

ELECTION CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

General Election: November 8, 2022

APRIL 13, 2022

PETITION CIRCULATION: First day to circulate petitions for independent and new political party candidates. (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1b(f), 10-4)

MAY 8, 2022

JUDICIAL RETENTION: Last day for judges seeking retention in office to file a Declaration of Judicial Candidacy with the Secretary of State. (Illinois Constitution, Article VI, Section 12(d))

PUBLIC QUESTION – CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: Last day to file petitions with the Secretary of State to amend Article IV of the State Constitution (minimum of 363,813 signatures). (Illinois Constitution, Article XIV, Section 3; 10 ILCS 5/28-9)

MAY 9, 2022

PUBLIC QUESTION – STATEWIDE ADVISORY: Last day to file a statewide petition for advisory public policy question with the State Board of Elections (minimum 363,813 signatures). (10 ILCS 5/28-9)

JULY 5, 2022

NEW PARTY AND INDEPENDENT FILING BEGIN: First day for petition filing period for independent and new political party candidates. Certificates of nomination and nomination papers or offices to be filled by electors of the entire State, or any district not entirely within a county, or for congressional, State legislative or judicial offices shall be presented to the principal office of the State Board of Elections. Certificates of nomination and nomination papers for all other offices shall be presented to the appropriate election authority or local election official with whom such nomination papers are filed. (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1b(m), 10-6)

JULY 11, 2022

NEW PARTY AND INDEPENDENT FILING ENDS: Last day for petition filing period for independent and new political party candidates with the State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1b(m), 10-6)

JULY 18, 2022

OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION PAPERS: Last day for filing objections to nomination papers for independent and new party candidates. (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1b(n), 10-8)

INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES: Last day to withdraw when an individual has filed for two or more incompatible offices, if one or more offices was filed during the July 5 – July 11, 2022, filing period. (10 ILCS 5/10-7)

JULY 20, 2022

LOTTERY: Last day to conduct the lottery for the July 5 – July 11, 2022, filing period. (10 ILCS 5/10-6.2)

AUGUST 8, 2022

REFERENDA: Last day to file a petition for public question (certain exceptions apply). (10 ILCS 5/28-2(a), 28-6, 28-7)

AUGUST 10, 2022

VOTE BY MAIL – APPLICATION: First day for any registered voter within the confines of the U.S. to make application by mail or in person to the election authority for an official ballot (90 days prior to the election). (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

AUGUST 18, 2022

PARTY LOTTERY: Last day for the election authority to conduct a lottery (*within 30 days following the canvass and proclamation of the results of General Primary Election (21 days after the election)*) to determine the order in which the major political parties will appear on the General Election ballot. (10 ILCS 5/7-60)

AUGUST 22, 2022

REFERENDA RESOLUTIONS: Last day for local governing boards to adopt a 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. (10 ILCS 5/28-2(c); 55 ILCS 5/5-1005.5; 60 ILCS 1/30-205, 80-80; 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60; 70 ILCS 1205/8-30; 105 ILCS 5/9-1.5)

AUGUST 26, 2022

BALLOT CERTIFICATION: Last day for State Board of Elections to certify the General Election ballot and to certify questions to amend the Constitution of Illinois and any statewide questions of public policy. (10 ILCS 5/28-5, 7-60, 10-14)

AUGUST 31, 2022

BALLOT CERTIFICATION: Last day for county clerk to certify general election candidates to boards of election commissioners. (10 ILCS 5/7-60, 10-14)

SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

BALLOT CERTIFICATION: 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. (10 ILCS 5/28-5)

Last day for the county clerk to certify the General Election ballot. (10 ILCS 5/7-60, 10-14)

SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES: Last day to file a Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate with the proper election authority. (10 ILCS 5/17-16.1)

SEPTEMBER 23, 2022

VOTE BY MAIL – UOCAVA: 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. (10 ILCS 5/16-5.01)

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

VOTE BY MAIL: First day for mailing and delivery of vote by mail ballot. (10 ILCS 5/19-4)

EARLY VOTING: First day for early voting at the office of the election authority and temporary locations designated by the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15, 19A-20)

OCTOBER 11, 2022

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION: Last day for registration or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/4-6, 4-16, 5-5, 5-23, 6-29, 6-50, 6-53, 6-54)

OCTOBER 12, 2022

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING: First day for grace period registration and voting in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

OCTOBER 23, 2022

ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION: Last day for voters to register to vote through the State Board of Elections website. (10 ILCS 5/1A-16.5)

OCTOBER 24, 2022

EARLY VOTING – PERMANENT POLLING PLACES: First day of early voting for counties that have early voting at permanent polling places other than the office of the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

OCTOBER 31, 2022

VOTE BY MAIL – UOCAVA: 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. (10 ILCS 5/20-2, 20-2.3)

NOVEMBER 3, 2022

VOTE BY MAIL: Last day for the election authority to receive an application by mail from any registered voter. (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

NOVEMBER 7, 2022

EARLY VOTING: Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated by the election authority for this purpose. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15, 19A-20)

VOTE BY MAIL: Last day for any registered voter to make application *in person* for a vote by mail ballot. (10 ILCS 5/19-2)

GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2022

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING: Last day for grace period registration and voting in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority. (10 ILCS 5/4-50, 5-50, 6-100)

VOTE BY MAIL: Last day for any registered voter to return a completed Vote by Mail ballot in person to an election authority, or to deposit such ballot in the U.S. Mail so that it is postmarked no later than November 8, 2022. (10 ILCS 5/19-3)

NOVEMBER 22, 2022

VOTE BY MAIL: Last day for the election authority to receive a vote by mail ballot from a registered voter that was postmarked no later than November 8, 2022. (10 ILCS 5/19-3)