

OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATING PETITIONS

[10 ILCS 5/10-8 through 10-10.1]

- FILING OBJECTION PETITION:** Nomination papers shall be deemed to be valid unless objections are filed in writing (an original and two copies) within five business days after the last day for filing nomination papers. The objector's petitions are filed with the same office in which the nominating petitions are filed. [10 ILCS 5/7-13, 10-8]
- PROCESSING OBJECTIONS:** Not later than 12:00 noon on the second business day after receipt of the objector's petition, the election authority or local election official, shall transmit by registered mail or receipted personal delivery the Certificate of Nomination or nomination papers and original objector's petition to the chairman of the proper electoral board designated in Section 10-9, or his authorized agent, and shall transmit a copy by registered mail or receipted personal delivery of the objector's petitions, to the candidate whose Certificate of Nomination or nomination papers are objected to, addressed to the place of residence designated in said Certificate of Nomination or nomination papers.
- RESPONSIBILITY OF CHAIRMAN OF ELECTORAL BOARD:** Within 24 hours after receipt of the objector's petition, the chairman of the electoral board shall send a call by registered or certified mail to each of the members of the electoral board, the objector, and the candidate, and shall also cause the Sheriff of the county or counties in which such officers and persons reside to serve a copy of such call upon each of the officers and persons.
- ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING:** The meeting of the electoral board shall not be less than three nor more than five days after receipt of the objector's petition by the chairman of the electoral board. The Municipal Officers Electoral Board, the Township Officers Electoral Board, and the Education Officers Electoral Board may meet at the location (other than their county courthouse) where the governing body of the municipality, township, or school or community college district, respectively, holds its regularly scheduled meetings, if that location is available; provided that voter records may be removed from the offices of an election authority only at the discretion and under the supervision of the election authority. **P.A. 98-115 effective July 29, 2013 allows the county officers electoral board to hear and pass upon objections to the nominations of candidates for any school district offices.**
[10 ILCS 5/10-10]
- JUDICIAL REVIEW FILED:** Within 5 days after the decision of the Electoral Board, the candidate or objector aggrieved by the decision may file a petition for Judicial Review with the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Court hearings are to be held within 30 days after the filing of the petition and a decision delivered promptly thereafter.
- NO JUDICIAL REVIEW:** If no petition for Judicial Review has been filed within 5 days after the decision of the Electoral Board, the Electoral Board shall transmit a copy of its ruling together with the original Certificate of Nomination or nomination papers or petitions and the original objector's petitions to the officers or board with whom they were on file and such officer or board shall abide by and comply with the ruling so made to all intents and purposes. [10 ILCS 5/10-8, 10-9, 10-10, 10-10.1]