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2017 TOWNSHIP CAUCUS AND ELECTION CALENDAR

This publication is intended as a general scheduling guide for township officials and candidates as the time for the township caucuses approaches. If you have any questions concerning the township caucuses, the Consolidated Primary Election or the Consolidated Election, please contact a Robbins Schwartz attorney.

The Illinois State Board of Elections publishes a Township Caucus Guide, which contains information concerning pre-caucus requirements, caucus procedures and participation, and post-caucus procedures. The Guide also contains model forms. The Guide may be accessed at the Board of Elections' website, www.elections.il.gov.

As you go through the calendar dates, please pay particular attention to the dates changed by Public Act 99-0522, which became effective June 30, 2016 and amended section 45-20 of the Township Code. 60 ILCS 1/45-20. Prior to the amendment, the township clerk was required to certify the candidates nominated by caucus to the proper election authorities not less than 61 days before the township election. Now certification must be done not less than 68 days before the election.

While every effort has been made to provide accurate information in this Calendar, you should consult with legal counsel to verify the requirements and deadlines which apply to your particular circumstances. Please be mindful that some deadlines "float" if they fall on a weekend or holiday. Some dates shown below may change due to further legislative or administrative action. If so, we will issue a supplemental bulletin describing the changes.

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DATE	DAYS BEFORE ELECTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	EVENT
Sunday, 11/6/16	149	Township clerk	Last day the township clerk shall notify the chairman or membership of each township central committee by first-class mail of the chairman's or membership's obligation to report the time and location of the political party's caucus.
Monday, 11/7/16	148	Multi-township clerk	Last day the multi-township clerk shall notify the chairman or membership of each multi-township central committee by first-class mail of the chairman's or membership's obligation to report the time and location of the political party's caucus.
Tuesday, 11/15/16	140	Township central committees	Last day for the township central committees in Cook County and in townships having a population of over 15,000 in counties other than Cook to notify the appropriate election authority that their specific party will nominate candidates by primary election.
Wednesday, 11/16/16	139	Chairman of township central committee	Last day each chairman of the township central committee shall notify the township clerk by first-class mail of the time and location of their political party's caucus.
Thursday, 11/17/16	138	Chairman of multi-township central committee	Last day each chairman of the multi-township central committee shall notify the multi-township clerk by first-class mail of the time and location of their political party's caucus.
Monday, 11/21/16	134	Candidate	First day of filing period for established political party candidates who seek nomination at the February 28, 2017 Consolidated Primary Election.
Saturday, 11/26/16	129	Township board	Last day for the township board to publish a notice stating the time and location of the caucus for each political party.
Sunday, 11/27/16	128	Multi-township central committee	Last day for multi-township central committee of each established political party to publish the notice stating the time and location of the multi-township caucus.
Monday, 11/28/16	127	Candidate	Last day of filing period for established political party candidates who seek nomination at the February 28, 2017 Consolidated Primary Election.
Monday, 12/5/16	120	Objector	Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of established political party candidates seeking

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			nomination at the February 28, 2017 Consolidated Primary Election.
Tuesday, 12/6/16	119	Political party in township	Date for established political party township caucus.
Wednesday, 12/7/16	118	Political party in multi-township	Date for established political party multi-township caucus
Monday, 12/12/16	113	Political party; candidate; township clerk	First day Certificate of Nomination by Caucus for established political party may be filed in the office of the township clerk or municipal board of election commissioners (where the township's boundaries are entirely within or coextensive with the jurisdiction of a municipal board of election commissioners) along with a Statement of Candidacy, Loyalty Oath (optional), and a receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interests for each candidate.
Monday, 12/12/16	113	Candidate	First day of filing period for new party, nonpartisan, and independent candidates who seek election at the April 4, 2017 Consolidated Election.
Monday, 12/19/16	106	Candidate	Last day Certificate of Nomination by Caucus for established political party may be filed in the office of the township clerk or municipal board of election commissioners (where the township's boundaries are entirely within or coextensive with the jurisdiction of a municipal board of election commissioners) along with a Statement of Candidacy, Loyalty Oath (optional), and a receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interests for each candidate. Candidate for township/multi-township assessor are obligated to file a certificate of qualifications as provided in Section 2-45 of the Property Tax Code.
Monday, 12/19/16	106	Candidate	Last day of the filing period for new party, nonpartisan, and independent candidates who seek election at the April 4, 2017 Consolidated Election.

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Tuesday, 12/27/17* * See note	98	Objector	Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of new political party, nonpartisan and independent candidates. <i>*Note: Objectors have five “business days” after the last day for filing nominating papers (12/19/16) to file objections. A “business day” means any day in which the office of a local election official is open to the public for at least seven hours. 10 ILCS 5/1-3. Because Sunday 12/25/16 is Christmas Day, most governmental offices will be closed the following Monday, 12/26/16 and possibly the preceding Friday 12/23/16. Under this scenario, the fifth “business day” following 12/19/16 would be either 12/27/16, if the office is open the previous Friday, or 12/28/16 if the office is closed the previous Friday.</i>
Thursday, 1/26/17	68	Township clerk	Last day for the township clerk to hold the party placement lottery and file the Certification of Political Party Ballot Placement Lottery with the election authority.
Thursday, 1/26/17	68	Township Clerk	Last day that the township clerk can certify to the election authority a certification of ballot. The certification of ballot must list the officers and names of the nominees for each office as they appear upon the Certificate of Nomination by Caucus that was filed.
Thursday, 2/28/17	35	Election Authority	Consolidated Primary Election Polls open 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 4/4/17	0	Election Authority	ELECTION DAY – Consolidated Election. First Tuesday in April in odd-numbered years, unless delayed by Passover. Polls open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1(a))

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