

OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATING PAPERS

FILING OBJECTION PETITION:	Nomination papers shall be deemed to be valid unless objections are filed in writing, an original and two copies , at least within 5 business days after the last day for the filing of nomination papers. Objection papers that do not include 2 copies thereof will not be accepted. The last day to file an objection will depend on the filing period. (See SBE Election and Campaign Finance Calendar for 2018.) The objection shall be filed with the SBE, the election authority or local election official with whom the original nomination petition was filed. Note: An objection to petitions for the office of township or precinct committeeman may be filed within 5 business days after the last day for filing nomination papers. (10 ILCS 5/7-13 and 10-8)
PROCESSING OBJECTION:	Not later than 12 noon on the second business day after receipt of an objector's petition, the State Board of Elections, the election authority or local election official shall transmit by registered mail or receipted personal delivery the certificate of nomination or nomination papers and the original objector's petition to the chairman of the proper electoral board designated in Section 10-9, or his/her authorized agent, and shall transmit a copy of the objector's petition, by registered mail or receipted personal delivery, to the candidate whose nomination papers are objected to, addressed to the place of residence designated in said certificate of nomination or nominating papers. (10 ILCS 5/10-8)
RESPONSIBILITY OF CHAIRMAN OF ELECTORAL BOARD:	Within 24 hours after receipt of the objector's petition, the chairman of the electoral board, other than the State Board of Elections, shall send a call by registered or certified mail to each of the members of the electoral board, the objector, and the candidate, and shall also cause the Sheriff of the county or counties in which such officers and persons reside to serve a copy of such call upon each of the officers and persons. In those cases where the State Board of Elections is the designated electoral board, the Chairman of the State Board of Elections shall send the call to the objector and candidate whose certificate of nomination or nomination papers are objected to stating the day, hour and place at which the State Board of Elections shall meet to hear the objection. (10 ILCS 5/10-10)
ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING:	The meeting of the electoral board shall occur no less than three nor more than five days after receipt of the objector's petition by the chairman of the electoral board. (10 ILCS 10-10)
JUDICIAL REVIEW FILED:	Within 5 days after the decision of the electoral board, the candidate or objector aggrieved by the decision of the board may file a petition for judicial review with the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Court hearings are to be held within 30 days after the filing of the petition and the decision delivered promptly thereafter. (10 ILCS 10-10.1)
NO JUDICIAL REVIEW:	If no petition for judicial review has been filed within 5 days after the decision of the electoral board, the electoral board shall transmit a copy of its ruling, together with the original certificate of nomination or nomination papers or petitions and the original objector's petitions to the officers or board with whom they were on file and such officers or board shall abide and comply with the ruling so made to all intents and purposes. (10 ILCS 10-10, 10-10.1)