111 E. Washington Street, Room 12, P.O. Box 675, Morris IL 60450

MARCH 19, 2024 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION - SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

COUNTY BOARD

3 to be nominated	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
DISTRICT 1	25	25
DISTRICT 2	25	25
DISTRICT 3	25	25

FIRST DAY TO CIRCULATE PETITIONS:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

PETITION FILING PERIOD:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023 - 8:00 a.m. -thru- MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023 - 5:00 p.m.

• Democrat and Republican signature requirements are based on a 0.5% (0.005) of their respective party's overall top vote getter in the District at the November 8, 2022 General Election. In no event shall the number of signatures be less than 25.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Candidates are strongly advised to obtain legal counsel regarding 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. The Grundy County Clerk's Office does not provide legal advice to candidates. It is important to remember that Nominating Petitions are subject to legal challenge by objectors if improperly completed.

Petitions filed in-person at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, November 27, 2023 and petitions received in the first mailing on that day will be treated as having been "filed simultaneously" regardless of the time of day the first mail-in petitions are processed and file stamped. Ballot position is determined by the time of filing. Petitions filed on Monday, December 4, 2023, during the last hour of filing (4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) will be treated as having been "filed simultaneously". A public lottery will be held to determine ballot position when two or more petitions from the same political party are simultaneously filed for the same office. The Grundy County Clerk will notify candidates involved in any lottery as to the time and place the lottery will be held.

For more detailed information, refer to the 2024 Candidate's Guide found on the State Board of Elections website or call:

CONTACT: STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

1020 S. SPRING STREET

P.O. BOX 4187

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62708

(217) 782-4141 or TDD (217) 782-1518 WEBSITE: www.elections.state.il.us

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Petition Filing Instructions

The Grundy County Clerk's Office does NOT provide legal advice to candidates.

- 1. The petition signature sheets must be **original**, of **uniform size** and **notarized**.
- 2. The petition signature sheets must be numbered consecutively, beginning with the top sheet as number "1".
- 3. The following **original** documents are to be bound in the following order, top page being the Receipt of Statement of Economic Interest and the last page being Certification of Deletions, if applicable. Refer to the order below.
- 4. The above forms are to be neatly and securely fastened or stapled together, in the top center.
- 5. For a copy and detailed information about the forms, please refer to the Candidate's Guide on the State Board of Elections website at www.elections.il.gov.

RECEIPT OF STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST (Precinct Committeemen DO NOT need this)

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

(Your name will be printed on the ballot, as written on this form)

PETITION PAGES FOR NOMINATION

(Signature Pages - Numbered Consecutively)

LOYALTY OATH

(Optional)

CERTIFICATE OF ATTACHED LIST OF DELETIONS

(If applicable)

CERTIFICATION OF DELETIONS

(If applicable)

Code of Fair Campaign Practices is a <u>voluntary</u> form, it does not need to be bound with your petition packet. If you chose to file this form, it can be filed with the State Board of Elections or the Grundy County Clerk.

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)

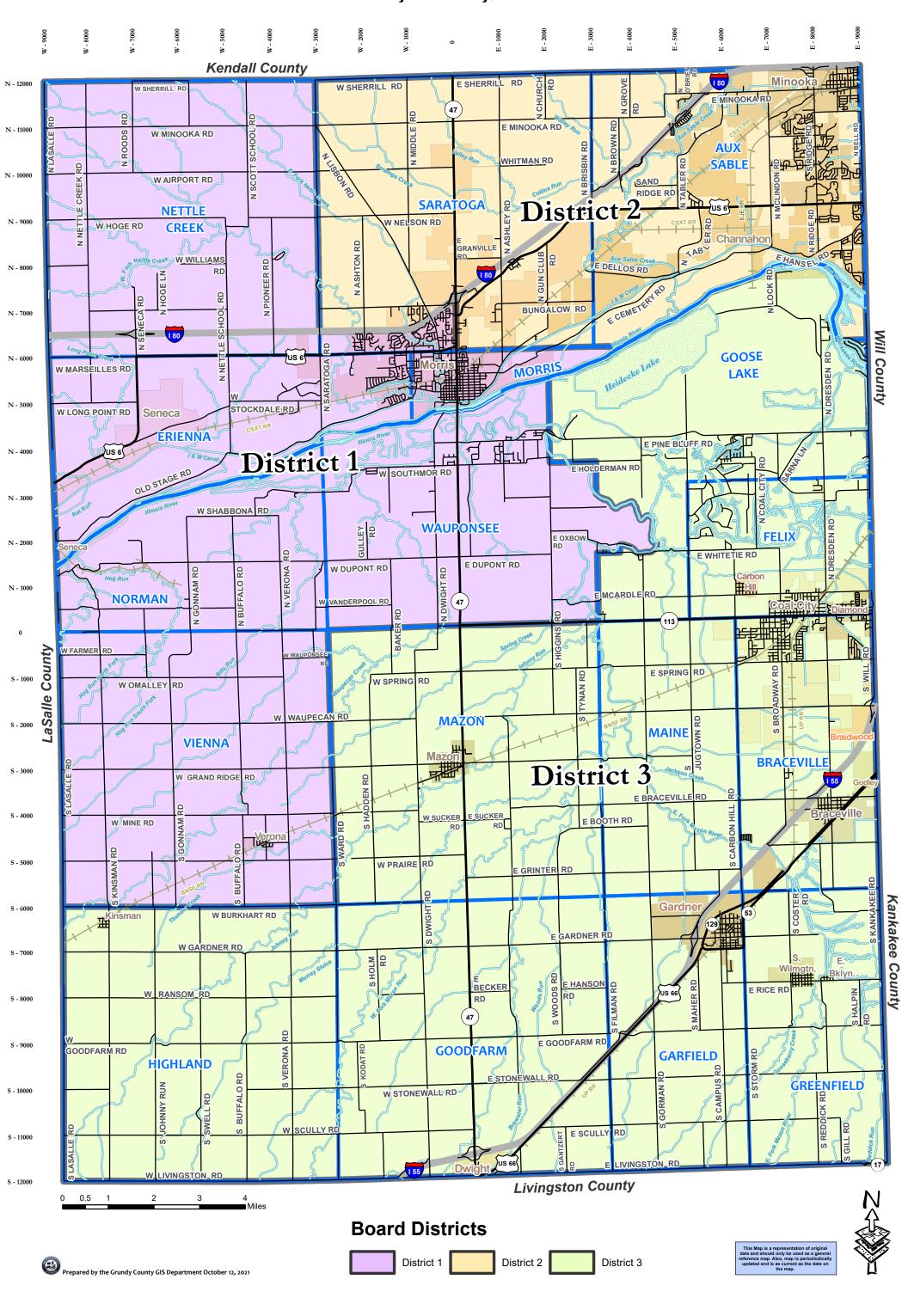
IMPORTANT REMINDER:

We do not offer legal advice nor Notary Service to candidates on filing day.

Have your appropriate documents notarized before filing.

County Board Districts

Grundy County, Illinois



CANDIDATE CHECKLIST

Meet residency , age , and other qualifications for the specific office
File paperwork with the SBE Campaign Disclosure division or the Federal Election Commission regarding finances (if needed)
File a notarized Statement of Candidacy including (but not limited to): - Your name - Your address - Office sought - Party - Office location (for example, the district or county) - Date of the election
File a Statement of Economic Interests with the Secretary of State (or proper filing entity) and receipt of filing with the State Board of Elections (or proper filing entity) (does not apply to federal offices or political party offices)
File a Loyalty Oath (optional)
File a Code of Fair Campaign Practices (optional)
File notarized petition sheets with the required number of signatures, numbered consecutively starting with the number "1"
Include Certificate of Deletions with petitions, numbered consecutively starting with the number "1" (if applicable)
Fill out data entry card (for people who file with the State Board of Elections) and place on top of nominating petition packet (does not need to be attached to the nominating packet)
File with the appropriate election authority (see specific office in this guide for details)
Note : This checklist is not binding and should not be construed as sufficient argument in response to any objection or legal argument. If you have further questions, you may contact the division of Election Operations at the State Board of Elections or your legal counsel.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BOARD MEMBERS, & BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBERS (IN SOME COUNTIES, NOT INCLUDING COOK)

Elected by District & At-Large

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Established Party (<u>SBE Form P-10</u>); Established Party <u>county board by district</u> (<u>SBE Form P-26</u>); Independent (<u>SBE Form P-3</u>); New Party, <u>at-large</u> (<u>SBE Form P-8</u>); New Party, <u>at-large and by district</u> (<u>SBE Form P-8B</u>)

Statement of Candidacy: Established Party (<u>SBE Form P-1</u>); Independent (<u>SBE Form P-1B</u>); New Party (<u>SBE Form P-1D</u>) Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates (<u>SBE Form P-1C</u>)

Statement of Economic Interests: Filed with the county clerk. The receipt must be filed with petitions or by the end of the filing period.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Established Party: At least 0.5% (.005) of the number of qualified electors of the candidate's party in the district who cast votes at the last General Election. The highest vote getter could be any federal, state or county candidate. (10 ILCS 5/7-10(c))

Independent: 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 last regular election in such district in which such district voted as a unit for that office. Also applies to Chair of the County Board and county board members elected from the county at-large. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

New Party: Not less than 5% of the number of voters who voted at the last regular election in such district or political subdivision in which such district or political subdivision voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area, except that where 5% is greater than 25,000, the minimum number of signatures required is 25,000. (10 ILCS 5/10-2)

For specific signature calculations, contact the county clerk.

QUALIFICATIONS:

(10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-5; 55 ILCS 5/2-3015)

- 18 years of age (or will be 18 by the date of the upcoming General Election)
- United States citizen
- Resident of the county for at least one year prior to the election
- Registered voter in county or county board district (see redistricting section)

FILING PERIODS:

Established Party:

November 27 - December 4, 2023

Independent and New Party:

June 17 - June 24, 2024

TERM:

Term of office: Two or Four year term (contact the county clerk's office for further information) (55 ILCS 5/2-3009(a)(b))

County Commissioner & County Board of Review Member: Six years and until a successor is elected and qualified

Term begins: December 2, 2024**

County Board Member (55 ILCS 5/2-3009) Commissioner (55 ILCS 5/2-3009)

**Elected Board of Review members: 10 Days after the canvass of the vote is completed. (35 ILCS 200/6-35)

FILING INFORMATION

Established Party: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12) **Independent & New Party:** Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election. (10 ILCS 5/10-6)

Suggested Revised March 2020 SBE No. P-1

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

NAME:	OFFICE:
ADDRESS – ZIP CODE:	A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here:year unexpired term
	DISTRICT:
	PARTY:
If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 8-8.1 or 10-5.1, complet	te the following (this information will appear on the ballot)
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STATE OF ILLINOIS)) SS.	
County of)	
	of Candidate) being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside City, Village, Unincorporated Area of
if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service)	
	I am a qualified voter therein and am a qualified Primary voter of the
Party; that	am a candidate for Nomination/Election to the office of
in the	District, to be voted upon at the primary 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 se	ek the nomination) to hold such office and that I have filed (or I will
ile before the close of the petition filing period) a Stater	ment of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental
Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed	upon the official(Name of Party)
Primary ballot for Nomination/Election for such office.	
	(Signature of Candidate)
Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by	before me, on
(Name of	Candidate) (insert month, day, year)
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10 ILCS 5/7-10.1

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

LOYALTY OATH (OPTIONAL)

United States of America State of Illinois))	SS.				
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United States and the State of Illing	ois, that I	am not a	affiliated di	irectly or indirect	ly with any	communist
organization or any communist fron	t organiza	ation, or a	ny foreign	political agency	, party, org	anization or
government which advocates the o	verthrow	of constit	utional gov	vernment by force	e or other	means not
permitted under the Constitution of th	ne United S	States or t	he Constit	ution of this State	; that I do no	ot directly or
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unlawful change in the form of the go	overnment	ts thereof	by force or	r any unlawful me	ans.	
				(Signature	e of Candid	ate)
Signed and sworn to (or affir	med) by_		(Name of	f Candidate)	1	before me,
on (insert month, day, year)						
			_	(Notary	Public's Sig	gnature)
(SEAL)						

CERTIFICATION OF DELETIONS

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Only the person circulating the petition, or the candidate on whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any signature from the petition. If deletions are made, this **CERTIFICATION OF DELETIONS** shall be filed as part of the petition.

(Signature of Person Deleting Signatures)

CERTIFICATE OF ATTACHED LIST OF DELETIONS

and are attached hereafter to the petitions of	(Name of Candidate) who
is a candidate for election to the office of	
	(date of election).
The following are the page numbers indicated or	n the attached CERTIFICATION OF DELETIONS:
(CANDIDATE)	
(Circulator)	(Circulator)
Every person striking signatures from the part of the beattached immediately following the preceding any CERTIFICATE OF DELE	petition, shall be numbered, and shall ast page of voters' signatures and

SHEET NO. _____

Suggested Revised August, 2017 SBE No. P-1

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

NAME	ADDRESS-ZIP CODE	OFFICE	DISTRICT	PARTY
Mickey Mouse		County Board Member	#1	Democratic

(for unexpired terms, specify "2 year unexpired term" or "4 year unexpired term" along with the office in the "OFFICE" space provided above) If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 8-8.1 or 10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot) FORMERLY KNOWN AS N/A or Former Name, if applicable UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON N/A or date of name change, if applicable (List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change) STATE OF ILLINOIS SS. County of Grundy I. Mickey Mouse _____ (Name of Candidate) being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I 123 W. Main St. the (City, reside in Village, Unincorporated of Morris _ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code $\underline{60450}$, in the County of Grundy _, State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a qualified Primary voter of the Democratic Party; that I am a candidate for Nomination/Election to the office of **County Board Member** in the #1 District, to be voted upon at the primary election to be held on June 28, 2022 (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 the nomination) 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 Democratic (Name of Party) Primary ballot for Nomination/Election for such office. Mickey Mouse before me, on January 13, 2022 Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by (Name of Candidate) (insert month, day, year) Donald 7. Duck **NOTARY SEAL**

(SEAL)

(Notary Public's Signature)

We, the undersigned, members of	and affiliated with the Democ	ratic Party ar	nd qualified primary	electors of the
Democratic Party,	in County Board District #1	, County of Grundy	in the State of III	inois, do hereb
petition that Mickey Mouse	who reside	des at 123 W. Main St.	in tl	ne City, Village
Unincorporated Area of Morris				
of Grundy and State	of Illinois, shall be a candidate of the	ne Democratic	Party for the nomination	for the office o
COUNTY BOARD MEMBER, County	Board District #1 in the	County of Grundy	_ in the State of Illinois	, to be voted fo
at the primary election to be held on $\underline{\mathbf{J}}\underline{\mathbf{u}}$	ine 28, 2022 (date	e of election).		
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(VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	NAME (optional)	RR NUMBER	VILLAGE	COUNTY
1. Minnie Mouse	Minnie Mouse	123 W. Main St.	Morris ,IL	Grundy
2. Daisy Duck	Daisy Duck	222 W. Main St.	Morris ,IL	Grandy
3. John Doe	John Doe	333 W. Main St.	Monis ,IL	Grundy
4. Jane Doe	Jane Doe	333 W. Main St.	Morris ,IL	Grandy
5. Jack Smith	Jack Smith	444 W. Main St.	Morris , ^{IL}	Grundy
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County of Grundy State of	of Illinois that I am 18 years o	f age or older (or 17 years of age a	nd qualified to vote in II	linois), that I an
a citizen of the United States, and tha	t the signatures on this sheet wer	re signed in my presence, during t	he period of January 1	3, 2022 through
March 14, 2022, and are genuine and	that to the best of my knowledge	and belief the persons so signing	were at the time of sig	ning the petition
qualified voters of the		division in which the candidates is	seeking nomination/ele	ctive office, and
that their respective residences are cor	rectly stated, as above set forth.	Mínbe	y Mouse	
			or's Signature)	
Cianad and august to (as officered) by	Mickey Mouse		January 13, 2022	
Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by	(Name of Circulator)	before me, on (Inse	rt month, day, year)	
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NOTARY SEAL			Public's Signature)	
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10 ILCS 5/7-10.1

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

LOYALTY OATH (OPTIONAL)

United States of America)			
State of Illinois)	SS.		
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government which advocates the c	overthrow of	constitutional g	government by force or	other means not
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D-5 NOTICE OF OBLIGATION

TO: All Candidates for Nomination, Election or Retention to Public Office and for Questions of Public Policy

This letter is to officially notify you of your filing obligation under Article 9 of the Election Code (An Act to Regulate Campaign Financing).

ALL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING THE D-1 STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION, MUST BE FILED WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS ONLY.

The Act requires a political committee to file a form D-1, Statement of Organization, within 10 business days of the creation of such committee, except any political committee created within the 30 days before an election must file a Statement of Organization within 2 business days. Required forms and A Guide to Campaign Disclosure are available from the Board offices and online. Failure to file or late filing of a Statement of Organization will result in a civil penalty being imposed by the Board.

Committees who must file fall within five categories: Candidate Political Committee, Political Party Committee, Political Action Committee, Ballot Initiative Committee, or Independent Expenditure Committee.

10 ILCS 5/9-1.8 Political Committees

Candidate Political Committee: means the candidate himself or herself or any natural person, trust, partnership, corporation, or other organization or group of persons designated by the candidate that accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any 12 month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5000 on behalf of the candidate.

Political Party Committee: means the State central committee of a political party, a county central committee of a political party, a legislative caucus committee, or a committee formed by a ward or township committeeman of a political party. A legislative caucus committee means a committee established for the purpose of electing candidates to the General Assembly by the person elected President of the Senate, Minority Leader of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, or a committee established by 5 or more members of the same caucus of the Senate or 10 or more members of the same caucus of the House of Representatives.

Political Action Committee: means any natural person, trust, partnership, committee, association corporation, or other organization or group of persons, other than a candidate, political party, candidate political committee, or political party committee, that accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any 12 month period in an aggregate of amount exceeding \$5000 on behalf of or in opposition to a candidate or candidates for political office. Political Action Committee includes any natural person, trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other organization or group of persons, other than a candidate, political party, candidate political committee, or political party committee, that makes electioneering communications during any 12 month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5000 related to any candidate or candidates for public office.

Ballot Initiative Committee: means any natural person, trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other organization or group of persons that accepts contributions or makes expenditures during any 12 month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5000 in support of or in opposition to any question of public policy to be submitted to the electors. Ballot initiative committee includes any natural person, trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other organization or group of persons that makes electioneering communications during any 12 month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5000 related to any question of public policy to be submitted to the voters. The \$5000 threshold applies to any contributions or expenditures received or made with the purpose of securing a place on the ballot for, advocating the defeat or passage of, or engaging in electioneering communication regarding the question of public policy, regardless of the method of initiation of the question of public policy and regardless of whether petitions have been circulated or filed with the appropriate office or whether the question has been adopted and certified by the governing body.

Independent Expenditure Committee: means any trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other organization or group of persons formed for the exclusive purpose of making independent expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5000 in support of or in opposition to (i) the nomination for election, election, retention, or defeat of any public official or candidate or (ii) any question of public policy to be submitted to the electors. "Independent expenditure committee" also includes any trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other organization or group of persons that makes electioneering communications that are not made in connection, consultation, or concert with or at the request or suggestion of a public official or candidate, a public official's or candidate's designated political committee or campaign, or an agent or agents of the public official, candidate, or political committee or campaign during any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$5000 related to (i) the nomination for election, election, retention, or defeat of any public official or candidate or (ii) any question of public policy to be submitted to the voters.

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ARTICLE 29B FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT

10 ILCS 5/29B-5. Purpose. The Legislature hereby declares that the purpose of this Article is to encourage every candidate for public office in this State to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. It is the intent of the Legislature that every candidate for public office in this State who subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices will follow the basic principles of decency, honesty and fair play in order to encourage healthy competition and open discussion of issues and candidate qualifications and discourage practices that cloud issues or unfairly attack opponent. (Source: P.A. 86-873.)

10 ILCS 5/29B-10. Code of Fair Campaign Practices. At the time a political committee, as defined in Article 9, files its statement of organization, the State Board of Elections, in the case of a state political committee or a political committee acting as both a state political committee and a local political committee, or the county clerk, in the case of a local political committee, shall give the political committee a blank form of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and a copy of the provisions of this Article. The State Board of Elections or county clerk shall inform each political committee that subscription to the Code is voluntary. The text of the code shall read:

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate for public office in the State of Illinois has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and untrammeled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

- (1) I will conduct my campaign openly and publicly, and limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to his record.
- (2) I will not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his personal or family life.
- (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, sexual orientation, religion or national origin.
- (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the personal integrity or patriotism of my opposition.
- (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters.
- (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.
- (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone. I shall take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this Code or the laws governing elections.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Illinois or chairman of a political committee in support of or opposition to a question of public policy, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Date	Signature		
Office Sought	(Print Name)		
Date of Election	Name of Political Committee		

THE FOLLOWING "FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS" ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS 2024 CANDIDATE'S GUIDE

For a complete copy of the Candidate's Guide: Contact the State Board of Elections <u>www.elections.il.gov</u> Springfield (217)782-4141 or Chicago (312)814-6440

SIGNING PETITIONS

Can a registered voter sign petitions for candidates of more than one political party for the same Primary Election?
 No. A "qualified primary elector" of a party may not sign petitions for or be a candidate in the primary of more than one party. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

2. May a voter who voted Republican in the last Primary Election now sign a petition for a Democratic candidate?

Yes; however, no one may sign petitions for candidates of more than one political party for the same Primary Election. Kusper v. Pontikes, 414 U.S. 51 (1973); Sperling v. County Officers Electoral Board, 57 III.2d 81, 309 N.E.2d 589 (III. 1974).

3. Can a voter sign an established party petition, and a new party and/or independent petition?

Yes, a voter may sign an established party candidate's petition prior to a General Primary Election and subsequent to that election, sign a petition of an Independent or new political party candidate prior to a General Election. The voter may not, however, sign a petition of more than one Independent or new political party candidate's petition for the same office. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-3)

4. Can a voter sign more than one established party candidate's petition?

Yes, a signer can sign petitions for as many candidates of the same established political party as they want, but they cannot sign petitions for different established parties in the same election.

5. How should the voter sign their name when they sign the petition?

The voter should sign the petition with the same name that they are registered to vote with; however, signing with a nickname will not invalidate the signature, provided the voter can be identified and it can be shown that the voter is lawfully registered to vote and qualified to sign the petition.

6. Are pencil signatures allowed?

Yes, but it is advisable to use a pen with dark ink.

7. Are abbreviations allowed on petitions?

Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the voter's address, including the street number.

8. Can ditto marks be used on the petitions?

Though ditto marks are not specifically prohibited, it is suggested they be avoided. The use of ditto marks could be objected to and the outcome of an objection cannot be predicted. A circulator can, however, fill in any missing information, except a voter's signature.

CIRCULATORS

1. May a candidate circulate their own petitions?

Yes.

2. When can the circulator start collecting signatures?

Usually no more than 90 days prior to the last day for filing petitions. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4)

3. If a candidate finds something wrong with their petitions after they are filed, can a new set of petitions be circulated and filed before the end of the filing period?

Yes, but the candidate must cancel the original set of petitions in writing. If the candidate fails to cancel the original set of petitions, then only the original petitions shall be considered filed and all subsequent petitions shall be void. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(11), 10-6.2)

- 4. May a circulator circulate petitions for an established party candidate and a new party candidate in the same election?

 No. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)
- 5. May a circulator sign as a voter on the petition they are circulating?

Yes, as long as the circulator is a registered voter in the applicable political subdivision or district.

- 6. May a circulator circulate petitions for an established party candidate and a new party candidate in the same election?

 No. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)
- 7. Is the circulator required to be a registered voter?

No, but they must be a United States citizen and be 18 years of age, or 18 years of age by the immediately following general or consolidated election. (10 ILCS 5/3-6) They must also include their current address on the circulator's affidavit. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4)

8. Can a petition sheet be circulated by more than one individual?

No. Only the person who signs the page as circulator can circulate that sheet. By signing as a circulator, the circulator is attesting that all signers signed in their presence. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4)

9. Who can remove a signature from a nominating petition?

Only the circulator or the candidate on whose behalf the petition was circulated may strike a signature; however, an individual can submit a written request to the proper filing office to have their name removed from the petition before the petition is filed. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-3)

FILING PETITIONS

1. May a candidate file in person or by mail?

Yes, however, if the candidate wishes to be in the lottery for the first ballot position it is advisable to file in person as only candidates whose petitions are received in the first mail delivery on the first day of filing are eligible for the lottery. Candidates should mail by United States Postal Service when mailing to the Illinois State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 8-9(2), 10-6.2)

2. May a petition contain the names of two or more candidates of the same established party?

Yes. An established party may file a slate of candidates for offices to be filled within the State, county, or district (e.g. judicial). However, each candidate of the slate must individually file a Statement of Candidacy and a receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interests. (10 ILCS 5/7-10)

3. If you are first in line or your petition is in the first mail delivery of the day, will you be first on the ballot?

Not necessarily. If there are two or more candidates in line prior to the opening of the office filing from the same party and for the same office, they would be considered as filing simultaneously along with any petition in the first mail delivery, and will be involved in a lottery to determine ballot position. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 8-9(2), 10-6.2)

Note: Candidates who file petitions during the last hour of filing (between 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM) on the last day to file petitions are also eligible for a lottery to determine the final ballot position. (Illinois Administrative Code, Title 26, Section 201.40)

4. Must the notary of the petition be an Illinois notary and may the notary also be a signatory of the petition?

Under the provisions of the Uniform Recognition of Acknowledgements Act (765 ILCS 30/2): "Notarial acts may be performed outside this State for use in this State with the same effect as if performed by a notary public of this State by the following persons authorized pursuant to the laws and regulations of other governments in addition to any other person authorized by the laws and regulations of this State..." "(1) a notary public authorized to perform notarial acts in the place in which the act is performed..." It has not been definitively determined whether a notary may also be a signatory to a petition. Some electoral boards and circuit courts have upheld petitions where the notary was also a signer of the petition, but the issue has not yet been decided by the Supreme Court or any appellate court in Illinois. A cautious candidate might wish to avoid using a petition signer as the notary so as to avoid the risk of having to defend against an objection on this issue.

For additional information contact the Index Department of the Secretary of State's office, 111 E. Monroe, Springfield, IL 62756-0001, (217) 782-7017.

5. Is a lottery conducted for party placement on the ballot?

For the General Election a lottery is conducted by each election authority for all established parties to determine the proper order of party placement on the ballot. This lottery is held within 30 days following the proclamation of the results of the Primary Election. New parties are involved in a lottery when there is a simultaneous filing with the State Board of Elections or the county clerk. The State Board of Elections conducts the lottery for new parties that file in the Springfield office and the election authorities must use such order. No party lottery is done for the Primary Election because each party has its own ballot, separate from any other established party. (10 ILCS 5/7-60) 69

6. In filing a petition to fill a vacancy in the office of circuit judge, must the petition contain the vacancy for which the candidate is filing?

Yes. For example, "To fill the vacancy of the Honorable John Jones." The vacancy is for the preceding elected judge, not the interim appointee.

7. Are judges running for retention required to file petitions?

No. Judges running for retention are required to file a Declaration of Candidacy for Retention with the Secretary of State on or before Sunday, May 8, 2022, preceding the expiration of their term of office. (Illinois Constitution, Article VI, Section 12(d))

8. Does a candidate have to file their own nomination papers?

No. The candidate or an agent of the candidate can file the candidate's petitions.

9. May a candidate file for more than one office?

Yes, however, the candidate must withdraw from all but one office within five business days following the last day of petition filing if the offices are incompatible. The withdrawal notice must be in writing and notarized. If the candidate does not withdraw, their name will not be certified for any office. Judicial candidates at the circuit court level are limited to filing a single petition for one circuit court vacancy and/or a single petition for one subcircuit vacancy in any filing period. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9))

10. When may petitions be mailed?

There are no statutory requirements regarding a time element for mailing petitions; however, all petitions must be received during the filing period. All petitions received in the office prior to the opening of the office on the first day of the filing period or after the close of the office on the last day of the filing period will be returned to the sender. (10 ILCS 5/7-12.6, 8-9, 10-6.2)

11. May a petition that has been filed be changed?

No. A petition once filed may not be added to or altered; however, the receipt(s) for filing Statements of Economic Interests may be filed at any time during the filing period. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12)

12. When a candidate withdraws their nominating petitions, are the petitions returned to the candidate?

No. The original documents are not returned, but remain in the office where they were filed. They must remain in the office for a period of at least six months. (10 ILCS 5/10-7)

13. When are petitions open to the public?

Upon their filing with the proper office. As a practical matter, there will be some delay in availability while the State Board of Elections or the election authority processes each petition. All certificates of nomination and nomination papers when presented or filed shall be open (under proper regulation) to public inspection and the State Board of Elections, election authorities, and local election officials having charge of nomination papers shall preserve the same in their respective offices not less than six months. (10 ILCS 5/10-7)