



CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY – FEBRUARY 23, 2027
IMPORTANT 2027 FILING AND CIRCULATION DATES
(NOTE: PRIMARY HELD ONLY IN CERTAIN NONPARTISAN MUNICIPALITIES)

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

First day to circulate nomination papers for **nonpartisan** municipal candidates who file October 19th - 26th

*(The following jurisdictions have previously filed or have indicated they are nonpartisan: City of Springfield, City of Leland Grove and Villages of Chatham, Curran, Rochester, Sherman, Southern View and Spaulding)

Friday, October 9, 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 Oct. 9th

Monday, October 19 – October 26, 2026

Filing period for nonpartisan municipal candidates. Candidates file in the office of the local election official (City/Village Clerk)

Wednesday, October 28, 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 Oct. 19th or during the last hour on Oct. 26th (Note: Notice must be given 7 days prior to the lottery. If the lottery is to be held on the last statutory date, Nov. 4th, the last day to give notice is Oct. 28th)

Monday, November 2, 2026

Last day for filing objections in the office of the local election official to nomination papers filed Oct. 19th - 26th for the Consolidated Primary

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

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

Last day to conduct lottery when two or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office as of the opening hour on Oct. 19th or during the last hour on Oct. 26th

Monday, November 23, 2026

Last day to file petition for referenda (for those referenda that can be initiated by petition)
(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)

Wednesday, December 2, 2026

Last day for filing objections in the office of the local election official to petitions for referenda

****Note: Objections must be filed within 5 business days after the last day for filing. If the office of the appropriate local election official is open on Friday, November 27, then the deadline to file an objection is Tuesday, December 1, 2026. This date may vary among local election officials based on their holiday schedule. The Sangamon Election Office is closed Nov. 26th & 27th.***

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Monday, December 7, 2026

Last day for local governing board to adopt resolution or ordinance to place referenda on the ballot (for those referenda that can be initiated by the governing body)

Thursday, December 17, 2026

Last day for local election official to certify candidates and public questions to the election authority

Last day for circuit court clerk 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

Last day to file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate in the office of the election official with whom nomination papers for such office are filed where the office would otherwise be uncontested (and no primary would otherwise be held), and such filing would force a primary election for the office. Write-in votes shall only be counted for persons who have filed a Declaration of Intent with the election authority or authorities (so additional originally executed declarations should also be filed with each election authority). Write-In declarations are NOT filed with the State Board of Elections.

Thursday, December 24, 2026

Last day to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate in the office of the election authority (Sangamon County Clerk) or Authorities with respect to contested offices for which a Primary must be held

Notes:

- 65 ILCS 5/3.1-25-20 sets the filing deadline as 61 days prior to the Consolidated Primary Election (Thursday, December 24th) for village primaries. However, that day is after the certification deadline for local election officials.
- P.A. 102-15 provides that nonpartisan city offices are not subject to a primary election if the office is otherwise uncontested, even if a Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate is filed. (65 ILCS 5/3.1-20-45)