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**CHANGES IN REVISION #1 (JULY 16, 2010) TO  
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- No petition sheet shall be circulated more than 90 days preceding the last day provided by law for filing the petition. Therefore, the first day that petition sheets may be circulated for the February 22, 2011 election is *Tuesday, August 24, 2010*. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]

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**When:** Nomination papers shall be filed not earlier than *Monday, November 15, 2010* and not later than *Monday, November 22, 2010*. [10 ILCS 5/10-6(4)]

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*Saturday, July 10, 2010*

*First day to circulate petitions for the submission of a Local Option referendum under the Liquor Control Act for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election if filing petition on last day permitted by law (November 10, 2010). [235 ILCS 5/9-2]*

*Tuesday, August 24, 2010*

First day to circulate for signature candidate nominating petitions for the offices of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Alderman. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]

*Wednesday, November 10, 2010*

Last day to file petitions for the submission of a Local Option Referendum under the Liquor Control Act for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election. File in the office of the City Clerk. [235 ILCS 5/9-2]

*Monday, November 15, 2010*

First day to file candidate nomination papers for the offices of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Alderman with the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/10-6(4)]

*Monday, November 22, 2010*

Last day to file candidate nomination papers for the offices of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Alderman with the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/10-6(4)]

Last day to file petitions for the submission of a question of public policy under Article 28 of the Election Code for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election. File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/28-2]

*Wednesday, November 24, 2010*

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to notify any candidate who filed multiple sets of nomination papers for the same office of his or her multiple petition filings and that the candidate has 3 business days after receipt of the notice to notify the Board that he or she may cancel prior sets of petitions. If the candidate notifies the Board, the last set of petitions filed shall be the only petitions to be considered valid by the Board. If the candidate fails to notify the Board, then only the first set of petitions filed shall be valid and all subsequent petitions shall be void. [10 ILCS 5/10-6.2]

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to give notice of the time and place of conducting a lottery when petitions are filed simultaneously by two or more candidates for the same office. Such notice to be given to the Chairman of each political party and to each organization of citizens that was entitled at the next preceding election to have pollwatchers on the day of election. [10 ILCS 5/10-6.2]

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*Tuesday, November 30, 2010*

Last day to file objections to candidate nomination papers for the offices of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Alderman for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election. File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/10-8]

Last day to file objections to petitions for submission of a question of public policy under Article 28 of the Election Code for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election. File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/10-8, 5/28-4]

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*Wednesday, December 1, 2010*

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to conduct a lottery when petitions are filed simultaneously by two or more candidates for the same office. [10 ILCS 5/10-6.2]

*Monday, December 6, 2010*

Last day for governing boards of political subdivisions to adopt resolutions or ordinances initiating the submission of public questions for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election. [10 ILCS 5/28-2(c)]

Thursday, December 23, 2010

Last day for candidates for the offices of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer *and Alderman* to withdraw as a candidate. File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. No name so withdrawn shall be printed upon the ballot. [10 ILCS 5/10-7, 5/10-15; 65 ILCS 20/21-9]

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Wednesday, February 2, 2011 [deleted]

Last day for candidates for the office of Alderman to withdraw as a candidate. File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [65 ILCS 20/21-29] [deleted]

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Wednesday, March 16, 2011  
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Last day for candidates for Alderman to withdraw as a candidate for the April 5, 2011 Supplementary Aldermanic Elections. File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [65 ILCS 20/21-29] [deleted]

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## PREFACE

The Chicago Board of Election Commissioners is pleased to provide this 2011 Election Information Pamphlet and Calendar to inform interested citizens and candidates of important information and dates, including nominating petition signature requirements, that pertain to the nomination and election of candidates for the offices of Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Alderman by voters in the City of Chicago at the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election and the April 5, 2011 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections, if necessary.

**You are strongly encouraged to seek competent legal advice concerning your rights and obligations as a voter or as a candidate for public office and you should not rely solely on the contents of this publication.**

This publication is intended as a guide and not as a legal document. For specific requirements, please refer to the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/1-1 *et seq.*) and the Illinois Revised Cities and Villages Act (65 ILCS 20/1-1 *et seq.*). All citations contained herein are from the “Illinois Compiled Statutes,” 2008, as amended. The information contained in this publication is drawn from provisions of federal and state law current as of July 16, 2010 (through Public Act 96-1018).

This publication may also incorporate information provided by the Illinois State Board of Elections, but the contents of this publication may not be identical in all respects with similar calendars or materials produced by that agency. You are encouraged, therefore, to consult the calendar and candidate's guide published by the Illinois State Board of Elections to determine whether there might be a difference concerning an important date or piece of information.

The Illinois State Board of Elections also makes available “suggested” sample petition forms for the various types of elective offices throughout the State of Illinois. The sample petition forms are or will be available at the State Board of Elections’ office at 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, Illinois 60604 (312-814-6440) or by going to the State Board’s web site at <http://www.elections.state.il.us>.

To the extent that the information in this publication conflicts with any statute or case law decisions of the State of Illinois or of the United States, such statute or case law decision supersedes this publication.

CITY OF CHICAGO 2011 ELECTION SUMMARY  
MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION  
FOR MAYOR, CLERK, TREASURER AND ALDERMAN  
AND  
MUNICIPAL RUNOFF AND SUPPLEMENTARY ALDERMANIC ELECTIONS

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*DATES OF ELECTION*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011	MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION FOR MAYOR, CLERK, TREASURER AND ALDERMAN
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011	MUNICIPAL RUNOFF AND SUPPLEMENTARY ALDERMANIC ELECTIONS (IF NECESSARY)

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*SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS*

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
FOR MAYOR, CLERK AND TREASURER:	12,500	NONE
FOR ALDERMAN	See "Table A: Minimum Valid Signatures Required on Aldermanic Nominating Petitions	NONE

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## 2011 ELECTIONS AND OFFICES TO BE FILLED IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO

### *Municipal General Election, February 22, 2011*

To be elected: Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer

The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast for each office shall be declared elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, a runoff election shall be held on April 5, 2011, when only the names of the candidates receiving the highest and second highest number of votes at the February 22, 2011 election shall appear on the ballot. [10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b) and 5/2A-1.2(d); 65 ILCS 20/21-5, 20/21-12]

To be elected: One Alderman each in the 50 wards in the City of Chicago.

The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast for Alderman in each ward shall be declared elected. In the event that no candidate receives a majority of such votes in any ward, a supplementary election shall be held on April 5, 2011. [65 ILCS 20/21-22, 20/21-25 and 20/21-26; 10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b) and 5/2A-1.2(d)]

### *Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections (if necessary), April 5, 2011*

To be elected: Mayor, City Clerk or City Treasurer if no candidate for these offices receives a majority of the votes cast at the February 22, 2011 election. [10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2(d); 65 ILCS 20/21-5, 20/21-12]

To be elected: One Alderman from each ward where no Aldermanic candidate received a majority of the votes cast in the February 22, 2011 election. [10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b), 5/2A-1.1a, 5/2A-1.2(c)(1), 5/2A-25 and 5/2A-26; 65 ILCS 20/21-25 and 20/21-26]

## CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

### *Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer*

Qualifications:

- a) A registered voter who has resided in the City of Chicago at least one year next preceding the election; [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5]
- b) Is not in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the City of Chicago. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5]
- c) Not have been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury or other felony. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5]

### *Alderman*

Qualifications:

- a) A qualified elector who has resided in the ward he or she seeks to represent at least 1 year before the date of the election. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5; 65 ILCS 20/21-14(a)]
- b) Is not in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the City of Chicago. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5]
- c) Not have been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous

crime, bribery, perjury or other felony. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5]

### *General Information*

No political party affiliation is permitted for candidates for Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer or Alderman. [65 ILCS 20/21-5, 20/21-12, 20/21-32] Candidates are nominated by a petition that must conform to the election and ballot laws concerning the nomination of independent candidates for public office. [65 ILCS 20/21-28; 10 ILCS 5/10-3]

### *Ballot Forfeiture*

The name of a person who has not paid a civil penalty imposed against him or her under Article 20 of the Election Code regarding Disclosure of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures shall not appear upon any ballot for any office in any election while the penalty is unpaid.

## NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON NOMINATING PAPERS

### *Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer*

Nominating petitions for candidates for Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer must contain not less than 12,500 valid signatures of registered voters residing in the City of Chicago. [10 ILCS 5/10-3.1, 5/10-3]

### *Alderman*

Nominating petitions for Aldermanic candidates must contain valid signatures of registered voters residing in the Ward in which the candidate is seeking election equal to not less the number shown on the attached sheet titled "Table A: Minimum Valid Signatures Required on Aldermanic Nominating Petitions." [65 ILCS 20/21-28]

## DOCUMENTS AND FORMS TO BE FILED

### *Nomination Papers (filed with the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners)*

#### *Statement of Candidacy*

The statement shall contain (a) the candidate's name, (b) the candidate's address, (c) the office for which he or she is a candidate, (d) a statement that the candidate is qualified for the office specified, and (e) a statement that the candidate has filed (or will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests, as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. This Statement of Candidacy shall request that the candidate's name be placed upon the official ballot and must be signed and sworn to by the candidate before some officer authorized to take acknowledgement of deeds in the State of Illinois. [10 ILCS 5/10-5] The Statement of Candidacy shall be substantially in the form prescribed in Section 10-5 of the Election Code. (Sample forms may be available from the Illinois State Board of Elections. Call 312-814-6440 for information)

#### *Designation of Candidate's Name*

In the designation of the name of a candidate on a petition of nomination, a certificate of nomination or nomination papers, the candidate's given name or names, initial or initials, a 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 or 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.

If a candidate has changed his or her name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in Illinois or in any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the last day for filing the nomination papers for that office then (i) the candidate's name on the papers must be followed by "formerly known as (list all prior names during the 3-year period) until named changed on (list date of each such name change): and (ii) the papers must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the candidate's previous names during the period specified in (i) above and the date

or dates each of those names was changed. Failure to meet these name-change 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; however, 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 5/10-5.1]

### Petition Sheets

Petition sheets must be of uniform size and shall contain above the space for signatures an appropriate and uniform heading giving information as to the candidate's name, address, and office being sought. Petition sheets must include a space for the signatures of qualified voters and their residence address. Petition sheets must also include an oath to be completed by the circulator of the petition sheet. Only the original sheets that have been signed by the voters and by the circulator thereof shall be filed, and not photocopies or duplicates of such sheets. [10 ILCS 5/10-4] (Sample forms may be available from the Illinois State Board of Elections. Call 312-814-6440 for information)

### Receipt for Statement of Economic Interest

The receipt issued by the County Clerk's Office for the filing of the Statement of Economic Interest in relation to your candidacy, as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act (see *Statement of Economic Interest* below), must be included in your nomination papers or filed separately before the close of the filing period for filing nomination papers. [10 ILCS 5/10-5]

### Loyalty Oath

The requirement of filing a Loyalty Oath has been declared unconstitutional; hence its filing is optional. [10 ILCS 5/10-5]

### *Statement of Economic Interest (filed with the County Clerk of Cook County)*

This form is available at the office of the County Clerk of Cook County and must be filed in relation to your candidacy before the end of the period for filing nomination papers unless you have already filed in 2010 a statement of economic interest in relation to the City of Chicago. Contact the Cook County Clerk's Office at 312-603-0907 or at its Web site at <http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/ethics/econinterest/Pages/default.aspx> . [5 ILCS 420/4A-104, 420/4A-105; 10 ILCS 5/10-5]

### *Campaign Disclosure Documents (filed with the County Clerk of Cook County)*

A candidate (or any individual, trust, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or other organization or group of persons) who either accepts contributions or makes expenditures in a 12-month period exceeding \$3,000 is required to file certain reports. These reports and information concerning them can be obtained from the County Clerk of Cook County or the State Board of Elections. [10 ILCS 5/9-1, et. seq.] Contact the Cook County Clerk's Office at 312-603-0907 or at its Web site at <http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/ethics/Pages/default.aspx> or contact the State Board of Elections at 312-814-6440 or at <http://www.elections.state.il.us>.

### *Ethics Reports (filed with the City of Chicago Board of Ethics)*

Candidates for Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Alderman are obligated by the City of Chicago's Campaign Financing Ordinance to file statements of financial interests with the City of Chicago Board of Ethics on forms prescribed by the Board of Ethics within five days after qualifying as a candidate. The City's Campaign Financing Ordinance also regulates the giving or receipt of certain kinds of contributions. For more information, contact the City of Chicago's Board of Ethics at 312-744-9660 or contact its Web site at <http://egov.cityofchicago.org/city/webportal/portalEntityHomeAction.do?entityName=Ethics&entityNameEnumValue=14> . [Chapter 2-164 of the Municipal Code of Chicago]

## SIGNING AND CIRCULATING PETITION SHEETS

### *Signing petition sheets*

- Each person signing the petition must personally sign the petition. No one may sign another person's name or signature on the petition, including spouses or members of the family for another person. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- The signer's residence address must be written or printed opposite his or her name and shall include the street address, city and county, except that the City of Chicago and Cook County may be printed on the petition forms. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- Each petition signer must, at the time he or she signs the petition, be registered to vote at the address shown opposite his or her signature on the petition, and such address must be within the ward in which the candidate is seeking election. [10 ILCS 5/3-1.2, 5/10-4]
- Petition signers may not sign more than one nominating petition for the same office. [10 ILCS 5/10-3]

### *Circulating petition sheets*

- No petition sheet shall be circulated more than 90 days preceding the last day provided by law for filing the petition. Therefore, the first day that petition sheets may be circulated for the February 22, 2011 election is Tuesday, August 24, 2010. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- Petition circulators must be at least 18 years of age and be citizens of the United States. They need not be registered to vote nor are they required to be residents of the City or of the Ward in which they circulate petitions. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- A candidate may circulate his or her own petition sheets. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- All signatures on a single petition sheet must be signed in the presence of the circulator of that sheet. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- Each petition sheet must contain at the bottom a statement completed and signed by the circulator of that sheet certifying that the signatures were signed in his or her presence, that the signatures are genuine, that none of the signatures were signed more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing the petitions, that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief the persons signing the petition were at the time of signing the petition duly registered voters of the political subdivision or district in which the candidate is seeking election, and that the respective addresses of the signers are correctly stated on the petition sheet. Such statement must be sworn to by the circulator before some officer authorized to administer oaths in the State of Illinois. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]

## FILING OF NOMINATION PAPERS

### *Assembling the nomination papers before filing*

- Only original signed nominating petition sheets may be filed. Photocopies are not permitted.
- All the original petition sheets must be neatly fastened together in book form by placing the sheets in a pile and fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable manner. Photocopies or duplicates are not sufficient. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- All petition sheets must be numbered consecutively. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- Nomination papers must include

- a Statement of Candidacy;
  - a receipt for the Statement of Economic Interest; and
  - the original petition sheets.
- A loyalty oath is optional. [10 ILCS 5/10-4, 5/10-5]
  - No additions or deletions may be made to the nomination papers once they have been filed and no signatures shall be revoked except by revocation filed in writing with the Board of Election Commissioners before the filing of such petitions. However, if the nomination papers indicate that the Statement of Economic Interest has not yet been filed, but will be timely filed, the receipt for such Statement of Economic Interest must be filed with the Board of Election Commissioners before the close of the filing period for nomination papers. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 5/10-4, 5/10-5]

*When, where and how to file*

**Where:** Nomination papers must be filed with the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago, Room 600, 69 West Washington, Chicago, Illinois 60602. [10 ILCS 5/10-6]

**When:** Nomination papers shall be filed not earlier than Monday, November 15, 2010 and not later than Monday, November 22, 2010. [10 ILCS 5/10-6(4)]

**How:** Candidates may file their nomination papers either in person or by mail. Nomination papers filed by mail and received **after** midnight and in hand when the office opens on the first day of filing are considered to have been filed as of 9:00 a.m. of that day. The office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to Noon on Saturday. No nomination papers will be accepted on Sunday. Petitions received in the mail prior to midnight of the first day of filing will be returned to the sender. [10 ILCS 5/10-6.2]

## LOTTERY PROCEDURES FOR SIMULTANEOUS FILING OF PETITIONS

*Filing as of 9:00 a.m. on first day for petition filing*

All petitions filed by persons waiting in line as of 9:00 a.m. on the first day for petition filing shall be deemed filed as of 9:00 a.m. Petitions filed by mail and received after midnight of the first day for filing and in the first mail delivery or pickup of that day shall be deemed filed as of 9:00 a.m. of that day. All petitions received thereafter shall be deemed filed in the order of actual receipt. [10 ILCS 5/10-6.2]

*Lottery for two or more petitions received simultaneously*

When 2 or more petitions are received simultaneously, the Board will break ties and determine the order of filing by means of a lottery. Such lottery will be conducted within 9 days following the last day for petition filing (See “2011 Election Calendar” section for dates) and shall be open to the public. Seven days written notice of the time and place of conducting the lottery will be given by the Board of Election Commissioners to the Chairman of each political party and to each organization of citizens within the city of Chicago that was entitled to have pollwatchers present on election day at the next preceding election (November 2, 2010). The Board will post in a conspicuous, open and public place at the entrance to its office a notice of the time and place of conducting the lottery. [10 ILCS 5/10-6.2]

*Order of Certification*

All candidates will be certified in the order in which their petitions have been filed and in the manner prescribed by the Election Code. Where candidates have filed simultaneously, they will be certified in the order determined by lottery and prior to candidates who filed for the same office or offices at a later time. [10 ILCS 5/10-6.2]

## MULTIPLE SETS OF NOMINATION PAPERS

### *If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed*

If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed for a candidate to the same office, the Board of Election Commissioners will, within 2 business days, notify the candidate of his or her multiple petition filings and that the candidate has 3 business days after receipt of the notice to notify the Board that he or she may cancel prior sets of petitions. If the candidate notifies the Board of the cancellation, the last set of petitions filed shall be the only petitions to be considered valid by the Board. If the candidate fails to notify the Board, then only the first set of petitions filed shall be valid and all subsequent petitions shall be void. [10 ILCS 5/10-6.2]

## WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATE AND FILING FOR INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES

### *Withdrawal of candidate*

Any person whose name has been presented as a candidate may cause his name to be withdrawn from any such nomination by his request in writing, signed by him or her, and duly acknowledged before an officer qualified to take acknowledgment of deeds. Such withdrawal must be filed with the Board of Election Commissioners. See “2011 Election Calendar” section for dates. [10 ILCS 5/10-7]

### *Filing for incompatible offices*

If the name of the same person has been presented as a candidate for 2 or more offices which are incompatible so that the same person could not serve in more than one of such offices if elected, that person must withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such offices within the 5 business days following the last day for petition filing. If the candidate fails to withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such offices within such time, his or her name shall not be certified, nor printed on the ballot, for any office. [10 ILCS 5/10-7]

## OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION PAPERS

Nomination papers filed as required by the Election Code and being in apparent conformity with the provisions of the Election Code will be deemed valid unless an objection thereto is duly made in writing within 5 business days after the last day for filing the nomination papers. (See “2011 Election Calendar” section for dates) In the event that an objection is timely and duly filed, the Board of Election Commissioners, acting ex officio as an electoral board, will convene and hear and pass upon the objector’s petition. See Sections 10-8 through 10-10.1 of the Election Code for details on filing objections and the procedures for hearing and passing upon such objections. [10 ILCS 5/10-8 through 5/10-10.1]

## NOMINATION PAPERS NOT IN APPARENT CONFORMITY WITH PROVISIONS OF THE ELECTION CODE

If no objections are filed but a candidate’s nomination papers on their face are not in apparent conformity with the provisions of the Election Code, the Board of Election Commissioners will not certify the name of such candidate to the ballot. The candidate will be notified if the Board decides not to certify his or her name to the ballot and given an opportunity to address the Board on this issue.

## RESOURCES ON CHICAGO ELECTION BOARD WEB SITE

The Chicago Election Board’s Web site at [chicagoelections.com](http://chicagoelections.com) offers an Index of Electoral Board Decisions. This Index is offered in the “For Candidates” section of the web site. The Index provides a detailed listing of rulings by the Electoral Board (and, where applicable, the courts) on a wide range of topics related to the Procedures for Filing Objections and Requirements for Nomination Papers. The Index is intended to be a reference guide and not legal advice.

TABLE A: MINIMUM VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON ALDERMANIC PETITIONS

Ward	Feb 2007 Votes Cast for Alderman	2%**	Minimum Valid Signatures Required
1	4,629	92.58	93
2	11,103	222.06	223
3	8,087	161.74	162
4	10,004	200.08	201
5	9,039	180.78	181
6	13,047	260.94	261
7	11,969	239.38	240
8	13,945	278.9	279
9	9,698	193.96	194
10	8,838	176.76	177
11	9,650	193	193
12	4,379	87.58	88
13	10,828	216.56	217
14	5,603	112.06	113
15	6,076	121.52	122
16	6,104	122.08	123
17	8,939	178.78	179
18	13,228	264.56	265
19	21,420	428.4	429
20	7,134	142.68	143
21	14,096	281.92	282
22	4,339	86.78	87
23	13,375	267.5	268
24	8,421	168.42	169
25	6,854	137.08	138
26	5,421	108.42	109
27	5,513	110.26	111
28	7,551	151.02	152
29	7,836	156.72	157
30	5,014	100.28	101
31	5,271	105.42	106
32	8,107	162.14	163
33	4,590	91.8	92
34	12,204	244.08	245
35	6,585	131.7	132
36	10,916	218.32	219
37	7,571	151.42	152
38	7,335	146.7	147
39	7,925	158.5	159
40	5,625	112.5	113
41	14,021	280.42	281
42	12,711	254.22	255
43	9,307	186.14	187
44	5,824	116.48	117
45	13,141	262.82	263
46	11,274	225.48	226
47	9,239	184.78	185
48	6,780	135.6	136
49	7,441	148.82	149
50	10,489	209.78	210

\*\*Petitions shall be signed by such a number of legal voters of the ward not less than 2% of all votes cast for Alderman in such ward at the last preceding general election (February 2007). 65 ILCS 20/21-28(a)

## 2011 ELECTION CALENDAR

- Saturday, July 10, 2010 First day to circulate petitions for the submission of a Local Option referendum under the Liquor Control Act for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election if filing petition on last day permitted by law (November 10, 2010). [235 ILCS 5/9-2]
- Tuesday, August 24, 2010 First day to circulate for signature candidate nominating petitions for the offices of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Alderman. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- Wednesday, November 10, 2010 Last day to file petitions for the submission of a Local Option Referendum under the Liquor Control Act for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election. File in the office of the City Clerk. [235 ILCS 5/9-2]
- Monday, November 15, 2010 First day to file candidate nomination papers for the offices of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Alderman with the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/10-6(4)]
- Monday, November 22, 2010 Last day to file candidate nomination papers for the offices of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Alderman with the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/10-6(4)]
- Last day to file petitions for the submission of a question of public policy under Article 28 of the Election Code for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election. File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/28-2]
- Wednesday, November 24, 2010 Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to notify any candidate who filed multiple sets of nomination papers for the same office of his or her multiple petition filings and that the candidate has 3 business days after receipt of the notice to notify the Board that he or she may cancel prior sets of petitions. If the candidate notifies the Board, the last set of petitions filed shall be the only petitions to be considered valid by the Board. If the candidate fails to notify the Board, then only the first set of petitions filed shall be valid and all subsequent petitions shall be void. [10 ILCS 5/10-6.2]
- Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to give notice of the time and place of conducting a lottery when petitions are filed simultaneously by two or more candidates for the same office. Such notice to be given to the Chairman of each political party and to each organization of citizens that was entitled at the next preceding election to have pollwatchers on the day of election. [10 ILCS 5/10-6.2]
- Tuesday, November 30, 2010 Last day to file objections to candidate nomination papers for the offices of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Alderman for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election. File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/10-8]

	<p>Last day to file objections to petitions for submission of a question of public policy under Article 28 of the Election Code for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election. File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/10-8, 5/28-4]</p>
Wednesday, December 1, 2010	<p>Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to conduct a lottery when petitions are filed simultaneously by two or more candidates for the same office. [10 ILCS 5/10-6.2]</p>
Monday, December 6, 2010	<p>Last day for governing boards of political subdivisions to adopt resolutions or ordinances initiating the submission of public questions for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election. [10 ILCS 5/28-2(c)]</p>
Thursday, December 23, 2010	<p>Last day for candidates for the offices of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Alderman to withdraw as a candidate. File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. No name so withdrawn shall be printed upon the ballot. [10 ILCS 5/10-7, 5/10-15; 65 ILCS 20/21-9]</p> <p>Last day for Board of Election Commissioners to certify the names of all candidates entitled to be printed on the ballot for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election. [10 ILCS 5/10-15]</p> <p>Last day (by 5:00 p.m.) a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election; however, if an objection to a candidate's nomination papers is sustained after this date, then the deadline for filing a Declaration of Intent shall be February 15, 2011. File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/18-9.1]</p>
Thursday, January 13, 2011	<p>First day for civilians within the confines of the United States who wish to vote absentee to make application by mail or in person for an Absent Voter's Ballot for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election. [10 ILCS 5/19-2]</p> <p>*NOTE: A person who registered to vote by mail cannot vote by absentee ballot at the first election following their registration and such person must vote in person at his or her precinct polling place unless the person first provides the Board with sufficient proof of identity and the Board is able to verify the person's proof of identity. Sufficient proof of identity shall include the person's driver's license number or State identification card number or, if the person does not have either of these, the last 4 digits of the person's Social Security number, a copy of a current and valid photo ID, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document showing the person's name and address. Persons who apply to register to vote by mail but provide inadequate proof of identity shall be notified by the Board that the registration has not been fully completed and the person remains ineligible to vote by mail or in person until such proof is presented. These requirements do not apply to any person entitled to vote by absentee ballot under the Uniformed and Overseas</p>

Citizens Absentee Voting Act, the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, or under any other applicable Federal law (42 USC 1973gg-4(c); or any person who has been admitted to a hospital, nursing home or a rehabilitation center not more than 14 days before the election and is entitled to personal delivery of an absentee ballot in the hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation center. (10 ILCS 5/6-105, 5/19-12.3; 26 Ill. Admin. Code, Ch. I, §216.90)

Last day for the Board of Election Commissioners to mail an application for a Temporarily Absent Student Ballot by non-forwardable mail to each qualified elector who has filed with the Board a Temporarily Absent Student Notice. [10 ILCS 5/19-4, 5/19-12.3]

Last day for civic organizations and proposition proponents and opponents to register their names and addresses and the names and addresses of their principal officers to be eligible for pollwatcher credentials for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election. File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/18-6, 5/17-23]

Monday, January 24, 2011

Last day for an unregistered citizen temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States to make simultaneous application for absentee registration and ballot for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election. [10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 5/20-3]

First day for the Board to publish a schedule of the dates and times that early voting will be conducted and the location of each permanent and temporary polling place for early voting and the precincts served by each location. The Board shall publish a similar schedule at least once a week during the early voting period and post a copy of the schedule at each location to be used for early voting and on the Board's Internet web site. (10 ILCS 5/19A-25)

First day for the Board to publish notice of public questions appearing on the ballot at the election. (10 ILCS 5/12-5)

Tuesday, January 18, 2011  
Through  
Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Completed registrations accepted by deputy registrars and at library branch offices during this period must be returned to the office of the Board of Election Commissioners within 48 hours of the date received by the registrar or by the close of business on January 26, 2011, whichever should occur first. [10 ILCS 5/6-35.03, 5/6-50.2]

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Last day for regular voter registration in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners or to transfer registration to a new address for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election, with the exception of "grace period" registration and voting from January 26 through February 15, 2011. [10 ILCS 5/6-29]

Last day for deputy registrars and registrars in library branch offices to accept completed registrations prior to the February 22, 2011 Municipal

	<p>General Election. Completed registrations shall be returned to the office of the Board of Election Commissioners within 24 hours of the date received by the registrar or by the close of business on January 26, 2011, whichever should occur first. [10 ILCS 5/6-35.03, 5/6-50.2]</p>
<p>Wednesday, January 26, 2011 through Tuesday, February 15, 2011</p>	<p>Unregistered qualified elector may register to vote, and a registered voter may submit a change of address, in person at the office of the Board or at a location specifically designated for this purpose by the Board. Persons registering or filing a change of this address during this “grace period” and who wish to vote must do so either in person in the office of the Board or at a location specifically designated by the Board, or by mail, at the discretion of the Board. [10 ILCS 5/6-100]</p>
<p>Monday, January 31, 2011</p>	<p>First day for early voting at the offices of the Board and at permanent and temporary polling place locations designated by the Board. Early voting shall be conducted at permanent polling places between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Early voting may be also conducted at temporary polling places on days and at hours to be announced and published. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 08, 2011</p>	<p>First day a qualified voter admitted to a hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation center not more than 14 days before the election may make application for personal delivery of an Absent Voter’s Ballot for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election. [10 ILCS 5/19-3]</p>
<p>Monday, February 14, 2011</p>	<p>Last day for members of the United States Armed Forces while on active duty and their spouses and dependents of voting age accompanying them, members United States Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents of voting age accompanying them, and United States government employees serving outside the territorial limits of the United States who expect to be absent from the county in which they reside on election day to make application for an absentee ballot. [10 ILCS 5/20-2, 5/20-2.3, 5/20-3] Signed applications may be submitted in person, by mail, by facsimile or by e-mail. [10 ILCS 5/20-2.3]</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 15, 2011</p>	<p>Last day (by 5:00 p.m.) a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election only if an objection to the person's nomination papers was sustained after December 23, 2010 (otherwise, the last day to file a Declaration of Intent is December 23, 2010). File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/18-9.1]</p>
<p>Thursday, February 17, 2011</p>	<p>Last day any registered voter may apply by mail for an Absent Voter’s Ballot for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election. [10 ILCS 5/19-2]</p> <p>Last day for early voting at the offices of the Board and at permanent and temporary polling place locations designated by the Board. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)</p>

Friday, February 18, 2011 Through Monday, February 21, 2011	Dates that may be scheduled for absentee voting in nursing homes for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election. [10 ILCS 5/19-12.2]
Monday, February 21, 2011	Last day any registered voter may apply in person for an Absent Voter's Ballot for the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election. [10 ILCS 5/19-2]
Tuesday, February 22, 2011	MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION for the offices of Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer for the City of Chicago and for the office of Alderman in all wards of the City of Chicago. Polling places are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. [10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b), 5/2A-1.2(d), 5/2A-26; 65 ILCS 20/21-5, 20/21-5a, 20/21-12, 20/21-22, 20/21-25 and 20/21-26]
Wednesday, February 23, 2011	Registration re-opens in the office of the Board and in the library branch offices. [10 ILCS 5/6-29, 5/6-50]
Thursday, February 24, 2011	Last day for a person who cast a provisional ballot to submit to the Board additional information to support or verify his/her eligibility to cast a ballot. Such information must be received by the Board by this date. [10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d)]
Tuesday, March 08, 2011	Last day for the Board to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots. [10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a)]  Last day for the Board to process and count absent voters' ballots mailed and postmarked by midnight preceding the opening of the polls on election day but received after the close of the polls and by this date. [10 ILCS 5/19-8(c)]
Tuesday, March 15, 2011	Last day to canvass and proclaim the results of the February 22, 2011 Municipal General Election [10 ILCS 5/22-17]

IF A MUNICIPAL RUNOFF OR A SUPPLEMENTARY ALDERMANIC ELECTION IS NECESSARY ON APRIL 5, 2011, THE FOLLOWING DATES SHALL ALSO APPLY

Thursday, February 24, 2011

First day for civilians within the confines of the United States who wish to vote absentee to make application by mail or in person for an Absent Voter's Ballot for the April 5, 2011 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Election. [10 ILCS 5/19-2]

\*NOTE: A person who registered to vote by mail cannot vote by absentee ballot at the first election following their registration and such person must vote in person at his or her precinct polling place unless the person first provides the Board with sufficient proof of identity and the Board is able to verify the person's proof of identity. Sufficient proof of identity shall include the person's driver's license number or State identification card number or, if the person does not have either of these, the last 4 digits of the person's Social Security number, a copy of a current and valid photo ID, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document showing the person's name and address. Persons who apply to register to vote by mail but provide inadequate proof of identity shall be notified by the Board that the registration has not been fully completed and the person remains ineligible to vote by mail or in person until such proof is presented. These requirements do not apply to any person entitled to vote by absentee ballot under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, or under any other applicable Federal law (42 USC 1973gg-4(c); or any person who has been admitted to a hospital, nursing home or a rehabilitation center not more than 14 days before the election and is entitled to personal delivery of an absentee ballot in the hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation center. (10 ILCS 5/6-105, 5/19-12.3; 26 Ill.Admin.Code, Ch. I, §216.90)

Last day for civic organizations and proposition proponents and opponents to register their names and addresses and the names and addresses of their principal officers in order to be eligible for pollwatcher credentials for the April 5, 2011 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections. File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/7-34(3), 5/7-34(4)]

Tuesday, March 1, 2011 through  
Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Completed registrations accepted by deputy registrars and at library branch offices during this period must be returned to the office of the Board within 48 hours of the date received by the registrar or by close of business on March 9, 2011, whichever occurs first. [10 ILCS 5/6-35.03, 5/6-50.2]

Monday, March 07, 2011

Last day for an unregistered citizen temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States to make simultaneous application for absentee registration and ballot. [10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 5/20-3]

Tuesday, March 08, 2011

Last day for voter registration in the office of the Board or to transfer registration to a new address for the April 5, 2011 Municipal Runoff

and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections with the exception of “grace period” registration and voting from March 9 through March 29, 2011. [10 ILCS 5/6-29, 5/6-50, 5/6-51, 5/6-53, 5/6-100]

Last day for deputy registrars and registrars in library branch offices to accept completed registrations prior to the April 5, 2011 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections. Completed registrations shall be returned to the office of the Board of Election Commissioners within 24 hours of the date received by the registrar or by the close of business on March 9, 2011, whichever should occur first. [10 ILCS 5/6-35.03, 5/6-50.2]

Wednesday, March 9, 2011  
through  
Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Unregistered qualified elector may register to vote, and a registered voter may submit a change of address, in person at the office of the Board or at a location specifically designated for this purpose by the Board. Persons registering or filing a change of this address during this “grace period” and who wish to vote must vote either in person in the office of the Board or at a location specifically designated by the Board, or by mail, at the discretion of the Board. [10 ILCS 5/6-100]

Monday, March 14, 2011

First day for early voting at the offices of the Board and at permanent and temporary polling place locations designated by the Board. Early voting shall be conducted at permanent polling places between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Early voting may be also conducted at temporary polling places on days and at hours to be announced and published. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

First day a qualified voter admitted to a hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation center not more than 14 days before the election may make application for personal delivery of an Absent Voter's Ballot for the April 5, 2011 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections. [10 ILCS 5/19-13]

Monday, March 28, 2011

Last day for members of the United States Armed Forces while on active duty and their spouses and dependents of voting age accompanying them, members United States Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents of voting age accompanying them, and United States government employees serving outside the territorial limits of the United States who expect to be absent from the county in which they reside on election day to make application for an absentee ballot. [10 ILCS 5/20-2, 5/20-2.3, 5/20-3] Applications may be submitted in person, by mail, by facsimile or by e-mail. [10 ILCS 5/20-2.3]

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Last day any registered voter may apply by mail for an Absent Voter's Ballot for the April 5, 2011 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections. [10 ILCS 5/19-2]

Last day for early voting at the offices of the Board and at permanent

	and temporary polling place locations designated by the Board. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)
Friday, April 1, 2011 through Monday, April 4, 2011	Dates that may be scheduled for absentee voting in nursing homes for the April 5, 2011 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections. [10 ILCS 5/19-12.2]
Monday, April 04, 2011	Last day any registered voter may apply in person for an Absent Voter's Ballot for the April 5, 2011 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections. [10 ILCS 5/19-2]
Tuesday, April 05, 2011	MUNICIPAL RUNOFF ELECTION (if necessary) for the offices of Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer for the City of Chicago and SUPPLEMENTARY ALDERMANIC ELECTIONS (if necessary) in the City of Chicago. Polling places are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. [10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b), 5/2A-1.1a, 5/2A-1.2(c)(1), 5/2A-25, 5/2A-26; 65 ILCS 20/21-5, 20/21-5a, 20/21-12, 20/21-25 and 20/21-26]
Wednesday, April 06, 2011	Registration re-opens in the office of the Board and in the library branch offices. [10 ILCS 5/6-29, 5/6-50]
Thursday, April 07, 2011	Last day for a person who cast a provisional ballot to submit to the Board additional information to support or verify his/her eligibility to cast a ballot. Such information must be received by the Board by this date. [10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d)]
Tuesday, April 19, 2011	Last day for the Board to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots. [10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a)]  Last day for the Board to process and count absent voters' ballots mailed and postmarked by midnight preceding the opening of the polls on election day but received after the close of the polls and by this date. [10 ILCS 5/19-8(c)]
Tuesday, April 26, 2011	Last day to canvass and proclaim results of the April 5, 2011 Municipal Runoff Election and Supplementary Aldermanic Election (if necessary). [10 ILCS 5/22-17]
Monday, May 16, 2011	Term of office begins at Noon for Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Alderman. [65 ILCS 20/21-5, 21-12, 21-22]