

# 2011 School Board Election Calendar

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**Note:** Information in parentheses refers to the appropriate state statute. *The Election Code* is found at 10 ILCS 5/1-1 et seq., while *The School Code* is at 105 ILCS 5/1-1 et seq.

## ***Duties of the School Board Secretary (Local Election Official)***

**Tuesday, September 21, 2010** — First day that prospective candidates may circulate nominating petitions for signatures for the April 5, 2011, school board election. (Election Code 10-4)

**Friday, December 3** — Last day to publish notice of the time and place for filing nominating petitions. *This is optional.* (School Code 9-10)

**Monday, December 13** — First day that candidates may file nominating papers with the board secretary for the April 5, 2011, school board election. (School Code 9-10 and Election Code 10-6)

**Monday, December 20** — Last day candidates may file nominating papers with the board secretary. (School Code 9-10 and Election Code 10-6)

*Also* — Last day for the school board secretary to notify candidates, in writing, of the acceptance of their nominating papers. (School Code 9-10)

*Also* — Last day for candidate to file receipt for Statement of Economic

Interests to accompany nominating papers. (School Code 9-10 and Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, 5 ILCS 420/4A-105)

**Wednesday, December 22** — Last day for board secretary to provide written Notice of Simultaneous Filing Lottery if lottery is to be held on December 29, the last available day. The law requires notice of at least seven days before the lottery. (School Code 9-11.1 and Election Code 10-6.2)

**Tuesday, December 28** — Last day to file objections to the nominating papers of candidates who have filed for the April 5 school board election. (Election Code 10-8)

*Also* — Last day for a candidate who has filed petitions for two seats (full and partial terms) to withdraw one or the other. (Election Code 10-7)

**Wednesday, December 29** — Last day for board secretary to hold a lottery to establish the order of names on the ballot in the event of simultaneous candidate filings. (School

Code 9-11.1 et seq. and Election Code 10-6.2)

**Thursday, January 27, 2011** — Last day for board secretary to certify candidates to the election authority (county clerk or election commission) for the April 5 school board election. (Election Code 10-15)

*Also* — Last day candidate may file notarized papers withdrawing nomination. (Election Code 10-7)

**Thursday, February 3** — Last day for board secretary to certify public policy questions to the election authority for referendum at the April 5 election. (Election Code 28-5)

**Tuesday, April 5** — Consolidated Election Day.

**Tuesday, April 26** — Last day for the election authority (county clerk or elections commission) to canvass election results and proclaim winners. The board secretary is then required to transmit election results to the school board. (Election Code 17-22 and 22-17)

## ***Duties of the Board of Education***

**Tuesday, January 18, 2011** — Last day for the school board to adopt a resolution putting public policy questions on the ballot for the April 5 election. Resolution must provide wording for ballot proposition. (Election Code 28-2)

**Tuesday, May 3** — Last day for the school board to reorganize by seating new members, electing officers and setting a time and place for regular meetings. (School Code 10-5 and 10-16)

## ***Important Dates for Candidates***

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**Monday, December 20** — Last day to file nominating petitions with the board secretary. (School Code 9-10 and Election Code 10-6)

*Also* — Last day for candidate to file receipt for Statement of Economic

Interests to accompany nominating papers. (School Code 9-10 and Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, 5 ILCS 420/4A-105)

*NOTE: The Statement of Economic Interests for 2010 must be filed with the applicable election authority for any incumbent board member seeking re-election as well as for any new candidate (Election Code 10-5).*

**Thursday, February 3, 2011** — Last day to file a declaration of intent to run for the school board as a write-in candidate at the April 5 election. Within 10 days after the election authority proclaims winners, a successful write-in candidate must file a statement of candidacy and a county

clerk's receipt for the Statement of Economic Interests. (Election Code 17-16.1 and 18-9.1)

**Thursday, February 24** — Last day for organizations to register poll watchers with the election authority. (Election Code 17-23)

**Tuesday, March 22** — Last day for election authority to have poll watchers' credentials available for distribution. (Election Code 17-23)

**Friday, April 1** — Last day for the election authority to have ballots printed and available for inspection by candidates and their agents for the April 5 election. (Election Code 5/16-5)