

2025 Consolidated Election

The following dates are for the 2025 Consolidated Election to be held on April 1, 2025. The candidate circulation and filing dates apply to the offices which do not require a primary.

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.

August 20, 2024

Petition Circulation Begins for the Consolidated Election

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

November 12, 2024

First Day to File Candidate Petitions for the Consolidated Election

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

November 18, 2024

Last Day to File Candidate Petitions for the Consolidated Election

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

November 25, 2025

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

Last day to file objections to nomination papers of independent, new party, and nonpartisan candidates (when nonpartisan candidates are not subject to a primary) in the office of the local election official or election authority.

December 9, 2024

First Day to File Caucus Certificate of Nomination

First day established political party caucus certificates of nomination may be filed in the office of the local election official along with Statement of Candidacy and Loyalty Oath (optional) for each candidate. The receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interest for each candidate may be filed any time during the filing period.

December 16, 2024

Last Day to File Caucus Certificate of Nomination

Last day established political party caucus certificates of nomination may be filed in the office of the local election official along with Statement of Candidacy and Loyalty Oath (optional) for each candidate. The receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interest for each candidate may be filed any time during the filing period.

December 30, 2025

Last Day to File Petitions for Public Questions for the Consolidated 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.

January 2, 2025

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

First day to apply for a vote by mail ballot for the 2025 Consolidated Election. Please note that ballots will not be mailed before Thursday, February 20, 2025.

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January 7, 2025

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

Last day to file objections to petitions for the submission of questions of public policy with the local election official.

January 13, 2025

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

January 23, 2025

Ballot Certification Deadline for the Consolidated 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 Election ballot.

February 20, 2025

Early Voting Begins for the Consolidated 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 (if a primary was held, this is delayed until March 7, 2025).

Voting by Mail Begins for the Consolidated Election

First day for the election authority to mail an official ballot to a voter who has applied for a vote by mail ballot (if a primary was held, this is delayed until March 7, 2025).

March 4, 2025

Close of Voter Registration

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

March 5, 2025

Grace Period Registration and Voting Begins for the Consolidated 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.

March 7, 2025

First Day of Early Voting and Voting by Mail if Primary was Held

First day to vote early or by mail if a primary was held in the election jurisdiction.

March 27, 2025

Last Day to Mail Vote by Mail Ballots for the Consolidated 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 March 31, 2025)

March 31, 2025

Last Day for Early Voting for the Consolidated Election

Last day for early voting for the 2025 Consolidated Election.

April 1, 2025

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Date of the 2025 Consolidated Election.
