

SUPERVISOR, CLERK, ASSESSOR, MULTI-TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR, TRUSTEES, AND HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

Township

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Established Party (SBE Form P-10, for primary); New Party (SBE Form P-8, for consolidated election); Independent (SBE Form P-3, for consolidated election)

Statement of Candidacy: Established Party (SBE Form P-1, for primary, SBE Form P-1K, for caucus); New Party (SBE Form P-1D); Independent (SBE Form P-1B)

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

Statement of Economic Interests: Filed with the county clerk. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106; 60 ILCS 1/45-30) See page 22 regarding filing the receipt.

Fair Campaign Practices Act (voluntary): Filed with the State Board of Elections.

NOMINATION BY PRIMARY ELECTION

If the Township Central Committee determines to conduct a primary, the Township Central Committee must file a statement of such a determination with the county clerk no later than August 15, 2024. If the township or any part of the township is within the jurisdiction of a board of election commissioners, the Township Central Committee shall notify the board of election commissioners of such a determination. (60 ILCS 1/45-55)

NOTE: The option to hold a primary applies only to townships in Cook County and in townships outside of Cook County that have a population of more than 15,000. (60 ILCS 1/45-55)

NOMINATION BY CAUCUS

Township Caucus Date – December 3, 2024 (60 ILCS 1/45-10)

Multi-township Caucus Date – December 4, 2024 (60 ILCS 1/45-25(a))

Caucus nomination papers include: 1) Certification by the Chair and Secretary of the Township Caucus of the names of all candidates for office in the township nominated at the caucus, 2) a Statement of Candidacy for each candidate, and 3) a receipt from the county clerk showing that each candidate has filed a Statement of Economic Interests by the last day on which nomination papers are filed. (60 ILCS 1/45-20(b), 45-25(e)) Candidates for township assessor and multi-township assessor must also file a certificate of qualifications. For a description of township caucus procedures, see the 2025 Township Caucus Guide published on the SBE's [website](#).

The multi-township caucus is conducted by the multi-township political committee for all voters of the party in that district. The procedure is the same as in a single township caucus.

QUALIFICATIONS

Legal voter of the township and one-year residency in the township. (60 ILCS 1/55-5)

A person is not eligible to hold any office if that person, at the time required for taking the oath of office, has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony. (60 ILCS 1/55-6)

A person convicted of a felony, bribery, perjury, or other infamous crime, for an offense committed on or after November 17, 2023 (the effective date of Public Act 103-562) and committed while the person was serving as a public official in this State, is ineligible to hold any local public office unless the person's conviction is reversed, the person is again restored to such rights by the terms of a pardon for the offense, the person has received a restoration of rights by the Governor, or the person's rights are otherwise restored by law. (730 ILCS 5/5-5-5)

(See assessor qualifications requirements on page 41)

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Established Party – Primary Election only: At least .5% (.005) of the qualified primary electors of the candidate's party in the township. The number of qualified primary electors is determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for the political party that received the highest number of votes in the township at the last regular election at which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from that township. (10 ILCS 5/7-10(e))

New Party – Consolidated Election only: Not less than 5% of the total number of persons who voted at the last regular election in the township in which the township voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

Independent – Consolidated Election only: 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 regular election in the township in which the township voted as a unit for the election of officers to serve its respective territorial area. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)

Example: If 1,000 voters cast ballots at the last regular election in the township, the formula of 5% – 8% would result in a signature requirement of 50 – 80. A difference of at least 50 between the minimum and maximum is required (10 ILCS 5/10-3). Therefore, the signature requirement would be 50 – 100.

FILING DATES

Nomination by primary election, October 21-28, 2024 (not more than 127 nor less than 120 days prior to the consolidated primary).

New political party and independent candidates file during the November 12-18, 2024, filing period (not more than 141 nor less than 134 days prior to the consolidated election). Caucus certificates of nomination are filed December 9-16, 2024.

WHERE TO FILE

With the Township Clerk's office (or, if the township lies wholly within the jurisdiction of a Municipal Board of Election Commissioners, with the Municipal Board of Election Commissioners). Multi-township assessor candidates file with the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(3); 60 ILCS 1/45-20(b))

TERM

4 years and until their successors are elected and qualified. (60 ILCS 1/50-5, 50-10(a), 50-40))

TERM BEGINS

Township Supervisors and Township Clerks: Third Monday of the month following their election – May 19, 2025.
(60 ILCS 1/50-15(b))

Township Trustees: Third Monday of the month following their election – May 19, 2025. (60 ILCS 1/50-40)

Township Assessors and Multi-township Assessors: January 1 following their election – January 1, 2026.
(35 ILCS 200/2-45(a); 60 ILCS 1/50-15(c))

Township Collectors: January 1 following their election and qualification – January 1, 2026. (60 ILCS 1/50-15(a))

Highway Commissioner: Third Monday in May following their election – May 19, 2025. (605 ILCS 5/6-116)

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

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