

August 20, 2024

TO: CANDIDATES FOR CONSOLIDATED ELECTION - APRIL 1, 2025
FROM: LORI MOLLER, CITY CLERK

The following documents are enclosed:

1. Election Calendar at a Glance
2. List of Signature Requirements
3. Statement of Candidacy
4. Independent Candidate Petitions
5. Loyalty Oath (optional)
6. Certificate of Attached List of Deletions & Certificate of Deletions
7. Map Showing Ward Boundaries
8. Statement of Economic Interest (Must be filed with the County Clerk's office during the calendar year in which the petition is filed.) Incumbents may provide the Statement of Submission Receipt issued by the McHenry County Clerk for the 2024 Statement of Economic Interest.
9. Information from McHenry County Clerk and Frequently Asked Questions

The Candidate's Guide as Issued by the Illinois State Board of Elections is available on the City's website: [Consolidated Election April 1, 2025 | City of Harvard Illinois](#) or can be emailed upon request to the City Clerk's office at moller@cityofharvard.org or nunez@cityofharvard.org

Petitions may not be circulated prior to August 20, 2024.

Filing Dates are November 12 - 18, 2024.

The City Clerk's office is open Monday-Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. **EXCEPTION** – On the last filing date, November 18th, 2024, the office will be open from 8 am – 5 pm.

This information is not legal advice and is provided as a public service. The City of Harvard and its clerk make no representations regarding the accuracy or validity of these forms. Be sure to consult with an attorney before taking action based upon these forms. Anyone who uses them does so at his/her own risk.

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 provisions of Public Act 103-0586 (effective May 3, 2024) and Public Act 103-0600 (effective July 1, 2024) which shift the candidate filing periods and related dates for most offices up by 28 days.

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.

DATES FOR THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION ARE CONTINUED ON THE NEXT PAGE

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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

Consolidated Election

Date of the 2025 Consolidated Election.

**SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PETITIONS
APRIL 1, 2025 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION**

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
MAYOR	15	65
CITY CLERK	15	65
ALDERMAN WARD 1	10	60
ALDERMAN WARD 2	6	56
ALDERMAN WARD 3	5	55
ALDERMAN WARD 4	5	55

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

INDEPENDENT

NAME:	CITY, VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP, COUNTY, DISTRICT or STATE
ADDRESS – ZIP CODE:	OFFICE: A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: ____ year unexpired term

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 8-8.1 or 10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)

FORMERLY KNOWN AS _____ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON _____
(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at _____,
in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that
provides postal service) Zip Code _____ in the County of _____, State of Illinois;
that I am a qualified voter therein, that I am a candidate for election to the office of _____ in
the _____ to be voted upon at the election to be held on _____ and that
(Name of City, Village, Township, County, District or State) (date of election)

I am legally qualified (including being the holder of any license that may be an eligibility requirement for the office to which I seek election)
to hold such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests as
required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official ballot for election to
such office.

(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____
(Name of Candidate) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

(Notary Public's Signature)

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE PETITION

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the _____ of _____ in the County of _____ and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person shall be an Independent Candidate for election to the office hereinafter specified to be voted for at the _____ Election to be held on _____ (date of election).

NAME:	OFFICE:
ADDRESS – ZIP CODE:	
A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: _____ year unexpired term	

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot)
FORMERLY KNOWN AS _____ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON _____

(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE)	VOTER'S PRINTED NAME (optional)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1.			,IL	
2.			,IL	
3.			,IL	
4.			,IL	
5.			,IL	
6.			,IL	
7.			,IL	
8.			,IL	
9.			,IL	
10.			,IL	

State of _____)
County of _____)

SS.

I, _____ (Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at _____, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip

Code) _____, County of _____, State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older (or 17 years of age and qualified to vote in Illinois), that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day of filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____
(Name of Circulator) (Insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

(Notary Public's Signature)

SHEET NO. _____

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE PETITION

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the _____ of _____ in the County of _____ and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person shall be an Independent Candidate for election to the office hereinafter specified to be voted for at the _____ Election to be held on _____ (date of election).

NAME: OFFICE: ADDRESS - ZIP CODE: A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: ____ year unexpired term

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot) FORMERLY KNOWN AS _____ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON _____

(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

Table with 5 columns: NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE), VOTER'S PRINTED NAME (optional), STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER, CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE, COUNTY. Rows 1-10.

State of _____)) SS. County of _____)

I, _____ (Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at _____, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code) _____, County of _____, State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older (or 17 years of age and qualified to vote in Illinois), that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day of filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____ (Name of Circulator) (Insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

(Notary Public's Signature)

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE PETITION

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the _____ of _____ in the County of _____ and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person shall be an Independent Candidate for election to the office hereinafter specified to be voted for at the _____ Election to be held on _____ (date of election).

NAME: OFFICE: ADDRESS - ZIP CODE: A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: ____ year unexpired term

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot) FORMERLY KNOWN AS _____ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON _____

(List all names during last 3 years)

(List date of each name change)

Table with 5 columns: NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE), VOTER'S PRINTED NAME (optional), STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER, CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE, COUNTY. Rows 1-10.

State of _____)) SS. County of _____)

I, _____ (Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at _____, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code) _____, County of _____, State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older (or 17 years of age and qualified to vote in Illinois), that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day of filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____ (Name of Circulator) (Insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

(Notary Public's Signature)

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE PETITION

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the _____ of _____ in the County of _____ and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person shall be an Independent Candidate for election to the office hereinafter specified to be voted for at the _____ Election to be held on _____ (date of election).

NAME: OFFICE: ADDRESS - ZIP CODE: A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: ____ year unexpired term

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-5.1, complete the following (this information will appear on the ballot) FORMERLY KNOWN AS _____ UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON _____

(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

Table with 5 columns: NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE), VOTER'S PRINTED NAME (optional), STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER, CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE, COUNTY. Rows 1-10.

State of _____)) SS. County of _____)

I, _____ (Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at _____, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code) _____, County of _____, State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older (or 17 years of age and qualified to vote in Illinois), that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day of filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____ (Name of Circulator) (Insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

(Notary Public's Signature)

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE PETITION

We, the undersigned, qualified voters in the _____ of _____ in the County of _____ and State of Illinois, do hereby petition that the following named person shall be an Independent Candidate for election to the office hereinafter specified to be voted for at the _____ Election to be held on _____ (date of election).

NAME: OFFICE: ADDRESS - ZIP CODE: A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: ____ year unexpired term

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(List all names during last 3 years) (List date of each name change)

Table with 5 columns: NAME (VOTER'S SIGNATURE), VOTER'S PRINTED NAME (optional), STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER, CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE, COUNTY. Rows 1-10.

State of _____)) SS. County of _____)

I, _____ (Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at _____, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) (Zip Code) _____, County of _____, State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older (or 17 years of age and qualified to vote in Illinois), that I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90 days preceding the last day of filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and their respective residences are correctly stated, as above set forth.

(Circulator's Signature)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me, on _____ (Name of Circulator) (Insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

(Notary Public's Signature)

____ATTACH TO PETITION____

10 ILCS 5/7-10.1

Suggested
Revised July, 2004
SBE No. P-1C

L O Y A L T Y O A T H
(OPTIONAL)

United States of America)
)
State of Illinois) SS.

I, _____, do swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States and the State of Illinois, that I am not affiliated directly or indirectly with any communist organization or any communist front organization, or any foreign political agency, party, organization or government which advocates the overthrow of constitutional government by force or other means not permitted under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of this State; that I do not directly or indirectly teach or advocate the overthrow of the government of the United States or of this State or any unlawful change in the form of the governments thereof by force or any unlawful means.

(Signature of Candidate)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____ before me,
(Name of Candidate)

on _____
(insert month, day, year)

(Notary Public's Signature)

(SEAL)

CERTIFICATE OF ATTACHED LIST OF DELETIONS

We, the undersigned persons who have stricken signatures from the attached hereby certify that there is/are _____ page(s) of **CERTIFICATION OF DELETIONS** listing signatures which have been stricken, and are attached hereafter to the petitions of _____ (Name of Candidate) who is a candidate for election to the office of _____ at the _____ Election to be held on _____ (date of election).

The following are the page numbers indicated on the attached **CERTIFICATION OF DELETIONS**:

(CANDIDATE)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

(Circulator)

Every person striking signatures from the petition shall each sign this certificate. This certificate shall be filed as part of the petition, shall be numbered, and shall be attached immediately following the last page of voters' signatures and preceding any **CERTIFICATE OF DELETION** sheet.

SHEET NO. _____

CERTIFICATION OF DELETIONS

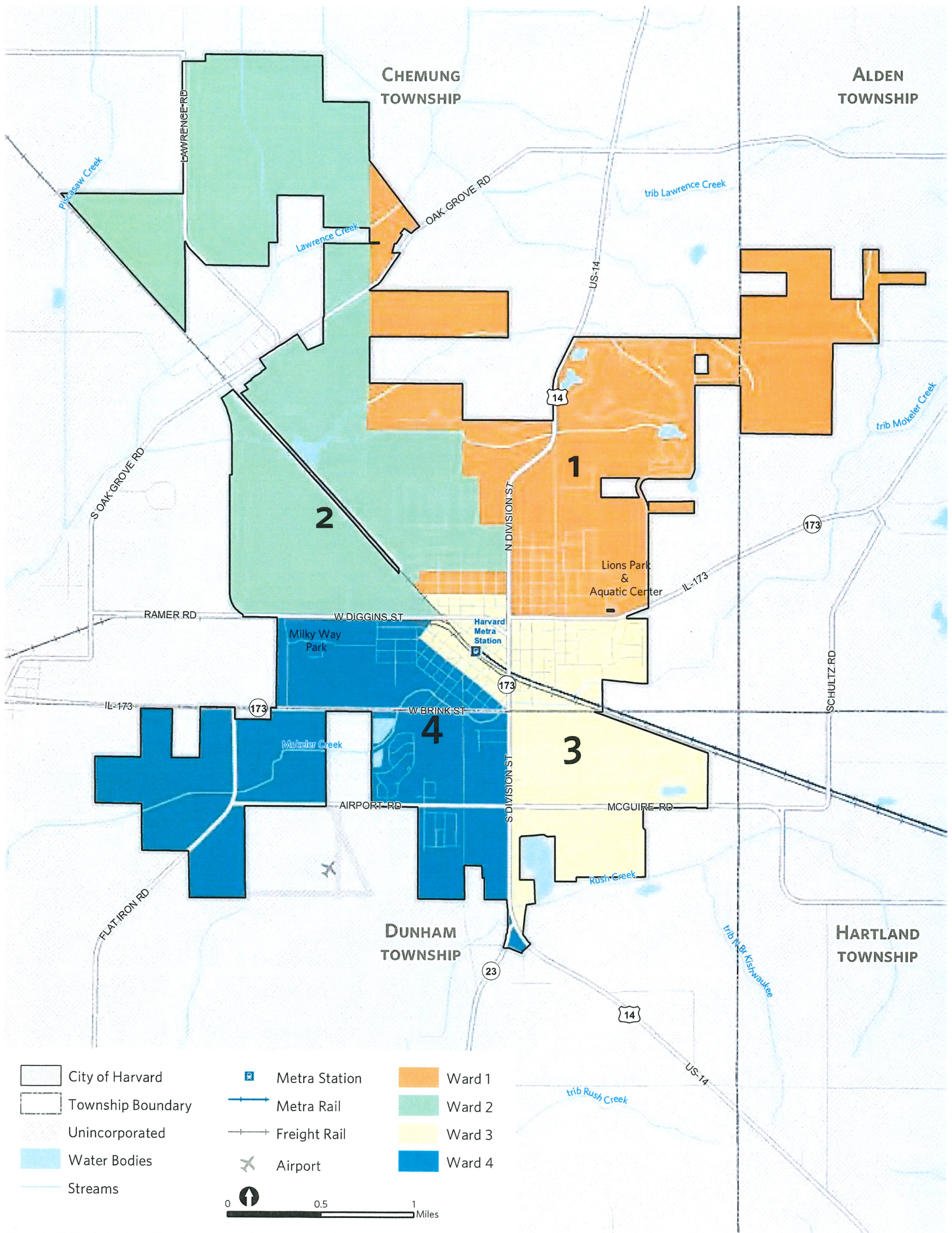
I, _____, Candidate or Circulator (circle one) do hereby certify that I have properly initialed the deletions of signatures, listed hereinafter by page and line numbers, from the petition of _____ (Name of Candidate) who is a candidate for election or nomination (circle one) to the office of _____ at the _____ Election to be held on _____ (date of election).

Page No.	Line No.	Page No.	Line No.	Page No.	Line No.

(Signature of Person Deleting Signatures)

Only the person circulating the petition, or the candidate on whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any signature from the petition. If deletions are made, this **CERTIFICATION OF DELETIONS** shall be filed as part of the petition.

Figure 5.1. City of Harvard ward boundaries.



Source: Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, 2015.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

TO BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK

FILED

INSTRUCTIONS:

You may find the following documents helpful to you in completing this form:

- 1) Federal income tax returns, including any related schedules, attachments, and forms; and
- 2) Investment and brokerage statements.

To complete this form, you do not need to disclose specific amounts or values or report interests relating either to political committees registered with the Illinois State Board of Elections or to political committees, principal campaign committees, or authorized committees registered with the Federal Election Commission.

The information you disclose will be available to the public.

You must answer all 7 questions. Certain questions will ask you to report any applicable assets or debts held in, or payable to, your name; held jointly by, or payable to, you with your spouse; or held jointly by, or payable to, you with your minor child. If you have any concerns about whether an interest should be reported, please consult your department's ethics officer, if applicable. Please ensure that the information you provide is complete and accurate. If you need more space than the form allows, please attach additional pages for your response. If you are subject to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, your ethics officer must review your statement of economic interests before you file it. Failure to complete the statement in good faith and within the prescribed deadline may subject you to fines, imprisonment, or both.

BASIC INFORMATION:

Name

Job Title

Office, department, or agency that requires you to file this form

Other offices, departments, or agencies that require you to file a Statement of Economic Interests form

Full Mailing Address

Preferred E-Mail Address (Optional)

1. If you have any single asset that was worth more than \$10,000 as of the end of the preceding calendar year and is held in, or payable to, your name, held jointly by, or payable to, you with your spouse, or held jointly by, or payable to, you with your minor child, list such assets below. In the case of investment real estate, list the city and state where the investment real estate is located. If you do not have any such assets, list "none" below.

2. Excluding the position for which you are required to file this form, list the source of any income in excess of \$7,500 required to be reported during the preceding calendar year. If you sold an asset that produced more than \$7,500 in capital gains in the preceding calendar year, list the name of the asset and the transaction date on which the sale or transfer took place. If you had no such sources of income or assets, list "none" below.

Source of Income / Name of Asset

Date Sold (if applicable)

3. Excluding debts incurred on terms available to the general public, such as mortgages, student loans, and credit card debts, if you owed any single debt in the preceding calendar year exceeding \$10,000, list the creditor of the debt below. If you had no such debts, list "none" below.

List the creditor for all applicable debts owed by you, owed jointly by you with your spouse, or owed jointly by you with your minor child. In addition to the types of debts listed above, you do not need to report any debts to or from financial institutions or government agencies, such as debts secured by automobiles, household furniture or appliances, as long as the debt was made on terms available to the general public, debts to members of your family, or debts to or from a political committee registered with the Illinois State Board of Elections or any political committee, principal campaign committee, or authorized committee registered with the Federal Election Commission.

4. List the name of each unit of government of which you or your spouse were an employee, contractor, or office holder during the preceding calendar year other than the unit or units of government in relation to which the person is required to file and the title of the position or nature of the contractual services.

Name of Unit of Government	Title or Nature of Services
_____	_____
_____	_____

5. If you maintain an economic relationship with a lobbyist or if a member of your family is known to you to be a lobbyist registered with any unit of government in the State of Illinois, list the name of the lobbyist below and identify the nature of your relationship with the lobbyist. If you do not have an economic relationship with a lobbyist or a family member known to you to be a lobbyist registered with any unit of government in the State of Illinois, list "none" below.

Name of Lobbyist	Relationship to Filer
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

6. List the name of each person, organization, or entity that was the source of a gift or gifts, or honorarium or honoraria, valued singly or in the aggregate in excess of \$500 received during the preceding calendar year and the type of gift or gifts, or honorarium or honoraria, excluding any gift or gifts from a member of your family that was not known to be a lobbyist registered with any unit of government in the State of Illinois. If you had no such gifts, list "none" below.

7. List the name of any spouse or immediate family member living with the person making this statement employed by a public utility in this State and the name of the public utility that employs the relative.

Name and Relation	Public Utility
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

VERIFICATION:

"I declare that this statement of economic interests (including any attachments) has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete statement of my economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. I understand that the penalty for willfully filing a false or incomplete statement is a fine not to exceed \$2,500 or imprisonment in a penal institution other than the penitentiary not to exceed one year, or both fine and imprisonment."

_____	_____
Printed Name of Filer	Signature
_____	_____
Date	

If this statement of economic interests requires ethics officer review prior to filing, the applicable ethics officer must complete the following:

CERTIFICATION OF ETHICS OFFICER REVIEW:

"In accordance with law, as Ethics Officer, I reviewed this statement of economic interests prior to its filing."

_____	_____
Printed Name of Ethics Officer	Signature
_____	_____
Date	Preferred E-Mail Address (Optional)

NOTE: THIS STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS MUST INCLUDE THE FILER'S ORIGINAL SIGNATURE. THE ORIGINAL FORM MUST BE FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, 667 WARE ROAD, ROOM 107, WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS, 60098.

FEBRUARY AND APRIL 2025 ELECTIONS

ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTIES, INDEPENDENT, NEW POLITICAL PARTY AND NONPARTISAN OFFICES TO BE ELECTED

- MUNICIPAL
Mayor or President
Clerk
Treasurer
Alderman or Trustee
- TOWNSHIP
Supervisor
Clerk
Assessor
Highway Commissioner
Trustees
- PARK DISTRICT – Commissioners, Trustees
- PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT – Trustees
- TOWNSHIP AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARY – Trustees
- REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES – Trustees
- SCHOOL DISTRICT – Board Members
- COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT – Trustees
- FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT – Trustees

FILING DATES AND DEADLINES:

October 21-28 2024 Filing period for candidates seeking nomination at the **FEBRUARY 25, 2025 Consolidated Primary Election**. Petitions may NOT be circulated prior to July 30, 2024. File with local election official in main district office.

November 12-18, 2024 Filing period for candidates seeking election at the **APRIL 1, 2025 Consolidated Election**. Petitions may NOT be circulated prior to August 20, 2024. All candidates, except school board members, MUST file with local election official in main district office.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:

Established Party Candidates: Ballots Cast (highest # within party) x .5% .5% (.005) of the qualified **primary** electors of their **party**. For political subdivisions, the number of primary electors shall be determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for that political party who received the highest number of votes in the political subdivision at the last regular election at which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from that subdivision.

Independent Candidates: Ballots Cast x 5% =minimum
Ballots Cast x 8% = maximum (or 50 more than the minimum)

New Party Candidates: Ballots Cast x 5%

Park District Candidates: Ballots Cast x 2% or not less than 25

Public Library Candidates: Ballots Cast x 2% or 50 signatures, whichever is less.

Municipal/Township Library Candidates: 25 minimum

Fire Protection District Candidates: 5% of registered voters or 25, whichever is less.

Board of Education Candidates: 10% of registered voters or 50 signatures, whichever is less.

NOMINATION PAPERS MUST BE SECURELY FASTENED TOGETHER AND INCLUDE:

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY – Must include the candidate's name, the candidate's legal address and the office sought. Changes cannot be made after the filing of the nomination papers.

NOMINATING PETITIONS WITH NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED (pages sequentially numbered) – The form of the candidate's name for the ballot will be taken from the first numbered page of the nomination petition. The top of each petition page must include the candidate's name, legal address, title of office, term and district.

LOYALTY OATH (optional)

RECEIPT OF FILING STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST - Required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, this form must be filed with the County Clerk and a receipt issued. The receipt must be filed with the petition papers. The receipt is the only form that may be added to nomination papers once they have been filed.

CERTIFICATION OF DELETIONS – This form is completed by the candidate or circulator deleting a name from the petition for nomination. A separate form must be used by each person striking signatures.

CERTIFICATION OF ATTACHED LIST OF DELETIONS – This form is completed by the candidate in addition to the Certificate of Deletions if names are deleted from the petitions.

Disclaimer: This is not legal advice. The McHenry County Clerk's office is providing this for general information purposes only. All candidates should consult with legal counsel regarding election matters. The McHenry County Clerk's office cannot recommend an attorney or give legal advice on these matters. For the complete Election Calendar and Candidates Guide please visit the Illinois State Board of Elections Website: www.elections.state.il.us

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SIGNING PETITIONS

Are abbreviations allowed on petitions?

Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the resident's address, including the street number.

How should the voter sign their name when they sign the petition?

The voter should sign the petition with the same name that the person is registered to vote with; however, signing with a nickname will not invalidate the signature if the voter can be identified and it can be shown that the voter is lawfully registered to vote and qualified to sign the petition.

Are pencil signatures allowed?

Yes, but it is advisable to use a pen with dark ink.

Can ditto marks be used on the petitions?

Though ditto marks are not specifically prohibited, it is suggested they be avoided. The use of ditto marks could be objected to and the outcome of an objection cannot be predicted. A circulator can, however, fill in any missing information except a voter's signature.

Can a P.O. box be used as a signer's address?

Generally, no. Signers must list the residential address where they are registered to vote on petitions. However, there are some exceptions where voters may list a P.O. Box as a residential address (e.g. Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, or Stalking Act (750 ILCS 61/1 *et seq.*)).

May a voter sign a petition for someone else?

No. A registered voter must personally sign the petition. A person may not sign for someone else, such as another member of the person's own family. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

Can a voter sign more than one established party candidate's petition?

Yes, a signer can sign petitions for as many candidates of the same established political party as the person wants, but a person may not sign petitions for different established parties in the same election.

CIRCULATING PETITIONS

May candidates circulate their own petitions?

Yes.

When can the circulator start collecting signatures?

No more than 90 days prior to the last day for filing petitions. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

If a candidate finds something wrong with their petitions after they are filed, can a new set of petitions be circulated and filed before the end of the filing period?

Yes, but the candidate must cancel the original set of petitions in writing. If the candidate fails to cancel the original set of petitions, then only the original petitions shall be considered filed and all subsequent petitions shall be void. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(11), 10-6.2)

May a circulator circulate petitions for an independent candidate and a partisan candidate, or for more than one political party?

No. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)

May a circulator circulate petitions for a partisan candidate, or for more than one political party?

No. (10 ILCS 5/10-4)

Does the circulator have to be a registered voter?

No, but a circulator must be a United States citizen and be at least 18 years of age by the immediately following general or consolidated election. (10 ILCS 5/3-6) A circulator must also include their current address on the circulator's affidavit. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

May a circulator sign as a voter on the petition they are circulating?

Yes, as long as the circulator is a registered voter in the applicable political subdivision or district.

Can a petition sheet be circulated by more than one individual?

No. Only the person who signs the page as circulator can circulate that sheet. By signing as a circulator, the circulator is attesting that all signers signed in their presence. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4)

Who can remove a signature from a nominating petition?

Only the circulator or the candidate on whose behalf the petition was circulated may strike a signature; however, an individual can submit a written request to the proper filing office to have their name removed from the petition before the petition is filed. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-3)

Must the notary of the petition be an Illinois notary and may the notary also be a signatory of the petition?

Under the provisions of the Uniform Recognition of Acknowledgements Act (765 ILCS 30/2): "Notarial acts may be performed outside this State for use in this State with the same effect as if performed by a notary public of this State by the following persons authorized pursuant to the laws and regulations of other governments in addition to any other person authorized by the laws and regulations of this State..." "(1) a notary public authorized to perform notarial acts in the place in which the act is performed..."

It has not been definitively determined whether a notary may also be a signatory to a petition. Some electoral boards and circuit courts have upheld petitions where the notary was also a signer of the petition, but the issue has not yet been decided by the Supreme Court or any appellate court in Illinois. A cautious candidate might wish to avoid using a petition signer as the notary so as to avoid the risk of having to defend against an objection on this issue.

For additional information, contact the Index Department of the Secretary of State's office, 111 E. Monroe, Springfield, IL 62756-0001, (217) 782-7017.

Must the notary put the date of their commission expiration on the document?

Yes, the notary stamp indicates the date the commission expires.

Must the notary public live in the same county as the candidate?

No, but the notary must be authorized to administer oaths in the place where the notarial act is performed.

FILING PETITIONS

May a candidate file in person or by mail?

A candidate may file either in person or by mail. However, if the candidate wishes to be in the lottery for the first ballot position, it is advisable to file in person because only candidates whose petitions are received in the first mail delivery on the first day of filing are eligible for the lottery. Candidates should mail by United States Postal Service when mailing to the Illinois State Board of Elections. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 10-6.2)

Do candidates have to file their own nomination papers?

No. The candidate or an agent of the candidate can file the candidate's petitions.

May a petition contain the names of two or more candidates of the same established party?

Yes. An established political party petition may contain the names of candidates for several offices to be filled at the upcoming election. The nominating papers must contain a separate Statement of Candidacy signed by each candidate and a receipt for the filing of a Statement of Economic Interests by each candidate. The Loyalty Oath is optional. (10 ILCS 5/7-10)

May a candidate file for more than one office?

Yes, however, the candidate must withdraw from all but one office within five business days following the last day of petition filing if the offices are incompatible. The withdrawal notice must be in writing and notarized. If the candidate does not withdraw, the candidate's name will not be certified for any office. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(9))

When may petitions be mailed?

There are no statutory requirements regarding a time element for mailing petitions; however, all petitions must be received during the filing period. All petitions received in the office prior to the opening of the office on the first day of the filing period or after the close of the office on the last day of the filing period will be returned to the sender. (10 ILCS 5/7-12.6, 10-6.2)

May a petition that has been filed be changed?

No. A petition once filed may not be added to or altered; however, the receipt(s) for filing Statements of Economic Interests may be filed at any time during the filing period. (10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12)

When a candidate withdraws their nominating petitions, are the petitions returned to the candidate?

No. The original documents are not returned, but remain in the office where they were filed. They must remain in the office for a period of at least six months. (10 ILCS 5/10-7)

If you are first in line or your petition is in the first mail delivery of the day, will you be first on the ballot?

Not necessarily. If there are two or more candidates in line prior to the opening of the office filing from the same party and for the same office, they would be considered as filing simultaneously along with any petition in the first mail delivery and will be entered in a lottery to determine ballot position. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 10-6.2)

NOTE: Candidates who file petitions during the last hour of filing (between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.) on the last

day to file petitions will be entered into a lottery to determine the final ballot position.
(Illinois Administrative Rules, Title 26, Section 201.40)

May a candidate file as an independent for a school office?

No. All candidates for school offices run on a “nonpartisan” basis. “Independents” run in partisan elections but choose not to associate with a political party, so the word “independent” identifies them on the ballot label.

When are petitions open to the public?

Upon their filing with the proper office. As a practical matter, there will be some delay in availability while the State Board of Elections or the election authority processes each petition. All certificates of nomination and nomination papers when presented or filed shall be open (under proper regulation) to public inspection and the State Board of Elections, election authorities, and local election officials having charge of nomination papers shall preserve the same in their respective offices not less than six months. (10 ILCS 5/10-7)