

OFFICE: COUNTY OFFICERS – CIRCUIT CLERK, RECORDER, STATE’S ATTORNEY, AUDITOR, CORONER, PRESIDENT OF COUNTY BOARD, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS AND REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS * (VACANCIES)

The number of countywide offices which are elected varies from county to county. Contact your local election authority for additional information.

MINIMUM AGE: 18 years. Licensed attorneys in Illinois must be 21 years old. (See Residency below - Illinois Supreme Court Rule 701)

RESIDENCY: United States citizen. Resident of the county for 30 days. Registered voter in the county or county board district.

NOTE: Candidates for State’s Attorney do not have residency requirements but must be citizens of the United States and licensed attorneys in Illinois.

[Ill. Constitution, Article VI, Section 19]

NOTE: Candidates for county board member or commissioner, in counties with a population of 3,000,000 or less, must reside in the county for at least one year prior to the election. [55 ILCS 5/2-3015]

SIGNATURE

REQUIREMENTS:

ESTABLISHED PARTY CANDIDATES

For all offices (including Chairman of the County Board and county board members elected from the county at large), petitions must be signed by at least .5% (.005) of the vote cast for any candidate of the party who received the highest number of votes in the county at the 2010 General Election. The party candidate with the highest vote in the county could be any federal, state or county candidate. (The actual number is compiled by the election authority.)

[10 ILCS 5/7-10 (c)]

For offices elected by district, at least .5% (.005) of the qualified electors of his/her party in the entire county at the last preceding general election (determined by the number of votes received by the candidate of each political party who received the highest number of votes at the 2010 General Election in the county; the candidate with the highest number of votes in the county could be federal, state, or county candidates), divided by the number of county board districts, but in any event not less than 25 qualified primary electors of his party in the district. The actual number is compiled by the election authority.) [10 ILCS 5/7-10(c)]

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

An Independent candidate for county office (including Chairman of the County Board and county board members elected from the county at large) must submit nomination papers signed by qualified voters of the county equaling 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** General Election in the county or county board district, (for county board district, the LAST time the district elected a member).
[10 ILCS 5/10-3]

For offices elected by district, not less than 5%, nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of total number of votes cast at the preceding General Election for the county office voted on throughout such county for which the greatest total number of votes were cast for all candidates, divided by the number of districts, but in any event not less than 25 qualified voters of the district. (The actual number is compiled by the election authority.)

NEW PARTY CANDIDATES

A petition to form a new political party for countywide offices shall contain a complete list of candidates of such party for all offices (including all county board districts) to be filled at the election.
[10 ILCS 5/10-2]

Not less than 5% of the number of persons who voted at the **LAST** General Election in the county. (The actual number of signatures required is compiled by your election authority.)

For offices elected by district, not less than 5% of the total number of votes cast at the preceding General Election for the county office voted on throughout the county, for which the greatest total number of votes were cast for all candidates, divided by the number of districts, but in any event not less than 25 qualified voters of the district. (The actual number of signatures required is compiled by the election authority.)

New party candidates seeking county office with officers elected by district and at-large should follow [10 ILCS 5/10-2]

PETITIONS:

ESTABLISHED PARTY: SBE No. P-10

NOTE: County Board Members elected from districts: SBE No. P-26

INDEPENDENT: SBE No. P-3

NEW PARTY: (At-large offices) SBE No. P-8
(At-large offices and offices by district - SBE No. P-8B)

STATEMENT OF
CANDIDACY:

Filed with nomination papers.

ESTABLISHED PARTY: SBE No. P-1

INDEPENDENT: SBE No. P-1B

NEW PARTY: SBE No. P-1D

STATEMENT OF
ECONOMIC
INTERESTS:

Filed with the County Clerk. Receipt must be filed with petitions or by the end of the filing period. (For exception see pages 9 para. D, 1-4) Multi-County Regional Superintendent candidates file with the county clerk in the county where the principal office of the region is located.

LOYALTY OATH:

(Optional) Filed with nomination papers. SBE No. P-1C

FILING DATES:

ESTABLISHED PARTY: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary, November 28 – December 5, 2011

INDEPENDENT: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election, June 18 – 25, 2012

NEW PARTY: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Election, June 18 - 25, 2012.

WHERE TO
FILE:

Office of the County Clerk. (Exceptions: Candidates for Regional Superintendent of a Multi-County Region file with the State Board of Elections, and candidates in DuPage County file with the DuPage County Board of Election Commissioners.)

CAMPAIGN
DISCLOSURE:

Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 1020 South Spring, Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

TERM OF OFFICE:

4 years and until a successor is elected and qualified.
(For County Board members elected by district, terms will be determined by a lottery. Please refer to 55 ILCS 5/2-3009).

NOTE: County Commissioner term is 6-years and until a successor is elected and qualified. Cook County Commissioner term is 4-years.

County Commissioners are elected at-large in certain downstate counties. County Board Members and Commissioners may be elected at-large and from districts.

TERM BEGINS: First day of the month following the election, December 1, 2012, for the following offices:

COUNTY AUDITOR	[55 ILCS 5/3-1001]
CIRCUIT CLERK	[705 ILCS 105/1.1]
CORONER	[55 ILCS 5/3-3002]
RECORDER OF DEEDS	[55 ILCS 5/3-5004]
STATE'S ATTORNEY	[55 ILCS 3-9002]

First Monday of the month following the election: December 3, 2012, for the following offices:

COUNTY BOARD MEMBER	[55 ILCS 5/2-3009]
COMMISSIONER	[55 ILCS 5/2-3009]

ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION

* A candidate for REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS must possess a master's degree and certain other educational qualifications that are listed in 105 ILCS 5/3-1. No other petition of any candidate for nomination for the office of Regional Superintendent of Schools may be filed and no such candidate's name may be placed on a primary or General Election ballot, unless such candidate files as part of his/her petition, a certificate from the State Board of Education certifying that from the records of its office such candidate has the qualifications required by this section; however, any incumbent filing his/her petition for nomination for a succeeding term of office shall not be required to attach such certificate to his/her Petition of Candidacy. Candidates for Regional Superintendent of Schools should examine the provisions of Section 3-1 carefully in order to determine if they qualify.