

2014 Primary Election Key Dates

Sept. 3, 2013 – First day to circulate nominating petitions

Nov. 25, 2013 – First day to file candidate petitions

Dec. 2, 2013 – Last day to file candidate petitions

Dec. 9, 2013 – Last day to file nomination objections

Jan. 9, 2014 – State Board: Last day for candidate withdrawal

Jan. 15, 2014 – Cook Co.: Last day for candidate withdrawal

Feb. 6, 2014 – First day to apply for absentee ballot

Feb. 18, 2014 – Last day to register to vote (before “grace period”)

Feb. 19, 2014 – First day for “grace period” registration and voting

March 3, 2014 – First day for Early Voting

March 13, 2014 – Last day for mail-in absentee ballot requests

March 15, 2014 – Last day for “grace period” registration and voting/last day for Early Voting

March 17, 2014 – Last day for in-person absentee ballot requests

March 18, 2014 – Primary Election Day

Contribution Limits (effective July 1, 2013)

- a. Candidate Political Committee
 - \$5,300 (from individual)
 - \$10,500 (from corporation, labor organization, association)
 - \$52,600 (from candidate committee or political action committee)
- b. Political Action Committee
 - \$5,300 (from individual)
 - \$21,100 (from corporation, labor organization, association)
 - \$52,600 (from candidate committee or political action committee)
- c. Political Party Committee
 - \$10,500 (from individual)
 - \$21,100 (from corporation, labor organization, association)
 - \$52,600 (from political action committee)
- d. Ballot Initiative Committee

No limits from any source (cannot contribute to another committee)

e. Independent Expenditure Committee

No limits from any source (cannot make direct contributions or coordinated expenditures)

Election cycles

a. CANDIDATE POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Support candidate to be elected at a general primary election or general election

- Beginning January 1 following general election for office to which candidate seeks nomination or election and ending on day of general primary election for that office, or
- Beginning day after a general primary election for the office to which the candidate seeks nomination or election and through December 31 following the general election.

Support candidate for General Assembly

- Beginning January 1 following a general election and ending on day of next general primary election, or
- Beginning day after general primary election and ending on December 31 following a general election (2 year)

Support candidate for retention

- Beginning January 1 following general election when candidate was elected through day candidate files declaration of intent to seek retention, or
- Beginning day after candidate files declaration of intent to seek retention through December 31 following retention election

Support candidate to be elected at consolidated primary election or consolidated election

- Beginning July 1 following a consolidated election and ending on day of consolidated primary election, or
- Beginning day after consolidated primary election and ending on June 30th following consolidated election

b. POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEE

- Beginning January 1 and ending on December 31 of each calendar year (1 calendar year)

c. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

- Beginning January 1 and ending on December 31 of each calendar year (1 calendar year)

d. BALLOT INITIATIVE COMMITTEE

- Beginning January 1 and ending on December 31 of each calendar year (1 calendar year)