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COUNTY VOTERS
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MEMO TO: Independent Candidates for County Office & County Board

MEMO FROM: MARK VON NIDA, Madison County Clerk 

RE: Petition Signature Requirements for the November 2, 2010 General Election

DATE: March 2010

Enclosed are the petitions for COUNTY OFFICE and/or COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS, together with a Statement of Candidacy, Loyalty Oath and Statement of Economic Interest form, for the General Election, November 2, 2010. The attached page indicates the number of signatures required for INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES.

Important dates for INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

MARCH 23, 2010 – First day to circulate petitions

JUNE 14, 2010 - First day to file petitions in the office of the County Clerk

JUNE 21, 2010 - Last day to file petitions in the office of the County Clerk

All petitions filed by persons waiting in line at the office of the County Clerk as of 8:30 A.M. on the first day for filing, June 14, 2010, shall be considered as having been simultaneously filed. Petitions, filed by mail, which are received in the office of the County Clerk in the first mail delivery or pick up on the first day of filing shall be considered as having been simultaneously filed as of 8:30 A.M. All petitions received thereafter shall be considered as having been filed in the order of actual receipt. Whenever two or more petitions are simultaneously filed for the same office, the County Clerk shall break ties and determine the order of filing by means of a lottery.

The office hours are from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. On Monday, June 21, 2010, the last day for filing petitions, the office will be open until 5:00 P.M. Naturally if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

PETITIONS RECEIVED PRIOR TO JUNE 14, 2010, CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AND **WILL BE RETURNED.**

PLEASE NOTE:

ALL COUNTY BOARD DISTRICTS WILL BE ELECTED IN 2012 BECAUSE OF REDISTRICTING

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2010 ELECTIONS

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

COUNTY CLERK

SHERIFF

TREASURER

REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS

RECORDER – 2 YEAR UNEXPIRED TERM

MORE THAN
6494

LESS THAN
10393

COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS - INDEPENDENT

COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT		MORE THAN	LESS THAN
DISTRICT 1	2 Year Term	150	239
DISTRICT 3	2 Year Term	180	287
DISTRICT 4	2 Year Term	302	482
DISTRICT 5	2 Year Unexpired Term	196	312
DISTRICT 7	2 Year Term	188	299
DISTRICT 8	2 Year Term	103	163
DISTRICT 9	2 Year Term	105	168
DISTRICT 11	2 Year Term	155	246
DISTRICT 12	2 Year Term	100	158
DISTRICT 14	2 Year Term	131	209
DISTRICT 17	2 Year Term	160	254
DISTRICT 19	2 Year Term	241	384
DISTRICT 20	2 Year Term	124	198
DISTRICT 23	2 Year Term	100	159
DISTRICT 25	2 Year Term	161	256
DISTRICT 26	2 Year Term	199	317

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY
INDEPENDENT

NAME	ADDRESS-ZIP CODE	OFFICE	CITY, VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP, COUNTY, DISTRICT OR STATE

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

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

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at _____, in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code _____, in the County of _____, State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein, that I am a candidate for election to the office of _____ in the _____ to be _____
Name of City, Village, Township, County, District or State

voted upon at the election to be held on _____ (date of election) and that I am legally qualified (including being the holder of any license that may be an eligibility requirement for the office to which I seek election) to hold such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official ballot for election to such office.

(Signature of Candidate)

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

(SEAL)

(Notary Public's Signature)

ATTACH TO PETITION

10 ILCS 5/7-10.1

Suggested
Revised July, 2004
SBE No. P-1C

L O Y A L T Y O A T H
(OPTIONAL)

United States of America)
)
State of Illinois) SS.

I, _____, do swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States and the State of Illinois, that I am not affiliated directly or indirectly with any communist organization or any communist front organization, or any foreign political agency, party, organization or government which advocates the overthrow of constitutional government by force or other means not permitted under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of this State; that I do not directly or indirectly teach or advocate the overthrow of the government of the United States or of this State or any unlawful change in the form of the governments thereof by force or any unlawful means.

(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me,
(Name of Candidate)

on _____.
(insert month, day, year)

(Notary Public's Signature)

(SEAL)

REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING NOMINATING PAPERS

A. GENERAL FILING INFORMATION

1. Candidates are strongly advised to obtain legal counsel regarding their legal qualifications for office, the proper method for completing the petition forms with respect to the office, the minimum and maximum number of signatures required, the qualifications of the signers and circulators, etc.
2. Candidates must file for office in one of the following manners:
 - a. as a candidate of an established political party;
 - b. as a candidate of a new political party;
 - c. as an independent candidate; or
 - d. as a nonpartisan candidate [certain sanitary districts, (see page 29), school boards and nonpartisan municipalities]
3. Candidates **must** file the following papers, except as noted:
 - a. Statement of Candidacy;
 - b. Loyalty Oath (Optional);
 - c. Receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interests (not required for Federal Office or political party offices -- see page 9);
 - d. Nominating petition sheets, containing a sufficient number of **original** signatures.

NOTE: Certificate of Officers Authorized to Fill Vacancies (**new party filings only**) A new political party petition must have attached thereto a certificate (SBE Form P-8C) stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. Failure to file the certificate will not invalidate the petitions but will preclude the new party from being able to fill any vacancy that may occur. [See Peoples Independent Party v. Petroff, 191 Ill. App 3d 706, 138 Ill. Dec. 915, 548 N.E. 2d 145 (5th Dist. 1989)]

4. Election laws prescribe the forms to be submitted when seeking nomination or election to office. The State Board of Elections has prepared **suggested** forms for petitions, statements of candidacy, etc. The official State Board of Elections form number to be used is included under each office listed in this guide. Forms may be downloaded from the State Board of Elections web site (www.elections.il.gov) or

may be obtained from election authorities. Forms are also available for purchase from election supply vendors.

5. Petitions may be filed by mail or in person, by either the candidate or a representative of the candidate.
 - a. Information on where to file is included under each office listed in this guide.
 - b. Filings must be made within the appropriate filing period discussed on page ii.
 - c. Filings must be received no earlier than 8:00 a.m. or the normal opening hour of such office, whatever the case may be, on the first day of the appropriate filing period and no later than 5:00 p.m. or the close of business, whichever is later, on the last day of that filing period.
(Welsh vs. Education Officer's Electoral Board 750 N.E. 2d 222)

NOTE: The State Board of Elections will **NOT ACCEPT** any petition for filing after 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the filing period. This includes any individual waiting in line as of the 5:00 p.m. deadline who has not yet filed his/her petition.

- d. Petitions sent by mail (United States Post Office only) and received **AFTER** midnight of the first day for filing and in the first mail delivery or pickup of that day shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. of that day or as of the normal opening hour of such day, as the case may be. Candidates who file by mail with the State Board of Elections and wish to qualify for the lottery, must **mail** their petitions to the State Board of Elections, P.O. Box 4187, Springfield, IL 62708. (Use the P.O. Box for mailing, not the street address.) Nominating petitions received through other delivery systems are not considered "mail" (U.S. Postal Service only) and will not be included in the lottery. It is important to note that petitions received **BEFORE** the first day of filing cannot be accepted.
(10 ILCS 5/7-12, 8-9, 10-6.2)
6. Ballot Position Lottery (see page 46)
 - a. The lottery is held within nine days following the last day to file petitions.
 - b. Petitions filed on the first day at 8am or (as the case may be) the opening hour and petitions sent by mail and received in the first mail delivery of the first day are included in the lottery drawing.
 - c. Candidates who file petitions after 8am or (as the case may be) the opening hour on the first day are placed on the ballot in the order filed.
(10 ILCS 5/7-12, 8-9, 10-6.2)

7. Multiple Filings

If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed for a candidate for the same office, the State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or local election official

where the petitions are filed shall, within two (2) business days, notify the candidate of his/her multiple petition filings that the candidate has three (3) business days after receipt of the notice to notify the State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or local election official that he or she may cancel prior sets of petitions. If the candidate sends notice, the last set of petitions filed shall be the only petitions to be considered valid. If the candidate fails to send notice, then only the first set of petitions filed shall be valid and all subsequent petitions shall be void. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(11), 8-9(4), 10-6.2)

NOTE: If petitions for nomination have been filed for the same person with respect to more than one political party, his/her name shall not be certified for the primary ballot of any party. If petitions for nomination have been filed for the same person for two or more offices which are incompatible, a person must withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such offices within the 5 business days following the last day for petition filing or his/her name shall not be certified for the primary ballot for any office. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9))

For questions concerning compatibility of offices, contact the Opinions Division of the Attorney General's office at 217/782-9070.

B. NOMINATING PETITION SHEETS

1. Petition Sheet Heading

- a. The top portion (heading) of the nomination petition pages which include information relative to the election, the candidate, the office and political party, where applicable, must be completed prior to the circulation of the petition sheet.
- b. **The State Board of Elections will certify each candidate's name as it appears on the first numbered page of the petition.** (Other Election Authorities may follow a different rule with regard to petitions filed with them).
- c. The candidate's given name or names, initial or initials, nickname by which the candidate is commonly known, or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to the candidate's surname. No other designation such as a political slogan, title, degree or nickname suggesting or implying possession of a title, degree or professional status, or similar information may be used in connection with the candidate's surname.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17(b), 8-8.1, 10-5.1, 16-3(e)]

NOTE: If a candidate has changed his or her name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the last day for filing the petition or

certificate for that office, whichever is applicable, then (i) the candidate's name on the petition or certificate must be followed by "formerly known as (list all prior names during the 3-year period) until name changed on (list date of each such name change)" and (ii) the petition or certificate must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the candidate's previous names during the period specified in (i) and the date or dates each of those names was changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds for denying certification of the candidate's name for the ballot or removing the candidate's name from the ballot, as appropriate, but these requirements do not apply to name changes resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent's or parents' surname, marriage to assume a spouse's surname, or dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage to assume a former surname.

[10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17(b), 8-8.1, 10-5.1, 16.3]

- d. A political slogan is defined as any word or words expressing or connoting a position, opinion or belief that the candidate may espouse, including but not limited to any word or words conveying any meaning other than that of the personal identity of the candidate. A candidate may not use a political slogan as part of his or her name on the ballot, notwithstanding that the political slogan may be part of the candidate's name. [10 ILCS 5/7-17 (b), 16-3(e)]

NOTE: The State Board of Elections, a local election official or an election authority shall not certify to any election authority any candidate name designation that is inconsistent with this statutory reference.

[10 ILCS 5/7-17(c), 16-3(f)]

- e. The form of name on the petition sheets must match the form of name on the Statement of Candidacy. The candidate's name should appear in exactly the same form on the petition sheets, statement of candidacy and loyalty oath. The State Board of Elections will certify each candidate's name as it appears on the first numbered page of the petition (other Election Authorities may follow a different rule with regard to petitions filed with them). Failure to match the name on the petition to the name on the Statement of Candidacy may result in the candidate not being certified for ballot.
- f. The name of more than one candidate of the same party for a group office or for different offices of the same political subdivision may appear on the same petition if such petition is filed with the same filing office. However, each candidate must submit his or her individual Statement of Candidacy, receipt for filing the Statement of Economic Interests and optional Loyalty Oath. (10 ILCS 5/7-10)

- g. Each sheet must contain precisely the same information in the heading.
(ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)
- h. Petition sheets which are filed with the proper local election official, election authority or the State Board of Elections must contain the **original** signatures signed by the voters and the original signature of the circulator thereof, and shall not be photocopies or duplicates of such sheets.
(10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4)

2. Petition Circulator

- a. A petition circulator must be 18 years of age or older and a citizen of the United States. **The circulator must personally witness all signatures given and sign the required circulator's statement stating that all signatures were taken in his or her presence.** No one may be considered a circulator of any petition page except the person who signs the circulator's statement.
(10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4)
- b. Petition sheets must **not** be circulated more than 90 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petitions. The circulator's statement on a candidate's petition sheet must specify either the dates on which the sheets were circulated, the first and last dates on which the sheet was circulated or that none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing the petitions. See page ii for dates when candidates may start circulating petitions. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4)
- c. A petition circulator may not circulate for more than one political party.
(10 ILCS 5/10-4)
- d. A petition circulator may not circulate for an independent candidate or candidates in addition to candidates for an established political party or new political party.
(10 ILCS 5/10-4)
- e. A petition circulator may not circulate for more than one new political party.
(10 ILCS 5/10-4)
- f. A petition circulator may not circulate for an independent candidate or candidates in addition to candidates for a new political party.
(10 ILCS 5/10-4)
- g. A petition circulator must complete the circulator's statement at the bottom of each petition sheet certifying address, age and citizenship information and also certifying that the signatures on that sheet were signed in his/her presence and

are genuine and that to the best of his/her knowledge the persons so signing were duly registered voters of the political subdivision for which the candidate or candidates shall be nominated, or elected, and that their respective registration addresses are correctly stated therein. This statement shall be sworn to and signed before an officer authorized to administer oaths in Illinois. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4)

- h. Petition circulators shall indicate on such petition their residence address, written, or printed, including the street address or rural route number of the circulator, as well as the circulator's city, village or town. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

3. Petition Signers

- a. A signer **MAY NOT** sign petitions for a candidate of more than one political party for the same Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/7-10)
- b. A signer may sign the petitions of one established political party for the Primary Election and one new political party for the subsequent General Election. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)
- c. A signer must sign his/her own signature on the petition. The signer cannot sign for someone else, such as another member of his or her family. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)
- d. A petition signer may change party affiliation from one election to another. Kusper v. Pontikes, 414 U.S. 51, 94 S. Ct. 303 (1973); Sperling v. County Officers Electoral Board, 57 111.2d 81, 309 N.E. 2d 589 (1974)
- e. Petition signers must be registered voters in the political subdivision in which the candidate is seeking nomination or election. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-2, 10-3, 10-4)
- f. Petition signers shall indicate on such petition their residence address, written or printed, including the street address or rural route number, as well as their city, village or town, county and state. However, the state, county, city, village and town of residence may be pre-printed on the petition form when all of the electors signing the petition form reside therein. Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the residence address, including street number, if any. **A petition signer must be a registered voter from the address shown opposite his/her signature on the petition.** (10 ILCS 5/3-1.2, 7-10, 8-8, 10-4)
- g. Signatures may be struck from the petition by the circulator or the candidate, prior to filing, in the following manner:

- 1) The person striking the signature must initial the petition at the place where the signature is struck. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-3)
- 2) The person striking the signature must sign a certification (SBE Form P-2A) listing the page number and line number of each signature struck from the petition. Such certification shall be filed as part of the petition. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-3)
- 3) The person striking signatures from independent candidate petitions must sign an additional certificate (SBE Form P-2B) specifying the number of certification pages listing stricken signatures, which are attached to the petition, and the page numbers indicated on such certifications. This additional certificate must be filed as part of the petition, shall be numbered, and shall be attached immediately following the last page of voters' signatures and before the certifications of stricken signatures. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)
- 4) All of the foregoing requirements are necessary to effect a valid striking of any signature. Provisions authorizing the striking of signatures do not impose criminal liability on any person so authorized to strike signatures that may be fraudulent. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

4. Petition Preparation (10 ILCS 5/ Articles 7, 8 and 10)

- a. The petition signature sheets must be **original** and of **uniform size**.
- b. The petition **signature** sheets must be numbered consecutively, beginning with the top sheet as number "1."
- c. The following original documents are to be attached (preferably on top) to the nominating petition signature sheets:
 - 1) Statement of Candidacy;
 - 2) Loyalty Oath (optional);
 - 3) Receipt for filing the Statement of Economic Interests (not required for federal or party office). The receipt may be filed at any time during the filing period and will not change the initial date and time of filing. (Candidates for county office need only file the statement itself.)

The above documents are NOT numbered.

- 4) Any certifications related to the striking of signatures shall be attached immediately following the last petition page and numbered

consecutively beginning with the number “1.”
(10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-3)

5) For all new political party petitions, the petition must have attached thereto a certificate (SBE Form P-8C) 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 its right to fill vacancies in nomination, but will not invalidate the petition.
(10 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-11)

6) Any other documentation, which may be required to qualify for a specific office.

d. The petition signature sheets must be **neatly fastened together** in book form by fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable manner.

NOTE: A petition once filed shall not be altered or added to. However, the receipt for an economic interest statement filing may be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day on which nomination papers may be filed.
(10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12, 10-4, 10-5)

C. STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-5)

1. Each candidate, whether an individual candidate or one whose name appears on a group petition or certificate of nomination, must complete and file a Statement of Candidacy. The form of the candidate’s name, as printed and signed, should match the name as printed on the petition sheets. Furthermore, the address of the candidate; the office for which the person is a candidate; political party designation, if applicable; and statements that the person is qualified for the office specified, should also match the information on the petition. See each individual office in this guide for the correct SBE Statement of Candidacy form.
2. The candidate’s given name or names, initial or initials, nickname by which the candidate is commonly known, or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to the candidate’s surname. No other designation such as a political slogan, title, degree or nickname suggesting or implying possession of a title, degree or professional status, or similar information may be used in connection with the candidate’s surname. [10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17(b), 8-8.1, 10-5.1, 16-3(e)]

NOTE: If a candidate has changed his or her name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the last day for filing the petition or certificate for that office, whichever is applicable, then (i) the candidate’s name on the petition or certificate must be followed by

“formerly known as (list all prior names during the 3-year period) until name changed on (list date of each such name change)” and (ii) the petition or certificate must be accompanied by the candidate’s affidavit stating the candidate’s previous names during the period specified in (i) and the date or dates each of those names was changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds for denying certification of the candidate’s name for the ballot or removing the candidate’s name from the ballot, as appropriate, but these requirements do not apply to name changes resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent’s or parents’ surname, marriage to assume a spouse’s surname, or dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage to assume a former surname.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17(b), 8-8.1, 10-5.1, 16-3(e)]

3. The candidate must swear to or affirm and sign the Statement of Candidacy, and the statement must be notarized.

D. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS - RECEIPT

1. Each candidate must file a receipt indicating that he or she has filed a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12, 8-8, 10-5; 5 ILCS 420/1-101 et seq.) **EXCEPTION:** The receipt is not required if the Statement of Economic Interests is filed with the same officer with which the nominating papers are filed. (i.e. county officers)
[10 ILCS 5/7-12(8)]
2. Candidates are advised to file their receipt at the same time they file their nominating petitions. While the receipt need not accompany the nominating petitions at the time of filing, it must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day to file the petitions. **THE DATE AND TIME AT WHICH A NOMINATING PETITION WAS FILED IS NOT CHANGED WHEN THE RECEIPT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS IS FILED AT ANOTHER TIME DURING THE FILING PERIOD.** (10 ILCS 5/7-12, 10-5)
3. Statement of Economic Interests forms may be obtained from the local county clerk, the State Board of Elections, or the Office of the Secretary of State
4. The completed Statement of Economic Interests form must be filed with the Secretary of State, Index Division, 111 East Monroe, Springfield, IL 62756, for candidates that file petitions with the State Board of Elections, or with the county clerk in the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)

(Note: Except Multi-County Regional Superintendent of Schools file with the County Clerk.)

The Statement of Economic Interests is not required for federal or party offices.

E. LOYALTY OATH (Optional)

The filing of the Loyalty Oath is optional.

F. CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE (NOTICE OF OBLIGATION)

The State Board of Elections, county clerk, or local election official with whom nomination papers are filed, must provide to each candidate at the time the candidate files his or her nomination papers a notice of obligation to comply with the Illinois Campaign Financing Act. However, if a candidate files his or her nomination papers by mail, or an agent of the candidate files his or her nomination papers, the State Board of Elections, county clerk, or local election official with whom the petitions were filed, must send the notice of obligation to the candidate by first class mail. The notice will state that the manual of instructions and the forms are available from the State Board of Elections or county clerk upon request. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(7), 9-16(7), 10-6.1]

NOTE: A political committee that electronically files its campaign finance reports with the State Board of Elections is not required to file duplicate reports with the appropriate county clerk if the county clerk has a system that permits access to, and duplication of, reports that are filed with the State Board of Elections. In addition, the county clerk must agree, in writing, to this filing waiver with the State Board of Elections. The filing waiver applies only to D-2 or A-1 report forms. Regardless of whether a political committee files its reports electronically, copies of the D-1 (Statement of Organization), and amended D-1's and any written correspondence must be filed with the county clerk. For additional information, contact the State Board of Elections.

G. USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO INFLUENCE VOTERS IS PROHIBITED

No public funds shall be used to urge any elector to vote for or against any candidate or proposition, or be appropriated for political or campaign purposes to any candidate or political organization. This provision shall not prohibit the use of public funds for dissemination of factual information relative to any proposition appearing on an election ballot, or for dissemination of information and arguments published and distributed pursuant to law in connection with a proposition to amend the Constitution of the State of Illinois. (10 ILCS 5/9-25.1)

OFFICE: **COUNTY OFFICERS -COUNTY CLERKS, TREASURERS, SHERIFF, ASSESSOR*, COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS, BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBERS (in some counties), AND REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**.**

The number of countywide executive offices varies from county to county. For example, some counties do not elect the office of assessor. All counties do, however, elect such officers as county clerk, treasurer, sheriff, state's attorney, county board members or commissioners, recorder, and circuit clerk. Approximately half of a county's officers are elected every two years.

Note: a person is not eligible to be elected or appointed to the office of sheriff unless that person is a U.S. citizen, has been a resident of the county for at least one year, and is not a convicted felon. (55 ILCS 5/3-6001.5)

MINIMUM AGE: 18 years

RESIDENCY: United States citizen. Resident of the county for 30 days. Registered voter in the county or county board district.

In counties with a population of 3,000,000 or less, no person is eligible to hold the office of **county board member or commissioner** unless that person is a legal voter and has been a resident of the county for at least one year next preceding the election. (55 ILCS 5/2-3015)

SIGNATURE

REQUIREMENTS: ESTABLISHED PARTY CANDIDATES

For all offices (including Chairman of the County Board and county board members elected from the county at large), petitions must be signed by at least .5% (.005) of the vote cast for the candidate of his/her party who received the highest number of votes in the county at the 2008 General Election. The party candidate with the highest vote in the county could be any federal, state or county candidate. (The actual number is compiled by the election authority.) [10 ILCS 5/7-10(c)]

For offices elected by district, at least .5% (.005) of the qualified electors of his/her party in the district who cast votes at the last preceding general election. (determined by the number of votes received by the candidate of each political party who received the highest number of votes in the district at the last regular election at which an officer was scheduled to be elected from that district; the candidate with the highest number of votes could be federal, state, or county candidate.) The actual number is compiled by the election authority. [10ILCS 5/7-10(c)]

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

An Independent candidate for county office (including Chairman of the County Board and county board members elected from the county at large) must submit nomination papers signed by qualified voters of the county equaling not less than 5%, nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the number of persons who voted at the 2008 General Election in the county or county board district, (for county board district, the LAST time the district elected a member). Where 5% is greater than 25,000, 25,000 is the minimum number of signatures required.
(10 ILCS 5/10-3)

NEW PARTY CANDIDATES

A petition to form a new political party for countywide offices shall contain a complete list of candidates of such party for all offices (including all county board districts) to be filled at the election.

Not less than 5% of the number of persons who voted at the **LAST** General Election in the county or for a county board district, the last time the district elected a member. Where 5% is greater than 25,000, 25,000 is the minimum number of signatures required. (The actual number of signatures required is compiled by your election authority.)
(10 ILCS 5/10-2)

New party candidates seeking county office with officers elected by district and at-large should follow (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

PETITIONS:

ESTABLISHED PARTY: SBE No. P-10
SBE No. P-20 (multi-county school superintendent)
SBE No. P-26 (county board by district)

INDEPENDENT: SBE No. P-3

NEW PARTY: (At-large offices) SBE No. P-8

(At-large offices and offices by district - SBE No. P-8B)

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY:

ESTABLISHED PARTY: SBE No. P-1

INDEPENDENT: SBE No. P-1B

NEW PARTY: SBE No. P-1D

LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with nomination papers. SBE No. P-1C

STATEMENT OF
ECONOMIC
INTERESTS:

Filed with the County Clerk. Receipt must be filed with petitions or by the end of the filing period. (For **exceptions** see page 7, item 3 and page 9, item D, 1 and 4.) Multi-County Regional Superintendent candidates file with the county clerk in the county where the principal office of the region is located.

FILING DATES:

ESTABLISHED PARTY: Not more than 99 nor less than 92 days prior to the General Primary, October 26 - November 2, 2009.

INDEPENDENT: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election, June 14 – 21, 2010

NEW PARTY: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election, June 14 - 21, 2010.

WHERE TO FILE:

Office of the County Clerk. **EXCEPTION:** Candidates for Regional Superintendent of a Multi-County Region file with the State Board of Elections.)

CAMPAIGN
FINANCIAL
DISCLOSURE:

Original reports must be filed with the State Board of Elections, 1020 South Spring Street, Springfield, IL 62704 or PO Box 4187, Springfield, IL 62708 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago IL 60601. Copies of such reports must be filed with the local county clerk. (See **NOTE** on P. 10 on electronic filing)

TERM BEGINS:

First day of the month following the election, December 1, 2010, for the following offices:

County Clerks	(55 ILCS 5/3-2001)
County Treasurers	(55 ILCS 5/3-10001)
County Sheriffs	(55 ILCS 5/3-6002)

First Monday of the month following the election, December 6, 2010, for the following offices:

Assessors	(35 ILCS 200/3-50)
County Board Member	(55 ILCS 5/2-3009)
County Commissioner	(55 ILCS 5/2-3009)
County Board Chairman	(55 ILCS 5/2-3007)

For Regional Superintendent of Schools - First day of July after his/her election, July 1, 2011. (105 ILCS 5/3-1)

TERM OF OFFICE: 4 Years and until a successor is elected and qualified.
2 Years for County Board Members elected in 2010
(see 55 ILCS 5/2-3009).

Note: County Commissioner term is 6-years and until a successor is elected and qualified. Cook County Commissioner term is 4-years.

County Commissioners are elected at-large in certain downstate counties. County Board Members and Commissioners may be elected at-large and from districts.

ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION:

* A candidate for ASSESSOR must possess one of the following qualifications as certified by the individual to the county clerk. (35 ILCS 200/3-5, 3-50). A Certified Illinois Assessing Official Certificate, A Certified Assessment Evaluator Certificate, A member of the Appraisal Institute or twelve years experience or more and a Certified Illinois Assessing Official Certificate. In addition, a person must have had at least 2 years' experience in the field of property sales, assessments, finance or appraisals and must have passed an examination conducted by the Department of Revenue

** A candidate for REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS must possess a master's degree and certain other educational qualifications that are listed in 105 ILCS 5/3-1. No other petition of any candidate for nomination for the office of Regional Superintendent of Schools may be filed and no such candidate's name may be placed on a primary or General Election ballot, unless such candidate files as part of his/her petition, a certificate from the State Board of Education certifying that from the records of its office such candidate has the qualifications required by this section; however, any incumbent filing his/her petition for nomination for a succeeding term of office shall not be required to attach such certificate to his/her Petition of Candidacy. Candidates for Regional Superintendent of Schools should examine the provisions of Section 3-1 carefully in order to determine if they qualify.