

WARD & PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSONS

NOMINATION PAPERS

Petitions: Established Party, Ward Committeeperson ([SBE Form P-10](#)), Precinct Committeeperson ([SBE Form P-27](#))

Statement of Candidacy: Established Party ([SBE Form P-1](#))

Loyalty Oath (optional): All candidates ([SBE Form P-1C](#))

Statement of Economic Interests: Not required for party offices.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Established Party: Ward Committeeperson – not less than 5% nor more than 8% (or 50 more than the minimum, whichever is greater*) of the primary electors of the candidate’s party in the ward.

Signature requirements may be obtained from the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners (312/269-7900). (10 ILCS 5/7-10(i))

Precinct Committeeperson – a minimum of 10 primary electors of the candidate’s party in their precinct. (10 ILCS 5/7-10(i))

*Although the express language of Section 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 the candidate’s 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 committeeperson petitions.

FILING INFORMATION

Established Party: Not more than 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(5))

All candidates will file with the Office of the County Clerk. (10 ILCS 5/7-12(5))

Campaign Contributions: Reports must be filed either electronically or on paper with the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Blvd., Springfield, IL 62704, or 69 W. Washington St., Pedway LL-08, Chicago, IL 60602.

QUALIFICATIONS:

(10 ILCS 5/7-8(b), 7-10, 10-5)

- United States citizen
- Registered voter
- Resident of the ward or precinct for which the candidate wishes to seek office

FILING PERIODS:

Established Party:

November 27 – December 4, 2023

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Term of office:

Ward Committeeperson: Four years

Precinct Committeeperson: Two years
(10 ILCS 5/7-8(b))

Term begins: Date of completion of canvass and proclamation
(10 ILCS 5/7-58)