

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)

Preparing to Run for Office in 2024: Petition Circulation



Circulating a Petition

Established party, new party, and independent candidates are required to circulate petitions.

90 Days

Petitions can ONLY be circulated within 90 days from the last day to file nomination papers.

For the 2024 General Primary, the circulation period begins **September 5, 2023**.

Candidates may file their nomination papers during period of **November 27 – December 4, 2023**.

Note: this does not include candidates for president delegate, there is a later circulation and filing period.

PETITION CIRCULATORS

- A petition circulator must be 18 years of age and a United States Citizen. (If they will be 18 on the day of the General Election, 17 year olds are allowed to circulate.)
- The circulator must personally witness all signatures given and sign the required certificate stating that all signatures were given in their presence.
- A petition circulator may not circulate for more than one political party.
- A petition circulator may not circulate for independent candidates in addition to candidates for an established political party or new political parties.
- A petition circulator must complete the circulator's statement at the bottom of each petition sheet.

PETITION SIGNERS

- A signer **MAY NOT** sign petitions for a candidate of more than one political party for the same primary election.
- A signer must sign their own signature on the petition. The signer cannot sign for someone else, such as another member of their family.
- Petition signers must be registered voters in the political subdivision in which the candidate is seeking nomination or election.
- A petition signer may change party affiliation from one election to another.
- A petition signer must be a registered voter from the address shown opposite their signature on the petition.

PREPARING PETITIONS

The following original documents are to be attached (preferably on top) to the nominating petition signature sheets:

- 1) Statement of Candidacy;
- 2) Loyalty Oath (optional)
- 3) Receipt for filing the Statement of Economic Interests (not required for federal or party office). The receipt may be filed at any time during the filing period and will not change the initial date and time of filing.

The above documents are NOT page numbered.

- The petition signature sheets must be original and of uniform size.
- The petition signature sheets must be neatly fastened together in book form by fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable manner.
- The petition signature sheets must be numbered consecutively, beginning with the top sheet as number "1."
- Any certifications related to the striking of signatures shall be attached immediately following the last petition page and numbered consecutively beginning with the number "1."
- For all new political party petitions, the petition must have attached thereto a Certificate of Officers (SBE For P-8C).

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

MARCH 19, 2024

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Petition Circulation begins Tuesday, September 5, 2023

The filing period begins Monday, November 27, and runs thru Monday, December 4, 2023.

Nominating papers may be filed in person or by mail.

Petitions **MUST BE RECEIVED DURING THE FILING PERIOD.**

Petitions may be mailed to 404 Elm Street, Room 101, Rockford, IL 61101.

The Clerk’s Office will be open from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm Monday – Friday to accept filings.

Independent Candidates - The filing period is June 17 thru June 24, 2024.

COUNTYWIDE

| OFFICE | DEMOCRATIC | REPUBLICAN | INDEPENDENT Not less than – Nor more than |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| ALL | 219 | 358 | 4,444 – 7,110 |

COUNTY BOARD

| DISTRICT | DEMOCRATIC | REPUBLICAN | INDEPENDENT Not less than – Nor more than |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| ALL | 25 | 25 | |
| 2 | | | 285 - 456 |
| 3 | | | 262 – 418 |
| 11 | | | 286 – 458 |
| 12 | | | 87 – 140 |
| 13 | | | 144 – 230 |
| 16 | | | 298 – 476 |
| 17 | | | 231 – 370 |
| 18 | | | 101 – 162 |
| 19 | | | 243 – 389 |
| 20 | | | 279 – 446 |



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

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.



WINNEBAGO COUNTY

ILLINOIS

Candidate Receipt for Filing

(MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE TURNING IN YOUR PACKET)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Type:
(circle one)

Cell

Home

Office

Secondary Phone: _____

Type:
(circle one)

Cell

Home

Office

Primary Email: _____

Secondary Email: _____

Website: _____

Head of Slate: _____

Head of Slate: If more than one candidate is listed on the petition.

COUNTYWIDE: AUDITOR
(circle one)

COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT: _____

CHAIRPERSON

COUNTY PRECINCT

CIRCUIT CLERK

COMMITTEEPERSON: PRECINCT _____

CORONER

CITY PRECINCT

WARD _____

STATE'S ATTORNEY

COMMITTEEPERSON:

PRECINCT _____

PARTY: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

FILING DATE: _____

TIME: _____

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY Y or N

HOW FILED: CANDIDATE

LOYALTY OATH Y or N

AGENT

ECONOMIC INTEREST Y or N

MAIL

CERTIFICATE OF DELETIONS Y or N

NUMBER OF PETITION PAGES _____

FORM OF BINDING:
(circle one)

BINDER/PAPER CLIP

STAPLE

PRONG

OTHER

NO BINDING

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)

____ 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)

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)

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).

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(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 |
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(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)