

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FILINGS

What to Expect During Candidate Filing?

- The Cook County Clerk's Office receives and gives a receipt for candidate nomination papers (these usually include a Statement of Candidacy, a Receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interest (never the original Statement), and the Petition for Nomination signature pages with at least 50 valid signatures, (and sometimes a loyalty oath and/or deletion sheets)
- We generally photograph the petition to show proof of its condition when we received it (to document for instance, whether it was bound, as legally required, by staple, binder clip or otherwise)
- We time and date stamp the documents
- We give candidates a contact information sheet
- We give candidates a Notice to Candidates and Consent to Notice by Email of Objection Filing
- We give a D5, the campaign disclosure form, to each filer (state requirement)
- We give a receipt for filing
- We give a candidate lottery notice

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q When can I look at other filers' nominating petitions and what is the procedure?

A For petitions filed on Monday, December 14, the petitions will be available for review after 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15 at the Cook County Clerk's Office, 69 W. Washington St., Suite 500, Chicago. You must visit the Clerk's Office in person to review the petitions.

Q When can I request copies of petitions from other filers and what is the procedure?

A You can request a copy of petitions starting now, either by filling out a form at our main office at 69 W. Washington St., Suite 500, Chicago or by emailing your request to clerk.ethics@cookcountyil.gov. Include the following information in your request:

Your name, address and telephone number

Name of the candidate(s) whose petition(s) you are requesting

School district number

Copies of petitions are available electronically or for pickup at our main office in downtown.

Q When and where will the lottery be held to determine first and last ballot position?
A It will be held virtually on Monday, December 28, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Clerk's Office, 69 W. Washington St., Suite 500, Chicago. There will be a link to view the lottery on www.cookcountyclerk.com on the morning of the lottery.

Q When can I call or check online to get ballot position numbers?
A Ballot position numbers will be available in mid to late February. They will be released online first at www.cookcountyclerk.com.

Q When will a list of school board candidates be available on www.cookcountyclerk.com?
A We will publish the list of school board candidates at cookcountyclerk.com/elections/candidate filing. On Monday, Dec. 14, we will post a preliminary list by noon and periodically update the file throughout the day. The candidate file will be updated regularly until candidate filing ends on Dec. 21.

Q When the earliest I can file an objection to a school board candidate's nomination papers and where can I file it?
A The objection filing period is December 15 through December 29. Objections to a school board candidate's nomination papers must be filed in the Clerk's Office, 69 W. Washington St., Suite 500, Chicago. Potential objectors are cautioned that all objections must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 29. Voters wishing to file an objection must file an original and two copies – objection petitions that do not include two copies will not be accepted by the Clerk's office.

Hearings will begin the week of January 4, 2020. If you are challenged and need information, please email electoral.board@cookcountyil.gov

All record reviews and records examinations will take place at the Cook County Clerk Elections Operation Center 1330 S. 54th Ave., Cicero, IL

Q What is the process for use of computers at the Clerk's Office to review addresses and signatures on petitions?
A Please call the Clerk's Customer Service Department at 312.603.0900 to schedule computer usage. Computer usage requests can also be made via email at clerk.ethics@cookcountyil.gov or by fax at 312.603.9787. Computers will only be available at our Elections Operations Center, 1330 S. 54th Ave., Cicero, IL. Due to social distancing requirements you must request computer time in advance.