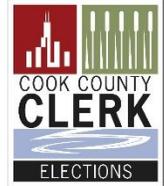




ELECTIONS

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Tuesday, March 15, 2016 – Presidential Primary Election General Information

Federal, State and Judicial candidates file with the Illinois State Board of Elections in Springfield. Candidates for Countywide offices, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, the Board of Review and Ward Committeemen for the City of Chicago file with the Cook County Clerk's office.

Candidate Filing Dates & Deadlines

Tuesday, September 1: First day to circulate petitions for established political parties

Monday, November 23 – Monday, November 30: Petition filing period for established political party candidates

Monday, December 7: Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of candidates who filed during the November 23 – November 30 filing period

- Last day to withdraw for candidates who filed for incompatible offices

Wednesday, December 9: Last day to conduct lottery for ballot placement

Thursday, January 7: Last day to file withdrawal papers with the State Board of Elections

Wednesday, January 13: Last day to file withdrawal papers with the County Clerk

Thursday, January 14: Last day to file a notarized declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate (5:00 PM)

Referenda Question Deadlines

Monday, December 14: Last day for filing petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy with the local election authority

Monday, December 28: Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a binding public question to appear on the ballot

Certification of Ballot Deadlines

Thursday, January 7: Certification of Ballot by the State Board of Elections

- Certification of Ballot by local election authorities

Wednesday, January 13: Certification of Ballot to the City of Chicago

Voter Registration, Early Voting & Mail Voting

Wednesday, December 16: First day for to apply for a ballot by mail, ballots will not begin to be mailed until after February 4

Friday, January 29: Military & overseas ballots available

Tuesday, February 16: Online, mail and regular voter registration closes, after this date one must register and vote at a grace period site

Wednesday, February 17 – Monday, March 14: Grace period registration & voting

Monday, February 29 – Monday, March 14: Early Voting period

Thursday, March 10: Last day to apply for a ballot by mail

Friday, March 11 – Monday, March 14: Nursing home voting period

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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