



Abbreviated Calendar of Dates for the 2025 Consolidated Primary Election 2025 Consolidated Election

2025 Consolidated Primary Election

The following dates are for candidates running in the 2025 Consolidated Primary Election to be held on February 25, 2025, and apply to the offices below:

- 1) Established political parties in municipalities over 5,000 population;
- 2) Townships in Cook County, or townships in other counties with a township population of 15,000 or more where the township central committee has approved a primary;
- 3) Municipalities of 5,000 or less population which by ordinance nominate candidates by primary;
- 4) Municipalities which by referendum conduct a partisan or nonpartisan primary;
- 5) Managerial municipalities which conduct nonpartisan primaries; and
- 6) Candidates for the City of Chicago offices (if a special election is required due to a vacancy in office)

Candidates who are unsure if the office they are running for holds a primary election, a caucus, or if they file directly for the Consolidated Election are encouraged to contact the local election official for the unit of government in question.

The dates included in this abbreviated calendar are not comprehensive of all dates surrounding the election, and do not include all relevant details. For additional detail and statutory references for any of the dates in this calendar, please consult the 2025 Election and Campaign Finance Calendar.

The dates in this calendar are calculated in accordance with the language of Senate Bill 4488, which passed both Houses of the General Assembly on May 25, 2024, and was sent to the Governor for his signature on June 6, 2024. As of the date of this publication, the Governor has not signed this legislation. This legislation will become law upon his signature or Monday, August 5, 2024, whichever is sooner. Please check back with the Illinois State Board of Elections on or after August 6, 2024, for more information.

July 30, 2024

Petition Circulation Begins for the Consolidated Primary Election

First day to circulate petitions for candidates seeking nomination in the 2025 Consolidated Primary Election.

August 15, 2024

Notice of Township Conducting Primary

Last day for the township central committee in counties having a population of over 3,000,000 and townships having a population of over 15,000 in counties of less than 3,000,000 population to notify the appropriate election authority that their specific party will nominate candidates by primary election.

October 21, 2024

First Day to File Petitions for the Consolidated Primary Election

First day to file nomination petitions with the local election official or board of election commissioners for the 2025 Consolidated Primary Election.

October 28, 2024

Last Day to File Petitions for the Consolidated Primary Election

Last day to file nomination petitions with the local election official or board of election commissioners for the 2025 Consolidated Primary Election

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November 4, 2024

Last Day to File Objections to Nomination Papers for the Consolidated Primary Election

Last day to file objections to nomination papers of established party and nonpartisan candidates in the office of the local election official or election authority.

November 15, 2024

Notice of Municipality Conducting Primary

Last day for a municipal clerk to certify to the election authority the municipal ordinance providing for the nomination of municipal officers by party primary in municipalities under 5,000 population.

November 25, 2024

Last Day to File Petitions for Public Questions for the Consolidated Primary Election

Last day to file petitions with the local election official for the submission of questions of public policy. Exceptions to this date apply for various binding questions or backdoor referenda, please refer to the authorizing statute for the question to confirm the deadline.

November 27, 2024

First Day to Submit Vote by Mail Applications for the Consolidated Primary Election

First day to apply for a vote by mail ballot for the 2025 Consolidated Primary Election. Please note that ballots will not be mailed before Thursday, January 16, 2025.

December 2, 2024

Municipal Caucus

Date on which the Municipal Caucus shall be held (in municipalities under 5,000 population) which have established political parties.

December 3, 2024

Township Caucus

Date on which the Township Caucus shall be held (in those townships which have not adopted the primary system).

December 4, 2024

Multi-Township Caucus

Date on which the Multi-Township Caucus shall be held.

December 4, 2024

Last Day to File Objections to Petitions for Public Questions for the Consolidated Primary Election

Last day to file objections to petitions for the submission of questions of public policy with the local election official. Please note that this date accounts for observing November 28 and 29 as holidays; if the office of the local election official is open for a minimum of 7 hours on November 29, the deadline to file objections in that office will be December 3, 2024.

December 9, 2024

Last Day for Resolutions for Public Questions for the Consolidated Primary Election

Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution to allow a binding or advisory question to be placed on the ballot at the 2025 Consolidated Primary Election.

December 19, 2024

Ballot Certification Deadline for the Consolidated Primary Election

Last day for the local election official to certify candidates and public questions to the election authority to be included on the 2025 Consolidated Primary ballot.

January 16, 2025

Early Voting Begins for the Consolidated Primary Election

First day for early voting in the office of the election authority and in any additional locations that may have been designated by the election authority.

Voting by Mail Begins for the Consolidated Primary Election

First day for the election authority to mail an official ballot to a voter who has applied for a vote by mail ballot.

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January 28, 2025

Close of Voter Registration

Last day for regular registration or transfers of registration within the office of the election authority.

January 29, 2025

Grace Period Registration and Voting Begins for the Consolidated Primary Election

First day of grace period registration and voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.

February 20, 2025

Last Day to Mail Vote by Mail Ballots for the Consolidated Primary Election

Last day for the election authority to receive, by mail, an application for a vote by mail ballot and mail that ballot to the voter. (Note: 1. An earlier deadline is applicable to UOCAVA voters; 2. In-person applications are still accepted until February 24, 2025)

February 24, 2025

Last Day for Early Voting for the Consolidated Primary Election

Last day for early voting for the 2025 Consolidated Primary Election.

February 25, 2025

Consolidated Primary Election

Date of the 2025 Consolidated Primary Election for units of government that hold this election.