

2017 Election Checklist

(Dec. 6 township caucuses; Dec. 7 multi-township caucuses)

November 2016

- Not less than 30 days before the caucus, the **township clerk** shall notify the chairman or membership of each township central committee by first-class mail of the chairman's or membership's obligation to report the time and location of the political party's caucus. The deadline for the township clerk to mail notification is **Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016**.
- Not less than 30 days before the caucus, the **multi-township clerk** shall notify the chairman or membership of each multi-township central committee by first-class mail of the chairman's or membership's obligation to report the time and location of the political party's caucus. The deadline for the multi-township clerk to mail notification is **Monday, Nov. 7, 2016**.
- Not less than 20 days before the caucus, each chairman of the **township** central committee shall notify the township clerk by first-class mail of the time and location of the political party's caucus. The chairman's deadline to notify the clerk is **Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016**.
- Not less than 20 days before the multi-township caucus, each chairman of the **multi-township** central committee shall notify the multi-township clerk by first-class mail of the time and location of the political party's caucus. The chairman's deadline to notify the clerk is **Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016**.
- Last day for the township central committees in Cook County and in townships having a population of over 15,000 in counties other than Cook County to notify the appropriate election authority that their specific party will nominate candidates by primary election is **Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016**.
- At least 10 days before the caucus, the **township** board must publish notice of the time and location for each party caucus. The township publication deadline is **Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016**. These notices must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the township or multi-township district.
- At least 10 days before the caucus, the **multi-township** central committee must publish notice of the time and location for each multi-township caucus. The multi-township publication deadline is **Sunday, Nov. 27, 2016**.
- Filing period for established political party candidates who seek nomination at the Consolidated Primary, Feb. 28 is **Nov. 21-28, 2016**.

December 2016

- TOWNSHIP CAUCUS DEC. 6 ... MULTI-TOWNSHIP CAUCUS DEC. 7**
- Dec. 12 is the first day established political party **Certificate of Nomination by Caucus** may be filed in the office of the township clerk/election authority with a Statement of Candidacy, Loyalty Oath (optional), and receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interests for each candidate. Filing period for new party, nonpartisan and independent candidates who seek election at the Consolidated Election April 4 is **Dec. 12-19, 2016**.

February 2017

TUESDAY, FEB. 28 CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION

April 2017

TUESDAY, APRIL 4 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

Township Election Calendar

Township Election: April 4, 2017

Established Party Candidates

Consolidated Primary: February 28, 2017

Petition Circulation Begins: August 30, 2016

Filing Period: November 21, 2016 – November 28, 2016

Township Caucus: December 6, 2016

Multi-township Caucus: December 7, 2016

New Party & Independent Candidates

Petition Circulation Begins: September 20, 2016

Filing Period: December 12, 2016 – December 19, 2016

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ELECTION CALENDARS AT A GLANCE

CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION – FEBRUARY 28, 2017

August 30, 2016

PETITION CIRCULATION: First day to circulate petitions for established political parties and nonpartisan municipalities (other than commission form) (90 days before last day to file)

November 21-28, 2016

CANDIDATE FILING: Petition filing period for established political parties and nonpartisan municipalities (other than commission form) (not more than 99 and not less than 92 days prior to the consolidated primary)

November 28, 2016

REFERENDA: Last day to file petition for public question (certain exceptions apply).

November 30, 2016

VOTE BY MAIL – APPLICATION: First day any registered voter within the confines of the U.S. to make application by mail or in person to the E/A for an official ballot. (90 days prior to primary)

December 5, 2016

OBJECTIONS: Last day to file objections to nominating petitions for November 21-28 filing period (filed within 5 business days after last day for filing).

December 7, 2016

LOTTERY: Last day to conduct lottery for November 21-28 filing period (conducted within 9 days following the last day of petition filing).

December 12, 2016

REFERENDA RESOLUTIONS: Last day to adopt a resolution or ordinance for binding/advisory public question.

December 22, 2016

BALLOT CERTIFICATION: Certification of ballot by Local Election Official to Election Authority

December 29, 2016

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES: Last day to file a Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the appropriate election authority or authorities (Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate would have to be filed by December 22nd in order to force a primary).

January 19, 2017

VOTE BY MAIL: First day for mailing or delivery of vote by mail ballot
EARLY VOTING: First day for early voting at the office of the election authority or

at a location designated by the election authority for this purpose. (begins 40th day preceding election and extends through the day prior to an election).

January 31, 2017

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION: Last day for registration or transfer of registration within the office of the election authority. (Please check with the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners or the Cook County Clerk's office as other provisions may apply).

February 1, 2017

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING: First day for grace period registration and grace period voting in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION – APRIL 4, 2017

September 20, 2016

PETITION CIRCULATION: First day to circulate petitions for independent, new political parties and nonpartisan offices (90 days before last day to file).

November 26, 2016

PUBLICATION – TOWNSHIP CAUCUS: Last day the township board shall publish a notice stating the time and location of the caucus for each political party.

November 27, 2016

PUBLICATION – MULTI-TOWNSHIP CAUCUS: Last day the multi-township central committee shall publish a notice stating the time and location of the caucus for each political party.

December 6, 2016

TOWNSHIP CAUCUS: Date on which the Township Caucus shall be held (in those townships which have not adopted the primary system).

December 7, 2016

MULTI-TOWNSHIP CAUCUS: Date on which the Multi-township Caucus shall be held.

December 12-19, 2016

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION CANDIDATE FILING: Petition filing period for nominating petitions of new political party, nonpartisan, and independent candidates as well as certificates of nomination for established party caucus candidates (not more than 113 and not less than 106 days prior to the consolidated election).

December 27, 2016

OBJECTIONS: Last day to file objections to nominating petitions of new political party, nonpartisan, and independent candidates as well as certificates of nomination for established party caucus candidates.

January 3, 2017

REFERENDA: Last day to file petition for public question (certain exceptions apply).

January 4, 2017

VOTE BY MAIL – APPLICATION: First day for any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States, to make application by email or in person to the election authority for an official ballot. Please note that mailing and delivery of ballots does not begin until Thursday, February 23, 2017.

January 17, 2017

REFERENDA RESOLUTIONS: Last day to adopt a resolution or ordinance for binding/advisory public question.

January 26, 2017

BALLOT CERTIFICATION: (68 days before consolidated election)

February 2, 2017

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES: Last day to file a Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the appropriate election authority or authorities (61 days prior to the election).

February 23, 2017

VOTE BY MAIL: First day for mailing or delivery of absentee ballot.
EARLY VOTING: First day for early voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated by the election authority for this purpose.

March 7, 2017

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION: Last day for regular registration or transfer of registration within the office of the election authority.

March 8, 2017

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING: First day for grace period registration and grace period voting in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.

April 3, 2017

EARLY VOTING: Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated by the election authority.