



State of New York  
**STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

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**OFFICIAL SPECIAL ELECTION POLITICAL CALENDAR**  
20<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Gillibrand)

**SPECIAL ELECTION: March 31, 2009**  
**Date of Proclamation: February 23, 2009**

PARTY NOMINATIONS

March 5	Last day to file Certificate of Nomination	§6-158(6)
March 9	Last day to accept or decline nomination	§6-158(7)
March 9	Last day to authorize nomination	§6-120(3)
March 9	Last day to file Substitution to fill vacancy created by a declination	§6-158(8)
March 13	Last day to authorize substitution	§6-120(3)

INDEPENDENT NOMINATING PETITIONS

February 23	First day to sign	§6-138(4)
March 9	Last day to file petition	§6-158(9)
March 9	Last day to accept or decline nomination	§6-158(11)
March 11	Last day to file substitution to fill vacancy created by a declination	§6-158(12)

REGISTRATION CUT-OFF DATES

March 6	Last day to mail (postmark) registration form	§5-210(3)
March 11	Last day for Board of Elections to receive mail registration form	§5-210(3)
March 20	Last day to register in person at the Board of Elections	§5-210(3)

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

March 24	Last day to postmark application by mail	§8-400(2)(c)
March 30	Last day to apply in person at board of elections for absentee ballot	§8-400(2)(c)
March 30	Last day to postmark absentee ballot	§8-412(1)
March 31	Last day to deliver absentee ballot in person to board of elections	§8-412(2)
April 7	Last day for the board of elections to receive absentee ballot by mail	§8-412(2)