF STATE FACILITIES AND QUALIFIED AGENCIES WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITHIN 5 DAYS OF COMPLETION AND MUST BE PROCESSED FOR THE ELECTION. A MAIL

REGISTRATION APPLICATION SHALL BE DEEMED TIMELY FILED IF POSTMARKED PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION. IF NO POSTMARK EXISTS OR IF THE POSTMARK IS ILLEGIBLE, THE APPLICATION SHALL BE CONSIDERED TIMELY FILED IF RECEIVED BY THE ELECTION AUTHORITY NO LATER THAN 5 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012

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

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

NOTE: Deputy Registrars must return completed forms to the election authority within 7 days of the day on which they are completed. Deputy Registrars must return all registration materials within 48 hours of registration/cancellation if such registration/cancellation was accepted between the 35th and 28th day preceding an election.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2012

First day for grace period registration or change of address in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2012

First day for grace period voting at the election authority's office, or location designated by the election authority, or by mail, at the discretion of the election authority.

(10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2012

Last day for deputy registrars who are officials or members of a bona fide labor organization to return unused registration materials to the election authority. **Precinct registration may apply to the City of Chicago and Cook County. Please check with these jurisdictions for registration deadlines.**

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2012

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

(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012

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

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012

The first day for local election officials (qualified municipal, township and road district clerks) authorized by the election authority to conduct in-person absentee voting.

(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2012

First day for election authority to post schedule for early voting at each location where early voting will be conducted. Such posting shall remain at each site until the last day of the early voting period (NOVEMBER 3, 2012). If the election authority has a website, they shall make the schedule available on the website.

(10 ILCS 5/19A-25)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2012

Last day for employee to give employer written notice that he/she will be absent from place of employment on election day because he/she has been appointed as an election judge under the provisions of 10 ILCS 5/13-1 or 13-2.

(10 ILCS 5/13-2.5, 14-4.5)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2012

Last day for election authorities to submit voter registration information to the State Board of Elections (within 10 days following the close of registration) for the NOVEMBER 6, 2012 General Election.

(10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2012

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2012

The dates on which a voter may file an application with the election authority to erase names from the registry of voters. (*The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 may prohibit the enforcement of this provision.*)

(10 ILCS 5/4-12, 5-15, 6-44)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2012

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

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2012

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

(10 ILCS 5/19-13)

NOTE: This provision for absentee voting is available through Election Day if the process can be completed and the voted ballot returned to the election authority in sufficient time for delivery of the ballot to the election authority's central ballot counting location before 7 p.m. on Election Day.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2012

Last day for county clerks (other than Cook, DuPage, Lake and Will Counties) to provide to each county chairman or his representative, precinct lists prepared for the 2012 General Election marked to indicate the names of all persons who have registered since the 2012 General Primary.

(10 ILCS 5/4-11)

NOTE: There is no statutory deadline for these lists in jurisdictions under boards of election commissioners (including DuPage County) or in Cook, Lake or Will counties. These statutes specify only that such lists be prepared and distributed prior to the General Election.
(10 ILCS 5/5-14, 6-60)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2012

Last day for the election authority to have pollwatcher credentials available for distribution.

(10 ILCS 5/17-23)

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2012

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2012

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2012

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

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2012

Last day for the election authority to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within its jurisdiction. The election authority shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the election authority. The local election official shall also post a copy of the notice at the principal office of the political or governmental subdivision. If there is no principal office, the local election official shall post the notice at the building in which the governing body of the political or governmental subdivision held its first meeting of the calendar year in which the referenda is being held
(10 ILCS 5/12-5)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2012

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

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

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2012

Last day for the election authority to send an official ballot for Federal offices only, upon receipt of either an application for absentee registration or an application for absentee ballot, to citizens of the United States who are temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States.

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

NOTE: Registration is not required in order to vote the ballot containing the Federal offices only.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2012

Last day for any nonresident civilian, otherwise qualified to vote, to make application to the election authority having jurisdiction over his precinct of former residence for an absentee ballot containing Federal offices only, and the last day for election authority to mail such ballot.

(10 ILCS 5/20-2.2, 20-5)

NOTE: Such application shall be made only on the official Federal postcard and no registration shall be required to vote.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2012

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2012

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2012

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

(10 ILCS 5/6-45)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2012

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2012

Last day for the election authority to receive an absentee application **by mail** from any registered voter presently within the United States.

(10 ILCS 5/19-2)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2012

Last day a nonregistered citizen residing in Illinois who is temporarily absent from his/her county of residence may apply **by mail** for an absentee ballot to vote for President and Vice President only with the election authority having jurisdiction over his/her precinct of permanent residence.

(10 ILCS 5/20-13)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2012

Last day a registered voter in Illinois who has moved outside of his/her precinct within 30 days prior to a Presidential election may apply **by mail** for an absentee ballot to vote for President and Vice President only with the election authority having jurisdiction over his/her precinct of former residence.

(10 ILCS 5/20-13.1)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2012

Last day for the election authority to publish the specimen ballot labels, as near as may be in the form in which they will appear on the official ballot labels on Election Day.

(10 ILCS 5/24A-18, 24B-18, 24C-18)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2012

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

(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2012

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

(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2012

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

(10 ILCS 5/16-5)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2012

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2012

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2012

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012

The election authority will determine on which date Nursing Home Voting will be conducted. No later than 9:00 a.m., the election authority shall deliver official absentee ballots to the judges of election in the precinct where the facility pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act or the MR/DD Community Care Act is located. The judges shall then deliver in person the ballot to the applicant on the premises of the facility. Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., sufficient time shall be allowed for residents of licensed or certified Illinois Nursing Homes or federally operated veterans' homes and hospitals to vote on the premises of these facilities. Immediately thereafter, the judges shall bring the sealed envelope to the office of the election authority who shall deliver such ballots to the election authority's central ballot counting location prior to the closing of the polls on the day of election.

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

NOTE: In-person absentee voting shall be conducted on the premises of facilities licensed, pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Reform Act or the MR/DD Community Care Act and federally operated veterans' homes and hospitals, for the sole benefit of residents of such facilities who have made prior application and who are registered to vote in that precinct.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2012

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2012

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2012

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012

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

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012

Last day for the election authority to deliver ballots to the judges of election.
(10 ILCS 5/16-5)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012

Last day for any registered voter, presently within the confines of the United States, to vote **in person** at the election authority, municipal, township or road district clerk office who is authorized to conduct absentee voting.
(10 ILCS 5/19-2)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012

Last day a registered voter in Illinois who has moved within 30 days outside of his/her precinct prior to a Presidential election may apply **in person** for an absentee ballot to vote for President and Vice President only with the election authority having jurisdiction over his/her precinct of former residence.
(10 ILCS 5/20-13.1)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012 GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012

Date when authorized local election officials who have not delivered in-person absentee ballots to the election authority shall deliver in-person absentee ballots to the election authority's central ballot counting location before the polls close. All unused in-person absentee voting supplies are to be returned to the office of the election authority.
(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR OVERSEAS VOTE

Overseas voters may be able to use a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) available through Voting Assistance Officers at military installations or at Embassies/Consulates. To be eligible for this ballot, a voter must.

1. Be located overseas (including APO/FPO addresses)
2. Apply for a regular ballot no earlier than JANUARY 2, 2012 and no later than OCTOBER 6, 2012 from the office of the election authority that has jurisdiction over the precinct of their last residence in the United States.
3. Not have received the requested regular absentee ballot from the election authority.

The voted FWAB must be returned to the election authority by the close of the election on NOVEMBER 6, 2012 or by the 14th day following the election if postmarked by 11:59 p.m. the day before the election.

This ballot serves as a backup to the regular ballot and is available from a unit Voting Assistance Officer or at the Embassies/Consulates.

GENERAL ELECTION RETURNS

General Election returns are to be immediately delivered to the election authority from whom the General Election ballots were obtained.
(5/17-21, 17-22)

CANVASSING BOARD

The county clerk has the responsibility of canvassing the returns of the General Election under its jurisdiction.
(10 ILCS 5/22-1)

The board of election commissioners has the responsibility of canvassing the returns of the General Election under its jurisdiction.
(10 ILCS 5/22-8)

BEFORE PROCLAMATION BY COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD

PRIOR TO THE CANVASS In those jurisdictions where in-precinct counting equipment is utilized, the election authority shall retabulate the total number of votes cast in 5% of the precincts within the election jurisdiction AS SELECTED ON A RANDOM BASIS BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
(10 ILCS 5/24A-15, 24B-15, 24C-15)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2012

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2012

Last day a provisional voter may submit additional information to the county clerk or board of election commissioners to verify or support his/her registration status. Material must be received by this date.
[10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d)]

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2012

Deadline for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots.
[10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a)]

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2012

Deadline for the county clerk or board of election commissioners to complete the tabulation of absentee ballots that were (1) postmarked by midnight preceding the opening of the polls on Election Day, and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day but not later than 14 days after the election, or (2) not postmarked at all, but did have a certification date prior to the Election Day on the certification envelope, and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day but not later than 14 days after the election.
(10 ILCS 5/19-8)

NOTE: Absentee voters whose ballots were rejected must be sent a notice of such along with the reason for the rejection within two (2) days of the rejection, but in all cases prior to the end of the 14 day period in which to count the absentee ballots. Such voters must be given an opportunity to appear before the election authority on or before the 14 day following the election to show cause to why the ballot should not be rejected.
[10 ILCS 5/19-8(g)]

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2012

Last day for canvassing election results by proper canvassing board (county canvassing board or board of canvassers).
(10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a), 22-1)

The board of canvassers in City Boards of Election Commissioners shall declare the result of every election within its jurisdiction. The circuit court judge shall enter a record of such abstract and result and a certified copy of such record shall be filed with the county clerk.
(10 ILCS 5/22-8, 22-9, 22-15)

The county clerk shall forward the abstract of votes to the SBE via overnight mail.
(10 ILCS 5/22-5)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2012

Last day for appropriate canvassing board to canvass the results of referenda submitted to the voters at the NOVEMBER 6, 2012 General Election.
(10 ILCS 5/22-17)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2012

Last day for the county clerk to conduct a lottery for a tie vote for a county office.
(10 ILCS 5/22-3)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2012

The last day the election authority shall transmit to the State Board of Elections the following: (1) the number, by precinct, of absentee ballots requested, provided and counted, (2) the number of rejected absentee ballots, (3) the number of voters seeking review of rejected absentee ballots, and (4) the number of absentee ballots counted following review.
(10 ILCS 5/19-20, 20-20)

AFTER PROCLAMATION BY COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD

The county clerk shall issue a certificate of election to each person declared elected to a county office. The State Board of Elections shall receive certified copies of tabulated statements of returns (abstracts) by precinct and ward from each county clerk.

The county clerk, within 21 day after the election, shall make two (2) abstracts of votes for each office (except county offices) and for any amendments to the constitution and other statewide propositions by precinct or ward. Immediately after the completion of the abstracts, a certified copy of such abstracts shall be mailed to the principal office of the State Board of Elections via overnight mail.
(10 ILCS 5/22-5)

**NOTE: If there is a board of election commissioners within a county, the county abstracts shall include the statement of returns from such board of election commissioners.
(10 ILCS 5/22-5, 22-9)**

Within 1 day after the canvass and proclamation, each election authority shall transmit to the State Board of Elections a canvass of votes by precinct or ward for all state offices, including state senator, representative in the General Assembly, any congressional office, and the offices of ward and precinct committeemen and total ballots cast, and copies of the current precinct list via overnight mail.
(10 ILCS 5/22-15)

CANVASS BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The Board shall canvass the returns for the election of candidates for offices for which petitions were filed with the State Board of Elections.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Each successful write-in elected shall file the following documents with the proper election authority or the State Board of elections prior to taking office:

- (1) A Loyalty Oath (optional)
- (2) A Statement of Candidacy, and
- (3) A receipt for filing of a Statement of Economic Interest (not required for federal offices.

(10 ILCS 5/22-7)

DISCOVERY RECOUNT

Within 5 days after the last day for proclamation, petitions for discovery recount may be filed by any qualified individual with the appropriate county clerk, or board of election commissioners. The deadline to file a discovery recount for an office canvassed by the State Board of Elections is 5 days after the Board's canvass. The petition for discovery is filed with the appropriate election authority(ies)

(10 ILCS 5/22-9.1)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2012

Last day for Chairman of County Central Committees of both major parties to submit a list of applicants for additional deputy registrars to the election authority.

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

NOTE: The election authority may require a chairman of a county central committee to furnish a supplemental list of applicants.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2012

Beginning of two-year term of all deputy registrars **except** precinct committeemen (who began their own two-year term on the date of the county convention following their election).

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2012

First day for term of office for the following officers:

Circuit Clerk (705 ILCS 105/1.1)
Recorders (55 ILCS 5/3-5004)
State's Attorney (55 ILCS 5/3-9002)
Auditors (55 ILCS 5/3-1001)
Coroners (55 ILCS 5/3-3002)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012

First day of term of office for those judges that were elected or retained at the NOVEMBER 6, 2012, General Election.

(10 ILCS 5/7A-1)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012

First day for term of office for the following officers:

County Board Members and County Commissioners (55 ILCS 5/2-3009)
Sanitary District Members (70 ILCS 2805/3.2)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2012

First day of office for officers of Water Reclamation District of Chicago.

(70 ILCS 2605/3)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2012

Last day for the State Board of Elections to canvass returns and proclaim the results of the election.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012

ELECTORAL VOTES ARE CAST IN SPRINGFIELD.

(USCA, Title 3, Chap. 1, Sec. 7; 10 ILCS 5/21-4)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012

First day for election authority to submit computer disks containing voter registration information to the State Board of Elections.

(10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2012

Last day for election authority to submit computer disks containing voter registration information to the State Board of Elections.

(10 ILCS 5/4-8, 7-7, 6-35)

2013

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2013

First day for term of office for Federal officers (except President and Vice-President) elected at the NOVEMBER 6, 2012, General Election.
(United States Constitution, Amendment XX)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2013

Electoral votes are tabulated in Washington, D.C. during a joint meeting of both the House and Senate.
(USCA, Title 3, Chap. 1, Sec. 15)

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013

Last day for election authorities to provide to each county chairman or his representative, precinct lists prepared for the 2012 General Election marked to indicate which registrants voted at the General Election.
(10 ILCS 5/4-11, 5-14, 6-60)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2013

Newly elected members of the General Assembly shall convene and organize their respective chambers.
[Illinois Constitution, Article IV, Sections 5 and 6(b)]

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2013

First day for term of the offices of President and Vice President of the United States.
(United States Constitution, Amendment XX)

PROCEDURES ON OBJECTIONS

All citations contained herein are "Illinois Compiled Statutes," 2010, 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 one (1) copy, within 5 business** days after the last day for filing nomination papers. For objections filed with the State Board of Elections, but heard by another electoral board, the State Board of Elections requests (but not required) that the objector file and original and two (2) copies of the objection.

PROCESSING OBJECTION

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

RESPONSIBILITY OF CHAIRMAN OF ELECTORAL BOARD

Within 24 hours after the receipt of objector's petition, chairman of the electoral board other than the State Board of Elections shall **send a call by registered or certified mail**, to each of the members of the electoral board, objector, and 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.

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

ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING

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

JUDICIAL REVIEW FILED

Within 5 days after the decision of electoral board, candidate or objector aggrieved by decision of the board may file petition for judicial review with clerk of the circuit court. **Court hearings are to be held within 30 days after filing the petition** and the decision delivered promptly thereafter.

NO JUDICIAL REVIEW

If no petition for judicial review has been filed **within 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.

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR
2011 DECEMBER QUARTERLY REPORT
OCTOBER 1, 2011 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2011**

2011

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2011

Last day of the political committee's financial activity, that is to be included in its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the December Quarterly Report extends from October 1, 2011 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through December 31, 2011 inclusively.

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

2012

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012

First day that any political committee may file its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board.

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012

Last day for a political committee to file its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board.

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

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR
GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION
MARCH 20, 2012**

2012

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2012

First day of period during which independent expenditures of \$1000 or more made by a political committee must be reported electronically within five (5) business days after making the independent expenditure.

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2012

First day of period during which any receipt of a contribution of \$1000 or more by a political committee participating in the election, must be reported within two (2) business days following its receipt.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012

Last day of period during which independent expenditures of \$1000 or more made by a political committee must be reported electronically within five (5) business days after making the independent expenditure.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012

Last day of period during which any receipt of a contribution of \$1000 or more by a political committee participating in the election, must be reported within two (2) business days following its receipt.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR
MARCH QUARTERLY REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2012 THRU MARCH 31, 2012**

2012

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012

First day of the political committee's financial activity, that is to be included in its March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2012

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the March Quarterly Report extends from January 1, 2012 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through March 31, 2012 inclusively.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012

First day that any political committee shall file its March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012

Last day for a political committee to file its March Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board.

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

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR
JUNE QUARTERLY REPORT
APRIL 1, 2012 THRU JUNE 30, 2012**

2012

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2012

First day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2012

Last day of the political committee's financial activity, that is to be included in its June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the June Quarterly Report extends from April 1, 2012 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through June 30, 2012 inclusively.

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

MONDAY, JULY 2, 2012

First day that any political committee shall file its June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board.

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

MONDAY, JULY 16, 2012

Last day for a political committee to file its June Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board.

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

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR
SEPTEMBER QUARTERLY REPORT
JULY 1, 2012 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2012**

2012

SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2012

First day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the September Quarterly Report extends from July 1, 2012 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through September 30, 2012 inclusively.

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2012

First day that any political committee shall file its September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board.

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012

Last day for a political committee to file its September Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board.

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

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2012

First day of period during which independent expenditures of \$1000 or more made by a political committee must be reported electronically within five (5) business days after making the independent expenditure.

[10 ILCS 5-9-10(e)]

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2012

First day of period during which any receipt of a contribution of \$1000 or more by a political committee participating in the election, must be reported within two (2) business days following its receipt.

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012

Last day of period during which independent expenditures of \$1000 or more made by a political committee must be reported electronically within five (5) business days after making the independent expenditure.

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012

Last day of period during which any receipt of a contribution of \$1000 or more by a political committee participating in the election, must be reported within two (2) business day following its receipt.

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

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012
GENERAL ELECTION**

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR
DECEMBER QUARTERLY REPORT
OCTOBER 1, 2012 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2012**

2012

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2012

First day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.

[10 ILCS 5/0-10(b)]

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2012

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the December Quarterly Report extends from October 1, 2012 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through December 31, 2012 inclusively.

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

2013

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2013

First day that any political committee shall file its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board.

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013

Last day for a political committee to file its December Quarterly Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board.

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

SCHEDULE A-1 REPORTS

A political committee must file a report of any contribution of \$1000 or more from one source with the Board within five (5) business days after receipt of the contribution, except that the report shall be filed within two (2) business days if received within 30 days prior to an election by a political committee. The dates during which the two-business day filing period must be observed are included within the above calendar.

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