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This Election Calendar contains key dates associated with the 2027 Consolidated Primary and Consolidated Elections. It includes information and dates IAPD deems most important to its members but does not include every date associated with these elections. For a complete list of all election dates consult the State Board of Elections Campaign and Finance Calendar, which is available under the Legal section of the IAPD website at ILparks.org. All candidates and voters are encouraged to seek the appropriate legal advice concerning their rights and obligations.

For purposes of this calendar, “election authority” means the County Clerk or the Board of Election Commissioners. “Local election official” means the clerk or secretary of a unit of local government or a school district. “Business day” means 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 seven hours. (10 ILCS 5/1-3)

All citations contained herein are “Illinois Compiled Statutes, 2024”.

FILING AND REGISTRATION DATES

(a) Filing and registration dates are fixed by the Election Code. The dates shall conform to those expressed in statute unless they fall on a date which is not a business day as defined above. In such case(s), the period shall extend through the first business day next following the day otherwise fixed as the first or last date. (10 ILCS 5/1-6(a))

(b) If the first or last day of any action required or allowed by the Election Code falls on a State Holiday, Saturday, or a Sunday, the period shall extend through the first business day following the day otherwise fixed as the first or 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 ILCS 5/1-6(a))

(c) For the section of the Election Code upon which this calendar is based, “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, Juneteenth National Freedom 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))

(d) To receive specific signature requirements for any particular office, candidates should contact the election authority or local election official who is responsible for receiving the filing of the petition for nomination and/or election to office.

Key Dates Associated with the Consolidated Primary Election – February 23, 2027

2026

Thursday, SEPTEMBER 24

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 26

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 26

Last day to file petitions (must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators) to create a political subdivision with the appropriate officer or board (for park districts, circuit court clerk). (10 ILCS 5/28-2(b); 70 ILCS 1205/2-3)

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 127-120 days before such election (October 19-26, 2026). (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2; 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 the actual hearing (final orders within 7 days of hearing). (10 ILCS 5/28-4)

NOTE: See the specific statute governing the unit of local government to be established for filing procedures. (10 ILCS 5/28-4)

Monday, NOVEMBER 2

Last day to file objections to petitions to create a political subdivision in the office where the petitions were originally filed (for park districts, circuit court clerk). (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4; 70 ILCS 1205/2-3)

Monday, NOVEMBER 23

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). [EXCEPTION: proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code. (10 ILCS 5/28-2, 28-6, 28-7)]

NOTE: Petitions to initiate back door referenda must be filed under the deadline specified in the specific statute authorizing the referenda, but in no case later than 92 days prior to the ensuing election. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(f))

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 25

First day for any registered voter within the confines of the United States to apply by mail or in person to the election authority for an official vote by mail ballot. (10 ILCS 5/19-2, 19-4)

NOTE: Mailing and delivery of ballots does not occur until Thursday, January 14, 2027.

Wednesday, DECEMBER 2

Last day to file objections to petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local). Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same office where the petitions were originally filed. [EXCEPTION: proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act, and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code.] (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

NOTE: The objection period is five business days. If the office of the appropriate local election official is open on Friday, November 27, then the deadline to file an objection is Tuesday, December 1, 2026.

Monday, DECEMBER 7

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(c))

Monday, DECEMBER 7

Last day for county, municipal, school, township, library, and park boards to authorize the placement of advisory referenda on the ballot by resolution. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(c); 55 ILCS 5/2-3002, 5-1005.5; 60 ILCS 1/30-205, 80-80; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60; 70 ILCS 1205/8-30; 75 ILCS 5/4-18; 105 ILCS 5/9-1.5)

Thursday, DECEMBER 17

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)

Monday, DECEMBER 28

First day for the election authority to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within the jurisdiction at the Consolidated Primary. Such notice shall be published once in a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the political or governmental subdivision. The notice shall also be given at least ten days before the date of the election by posting 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, or if there is no principal office 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 referendum is being held. (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

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Monday, JANUARY 4

Last day for the election authority to post a schedule for early voting conducted at the office of the election authority and each temporary location. Such posting shall remain at each site until the last day of the early voting period (February 22, 2027). If the election authority has a website, it shall make the schedule available on the website. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25(b)(d))

Thursday, JANUARY 14

Last day for organizations of citizens that have among their purposes the investigation or prosecution of election fraud, ballot proposition proponents or opponents, and state nonpartisan civic organizations to register their names and addresses and the names and addresses of their principal officers with the proper election authority if the organization(s) wish to qualify for poll watchers at the Consolidated Primary Election. (10 ILCS 5/7-34)

Thursday, JANUARY 14

First day for early voting at the office of the election authority and locations designated by the election authority. Temporary polling places for early voting can be established at the discretion of the election authority, and the dates and hours are also at the discretion of the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15, 19A-20)

Monday, JANUARY 25

Last 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 simultaneously apply to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for vote by mail registration and a vote by mail ballot and the last day for the election authority to mail such ballot. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

Wednesday, JANUARY 27

First day of grace period registration and voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority. If the election authority does not have ballots available, the election authority may mail the ballot to the voter when available. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 3

Last day for an employee to give their employer written notice that the employee will be absent from the place of employment on Election Day because they have been appointed as an election judge under the provisions of 10 ILCS 5/13-1 or 13-2. The provisions only apply to employers with 25 or more employees. (10 ILCS 5/13-2.5, 14-4.5)

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 16

Last day for the election authority to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within the jurisdiction at the Consolidated Primary Election. Such notice shall be published once in a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the political or governmental subdivision. The notice shall also be given at least ten days before the date of the election by posting

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, or if there is no principal office 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 referendum is being held. (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 16

Last day for any voter who is a member of the United States Service, a servicemember's spouse, or servicemember's dependent of voting age who expects to be absent from the voter's county of residence on Election Day to apply for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over the precinct of residence and the last day for the election authority to mail such ballot. Members of the Armed Forces may apply via facsimile machine or other method of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.3, 20-3)

Thursday, FEBRUARY 18

Last day for the election authority to receive applications by mail for a vote by mail ballot from any registered voter within the confines of the United States. (10 ILCS 5/19-2, 19-4)

Monday, FEBRUARY 22

Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority and locations designated by the election authority. Temporary early voting locations may be established by the election authority but are not required to maintain the same voting days and hours as the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15, 19A-20)

Monday, FEBRUARY 22

Last day for any registered voter within the confines of the United States to request a vote by mail ballot in person at the office of the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 23

Last day of grace period registration and voting in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority. The election authority should be contacted to determine the availability of grace period registration and voting in the polling place on Election Day. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

Tuesday, February 23, 2027 *Consolidated Primary Election*

Tuesday, MARCH 9

Last day for the election authority to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a))

Tuesday, MARCH 9

Last day for the election authority to complete the tabulation of vote by mail ballots that were (1) postmarked by Election Day, and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day but not later than 14 days after the election or (2) not postmarked, but did have a certification date prior to the Election Day on the certification envelope, and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day but not later than 14 days after the election or (3) not postmarked, but did have an intelligent mail barcode tracking system that verifies the envelope was mailed no later than Election Day and received not later than 14 days after the election. (10 ILCS 5/19-8)

Tuesday, MARCH 16

Last day for the election authority to canvass the election results. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a))

Tuesday, MARCH 16

The last day the election authority shall transmit to the State Board of Elections the following: (1) the number, by precinct, of vote by mail ballots requested, provided, and counted, (2) the number of rejected vote by mail ballots, (3) the number of voters seeking review of rejected vote by mail ballots, and (4) the number of vote by mail ballots counted following review. The report of this information must be made public by March 23, 2027. (10 ILCS 5/19-20, 20-20)

Key Dates Associated with the Consolidated Election April 6, 2027

2026

Tuesday, AUGUST 25

First day to circulate nomination papers (must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators) for nonpartisan candidates for park district boards, forest preserve district boards, and fire protection district, library district and municipal library boards, and school and community college boards, who file between November 16-23, 2026 (90 days preceding the last day to file nominating papers). (10 ILCS 5/10-4, 10-6)

Thursday, NOVEMBER 5

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, NOVEMBER 16

First day for candidates to file in office of the local election official or board of election commissioners, original nomination papers (must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators) for nonpartisan candidates in park districts and forest preserves. (10 ILCS 5/10-6(2))

Monday, NOVEMBER 23

Last day for candidates to file in the office of the local election official or board of election commissioners, original nomination papers (must contain Statement of Candidacy and original sheets signed by voters and circulators) for nonpartisan candidates for park district boards, forest preserve district boards, and fire protection district, library district and municipal library boards, and school and community college boards. (10 ILCS 5/10-6(2))

NOTE: The office in which petitions for nomination must be filed shall remain open for the receipt of such petitions until 5:00 P.M. on the last day of the filing period. (10 ILCS 5/1-4)

Monday, NOVEMBER 23

Last day for candidates filing nomination papers during the November 16-23, 2026, filing period to file a Statement of Economic Interests with the county clerk as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. The receipt must be filed on or before this date with the local election official or election authority who received the nomination papers. (5 ILCS 420/4A-105; 10 ILCS 5/10-5)

Wednesday, DECEMBER 2

Last day for an individual who has filed nomination papers for two or more incompatible offices to withdraw from all but one of the offices in the office where the nomination papers were originally filed. (10 ILCS 5/10-7)

Wednesday, DECEMBER 2

Last day for filing objections to nomination papers for nonpartisan candidates (whose nomination papers were filed during the period November 16-23, 2026) in the office of the election authority or the local election official with whom the nomination papers were originally filed. (10 ILCS 5/10-8)

NOTE: The objection period consists of five business days. If the office of the election authority or local election official is open on Friday, November 27, then the deadline to file an objection is Tuesday, December 1, 2026.

Wednesday, DECEMBER 2

Last day the lottery shall be conducted by the local election official or election authority when two or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office by more than one candidate as of the opening hour of the filing period on November 16, 2026 or during the last hour of the filing period on November 23, 2026. (10 ILCS 5/10-6.2)

Monday, DECEMBER 7

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, DECEMBER 7

Last day to file petitions (must include original sheets signed by voters and circulators) to create a political subdivision with the appropriate officer or board (for park districts, circuit court clerk). (10 ILCS 5/28-2(b); 70 ILCS 1205/2-3)

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 141-134 days before such election (November 16-23, 2026). (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 the actual hearing (final orders within 7 days of hearing). (10 ILCS 5/28-4)

NOTE: See the specific statute governing the unit of local government to be established for filing procedures. (10 ILCS 5/28-4)

Monday, DECEMBER 14

Last day to file objections to a petition to create a political subdivision in the office where the petition was originally filed (for park districts, circuit court clerk). (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4; 70 ILCS 1205/2-3)

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Monday, JANUARY 4

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). [EXCEPTION: Proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act, and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code. (10 ILCS 5/28-2, 28-6, 28-7)]

NOTE: Petitions to initiate back door referenda must be filed under the deadline specified in the specific statute authorizing the referenda, but in no case later than 92 days prior to the ensuing election.

Wednesday, JANUARY 6

First day for any registered voter within the confines of the United States to apply by mail or in person to the election authority for an official vote by mail ballot. Please note that mailing and delivery of ballots does not begin until Thursday, February 25, 2027 (or March 12, 2027, if a primary was held). (10 ILCS 5/19-2, 19-4)

Monday, JANUARY 11

Last day to file objections to petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local). Objections to petitions for local referenda are filed with the same office where the petitions were originally filed. [EXCEPTION: Proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act, and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code.] (10 ILCS 5/10-8, 28-4)

Tuesday, JANUARY 19

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(c))

Tuesday, JANUARY 19

Last day for county, municipal, township, library, school and park boards to authorize placement of advisory referenda on the ballot by resolution. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(c); 55 ILCS 5/2-3002, 5-1005.5; 60 ILCS 1/30-205, 80-80; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60; 70 ILCS 1205/8-30; 75 ILCS 5/4-18; 105 ILCS 5/9-1.5)

Thursday, JANUARY 28

Last day candidates may file Withdrawal of Candidacy in the office of the local election official or election authority. (10 ILCS 5/10-7)

Thursday, JANUARY 28

Last day for local election official to certify candidates and the offices they have filed for to the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/10-15)

Thursday, JANUARY 28

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)

Friday, FEBRUARY 5

First day for the election authority to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within the jurisdiction at the Consolidated Election. Such notice shall be published once in a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the political or governmental subdivision. The notice shall also be given at least ten (10) days before the date of election by posting 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, or if there is no principal office 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 referendum is being held. (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 16

Last day for the election authority to post a schedule for early voting conducted at the office of the election authority and each temporary location. Such posting shall remain at each site until the last day of the early voting period (April 5, 2027). If the election authority has a website, it shall make the schedule available on its website. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25(b) and (d))

Friday, FEBRUARY 19

Last day for the election authority to have in their office a sufficient number of ballots printed and available for mailing to persons in the United States Service, their spouses, their dependents of voting age, and citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States. (10 ILCS 5/16-5.01)

Thursday, FEBRUARY 25

Last day for organizations of citizens that have among their purposes the investigation or prosecution of election fraud, ballot proposition proponents or opponents, and state nonpartisan civic organizations to register their names and addresses and the names and addresses of their principal officers with the proper election authority if the organization(s) wish to qualify for poll watchers at the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/17-23, 18-6)

Thursday, FEBRUARY 25

First day for early voting at the office of the election authority and temporary locations designated by the election authority. Temporary polling locations for early voting can be established at the discretion of the election authority, and the dates and hours are also at the discretion of the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15, 19A-20)

Monday, MARCH 8

First day for election authority to publish notice of the Consolidated Election. The notice must include the polling hours, and the offices for which candidates will be elected. Such notice must also include a list of precinct polling addresses unless published separately at least ten (10) days prior to the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/12-4)

Monday, MARCH 8

Last 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 simultaneously apply to the election authority having jurisdiction over their precinct of residence for vote by mail registration and a vote by mail ballot. Last day for the election authority to mail such a ballot. (10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 20-3)

Wednesday, MARCH 10

First day of grace period registration and voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority. If the election authority does not have ballots available, the election authority may mail the ballot to the voter when available. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

Wednesday, MARCH 17

Last day for employee to give employer written notice that the employee will be absent from the place of employment on Election Day because the employee has been appointed as an election judge under the provisions of 10 ILCS 5/13-1 or 13-2. The provisions only apply to employers with 25 or more employees. (10 ILCS 5/13-2.5, 14-4.5)

Monday, MARCH 29

Last day for the election authority to publish notice of the Consolidated Election. The notice must include the election date, poll hours, and the offices to be listed on the ballot. Such notice must also include a list of precinct polling addresses unless these are published separately at least ten (10) days prior to the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/12-4)

Monday, MARCH 29

Last day for the election authority to publish a notice of any question of public policy to be voted upon within its jurisdiction at the Consolidated Election. Such notice shall be published once in a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the political or governmental subdivision.



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The notice shall also be given at least ten (10) days before the date of the election by posting 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, or if there is no principal office 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 referendum is being held. (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

Monday, MARCH 29

Last day for any voter who is a member of the United States Service, a servicemember's spouse, or a servicemember's dependent of voting age who expects to be absent from the voter's county of residence on Election Day to apply for an official ballot to the election authority having jurisdiction over the servicemember's precinct of residence and the last day for the election authority to mail such ballot. Members of the Armed Forces may apply via facsimile machine or other methods of electronic transmission. (10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.3, 20-3)

Thursday, APRIL 1

Last day for election authority to receive applications by mail for a vote by mail ballot from any registered voter within the confines of the United States. (10 ILCS 5/19-2, 19-4)

Friday, APRIL 2

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

Monday, APRIL 5

Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority and locations designated by the election authority. Temporary early voting locations may be established by the election authority but are not required to maintain the same voting days and hours as the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15, 19A-20)

Monday, APRIL 5

Last day for any registered voter within the confines of the United States to request a vote by mail ballot in person at the office of the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

Monday, APRIL 5

Last day for the election authority in counties having a population of not more than 500,000 to publish a list of all the nominations that are to be voted for at the Consolidated Election. (10 ILCS 5/16-10)

Tuesday, APRIL 6

Last day of grace period registration and voting in the office of the election authority or at locations designated for this purpose by the election authority. The election authority should be contacted to determine the availability of grace period registration and voting in the polling place on Election Day. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

Tuesday, April 6, 2027
Consolidated Election**Tuesday, APRIL 20**

Last day for the election authority to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots. (10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a))

Tuesday, APRIL 20

Last day for the election authority to complete the tabulation of vote by mail ballots that were (1) postmarked by Election Day, and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day, but not later than 14 days after the election or (2) not postmarked, but did have a certification date prior to the Election Day, on the certification envelope, and were received after the close of the polls on Election Day, but not later than 14 days after the election or (3) not postmarked, but did have an intelligent mail barcode tracking system that verifies the envelope was mailed no later than Election Day, and received no later than 14 days after the election. (10 ILCS 5/19-8)

Tuesday, APRIL 27

Last day for the election authority to canvass the election results. (10 ILCS 5/22-17)

Tuesday, APRIL 27

The last day the election authority shall transmit to the State Board of Elections the following: (1) the number, by precinct, of vote by mail ballots requested, provided, and counted, (2) the number of rejected vote by mail ballots, (3) the number of voters seeking review of rejected vote by mail ballots, and (4) the number of vote by mail ballots counted following review. The report must be made public by May 4, 2027. (10 ILCS 5/19-20, 20-20)

BEFORE PROCLAMATION BY THE ELECTION AUTHORITY

Prior to the canvass, 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, as well as 5% of the voting devices used in early voting as selected on a random basis by the State Board of Elections. Returns of the retabulation shall be made public after they are complete. (10 ILCS 5/24A-15, 24B-15, 24C-15)

AFTER PROCLAMATION CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

The county clerk shall issue a certificate of election to each person declared elected. For political subdivisions that are multi-county, the election authority of the county where the principal office of the political subdivision is located shall make the certificate of election. (10 ILCS 5/22-18)

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Each successful write-in candidate elected shall file the following documents with the proper election authority or the State Board of Elections prior to taking office: (1) a Loyalty Oath (optional), (2) a Statement of Candidacy, and (3) a receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interest. (10 ILCS 5/22-7)

DISCOVERY RECOUNT

Within five days after the last day for the proclamation of the results, petitions for discovery recount may be filed by any qualified individual (who came within 5% of the votes cast for any successful candidate) with the appropriate election authority. (10 ILCS 5/22-9.1)

ELECTION CONTEST

In general, the circuit court shall hear election contests. Individuals should refer to the particular statute which applies to their unit of government. (10 ILCS 5/23-4, 23-5, 23-19, 23-20)

