

## **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE APRIL 7, 2015 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION**

The best resource for candidates is the Illinois State Board of Elections Candidate's Guide, which is available at [cookcountyclerk.com/elections/2015elections/Pages/InfoforCandidates](http://cookcountyclerk.com/elections/2015elections/Pages/InfoforCandidates). The information below is taken from page 40 of that guide.

### **Filing of Nomination Papers:**

School Board Candidates will no longer file nomination papers with the school board secretary. Candidates must file with the Cook County Clerk's office. The Clerk will accept filings at its downtown office at 69 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60602. Additional locations and times will be posted on the Clerk's website in late November. The filing period is from December 15-22, 2014.

### **Signature Requirements:**

The petition you circulate must be signed by at least 50 registered voters residing within the district. *Some experts suggest gathering at least 3 or 4 times the required number, as other candidates might challenge your petitions and some of your signers might not actually be registered at the address they listed.*

### **Important Dates:**

- September 23, 2014 - First day to circulate petitions for a school board office
- December 15-22, 2014 - The period to file your nomination paperwork
- December 30, 2014 - The last day to file an objection to a candidate's nominating petitions

### **What to File:**

Candidates must file the following paperwork:

- (a) Statement of Candidacy (Form P-1A);
- (b) Receipt for the filing of a Statement of Economic Interests (Statement of Economic Interest form is available on the Cook County Clerk's website).  
NOTE: The Statement of Economic Interests is filed separately with the Ethics Division of Clerk's office – the receipt is filed with the other nomination papers;
- (c) Loyalty Oath (the filing of the Loyalty Oath is OPTIONAL) (Form P-1C);
- (d) Nominating Petition signatures (Form P-7 or Form P-7A for District 218).

Detailed information for candidates who wish to run for a school board office for the April 7, 2015 Consolidated Election and an appendix of sample forms are in the 2015 Candidate's Guide (at page 59) available on the Cook County Clerk's website, [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com), or the State Board of Elections' website, [www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov).

If you have any questions, call the Cook County Clerk's office at 312.603.0906.

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