



Abbreviated Calendar of Dates for the **2027 Consolidated Primary Election** **2027 Consolidated Election**

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The following dates are for candidates running in the 2027 Consolidated Primary Election to be held on February 23, 2027, and apply to the offices below:

- 1) Established political parties in municipalities over 5,000 population;
- 2) Municipalities of 5,000 or less population which by ordinance nominate candidates by primary;
- 3) Municipalities which by referendum conduct a partisan or nonpartisan primary;
- 4) Managerial municipalities which conduct nonpartisan primaries; and
- 5) Candidates for the City of Chicago offices

Candidates who are unsure if the office they are running for holds a primary election, a caucus, or if they file directly for the Consolidated Election are encouraged to contact the local election official for the unit of government in question.

The dates included in this abbreviated calendar are not comprehensive of all dates surrounding the election, and do not include all relevant details. For additional detail and statutory references for any of the dates in this calendar, please consult the 2027 Election and Campaign Finance Calendar.

The dates in this calendar are calculated in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 103-0586 (effective May 3, 2024) and Public Act 103-0600 (effective July 1, 2024) which shift the candidate filing periods and related dates for most offices up by 28 days.

July 28, 2026

Petition Circulation Begins for the Consolidated Primary Election

First day to circulate petitions for candidates seeking nomination in the 2027 Consolidated Primary Election.

October 19, 2026

First Day to File Nomination Papers for the Consolidated Primary Election

First day to file nomination papers with the local election official or board of election commissioners for the 2027 Consolidated Primary Election.

October 26, 2026

Last Day to File Nomination Papers for the Consolidated Primary Election

Last day to file nomination papers with the local election official or board of election commissioners for the 2027 Consolidated Primary Election.

November 2, 2026

Last Day to File Objections to Nomination Papers for the Consolidated Primary Election

Last day to file objections to the nomination papers of candidates who filed during the October 19-26, 2026, filing period.

November 16, 2026

Notice of Municipality Conducting Primary

Last day for a municipal clerk to certify to the election authority the municipal ordinance providing for the nomination of municipal officers by party primary in municipalities under 5,000 population.

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November 23, 2026

Last Day to File Petitions for Public Questions for the Consolidated Primary Election

Last day to file petitions with the local election official for the submission of questions of public policy. Exceptions to this date apply for various binding questions or backdoor referenda. Please refer to the authorizing statute for the question to confirm the deadline.

November 25, 2026

First Day to Submit Vote by Mail Applications for the Consolidated Primary Election

First day to apply for a vote by mail ballot for the 2027 Consolidated Primary Election. Please note that election authorities will not begin mailing ballots until Thursday, January 14, 2027.

December 2, 2026

Last Day to File Objections to Petitions for Public Questions for the Consolidated Primary Election

Last day to file objections to petitions for the submission of questions of public policy with the local election official. Please note that this date accounts for observing November 26 and 27 as holidays; if the office of the local election official is open for a minimum of 7 hours on November 27, the deadline to file objections in that office will be December 1, 2026.

December 7, 2026

Municipal Caucus

Date on which the Municipal Caucus shall be held (in municipalities under 5,000 population) which have established political parties.

Last Day for Resolutions for Public Questions for the Consolidated Primary Election

Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a binding or advisory question to be placed on the ballot at the 2027 Consolidated Primary Election.

December 17, 2026

Ballot Certification Deadline for the Consolidated Primary Election

Last day for the local election official to certify candidates and public questions to the election authority to be included on the 2027 Consolidated Primary Election ballot.

Write-In Candidate Filing Deadline to Force a Primary

Last day an individual may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the proper local election official where the office would otherwise be uncontested (and no primary would otherwise be held), and such filing would force a primary election for the office. Write-in candidates must also file a Declaration of Intent with the proper election authority or authorities by December 24, 2026.

December 24, 2026

Write-In Candidate Filing Deadline for the Consolidated Primary Election

Last day an individual may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the proper election authority or authorities.

January 8, 2027

Vote by Mail Ballots – UOCAVA

Last business day for the election authority to mail ballots to persons in the United States Service, their spouse, and/or their dependents of voting age, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States, and nonresident civilians for the Consolidated Primary Election.

January 14, 2027

Early Voting Begins for the Consolidated Primary Election

First day for early voting at the office of the election authority and at any additional locations that may have been designated by the election authority.

Voting by Mail Begins for the Consolidated Primary Election

First day for the election authority to mail an official ballot to a voter who has applied for a vote by mail ballot.

January 26, 2027

Close of Voter Registration

Last day for regular registration or transfers of registration within the office of the election authority.

January 27, 2027

Grace Period Registration and Voting Begins for the Consolidated Primary Election

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.

February 7, 2026

Close of Online Voter Registration for the Consolidated Primary Election

Last day for voters to register to vote through the [State Board of Elections' website](#).

February 18, 2027

Last Day to Mail Vote by Mail Ballots for the Consolidated Primary Election

Last day for the election authority to receive, by mail, an application for a vote by mail ballot and mail that ballot to the voter. (Note: 1. An earlier deadline is applicable to UOCAVA voters; 2. In-person applications are still accepted until February 22, 2027.)

February 22, 2027

Last Day for Early Voting for the Consolidated Primary Election

Last day for early voting for the 2027 Consolidated Primary Election.

Last Day to Apply In Person for a Vote by Mail Ballot

Last day to apply in person at the office of the election authority for a vote by mail ballot for the Consolidated Primary Election.

February 23, 2027

Consolidated Primary Election

Date of the 2027 Consolidated Primary Election for units of government that hold this election.

2027 Consolidated Election

The following dates are for the 2027 Consolidated Election to be held on April 6, 2027. The candidate circulation and filing dates apply to the offices which do not require a primary.

Candidates who are unsure if the office they are running for holds a primary election, a caucus, or if they file directly for the Consolidated Election are encouraged to contact the local election official for the unit of government in question.

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August 25, 2026

Petition Circulation Begins for the Consolidated Election

First day to circulate petitions for candidates seeking election in the 2027 Consolidated Election.

November 16, 2026

First Day to File Nomination Papers for the Consolidated Election

First day to file nomination papers with the local election official, election authority, or the State Board of Elections for the 2027 Consolidated Election.

November 23, 2026

Last Day to File Nomination Papers for the Consolidated Election

Last day to file nomination papers with the local election official, election authority, or the State Board of Elections for the 2027 Consolidated Election.

December 2, 2026

Last Day to File Objections to Nomination Papers for the Consolidated Election

Last day to file objections to the nomination papers of candidates who filed during the November 16-18, 2026, filing period.

December 14, 2026

First Day to File Caucus Certificate of Nomination

First day established political party caucus certificates of nomination may be filed in the office of the local election official along with Statement of Candidacy and Loyalty Oath (optional) for each candidate. The receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interest for each candidate may be filed any time during the filing period.

December 21, 2026

Last Day to File Caucus Certificate of Nomination

Last day established political party caucus certificates of nomination may be filed in the office of the local election official along with Statement of Candidacy and Loyalty Oath (optional) for each candidate. The receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interest for each candidate may be filed any time during the filing period.

January 4, 2027

Last Day to File Petitions for Public Questions for the Consolidated Election

Last day to file petitions with the local election official for the submission of questions of public policy. Exceptions to this date apply for various binding questions or backdoor referenda, please refer to the authorizing statute for the question to confirm the deadline.

January 6, 2027

First Day to Submit Vote by Mail Applications for the Consolidated Election

First day to apply for a vote by mail ballot for the 2027 Consolidated Election. Please note that election authorities will not begin mailing ballots until Thursday, February 25, 2027.

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January 11, 2027

Last Day to File Objections to Petitions for Public Questions for the Consolidated Election

Last day to file objections to petitions for the submission of questions of public policy with the local election official.

January 19, 2027

Last Day for Resolutions for Public Questions for the Consolidated Election

Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a binding or advisory question to be placed on the ballot at the 2027 Consolidated Election.

January 28, 2027

Ballot Certification Deadline for the Consolidated Election

Last day for the local election official to certify candidates and public questions to the election authority to be included on the 2027 Consolidated Election ballot.

February 4, 2027

Write-In Candidate Filing Deadline for the Consolidated Election

Last day an individual may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the proper election authority or authorities.

February 19, 2027

Vote by Mail Ballots – UOCAVA

Last business day for the election authority to mail ballots to persons in the United States Service, their spouse, and/or their dependents of voting age, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States, and nonresident civilians for the Consolidated Election.

February 25, 2027

Early Voting Begins for the Consolidated Election

First day for early voting at the office of the election authority and at any additional locations that may have been designated by the election authority (if a primary was held and more time is required to prepare and print ballots for the Consolidated Election, this is delayed until March 12, 2027).

Voting by Mail Begins for the Consolidated Election

First day for the election authority to mail an official ballot to a voter who has applied for a vote by mail ballot (if a primary was held, this is delayed until March 12, 2027).

March 9, 2027

Close of Voter Registration

Last day for regular registration or transfers of registration within the office of the election authority.

March 10, 2027

Grace Period Registration and Voting Begins for the Consolidated Election

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.

March 12, 2027

First Day of Early Voting and Voting by Mail if Primary was Held

First day to vote early or by mail if a primary was held in the election jurisdiction and if so much time is required to prepare and print ballots for the Consolidated Election.

March 21, 2027

Close of Online Voter Registration for the Consolidated Election

Last day for voters to register to vote through the [State Board of Elections' website](#).

April 1, 2027

Last Day to Mail Vote by Mail Ballots for the Consolidated Election

Last day for the election authority to receive, by mail, an application for a vote by mail ballot and mail that ballot to the voter. (Note: 1. An earlier deadline is applicable to UOCAVA voters; 2. In-person applications are still accepted until April 5, 2027.)

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April 5, 2027

Last Day for Early Voting for the Consolidated Election

Last day for early voting for the 2027 Consolidated Election.

Last Day to Apply In Person for a Vote by Mail Ballot

Last day to apply in person at the office of the election authority for a vote by mail ballot for the Consolidated Election.

April 6, 2027

Consolidated Election

Date of the 2027 Consolidated Election.