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PREFACE

The Chicago Board of Election Commissioners is pleased to provide this 2027 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, Alderperson, and members of police District Councils by voters in the City of Chicago at the February 23, 2027 Municipal General Election and the April 6, 2027 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. If you do not have an attorney and need assistance in finding one, the Chicago Bar Association has a Lawyer Referral Service that is available at (312) 554-2001 and at the following website: https://www.chicagobar.org/CBA/Legal_Help_for_the_Public/Lawyer_Referral_Service.aspx .

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.*), the Illinois Revised Cities and Villages Act (65 ILCS 20/1-1 *et seq.*), and the Chicago Municipal Code, Section 2-80-070. All statutory citations contained herein are from the "Illinois Compiled Statutes," as amended. The information contained in this publication is drawn from provisions of federal and state law current as of June 9, 2026

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 Chicago Board of Election Commissioners does not distribute blank or sample petition forms or other nomination papers. The Illinois State Board of Elections does, however, make 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 69 West Washington, Suite LL08, Chicago, Illinois 60602 (312-814-6440) or by going to the State Board's website at www.elections.il.gov.

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 2027 ELECTION SUMMARY

MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

FOR MAYOR, CITY CLERK, CITY TREASURER, ALDERPERSONS,

AND MEMBERS OF POLICE DISTRICT COUNCILS

AND

MUNICIPAL RUNOFF AND SUPPLEMENTARY ALDERPERSON ELECTIONS (IF NECESSARY)

DATES OF ELECTIONS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2027	MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION FOR MAYOR, CITY CLERK, CITY TREASURER, ALDERPERSON, AND MEMBERS OF POLICE DISTRICT COUNCILS
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2027	MUNICIPAL RUNOFF AND SUPPLEMENTARY ELECTIONS (IF NECESSARY) FOR MAYOR, CITY CLERK, CITY TREASURER, AND ALDERPERSONS

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

	Minimum	Maximum
FOR MAYOR, CITY CLERK AND CITY TREASURER[1]	12,500	None
FOR ALDERPERSON[2]	473	None
FOR MEMBER OF A POLICE DISTRICT COUNCIL		
Dist. 1	182	None
Dist. 2	199	None
Dist. 3	116	None
Dist. 4	201	None
Dist. 5	119	None
Dist. 6	155	None
Dist. 7	70	None
Dist. 8	250	None
Dist. 9	184	None
Dist. 10	101	None
Dist. 11	88	None
Dist. 12	250	None
[3]Dist. 14	250	None
Dist. 15	80	None
Dist. 16	250	None
Dist. 17	250	None
Dist. 18	250	None
Dist. 19	250	None
Dist. 20	233	None
[4]Dist. 22	250	None
[5]Dist. 24	250	None
Dist. 25	250	None

[1] 65 ILCS 20/21-28(b)
[2] 65 ILCS 20/21-28(a)
[3] There is no police district numbered 13.
[4] There is no police district numbered 21.
[5] There is no police district numbered 23.

2027 ELECTIONS AND OFFICES TO BE FILLED IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Municipal General Election, Tuesday, February 23, 2027

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 6, 2027, when only the names of the candidates receiving the highest and second highest number of votes at the February 23, 2027 election shall appear on the ballot. [65 ILCS 20/21-5, 20/21-12; 10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b) and 5/2A-1.2(d)]

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

The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast for Alderperson 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 6, 2027, when only the names of the candidates receiving the highest and second highest number of votes at the February 23, 2027 election shall appear on the ballot. [65 ILCS 20/21-22, 20/21-25, 20/21-26 and 20/21-29; 10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b) and 5/2A-1.2(d)]

To be elected: Three members of the District Council in each of the 22 Chicago Police Department districts in the City of Chicago.

The candidates in each police district receiving greatest, second greatest, and third greatest number of votes shall be elected and shall take office on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May following their election. [Chi. Muni. Code § 2-80-070(c)]

Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections (if necessary), Tuesday, April 6, 2027

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 23, 2027 election. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. [10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b), 5/2A-1.2(c)(1), 5/2A-1.2(d), 5/2A-25; 65 ILCS 20/21-5, 20/21-12]

To be elected: One Alderperson from each ward where no Aldermanic candidate received a majority of the votes cast in the February 23, 2027 election. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. [10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(b), 5/2A-1.2(c)(1), 5/2A-1.2(d), 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 eligible to take the oath of office if is, at the time required for taking the oath of office, in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the City of Chicago

or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury or other felony, unless such person is again restored to his or her rights of citizenship that may have been forfeited under Illinois law as a result of a conviction, which includes eligibility to hold elected municipal office, by the terms of a pardon for the offense, has received a restoration of rights by the Governor, or otherwise according to law. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5(b)]

Term of office:

The Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer shall hold office for 4 years beginning at Noon on the third Monday in May following his or her election, and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. [65 ILCS 20/21-5(b), 20/21-12]

Alderperson

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 20/21-14(a)]

b) Is not eligible to take the oath of office if is, at the time required for taking the oath of office, in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the City of Chicago or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury or other felony, unless such person is again restored to his or her rights of citizenship that may have been forfeited under Illinois law as a result of a conviction, which includes eligibility to hold elected municipal office, by the terms of a pardon for the offense, has received a restoration of rights by the Governor, or otherwise according to law. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5(b)]

c) No member of the City Council shall at the same time hold any other civil service office under the federal, state or city government, except if such member is granted a leave of absence from such civil service office, or except in the National Guard, or as a notary public, and except such honorary offices as go by appointment without compensation. [65 ILCS 20/21-14(b)]

Term of office:

Alderpersons shall serve a term of 4 years beginning at Noon on the third Monday in May following the election of City officers, and until their successors are elected and have qualified. [65 ILCS 20/21-22(a)]

Members of a police District Council

Qualifications:

a) Must satisfy the qualifications for elected office under the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5. [Chi. Muni. Code § 2-80-070(b)(1)]

   i. 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(a)]

   ii. Is not eligible to take the oath of office if is, at the time required for taking the oath of office, in arrears in the payment of a tax or other indebtedness due to the City of Chicago or has been convicted in any court located in the United States of any infamous crime, bribery, perjury or other felony, unless such person is again restored to his or her rights of citizenship that may have been forfeited under

Illinois law as a result of a conviction, which includes eligibility to hold elected municipal office, by the terms of a pardon for the offense, has received a restoration of rights by the Governor, or otherwise according to law. [65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5(b)]

b. On the day of the election, must have resided in the police District in which the candidate seeks to serve for at least the previous 365 days, and be registered to vote in the District the candidate seeks to serve. [Chi. Muni. Code § 2-80-070(b)(2)]

c. Must not be a member of the City of Chicago's Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability. [Chi. Muni. Code § 2-80-070(b)(3)]

d. Must not have been an employee of the Chicago Police Department, the Independent Police Review Authority, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability ("COPA"), or the Police Board in any of the three years immediately preceding the date on which their term begins. [Chi. Muni. Code § 2-80-070(b)(4)]

Term of office:

Members of a police District Council shall serve a term of 4 years beginning on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May following their election. No person may serve more than a total of 12 years on a District Council in their lifetime. [Chi. Muni. Code § 2-80-070(b) and (c)]

General Information

No political party affiliation is permitted for candidates for Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, Alderperson, or member of a police District Council. [65 ILCS 20/21-32 and Chi. Muni. Code § 2-80-070(c)] Candidates for Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Alderperson 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] Candidates for member of a police District Council are nominated by the filing of a statement of candidacy with the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago and the submission of petitions for nomination. [Chi. Muni. Code § 2-80-070(c)]

Ballot Forfeiture

The name of a person who has not paid a civil penalty imposed against him or her under Article 9 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, unless the candidate has requested a hearing and the Illinois State Board of Elections has not disposed of the matter by the date of certification. [10 ILCS 5/9-30]

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. [65 ILCS 20/21-28(b)]

Alderperson

Nominating petitions for candidates for Alderperson of any ward must contain not less than 473 valid signatures of registered voters residing in that ward. [65 ILCS 20/21-28(a)]

Member of police District Council

The signature requirements for the petitions for nomination of District Council candidates shall be equal to the lesser of: (i) 250 registered voters in the District; and (ii) 0.5 percent of the total number of registered voters in the District who voted in the next preceding Presidential election, but in no event fewer than a minimum of 25 registered voters

in the District. Petitions for nominations under this subsection may contain the names of two or more candidates. If a petition for nomination contains the names of two or more candidates, the signature of a registered voter on such petition shall count towards the minimum signature requirement for each candidate whose name appears on the petition. [Chi. Muni. Code § 2-80-070(c)]

DOCUMENTS AND FORMS TO BE FILED

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

Member of police District Council

Persons wishing to appear on the ballot as a candidate for District Council shall file a statement of candidacy with the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners and submit petitions for nomination. [Chi. Muni. Code § 2-80-070(c)]

Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, and Alderperson

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 or civil union to assume a spouse's surname, or dissolution of marriage or civil union or declaration of invalidity of marriage or civil union to assume a former surname, or a name change that conforms the candidate's name to his or her gender identity. [10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, P.A. 102-0015, eff. 6-17/21.]

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 <u>original</u> 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] FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE A RECEIPT FOR A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS SHALL INVALIDATE A CANDIDATE'S NOMINATION PAPERS.

Loyalty Oath

The requirement of filing a Loyalty Oath has been declared unconstitutional; hence its filing is optional. 10 ILCS 5/10-5; *Communist Party of Indiana v. Witcomb*, 414 U.S. 441, 94 S. Ct. 656 (1974); *Communist Party of Illinois v. Ogilvie*, 357 F. Supp. 105 (N.D. Ill. 1972); Socialist Workers Party v. Ogilvie, 357 F. Supp. 109 (N.D. Ill. 1972).

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 2026 a statement of economic interest in relation to the City of Chicago. Contact the Cook County Clerk's Office at 312-603-1121 or at its Web site at https://www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/statements-economic-interests. [5 ILCS 420/4A-104, 420/4A-105; 10 ILCS 5/10-5]

Campaign Disclosure Documents (filed with the State Board of Elections)

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 $5,000 is required to file certain reports with the State Board of Elections. These reports and information concerning them can be obtained from the State Board of Elections. [10 ILCS 5/9-1, et. seq.] Contact the State Board of Elections at 312-814-6440 or at www.elections.il.gov. FAILURE TO FILE SUCH REPORTS WILL NOT INVALIDATE A CANDIDATE'S NOMINATION PAPERS; HOWEVER, FAILURE TO PAY OUTSTANDING PENALTIES OR FINES DUE TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS MAY RESULT IN NOT BEING CERTIFIED AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE BALLOT OR REMOVAL FROM THE BALLOT. [10 ILCS 5/9-30]

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

Candidates for Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, Alderperson, and member of a police District Council 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 https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/ethics.html [Chapter 2-156 of the Municipal Code of Chicago] REPORTS REQUIRED BY THE CITY'S CAMPAIGN FINANCING ORDINANCE ARE NOT FILED WITH THE CANDIDATE'S NOMINATION PAPERS AND THE FAILURE TO FILE SUCH REPORTS WITH THE CITY'S BOARD OF ETHICS WILL NOT INVALIDATE A CANDIDATE'S NOMINATION PAPERS.

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. If the petition is for Mayor, City Clerk or City Treasurer, such address must be within the city of Chicago. If the petition is for Alderperson or police district council Member, such address must be within the ward or police district 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] However, petition signers may sign in support of up to three candidates per district for the office of Member of a police district council. [Chi. Muni. Code. § 2-80-070(c)]

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 23, 2027 election is Tuesday, July 28, 2026 [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- Petition circulators must be citizens of the United States and either a) at least 18 years of age, or b) will be 18 years of age by the date of the election. 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 5/3-6, 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 <u>original</u> signed nominating petition sheets may be filed; photocopies or duplicates are not permitted. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- All the <u>original</u> 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. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- All petition sheets must be numbered consecutively. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- Nomination papers for candidates seeking the offices of Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, Alderperson, or Member of a police district council 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 5/10-5; 5/7-10.1]
- A petition, when presented or filed, shall not be withdrawn, altered, or added to. 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 Chicago Board of Election Commissioners before the presentment or 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 Chicago Board of Election Commissioners before the close of the filing period for nomination papers. [10 ILCS 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 (Check the Chicago Board's website and public notices for the proper filing locations). [10 ILCS 5/10-6 and Chi. Muni. Code § 2-80-070(c)]

When: Nomination papers shall be filed not earlier than Monday, October 19, 2026 and not later than Monday, October 26, 2026. The standard office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays. No nomination papers will be accepted on holidays or weekends. [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. [10 ILCS 5/10-6.2] Petitions received in the mail prior to midnight of the first day of filing will be returned to the sender. Nomination papers shall not be considered filed until *received* by the Board, notwithstanding when such papers, if mailed or messengered, were postmarked or left with a courier for delivery, as the case may be. [5 ILCS 70/1.25]

LOTTERY PROCEDURES FOR SIMULTANEOUS FILING OF PETITIONS

Simultaneous 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 such petitions shall be deemed to have been filed simultaneously. All petitions received thereafter shall be deemed filed in the order of actual receipt; however, 2 or more petitions filed within the last hour of the filing deadline shall be deemed filed simultaneously. [10 ILCS 5/10-6.2; 65 ILCS 20/21-30(6)]

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 "2027 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 Chair 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 3, 2026). 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; 65 ILCS 20/21-30(6)]

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, not later than the date of certification of the ballot. Such withdrawal must be filed with the Board of Election Commissioners. If such a request for withdrawal is received after the date for certification of the candidates for the ballot, then the votes cast for the withdrawn candidate are invalid and shall not be reported by the Board. See "2027 Election Calendar" section of this document for dates. If a candidate for Alderperson in the supplementary election should die or withdraw his candidacy before the supplementary election, the name of the candidate who shall receive the next highest number of votes shall be printed on the ballot in lieu of the name of the candidate who died or withdrew his candidacy. [10 ILCS 5/10-7; 65 ILCS 20/21-29]

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 "2027 Election Calendar" section of this document for dates) In the event 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 and/or the Chicago Municipal 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. [10 ILCS 5/10-8]

RESOURCES ON CHICAGO ELECTION BOARD WEB SITE

The Chicago Election Board's Web site at http://www.chicagoelections.gov offers an "Index of Electoral Board Decisions." This Index is offered in the "Getting on the Ballot", "Candidates" section of the web site. See, https://app.chicagoelections.gov/documents/general/IndexOfElectoralBoardDecisions.pdf 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 also contains a hyperlink that, if clicked, will take the reader directly to a copy of the case. The Index is intended to be a reference guide and not legal advice. There is also a "Library of Electoral Board Decisions" that is sorted by year and case number and is searchable by candidate or objector name.

2027 ELECTION CALENDAR

Sunday, July 12, 2026	First day to circulate petitions for the submission of a Local Option referendum under the Liquor Control Act for the February 23, 2027, Municipal General Election if filing petition on last day permitted by law (which would be November 12, 2026 (Signatures may not be obtained more than 4 months before filing of petition). [235 ILCS 5/9-4]
Tuesday, July 28, 2026	First day to circulate for signature candidate nominating petitions for the offices of Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, Alderperson and Member of a police District Council (not more than 90 days preceding last day for petition filing). [10 ILCS 5/10-4]; [Title 2 of the Municipal Code of Chicago]; [Illinois Municipal Code, codified at 65 ILCS 5/3.1-10-5]
Monday, October 19, 2026	First day to file candidate nomination papers for the offices of Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, Alderperson and Member of a police District Council with the Board of Election Commissioners (not more than 127 days before the election). [10 ILCS 5/10-6(4)]; [Title 2 of the Municipal Code of Chicago]
Monday, October 26, 2026	Last day to file candidate nomination papers for the offices of Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, Alderperson and member of a police District Council with the Board of Election Commissioners (not less than 120 days before the election). [10 ILCS 5/10-6(4)]; [Title 2 of the Municipal Code of Chicago]
Wednesday, October 28, 2026	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 (within 2 business days). 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 (at least 7 days written notice). Such notice to be given to the Chair 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]
Monday, November 2, 2026	Last day for a candidate for whom nomination papers have been filed for 2 or more offices that are incompatible to withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such offices (within 5 business days after last day for filing petitions). [10 ILCS 5/10-7]

Monday, November 2, 2026	Last day to file objections to candidate nomination papers for the offices of Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, Alderperson, and Member of a police District Council for the February 23, 2027, Municipal General Election (within 5 business days after last day for filing petitions). File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/10-8]
Wednesday, November 4, 2026	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 (within 9 days following last day for petition filing). [10 ILCS 5/10-6.2]
Thursday, November 12, 2026	Last day to file petitions for the submission of a Local Option Referendum under the Liquor Control Act for the February 23, 2027 Municipal General Election (at least 104 days before election – actual date is Veterans' Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2026 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). File in the office of the City Clerk. [235 ILCS 5/9-2]
Monday, November 23, 2026	Last day to file petitions for the submission of a question of public policy under Article 28 of the Election Code for the February 23, 2027, Municipal General Election (not less than 92 days before election). File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/28-2(a)]

Wednesday, November 25, 2026	First day registered voters who wish to vote by mail**, but who are not already on the permanent roster,** may make application by mail or electronically on the Board of Election Commissioners website for a mail ballot for the February 23, 2027 Municipal General Election (not more than 90 or less than 5 days prior to date of election) or to make application by personal delivery (not more than 90 or less than 1 day prior to the date of election). The URL address at which voters may electronically request a vote-by-mail ballot shall be fixed no later than 90 calendar days before an election and shall not be changed until after the election. [10 ILCS 5/19-2] *NOTE: A person who registered to vote by mail cannot vote-by-mail ballot at the first election following their registration 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. Or by submission of a photo ID issued by a college or university accompanied by a residential lease or postmarked mail delivered to their residence. 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. [10 ILCS 5/6-105] These requirements do not apply to any person entitled to vote-by-mail 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 a mail ballot in the hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation center. (5/19-13; 26 Ill. Admin. Code, Ch. I, §216.90)
Thursday, November 26, 2026, and Friday, November 27, 2026	Thanksgiving Holiday (as designated by the State of Illinois).
Wednesday, December 2, 2026	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 23, 2027, Municipal General Election (within 5 business days after last day for filing petitions). File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/10-8, 5/28-4]

Monday, December 7, 2026	Last day for governing boards of political subdivisions to adopt resolutions or ordinances initiating the submission of public questions for the February 23, 2027, Municipal General Election (not less than 79 days before election – actual date is Sunday, December 6, 2026 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). [10 ILCS 5/28-2(c)]
Thursday, December 17, 2026	Last day for candidates for the offices of Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, Alderperson, and Member of a police District Council to withdraw as a candidate (not later than the date of certification of candidates for the ballot). File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. No name so withdrawn shall be printed upon the ballot. If a request for withdrawal is received after this date (the date for certification of candidates for the ballot), then the votes cast for the withdrawn candidate are invalid and shall not be reported by the Board. [10 ILCS 5/10-7, 5/10-15; 65 ILCS 20/21-9]
	Last day for Board of Election Commissioners to certify the names of all candidates entitled to be printed on the ballot for the February 23, 2027 Municipal General Election (not less than 68 days before election). [10 ILCS 5/10-15]
Thursday, December 24, 2026	Last day a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate for the February 23, 2027 Municipal General Election (not later than the 61st day before 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 Tuesday, February 16, 2027 (not later than 7 days before the election). File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/18-9.1]
Friday, December 25, 2026	Christmas Day (Board of Elections offices closed for the holiday).
Monday, December 28, 2026	First day for the Board to publish notice of public questions appearing on the ballot at the election. (10 ILCS 5/12-5) (Actual date Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, 2026, moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6).
	Last day the Board shall provide public notice, calculated to reach the elderly voters and voters with disabilities, of the availability of registration and voting aids under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, of the availability of assistance in marking the ballot, procedures for voting by mail ballot and procedures for early voting (at least 60 days prior to election). (10 ILCS 5/12-1) (Actual date Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, 2026, moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6).
Friday, January 1, 2027	New Year's Day (Board of Elections offices closed for the holiday).

Sunday, January 3, 2027 through Saturday, January 9, 2027	Board must 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)
Saturday, January 9, 2027	Last day for Board to have vote-by-mail ballots available for mailing to persons in the United States Service or their spouse and dependents of voting age and citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States who have filed an application for mail ballot prior to the 45th day before the election. [10 ILCS 5/16-5.01]
Thursday, January 14, 2027	Earliest date upon which early voting may begin at the offices of the Board and at locations designated by the Board (beginning the 40th day preceding the election). The list of locations and the days and times they are open for early voting shall be published and will be available at https://chicagoelections.gov/voting/early-votingvote-centers or by calling (312) 269-7900. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)
	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 23, 2027 Municipal General Election (not later than 40th day preceding date of election). File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/18-6, 5/17-23]
Tuesday, January 19, 2027 through Tuesday, January 26, 2027	Completed registration materials received by the deputy registrars during the period between the 35th and 28th day preceding an election shall be returned by the deputy registrars to the appointing election authority within 48 hours after receipt thereof. The completed registration materials received by the deputy registrars on the 28th day preceding an election shall be returned by the deputy registrars within 24 hours after receipt thereof. [10 ILCS 5/6-35.03, 5/6-50.2]
Monday, January 25, 2027	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 23, 2027 Municipal General Election, which shall entitle the applicant to a vote-by-mail ballot for every election in one calendar year. (not less than 30 days before election – actual date is Sunday, January 24, 2027 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). Signed applications may be submitted by mail, by facsimile or by e-mail. [10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 5/20-3]
	Last day for the Board to publish notice of Municipal General Election (at least 30 days before the election – actual date is Sunday, January 24, 2027 - moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). (10 ILCS 5/12-1)

Tuesday, January 26, 2027	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 23, 2027, Municipal General Election (registration may be taken up to and including the 28th day before election), with the exception of "grace period" registration and voting. [10 ILCS 5/6-29]
Tuesday, January 26, 2027	Last day for deputy registrars and registrars in library branch offices to accept completed registrations prior to the February 23, 2027 Municipal 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 27, 2027, whichever should occur first. [10 ILCS 5/6-35.03, 5/6-50.2]
Wednesday, January 27, 2027	First day of "grace period" registration and voting (from the close of registration until and including the day of the election). 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 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. (For a list of locations call 312-269-7900 or go to https://chicagoelections.gov/en/grace-period-registration-and-voting.html) The Board may allow grace period voting by mail only if the Board has no ballots prepared at its office. [10 ILCS 5/6-100]
Wednesday, February 3, 2027	Last day for employee to give employer written notice of absence from place of employment on election day because of appointment as a judge of election (at least 20 days written notice). An employer may not penalize an employee for that absence other than a deduction in salary for the time the employee is absent from his or her place of employment. An employer may not require an employee wishing to serve as an election judge to use earned vacation time or any form of paid leave time while serving as an election judge. Does not apply to employers with fewer than 25 employees. (10 ILCS 5/13-2.5, 5/14-4.5)
Tuesday, February 9, 2027	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 a Vote-By-Mail Ballot for the February 23, 2027 Municipal General Election. [10 ILCS 5/19-13]
	Last day for Board of Election Commissioners to have pollwatcher credentials available for distribution (at least 2 weeks prior to election). (10 ILCS 5/17-23, 5/18-6)

Tuesday, February 16, 2027	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 a vote-by-mail ballot, which shall entitle the applicant to a vote-by-mail ballot for every election in one calendar year. Signed applications may be submitted by mail, by facsimile or by e-mail (not less than 10 days before election – actual date is Saturday, February 13, 2027 – moved to next business day after Sunday and President's Day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). [10 ILCS 5/20-1(2), 5/20-2, 5/20-2.3, 5/20-3]
Tuesday, February 16, 2027	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 23, 2027 Municipal General Election (not later than 7 days prior to election) ONLY if an objection to the person's nomination papers was sustained after December 24, 2026 (otherwise, the last day to file a Declaration of Intent is December 24, 2026.) File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/18-9.1]
Thursday, February 18, 2027	Last day registered voters may apply by mail or electronically on the Board of Election Commissioners website for a mail ballot for the February 23, 2027 Municipal General Election. (not less than 5 days prior to date of election). [10 ILCS 5/19-2] (see entry for first day to apply for mail ballot (November 25, 2026) for more information about voting by mail)
	Last day by noon (on the Thursday before the election) for the Board of Election Commissioners to post the names and addresses of nursing home facilities from which no applications for ballot have been received and in which no supervised voting will be conducted. (10 ILCS 5/19-12.2)
	Last day for the Board to publish in 2 or more newspapers published in and having general circulation in the county a true and legible copy of the specimen ballot label containing the names of offices and candidates and statements of measures to be voted on, as near as may be, in the form in which they will appear on the official ballot label on election day (at least 5 days before election day). (10 ILCS 5/24B-18, 5/24C-18)
	Last day for Board to conduct public test of automatic tabulating equipment (optical scan voting devices, touch screen voting devices, vote tallying software and equipment) (not less than 5 days prior to election day). Board must give public notice and notify State Board of Elections of date, time and location of test at least 48 hours prior to such test. (10 ILCS 5/24A-9, 5/24B-9, 5/24C-9)

Friday, February 19, 2027 through Monday, February 22, 2027	Dates that may be scheduled to conduct on site voting for incapacitated residents of long-term care VA homes, hospitals or facilities, nursing homes and mental health facilities who made proper application not later than 5 days before the election, for the February 23, 2027 Municipal General Election (Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday immediately preceding the election). [10 ILCS 5/19-12.2] Friday, February 19, 2027 through Monday, February 22, 2027
Monday, February 22, 2027	Last day for early voting at the offices of the Board and at permanent and temporary polling place locations designated by the Board (up until the day before election). (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)
	Last day registered voters may apply in person for a mail ballot for the February 23, 2027 Municipal General Election (not less than one day before election). [10 ILCS 5/19-4]
Monday, February 22, 2027	Last day for any temporarily or permanently physically disabled voter to submit a request that two (2) judges of opposite political party affiliation deliver a ballot to him/her at the point where he/she is unable to continue forward motion toward their polling place (but in no case beyond 50 feet of the entrance to the building) because of structural features of the building in which the polling place is located (request must be submitted to the Board of Election Commissioners at the Board's office not later than the close of business on the day before the election). [10 ILCS 5/7-47.1(b), 5/17-13, 5/17-13.5, 5/18-5.1]
Tuesday, February 23, 2027	MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION for the offices of Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer for the City of Chicago; for the office of Alderperson in all wards of the City of Chicago; and for the office of Member of a police District Council in all police districts 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-1.2(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]**;** [Chi. Muni. Code §2-80-070(c)]
Wednesday, February 24, 2027	Registration re-opens in the office of the Board and in the library branch offices. [10 ILCS 5/6-29, 5/6-50]
Tuesday, March 2, 2027	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 (within 7 calendar days after election) Such information must be received by the Board by this date. [10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d)]
Tuesday, March 9, 2027	Last day for the Board to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots (within 14 calendar days of day of election). [10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a)]
	Last day for the Board to process and count vote-by-mail ballots mailed on or before election day but received after the close of the polls and by this date (before the close of period for counting provisional ballots). [10 ILCS 5/19-8(c)]

Tuesday, March 16, 2027	Last day to canvass and proclaim the results of the February 23, 2027 Municipal General Election (within 21 days after close of election). [10 ILCS 5/22-17]
Tuesday, May 4, 2027	Term of office begins for members of the police District Councils (first Tuesday after the first Monday in May following their election). [Chi. Muni. Code §2-80-070(c)]
Monday, May 17, 2027	Term of office begins at Noon for Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, and Alderpersons (Noon on Third Monday in May following the election of city officers). [65 ILCS 20/21-5, 21-12, 21-22]

IF A MUNICIPAL RUNOFF OR A SUPPLEMENTARY ALDERPERSON ELECTION IS NECESSARY ON APRIL 6, 2027, THE FOLLOWING DATES SHALL ALSO APPLY

Wednesday, January 6, 2027	First day registered voters who wish to vote by mail**,** but who are not already on the permanent roster, may make application by mail or electronically on the Board of Election Commissioners website for a mail ballot for the April 6, 2027 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Election (not more than 90 or less than 5 days prior to date of election) or to make application by personal delivery (not more than 90 or less than 1 day prior to the date of election). The URL address at which voters may electronically request a vote-by-mail ballot shall be fixed no later than 90 calendar days before an election and shall not be changed until after the election. [10 ILCS 5/19-2] *NOTE: A person who registered by mail to vote cannot vote by mail at the first election following their registration 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. Or by submission of a photo ID issued by a college or university accompanied by a residential lease or postmarked mail delivered to their residence. 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-mail 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 a mail ballot in the hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation center. (10 ILCS 5/6-105, 5/19-2, 5/19-13; 26 Ill. Admin. Code Tit. 26§216.90)
Thursday, February 25, 2027	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 April 6, 2027 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections (not later than 40th day preceding date of election). File in the office of the Board of Election Commissioners. [10 ILCS 5/18-6, 5/17-23]

Thursday, February 25, 2027	First day early voting *may* begin at the offices of the Board and at permanent and temporary polling place locations designated by the Board (the 40th day before election) * The list of locations and the days and times they are open for early voting shall be published, or go to https://chicagoelections.gov/en/early-voting.html or call 312-269-7900. (10 ILCS 5/19A-15) *Under Section 19A-15 of the Election Code, the early voting period for the April runoff and supplementary elections was expanded to 40 days, but there are only 42 days between these elections and the February municipal elections. The Board will commence early voting for April runoff and supplementary elections, if needed, as soon as possible after proclamation of official results for the February municipal elections. Check the Board's website for updates.
Sunday, March 7, 2027	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 April 6, 2027 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections, which shall entitle the applicant to a vote-by-mail ballot for every election in one calendar year. Signed applications may be submitted by mail, by facsimile or by e-mail. [10 ILCS 5/20-2.1, 5/20-3]
Tuesday, March 9, 2027	Last day for regular voter registration in the office of the Board or to transfer registration to a new address for the April 6, 2027 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections (registrations may be taken up to and including 28th day before election) with the exception of "grace period" registration and voting. [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 6, 2027 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 10, 2027, whichever should occur first. [10 ILCS 5/6-35.03, 5/6-50.2]
Wednesday, March 10, 2027	First day of "grace period" registration and voting (from the close of registration until and including the day of the election). 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 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. (For locations call 312-269-7900 or go to https://chicagoelections.com/en/grace-period-registration-and-voting.html) The Board may allow grace period voting by mail only if the Board has no ballots prepared at its office. [10 ILCS 5/6-100]

Tuesday, March 23, 2027	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 6, 2027 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections. [10 ILCS 5/19-13]
Monday, March 29, 2027	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 a vote-by-mail ballot, which shall entitle the applicant to a vote-by-mail ballot for every election in one calendar year. Signed applications may be submitted by mail, by facsimile or by e-mail (not less than 10 days before election – actual date is Saturday, March 27, 2027 – moved to next business day per 10 ILCS 5/1-6). [10 ILCS 5/20-1(2), 5/20-2, 5/20-2.3, 5/20-3]
Thursday, April 1, 2027	Last day registered voters may apply by mail or electronically on the Board of Election Commissioners' website for a mail ballot for the April 6, 2027 Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections. (not less than 5 days prior to date of election). [10 ILCS 5/19-2] (see entry for first day to apply for mail ballot for the Municipal Runoff and Supplementary Aldermanic Elections (January 6, 2027) for more information about voting by mail)
Monday, April 5, 2027	Last day for early voting at the offices of the Board and at permanent and temporary polling place locations designated by the Board (through the last day before election). (10 ILCS 5/19A-15)
	Last day registered voters may apply in person for a mail ballot for the April 6, 2027 Municipal Runoff and Supplemental Aldermanic Elections (not less than one day before election). [10 ILCS 5/19-2]
	Last day for any temporarily or permanently physically disabled voter to request of the Board that two (2) judges of opposite political party affiliation deliver a ballot to him/her at the point where he/she is unable to continue forward motion toward the polling place (but in no case beyond 50 feet of the entrance to the building) because of structural features of the building in which the polling place is located (not later than the close of business at the Board's office on the day before the election). [10 ILCS 5/7-47.1(b), 5/17-13, 5/17-13.5, 5/18-5.1]
Tuesday, April 6, 2027	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. [10 ILCS 5/2A-1, 5/2A-1.1,5/2A-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]

Tuesday, April 6, 2027	Polling places are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. [10 ILCS 5/12-1, 5/12-5]
Wednesday, April 7, 2027	Registration re-opens in the office of the Board and in the library branch offices. [10 ILCS 5/6-29, 5/6-50]
Tuesday, April 13, 2027	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 (within 7 calendar days of the election). Such information must be received by the Board by this date. [10 ILCS 5/18A-15(d)]
Tuesday, April 20, 2027	Last day for the Board to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots (within 14 calendar days of day of election). [10 ILCS 5/18A-15(a)]
	Last day for the Board to process and count vote-by-mail ballots mailed on or before election day but received after the close of the polls and by this date (before the close the period for counting provisional ballots). [10 ILCS 5/19-8(c)]
Tuesday, April 27, 2027	Last day to canvass and proclaim results of the April 6, 2027 Municipal Runoff Election and Supplementary Aldermanic Election (if necessary) (within 21 days after close of the election). [10 ILCS 5/22-17]
Tuesday, May 4, 2027	Term of office begins for members of police District Councils (first Tuesday after the first Monday in May following their Election). [Chi. Muni. Code §2-80-070(c)]
Monday, May 17, 2027	Term of office begins at Noon for Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Alderperson (Noon on Third Monday in May following the election of city officers). [65 ILCS 20/21-5, 21-12, 21-22]