**Section 203.10 Independent Candidate Nominating Petition Filing Periods in Certain Municipalities**

a) In municipalities, excluding the City of Chicago, not under the commission form of government, with a population of more than 5,000, independent candidates may file their nominating petitions either:

1) At the same time that candidates for party nominations would file their primary petitions – not more than 69 nor less than 59 days prior to the date of the primary election; or

2) during the filing period for independent candidates as if no primary election were to be held – not more than 99 nor less than 64 days prior to the general municipal election.

b) In municipalities not under the commission form of government, with a population of less than 5,000, independent candidates shall file their nominating petitions not more than 99 nor less than 64 days prior to the general municipal election.