



Office of the County Clerk

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November 8, 2016 – General Election General Information

Candidate Filing Dates

Tuesday, March 29: First day to circulate petitions for independent candidates, new party candidates and nonpartisan candidates.

Tuesday, May 31: Last day for appointee by established managing committee to file documents when no candidate was nominated at the Primary election.

Tuesday, June 7: Last day to file objections to a resolution to fill a vacancy when no candidate was nominated at the Primary election.

Monday, June 20 – Monday June 27: Candidate filing period for new political parties, independent candidates and nonpartisan candidates.

Tuesday, July 5: Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of candidates who filed during the June 20 – 27 filing period. Objections are filed with the election authority where the nomination papers were originally filed.

Thursday, September 8: Last day to file a notarized declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate.

Referendum Question Dates

Monday, August 8: Last day for filing petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy with the appropriate election official or local election official.

Monday, August 15: Last day to file objections to petitions for the submission of questions of public policy. Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same office that has the original petitions.

Monday, August 22: Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a binding public question to appear on the ballot.

Thursday, September 1: Last day for the circuit court clerk and the local election official to certify any question of public policy to the election authority.

Voter Registration, Grace Period, Early Voting and Mail Voting Dates

Wednesday, August 10: First day to apply for a ballot by mail, ballots will not begin to be mailed until after September 29.

Tuesday, October 11: Regular voter registration deadline.

Wednesday, October 12 – Monday, November 7: Grace period registration and voting.

Monday, October 24 – Monday, November 7: Early voting sites open.

Thursday, November 3: Last day to apply for a ballot by mail.

Friday, November 4 – Sunday, November 6: Nursing home voting.

Ballot Counting & Canvassing Results Dates

Tuesday, November 22 - Deadline for validating and counting provisional ballots and late-arriving mail ballots.

Tuesday, November 29 - Last day for County Clerk to canvass election results and proclaim results.

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- For the complete Election Calendar and Candidates Guide please visit the Illinois State Board of Elections Website: www.elections.state.il.us
- Visit the Cook County Clerk's Website: www.cookcountyclerk.com

2016 County Offices Signature Requirements

Office	Democratic .5%	Republican .5%	Green .5%	Independent 5% – 8%	New Party 5%
State's Attorney	5,365	2,345		25,000 – 109,155	25,000
Clerk of the Circuit Court	5,365	2,345		25,000 – 109,155	25,000
Recorder of Deeds	5,365	2,345		25,000 – 109,155	25,000
1st District Board of Review Four-Year Term	4,972	2,345		25,000 – 56,376	25,000
2nd District Board of Review Two-Year Term	4,108	2,345		25,000 – 65,718	25,000
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner Three Full Six-Year Terms One Unexpired Two-Year Term	5,259	2,288	652	25,000 – 106,448	25,000