



## Illinois State Board of Elections

### Notice to Candidates Seeking Nomination at the 2026 General Primary Election

#### PUBLICATIONS AND GUIDES FOR CANDIDATES:

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

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

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

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

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

#### OFFICES TO BE NOMINATED AT THE 2026 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION:

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

#### OFFICES TO BE ELECTED AT THE 2026 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION:

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

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