



## CHICAGO SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

### A SUMMARY FOR CANDIDATES IN THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

- In the November 5, 2024, General Election, one person shall be elected to represent each of the 10 new Chicago *elected* school board subdistricts. Each person will serve a two-year term beginning January 15, 2025. The mayor shall also appoint one person to represent each of the 10 new Chicago *appointed* school board subdistricts for 2-year terms. In the 2026 General Election, all 20 members of the school board shall be elected.<sup>1</sup>
  - The Chicago Board of Elections has published maps of the new school board districts on this page of its website: <https://www.chicagoelections.gov/districts-maps/legislative-maps>
  - The Illinois State Board of Elections is also required to prepare and publish metes and bounds descriptions of the school board districts.<sup>2</sup>
- **Nominating petition circulation period** = March 26, 2024, through June 24, 2024.<sup>3</sup>
- **Signature requirement**
  - 1,000 – 3,000 of the registered voters residing in the district in which the candidate is seeking election.<sup>4</sup>
- **Petition filing period** = June 17 – 24, 2024.<sup>5</sup>
- **Candidate eligibility**
  - U.S. Citizen;
  - Registered voter (must be 18 years old by the date of the general election);
  - Resident of the school board district in which the candidate is seeking office for a period of one year immediately before the election;
  - Shall not be a child sex offender as defined in Section 11-9.3 of the Illinois Criminal Code of 2012 (720 ILCS 5/11-9.3); and
  - Must comply with Section 10-9 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-9).<sup>6</sup>
- **Vacancies** shall be filled by appointment of the mayor for the remainder of the term.<sup>7</sup>
- **Apparent Conformity** = “The board of election commissioners shall receive and file only those petitions that include a **statement of candidacy**, the **required number of voter signatures**, the **notarized signature of the petition circulator**, and a **receipt** from the county clerk showing the candidate has filed a **statement of economic interests** on or before the last day to file...”<sup>8</sup>
- **Sample/template nomination papers** are available from the State Board of Elections.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 105 ILCS 5/34-3(b-15), P.A. 103-0584, *eff.* 3/18/2024.

<sup>2</sup> P.A. 103-0584, Section 1-10(i), *eff.* 3/18/2024.

<sup>3</sup> 105 ILCS 5/34-4, P.A. 103-0584, *eff.* 3/18/2024.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> 105 ILCS 5/34-3(a).

<sup>8</sup> 105 ILCS 5/24-4.1.

<sup>9</sup> See, e.g., <https://www.elections.il.gov/RunningForOffice.aspx?MID=rOINCTNZd9A%3d> and the State Board’s 2024 Candidate’s Guide.