



TASHA SIMS

OFFICE OF THE DEKALB
COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER

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)]