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MEMO TO: Candidates for Precinct Committeeman

MEMO FROM: Debra D. Ming-Mendoza, Madison County Clerk *Debra D. Ming-Mendoza*

RE: Petition Signature Requirements for the
March 15, 2016 - Primary Election
November 8, 2016 - General Election

DATE: August 2015

Enclosed are the petitions for PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN, for the Primary Election, March 15, 2016. The minimum number of signatures required for all DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTY candidates in each precinct is 10. The Statement of Candidacy and the Loyalty Oath are on the reverse side of the petition and must be signed before a Notary Public. You **MUST** complete the Statement of Candidacy however, the Loyalty Oath is optional. **You must be a registered voter in the precinct where you are filing.** Precinct committeemen are **NOT** required to file a Statement of Economic Interest.

Important dates for ESTABLISHED POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES

SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 -- First day to circulate petitions

NOVEMBER 23, 2015 -- First day to file petitions in the office of the County Clerk

NOVEMBER 30, 2015 -- Last day to file petitions in the office of the County Clerk

**** THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NOVEMBER 26, 2015 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.**

All Petitions filed by persons waiting in line at the office of the County Clerk as of 8:30 A.M. on the first day for filing, **November 23, 2015**, shall be considered as having been simultaneously filed. Petitions, filed by mail, which are received in the office of the County Clerk in the first mail delivery or pickup on the first day of filing shall be considered as having been simultaneously filed as of 8:30 A.M. All petitions received thereafter shall be considered as having been filed in the order of actual receipt except Petitions filed within the last hour on November 30, 2015 will also be considered simultaneously filed. Whenever two or more petitions are simultaneously filed for the same office, by candidates of the same party or independent candidates, the County Clerk shall break ties and determine the order of filing by means of a lottery.

Office hours for filing petitions are: from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday, November 23rd through Wednesday, November 25th, 2015, and; from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Friday, November 27, 2015. The office will be closed November 26th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. On **Monday, November 30, 2015**, the last day for filing petitions, the office will be open until 5:00 P.M. Naturally, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

PETITIONS RECEIVED PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 23, 2015 CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE RETURNED

PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN PRIMARY PETITION

We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the _____ Party and qualified primary electors of the _____ Party, in _____ (township name and precinct number) in the County of Madison, State of Illinois, do hereby petition that _____ who resides at _____ in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code _____, County of Madison and State of Illinois, shall be a candidate of the _____ Party for election to the office of **PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN**, for _____ (township name and precinct number), to be voted for at the primary election to be held on March 18th, 2014.

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)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1		IL	MADISON
2		IL	MADISON
3		IL	MADISON
4		IL	MADISON
5		IL	MADISON
6		IL	MADISON
7		IL	MADISON
8		IL	MADISON
9		IL	MADISON
10		IL	MADISON
11		IL	MADISON
12		IL	MADISON

State of _____)
County of _____) SS.

I, _____ (Circulator's Name) do hereby certify that I reside at _____, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area (circle one) of _____ (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code _____, County of _____, State of _____ that I am 18 years of age or older, 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 candidate is seeking 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)

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 _____
(Insert Month, Day, Year)

(SEAL)

 Notary Public

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

(Mandatory Form)

NAME	ADDRESS - ZIP CODE	OFFICE	PRECINCT <small>(Township Name and Precinct Number)</small>	PARTY
		Precinct Committee- man		

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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 _____ }
 County of _____ } ss.

I, _____, being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at _____ Street,

in the _____ of _____
City or Village or Unincorporated Area (If unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service.)

Zip Code _____ in the County of Madison 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 election to the office of Precinct

Committeeman in the _____ Precinct, to be voted upon at the primary election to be held on March 18, 2014 and that I am legally qualified to hold such office. I hereby request that my name be printed upon the

official _____ Primary ballot for election for such office.
Name of Party

 Signature of Candidate

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by _____, before me,
(Name of Candidate)

on _____
(Insert Month, Day, Year)

 Notary Public

REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING NOMINATING PAPERS

A. GENERAL FILING INFORMATION

1. Candidates are strongly advised to obtain legal counsel regarding their legal qualifications for office, the proper method for completing the petition forms with respect to the office, the minimum and maximum number of signatures required, the qualifications of the signers and circulators, etc.

NOTE: The number of signatures required for candidates who file with the Illinois State Board of Elections are located at the end of this publication. For candidates filing at the county or municipal level, contact the election authority or the local election official responsible for receiving the filing of the petition for nomination and/or election to office for further information as to the specific number of signatures required on a nominating petition for a specific office.

2. Candidates must file for office in one of the following manners:
 - a. candidate of an established political party;
 - b. candidate of a new political party;
 - c. independent candidate; or
 - d. as a nonpartisan candidate [certain sanitary districts (see page 38, school boards and nonpartisan municipalities)]
3. Candidates **must** file the following papers, except as noted:
 - a. Statement of Candidacy;
 - b. Loyalty Oath (OPTIONAL);
 - c. Receipt for filing a Statement of Economic Interests (not required for Federal Office or political party offices – (see page 10) ;
 - d. Nominating petition sheets, containing a sufficient number of **original** signatures.

NOTE: Certificate of Officers Authorized to Fill Vacancies. A new political party petition must have attached thereto a certificate (SBE suggested form P-8C) stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. Failure to file the certificate will not invalidate the petitions but will preclude the new party from being able to fill any vacancy that may occur. [See Peoples Independent Party. v. Petroff, 191 Ill. App 3d 706, 138 Ill. Dec. 915, 548 N.E. 2d 145 (5th Dist. 1989)]

4. Election laws prescribe the general format to be submitted when seeking nomination to office. The State Board of Elections has prepared **suggested** forms for petitions, statements of candidacy, etc. The official State Board of Elections form number to be used is included under each office listed in this guide. Forms may be downloaded from the State Board of Elections web site (www.elections.il.gov). Forms may also be obtained from many of the election authorities, and are available for purchase from election supply vendors.
5. Petitions may be filed by mail or in person, by either the candidate or a representative of the candidate.
 - a. Information on where to file is included under each office listed in this guide.
 - b. Filings must be made within the appropriate filing period noted on page ii. [10 ILCS 5/7-12]
 - c. Filings must be received no earlier than 8:00 a.m. or the normal opening hour of such office, whatever the case may be, on the first day of the appropriate filing period and no later than 5:00 p.m. or the close of business, whichever is later, on the last day of that filing period. [10 ILCS 5/1-4, 7-12(6), 10-6.2]

Welsh vs. Education Officer's Electoral Board, 322 Ill.App.3d 568, 750 N.E. 2d 222, 255 Ill.Dec. 641 (1st Dist. 2001)

NOTE: The State Board of Elections will **NOT ACCEPT** any petition for filing after 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the filing period. This applies to any individual(s) waiting in line as of the 5:00 p.m. deadline who has not yet filed his/her petition(s).

- d. Petitions sent by mail (United States Post Office only) and received **AFTER** midnight of the first day for filing and in the first mail delivery or pickup of that day shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. of the day or as of the normal opening hour of such day, as the case may be. Candidates who file by mail with the State Board of Elections and wish to qualify for the lottery, must **mail** their petitions to the State Board of Elections, P. O. Box 4187, Springfield, IL 62708. (Use the P.O. Box for mailing, not the street address.) Nominating petitions received through other delivery systems are not considered "mail" and will not be included in the lottery. It is important to note that petitions received **BEFORE** the first day of filing cannot be accepted. [10 ILCS 5/7-12 (6), 8-9, 10-6.2]
6. Ballot Position Lottery (see page 51)
 - a. The lottery is held within nine days following the last day to file petitions.
 - b. Petitions filed in person at 8:00 a.m. on the first filing day or at the normal opening hour of such day, as the case may be and petitions filed by mail and received in the first mail delivery of the first filing day are included in the lottery drawing to determine the first ballot position.

- c. Petitions filed in person after 8:00 a.m. on the first filing day or after the normal opening hour of such day, as the case may be, and petitions filed by mail and received after the first mail delivery of the first filing day are not included in the lottery drawing and are placed on the ballot in the order filed. [10 ILCS 5/7-12 (6), 8-9, 10-6.2]
- d. Two or more petitions filed within the last hour of the filing deadline (between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the last filing day) shall be deemed filed simultaneously and are included in the lottery drawing to determine the final ballot position. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(6), 8-9(2), 10-6.2]

7. Multiple Filings

If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed for a candidate for the same office, the State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or local election official where the petitions are filed shall, within two (2) business days, notify the candidate of his/her multiple petition filings and that the candidate has three (3) business days after receipt of the notice to notify the State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or local election official that he or she may cancel prior sets of petitions. If the candidate notifies the State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or local election official, the last set of petitions filed shall be the only petitions to be considered valid. If the candidate fails to notify the State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or local election official; then only the first set of petitions filed shall be valid and all subsequent petitions shall be void. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(11), 8-9(4), 10-6.2]

NOTE: If petitions for nomination have been filed for the same person with respect to more than one political party, his/her name shall not be certified for the primary ballot of any party. If petitions for nomination have been filed for the same person for two or more offices which are incompatible, a person must withdraw as a candidate for all but one of such offices within the 5 business days following the last day for petition filing or his/her name shall not be certified for the primary ballot for any office. Judicial candidates at the circuit court level are limited to filing a petition for one circuit court vacancy and/or a petition for one subcircuit vacancy in any filing period. [10 ILCS 5/7-12 (9)]

The Office of the Illinois Attorney General has issued a number of opinions on incompatibility of offices. For questions concerning the same, contact the Opinions Division of the Attorney General's office at 217/782-9070.

B. NOMINATING PETITION SHEETS

1. Petition Sheet Heading

- a. The top portion (heading) of the nomination petition pages, which includes information relative to the election, the candidate, the office and political party, where applicable, must be completed prior to the circulation of the petition sheet.
- b. **The State Board of Elections will certify each candidate's name as it appears on the first numbered page of the petition.** (Other Election Authorities may follow a different policy with regard to petitions filed with them).
- c. The candidate's given name or names, initial or initials, nickname by which the candidate is commonly known, or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to the candidate's surname. No other designation such as a political slogan, title, degree or nickname suggesting or implying possession of a title, degree or professional status, or similar information may be used in connection with the candidate's surname.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17(b), 8-8.1, 10-5.1, 16-3(e)]

NOTE: If a candidate has changed his or her name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the last day for filing the petition or certificate for that office, whichever is applicable, then (i) the candidate's name on the petition or certificate must be followed by "formerly known as (list all prior names during the 3-year period) until name changed on (list date of each such name change)" and (ii) the petition or certificate must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the candidate's previous names during the period specified in (i) and the date or dates each of those names was changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds for denying certification of the candidate's name for the ballot or removing the candidate's name from the ballot, as appropriate, but these requirements do not apply to name changes resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent's or parents' surname, marriage to assume a spouse's surname, or dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage to assume a former surname.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17(b), 8-8.1, 10-5.1, 16.3(e)]

- d. A political slogan is defined as any word or words expressing or connoting a position, opinion or belief that the candidate may espouse, including but not limited to any word or words conveying any meaning other than that of the personal identity of the candidate. A candidate may not use a

political slogan as part of his or her name on the ballot, notwithstanding that the political slogan may be part of the candidate's name.
[10 ILCS 5/7-17 (b), 16-3(e)]

NOTE: The State Board of Elections, a local election official or an election authority shall not certify to any election authority any candidate name designation that is inconsistent with this statutory reference.
[10 ILCS 5/7-17(c), 16-3(f)]

- e. The form of name on the petition sheets must match the form of name on the Statement of Candidacy. **THE CANDIDATE'S NAME SHOULD APPEAR IN EXACTLY THE SAME FORM ON THE PETITION SHEETS, STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY AND LOYALTY OATH.** The State Board of Elections will certify each candidate's name as it appears on the first numbered page of the petition (Other Election Authorities may follow a different policy with regard to petitions filed with their offices). Failure to match the name on the petition to the name on the Statement of Candidacy may result in the candidate not being certified for ballot.
- f. Petitions of candidates for specified offices, which are to be filed with the same officer, may contain the names of 2 or more candidates of the same political party for the same or different offices. However, each candidate must submit his or her individual Statement of Candidacy, receipt for filing the Statement of Economic Interests and optional Loyalty Oath.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10]
- g. Each sheet of the petition other than the statement of candidacy and candidate's statement shall be of uniform size and contain above the space for signatures an appropriate heading. The heading must provide the name of the candidate(s) in whose behalf the petition is signed, the office sought, the political party represented, and the place of residence. The heading of each sheet shall be the same. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4]
- h. Petition sheets which are filed with the proper local election official, election authority or the State Board of Elections must contain the **original** signatures of the voters and the original signature of the circulator thereof, and shall not be photocopies or duplicates of such sheets.
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4]

2. Petition Circulator

- a. A petition circulator must be 18 years of age or older and a citizen of the United States. **The circulator must personally witness all signatures given and sign the required circulator's statement stating that all**

signatures were taken in his or her presence. No one may be considered a circulator of any petition page except the person who signs the circulator's statement. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4]

- b. Petition sheets must **not** be circulated more than 90 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petitions. The circulator's statement on a candidate's petition sheet must specify either the dates on which the sheets were circulated, the first and last dates on which the sheet was circulated or that none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90 days preceding the last day for filing the petitions. See page ii for dates when candidates may start circulating petitions. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4]
- c. A petition circulator may not circulate for more than one political party. [10 ILCS 5/10-4] Schober v. Young, 322 Ill.App.3d 996, 751 N.E. 2d 610, 256 Ill.Dec. 220 (4th Dist. 2001)
- d. A petition circulator may not circulate for an independent candidate or candidates in addition to candidates for a new political party. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- e. A petition circulator may not circulate for more than one new political party. [10 ILCS 5/10-4]
- f. A petition circulator must complete the circulator's statement at the bottom of each petition sheet certifying address, age and citizenship information and also certifying that the signatures on that sheet were signed in his/her presence and are genuine and that to the best of his/her knowledge the persons so signing were duly registered voters of the political subdivision for which the candidate or candidates shall be nominated, or elected, and that their respective registration addresses are correctly stated therein. This statement shall be sworn to and signed before an officer authorized to administer oaths in Illinois. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-4]
- g. Petition circulators shall indicate on such petition their residence address, written, or printed, including the street address or rural route number of the circulator, as well as the circulator's city, village or town. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4]

3. Petition Signers

- a. A signer **MAY NOT** sign petitions for a candidate of more than one political party for the same Primary Election. [10 ILCS 5/7-10]
- b. A signer may sign the petitions of one established political party for the Primary Election and one new political party or independent for the subsequent General Election. [10 ILCS 5/10-3]

- c. A signer must sign his/her own signature on the petition. The signer cannot sign for someone else, such as another member of his or her family. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 10-4]
- d. A petition signer may change party affiliation from one election to another. Kusper v. Pontikes, 414 U.S. 51, 94 S. Ct. 303 (1973); Sperling v. County Officers Electoral Board, 57 Ill.2d 81, 309 N.E. 2d 589 (1974)
- e. Petition signers must be registered voters in the political subdivision in which the candidate is seeking nomination or election. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-2, 10-3, 10-4]
- f. Petition signers shall indicate on such petition their residence address, written or printed, including the street address or rural route number, as well as their city, village or town, county and state. However, the state, county, city, village and town of residence may be pre-printed on the petition form when all of the electors signing the petition form reside therein. Standard abbreviations may be used in writing the residence address. **A petition signer must be a registered voter from the address shown opposite his/her signature on the petition.** [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 3-1.2, 8-8, 10-4]
- g. Signatures may be struck from the petition by the circulator or the candidate, prior to filing, in the following manner:
 - 1) The person striking the signature must initial the petition at the place where the signature is struck. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-3]
 - 2) The person striking the signature must sign a certification (such as SBE suggested form P-2A) listing the page number and line number of each signature struck from the petition. Such certification shall be filed as part of the petition. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-3]
 - 3) The person striking signatures from independent candidate petitions must sign an additional certificate (SBE suggested form P-2B) specifying the number of certification pages listing stricken signatures, which are attached to the petition, and the page numbers indicated on such certifications. This additional certificate must be filed as part of the petition, shall be numbered, and shall be attached immediately following the last page of voters' signatures and before the certifications of stricken signatures. [10 ILCS 5/10-3]
 - 4) All of the foregoing requirements are necessary to effect a valid striking of any signature.

4. Petition Preparation [10 ILCS 5/ Articles 7, 8 & 10]

- a. The petition signature sheets must be **original** and of **uniform size**.
- b. The petition **signature** sheets must be numbered consecutively, beginning with the top sheet as number “1.”
- c. The following original documents are to be attached (preferably on top) to the nominating petition signature sheets:
 - 1) Statement of Candidacy;
 - 2) Loyalty Oath (optional);
 - 3) Receipt for filing the Statement of Economic Interests (not required for federal or party office). The receipt may be filed at any time during the filing period and will not change the initial date and time of filing. (Candidates for county office need only file the statement itself.)

The above documents are NOT numbered.

- 4) Any certifications related to the striking of signatures shall be attached immediately following the last petition page and numbered consecutively beginning with the number “1.”
[10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-3]
 - 5) For all new political party petitions, the petition must have attached thereto a certificate (SBE suggested form P-8C) stating the names and addresses of the party officers authorized to fill vacancies in nomination. Failure to file the certificate will result in the party forfeiting its right to fill vacancies in nomination, but will not invalidate the petition. [10 ILCS 5/10-5, 10-11]
 - 6) Any other documentation, which may be required to qualify for a specific office.
- d. The petition signature sheets must be **neatly fastened together** in book form by fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable manner.

NOTE: A petition once filed shall not be altered or added to.

However, the receipt for an economic interest statement filing may be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day on which nomination papers may be filed. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12, 10-4, 10-5]

C. STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 8-8, 10-5]

1. Each candidate, whether an individual candidate or one whose name appears on a group petition or certificate of nomination, 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. Furthermore, the address of the candidate; the office for which the person is a candidate; political party designation, if applicable; and statements that the person is qualified for the office specified, should also match the information as printed on the petition. See each individual office in this guide for the correct SBE Statement of Candidacy form. **THIS STATEMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THE NOMINATION PAPERS.**
2. In the designation of the name of a candidate on a petition for nomination or certificate of nomination, the candidate's given name or names, initial or initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly known, or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to the candidate's surname. The State Board of Elections will certify each candidate's name as it appears on the first numbered page of the petition. Other filing offices may refer to other documents such as the Statement of Candidacy when determining the actual name to be certified. No other designation such as a **"POLITICAL SLOGAN"**, title, degree or professional status, or similar information may be used in connection with the candidate's surname. [10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17(b), 8-8.1, 10-5.1, 16-3(e)]

NOTE: If a candidate has changed his or her name, whether by a statutory or common law procedure in Illinois or any other jurisdiction, within 3 years before the last day for filing the petition or certificate for that office, whichever is applicable, then (i) the candidate's name on the petition or certificate must be followed by "formerly known as (list all prior names during the 3-year period) until name changed on (list date of each such name change)" and (ii) the petition or certificate must be accompanied by the candidate's affidavit stating the candidate's previous names during the period specified in (i) and the date or dates each of those names was changed; failure to meet these requirements shall be grounds for denying certification of the candidate's name for the ballot or removing the candidate's name from the ballot, as appropriate, but these requirements do not apply to name changes resulting from adoption to assume an adoptive parent's or parents' surname, marriage to assume a spouse's surname, or dissolution of marriage or declaration of invalidity of marriage to assume a former surname. [10 ILCS 5/7-10.2, 7-17 (b), 8-8.1, 10-5.1, 16-3(e)]

3. The candidate must swear to or affirm and sign the Statement of Candidacy, and the statement must be notarized.
4. A person who filed a statement of candidacy for a partisan office as a qualified primary voter of an established political party or who voted the ballot of an established political party at a general primary election may not file a statement of candidacy as a candidate of a different established political party or as an independent candidate for a partisan office to be filled at the general election immediately following the general primary for which the person filed the statement or voted the ballot. A person may file a statement of candidacy for a

partisan office as a qualified primary voter of an established political party regardless of any prior filing of candidacy for a partisan office or voting the ballot of an established political party at any prior election. [10 ILCS 5/7-43) (f)]

D. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS - RECEIPT

1. Each candidate must file a receipt indicating that he or she has filed a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. [10 ILCS 5/7-10, 7-12, 8-8, 10-5; 5 ILCS 420/1-101 et seq.] **EXCEPTION:** The receipt is not required if the Statement of Economic Interests is filed with the same officer with which the nominating papers are filed. (i.e. county officers) [10 ILCS 5/7-12 (8)]

The Statement of Economic Interests is not required for federal or party offices.

2. Candidates are advised to file their receipt at the same time they file their nominating petitions. While the receipt need not accompany the nominating petitions at the time of filing, it must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day to file the petitions. **THE DATE AND TIME AT WHICH A NOMINATING PETITION WAS FILED IS NOT CHANGED WHEN THE RECEIPT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS IS FILED AT ANOTHER TIME DURING THE FILING PERIOD.** [10 ILCS 5/7-12, 10-5]
3. State Statement of Economic Interests forms may be obtained from the State Board of Elections or the Office of the Secretary of State. County Statement of Economic Interests forms may be obtained from the county clerk.
4. The completed Statement of Economic Interests form must be filed with the Secretary of State, Index Division, 111 East Monroe, Springfield, IL 62756, for candidates that file petitions with the State Board of Elections, or with the county clerk in the county in which the principal office of the unit of local government with which the person is associated is located. [5 ILCS 420/4A-106]

E. LOYALTY OATH (Optional)

The filing of the Loyalty Oath is optional. The following court cases have held that the requirement for filing the Loyalty Oath is unconstitutional: *Communist Party of Indiana v. Witcomb*, 94 S. Ct. 656 414 U.S. 441 (1974); *Communist Party of Illinois v. Ogilvie*, 357 F. Supp. 105 (N.D. Ill. 1972) and *Socialist Workers Party v. Ogilvie*, 357 F. Supp. 109 (N.D. Ill. 1972)

F. CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE (NOTICE OF OBLIGATION)

The official with whom nomination papers are filed, must provide to each candidate at the time he files his nomination papers a notice of obligation to comply with the Illinois Campaign Financing Act. However, if a candidate files his nomination papers by mail, or an agent of the candidate files his nomination papers, the clerk or secretary with whom the petitions were filed will send the notice to the candidate by first class mail. The

notice will state that the manual of instructions and forms for statements required to be filed under Article 9 of the Election Code are available from the State Board of Elections. Forms may also be downloaded for the State Board's website: www.elections.il.gov. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(7), 9-16, 10-6.1]

G. USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO INFLUENCE VOTERS IS PROHIBITED

No public funds shall be used to urge any elector to vote for or against any candidate or proposition, or be appropriated for political or campaign purposes to any candidate or political organization. This provision shall not prohibit the use of public funds for dissemination of factual information relative to any proposition appearing on an election ballot, or for dissemination of information and arguments published and distributed pursuant to law in connection with a proposition to amend the Constitution of the State of Illinois. [10 ILCS 5/9-25.1]

H. FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT

Candidates and committees are urged to abide by the provisions for campaigning outlined in the Fair Campaign Practices Act. This is a voluntary statement made and filed prior to an election, vowing that the candidate making the statement will conduct a positive, rather than a negative campaign. If a candidate or committee chooses to make such a statement, it shall be filed with the county clerk if the candidate is a local candidate or committee. [10 ILCS 5/29B et.seq.]

OFFICE: **WARD COMMITTEEMEN AND PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN
(Party officers elected at the Primary)**

MINIMUM AGE: 18 years

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS: United States Citizen. Must be a registered voter and a resident of that ward or precinct from which that candidate wishes to seek office.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS: **WARD COMMITTEEMEN** – not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than minimum, whichever is greater)* of the primary electors of his party in the ward. Signature requirements may be obtained from the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners – (312) 269-7970. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(i)]

* **SPECIAL NOTE:** Although the express language of Sec. 7-10(i), which applies in this instance, requires not less than 10% nor more than 16% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater) of the primary electors of his party in the ward, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit held in Gjersten v. Board of Election Commissioners for City of Chicago, 791 F.2d 472 (7th Cir., 1986), that a signature requirement in excess of 5% is unconstitutional and thus unenforceable. Thus, 5% of the primary electors of the candidate’s party in the ward is the minimum number of signatures required for ward committeemen petitions.

PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN – a minimum of 10 primary electors of his party in his precinct. [10 ILCS 5/7-10(i)]

PETITIONS: ESTABLISHED PARTY: SBE No. P-10 (Ward Committeemen)
SBE No. P-27 (Precinct Committeemen)

STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY: Filed with nominating petitions. SBE No. P-1

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Not required for party office.

LOYALTY OATH: (Optional) Filed with nominating petitions. SBE No. P-1C

FILING DATES: (Elected at Primary) Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary, November 23 – November 30, 2015. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(5)]

WHERE TO FILE: **Ward Committeemen** file with the office of the Cook County Clerk. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(5)]

Precinct Committeemen file with the office of the county clerk. [10 ILCS 5/7-12(5)]

CAMPAIGN
DISCLOSURE: Reports must be filed either on paper or electronically with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704 or 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 14-100, Chicago, IL 60601.

TERM BEGINS: Date of completion of canvass and proclamation.

TERM OF OFFICE: Ward Committeemen: 4 years
Precinct Committeemen: 2 years
[10 ILCS 5/7-8 (b)]