IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES
General Primary Election – March 17th, 2026

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15th, 2026:
    Last day a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the County Clerk's Office.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, 2026:
    First day for qualified voters to be mailed a Vote-By-Mail ballot. To qualify, a voter must have submitted a properly completed and signed application for a Vote-By-Mail ballot. Also first day for <u>in-person Early Voting</u> in the Early Voting Center located in the basement of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, IL.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 2026:
    Last day for registration or transfer of registration for voters to all deputy registrars. After this date, voters may go to the County Clerk's Office for Grace Period Registration and Early Voting at the same visit.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026:
    County Clerk's Office open for Grace Period Reg. and Early Voting from 8 AM to Noon.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7th, 2026:
    County Clerk's Office open for Grace Period Reg. and Early Voting from 8 AM to Noon.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12th, 2026:
    Last day for the Election Authority to receive by mail an application for a Vote-By-Mail ballot, and last day for the Election Authority to mail such ballot.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14th, 2026:
    County Clerk's Office open for Grace Period Reg. and Early Voting from 8 AM to Noon.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17th, 2026:
    GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION, POLLS OPEN 6AM– 7PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 19th, 2026:
    VOTER REGISTRATION REOPENS

Questions? Call us at the Montgomery County Clerk's Office at 217-532-9530, contact us at #1 Courthouse Square, Room 102, PO Box 595, Hillsboro, IL 62049 during the hours of Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM, email us at countyclerk@montgomerycountyil.gov or go to our website at www.montgomerycountyil.gov.