

ELECTION CALENDAR AT A GLANCE
GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 6TH, 2018

MARCH 2018	27	<u>PETITION CIRCULATION:</u> First day to circulate petitions for independent and new political party candidates (90 days before last day to file).
MAY 2018	6	<u>JUDICIAL RETENTION:</u> Last day for judges seeking retention in office to file a Declaration of Judicial Candidacy with the Secretary of State.
	7	<u>PUBLIC QUESTION-CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT:</u> Last day to file petitions with the Secretary of State to amend Article IV of the State Constitution (minimum of 290,216 signatures). <u>PUBLIC QUESTION-STATEWIDE ADVISORY:</u> Last day to file a statewide petition for advisory public policy question with the State Board of elections (minimum 290,216 signatures).
JUNE 2018	18	<u>NEW PARTY AND INDEPENDENT FILING BEGINS:</u> First day for petition filing period for independent and new political party candidates.
	25	<u>NEW PARTY AND INDEPENDENT FILING ENDS:</u> Last day for petition filing period for independent and new political party candidates.
JULY 2018	2	<u>OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION PAPERS:</u> Last day for filing objections to nomination papers for independent and new party candidates who filed June 18 th -25 th , 2018. <u>INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES:</u> Last day to withdraw when an individual has filed for 2 or more incompatible offices during the June 18 th -25 th , 2018 filing period.
	5	<u>LOTTERY:</u> Last day to conduct lottery for the June 18 th -25 th , 2018 filing period.

AUGUST 2018	6	<u>REFERENDA:</u> Last day to file a petition for public question (certain exceptions apply).
	8	<u>VOTE BY MAIL-APPLICATION:</u> First day for any registered voter within the confines of the United States to make application by mail or in person for an official vote by mail ballot.
	20	<u>REFERENDA RESOLUTIONS:</u> Last day for local governing boards to adopt resolution or ordinance for binding public questions to appear on the ballot. Last day for County, Municipal, School, Township, and Park Boards to place advisory referenda on the ballot by resolution.
	24	<u>WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY:</u> Last day for independent and new political party candidates to file withdrawal papers with State Board of Elections. <u>BALLOT CERTIFICATION:</u> Last day for State Board to certify the General Election ballot. Last day for State Board of Elections to certify questions to amend the Constitution of Illinois and any statewide questions of public policy.
	29	<u>BALLOT CERTIFICATION:</u> Last day for county clerk to certify general election candidates to boards of election commissioners.
	30	<u>WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY:</u> Last day for independent and new political party candidates to file withdrawal of nomination papers in the office of the county clerk. <u>BALLOT CERTIFICATION:</u> Last day for circuit clerk and local election officials to certify any binding public questions or advisory referenda to the election authority having jurisdiction over the political subdivision. Last day for the county clerk to certify the General Election ballot.

SEPTEMBER 2018	6	<u>WRITE-IN CANDIDATES</u> : Last day a person may file a Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the proper election authority.
	17	<u>LEGISLATIVE AND REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION</u> : Last day each legislative and representative committee shall meet and organize.
		<u>STATE PARTY CONVENTION</u> : Last day for established party to hold a state party convention.
		<u>SCHEDULE FOR EARLY VOTING</u> : Last day for election authority to provide State Board of Elections with a list of all early voting sites and hours.
OCTOBER 2018	21	<u>VOTE BY MAIL-UOCAVA</u> : Last day for the election authority to have sufficient number of ballots available for mailing to persons in the U.S. service or their spouses, as well as voting age dependents, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the U.S. and nonresident civilians.
	27	<u>VOTE BY MAIL</u> : First day for election authority to mail an official ballot to voters upon request.
		<u>EARLY VOTING</u> : First day for early voting at the office of the election authority and temporary locations.
	9	<u>CLOSE OF REGISTRATION</u> : Last day for registration or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority.
OCTOBER 2018	10	<u>GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING</u> : First day for grace period registration, voting or change of address in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose.
	22	<u>EARLY VOTING-PERMANENT POLLING PLACES</u> : First day of early voting for counties that have early voting at permanent polling places other than the office of the election authority.
	29	<u>VOTE BY MAIL-UOCAVA</u> : Last day for any voter who is a member of the U.S. service or their spouses, as well as voting age dependents, nonresident civilians, and citizens temporarily residing outside the U.S. to make application for an absentee ballot.

NOVEMBER 2018	1	<u>VOTE BY MAIL</u> : Last day for the election authority to receive application by mail from any registered voter.
	5	<u>EARLY VOTING</u> : Last day for early voting. <u>VOTE BY MAIL</u> : Last day for any registered voter to make application in person for a vote by mail ballot.
	6	<u>GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING</u> : Last day for grace period registration and voting.