



STATE OF ILLINOIS

ELECTION AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR

2008

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THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

PREFACE

THIS CALENDAR INCLUDES ALL OFFICES TO BE NOMINATED AND/OR ELECTED AT THE FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN FEBRUARY 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, 2006."

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NOTE: AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION, PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD CHANGE THE FILING DATES RELATING TO INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES AND WRITE-IN CANDIDATES WAS PENDING IN THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. ANYONE DESIRING TO RUN AS AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE OR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES SHOULD CONFIRM THE APPLICABLE FILING DATES.

PRIMARY ELECTION

FEBRUARY 5, 2008

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TO BE NOMINATED*

- U.S. Senate
- Representatives in Congress - All 19 Districts
- State Senators - For 4-Year Terms
Districts 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33,
35, 36, 38, 39, 41, 42, 44, 45, 47, 48, 50, 51, 53, 54, 56, 57 and 59
- 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
Delegates at Large and Alternate Delegates at Large may be elected at the Primary election, or selected by the State Convention or chosen by a combination of the two methods. The Democratic State Central Committee makes such determination and has until 10/1/07 to do so. The Republican State Central Committee makes such determination and has until 10/29/07 to do so.
- 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**

**For General Primary to be held FEBRUARY 5, 2008
Polls open 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2(a)

2007

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2007

First day to circulate nomination papers (must include original sheets signed by voters and circulators) for established political party and independent candidates who file OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 5, 2007, 90 days preceding the last day to file such papers (EXCEPTION: Republican Presidential Preference candidates and candidates for delegate and alternate delegate).
(10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2007

First day to circulate nomination papers for Democratic candidates for President, delegates and alternate delegates who file OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 5, 2007, 90 days preceding the last day to file such papers.
(10 ILCS 5/7-11)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2007

First day to circulate nomination papers for Republican candidates for President, delegates and alternate delegates who file NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 5, 2007, 90 days preceding the last day to file such papers.
(10 ILCS 5/7-11)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

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, OCTOBER 1, 2007

Last day for the Democratic State Central Committee to report to the State Board of Elections the manner in which delegates and alternate delegates are to be allocated. If a certification isn't received by this date, the delegates and alternate delegates shall be chosen according to the statutory alternative selected for 2004 election.
(10 ILCS 5/7-14.1)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify to the county clerks the number of Democratic delegates and alternate delegates to be elected from each Congressional District and the number to be elected at large from the State.
(10ILCS5 /7-14.1)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2007

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, OCTOBER 22, 2007

Last day to file petitions (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) to create a political subdivision with the appropriate circuit court clerk.
[10 ILCS 5/28-2(b)]

**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 78-71 days before such election (NOVEMBER 19 – 26, 2007).
(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)**

NOTE: See specific statute governing unit of local government to be established for filing procedures.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2007

First day for candidates of established political parties and 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 and judicial offices, or for any office to be elected by the voters of more than one county (EXCEPTION: Republican Presidential Preference candidates and candidates for delegate and alternate delegate).
(10 ILCS 5/7-12(1), 8-9, 10-3, 10-6)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2007

First day for Democratic Presidential Preference candidates, 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, OCTOBER 29, 2007

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). First day for independent candidates to file for county offices with the county clerk.
(10 ILCS 5/7-12(2), 7-12(5), 10-3, 10-6)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2007

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, OCTOBER 29, 2007

Last day State Board of Elections shall certify to the proper election authority a list of facilities licensed or certified under the Nursing Home Care Reform Act of 1979. The list shall indicate bed capacity and the Chief Administrator of each such facility.

(10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2007

Last day to file objections to petition to create a political subdivision in the office of the circuit clerk.

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2007

Last day for the Republican State Central Committees to report to the State Board of Elections the manner in which delegates and alternate delegates are to be allocated.

If a certification isn't received by this date, the delegates and alternate delegates shall be chosen according to the statutory alternative selected for the 2004 election.

(10 ILCS 5/7-14.1)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2007

Last day by **(5:00 p.m.)** for candidates of established political parties and 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 and judicial offices, or for any office to be elected by the voters of more than one county (EXCEPTION: Republican Presidential Preference candidates and candidates for delegate and alternate delegate).

(10 ILCS 5/1-4, 7-12(1), 8-9, 10-3, 10-6)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2007

Last day by **(5:00 p.m.)** for Democratic Presidential Preference candidates, delegate and alternate delegate candidates to file **original** petition **(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, NOVEMBER 5, 2007

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). Last day for independent candidates to file for county offices with the county clerk.

(10 ILCS 5/1-4, 7-12(2), 7-12(5), 10-3, 10-6)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2007

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. (EXCEPTION: Candidates for federal and party offices, i.e. candidates for U.S. Senate, Representatives in Congress and precinct committeemen and ward committeemen are not required to file an Economic Interest Statement)
[5 ILCS 420/4A-105, 10 ILCS 5/7-12(8), 10-5]

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2007

Last day for election authorities to complete any systematic program to remove ineligible voters from the voting roles prior to the FEBRUARY 5, 2008 General Primary Election.
[42 USC 1973gg-6(c)(2)(A)]

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2007

Last day for written notice of the time and place for conducting lottery shall be given when 2 or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party as of the opening hour of the filing period, OCTOBER 29, 2007. (There must be 7 days notice given. If the lottery is to be held on the last statutory date, NOVEMBER 14, the last day to give notice is NOVEMBER 7.) Notice shall be given by the State Board of Elections 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), 10-6.2)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2007

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify to the county clerks the number of 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)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2007

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 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 for President. The delegate or alternate 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 2008 Democratic National Convention, Rule 12; Illinois Delegate Selection Plan for the 2008 Democratic National Convention, Section III, A.4.]

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2007

Last day for an individual who has filed, during the OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 5, 2007 filing period, for 2 or more **incompatible offices** to withdraw from all but one of the offices (with the SBE 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)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2007

Last day for filing objections to the nomination papers of all candidates who filed during the OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 5, 2007 filing period. (EXCEPTION: objections to the petitions of candidates for precinct or ward committeemen). 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 47.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2007

Last day lottery shall be conducted by the election authority or the State Board of Elections when 2 or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party, or independent candidates, as of the opening hour of the filing period, OCTOBER 29, 2007.
(10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 10-6.2)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2007

Last day for filing objections to the nomination papers of candidates for the offices of ward and precinct committeemen in the office of the county clerk where the nomination papers were originally filed.
(10 ILCS 5/7-13)

NOTE: For procedures on objections see page 47.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2007

First day for candidates of established political parties and 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 judicial vacancies which occurred during the 3 week period prior to the 92nd day before the General Primary (OCTOBER 15 – NOVEMBER 5, 2007).
[10 ILCS 5/7-12(1)]

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2007

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/with the appropriate election authority or local election official). (EXCEPTION: proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions Article IX of the Liquor Control Act, and Section 18-20 of the Property Tax Code.)
(10 ILCS 5/28-2(a), 28-6, 28-7)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2007

Last day for the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners or the county electoral board to certify to the county clerk the decision of the board as to the validity of objections to nomination papers for the office of ward and precinct committeemen respectively.
(10 ILCS 5/7-13)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2007

Last day for candidates of established political parties and 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 judicial vacancies which occurred during the period OCTOBER 15 – NOVEMBER 5, 2007.
(10 ILCS 5/7-12)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2007

Last day for candidates who file nomination papers during the special judicial filing period, (NOVEMBER 19 - 26, 2007), 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), 10-5)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2007

First day for Republican Presidential Preference candidates, 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)]

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2007

Last day to file objections to petitions for the submission of questions of public policy. (EXCEPTION: proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act, and Section 18-20 of the Property Tax Code.) Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same office that has the original petitions.
(10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

NOTE: For procedures on objections see page 47.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2007

Last day for written notice of the time and place for conducting lottery shall be given when 2 or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party as of the opening hour of the filing period, NOVEMBER 19, 2007 (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), 10-6.2)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2007

Last day for chairmen of the county central committees of both 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 3, 2007

Last day for individual who has filed for 2 or more incompatible offices during the NOVEMBER 19 – 26, 2007 (or having filed for one office during the October filing period and a second incompatible office during the NOVEMBER 19 – 26, 2007 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), 10-7)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007

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, DECEMBER 3, 2007

Last day for County, Municipal, Township and Park Boards to place advisory referenda on the ballot by resolution.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007

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 NOVEMBER 19 – 26, 2007.

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2007

Last day for Republican Presidential Preference candidates, delegate and alternate delegate candidates to file **original** petition (**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)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2007

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, NOVEMBER 19, 2007 (special judicial filing period).

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2007

Last statutory day for candidates of established political parties to file withdrawal of nomination papers in the office of the State Board of Elections. (EXCEPTION: Republican Presidential Preference, delegate and alternate delegate candidates.)

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2007

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify the names of candidates to the county clerks. (EXCEPTION: Republican Presidential Preference, delegate and alternate delegate candidates.)

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2007

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, DECEMBER 6, 2007

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, DECEMBER 7, 2007

Last day for written notice of the time and place for conducting lottery for ballot placement for Republican Presidential Preference, delegates and alternate delegates shall be given when 2 or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party, as of the opening hour of the filing period, NOVEMBER 28, 2007. Notice shall also be posted.
[10 ILCS 5/7-12(6)]

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2007

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, and of the availability of assistance in marking the ballot, and procedures for voting by absentee ballot and procedures for early voting by personal appearance.
(10 ILCS 5/7-15)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2007

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)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2007

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, DECEMBER 12, 2007

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, 8-10)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2007

Last day for filing objections to the nomination papers of Republican Presidential Preference candidates and candidates for delegate or alternate delegate in the office of the State Board of Elections who filed NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 5, 2007.
(10 ILCS 5/7-12.1)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2007

Last day for individual who has filed petitions for Republican delegate **and** alternate delegate to withdraw from all but one of the offices in the office of the State Board of Elections.
[10 ILCS 5/7-12(9)]

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2007

Last day lottery shall be conducted by the State Board of Elections when 2 or more petitions were received simultaneously for the same office and party as of the opening of the filing period, NOVEMBER 28, 2007.
[10 ILCS 5/7-12(6)]

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007

First day for election authority to submit computer disks containing voter registration information to the State Board of Elections. (*This deadline may become inapplicable upon completion of the statewide voter registration system.*)
(10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007

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)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2007

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)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2007

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)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2007

Last day for candidates for Republican Presidential Preference, delegate and alternate delegate to file withdrawal of nomination papers in the offices of the State Board of Elections.
[10 ILCS 5/7-12(9)]

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2007

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify the names of Republican candidates for President, delegate and alternate delegate.
[10 ILCS 5/1A-8(14)]

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2007

Last day for election authorities to submit computer disks containing voter registration information to the State Board of Elections. (*This deadline may become inapplicable upon completion of the statewide voter registration system.*)
(10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2007

First day for any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States, who expects to be absent from his county of residence on Election Day, to make application **by mail** or **in person** to the election authority for an official ballot.
(10 ILCS 5/19-2)

NOTE: MOST FIRST TIME VOTERS WHO REGISTER BY MAIL MUST VOTE IN PERSON, EITHER IN PERSON ABSENTEE (AT THE OFFICE OF THE ELECTION AUTHORITY OR AUTHORIZED MUNICIPAL, TOWNSHIP OR ROAD DISTRICT CLERK), AS A HOSPITALIZED OR NURSING HOME VOTER, OR AT PRECINCT POLLING PLACE. FOR EXCEPTIONS, SEE 42 USC 1973GG-4(C) AND IL ADM CODE, TITLE 26, SECTION 216.90

NOTE: Certain situations other than absence from residence also permit application for absentee ballot to be made.
(10 ILCS 5/19-3)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2007

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

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2007

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.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2007

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.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2007

Last day for election authority to mail by nonforwardable mail to qualified elector who has filed "Temporarily Absent Student Notice", an application for Absent Student Ballot.
(10 ILCS 5/19-4, 19-12.3)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2007

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)

2008

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2008

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008

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)

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008

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)

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008

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 has a website, it shall make the schedule available on its website.
[10 ILCS 19A-25(a)]

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008

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 (JANUARY 7 – 26, 2008) prior to Election Day, shall be sent the Federal offices ballot only.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008

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)

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008

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 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, JANUARY 8, 2008

Last day for registration or transfer of registration in the office of the election authority. (EXCEPTION: grace period registration and transfer of registration.)

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008

Last day* for registration of voters by deputy registrars, including municipal, township and road district clerks and precinct committeemen. ***Area and 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: 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.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2008

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, JANUARY 9, 2008

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, JANUARY 9, 2008

First day for election authority to post schedule for early voting at each location where early voting will be conducted. Posting shall remain at each site until the last day of the early voting period (JANUARY 31, 2008).
[10 ILCS 5/19A-25(b)]

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2008

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. ***Area and 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)

NOTE: Deputy Registrars who are not officials or members of bona fide labor organizations must return completed forms to the election authority within 7 days of the day on which they are completed. Registrations accepted during the period of 35-28 days before an election must be returned within 48 hours.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2008

AT THE REQUEST OF THE ELECTION AUTHORITY suggested last day for election authority to supply absentee ballot materials to local election officials (qualified municipal, township and road district clerks) who conduct in-person absentee voting.
(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008

AT THE REQUEST OF THE ELECTION AUTHORITY first day for local election officials (qualified municipal, township, and road district clerks) to conduct in-person absentee voting.
(10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008

First day for early voting at the office of the election authority and locations designated by the election authority.
(10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2008

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, JANUARY 16, 2008

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, JANUARY 18, 2008

Last day for election authorities to submit computer disks containing voter registration information to the State Board of Elections (within 10 days following the close of registration for the FEBRUARY 5, 2008 General Primary Election). (This deadline may become inapplicable upon completion of the statewide voter registration system.)

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2008

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008

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 JANUARY 21, 2008 observation of Martin Luther King's birthday.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008

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, JANUARY 22, 2008

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, JANUARY 22, 2008

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.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008

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, JANUARY 22, 2008

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)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2008

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2008

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2008

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, JANUARY 28, 2008

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, JANUARY 28, 2008

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 (may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission) 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.

(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, JANUARY 28, 2008

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.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2008

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, JANUARY 29, 2008
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2008
THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2008

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)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2008

Last day (by 5:00 p.m.) a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the 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)]

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2008

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

NOTE: MOST FIRST TIME VOTERS WHO REGISTER BY MAIL MUST VOTE IN PERSON, EITHER IN PERSON ABSENTEE (AT THE OFFICE OF THE ELECTION AUTHORITY OR AUTHORIZED MUNICIPAL, TOWNSHIP OR ROAD DISTRICT CLERK), OR AT THE POLLING PLACE. FOR EXCEPTIONS, SEE 42 USC 1973GG-4(C) AND IL ADM CODE, TITLE 26, SECTION 216.90

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.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2008

Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority and locations designated by the election authority.
(10 ILCS 19A-15, 19A-20)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2008

Last day for the election authority to receive application by mail from any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States, who expects to be absent from his county of residence on election day and the last day for the election authority to mail such ballot.
(10 ILCS 5/19-2)

NOTE: MOST FIRST TIME VOTERS WHO REGISTER BY MAIL MUST VOTE IN PERSON, EITHER IN PERSON ABSENTEE (AT THE OFFICE OF THE ELECTION AUTHORITY OR AUTHORIZED MUNICIPAL, TOWNSHIP OR ROAD DISTRICT CLERK), AS A HOSPITALIZED OR NURSING HOME VOTER, OR AT PRECINCT POLLING PLACE. FOR

EXCEPTIONS, SEE 42 USC 1973GG-4(C) AND IL ADM CODE, TITLE 26, SECTION 216.90

NOTE: Certain situations other than absence from county of residence also permit application for absentee ballot to be made. (10 ILCS 5/19-3)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2008

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, JANUARY 31, 2008

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, JANUARY 31, 2008

Last day to conduct public test of automatic tabulating equipment and Automatic 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, FEBRUARY 1, 2008

Last day for the election authority to have official ballots available for inspection by candidates or their agents.
(10 ILCS 5/16-5)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2008

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2008

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2008

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008

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 1979, 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 to vote on the premises of these facilities. The election authority shall designate the date. 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 Illinois Nursing Homes, Sheltered Care Homes and Homes for the Aged Act, 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, FEBRUARY 4, 2008

Last day for the election authority to deliver ballots to the judges of election.
(10 ILCS 5/7-35)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008

Last day for any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States, who expects to be absent from his county of residence on election day, to make application **in person** to the election authority, or municipal, township or road district clerk who is authorized to conduct absentee voting.
(10 ILCS 5/19-2)

NOTE: Certain situations other than absence from county of residence also permit application for absentee ballot to be made.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008

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, FEBRUARY 4, 2008

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.
(10 ILCS 5/19-4)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008
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, FEBRUARY 5, 2008

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, FEBRUARY 7, 2008

Registration opens in the office of the election authority 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, FEBRUARY 7, 2008

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, FEBRUARY 19, 2008

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, FEBRUARY 19, 2008

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 (2) received after the close of the polls on Election Day but not later than 14 days after the election.

(10 ILCS 5/19-8)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008

The board of election commissioners shall transmit a tabulated statement of the returns to the county clerk.

[10 ILCS 5/7-56(7), 18A-15(a)]

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008

Last day for canvassing of election results by proper canvassing board. (EXCEPTION: State Board of Elections as canvassing board.)

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008

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, and (3) the number of voters seeking review of rejected absentee ballots.

(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(5)]

The board of election commissioners has the responsibility of canvassing the returns of the General Primary under its jurisdiction.

[10 ILCS 5/7-56(7)]

BEFORE PROCLAMATION BY COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD

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 **PRIOR TO THE CANVASS**. In jurisdictions that employ Direct Recording Devices, 5% of the precincts must be tabulated **PRIOR TO THE CANVASS**.
(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(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 (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, United States Senator, 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 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, MARCH 5, 2008

Each established political party shall hold a county convention at its respective county seat.
[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, MARCH 7, 2008

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, MARCH 17, 2008

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)]

ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY LOTTERY

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2008

Last day possible for 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, APRIL 7, 2008

Last day for the election authority to provide to each county chairman or his representative a precinct list prepared for the 2008 primary which has been marked to indicate which party's ballot each voter requested.
(10 ILCS 5/4-22, 5-29, 6-66)

**GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

TO BE ELECTED*

- President and Vice President of the United States
- U.S. Senate
- Representatives in Congress - All 19 Districts
- State Senators – for a 4-year term
Districts 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33,
35, 36, 38, 39, 41, 42, 44, 45, 47, 48, 50, 51, 53, 54, 56, 57 and 59
- 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**

**For General Election to be held November 4, 2008
Polls open 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
10 ILCS 5/2A-1(a)**

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2008

First day to circulate nomination papers for independent candidates for President and Vice President of the United States, new political party candidates who file JUNE 16 - 23, 2008 - 90 days preceding the last day to file such papers.
(10 ILCS 5/10-4, 10-6)

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008

Last day for election authorities to provide to each county chairman or his representative a precinct list for the 2008 primary election marked to indicate which party's ballot each registrant requested at the 2008 primary.
(10 ILCS 5/4-22, 5-29, 6-66)

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008

Last day established party managing committee may file a resolution to fill a vacancy in nomination – when no candidate was nominated at the General Primary Election. Resolutions to fill a vacancy in nomination for county offices are filed with the county clerk or county board of elections commissioners. Resolutions to fill vacancies in nomination required to be filed with the State Board of Elections (congressional, legislative, representative offices) must be filed in the Board's **principal** office in Springfield. Resolutions to fill vacancies in county offices are filed with the county clerk.
(10 ILCS 5/7-61)

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008

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)

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2008

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 5, 2008

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 2006 General Election (minimum signatures – 279,039).
(10 ILCS 5/28-9)

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008

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 2006 General Election (minimum signatures – 279,039).
(10 ILCS 5/28-9)

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008

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)

PETITION PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS CERTIFY SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO PETITIONS

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008

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 proposed Constitutional amendment. 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)

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008

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)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2008

Last day proponents for petitions for either a statewide advisory question of public policy or to amend the Constitution shall file copies of sectioned election jurisdiction petition sheets with each proper election authority and obtain a receipt therefore.
(10 ILCS 5/28-9)

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2008

First day for election authorities to submit computer disks containing voter registration information to the State Board of Elections. *(This deadline may become inapplicable upon completion of the statewide voter registration system.)*
(10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008

Last day for the State Board of Elections to conduct a hearing at which proponents 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 23, 2008

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. 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 to amend the Constitution or on a petition for statewide advisory question of public policy.

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 29, 2008.
(10 ILCS 5/28-12)

NOTE: For procedures on objections see page 47.

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2008

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

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008

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 4, 2008 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 16, 2008

First day for independent candidates to file **original** nomination papers (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) for the office of President and Vice President of the United States in the **principal** office of the State Board of Elections. 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 16, 2008

First day for candidates of new political parties 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)

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2008

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 23, 2008

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, legislative, judicial offices, or for any office to be elected by the voters of more than one county. For the NOVEMBER 4, 2008 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 23, 2008

Last day for independent candidates to file **original** nomination papers (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) for the office of President and Vice President of the United States in the **principal** office of the State Board of Elections. 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 23, 2008

Last day for candidates of new political parties 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 23, 2008

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.

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

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2008

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 2008, is JUNE 24. 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)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2008

Last day for written notice of the time and place for conducting lottery shall be given when 2 or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party, nonpartisan or independent (applies only to President and Vice President) 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 5/7-12(6), 10-6.2)

MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2008

Last day for an individual who has filed for 2 or more **incompatible** offices to withdraw from all but one of the offices (with whichever election authority the nomination papers were originally filed).

(10 ILCS 5/10-7)

MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2008

Last day for filing objections to the nomination papers of all candidates (whose nomination papers were filed during the period JUNE 16 – 23, 2008) 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 47.

MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2008

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)]

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2008

Last day lottery shall be conducted by the State Board of Elections or the county clerk when 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 (applies only to the offices of President and Vice President), as of the opening hour of the filing period, JUNE 16, 2008.
(10 ILCS 5/10-6.2)

THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2008

Last day for the State Board of Elections to review personal statements and photographs submitted for the internet voters' guide by statewide candidates and candidates for Supreme and Appellate Court judgeships.
[10 ILCS 5/12A-35(b)]

MONDAY, JULY 7, 2008

First day for public inspection of materials submitted for the internet voters' guide by statewide candidates and candidates for Supreme and Appellate Court judgeships.
(10 ILCS 5/12A-40)

MONDAY, JULY 7, 2008

Last day for the State Board of Elections to notify statewide candidates and candidates for Supreme and Appellate Court judgeships that a person statement or photograph submitted for the internet voters' guide must be revised.
[10 ILCS 5/12A-35(b)]

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2008

Last day for candidates contacted by the State Board of Elections to revise materials submitted for the internet voters' guide.
[10 ILCS 5/12A-35(b)]

MONDAY, JULY 21, 2008

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 21, 2008

Last day to file a petition (**must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators**) to create a political subdivision with the circuit court clerk.
[10 ILCS 5/28-2(e)]

**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 78-71 days before such election. (AUGUST 18 – 25, 2008)

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.

NOTE: See specific statute governing unit of local government to be established for filing procedures.

MONDAY, JULY 28, 2008

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify a list of facilities licensed or certified under the Nursing Home Care Reform Act of 1979, 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, JULY 28, 2008

Last day to file objections to petitions to create a political subdivision in the office of the circuit clerk. (10 ILCS 5/28-4)

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2008

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, AUGUST 4, 2008

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)]

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2008

Last day for election authorities to complete any systematic program to remove ineligible voters from the voting roles prior to the NOVEMBER 4, 2008 General Election. [42 USC 1973gg-6(c)d(2)(A)]

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2008

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/with the appropriate election authority or local election official). (EXCEPTION: proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act, and Section 18-20 of the Property Tax Code.) (10 ILCS 5/28-2, 28-6, 28-7)

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2008

Last day to file objections to petitions for the submission of questions of public policy. (EXCEPTION: proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act, and Section 18-20 of the Property Tax Code.) Objections to petitions for local referenda are files with the same office that has the original petitions. (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

NOTE: For procedures on objections see page 47.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2008

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 federal, 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 28, 2008

Last day for new political parties to fill vacancies in nomination (occurring prior to certification) for federal, 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 5/7-61)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2008

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

(10 ILCS 5/1A-8(14), 7-60, 10-14)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2008

Last day set by statute 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 29, 2008

Last day for independent candidates for President and Vice President and candidates of new political parties who filed nominations papers with the State Board of Elections to file withdrawals of nomination papers in the office of the State Board of Elections.

(10 ILCS 5/10-7)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2008

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)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

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

(10 ILCS 5/28-2)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

Last day for County, Municipal, Township and Park Boards to place advisory referenda on the ballot by resolution.
(55 ILCS 5/5-1005.5; 60 ILCS 1/80-80; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60; 70 ILCS 1205/8-30)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2008

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, SEPTEMBER 3, 2008

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

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)

NOTE: For procedures on objections see page 47.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

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, SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

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, SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

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)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

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)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2008

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)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2008

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)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2008

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: If ballots are not available on this date, the election authority shall send a Special Write-In Absentee Voter's Blank Ballot to persons who have filed for an absentee ballot under the provisions of Article 20.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2008

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, and the availability of assistance in marking the ballot, and procedures for voting by absentee ballot and procedures for early voting by personal appearance.
(10 ILCS 5/12-1)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

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)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

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 47.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

Deadline for the State Board of Elections to publish Internet Voter's Guide on the Board's website.
(10 ILCS 5/12A-5)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

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 25, 2008

First day for any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States, who expects to be absent from his county of residence on Election Day, to make application **by mail** or **in person** to the election authority for an official ballot.
(10 ILCS 5/19-2)

NOTE: MOST FIRST TIME VOTERS WHO REGISTER BY MAIL MUST VOTE IN PERSON, EITHER IN PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING (AT THE OFFICE OF THE ELECTION AUTHORITY OR AUTHORIZED MUNICIPAL, TOWNSHIP OR ROAD DISTRICT CLERK), AS A HOSPITALIZED OR NURSING HOME VOTER, OR AT THE PRECINCT POLLING PLACE. FOR EXCEPTIONS, SEE 42 USC 1973gg-4(C) AND SBE RULE, TITLE 26 OF THE ILLINOIS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, SECTION 216.90.

**NOTE: Certain situations other than absence from county of residence also permit application for absentee ballot to be made.
10 ILCS 5/19-3)**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

Last day for civic organizations 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 if the organization wants to qualify for pollwatchers at the General Election.
(10 ILCS 5/17-23)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

Last day for the election authority to mail, by nonforwardable mail to qualified elector who has filed "Temporarily Absent Student Notice" an application for Absentee Student Ballot.
(10 ILCS 5/19-4, 19-12.3)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2008

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2008

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)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008

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 has a website, it shall make the schedule available on its website.
[10 ILCS 5/19A-25(a)]

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008

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)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008

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)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008

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)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008

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)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008

Last day for election authority to publish a notice of General Election.

(10 ILCS 5/12-1)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008

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 5 and prior to OCTOBER 25 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 7, 2008

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 7, 2008

Last day* for registration or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority. ***Area and 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, 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 7, 2008

Last day* for registration of voters by deputy registrars, including municipal, township and road district clerks and precinct committeemen. ***Area and 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 8, 2008

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 8, 2008

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 8, 2008

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. ***Area and 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)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2008

First day for election authority to post schedule for early voting at each location where early voting will be conducted. Posting shall remain at each site until the last day of the early voting period (OCTOBER 30, 2008). If the election authority has a website, it shall make the schedule available on the website.
(10 ILCS 5/19A-25)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2008

AT THE REQUEST OF THE ELECTION AUTHORITY suggested last day for election authority to supply absentee ballot materials to local election officials (qualified municipal, township and road district clerks) who conduct in-person absentee voting. (10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008

AT THE REQUEST OF THE ELECTION AUTHORITY the first day for local election officials (qualified municipal, township and road district clerks) to conduct in-person absentee voting. (10 ILCS 5/19-2.1)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008

First day for early voting at the office of the election authority and locations designated by the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008

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 17, 2008

Last day for election authorities to submit computer disks containing voter registration information to the State Board of Elections (within 10 days following the close of registration) for the NOVEMBER 4, 2008 General Election. *(This deadline may become inapplicable upon completion of the statewide voter registration system.)* (10 ILCS 5/4-8, 5-7, 6-35)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008

Last day to fill a vacancy in nomination occurring after the official certification but prior to 15 days before the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/7-61, 10-11)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008

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)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008

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)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008

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, OCTOBER 21, 2008

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 2008 General Election marked to indicate the names of all persons who have registered since the 2008 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 21, 2008

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 23, 2008

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2008

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008

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 27, 2008

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 27, 2008

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 (may make application via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission) to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct residence and the last day for election authority to mail such ballot.
(10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-3)

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2008

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 27, 2008

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 28, 2008

Last day (by 5:00 p.m.) 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 boards 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)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2008

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2008

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2008

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, OCTOBER 30, 2008

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

NOTE: FIRST TIME VOTERS WHO REGISTERED BY MAIL MUST VOTE IN PERSON, EITHER ABSENTEE IN PERSON (AT THE OFFICE OF THE ELECTION AUTHORITY OR AUTHORIZED MUNICIPAL, TOWNSHIP, OR ROAD DISTRICT CLERK) OR AT THE POLLING PLACE. FOR EXCEPTIONS, SEE 42 USC 1973GG-4(c) AND SBE RULE, TITLE 26, SECTION 216.90.

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.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2008

Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority and locations designated by the election authority.
(10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2008

Last day automatic tabulating equipment and automatic Optical Scan tabulating equipment may be tested.
(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, OCTOBER 30, 2008

Last day for the election authority to receive application **by mail** from any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States, who expects to be absent from his county of residence on Election Day.
(10 ILCS 5/19-2)

NOTE: MOST FIRST TIME VOTERS WHO REGISTER BY MAIL MUST VOTE IN PERSON, EITHER IN PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING (AT THE OFFICE OF THE ELECTION AUTHORITY OR AUTHORIZED MUNICIPAL, TOWNSHIP OR ROAD DISTRICT CLERK), AS A HOSPITALIZED OR NURSING HOME VOTER, OR AT THE PRECINCT POLLING PLACE. FOR EXCEPTIONS, SEE 42 USC 1973GG-4(c) AND ILLINOIS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, TITLE 26, SECTION 216.90.

NOTE: Certain situations other than absence from county of residence also permit application for absentee ballot to be made.
(10 ILCS 5/19-3)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2008

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, OCTOBER 30, 2008

Last day a registered voter in Illinois who has moved outside of his/her precinct within 30 day 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, OCTOBER 30, 2008

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, and deliver the specimen ballots to the primary judges of election.
(10 ILCS 5/24A-18, 24B-18, 24C-18))

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2008

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, OCTOBER 31, 2008

Last day for the election authority to have official ballots available for inspection by candidates or their agents.
(10 ILCS 5/16-5)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2008

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2008

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2008

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008

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 of 1979 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 to vote on the premises of these facilities. The election authority shall designate the date. 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 of 1979, 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)**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008

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 3, 2008

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008

Last day for any registered voter, presently within the confines of the United States, who expects to be absent from his county of residence on election day, to make application **in person** to the election authority or approved local election official for an official ballot. (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

NOTE: Certain situations other than absence from residence also permit application for absentee ballot to be made. (10 ILCS 5/19-3)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008

Last day for the election authority to deliver 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 (prior to opening the polling place). (10 ILCS 5/19-4)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008

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 4, 2008
GENERAL ELECTION**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

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, 2008 and no later than OCTOBER 5, 2008 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 4, 2008.

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

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 **PRIOR TO THE CANVASS**. If the jurisdiction uses Direct Recording Electronic Voting devices, only 5% of the precincts must be tested **PRIOR TO THE CANVASS**.
(10 ILCS 5/24A-15, 24B-15, 24C-15)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2008

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 6, 2008

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 18, 2008

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 18, 2008

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 (2) received after the close of the polls on Election Day but not later than 14 days after the election.
(10 ILCS 5/19-8)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2008

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

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)

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2008

Last day for appropriate canvassing board to canvass the results of referenda submitted to the voters at the NOVEMBER 4, 2008 General Election.
(10 ILCS 5/22-17)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2008

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 25, 2008

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, and (3) the number of voters seeking review of rejected absentee ballots.
(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 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.

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)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2008

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.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008

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)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008

First day of term of office for those judges that were elected or retained at the NOVEMBER 4, 2008, General Election.
(10 ILCS 5/7A-1)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2008

First day of office for officers of Water Reclamation District of Chicago.
(70 ILCS 2605/3)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2008

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 15, 2008

ELECTORAL VOTES ARE CAST IN SPRINGFIELD.
(USCA, Title 3, Chap. 1, Sec. 7; 10 ILCS 5/21-4)

2009

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2009

First day for term of office for Federal officers elected at the NOVEMBER 4, 2008, General Election.
(United States Constitution, Amendment XX)

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009

Last day for election authorities to provide to each county chairman or his representative, precinct lists prepared for the 2008 General Election marked to indicate which registrants voted at the General Election.
(10 ILCS 5/4-11, 5-14, 6-60)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009

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)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009

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," 2006, 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.

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 10 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 10 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
SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2007

2008

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2008

First day that any political committee shall file its December 31 Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board or the Board and County Clerk.

(10 ILCS 5/9-10)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008

Last day for a political committee to file its December 31 Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board or the Board and County Clerk.

(10 ILCS 5/9-10)

**GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION
FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

2007

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2007 THRU
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2007**

During that period when petitions for nomination of established political parties and independent candidates are being filed, it is required that the State Board of Elections, Election Authority or local election official with whom such nomination papers have been filed, shall notify any candidates nominated in such petition of their obligation to comply with the Illinois Campaign Financing Act. If such petitions are delivered by someone other than the candidate or sent through the mail, the candidate shall be notified within 2 business days.

[10 ILCS 5/9-16(7)]

2008

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2008

First day of period during which any receipt of a political committee of a contribution in an aggregate of more than \$500 must be reported within two business days following its receipt (Schedule A-1).

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008

Last day of period during which any receipt by a political committee of a contribution in an aggregate of more than \$500 must be reported within two business days following its receipt (Schedule A-1).

[10 ILCS 5/9-10(b5)]

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008
GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008**

2008

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2008

Last day that the State Board of Elections shall notify political committees that have filed a Statement of Organization of their obligation to file a June 30 Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.

[10 ILCS 5/9-16(7)]

MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2008

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its June 30 Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the June 30 Semi-Annual Report extends from January 1, 2008 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through June 30, 2008 inclusively.

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

TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2008

First day that any political committee shall file its June 30 Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board or the Board and County Clerk.

[10 ILCS 5/1-6, 9-10(c)]

MONDAY, JULY 21, 2008

Last day for a political committee to file its June 30 Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board or the Board and County Clerk.

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

**GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

2008

**MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008 THRU
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2008**

During that period when petitions for nomination of new political party candidates are being filed, it is required that the State Board of Elections, Election Authority or local election authority with whom such nomination papers have been filed shall notify any candidates nominated in such petition of their obligation to comply with the Illinois Campaign Financing Act. If such petitions are delivered by someone other than the candidate or sent through the mail, the candidate shall be notified within 2 business days.

(10 ILCS 5/7-12)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2008

Last day that the State Board of Elections shall notify political committees that have filed a Statement of Organization of their obligation to file a Pre-Election Report of Campaign Contributions or in lieu thereof a Statement of Nonparticipation in the election with the Board or the Board and County Clerk.

[10 ILCS 5/9-10, 9-16(7)]

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2008

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its Pre-Election Report. The period covered by the Pre-Election Report extends from July 1, 2008 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through October 5, 2008.

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008

First day of period during which any receipt of a political committee of a contribution in an aggregate of more than \$500 must be reported within two business days following its receipt.

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008

First day that a political committee shall file its Pre-Election Report of Campaign Contributions or in lieu thereof a Statement of Nonparticipation in the election with the Board or the Board and County Clerk.

(10 ILCS 5/9-10)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008

Last day that a political committee shall file its Pre-Election Report of Campaign Contributions or in lieu thereof a Statement of Nonparticipation in the election with the Board or the Board and County Clerk.

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008

Last day of period during which any receipt by a political committee of a contribution in an aggregate of more than \$500 must be reported within two business days following its receipt.

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

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008
GENERAL ELECTION**

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008**

2008

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2008

Last day that the State Board of Elections shall notify political committees that have filed a Statement of Organization of their obligation to file a December 31 Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2008

Last day of the political committee's financial activity that is to be included in its December 31 Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures. The period covered by the December 31 Semi-Annual Report extends from July 1, 2008 (or later if the committee was formed subsequently) through December 31, 2008 inclusively.

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

2009

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2009

First day that any political committee shall file its December 31 Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board or the Board and County Clerk.

[10 ILCS 5/9-10(c), 5/1-6]

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009

Last day for a political committee to file its December 31 Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures with the Board or the Board and County Clerk.

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

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