

**ELECTION CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**  
**CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION – FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

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<b>August 30, 2016</b>	<b><u>PETITION CIRCULATION</u></b> First day to circulate petitions for established political parties and nonpartisan municipalities (other than commission form) (90 days before last day to file)
<b>November 21-28, 2016</b>	<b><u>CANDIDATE FILING</u></b> 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)
<b>November 28, 2016</b>	<b><u>REFERENDA</u></b> Last day to file petition for public question (certain exceptions apply).
<b>November 30, 2016</b>	<b><u>VOTE BY MAIL - APPLICATION</u></b> 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)
<b>December 5, 2016</b>	<b><u>OBJECTIONS</u></b> Last day to file objections to nominating petitions for November 21-28 filing period (filed within 5 business days after last day for filing)
<b>December 7, 2016</b>	<b><u>LOTTERY</u></b> Last day to conduct lottery for November 21-28 filing period (conducted within 9 days following the last day of petition filing)
<b>December 12, 2016</b>	<b><u>REFERENDA RESOLUTIONS</u></b> Last day to adopt a resolution or ordinance for binding/advisory public question
<b>December 22, 2016</b>	<b><u>BALLOT CERTIFICATION</u></b> Certification of ballot by Local Election Official to Election Authority
<b>December 29, 2016</b>	<b><u>WRITE-IN CANDIDATES</u></b> 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 22 <sup>nd</sup> in order to force a primary)

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**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.

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CONSOLIDATED ELECTION – APRIL 4, 2017**

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<b>September 20, 2016</b>	<b><u>PETITION CIRCULATION</u></b> First day to circulate petitions for independent, new political parties and nonpartisan offices (90 days before last day to file).
<b>November 25, 2016</b>	<b><u>PUBLICATION – MUNICIPAL CAUCUS</u></b> Last day for municipal clerk to publish notice of municipal caucus in municipalities with population over 500. (In municipalities with a population of under 500, notice shall be given by municipal clerk posting the notice in three of the most public places in the municipality)
<b>November 26, 2016</b>	<b><u>PUBLICATION - TOWNSHIP CAUCUS</u></b> Last day the township board shall publish a notice stating the time and location of the caucus for each political party.
<b>November 27, 2016</b>	<b><u>PUBLICATION - MULTI-TOWNSHIP CAUCUS</u></b> Last day the multi-township central committee shall publish a notice stating the time and location of the caucus for each political party.
<b>December 5, 2016</b>	<b><u>MUNICIPAL CAUCUS</u></b> Date on which the Municipal Caucus shall be held (in municipalities under 5,000 population) which have established political parties.
<b>December 6, 2016</b>	<b><u>TOWNSHIP CAUCUS</u></b> Date on which the Township Caucus shall be held (in those townships which have not adopted the primary system).
<b>December 7, 2016</b>	<b><u>MULTI-TOWNSHIP CAUCUS</u></b> Date on which the Multi-township Caucus shall be held.
<b>December 12-19, 2016</b>	<b><u>CONSOLIDATED ELECTION CANDIDATE FILING</u></b> 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).
<b>December 27, 2016</b>	<b><u>OBJECTIONS</u></b> 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.
<b>December 28, 2016</b>	<b><u>LOTTERY</u></b> Last day to conduct lottery for December 12-19 filing period (conducted within 9 days following the last day of petition filing).

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<b>January 3, 2017</b>	<b><u>REFERENDA</u></b> Last day to file petition for public question (certain exceptions apply).
<b>January 4, 2017</b>	<b><u>VOTE BY MAIL - APPLICATION</u></b> First day for any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States, to make application by mail 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.
<b>January 17, 2017</b>	<b><u>REFERENDA RESOLUTIONS</u></b> Last day to adopt a resolution or ordinance for binding/advisory public question.
<b>January 26, 2017</b>	<b><u>BALLOT CERTIFICATION</u></b> (68 days before consolidated election)
<b>February 2, 2017</b>	<b><u>WRITE-IN CANDIDATES</u></b> 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).
<b>February 23, 2017</b>	<b><u>VOTE BY MAIL</u></b> First day for mailing or delivery of absentee ballot.  <b><u>EARLY VOTING</u></b> First day for early voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated by the election authority for this purpose.
<b>March 7, 2017</b>	<b><u>CLOSE OF REGISTRATION</u></b> Last day for regular registration or transfer of registration within the office of the election authority.
<b>March 8, 2017</b>	<b><u>GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING</u></b> 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.
<b>April 3, 2017</b>	<b><u>EARLY VOTING</u></b> Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated by the election authority.

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