
GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 3, 2026

**County Clerk
County Treasurer
Sheriff**

ELIGIBILITY/RESIDENCY: A candidate must be a qualified registered voter in the district for which he/she seeks to be a candidate. (10 ILCS 5/7-10) **For Sheriff only:** not a convicted felon, resident of the county for one year, and has completed the Minimum Standards Basic Law Enforcement Officers Training Course as prescribed by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board or a substantially similar training program (ILCS 5/3- 6001.5)

CIRCULATION PERIOD: February 25, 2026 through May 26, 2026. (10 ILCS 5/2A1.1b)

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: See attached "Signature Requirements." (10 ILCS 5/2A1.1b)

NOMINATION PAPERS must contain:

1. Statement of Candidacy: #P-1D (New Party), #P-1B(Independent)

The form of the candidate's name for inclusion on the ballot will be taken from the Statement of Candidacy. The Statement of Candidacy form must include, among other requirements, the candidate's name, the candidate's legal address and the office sought. The form of the candidate's name may include his or her given name, initials, or nickname.

Changes cannot be made after the filing of the nomination papers.

2. Petition for Nomination: #P-8 (New Party), #P-3 (Independent)

The top of each petition page must include the candidate's name, legal address, title of office, term and district (if applicable). The form of the candidate's name should be the same on every petition for nomination page. The form of the candidate's name may include their given name, initials, or nickname. No degree or title may be used, with the exception of the title "Mrs."

Candidates must have the required number of signatures as indicated on the following page.

The person circulating the petition for nomination must complete and sign the bottom portion in the presence of a notary. Each petition page must be notarized. The person circulating the petition for nomination may not notarize their own circulator's affidavit and signature. Blank petition pages may be photocopied or additional forms are available from the Kankakee County Clerk's office.

All petition pages must be the same size (either legal or letter), fastened together and numbered.

3. Statement of Economic Interests:

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 your petition papers once they have been filed. Filing the receipt later will not change the date or time of the original filing, but it must be filed with the County Clerk's office by close of business on May 26, 2026.* **NOTE:** A candidate who filed a Statement of Economic Interests for the same unit of government within the calendar year need only file a duplicate receipt, which is available at the County Clerk's office.

4. Loyalty Oath: #P-1C (optional) (10 ILCS 5/7-10.1)

If completed, file with nomination papers.

FILING DATES AND PROCEDURES: (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.1b)

1. Nomination papers are filed **Monday, May 18th, 2026 through Tuesday, May 26th, 2026**, with the **Kankakee County Clerk** during normal office hours. Petitions may be filed in person by the candidate or a representative, or by mail. **Nomination papers received in the mail before the first day of the filing period will be returned to the sender as not filed.**
2. Nomination papers will be stamped noting the day and hour filed. A receipt is issued to the filer. All petitions filed by persons waiting in line at 8:30 a.m. on the first day of filing, **May 18th, 2026**, and those petitions received in the day's first mail delivery are deemed "**simultaneously**" filed. Petitions filed within the last hour of filing on **May 26th** are also deemed "**simultaneously**" filed.
3. Candidates for established political parties appear first on the ballot followed by new political party candidates and finally, by independent candidates. Ballot position within each of these categories is determined by the time of filing. A public lottery determines ballot position when two or more petitions from the same political party are simultaneously filed for the same office. The Kankakee County Clerk will notify candidates involved in the lottery of the time and place the lottery is to be held.

This packet of information is being provided by the Kankakee County Clerk's office as a courtesy to prospective candidates. Information and suggested forms are also available on the Illinois State Board of Elections website at www.elections.il.gov. It is important to note that Nominating Petition papers are subject to legal challenge by objectors if improperly completed. The Electoral Board, chaired by the County Clerk, holds hearings to consider and resolve these objections. However, please be advised that the County Clerk and staff are not able to provide legal opinions to individuals regarding their petition papers. Prospective candidates are encouraged to consult their own legal advisors on questions related to qualifications for office, preparation of petition papers, circulator requirements, signature requirements, etc., because once the petition papers are officially filed they cannot be changed or amended.

Signature Requirements
Independent/New Party Candidates
General Election – Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Countywide Offices

Independent 2409 - 3854 Signatures

New Party 2409 Signatures

County Board Members

District 1	Independent	79-129 signatures	New Party	79 signatures
District 3	Independent	73-123 signatures	New Party	73 signatures
District 5	Independent	87-137 signatures	New Party	87 signatures
District 7	Independent	81-131 signatures	New Party	81 signatures
District 9	Independent	94-144 signatures	New Party	94 signatures
District 10	Independent	89-139 signatures	New Party	89 signatures
District 11	Independent	81-131 signatures	New Party	81 signatures
District 13	Independent	23-73 signatures	New Party	23 signatures
District 14	Independent	87-137 signatures	New Party	87 signatures
District 15	Independent	58-108 signatures	New Party	58 signatures
District 17	Independent	33-83 signatures	New Party	33 signatures
District 19	Independent	32-82 signatures	New Party	32 signatures
District 21	Independent	49-99 signatures	New Party	49 signatures
District 23	Independent	49-99 signatures	New Party	49 signatures
District 25	Independent	79-129 signatures	New Party	79 signatures
District 27	Independent	70-120 signatures	New Party	70 signatures
District 28	Independent	118-168 signatures	New Party	118 signatures

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY INDEPENDENT

Form with fields for NAME, CITY, VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP, COUNTY, DISTRICT or STATE, ADDRESS - ZIP CODE, and OFFICE. Includes a note: 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 (List all names during last 3 years) UNTIL NAME CHANGED ON (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)

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

NEW POLITICAL PARTY

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

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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 election to the office

of _____ in the _____ (Name of City, Village, Township, County, District or State)

to be voted upon at the election to be held on _____ (date of election) and that 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 _____, on _____
(Name of Candidate) (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)

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

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.

Name (print on line above)

Job Title (Office, Department or Agency that requires you file this form)

Other Offices, Departments or Agency that requires you to file a Statement of Economic Interests requires you to file this form

Residential Address (City/State/Zip Code)

Preferred Email (Optional)

1. If you have any single asset that was worth more than \$11,600 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 \$8,700 required to be reported during the preceding calendar year. If you sold an asset that produced more than \$8,700 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 debt, if you owed any single debt in the preceding calendar year exceeding \$11,600, 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.

(DO NOT DETACH)

This will be returned to you when statement is filed in the Office of the County Clerk

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your Statement of Economic Interests, filed pursuant to the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act.

Filed as of this date below:

Office(s) or Position(s) for which this statement is filed.

Print Name

Address (including City/State/Zip Code)

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 title of the position or nature of the contractual services.

Name of Unit of Government	Title of 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 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 a source of a gift or gifts, or honorarium or honoraria, valued singly or in the aggregate in excess of \$600 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 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 (on line above)

Signature of filer

Date

If this statement of economic interests requires ethics SB2408 Enrolled LRB102 11366 BMS 16699b Public Act 102-0662 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) _____



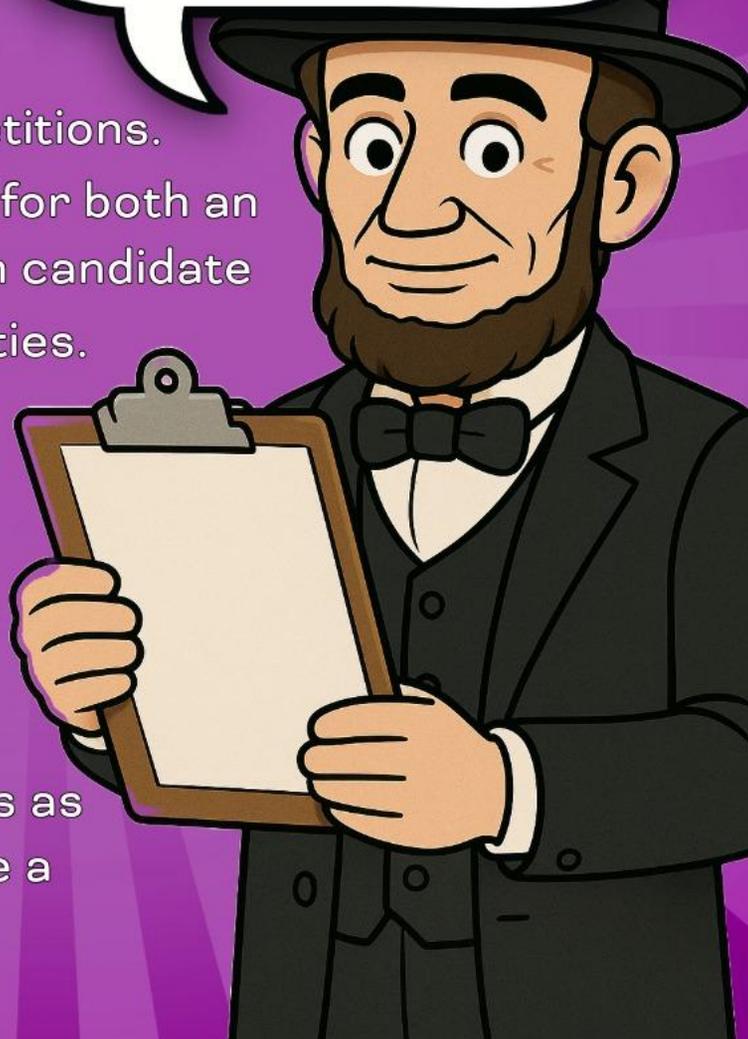
**DO NOT DETACH
(WILL BE RETURNED AS YOUR RECEIPT)**



**MAKING A PLAN TO
CIRCULATE YOUR
PETITIONS LATER THIS
YEAR? HERE ARE SOME
THINGS TO KNOW!**

HONEST ABE TIP №4

- Candidates can gather signatures for their own petitions.
- A circulator **cannot** work for both an independent and a partisan candidate or for multiple political parties.
- Circulators must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years old by the next general election, but they **do not** need to be registered voters.
- **Only** the person who signs as the circulator can circulate a specific petition sheet.



CALL ME ABE, CALL ME HONEST—BUT NOT LAWYER LINCOLN. EVEN I CAN'T CAMPAIGN IN A TOP HAT AND A TITLE.

HONEST ABE TIP N°9

Your name should appear exactly the same on the petition sheets, Statement of Candidacy, and Loyalty Oath.

Candidates can use their full name, initials, or a commonly known nickname along with their last name.

Not allowed:

- Titles (like Dr., Judge, or Rev.)
- Degrees (like Ph.D., M.D.)
- Professional or honorary designations
- Political slogans (even if it's part of the candidate's legal name)

Election officials won't certify names that break these rules.

Our posts are for general information only and do not constitute legal advice. For guidance specific to your situation, please consult a qualified attorney.



HONEST ABE TIP №11

Petition Signing Rules (Illinois)

- **Sign Your Own Name** – You must sign the petition yourself. No one else (even family) can sign for you.
- **Be a Registered Voter** – You must be registered at the address listed next to your signature and live in the area where the candidate is running.
- **Include Full Address** – Include your street (or rural route), city/town/village, county, and state. Standard abbreviations are OK. If all signers live in the same place, parts of the address may be pre-printed.
- **One Party Per Election** – You can't sign for candidates from more than one party for the same election.
- **You Can Switch Parties** – You may change party affiliation from one election to the next.

Primary vs. General – You can sign for:

- One established party candidate in the Primary, and
- One new party or independent candidate in the General.
- **Same Party, Multiple Candidates** – You can sign for as many candidates as you want from the same party in a Primary.

FOUR SCORE AND SEVEN YEARS AGO, SOMEONE TRIED TO SIGN FOR THEIR COUSIN. DON'T BE THAT GUY.

