

2027 Consolidated Election

While there are other offices to be elected in the 2027 Consolidated Election, **ONLY** Candidates for Hamilton County Unit #10 School Board Member file directly with the Hamilton County Clerk.

of School Board Members to be elected: 3

Petition Signature Requirements: 50

Special Note:

Although the school board members are elected at large, *no more than (3) members can serve from the same township*. There are 4 seats not up for election in 2027 that will count towards the maximum allowed:

Beaver Creek (1), Dahlgren (1), Mayberry (1), McLeansboro (1)

(105 ILCS 5/9-12) (from Ch. 122, par. 9-12) (Format 4).

Important Dates:

August 25, 2026 – First Day for a candidate to circulate a petition.

November 16, 2026– First Day to file Candidate Petitions for the 2027 Consolidated Election starting at 8:00 a.m.

November 23, 2026– Last Day to file Candidate Petitions for the 2027 Consolidated Election ending at 5:00 p.m.

February 25, 2027 through April 5, 2027 – Early Voting

April 6, 2027 – Consolidated Election

Reminders:

- It is highly recommended to review the [2027 Candidate's Guide](#) published by the Illinois State Board of Elections. It can be found at elections.il.gov under the *Running for Office* tab and *Documents* submenu.
- Petition forms may be photocopied if you need more sheets, but the ones filed with the County Clerk must have original signatures and voter information. Each registered voter may sign his/her own name and are not allowed to sign for their spouse. There is no limit to the number of signatures a candidate may submit; however, it is recommended to submit more than the minimum due to potential signature challenges. Any individual circulating a petition on your behalf (including yourself) must complete the bottom of the petition and sign in the presence of a Notary Public.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the County Clerk's office at 618-643-2721.

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Candidate Checklist:

- Meet residency, age, and other qualification requirements.
- File a notarized Statement of Candidacy including (but not limited to): your name, address, office sought, office location, date of the election. Make sure your name is exactly how you prefer it to appear on the ballot and that it matches all other forms filed.
- File notarized petition sheets with the required number of signatures. Be sure to number each page.
- File a Statement of Economic Interests with the County Clerk's office at any time during the petition or filing period. The receipt for filing will need to be turned in with all other Candidate forms.

Optional/As needed filings:

- File a Loyalty Oath.
- File a Code of Fair Campaign Practices. (Form on SBE website)
- File paperwork with the SBE Campaign Disclosure division.

Other offices to be elected during the 2027 Consolidated Election:

Village- Mayor, Clerk, Trustees

City- Alderpersons

Library- Trustees

Fire District – Trustees

Water District- Trustees

Community College District- Trustees

Regional Education District- Trustees