

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

Boards of Education

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: At-Large ([SBE Form P-7](#)); Districts 1-7 ([SBE Form P-7A](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Nonpartisan ([SBE Form P-1A](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([SBE Form P-1C](#))

Statement of Economic Interests: Filed with the county clerk of the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. (5 ILCS 420/4A-106)

Fair Campaign Practices Act (voluntary): Filed with the State Board of Elections or the county clerk.

QUALIFICATIONS

Any person who, on the date of election, is a citizen of the United States, of the age of 18 years or over, a resident of the State and the territory encompassing the district for one year preceding the election, and a registered voter is eligible. A member shall not be a child sex offender as defined in Section 11-9.3 of the Criminal Code of 2012 and cannot serve as a school trustee. (105 ILCS 5/10-10)

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Petitions must be signed by at least 50 qualified voters or 10% of the voters, whichever is less, residing within the district. (105 ILCS 5/9-10)

FILING DATES

December 14-21, 2020 (not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the consolidated election).

WHERE TO FILE

With the county clerk or the county board of election commissioners, as the case may be, of the county in which the principal office of the school district is located. (105 ILCS 5/9-10)

TERM

4 years (may be changed to 6 years by referendum). (105 ILCS 5/9-5)

TERM BEGINS

Within 28 days after the election. (105 ILCS 5/10-16)

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

ELECTION CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION - APRIL 6, 2021

September 22, 2020	PETITION CIRCULATION	First day to circulate petitions for independent and new political parties, as well as for nonpartisan offices (90 days before last day to file).
November 21, 2020	PUBLICATION - TOWNSHIP CAUCUS	Last day the township board shall publish a notice stating the time and location of the caucus for each political party.
November 22, 2020	PUBLICATION - MULTI-TOWNSHIP CAUCUS	Last day the multi-township central committee shall publish a notice stating the time and location of the caucus for each political party.
November 27, 2020	PUBLICATION - MUNICIPAL CAUCUS	Last day for municipal clerk to publish notice of municipal caucus in municipalities with population over 500 (in municipalities with a population of under 500, notice shall be given by municipal clerk posting the notice in three of the most public places in the municipality).
December 1, 2020	TOWNSHIP CAUCUS	Date on which the Township Caucus shall be held (in those townships which have not adopted the primary system).
December 2, 2020	MULTI-TOWNSHIP CAUCUS	Date on which the Multi-township Caucus shall be held.
December 7, 2020	MUNICIPAL CAUCUS	Date on which the Municipal Caucus shall be held (in municipalities under 5,000 population) which have established political parties
December 14, 2020	CONSOLIDATED ELECTION CANDIDATE FILING BEGINS	First day for new political party, nonpartisan, and independent candidates to file nomination papers
	CAUCUS CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION	First day established political party caucus certificates of nomination may be filed in the office of the local election official.
December 21, 2020	CONSOLIDATED ELECTION CANDIDATE FILING ENDS	Last day for new political party, nonpartisan, and independent candidates to file nomination papers.
	CAUCUS CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION	Last day established political party caucus certificates of nomination may be filed in the office of the local election official.
December 29, 2020	OBJECTIONS	Last day to file objections to nominating petitions of new political party, nonpartisan, and independent candidates.

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION - APRIL 6, 2021

CANDIDATES for Board of Education Member/School Board offices will need the following required signatures for their petitions:

<u>NAME OF SCHOOL DIST:</u>	<u># OF VOTERS:</u>	<u>SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS MINIMUM:</u>
Brownstown	1,489	50
Ramsey	1,643	50
St. Elmo	1,758	50
Vandalia	6,477	50
Altamont	2	1
Beecher City	309	31
Cowden-Herrick	321	32
Mulberry Grove	121	12
Nokomis	3	1
Patoka	167	17
South Central	1,002	50

Petitions must be signed by at least 50 qualified voters or 10% of the voters, whichever is less, residing within the district. (105 ILCS 5/9-10)

CANDIDATE CHECKLIST

- Meet **residency, age, and other qualifications** for the specific office

- File paperwork with the **SBE Campaign Disclosure division** or the **Federal Election Commission** regarding finances (if needed)

- File a notarized **Statement of Candidacy** including (but not limited to):
 - Your name
 - Your address
 - Office sought
 - Party
 - Office location (for example, the district or county)
 - Date of the election

- File a **Statement of Economic Interests receipt** (does not apply to federal offices or political party offices)

- File a **Loyalty Oath**

- File a **Code of Fair Campaign Practices**

- File notarized **petition sheets** with the required number of signatures, numbered consecutively starting with the number "1"

- Include **Certificate of Deletions** with petitions, numbered consecutively starting with the number "1" (if applicable)

- Fill out **data entry card** (for people who file with the State Board of Elections) and place on top of nominating petition packet (does not need to be attached to packet)

- File with the appropriate** election authority (see specific office in this guide for details)

Note: This checklist is not binding and should not be construed as sufficient argument in response to any objection or legal argument. If you have further questions, you may contact the division of Election Operations at the State Board of Elections or your legal counsel.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

NONPARTISAN

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

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)
) SS.
County of _____)

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 Nomination/

Election to the office of _____ in the _____ (Name of City, Village or Special District)

to be voted upon at the election to be held on _____ (date of election) and that I am legally qualified 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 Nomination/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)

Statement of Economic Interest +

can be picked up &
filed in County Clerks
office.

_____**ATTACH TO PETITION**_____

10 ILCS 5/7-10.1

Suggested
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LOYALTY OATH
(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)



STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS STATE OF ILLINOIS

ARTICLE 29B FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT

10 ILCS 5/29B-5. Purpose. The Legislature hereby declares that the purpose of this Article is to encourage every candidate for public office in this State to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. It is the intent of the Legislature that every candidate for public office in this State who subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices will follow the basic principles of decency, honesty and fair play in order to encourage healthy competition and open discussion of issues and candidate qualifications and discourage practices that cloud issues or unfairly attack opponent. (Source: P.A. 86-873.)

10 ILCS 5/29B-10. Code of Fair Campaign Practices. At the time a political committee, as defined in Article 9, files its statement of organization, the State Board of Elections, in the case of a state political committee or a political committee acting as both a state political committee and a local political committee, or the county clerk, in the case of a local political committee, shall give the political committee a blank form of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and a copy of the provisions of this Article. The State Board of Elections or county clerk shall inform each political committee that subscription to the Code is voluntary. The text of the code shall read:

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate for public office in the State of Illinois has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

- (1) I will conduct my campaign openly and publicly, and limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to his record.**
- (2) I will not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his personal or family life.**
- (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, sexual orientation, religion or national origin.**
- (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the personal integrity or patriotism of my opposition.**
- (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters.**
- (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.**
- (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone. I shall take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this Code or the laws governing elections.**

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Illinois or chairman of a political committee in support of or opposition to a question of public policy, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Date

Signature

Office Sought

(Print Name)

Date of Election

Name of Political Committee

PETITION FOR NOMINATION
FOR SCHOOL BOARDS WHICH ELECT FROM DISTRICTS RATHER THAN AT-LARGE OR BY TOWNSHIP
TO THE COUNTY CLERK OR COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS HAVING JURISDICTION OVER
SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER _____ IN _____ COUNTY, ILLINOIS

We, the undersigned, being (_____ or more) (or 10% or more) (or 5% or more) of the voters residing within _____ district, (specify district number 1 - 7) hereby petition that _____ who resides at _____ in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area of _____ (If unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) in said district shall be a candidate for the office _____ of the Board of Education (or Board of Directors) (full term) or (vacancy), _____ District (specify district 1 - 7) to be voted for at the Consolidated Election to be held on _____ (date of election).

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)