

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

MARCH 17, 2026

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

FILING DATES: MONDAY, OCTOBER 27 thru MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025

PRECINCT COMMITTEE PERSON

DISTRICT	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
ALL	10	10

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEEPERSONS (COOK COUNTY) & PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSONS

(ALL COUNTIES EXCEPT COOK)

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Established Party, Township Committeeperson ([SBE Form P-10](#)), Precinct Committeeperson ([SBE Form P-27](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Established Party ([SBE Form P-1](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([SBE Form P-1C](#))

Statement of Economic Interests: Not required for party offices.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Established Party: Township Committeeperson – not less than 5% nor more than 8% of the votes cast (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) for the party's candidate who received the highest number of votes in the township. (10 ILCS 5/7-10(i))

Precinct Committeeperson – a minimum of 10 primary electors of the candidate's party for the precinct. (10 ILCS 5/7-10(i))

For signature calculations for Township Committeeperson, contact the Cook County Clerk.

For signature calculations for Precinct Committeeperson, contact the county clerk for that precinct.

FILING INFORMATION

Established Party: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(5))

All candidates for Township Committeeperson will file with the Office of the Cook County Clerk. All candidates for Precinct Committeeperson will file with the office of the county clerk. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(5))

Campaign Contributions: Reports must be filed either electronically or on paper with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704, or 69 W. Washington St., Pedway LL-08, Chicago, IL 60602.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- United States citizen
- Registered voter
- Resident of the township or precinct for which the candidate wishes to seek office

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

FILING PERIODS:

Established Party:

October 27 – November 3, 2025

TERM:

Term of office:

Township Committeeperson: Four years (10 ILCS 5/7-8(b))

Precinct Committeeperson: Two years (10 ILCS 5/7-8(b))

Term begins: Date of completion of canvass and proclamation (10 ILCS 5/7-58)



Preparing to Run for Office in 2026 – Petition Circulation

Circulating a Petition

Established party, new party, and independent candidates are required to circulate petitions.

90 Days

Petitions can ONLY be circulated within 90 days from the last day to file nomination papers.

For the 2026 General Primary, the circulation period begins **August 5, 2025.**

Candidates may file their nomination papers during the period of **October 27 – November 3, 2025.**

PETITION CIRCULATORS

- * A petition circulator must be 18 years of age and a United States Citizen. (If they will be 18 on the day of the General Election, 17-year-olds are allowed to circulate.)
- * The circulator must personally witness all signatures given and sign the required certificate stating that all signatures were given in their presence.
- * A petition circulator may not circulate for more than one political party.
- * A petition circulator may not circulate for independent candidates in addition to candidates for an established political party or new political parties.
- * A petition circulator must complete the circulator's statement at the bottom of each petition sheet.

PETITION SIGNERS

- * A signee MAY NOT sign petitions for a candidate of more than one political party for the same primary election.
- * A signer must sign their own signature on the petition. The signer cannot sign for someone else, such as another member of their family.
- * Petition signers must be registered voters in the political subdivision in which the candidate is seeking nomination or election.
- * A petition signer may change party affiliation from one election to another.
- * A petition signer must be a registered voter from the address shown opposite their signature on the petition.

PREPARING PETITIONS

The following original documents are to be attached (preferably on top) to the nominating petition signature sheets.

- 1) Statement of Candidacy
- 2) Loyalty Oath (optional)

- 3) Receipt for filing the Statement of Economic Interests. The receipt may be filed at any time during the filing period and will not change the initial date and time of filing.

The above documents are NOT page numbered.

- * The petition signature sheets must be original and of uniform size.
- * The petition signature sheets must be neatly fastened together in book form by fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable manner.
- * The petition signature sheets must be numbered consecutively, beginning with the top sheet as number "1."
- * Any certifications related to the striking of signatures shall be attached immediately following the last petition page and numbered consecutively beginning with the number "1."
- * For all new political party petitions, the petition must have attached thereto a Certificate of Officers (SBE Form P-8C).



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Things to Remember For Candidate Filing

Petitions must be filed in the County Clerk's Office.



If you wish to be eligible for the opening hour lottery, you must be in line by 8am.



The Clerk's Office does NOT provide notarization services.



Filers are asked to keep traffic to one person per petition.



Have your Statement of Economic Interest receipt ready, or be ready to file your Statement with Clerk staff that will be available.



Petitions must be bound in a suitable manner.



Have Candidate Contact Info sheet complete.

A form titled "WINNEBAGO COUNTY" and "Candidate Contact Information". It contains fields for Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Phone, Email, and Social Media. There is also a section for "OFFICE USE ONLY" with checkboxes for "Is a candidate for election?", "Is a candidate for appointment?", "Is a candidate for recall?", and "Is a candidate for referendum?".

For more information, consult the Candidate's Guide or visit elections.il.gov



Illinois State Board of Elections

Notice to Candidates Seeking Nomination at the 2026 General Primary Election

PUBLICATIONS AND GUIDES FOR CANDIDATES:

The State Board of Elections is completing the final stages of review and preparation of the guides and publications for the 2026 election cycle. **Our goal is to release the following by July 2, 2025:**

- 2026 Candidate's Guide
- 2026 Election and Campaign Finance Calendar
- Candidate Packets

These publications will be available under the [Running for Office menu](#) on the State Board of Elections' website.

DATES PERTAINING TO CANDIDATE FILING FOR THE 2026 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION:

August 5, 2025	Petition Circulation Begins – candidates may begin circulating petitions on this date.
October 27 – November 3, 2025	Established Party Nomination Filing – candidates must file their nomination documents during this timeframe.

OFFICES TO BE NOMINATED AT THE 2026 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION:

Federal Offices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States Senator • Representatives in Congress – All 17 Districts 	Judicial Offices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supreme Court Vacancies • Appellate Court Vacancies • Circuit Court Vacancies • Resident Circuit Court Vacancies • Subcircuit Vacancies 	County Offices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Clerk • County Treasurer • County Sheriff • County Assessor • Members of Board of Review (in counties with elected boards of review, including Cook County) • County Commissioners • County Board Members 	Miscellaneous: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanitary District Commissioners/Trustees • Forest Preserve Commissioners (DuPage County) • Regional Superintendent of Schools
Statewide Offices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor/Lieutenant Governor • Attorney General • Secretary of State • Comptroller • Treasurer 	Illinois House of Representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 118 districts 		
Illinois State Senate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For 2-year terms: Districts 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36, 39, 42, 45, 48, 51, 54, 57 • For 4-year terms: Districts 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 23, 26, 29, 32, 35, 38, 41, 44, 47, 50, 53, 56, 59 • For unexpired 2-year terms: None at the time of publication (06/03/2025). Please note that this listing will not be updated to reflect vacancies which occur after the publication of this document. 			

OFFICES TO BE ELECTED AT THE 2026 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION:

- Precinct committeepersons (all counties, excluding Cook)
- Township committeepersons (Cook County)
- School Board Members (districts under Article 33 of the School Code)
- State central committeepersons*(Democratic – two committeepersons, each of a different gender, per congressional district)

*The Republican Party elects State central committeepersons at the county conventions

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TO ALL POLITICAL COMMITTEES:

P.A. 86-0873 encourages candidates and political committees to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. The text of the Code is reproduced on the reverse side of this page. Subscription to the Code is entirely voluntary, but if you do subscribe you will be entitled to place on your campaign literature a statement that you subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. Subscription entails a moral and ethical obligation to follow the principles of the Code. If you subscribe to the Code, a copy of your subscription will be kept on file for public inspection at the Office of the State Board of Elections if yours is a state political committee or state and local political committee, or at the office of your County Clerk if yours is a local political committee. Public inspection may take place from the time you return the subscribed copy of the Code until thirty (30) days after the election next following your return of the copy.

Please read the Code of Fair Campaign Practices on the reverse page. If you wish to subscribe, please sign the copy and return it to either (1) your County Clerk if yours is a local political committee, or (2) to the State Board of Elections in all other cases. Candidates should sign for candidate committees, and committee chairs should sign for all other political committees.

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play which every candidate for public office in the State of Illinois has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

1. I will conduct my campaign openly and publicly, and limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to his record.
2. I will not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his personal or family life.
3. I will not use or permit any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, sexual orientation, religion or national origin.
4. I will not use campaign material of any sort which misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations which aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the personal integrity or patriotism of my opposition.
5. I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice which tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections or which hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters.
6. I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.
7. I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone. I shall take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this Code or the laws governing elections.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Illinois or chairman of a political committee in support of or opposition to a question of public policy, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Date

Signature

Print Name

Office Sought _____

Date of Election _____

Name of Political Committee _____

Notice to Candidates Who Have Changed Names Within the Last Three Years

Who does this apply to?

A candidate who has changed his or her name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in Illinois or any other jurisdiction.

How long does this apply?

Changes made within three years leading up to the last day for filing the petition or certificate for that office must be disclosed.

What must be disclosed, and where?

The candidate's name on the petition must be followed by:

1. "formerly known as (list all prior names during the 3-year period) until name changed on (list date of each such name change)"
2. The petition or certificate must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the candidate's previous names during the period specified
3. The date or dates each of those names was changed

Pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/16-3, the information specified above shall appear on the ballot along with the candidate's current name.

What happens if previous names are not disclosed?

Failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds for denying certification of the candidate's name for the ballot or removing the candidate's name from the ballot, as appropriate.

Are there exceptions?

Yes. These requirements do not apply to name changes resulting from:

- Adoption to assume an adoptive parent's or parents' surname
- Marriage or civil union to assume a spouse's surname
- Dissolution of marriage or civil union
- Declaration of invalidity of marriage or civil union to assume a former surname or a
- Name change that conforms the candidate's name to his or her gender identity.

Why is this required?

Illinois law requires this to be disclosed to voters when signing a petition, and when it is presented to them on a ballot. From 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 8-8.1, 10-5.1, and 16-3:

...If a candidate has changed his or her name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the last day for filing the petition or certificate for that office, whichever is applicable, then (i) the candidate's name on the petition or certificate must be followed by "formerly known as (list all prior names during the 3-year period) until name changed on (list date of each such name change)" and (ii) the petition or certificate must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the candidate's previous names during the period specified in (i) and the date or dates each of those names was changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds for denying certification of the candidate's name for the ballot or removing the candidate's name from the ballot, as appropriate, but these requirements do not apply to name changes resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent's or parents' surname, marriage or civil union to assume a spouse's surname, or dissolution of marriage or civil union or declaration of invalidity of marriage or civil union to assume a former surname or a name change that conforms the candidate's name to his or her gender identity...



WINNEBAGO COUNTY

— ILLINOIS —

Candidate Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Type: Cell Home Office (circle one)

Secondary Phone: _____ Type: Cell Home Office (circle one)

Primary Email: _____

Secondary Email: _____

Website: _____

Head of Slate: _____

Head of Slate: If more than one candidate is listed on the petition.

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OFFICE USE ONLY

FILING DATE: _____

TIME: _____

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY Y or N

HOW FILED: CANDIDATE

LOYALTY OATH Y or N

AGENT

ECONOMIC INTEREST Y or N

MAIL

NUMBER OF PETITION PAGES _____

CERTIFICATE OF DELETION PAGES _____

County Clerk Employee Initials _____

**PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON
PRIMARY PETITION**

We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the _____ Party and qualified primary electors of the _____ Party, in _____ (township name and precinct number) in the County of _____, State of Illinois, do hereby petition that _____ who resides at _____ in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code _____, County of _____ and State of Illinois, shall be a candidate of the _____ Party for election to the office of **PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON**, for _____ (township name and precinct number), to be voted for at the primary election to be held on _____ (date of election).

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS _____ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON _____
(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	VOTER'S PRINTED NAME (optional)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1.			,IL	
2.			,IL	
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4.			,IL	
5.			,IL	
6.			,IL	
7.			,IL	
8.			,IL	
9.			,IL	
10.			,IL	

State of _____)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ (Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at _____, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service)(Zip Code) _____, County of _____, State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older (or 17 years of age and qualified to vote in Illinois), that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition qualified voters of the _____ Party in the political division in which the candidates is seeking nomination/elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____
(Name of Circulator) (Insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

(Notary Public's Signature)

SHEET NO. _____

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(Notary Public's Signature)

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