



CONSOLIDATED ELECTION – APRIL 6, 2027 IMPORTANT 2027 FILING AND CIRCULATION DATES

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

First day to circulate nomination papers for independent and new political party candidates in municipalities and nonpartisan candidates for libraries, park districts, school boards, community college boards, regional board of school trustees, fire protection districts, water districts and SMEAA board members

Friday, November 6, 2026

It is suggested that the local election official give a pre-filing notice indicating the time and location for the filing of nominating petitions. If a pre-filing notice is given, it should be given at least 10 days before the first day of the filing period, which is Nov. 6th

Monday, November 16 – Monday, November 23, 2026

Filing period for independent and new political party candidates in municipalities and nonpartisan candidates for libraries, park districts, school boards, community college boards, regional board of school trustees, fire protection districts, water districts and SMEAA board members

Note for Villages of Buffalo and Thayer: Filing period for certificates of nomination for established party candidates nominated at a municipal caucus is not until December 14-21, 2026

Wednesday, November 25, 2026

Last day for written notice of time and place for conducting lottery when two or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office as of the opening hour on Nov. 16th or during the last hour on Nov. 23rd (Note: Notice must be given 7 days prior to the lottery. If the lottery is to be held on the last statutory date, Dec. 2nd, the last day to give notice is Nov. 25th)

Monday, November 30, 2026

Last day for municipal clerk to post/publish notice of time and location of municipal caucus

Wednesday, December 2, 2026

Last day for filing objections in the office of the local election official to the nomination papers of all candidates who filed during the November 16 – 23, 2026 filing period

Note: The objection period is 5 business days. If the office of the appropriate local election official is open on Friday, November 27th, then the deadline to file an objection is Tuesday, December 1, 2026. So, the Dec. 2nd date above may vary among local election officials based on their Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule. The Sangamon Election Office is closed Nov. 26th & 27th.

Last day to conduct lottery when two or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office as of the opening hour on Nov. 16th or during the last hour on Nov. 23rd

Last day for an individual who has filed nomination papers for two or more incompatible office to withdraw from all but one of the offices

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Monday, December 7, 2026

Date of municipal caucus for municipalities with Established Political Parties (Only the following municipalities had established party candidates the previous election: Buffalo and Thayer)

Monday, December 14 – 21, 2026

Filing period for certificates of nomination for established party municipal caucus candidates (Only applies to the Villages of Buffalo and Thayer)

Tuesday, December 29, 2026

Last day for filing objections in the office of the local election official to certificates of nomination for established party municipal caucus candidates that filed during the December 14 – 21, 2026 filing period

Note: The objection period is 5 business days. If the office of the election authority or local election official is closed or open for less than 7 hours on December 24, 2026, that office must extend the deadline for filing objections in that office to December 30, 2026.

Monday, January 4, 2027

Last day to file petitions for referenda (local) (Exception: proposition to create a political subdivision, referenda held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code)

Monday, January 11, 2027

Last day to file objections to petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy (local)

Tuesday, January 19, 2027

Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow **binding** public questions to appear on the ballot

Last day for County, Municipal, Township, Library, School and Park Boards to adopt a resolution to allow **advisory** referenda to appear on the ballot

Wednesday, January 27, 2027

Last day for established political party (local established or statewide established) to fill a vacancy in nomination for failure to nominate at the Dec. 7th Municipal Caucus

Thursday, January 28, 2027

Last day for local election official to certify candidates to the election authority

Last day for circuit court clerk and local election officials to certify any public questions to the election authority

Last day candidate may file Withdrawal of Candidacy in the office of the local election official or election authority

Thursday, February 4, 2027

Last day to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate