

How to Complete Precinct Committeeperson Petitions & Candidacy Forms

7/15/25

Judi Zapp

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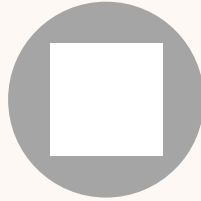
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2026

- GENERAL PRIMARY
MARCH 17, 2026
- GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3,
2026

OFFICERS <u>NOMINATED AT THE PRIMARY & ELECTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION</u> (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2)	
United States Senator	County Clerks
Governor/Lieutenant Governor	County Treasurers
Attorney General	County Sheriff
Secretary of State	County Assessors
State Comptroller	Members of Boards of Review (in counties with elected Boards), Cook County Board of Review Commissioners/Board of Assessors
State Treasurer	Regional Superintendent of Schools
Representatives in Congress: All districts	County Commissioners (not under township organization), and the President of the County Board of Cook County
State Senators: Districts <i>2,3,5,6,8,9,11,12,14,15,17,18,20,21,23,24,26,27,29,30,32,33,35,36,38,39,41,42,44,45,47,48,50,51,53,54,56,57,59</i>	County Board Members (under township organization)
Representatives in the General Assembly: All districts	Sanitary District Commissioners and Trustees
Judges: Supreme Court, Appellate Court, Circuit Court, Resident Circuit Court, Subcircuits. Vacancies will be filled if required, all judges seeking retention will appear on the ballot at the General Election, and additional judgeships, if required.	Board Member, Board of Education, Chicago Board of Education – Board Members and President
	Forest Preserve District Commissioners and President

Non-Cook County Elections: PC's

OFFICERS ELECTED AT THE PRIMARY (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2(b)(2))	
State Central Committeepersons (Democratic party only, -two committeepersons of different genders per district; Republican State Central Committeepersons are elected at the County Conventions)	
Township Committeepersons (Cook County)	Precinct Committeepersons (all counties except Cook)
School Boards Under Article 33 – City of Peoria Only	MARCH 17, 2026

2026 Abbreviated Election Calendar



Abbreviated Calendar of Dates for the **2026 General Primary Election** **2026 General Election**

2026 General Primary Election

The following dates are for the 2026 General Primary Election to be held on March 17, 2026.

The dates included in this abbreviated calendar are not comprehensive of all dates surrounding the election, and do not include all relevant details. For additional detail and statutory references for any of the dates in this calendar, please consult the 2026 Election and Campaign Finance Calendar.

August 5, 2025

Petition Circulation Begins for the General Primary Election

First day to circulate petitions for established party candidates seeking nomination in the 2026 General Primary Election.

October 27, 2025

First Day to File Nomination Papers for the General Primary Election

First day to file nomination papers for established party candidates for the 2026 General Primary Election.

November 3, 2025

Last Day to File Nomination Papers for the General Primary Election

Last day to file nomination papers for established party candidates for the 2026 General Primary Election.

Candidate Checklist

1. ☒ Completed and notarized **Statement of Candidacy** (Securely fastened to petition pages)
2. ☒ **Notarized Petition pages** bound in secure manner (no paperclips or tape)
 - ☒ Required number of Petition Signatures
 - ☒ Petition pages properly notarized
 - ☒ Petition pages consecutively numbered
 - ☐ Include Certificate of Deletions with petitions, numbered consecutively starting with the number "1" (if applicable)
- ☐ Receipt for filing Statement of Economic Interest Form

(A receipt for Statement of Economic Interest is NOT needed for PC's)
- ☐ Loyalty Oath (**optional**)
- ☐ Code of Fair Campaign Practices (**optional**)

Everything You Need is in the **2026 Candidate's Guide** at elections.il.gov



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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEEPERSONS (COOK COUNTY) & PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSONS

(ALL COUNTIES EXCEPT COOK)

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Established Party, Township 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: Township Committeeperson – not less than 5% nor more than 8% of the votes cast (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) for the party's candidate who received the highest number of votes in the township. (10 ILCS 5/7-10(i))

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

For signature calculations for Township Committeeperson, contact the Cook County Clerk.

For signature calculations for Precinct Committeeperson, contact the county clerk for that precinct.

FILING INFORMATION

Established Party: Not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(5))

All candidates for Township Committeeperson will file with the Office of the Cook County Clerk. All candidates for Precinct Committeeperson 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:

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

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

FILING PERIODS:

Established Party:

October 27 – November 3, 2025

TERM:

Term of office:

Township Committeeperson: Four years (10 ILCS 5/7-8(b))

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

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

CANDIDATE FILING PERIODS

Federal, State, and County

	FILING PERIOD	PETITION CIRCULATION
Established Political Parties	October 27 – November 3, 2025 (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12(1), 8-8, 8-9)	August 5, 2025

Filing Candidacy, Petition & Economic Interest Forms

<https://www.elections.il.gov/RunningForOffice.aspx?MID=rOINCTNZd9A%3d>

1. **Statement of Candidacy** Form
2. **Nominating Petitions (File 10/27/25-11/3/25)**
 - SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: a minimum of **10** primary electors of the **candidate's party** for the **precinct**. **AIM for 20.**
 - **Filing Location-YOUR** County Clerk
 - Verify County Clerk's regular business hours.

Statement of Candidacy Top of Form Page 73 (actual)

10 ILCS 5/7-10

____ ATTACH TO PETITION ____

Suggested
Revised March 2020
SBE No. P-1

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

NAME: <input type="text"/>	OFFICE: <input type="text"/>
ADDRESS – ZIP CODE: <input type="text"/>	A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: <input type="text"/> year unexpired term
	DISTRICT: <input type="text"/>
	PARTY: <input type="text"/>

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)

Sample Statement of Candidacy Form, top

10 ILCS 5/7-10

_____**ATTACH TO PETITION**_____

Suggested
Revised March 2020
SBE No. P-1

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

NAME: Judi Zapp	OFFICE: Precinct Committeeperson
ADDRESS – ZIP CODE: 123 N. Main St Algonquin, IL 60102	A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: _____ year unexpired term
	DISTRICT: 61
	PARTY: Republican

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

(List all names during last 3 years)

UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON

(List date of each name change)

Statement of Candidacy BLANK Form, middle

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ 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, that I am a candidate for Nomination/Election to the office of _____ in the _____ (Name of City, Village or Special District) to be voted upon at the election to be held on _____ (date of election) and that I am legally qualified 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 ballot for Nomination/Election to such office.

Sample Statement of Candidacy COMPLETED Form,
middle

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
County of _____) SS.

I, Judi Zapp (Name of Candidate) being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at 123 N. Main St, in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area of Algonquin (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code 60102, in the County of McHenry, State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a qualified Primary voter of the Republican Party; that I am a candidate for Nomination/Election to the office of Precinct Committeeperson in the 61 District, to be voted upon at the primary election to be held on MARCH 17, 2026 (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 Republican (Name of Party) Primary ballot for Nomination/Election for such office.

Statement of Candidacy, End of Form

Note: Sign Candidacy Form in front of Notary

(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)

CIRCULATING PETITIONS

PETITION CIRCULATOR REQUIREMENTS

- Must be at least **18 years of age** or will be 18 by the date of the upcoming general election
- Must be a **citizen** of the United States (can be from outside of the district, county, or state).
- Must personally **witness** all signatures given
- Must **Sign the required circulator's statement** affirming that all signatures were given in their presence.

NOTE: Blank nomination petitions may be reproduced prior to circulation. The signatures of the signers, circulator, and the notary public must be original.

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	VOTER'S PRINTED NAME (optional)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	CO.
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2.				IL
3.				IL
4.				IL
5.				IL
				IL
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				IL
				IL
				IL
				IL



SIGNING PETITIONS

- Signer must sign their own signature on the petition
 - Cannot sign for someone else, such as a spouse, family member, or other person in the household
- Signers must also be **registered voters** in **political party** in which the candidate is seeking nomination or election
- Petition Signers shall indicate on such petition their **residence address** (written or printed) including the street address or rural route number, as well as their city, village or town, county, and state
- The **state, county, city, village** and town of residence **may be pre-printed** on the petition form when all of the electors signing the petition form reside therein
- **Standard abbreviations may be used** in writing the residence address
- Petition **Signer must be a registered voter from the address shown** opposite their signature on the petition



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Petitions,
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10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-10.2

X...BIND HERE...X

PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON
PRIMARY PETITION

Suggested
Revised July, 2019
SBE No. P-27

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
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Petitions,
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PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON
PRIMARY PETITION

We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the Republican Party and qualified primary electors of the Republican Party, in Algonquin Township Precinct 61 (township name and precinct number) in the County of McHenry, State of Illinois, do hereby petition that Judi Zapp who resides at 123 N. Main St. in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area of Algonquin (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code 60102, County of McHenry and State of Illinois, shall be a candidate of the Republican Party for election to the office of ~~PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON~~ for Algonquin Township Precinct 61 (township name and precinct number), to be voted for at the primary election to be held on 3/17/2026 (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	
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8.			,IL	
9.			,IL	
10.			,IL	

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State of _____)
County of _____) SS. **Note: Circulator Must Sign Petition Form in front of Notary**

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)

Tip: Number pages once all Signatures are Gathered

SHEET NO. _____

SIGNING PETITIONS FAQ Answers, actual page 76

- 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**
- Are abbreviations allowed on petitions? **Standard abbreviations** may be used in writing the **voter's address**, including the street number.
- Are pencil signatures allowed? **Yes**, but it is advisable to use a pen with dark ink
- 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.**

Circulating Petitions FAQ Answers, actual page 77

- May a candidate circulate their own petitions? **Yes.**
- 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.
- 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.

Nominating Petitions Tips

- **BEST TIP: Refer to the Candidates Guide for Most Questions**
- Signatures may be struck (deleted) from a petition by the circulator or the candidate prior to filing the petition (see requirements in the Candidate's Guide, actual page 12).
- Partially Completed Petitions Accepted
- Pages sequentially numbered (wait to number till all signatures gathered)
 - The form of the candidate's name for the ballot will be taken from the first numbered page of the nomination petition.
 - The top of each petition page must include the **candidate's name (name that you want to appear on ballot), legal address, title of office, term and district.**



Thank YOU!