

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION CALENDAR
March 20, 2012
(Based on statutes as of August 15, 2011)

September 6, 2011	First day for established political party candidates to circulate petitions for: Countywide Offices (4-yr term): Circuit Clerk, Coroner, Recorder, State's Attorney County Board Member: All districts North Shore Sanitary District Trustee: All districts Precinct Committeemen (2-yr term): All precincts (Precinct Committeemen will be elected at the March 20, 2012 Primary Election)
November 28, 2011	First day to file nomination papers for established political party candidates.
December 5, 2011	Last day to file nomination papers for established political party candidates. Last day for established political party candidates to file a Statement of Economic Interests. The receipt must be filed with the candidate's nomination papers on or before this date. Precinct Committeemen do not file a Statement of Economic Interests.
December 19, 2011	Last day for filing petitions (must contain original sheets signed by voters and circulators) for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy with the local election official. (Exception: proposition to create a political subdivision, proposition held under the provisions of Article IX of the Liquor Control Act and Section 18-120 of the Property Tax Code).
January 3, 2012	Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a binding public question to appear on the ballot. County, Municipal, Township and Park District Boards may place advisory referenda on the ballot by resolution.
February 9, 2012	First day to request a ballot by mail.
February 21, 2012	Close of Voter Registration at the office of municipal and township clerks and with deputy registrars and agencies.
February 22, 2012	Grace Period Registration/Address Change begins at County Clerk's Office.
February 27, 2012	First day for early voting.
March 13, 2012	Last day for Grace Period Registration/Address Change at County Clerk's Office.
March 15, 2012	Last day for early voting.
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