

MARCH 19, 2024 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION - SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS**PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN**

1 to be elected (per party for each precinct)	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
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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.****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

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 voluntary 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.

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.

WARD & PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSONS

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Established Party, Ward Committeeperson ([SBE Form P-10](#)), Precinct Committeeperson ([SBE Form P-27](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Established Party ([SBE Form P-1](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([SBE Form P-1C](#))

Statement of Economic Interests: Not required for party offices.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Established Party: Ward Committeeperson – not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater*) of the primary electors of the candidate’s party in the ward.

Signature requirements may be obtained from the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners (312/269-7900). (10 ILCS 5/7-10(i))

Precinct Committeeperson – a minimum of 10 primary electors of the candidate’s party in their precinct. (10 ILCS 5/7-10(i))

*Although the express language of Section 7-10(i), which applies in this instance, requires not less than 10% nor more than 16% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the primary electors of the candidate’s party in the ward, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit held in *Gjersten v. Board of Election Commissioners for City of Chicago*, 791 F. 2d 472 (7th Cir., 1986), that a signature requirement in excess of 5% is unconstitutional and thus unenforceable. Thus, 5% of the primary electors of the candidate’s party in the ward is the minimum number of signatures required for ward committeeperson petitions.

FILING INFORMATION

Established Party: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(5))

All candidates will file with the Office of the County Clerk. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(5))

Campaign Contributions: Reports must be filed either electronically or on paper with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704, or 69 W. Washington St., Pedway LL-08, Chicago, IL 60602.

QUALIFICATIONS:

(10 ILCS 5/7-8(b), 7-10, 10-5)

- United States citizen
- Registered voter
- Resident of the ward or precinct for which the candidate wishes to seek office

FILING PERIODS:

Established Party:

November 27 – December 4, 2023

TERM:

Term of office:

Ward Committeeperson: Four years

Precinct Committeeperson: Two years
(10 ILCS 5/7-8(b))

Term begins: Date of completion of canvass and proclamation
(10 ILCS 5/7-58)

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, 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, _____ (Name of Candidate) being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at _____, in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area 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 and am a qualified Primary voter of the _____ Party; that I 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 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 _____ (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)

(SEAL)

 (Notary Public's Signature)

**PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON
PRIMARY PETITION**

We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the _____ Party and qualified primary electors of the _____ Party, in _____ (township name and precinct number) in the County of _____, State of Illinois, do hereby petition that _____ who resides at _____ in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code _____, County of _____ and State of Illinois, shall be a candidate of the _____ Party for election to the office of **PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON**, for _____ (township name and precinct number), to be voted for at the primary election to be held on _____ (date of election).

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 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)

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	VOTER'S PRINTED NAME (optional)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1.			,IL	
2.			,IL	
3.			,IL	
4.			,IL	
5.			,IL	
6.			,IL	
7.			,IL	
8.			,IL	
9.			,IL	
10.			,IL	

State of _____)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ (Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at _____, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code) _____, County of _____, State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older (or 17 years of age and qualified to vote in Illinois), that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition qualified voters of the _____ Party in the political division in which the candidates is seeking nomination/elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

(Circulator's Signature)

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

(SEAL)

(Notary Public's Signature)

SHEET NO. _____

**PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON
PRIMARY PETITION**

We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the _____ Party and qualified primary electors of the _____ Party, in _____ (township name and precinct number) in the County of _____, State of Illinois, do hereby petition that _____ who resides at _____ in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code _____, County of _____ and State of Illinois, shall be a candidate of the _____ Party for election to the office of **PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON**, for _____ (township name and precinct number), to be voted for at the primary election to be held on _____ (date of election).

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 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)

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	VOTER'S PRINTED NAME (optional)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1.			,IL	
2.			,IL	
3.			,IL	
4.			,IL	
5.			,IL	
6.			,IL	
7.			,IL	
8.			,IL	
9.			,IL	
10.			,IL	

State of _____)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ (Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at _____, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code) _____, County of _____, State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older (or 17 years of age and qualified to vote in Illinois), that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition qualified voters of the _____ Party in the political division in which the candidates is seeking nomination/elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

(Circulator's Signature)

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

(SEAL)

(Notary Public's Signature)

SHEET NO. _____

ATTACH TO PETITION

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.

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)

CERTIFICATION OF DELETIONS

I, _____, Candidate or Circulator (circle one) do hereby certify that I have properly initialed the deletions of signatures, listed hereinafter by page and line numbers, from the petition of _____ (Name of Candidate) who is a candidate for election or nomination (circle one) to the office of _____ at the _____ Election to be held on _____ (date of election).

Page No.	Line No.	Page No.	Line No.	Page No.	Line No.

(Signature of Person Deleting Signatures)

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.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTACHED LIST OF DELETIONS

We, the undersigned persons who have stricken signatures from the attached hereby certify that there is/are _____ page(s) of **CERTIFICATION OF DELETIONS** listing signatures which have been stricken, and are attached hereafter to the petitions of _____ (Name of Candidate) who is a candidate for election to the office of _____ at the _____ Election to be held on _____ (date of election).

The following are the page numbers indicated on the attached **CERTIFICATION OF DELETIONS**:

(CANDIDATE)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

Every person striking signatures from the petition shall each sign this certificate. This certificate shall be filed as part of the petition, shall be numbered, and shall be attached immediately following the last page of voters' signatures and preceding any **CERTIFICATE OF DELETION** sheet.

SHEET NO. _____

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

NAME	ADDRESS-ZIP CODE	OFFICE	DISTRICT	PARTY
Mickey Mouse	123 W. Main St. Morris, IL 60450	Precinct Committeemen A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: _____ year unexpired term	Aux Sable #1	Democratic

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)
County of Grundy) SS.

I, Mickey Mouse (Name of Candidate) being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at 123 W. Main St. in the City Village, Unincorporated Area of Morris (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code 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 Precinct Committeemen in the Aux Sable #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
(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by Mickey Mouse before me, on January 13, 2022
(Name of Candidate) (insert month, day, year)

NOTARY SEAL
(SEAL)

Donald T. Duck
(Notary Public's Signature)

PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON PRIMARY PETITION

We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the Democratic Party and qualified primary electors of the Democratic Party, in City (township name and precinct number) in the County of Grundy, State of Illinois, do hereby petition that Mickey Mouse who resides at 123 W. Main St. in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area of Morris (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code 60450, County of Grundy and State of Illinois, shall be a candidate of the Democratic Party for election to the office of **PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON**, for Precinct Committeemen (township name and precinct number), to be voted for at the primary election to be held on June 28, 2022 (date of election).

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 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)

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	VOTER'S PRINTED NAME (optional)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1. <u>Minnie Mouse</u>	Minnie Mouse	<u>123 W. Main St.</u>	<u>Morris</u> , IL	<u>Grundy</u>
2. <u>Daisy Duck</u>	Daisy Duck	<u>222 W. Main St.</u>	<u>Morris</u> , IL	<u>Grundy</u>
3. <u>John Doe</u>	John Doe	<u>333 W. Main St.</u>	<u>Morris</u> , IL	<u>Grundy</u>
4. <u>Jane Doe</u>	Jane Doe	<u>333 W. Main St.</u>	<u>Morris</u> , IL	<u>Grundy</u>
5. <u>Jack Smith</u>	Jack Smith	<u>444 W. Main St.</u>	<u>Morris</u> , IL	<u>Grundy</u>
6.			, IL	
7.			, IL	
8.			, IL	
9.			, IL	
10.			, IL	

State of Illinois)
County of Grundy) SS.

I, Mickey Mouse (Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at 123 W. Main St. in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area of Morris (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code) 60450, County of Grundy, State of Illinois that I am 18 years of age or older (or 17 years of age and qualified to vote in Illinois), that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, during the period of January 13, 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 signing the petition qualified voters of the Democratic Party in the political division in which the candidates is seeking nomination/elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

Mickey Mouse
(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by Mickey Mouse before me, on January 13, 2022
(Name of Circulator) (Insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)
NOTARY SEAL

Donald T. Duck
(Notary Public's Signature)

____ ATTACH TO PETITION ____

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.

I, Mickey Mouse, 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.

Mickey Mouse
(Signature of Candidate)

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

on January 13, 2022
(insert month, day, year)

NOTARY SEAL
(SEAL)

Donald T. Duck
(Notary Public's Signature)

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.



STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS STATE OF ILLINOIS

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 untrammelled 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 www.elections.il.gov
Springfield (217)782-4141 or Chicago (312)814-6440

SIGNING PETITIONS

- 1. 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 Ill.2d 81, 309 N.E.2d 589 (Ill. 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)