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## **Petition Packet Instructions**

During the circulation period, if you have any questions or need help, please don't hesitate to contact the Elections' staff. They are available to help in any way they can prior to the filing period.

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The required forms needed for filing are in this packet and are PDF fillable forms. The Elections' Office staff ask you to utilize our forms; the information is easier to read when typed and will ensure less mistakes when entering data for the ballot setup.

Please read through the entire document before you begin your data entry.

All forms are built around a "full term" for an office. If you are running for an unexpired term, you must make sure that all the appropriate areas are completed with that information.

The heading of the nomination petition pages must include information relative to the election, the candidate, the office, political party, and the candidate's place of residence. The headings on any particular page must be completed prior to circulation of that petition and the heading on each sheet shall be the same.

Only 1 circulator may circulate a petition and must witness all signatures placed upon the petition.

Each candidate must complete and file a Statement of Candidacy. The form of the candidate's name, as printed and signed, should match the name as printed on the petition. The address of the candidate, office sought, party designation, and qualifying statements should also match the information printed on the petition.

Standard procedure is to have the candidate's name spelled the same throughout all the required forms.

A check off sheet is included in the packet; it is suggested that you utilize this form before you file your Petition Packet to ensure that you have completed all necessary forms before you come to the office to file.

*Please note: Once the petition packet has been filed it cannot be modified, altered or added to in any way; with one exception, the Statement of Economic Interests receipt may be filed and added to the packet by the close of petition filing.*



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## COUNTY BOARD ESTABLISHED PARTY CANDIDATE PETITION FILING CHECKLIST FOR THE MARCH 17, 2026 GENERAL PRIMAY ELECTION

### Required Forms:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Statement of Candidacy (P-1)**

(The information that appears in the "Name" section on the form will be the one used on the ballot.)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Petition(s) (P-26)** (including the required number of signatures and pages numbered consecutively start with the number "1" at the bottom of the page.)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Statement of Economic Interests Receipt** (must be turned in by the end of the filing period.)

### Optional Forms:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Loyalty Oath (P-1C)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Code of Fair Campaign Practices Statement**

**1<sup>st</sup> Day to Circulate Petitions is: August 5, 2025**

### Filing Period:

**1st Day to File: October 27, 2025 at 8:30a**

**Last Day to File: November 3, 2025 at 5:00p**

**Notarized Petition Packets must be filed with the Elections' Office of the  
DeKalb County Clerk & Recorder located at:**

**110 E Sycamore Street, Sycamore (DeKalb County Administration Building)**

**The morning of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of filing will take place in Conference Room East**

**Thereafter, we will receive packets in our office.**

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY**

<b>NAME:</b>	<b>OFFICE:</b>
<b>ADDRESS – ZIP CODE:</b>	A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: _____ year unexpired term
	<b>DISTRICT:</b>
	<b>PARTY:</b>

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 DeKalb )

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Candidate) 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 \_\_\_\_\_ DeKalb \_\_\_\_\_, State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a qualified Primary voter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party; that I am a candidate for Nomination/Election to the office of \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ District, to be voted upon at the primary election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ March 17, 2026 \_\_\_\_\_ (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 the nomination) 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Party) Primary ballot for Nomination/Election for 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)

**COUNTY BOARD MEMBER**  
**(counties that elect members from districts)**  
**PRIMARY PETITION**

We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the \_\_\_\_\_ Party and qualified primary electors of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party, in County Board District \_\_\_\_\_, County of DeKalb in the State of Illinois, do hereby petition that \_\_\_\_\_ who resides at \_\_\_\_\_ in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area of \_\_\_\_\_ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ County of DeKalb and State of Illinois, shall be a candidate of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party for the nomination for the office of **COUNTY BOARD MEMBER**, County Board District \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of DeKalb in the State of Illinois, to be voted for at the primary election to be held on March 17, 2026 (date of election).

**A Full Term is sought, unless an unexpired term is stated here: \_\_\_\_\_ year unexpired term**

If required pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 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	DEKALB
2.			,IL	DEKALB
3.			,IL	DEKALB
4.			,IL	DEKALB
5.			,IL	DEKALB
6.			,IL	DEKALB
7.			,IL	DEKALB
8.			,IL	DEKALB
9.			,IL	DEKALB
10.			,IL	DEKALB

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 for 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 qualified voters of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party in the political division in which the candidates is seeking nomination/elective office, and that 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)



## STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

TO BE FILED WITH  
THE DEKALB COUNTY CLERK

(Type or print name and address on the lines below.)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FULL MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS (Preferred & Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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:

\_\_\_\_\_

### GENERAL DIRECTIONS

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 6 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.

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)

### COMPLETE BUT DO NOT ATTACH

This section will be returned to you when the  
Statement is filed with the County Clerk.

Office of Position of Employment for which this statement is filed:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your  
Statement of Economic Interests, filed  
pursuant to the Illinois Government Ethics  
Act. The Statement was filed on this date:

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 owned 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 Service

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" on next page.

Name of Person/Organization	Type of Gift

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."

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF FILER

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME OF FILER

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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

ATTACH TO PETITION

10 ILCS 5/7-10.1

SBE No. P-1C

**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 \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(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)

March 17, 2026

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Election

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Political Committee



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## **SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS AND FILING DATES**

### ***GENERAL PRIMARY – MARCH 17, 2026***

*First day to circulate Primary Petitions: August 5, 2025*

*The filing period for Primary Petitions: October 27 – November 3, 2025*

*(For established political parties)*

All petitions must be filed in the office of the County Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday, November 3, 2025. Attached to the petition should be a Statement of Candidacy signed by the candidate and notarized. Additionally, a receipt for the Economic Interest Statement must be filed with the petition by the end of the filing period. (Exception – Precinct Committeemen are not required to file an Economic Interest Statement.)

*Signature Requirements: County Wide Candidates*

**Democratic – 118 (Minimum)**

**Republican – 136 (Minimum)**

(For all offices, petitions must be signed by at least .5% (.005) of the votes cast for any candidate of the party who received the highest number of votes in the county at the last General Election (November 8, 2022). The party candidate with the highest vote in the county could be any Federal, State, or County Candidate.

[10ILCS 5/7-10 (c)]

**Democrat – Joseph R. Biden –  $23,648 \times .005 = 118.24$  --- 118 signatures**

**Republican – Lori Grubbs –  $27,256 \times .005 = 136.28$  --- 136 signatures**

*Signature Requirements – County Board Candidates*

**Democratic and Republican – 25 Minimum**

(For offices elected by District, petitions must be signed by at least .5% (.005) of the qualified electors of the party in the entire county who cast votes at the last preceding General Election (November 5, 2024) divided by the number of County Board districts, but in no event shall the number of signatures be less than 25.

[10 ILCS 5/7 – 10 (c)]

*Signature Requirements – Precinct Committee Persons*

**Democrat and Republican – 10 Minimum**

(A minimum of 10 signatures of primary electors of the party for the precinct. [10 ILCS 5/7 – 10 (i)]