

ELECTION CALENDAR AT A GLANCE
GENERAL ELECTION – November 8, 2016

March 29, 2016	First day to circulate petitions for independent and new political party candidates
May 8, 2016	Last day for judges seeking retention in office to file a Declaration of Judicial Candidacy with the Secretary of State
May 9, 2016	Last day to file petitions with the Secretary of State to amend Article IV of the State Constitution (minimum of 290,216 signatures)
	Last day to file a statewide petition for advisory public policy question with the State Board of Elections (minimum 290,216 signatures)
June 20 – 27, 2016	Petition filing period for independent and new political party candidates
July 5, 2016	Last day for filing objections to nomination papers for independent and new party candidates who filed June 20-27, 2016
	Last day to withdraw when an individual has filed for 2 or more incompatible offices during the June 20-27, 2016 filing period
July 6, 2016	Last day to conduct lottery for the June 20-27, 2016 filing period
August 8, 2016	Last day to file a petition for public question (certain exceptions apply)
August 10, 2016	First day for any registered voter within the confines of the United States to make application by mail or in person for an official vote by mail ballot
August 22, 2016	Last day for local governing boards to adopt 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

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August 26, 2016	<p>Last day for independent and new political party candidates to file withdrawal papers with SBE</p> <p>Last day for SBE to certify the General Election ballot</p> <p>Last day for SBE to certify questions to amend the Constitution of Illinois and any statewide questions of public policy</p>
August 31, 2016	<p>Last day for county clerk to certify general election candidates to boards of election commissioners (certify referenda on September 1, 2016)</p>
September 1, 2016	<p>Last day for independent and new political party candidates to file withdrawal of nomination papers in the office of the county clerk</p> <p>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</p> <p>Last day for county clerk to certify the General Election ballot</p>
September 8, 2016	<p>Last day a person may file a Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the proper election authority</p>
September 12, 2016	<p>Last day each legislative and representative committee shall meet and organize</p> <p>Last day for established party to hold a state party convention</p>
September 19, 2016	<p>Last day for election authority to provide SBE with a list of all early voting sites and hours</p>

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September 23, 2016	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 and voting age dependents, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the U.S. and nonresident civilians
September 29, 2016	First day for election authority to mail an official ballot to voters who have requested one
	First day for early voting at the office of the election authority & temporary locations
October 11, 2016	Last day for registration or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority
October 12, 2016	First day for grace period registration, voting or change of address in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose
October 24, 2016	First day of early voting for counties who have early voting at permanent polling places other than the office of the election authority
October 31, 2016	Last day for any voter who is a member of the U.S. service or their spouses, voting age dependents, nonresident civilian and citizens temporarily residing outside the U.S. to make application for an absentee ballot
November 3, 2016	Last day for the election authority to receive application by mail from any registered voter
	Last day for early voting
November 7, 2016	Last day for any registered voter to make application in person for a vote by mail ballot
November 8, 2016	Last day for grace period registration and voting