

TO: Candidates for the Board of Library Trustees
FROM: Lesley Jakacki, acting Executive Director (aka Library District Secretary for Elections)
RE: McHenry Public Library District Board -- Trustee Candidate Packets
DATE: For April 6, 2021 Election

Thank you for your interest in the McHenry Public Library District. I have put together an information packet that includes the forms you'll need to get your name on the **April 6, 2021, Consolidated Election Ballot**. You'll need to sign your name to check out a packet (FOIA). If you need any additional forms or replacement copies, you can contact me or print them from the Candidate's Guide at <https://elections.il.gov/Downloads/ElectionOperations/PDF/2021CanGuide.pdf>

A few brief reminders:

1. Candidates can start to circulate petitions for signatures on **Tuesday, September 22, 2020**
2. The period for legally filing completed petitions for candidacy is **December 14-21, 2020**. By **filing**, I mean returning your completed packet (signed petitions, etc.) to the library and signing some documents. **Do NOT return your packets to the County Court House or the County Clerk's office!**
3. Although the last legal day to file your petitions is **Monday, December 21, 2020 (4:00 p.m.)**, **please consider Friday, December 18, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. the last day**. That way, if you have something incomplete on your forms and you submit it to me, we can review it and have time to remedy it.
4. If I am not in the library- You'll be asked by staff at the Checkout Desk to sign in again when submitting your completed forms. The staff will record the date/time the forms are submitted. Upon returning the forms to the library by **Friday, December 18, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.**, you will be given 3 forms (a receipt of campaign disclosure, D-5, and Article 29-B). The receipt of Campaign Disclosure must be completed and signed and then added to the other forms in each candidate's packet.
5. You'll need the Statement of Candidacy (Nonpartisan) completely filled out, signed, and notarized (the library can notarize), 6 pages of the Nonpartisan Petition, with printed AND signed names of voters consecutively numbered and stapled.
6. Be sure to read the forms to learn what needs to be stapled, numbered consecutively, and/or notarized.
7. The Loyalty Oath is optional but recommended.
8. You can photocopy a blank petition sheet if you need additional sheets -- you can photocopy free of charge at the Library.

9. 50 signatures are required on the Nonpartisan petition. It's usually a good idea to get at least 10-15% (5-10) more signatures to account for invalid voter registrations. You actually need only 2% of the votes cast at the last election for the Library Trustees or 50, whichever is less.

10. You need not be the one to circulate the petitions -- others can campaign for you. However, you may want to have flyers with a campaign statement/photo available for petition signers. The other person should sign as the circulator. The person circulating the petition must witness all signatures.

11. Although I've included information about campaign financing, you will receive this information again when you turn in your petition.

12. The Statement of Economic Interest must also be completed -- **do not tear off** the receipt at the page bottom.

13. Things to remember -- Anyone who signs their name to a candidate's petition should use the signature that appears on their voter registration card; each page of a candidate's petition must be notarized.

14. Finally, let me extend an offer to call or meet with you if you have questions about the duties of a Library Trustee. (Lesley Jakacki, office: 815-385-0036 ext. 325 ljakacki@mchenrylibrary.org)

The following packet is excerpted from the 2021 State of Illinois' Candidate's Guide that may be helpful to you as a Public Library District Board-Trustee Candidate. To view the guide in its entirety please visit the following website:

<https://elections.il.gov/Downloads/ElectionOperations/PDF/2021CanGuide.pdf>

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State of Illinois

2021
CANDIDATE'S
GUIDE

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PREFACE

THE 2021 CANDIDATE'S GUIDE

This Candidate's Guide for 2021 has been prepared to provide information for candidates seeking office at the local level in 2021. It includes a listing of the offices to be nominated or elected, filing dates, general requirements for filing, and specific requirements for individual offices. In addition, information is provided regarding nomination procedures and the objection process, as well as a section that provides answers to some of the more frequently asked questions about nominating petitions and procedures.

All citations contained herein refer to the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/1-1 *et seq.*, as amended) or as otherwise indicated. This guide may be amended to include new legislation and court decisions as they arise. Please visit the Illinois State Board of Elections' website (www.elections.il.gov) for any updates.

Legal information contained in this guide is not binding and should not be construed as legal advice or sufficient argument in response to an objection to any candidate's nominating papers. The State Board of Elections recommends that all prospective candidates consult with competent legal counsel when preparing their nomination papers.

Statutory deadlines for filing objections and for withdrawing from all but one incompatible office will depend on the filing period. Specific deadline dates can be found in the SBE Election and Campaign Finance Calendar for 2021 located under "Election Guides." The calendar, this guide, and filing date announcements can be found on the State Board of Elections' website.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting your election authority (county clerk or board of elections commissioners), your local election official (municipal clerk, township clerk, road district clerk, park district secretary, etc.), or the State Board of Elections.

APPARENT CONFORMITY

The State Board of Elections conducts an apparent conformity review of all nominating petitions filed therewith. The review will take place after a petition is filed and will be limited to determining the following:

(1) Whether a signed Statement of Candidacy has been filed and (2) whether the filed nominating sheets contain gross signatures equal to or exceeding 10% of the minimum number of signatures required for the office sought.

All candidates whose petitions fail the apparent conformity review will be notified in writing and given the opportunity to appear before the State Board of Elections at its first meeting held to call petition objection cases before a determination is made to reject the candidate's petition on the basis of non-conformity.

SBE employees are not available during filing periods to notarize documents.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

The State Board of Elections produces additional guides that can be helpful when preparing to run for office. The Election and Campaign Finance Calendar lists more specific dates and deadlines to follow, and the County Officials Book has relevant contact information for elected county officials. The Township Caucus Guide includes information on nominating candidates at a caucus. On our website under "Campaign Disclosure," you can also find information regarding campaign finance disclosure and tutorials on the financial filing process.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Illinois State Board of Elections – Springfield Office
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Springfield, Illinois 62704
Phone: (217) 782-4141
Fax: (217) 782-5959
webmaster@elections.il.gov
www.elections.il.gov

Illinois State Board of Elections – Chicago Office
James R. Thompson Center
Suite 14-100
Chicago, Illinois 60601
Phone: (312) 814-6440
Fax: (312) 814-6485
webmaster@elections.il.gov
www.elections.il.gov

CANDIDATE CHECKLIST

- Meet **residency, age, and other qualifications** for the specific office

- File paperwork with the **SBE Campaign Disclosure division** or the **Federal Election Commission** regarding finances (if needed)

- File a notarized **Statement of Candidacy** including (but not limited to):
 - Your name
 - Your address
 - Office sought
 - Party
 - Office location (for example, the district or county)
 - Date of the election

- File a **Statement of Economic Interests receipt** (does not apply to federal offices or political party offices)

- File a **Loyalty Oath** (optional)

- File a **Code of Fair Campaign Practices** (optional)

- File notarized **petition sheets** with the required number of signatures, numbered consecutively starting with the number "1"

- Include **Certificate of Deletions** with petitions, numbered consecutively starting with the number "1" (if applicable)

- Fill out **data entry card** (for people who file with the State Board of Elections) and place on top of nominating petition packet (does not need to be attached to packet)

- File with the appropriate** election authority (see specific office in this guide for details)

Note: This checklist is not binding and should not be construed as sufficient argument in response to any objection or legal argument. If you have further questions, you may contact the division of Election Operations at the State Board of Elections or your legal counsel.

FILING FOR OFFICE

GENERAL FILING INFORMATION

OBTAIN LEGAL COUNSEL

Candidates are strongly advised to obtain legal counsel regarding their legal qualifications for office, the proper method for completing the petition forms with respect to the office, the minimum and maximum number of signatures required, the qualifications of signers and circulators, and other information.

NOTE: Candidates should contact the election authority or the local election official who is responsible for receiving the filing of the petition for nomination and/or election to office for further information as to the specific number of signatures required on a nominating petition for a specific office (or for the data needed to calculate that number).

HOW CANDIDATES FILE

Candidates in jurisdictions using the partisan format may file for office in the following manner:

- a. as a candidate of an established political party;
- b. as a candidate of a new political party; or
- c. as an independent candidate.

Candidates must file on a nonpartisan basis in units of government where it is required that all candidates file on a nonpartisan basis. See page 12 for more detailed information on which offices file nonpartisan.

NOMINATION PAPERS

Candidates must file the following papers, except as noted:

- a. Statement of Candidacy;
- b. Receipt for the filing of a Statement of Economic Interests;
- c. Loyalty Oath (optional);
- d. Certificate of Qualifications, when applicable (e.g., township/multi-township assessors);
- e. Nominating petition sheets (containing a sufficient number of original signatures) or Certificate of Nomination by Party Caucus.

NOTE: Certificate of Officers Authorized to Fill Vacancies (new party filings only). A new political party petition must have attached thereto a certificate ([SBE Form P-8C](#)) stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. Failure to file the certificate will not invalidate the petitions, but will preclude the new party from being able to fill any vacancy that may occur. See *Peoples Independent Party v. Petroff*, 191 Ill.App.3d 706,548 N.E.2d 145 (5th Dist. 1989).

FORMAT OF NOMINATION PAPERWORK

Election laws prescribe the general format of nomination paperwork to be submitted when seeking nomination for each office. The State Board of Elections ("SBE") has prepared **suggested** forms for petitions, statements of candidacy, and other applicable forms. The official SBE form number to be used is included under each office in this guide. Local election officials are advised to contact their election authority (county clerk or board of election commissioners) regarding the availability of forms. The forms can be downloaded by clicking on the link or they may be obtained from your election authority. You may also purchase forms from election supply vendors.

OBJECTIONS

A candidate's nomination papers may be challenged by the filing of an objection. The deadline for filing objections is five business days after the last day of the filing period. Objections to all nominating papers are heard by the proper electoral board as designated in the Election Code and decisions of the electoral board are subject to judicial review. (10 ILCS 5/10-8 through 10-10.1) See page 23 for more detailed information on objections.

FILING NOMINATING PAPERWORK

Nominating papers may be filed by mail or in person, either by the candidate or a representative of the candidate.

- a. Information on where to file is included under each office as listed elsewhere in this guide.
- b. Filings must be made within the appropriate filing period; see page 7 for information on the filing periods.
- c. Filings must be received no earlier than 8:00 a.m. or the normal opening hour of such office, whatever the case may be, on the first day of the appropriate filing period and no later than 5:00 p.m. or the close of business, whichever is later, on the last day of that filing period. (10 ILCS 5/1-4, 7-12(6), 10-6.2)

Welsh vs. Education Officers Electoral Bd. for Proviso High School Dist. 209, 322 Ill.App.3d 568, 750 N.E.2d 222 (1st Dist. 2001)

NOTE: The State Board of Elections will **NOT ACCEPT** any petition for filing after 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the filing period. This applies to any individuals waiting in line as of the 5:00 p.m. deadline who has not yet filed their petition(s).

- d. Petitions sent by mail (United States Post Office only) and received **AFTER** midnight of the first day for filing, and in the **first U.S. Postal Service delivery** of that day, shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. or as of the normal opening hour of such day. Candidates who file by mail with the SBE, and who wish to qualify for the lottery, must **mail** petitions to the Springfield office at **2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704-4503**. Nominating petitions received through other delivery systems are not considered "mail" and will not be included in the lottery. It is important to note that petitions received **BEFORE** the first day of filing cannot be accepted. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 10-6.2)

BALLOT POSITION LOTTERY

- a. The lottery is held within nine days following the last day to file petitions. Petitions filed in person at 8:00 a.m. on the first filing day or at the normal opening hour of such day, and petitions filed by mail and received in the first mail delivery of the first filing day, are included in the lottery drawing to determine the first ballot position. All other petitions, besides ones filed in the last hour of the filing deadline, are placed on the ballot in the order they are filed.
- b. Petitions filed in person at 8:00 a.m. on the first filing day or at the normal opening hour of such day, as the case may be, and petitions filed by mail and received in the first mail delivery of the first filing day are included in the lottery drawing to determine the first ballot position.
- c. Petitions filed in person after 8:00 a.m. on the first filing day or after the normal opening hour of such day, as the case may be, and petitions filed by mail and received after the first mail delivery of the first filing day are not included in the lottery drawing and are placed on the ballot in the order filed. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 10-6.2)
- d. Two or more petitions filed within the last hour of the filing deadline (between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the last filing day) shall be deemed filed simultaneously and are included in the lottery drawing to determine the final ballot position. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 10-6.2)

MULTIPLE FILINGS OF NOMINATION PAPERS

If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed for a candidate for the same office, the SBE, appropriate election authority, or local election official where the petitions are filed shall, within two business days, notify the candidate of

the multiple petition filings and that the candidate has **three business days after receipt of the notice** to notify the appropriate filing authority that the prior set of petitions may be canceled.

If the candidate notifies the proper filing authority, the last set of petitions filed shall be the only petitions to be considered valid. If the candidate fails to notify the proper filing authority, only the first set of petitions filed shall be valid and all subsequent petitions shall be void. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(11), 10-6.2)

NOTE: If petitions for nomination have been filed for the same person for more than one political party, the candidate's name shall not be certified for the primary ballot for any party. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9))

INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES

Incompatible offices are those where the same person cannot serve in simultaneously. If petitions for nomination have been filed for the same person for two or more incompatible offices, that person must withdraw (SBE Form P-25) as a candidate from all but one of such offices **within five business days** following the last day for petition filing. If petitions are filed for the same person for more than one political party, the candidate shall not be certified for either primary ballot for any office.

NOTE: When a candidate withdraws their nomination papers, the original petition is not returned to the individual, but remains in the office of either the State Board of Elections, the election authority, or local election official in which they filed. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

The Office of the Illinois Attorney General has issued a number of opinions on incompatibility of offices. For questions concerning the same, contact the Opinions Division of the Attorney General's office at (217) 782-9070.

PETITION PREPARATION & FORMATTING

PETITION SHEET HEADING

- a. The top portion (heading) of the nominating petition pages which include information relative to the election, the candidate, the office, and political party, as applicable, must be completed prior to the circulation of the petition sheet.
- b. **The State Board of Elections will certify each candidate's name as it appears on the first numbered page of the petition.** Other election authorities or local election officials may follow a different policy with regard to petitions filed with them.
- c. The candidate's given name(s), initial(s), nickname by which the candidate is commonly known, or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to the candidate's surname. No other designation such as a political slogan, title, degree, or nickname suggesting or implying possession of a title, degree, or professional status, or similar information may be used in connection with the candidate's surname. (10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17(b), 8-8.1, 10-5.1, 16-3(e))

NOTE: If a candidate has changed their name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within three years before the last day for filing the petition or certificate for office, whichever is applicable, then: (i) the candidate's name on the petition or certificate must be followed by "formerly known as (list all prior names during the 3-year period) until name changed on (list date of each such name change)" and (ii) the petition or certificate must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the candidate's previous names during the period specified in (i) and the date(s) each of those names were changed. Failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds for denying certification of the candidate's name for the ballot or removing the candidate's name from the ballot, as appropriate, but these requirements do not apply to name changes resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent's or parents' surname, marriage to assume a spouse's surname, or dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage to assume a former surname. (10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17(b), 8-8.1, 10-5.1, 16.3(e))

- d. A political slogan is defined as any word or words expressing or connoting a position, opinion, or belief that the candidate may espouse, including but not limited to any word or words conveying any meaning other than that of the personal identity of the candidate. A candidate may not use a political slogan as part of their name on the ballot, notwithstanding that the political slogan may be part of the candidate's name. (10 ILCS 5/7-17(b), 16-3(e))

NOTE: The State Board of Elections, a local election official, or an election authority shall not certify to any election authority any candidate name designation that is inconsistent with this statutory reference. (10 ILCS 5/7-17(c), 16-3(f))

- e. The form of name on the petition sheets must match the form of name on the Statement of Candidacy. **THE CANDIDATE'S NAME SHOULD APPEAR IN EXACTLY THE SAME FORM ON THE PETITION SHEETS, STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY, AND LOYALTY OATH.**

Failure to match the name on the petition to the name on the Statement of Candidacy may result in the candidate not being certified for ballot.

- f. Petitions of candidates for specified offices, which are to be filed with the same officer, may contain the names of two or more candidates of the same political party for the same or different offices. However, each candidate must submit their individual Statement of Candidacy, receipt for filing the Statement of Economic Interests, and optional Loyalty Oath. (10 ILCS 5/7-10)
- g. Each sheet of the petition other than the statement of candidacy and candidate's statement shall be of uniform size and contain above the space for signatures an appropriate heading. The heading must provide the name of the candidate(s) on whose behalf the petition is signed, the office sought, the political party represented, and the place of residence. The heading of each sheet shall be the same. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)
- h. Petition sheets which are filed with the proper local election official, election authority, or the State Board of Elections must contain the **original** signatures of the voters and the original signature of the circulator thereof, and shall not be photocopies or duplicates of such sheets. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

SIGNING AND CIRCULATING PETITIONS

PETITION CIRCULATOR REQUIREMENTS

- a. A petition circulator must be 17 years of age and a qualified voter in Illinois. **The circulator must personally witness all signatures given and sign the required certificate stating that all signatures were given in their presence.** No one may be considered a circulator of any petition page except the person who signs the circulator's statement. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)
- b. Petition sheets must not be circulated more than 90 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petitions. The circulator's statement on a candidate's petition must specify either the dates on which the sheets were circulated, the first and last dates on which the sheet was circulated, or that none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90 days preceding that last day for filing of the petitions. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)
 - 1) Petitions circulated for established political party candidates and nonpartisan candidates who are required to file for the February 23, 2021 Consolidated Primary Election may be circulated starting August 25, 2020 for the filing period November 16-23, 2020.
 - 2) Petitions circulated for independent candidates, new political party candidates, and nonpartisan candidates who are required to file for the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election may be circulated starting September 22, 2020 for the filing period December 14-21, 2020.
- c. A petition circulator may not circulate for more than one political party. (10 ILCS 5/10-4) *Schober v. Young*, 322 Ill.App.3d 996, 751 N.E. 2d 610 (4th Dist. 2001)
- d. A petition circulator may not circulate for independent candidates in addition to candidates for an established political party. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)

- e. A petition circulator may not circulate for more than one new political party. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)
- f. A petition circulator may not circulate for independent candidates in addition to candidates for a new political party. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)
- g. A petition circulator must complete the circulator's statement at the bottom of each petition sheet certifying address, age, and citizenship information as well as that the signatures on that sheet were signed in their presence; are genuine; to the best of their knowledge, the persons so signing were duly registered voters of the political subdivision for which the candidate(s) shall be nominated or elected; and that their respective registration addresses are correctly stated therein. This statement shall be sworn to and signed before an officer authorized to administer oaths in Illinois. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)
- h. Petition circulators shall indicate on such petition their residence address, written or printed, including the street address or rural route number of the circulator, as well as the circulator's city, village, or town. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

PETITION SIGNER REQUIREMENTS

- a. A signer **MAY NOT** sign petitions for a candidate of more than one political party for the same primary election. (10 ILCS 5/7-10)
- b. A signer may sign the petitions of one established political party for the consolidated primary election and one new political party or independent for the subsequent consolidated election. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)
- c. A signer must sign their own signature on the petition. The signer cannot sign for someone else, such as another member of their family. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)
- d. A petition signer may change party affiliation from one election to another. *Kusper v. Pontikes*, 414 U.S. 51, 94 S. Ct. 303 (1973), *Sperling v. County Officers Electoral Board*, 57 Ill.2d 81, 309 N.E.2d 589 (Ill. 1974)
- e. Petition signers must be registered voters in the political subdivision in which the candidate is seeking nomination or election. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-2, 10-3, 10-4)

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. However, 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. **A petition signer must be a registered voter from the address shown opposite their signature on the petition.** (10 ILCS 5/3-1.2, 7-10, 10-4)

- f. Signatures may be stricken from the petition by the circulator or the candidate (SBE Form P-2A), prior to filing, in the following manner:
 - 1) The person striking the signature must initial the petition at the place where the signature is stricken. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-3)
 - 2) The person striking the signature must sign a certification (SBE Form P-2A) listing the page number and line number of each signature stricken from the petition. Such certification shall be filed as part of the petition. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-3)
 - 3) The person striking signatures from independent candidate petitions must sign an additional certificate (SBE Form P-2B) specifying the number of certification pages listing stricken signatures, which are attached to the petition, and the page numbers indicated on such certifications. This additional certificate must be filed as part of the petition, shall be numbered, and shall be attached immediately following the last page of voters' signatures and before the certifications of stricken signatures (SBE Form P-2A). This last step is required statutorily only for independent candidates. (10 ILCS 5/10-3)
 - 4) All of the foregoing requirements are necessary to affect a valid striking of any signature.

PREPARING PETITION SHEETS

- a. The petition signature sheets must be **original** and of **uniform size**. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)
- b. The petition **signature** sheets must be numbered consecutively, beginning with the top sheet as number “1.” (10 ILCS 5/7-10, /10-4)
- c. The following original documents are to be attached (preferably on top) to the nominating petition signature sheets:
 - 1) Statement of Candidacy;
 - 2) Loyalty Oath (optional)
 - 3) Receipt for filing the Statement of Economic Interests (not required for federal or party office). The receipt may be filed at any time during the filing period and will not change the initial date and time of filing.
The above documents are NOT page numbered.
 - 4) Any certifications related to the striking of signatures shall be attached immediately following the last petition page and numbered consecutively beginning with the number “1.” (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-3)
 - 5) For all new political party petitions, the petition must have attached thereto a certificate (SBE Form P-8C) stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. Failure to file the certificate will result in the party forfeiting its right to fill vacancies in nomination, but will not invalidate the petition. (10 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-11)
 - 6) Any other documentation which may be required to qualify for a specific office.
- d. The petition signature sheets must be **neatly fastened together** in book form by fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable manner.

NOTE: A petition once filed shall not be altered or added to. However, the receipt for an economic interest statement filing may be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day on which nomination papers may be filed. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12, 10-4, 10-5)

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

COMPLETING A STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY FORM

Each candidate, whether an individual candidate or one whose name appears on a group petition or certificate of nomination, must complete and file a Statement of Candidacy. The form of the candidate’s name, as printed and signed, should match the name as printed on the petition. Furthermore, the address of the candidate, the office for which the person is a candidate, political party designation, if applicable, and statements that the person is qualified for the office specified, if required, should also match the information as printed on the petition. See each individual office in this guide for the recommended SBE Statement of Candidacy form. **THIS STATEMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THE NOMINATION PAPERS.** (10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17(b), 8-8.1, 10-5.1, 16-3(e))

FILING AS A SLATE

Petitions filed with the same officer (for specified offices) may contain the names of two or more candidates of the same political party. However, each candidate must submit an individual Statement of Candidacy, optional Loyalty Oath, and Statement of Economic Interests receipt. (10 ILCS 5/7-10)

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS RECEIPT

OBTAINING A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FORM

Candidates filing with the State Board of Elections may obtain Statement of Economic Interests forms from the State Board of Elections or the Index Division of the office of the Secretary of State. Candidates filing with county or local election authorities may obtain Statement of Economic Interests forms from the county clerk's office.

FILING THE FORM

The completed Statement of Economic Interests **form** must be filed with the Index Division of the office of the Secretary of State, located at 111 East Monroe in Springfield, IL 62756, for candidates who file petitions with the State Board of Elections, or they may be filed with the county clerk in the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106) For more information on filing the form, contact your election authority or the Secretary of State's Index Division at (217) 782-7017 or (312) 814-8218.

NOTE: The Statement of Economic Interests is not required for federal or party offices.

FILING THE RECEIPT

Each candidate must file a **receipt** indicating that they have filed a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12, 8-8, 10-5; 5 ILCS 420/1-101, *et seq.*)

NOTE: The receipt is not required if the Statement of Economic Interests is filed with the same officer with which the nominating papers are filed (i.e. county officers). (10 ILCS 5/7-12(8))

Candidates are advised to file their receipt at the same time they file their nominating petitions. While the receipt does not need to accompany the nominating petitions at the time of filing, it must be filed not later than 5:00 p.m. for the State Board of Elections, or the close of business for other offices, on the last day to file those petitions.

NOTE: The date and time at which a nominating petition was filed is not changed when the receipt of economic interests is filed at another time during the filing period. (10 ILCS 5/7-12, 10-5)

LOYALTY OATH

The filing of the Loyalty Oath is optional. The following court cases have held that the requirement for filing the Loyalty Oath is unconstitutional: *Communist Party of Indiana v. Witcomb*, 414 U.S. 441, 94 S. Ct. 656 (1974); *Communist Party of Illinois v. Ogilvie*, 357 F. Supp. 105 (N.D. Ill. 1972); and *Socialist Workers Party v. Ogilvie*, 357 F. Supp. 109 (N.D. Ill. 1972)

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

NOTICE OF OBLIGATION

The official with whom nomination papers are filed must provide to each candidate at the time they file nomination papers a notice of obligation to comply with the Illinois Campaign Financing Act. If a candidate files their nomination papers by mail, or an agent of the candidate files the nomination papers, the clerk or secretary with whom the petitions were filed will send the notice to the candidate by first class mail. The notice will state that the manual of instructions and forms for statements required to be filed under Article 9 of the Election Code are available from the State Board of Elections. Forms may also be downloaded from the SBE's website. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(7), 9-16, 10-6.1; 60 ILCS 1/45-35)

WHO IS REQUIRED TO FILE WITH THE SBE?

Candidates, groups, or individuals who raise or spend more than \$5,000 in any 12-month period in support of or in opposition to a candidate, question of public policy, or for electioneering communication, generally must file paperwork to create a political committee with the State Board of Elections. Once created, political committees must then file disclosure reports with the Board, detailing the money they raise and spend. This filing obligation continues until a committee ceases operations, disposes of any remaining assets, and files an acceptable "Final Report" with the Board.

NOTE: Electioneering communication is defined as any broadcast, cable, or satellite communication, including radio, TV, or internet communication, that refers to a clearly identified candidate, political party, or question of public policy that will appear on the ballot, is made within the 60 days before a general or consolidated election, or 30 days before a primary election, is targeted to the relevant electorate, and is clearly an appeal to vote for or against the candidate or question. Electioneering communication does not include communications by Section 501(c)(3) organizations, exclusively between labor unions and their members or Section 501(c)(6) organizations and their members.

Any entity other than a natural person who spends more than \$5,000 during a 12-month period on independent expenditures, or other expenditures supporting or opposing a candidate, must organize as a political committee and file disclosures with the Board. Individuals who spend more than \$3,000 during any 12-month period on independent expenditures supporting or opposing a particular candidate are required to file a special written disclosure with the Board. This disclosure, which must be filed within two business days of exceeding the \$3,000 threshold, gives information about the person making the independent expenditure as well as the dates, amounts, and nature of the spending. Once the threshold is reached, the individual is required to report additional independent expenditures made in connection with the same election, in \$1,000 increments, until the conclusion of the election.

NOTE: Independent expenditures are roughly defined as any payment or expenditure including an electioneering communication, made to expressly advocate for or against a candidate or question of public policy, provided the spending is not made in concert or connection with a candidate or their committee.

INFLUENCING VOTERS WITH PUBLIC FUNDS

No public funds shall be used to urge any elector to vote for or against any candidate or proposition, or be appropriated for political or campaign purposes to any candidate or political organization. This provision shall not prohibit the use of public funds for dissemination of factual information relative to any proposition appearing on an election ballot, or for dissemination of information and arguments published and distributed pursuant to law in connection with a proposition to amend the Constitution of the state of Illinois. (10 ILCS 5/9-25.1)

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT

Candidates and committees are urged to abide by the provisions for campaigning outlined in the Fair Campaign Practices Act. This is a voluntary statement made and filed prior to an election, vowing that the candidate making the statement will conduct a positive, rather than a negative, campaign. Filling out and filing the "Code of Fair Campaign Practices" is voluntary. (10 ILCS 5/29B *et. seq.*)

The State Board of Elections and the county clerks shall accept, at all times prior to an election, all completed copies of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices that are properly subscribed to by a candidate or the chair of a political committee in support of or opposition to a question of public policy, and shall retain them for public inspection until 30 days after the election. (10 ILCS 5/29B *et. seq.*)

MORE ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

For more information on filing reports, campaign finance questions and committee related questions, click [here](#) for frequently asked questions on campaign disclosure. If you have further questions, visit the Campaign Disclosure section of our website or contact our office to speak to a member of our Campaign Disclosure staff.

OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATING PAPERS

FILING OBJECTIONS

Nomination papers shall be deemed to be valid unless objections are filed in writing, **with an original and two copies**, within **five business days after the last day for the filing of nomination papers**. Objection petitions that do not include two copies thereof shall not be accepted.

The last day to file an objection will depend on the filing period. For specific deadlines, see the SBE Election and Campaign Finance Calendar for 2021 located under "Election Guides." The objector's petitions are filed with the same office in which the nominating petitions are filed. (10 ILCS 5/7-13, 10-8)

PROCESSING OBJECTIONS

No later than 12:00 noon on the second business day after receipt of an objector's petition, the State Board of Elections, election authority, or local election official shall transmit by registered mail or receipted personal delivery the Certificate of Nomination or nomination papers and the original objector's petition to the chair of the proper electoral board designated in Section 10-9 or their authorized agent. The official shall transmit a copy of the objector's petition, by registered mail or receipted personal delivery, to the candidate whose Certificate of Nomination or nomination papers are objected to, addressed to the place of residence designated in said Certificate of Nomination or nomination papers. (10 ILCS 5/10-8)

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AS THE ELECTORAL BOARD

Within 24 hours of the receipt of the objector's petition, the Chair of the State Board of Elections shall send a call, by registered or certified mail, to the objector and candidate whose Certificate of Nomination or nomination papers are objected to stating the day, hour, and place at which the State Board of Elections shall meet to hear the objection. (10 ILCS 5/10-10)

IN CASES WHERE THE SBE IS NOT THE ELECTORAL BOARD

The chair of the electoral board shall send a call by registered or certified mail to each of the members of the electoral board, the objector and the candidate, and shall also cause the Sheriff of the county or counties in which such officers and persons reside to serve a copy of such call upon each of the officers and persons within 24 hours after the receipt of the objector's petition. (10 ILCS 5/10-10)

ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING

The meeting of the electoral board shall not be less than three nor more than five days after receipt of the objector's petition by the chair of the electoral board. The Municipal Officers Electoral Board, the Township Officers Electoral Board, and the Education Officers Electoral Board may meet at the location (other than their county courthouse) where the governing body of the municipality, township, school, or community college district, respectively, holds its regularly scheduled meetings, if that location is available, provided that voter records may be removed from the offices of an election authority only at the discretion and under the supervision of the election authority. The electoral board on the first day of its meeting shall adopt rules and procedures for the introduction of evidence and the presentation of arguments and may, in its discretion, provide for the filing of briefs by the parties to the objection or by other interested persons. **The county officer's electoral board hears objections to the nominations of candidates for school district offices.** (10 ILCS 5/10-10)

•FILING FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW

Within five days after the decision of the Electoral Board, the candidate or objector aggrieved by the decision may file a petition for judicial review with the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Court hearings are to be held within 30 days after the filing of the petition and a decision delivered promptly thereafter.

If no petition for judicial review has been filed within five days after the decision of the Electoral Board, the Electoral Board shall transmit a copy of its ruling together with the original Certificate of Nomination or nomination papers or petitions and the original objector's petitions to the officers or board with whom they were on file and such officer or board shall abide by and comply with the ruling so made to all intents and purposes.

(10 ILCS 5/10-8, 10-9, 10-10, 10-10.1)

PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD – TRUSTEE

Public Library District

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Nonpartisan (SBE Form P-4)

Statement of Candidacy: Nonpartisan (SBE Form P-1A)

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

Statement of Economic Interests: Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)

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

QUALIFICATIONS

Qualified elector of the library district with one-year residency in the library district at the time nomination papers are filed. (75 ILCS 16/30-20(d))

A person is not eligible to serve as a library trustee who, at the time of filing nomination papers, is in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the library district or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury, or other felony. (75 ILCS 16/30-20(e))

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

A number of qualified voters residing in the district equivalent to at least 2% of the votes cast at the last election for library trustees, or 50, whichever is less. (75 ILCS 16/30-20(a))

FILING DATES

December 14-21, 2020 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the consolidated election).

WHERE TO FILE

With the Library District Secretary.

TERM

7 Trustees: 6-year terms. The library board may, by resolution, change to 4-year terms. (75 ILCS 16/30-10)

TERM BEGINS

The third Monday of the month (May 17, 2021) following the regular election of trustees. (75 ILCS 16/30-10, 30-40)

Within 74 days after their election or appointment, the incumbents and new trustees shall take their oath of office and meet to organize the board. (75 ILCS 16/30-40(a))

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 100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SIGNING PETITIONS

Are abbreviations allowed on petitions?

Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the resident's address, including the street number.

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; however, signing with a nickname will not invalidate the signature, provided the voter can be identified and it can be shown that the voter is lawfully registered to vote and qualified to sign the petition.

Are pencil signatures allowed?

Yes, but it is advisable to use a pen with dark ink.

Can ditto marks be used on the petitions?

Though ditto marks are not specifically prohibited, it is suggested they be avoided. The use of ditto marks could be objected to and the outcome of an objection cannot be predicted. A circulator can, however, fill in any missing information, except a voter's signature.

May a voter sign a petition for someone else?

No. A registered voter must sign the petition in their own person. They may not sign for someone else, such as another member of their own family. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

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

May a candidate circulate their own petitions?

Yes.

When can the circulator start collecting signatures?

No more than 90 days prior to the last day for filing petitions. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4)

If a candidate finds something wrong with their petitions after they are filed, can a new set of petitions be circulated and filed before the end of the filing period?

Yes, but the candidate must cancel the original set of petitions in writing. If the candidate fails to cancel the original set of petitions, then only the original petitions shall be considered filed and all subsequent petitions shall be void. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(11), 10-6.2)

May a circulator circulate petitions for an independent candidate and a partisan candidate, or for more than one political party?

No person shall circulate or certify petitions for candidates of more than one political party, or for an independent candidate or candidates in addition to one political party, to be voted upon at the next primary or general election, or for such candidates and parties with respect to the same political subdivision at the next consolidated election. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)

May a circulator circulate petitions for a partisan candidate, or for more than one political party?

No. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)

Does the circulator have to be a registered voter?

No, but they must be a United States citizen and be 18 years of age, or 17 years of age by the immediately following general or consolidated election. (10 ILCS 5/3-6) They must also include their current address on the circulator's affidavit.

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. (10 ILCS 5/7-10)

Who can remove a signature from a nominating petition?

Only the circulator or the candidate on whose behalf the petition was circulated may strike a signature; however, an individual can submit a written request to the proper filing office to have their name removed from the petition before the petition is filed. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-3)

•Must the notary of the petition be an Illinois notary and may the notary also be a signatory of the petition?

Under the provisions of the Uniform Recognition of Acknowledgements Act (765 ILCS 30/2): “Notarial acts may be performed outside this State for use in this State with the same effect as if performed by a notary public of this State by the following persons authorized pursuant to the laws and regulations of other governments in addition to any other person authorized by the laws and regulations of this State...” “(1) a notary public authorized to perform notarial acts in the place in which the act is performed...”

It has not been definitively determined whether a notary may also be a signatory to a petition. Some electoral boards and circuit courts have upheld petitions where the notary was also a signer of the petition, but the issue has not yet been decided by the Supreme Court or any appellate court in Illinois. A cautious candidate might wish to avoid using a petition signer as the notary so as to avoid the risk of having to defend against an objection on this issue.

For additional information, contact the Index Department of the Secretary of State’s office, 111 E. Monroe, Springfield, IL 62756-0001, (217) 782-7017.

Must the notary put the date of his commission expiration on the document?

Yes, the notary stamp indicates the date the commission expires.

Must the notary public live in the same county as the candidate?

No, but the notary must be authorized to administer oaths in the place where the notary act is performed.

FILING PETITIONS

May a candidate file in person or by mail?

A candidate may file either in person or by mail. However, if the candidate wishes to be in the lottery for the first ballot position, it is advisable to file in person as only candidates whose petitions are received in the first mail delivery on the first day of filing are eligible for the lottery. Candidates should mail by United States Postal Service when mailing to the Illinois State Board of Elections.

May a petition contain the names of two or more candidates of the same established party?

Yes. An established political party petition may contain the names of candidates for several offices to be filled at the upcoming election. The nominating papers must contain a separate Statement of Candidacy signed by each candidate and a receipt for the filing of a Statement of Economic Interests by each candidate. The Loyalty Oath is optional.

May a candidate file more than one set of petitions for the same office?

Yes. However, upon notice from the filing office, the candidate must make a selection in writing to the filing office; otherwise, the set of petitions filed first will be considered the official filing.

May a candidate file for more than one office?

Yes, however, the candidate must withdraw from all but one office within five business days following the last day of petition filing if the offices are incompatible. The withdrawal notice must be in writing and notarized. If the candidate does not withdraw, their name will not be certified for any office.

Does a candidate have to file their own nominating papers?

No. The candidate or an agent of the candidate can file the candidate's petitions.

May a candidate file their own petition and petitions for other candidates at the same time?

Yes.

When may petitions be mailed?

There are no statutory requirements regarding a time element for mailing petitions; however, all petitions must be received during the filing period. All petitions received in the office prior to the opening of the office on the first day of the filing period or after the close of the office on the last day of the filing period will be returned to the sender. (10 ILCS 5/7-12.6, 10-6.2)

May a petition that has been filed be changed?

No. A petition once filed may not be added to or altered; however, the receipt(s) for filing Statements of Economic Interests may be filed at any time during the filing period. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12)

• If you are first in line or your petition is in the first mail delivery of the day, will you be first on the ballot?

Not necessarily. If there are two or more candidates in line prior to the opening of the office filing from the same party and for the same office, they would be considered as filing simultaneously along with any petition in the first mail delivery, and will be involved in a lottery to determine ballot position. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 8-9(2), 10-6.2)

NOTE: Candidates who file petitions during the last hour of filing (between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.) on the last day to file petitions are also eligible for a lottery to determine the final ballot position.
(Illinois Administrative Rules, Title 26, Section 201.40)

May a candidate file as an independent for a school office?

No. "Independents" run in partisan elections but choose not to associate with a political party, so the word "independent" identifies them on the ballot label. All candidates for school offices run on a "nonpartisan" basis.

When are petitions open to the public?

Upon their filing with the proper office. As a practical matter, there will be some delay in availability while the State Board of Elections or the election authority processes each petition. All certificates of nomination and nomination papers when presented or filed shall be open (under proper regulation) to public inspection and the State Board of Elections, election authorities, and local election officials having charge of nomination papers shall preserve the same in their respective offices not less than six months. (10 ILCS 5/10-7)

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

NONPARTISAN

NAME:	OFFICE: A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: ____ year unexpired term
ADDRESS – ZIP CODE:	CITY, VILLAGE OR SPECIAL DISTRICT:

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)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
County of _____)

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.

(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)

NONPARTISAN PETITION
(NON-MUNICIPAL AND COMMISSION FORM OF MUNICIPALITY)

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the _____ in the
_____ (unit of government)
County of _____ and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person shall be a Nonpartisan
Candidate for election to the office hereinafter specified, in the aforesaid unit of government, to be voted for at the election to be held
on _____ (date of election).

NAME:	OFFICE:
ADDRESS:	A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: _____ year unexpired term

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, 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)

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	VOTER'S PRINTED NAME (optional)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
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State of _____)
County of _____)

SS.

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 or
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 of 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 registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and 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)

**NONPARTISAN PETITION
(NON-MUNICIPAL AND COMMISSION FORM OF MUNICIPALITY)**

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the _____ in the
(unit of government)
County of _____ and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person shall be a Nonpartisan
Candidate for election to the office hereinafter specified, in the aforesaid unit of government, to be voted for at the election to be held
on _____ (date of election).

NAME:	OFFICE:
ADDRESS:	
A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: _____ year unexpired term	

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS _____ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON _____

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State of _____)
County of _____)

SS.

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 of 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 registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and 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)

(Notary Public's Signature)

(SEAL)

**NONPARTISAN PETITION
(NON-MUNICIPAL AND COMMISSION FORM OF MUNICIPALITY)**

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the _____ in the
_____ (unit of government)
County of _____ and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person shall be a Nonpartisan
Candidate for election to the office hereinafter specified, in the aforesaid unit of government, to be voted for at the election to be held
on _____ (date of election).

NAME:	OFFICE:
ADDRESS:	
A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: _____ year unexpired term	

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS _____ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON _____

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State of _____)
County of _____) SS.

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Code) _____, County of _____, State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older (or 17 years o
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 day
preceding the last day of 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 th
petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and 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)

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NONPARTISAN PETITION
(NON-MUNICIPAL AND COMMISSION FORM OF MUNICIPALITY)

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the _____ in the _____
(unit of government)
County of _____ and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person shall be a Nonpartisan
Candidate for election to the office hereinafter specified, in the aforesaid unit of government, to be voted for at the election to be held
on _____ (date of election).

NAME:	OFFICE:
ADDRESS:	
A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: _____ year unexpired term	

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS _____ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON _____

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State of _____)
County of _____)

SS.

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 of 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 registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and 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)

**NONPARTISAN PETITION
(NON-MUNICIPAL AND COMMISSION FORM OF MUNICIPALITY)**

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the _____ in the _____
(unit of government)
County of _____ and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person shall be a Nonpartisan
Candidate for election to the office hereinafter specified, in the aforesaid unit of government, to be voted for at the election to be held
on _____ (date of election).

NAME:	OFFICE:
ADDRESS:	
A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: _____ year unexpired term	

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS _____ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON _____
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State of _____)
County of _____) SS.

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 o
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 day
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petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and 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)

**NONPARTISAN PETITION
(NON-MUNICIPAL AND COMMISSION FORM OF MUNICIPALITY)**

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the _____ in the
(unit of government)
County of _____ and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person shall be a Nonpartisan
Candidate for election to the office hereinafter specified, in the aforesaid unit of government, to be voted for at the election to be held
on _____ (date of election).

NAME:	OFFICE:
ADDRESS:	
A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: _____ year unexpired term	

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, 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)

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	VOTER'S PRINTED NAME (optional)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1.			,IL	
2.			,IL	
3.			,IL	
4.			,IL	
5.			,IL	
6.			,IL	
7.			,IL	
8.			,IL	
9.			,IL	
10.			,IL	

State of _____)
County of _____)

SS.

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 day preceding the last day of 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 registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and 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)

ATTACH TO PETITION

10 ILCS 5/7-10.1

Suggested
Revised July, 2004
SBE No. P-1C

LOYALTY OATH
(OPTIONAL)

United States of America)
) SS.
State of Illinois)

I, _____, do swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States and the State of Illinois, that I am not affiliated directly or indirectly with any communist organization or any communist front organization, or any foreign political agency, party, organization or government which advocates the overthrow of constitutional government by force or other means not permitted under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of this State; that I do not directly or indirectly teach or advocate the overthrow of the government of the United States or of this State or any unlawful change in the form of the governments thereof by force or any unlawful means.

(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me,
(Name of Candidate)

on _____
(insert month, day, year)

(Notary Public's Signature)

(SEAL)



STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS STATE OF ILLINOIS

ARTICLE 29B FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT

10 ILCS 5/29B-5. Purpose. The Legislature hereby declares that the purpose of this Article is to encourage every candidate for public office in this State to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. It is the intent of the Legislature that every candidate for public office in this State who subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices will follow the basic principles of decency, honesty and fair play in order to encourage healthy competition and open discussion of issues and candidate qualifications and discourage practices that cloud issues or unfairly attack opponent. (Source: P.A. 86-873.)

10 ILCS 5/29B-10. Code of Fair Campaign Practices. At the time a political committee, as defined in Article 9, files its statement of organization, the State Board of Elections, in the case of a state political committee or a political committee acting as both a state political committee and a local political committee, or the county clerk, in the case of a local political committee, shall give the political committee a blank form of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and a copy of the provisions of this Article. The State Board of Elections or county clerk shall inform each political committee that subscription to the Code is voluntary. The text of the code shall read:

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate for public office in the State of Illinois has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

- (1) I will conduct my campaign openly and publicly, and limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to his record.**
- (2) I will not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his personal or family life.**
- (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, sexual orientation, religion or national origin.**
- (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the personal integrity or patriotism of my opposition.**
- (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters.**
- (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.**
- (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone. I shall take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this Code or the laws governing elections.**

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Illinois or chairman of a political committee in support of or opposition to a question of public policy, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Date

Signature

Office Sought

(Print Name)

Date of Election

Name of Political Committee

Statement of Economic Interests to be Filed with the County Clerk

Your Name Was Submitted For Filing by an Entity That You Represent
(Type or Print)

Name:

Each Office or Position of Employment for which this Statement is Filed:

Full Post Office Address:

GENERAL DIRECTIONS

The interest (if constructively controlled by the person making the statement) of a spouse or any other party shall be considered to be the same as the interest of the person making the statement. Campaign receipts shall not be included in this statement. **If more space is needed, please attach supplemental listing.**

1. List the name and instrument of ownership in any entity doing business with a unit of local government in relation to which the person is required to file, in which the ownership interest held by the person at the date of filing is in excess of \$5,000 fair market value, or from which dividends in excess of \$1,200 were received during the preceding calendar year: (In the case of real estate, location thereof shall be listed by the street address, or if none, then by legal description.) No time or demand deposit in a financial institution, nor any debt instrument shall be listed.

Business Entity

Instrument of Ownership

Position of Management

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

2. List the name, address and type of practice of any professional organization in which the person making the statement was an officer, director, associate, partner or proprietor, or served in any advisory capacity, from which income in excess of \$1,200 was derived during the preceding calendar year:

Name

Address

Type of Practice

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

3. List the nature of professional services rendered (other than to the unit or units of local government in relation to which the person is required to file) to each entity from which income exceeding \$5,000 was received for professional services rendered during the preceding calendar year by the person making the statement:

COMPLETE BUT DO NOT DETACH

4. List the identity (including address or legal description of real estate) of any capital asset from which a capital gain of \$5,000 or more was realized during the preceding calendar year:

5. List the name of any entity and the nature of the governmental action requested by any entity that has applied to a unit of local government in relation to which the person must file for any license, franchise or permit for annexation, zoning or rezoning of real estate during the preceding calendar year, if the ownership interest of the person filing is in excess of \$5,000 fair market value at the time of filing, or if income or dividends in excess of \$1,200 were received by the person filing from the entity during the preceding calendar year:

6. List the name of any entity doing business with a unit of local government in relation to which the person is required to file, from which income in excess of \$1,200 was derived during the preceding calendar year other than for professional services and the title or description of any position held in that entity: (No time or demand deposit in a financial institution nor any debt instrument need be listed.)

7. List the name of any unit of government that employed the person making the statement during the preceding calendar year, other than the unit or units of government in relation to which the person is required to file:

8. List the name of any entity from which a gift or gifts, or honorarium or honoraria, valued singly or in the aggregate in excess of \$500, was received during the preceding calendar year:

VERIFICATION

I declare that this Statement of Economic Interests (including any accompanying schedules and statements) has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete statement of my economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. I understand that the penalty for willfully filing a false or incomplete statement shall be a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or imprisonment in a penal institution other than the penitentiary not to exceed one year, or both fine and imprisonment.

Signature of Person Making Statement

Date