

**JUDICIAL**

**REVIEW FILED:** Within 10 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.

**NO JUDICIAL**

**REVIEW:** If no petition for Judicial Review has been filed within 10 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]

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## PETITION PAGES

- 1. Are abbreviations allowed on petitions?**  
Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the resident's address, including the street number.
- 2. What name should the voter use when signing a petition?**  
The voter should sign the petition as he is registered to vote. Example - The signature for James Smith should not appear on the petition as Jim Smith, however, signing with a nickname will not invalidate the signature, provided the voter can be identified.
- 3. May a petition once filed be changed?**  
No. A petition once filed may not be added to or altered. However, the receipt for filing the Statement of Economic Interests may be filed at any time during the filing period.
- 4. Are pencil signatures allowed?**  
Yes. However, dark ink is preferable.
- 5. Who can remove a name from a nomination petition?**  
Only the circulator or the candidate on whose behalf the petition was circulated may strike the signature. [10ILCS 5/7-10 and 10-3] However, an individual can submit a written request with the election authority or the local election official to have his/her name removed before the petition is filed.
- 6. May a voter sign a petition for someone else?**  
No. A registered voter must sign the petition in his own person. He may not sign for someone else, such as another member of his or her own family.

## CIRCULATOR

- 1. May a candidate circulate his own petitions?**  
Yes.
- 2. May a circulator circulate petitions for an independent candidate and a partisan candidate, or for more than one political party?**  
No.
- 3. Does the circulator have to be a registered voter?**  
No. A petition circulator must be a U.S. citizen and at least 18 years of age. (See page 12, item 2a.)
- 4. May a circulator sign as a voter on the petition he is circulating?**  
Yes, if he/she is a registered voter of the political subdivision in which the candidate is seeking office.

## NOTARIZATION

1. **Is it proper for the notary of the petition to have signed the same petition as a voter?**

It has not been definitely 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.

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

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

3. **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

1. **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.

2. **When are petitions open to the public?**

Upon their filing with the proper office and at the earliest convenience of that office. Once filed, a petition is available for public inspection.

3. **Does a candidate have to file his or her own petition?**

No. A candidate may choose someone to file the petition on their behalf.

4. **May a candidate file his own petition and petitions for other candidates at the same time?**

Yes.

5. **When may petitions be mailed?**

There are no statutory requirements regarding a time element for mailing petitions; however, all petitions that are received by the office prior to the first day of the filing period will be returned to the sender. Petitions received after the end of the filing period, regardless of postmark, will not be accepted.

6. **May a candidate file for more than one office?**

Yes, however, he must withdraw from all but one office within five business days following the last day of petition filing, if the offices are incompatible. If he does not withdraw from all but one incompatible office, his name will not be certified for any office.

7. **Who has to file a complete slate of candidates?**

Persons wishing to form a New Political Party in a given jurisdiction must file a petition

containing the names of candidates for EACH office to be filled for that jurisdiction.

**8. 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.

**9. If you are first in line or your petition is in the first mail pickup or delivery on the first day of filing, 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 for the same party and the same office, they will be considered as filing simultaneously along with any petition in the first mail pickup or delivery and will be involved in a lottery for ballot position.

**10. 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.

# FORMS

H-1	Affidavit of Voter Attending Township Caucus
H-1A	Affidavit of Voter Attending Municipal Caucus
H-2	Certificate of Nomination by Caucus
P-1	Statement of Candidacy
P-1A	Statement of Candidacy (Nonpartisan)
P-1B	Statement of Candidacy (Independent)
P-1C	Loyalty Oath (optional form)
P-1D	Statement of Candidacy (New Political Party)
P-1K	Statement of Candidacy (Nomination by Caucus)
P-2A	Certificate of Deletions
P-2B	Certificate of Attached List of Deletions
P-3	Independent Candidate Petition
P-4	Petition for Nomination (non-municipal and commission form of municipality)
P-4-1	Petition for Nomination (Fox Waterway Agency)
P-4-2	Petition for Nomination (Fire Protection Districts)
P-5	Primary Petition (nonpartisan – municipality other than commission form)
P-6	Petition (to Secretary of Board of Trustees of Community College District)
P-6A	Petition (to Secretary of Board of Trustees of Community College District for Community Colleges which elect from districts rather than at-large)
P-7	Petition (to Secretary of Board of Education or Board of Directors)
P-7A	Petition (for School Boards which elect from districts rather than at-large or by township....)
P-8	Petition for Nomination (to form New Political Party)
P-8A	Petition for Nomination and formation of a New Political Party (in city, town or village in which officers are to be elected from districts or wards and at-large)
P-8B	Petition for Nomination and formation of a New Political Party (in counties in which officers are to be elected from districts and at-large)
P-8C	Certificate of Officers Authorized to Fill Vacancies in Nomination for a New Political Party
P-10	General Primary Petition
P-21	Petition (for Multi-County Regional School Trustees to be filed with the SBE)
P-21A	Petition (for Single-County Regional School Trustees to be filed with County Clerk)
P-22	Petition (for Nomination for Trustee of Schools)
P-25	Withdrawal of Candidacy

**AFFIDAVIT OF VOTERS ATTENDING TOWNSHIP CAUCUS**

At a caucus of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party in and for the Township of \_\_\_\_\_  
 in \_\_\_\_\_ County of Illinois, held at \_\_\_\_\_, Illinois,  
 on \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (insert month, day, year)

STATE OF ILLINOIS            )  
   )    SS.  
 County of \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Township)

I hereby certify that I am a registered voter in the Township aforesaid and that I am affiliated with the political party, aforesaid, and I am not prohibited from signing this affidavit by any of the reasons listed below; nor will I become an independent candidate or a new political party candidate at the upcoming election.

No participant shall be able to participate or to vote at any township or multi-township caucus if such person is or was at any time during the twelve months prior to the caucus:

1. an elected or appointed public official of another established political party;
2. an elected or appointed officer, director, precinct committeeman or representative of the township committeeman of another established political party;
3. a judge of election pursuant to Article 13 or 14 of The Election Code for another established political party;
4. a voter who voted in the primary election of another statewide established political party.

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This Affidavit was signed and sworn to before me by each of the persons whose signature appears thereon  
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 (insert month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Caucus Judge)

### AFFIDAVIT OF VOTERS ATTENDING MUNICIPAL CAUCUS

At a caucus of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party in and for the City/Village of \_\_\_\_\_  
in \_\_\_\_\_ County of Illinois, held at \_\_\_\_\_, Illinois,  
on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(insert month, day, year)

STATE OF ILLINOIS            )  
  ) SS.  
County of \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City or Village)

I hereby certify that I am a registered voter in the City or Village aforesaid and that I am affiliated with the political party, aforesaid, and I will not participate in the caucus of another political party.

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This Affidavit was signed and sworn to before me by each of the persons whose signature appears thereon  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Caucus Judge)





STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

NAME	ADDRESS-ZIP CODE	OFFICE	DISTRICT	PARTY

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 )  
 )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Candidate) being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_, in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) 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 and am a qualified Primary voter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party; that I am a candidate for Nomination/Election to the office of \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ District, to be voted upon at the primary election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date of election) and that I am legally qualified (including being the holder of any license that may be an eligibility requirement for the office to which I seek the nomination) 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Party) Primary ballot for Nomination/Election for 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)

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

NONPARTISAN

NAME	ADDRESS-ZIP CODE	OFFICE	CITY, VILLAGE OR SPECIAL DISTRICT

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)

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_, in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) 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)