

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)]

NOTE: Although Sec. 7-10(i) 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 (7<sup>th</sup> 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 that 113 nor less than 106 days prior to the General Primary, November 28 – December 5, 2011.

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, 1020 South Spring, 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