VOTER REGISTRATION

FEDERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

MAIL REGISTRATION Sec. 5-210(3)

Application must be postmarked not later than June 1st and received by a board of elections not later than June 6th to be eligible to vote in the Federal Primary Election.

IN PERSON REGISTRATION
Secs. 5-210, 5-211, 5-212

You may register at your local board of elections or any state agency participating in the National Voter Registration Act, on any business day throughout the year but, to be eligible to vote in the Federal primary, your application must be received no later than June 1st.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS Sec. 5-208(3)

Notices of change of address from registered voters received by June 6th by a county board of elections must be processed and entered in the records in time for the Federal primary election.

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GENERAL ELECTION

MAIL REGISTRATION Sec. 5-210(3)

Applications must be postmarked not later than October 12th and received by a board of elections not later than October 17th to be eligible to vote in the General Election.

IN PERSON REGISTRATION
Secs. 5-210, 5-211, 5-212

You may register at your local board of elections or any state agency participating in the National Voter Registration Act, on any business day throughout the year but, to be eligible to vote in the November general election, your application must be received no later than October 12th except, if you have been honorably discharged from the military or have become a naturalized citizen since October 12th, you may register in person at the board of elections up until October 26th.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS Sec. 5-208(3)

Notices of change of address from registered voters received by October 17th by a county board of elections must be processed and entered in the records in time for the general election.

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

FEDERAL PRIMARY ELECTION Sec. 8-400

June 19 Last day to postmark application for ballot. Sec. 8-400(2)(c)

June 25 Last day to apply in person for ballot. Sec. 8-400(2)(c)

June 25 Last day to postmark ballot. Must be received by the county board no later than July 3rd. Sec. 8-412(1)

June 26 Last day to deliver ballot in person to the county board, by close of polls on election day. Sec. 8-412(1)

GENERALELECTION Sec. 8-400

Oct. 30 Last day to postmark application or letter of application for ballot. Sec. 8-400(2)(c)

Nov. 5 Last day to apply in person for ballot. Sec. 8-400 (2)(c)

Nov. 5 Last day to postmark ballot. Must be received by the board of elections no later than Nov. 13th. Sec. 8-412(1).

Nov. 6 Last day to deliver ballot in person to the county board, by close of polls on election day. Sec. 8-412(1)

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

MILITARY/SPECIAL FEDERAL VOTERS FEDERAL PRIMARY

Court Order

May 12 Date to transmit Military/Special Federal ballots. Secs. 10-108(1) & 11-204(4)

June 1 Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Military/Special Federal ballot if not previously registered. Secs. 10-106(5) & 11-202

June 19 Last day for a board of elections to receive Military/Special Federal application if previously registered. Secs. 10-106(5) & 11-204(4)

June 25 Last day to apply personally for Military ballot if previously registered. Sec. 10-106(5)

June 25; July 3 Last day to postmark Military/Special Federal ballot and date it must be received by the board of elections. Secs. 10-114(1) & 11-212

MILITARY/SPECIAL FEDERAL VOTERS GENERAL ELECTION

Court Order

Sept. 22 Date to transmit Military/Special Federal ballots.

Oct. 27 Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Military ballot if not previously registered. Sec. 10-106(5)

Oct. 30 Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Special Federal ballot for general election if previously registered. Sec. 11-202(1b) & (1C)

Nov. 5 Last day to apply personally for Military ballot for general election if previously registered. Sec. 10-106(5)

Nov. 5; Nov. 19 Last day to postmark Military/Special Federal ballot and date it must be received by the board of elections Secs. 10-114(1) & 11-212

* (Date not yet ordered by the Court)

FEDERAL POLITICAL CALENDAR

For President, U.S. Senate and Congress

2012

Federal Primary Election – June 26

General Election – November 6

This political calendar contains ready reference to the significant dates pertaining to elections to be held in this state. For complete information be sure to consult the applicable Election Law and Regulations and any relevant court orders.

All dates are based on court ordered and statutory provisions in effect on the date of publication and may be subject to change. Final confirmation should be obtained from your county board of elections.

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ELECTION DATES

CERTIFICATION Court Order

May 3 Certification of Federal primary ballot by State Board of Election of designations filed in its office.

May 4 Determination of candidates for Federal office by county boards. Court Order

FEDERAL PRIMARY ELECTION Court Order
JUNE 26th

HOURS: In New York City and the counties of Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Putnam and Erie, POLLS OPEN AT 6 AM and CLOSE AT 9 PM, In all other counties POLLS OPEN AT 12 NOON and CLOSE AT 9 PM.

CANVASS OF RETURNS

July 5 Canvass of Primary Returns by County Boards of Elections. Sec. 9-200(1)

July 11 Recanvass of Primary Returns. Sec. 9-208(1)

July 3 Verifiable Audit of Voting Systems. Sec. 9-211(1)

CERTIFICATION

March 6 Certification of offices to be filled at General Election. Sec. 4-106(1)(2)

Sept. 13 Certification of general election ballot by State Board of Elections of Federal nominations filed in its office. Court Order

Sept. 14 Determination of Federal candidates and questions; County Boards of Election. Court Order

Sept. 19 Vacancies to be filled at General Election. Sec. 6-158(14)

Oct. 1 Certification of General Election ballot by SBOE of state/local nominations filed in its office. Court Order

Oct. 2 Determination of state/local candidates and questions by County Boards of Elections. Court Order

GENERAL ELECTION Sec. 8-100(1)(c)
NOVEMBER 6

HOURS: POLLS OPEN AT 6 AM and CLOSE AT 9 PM
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BECOMING A CANDIDATE
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DESIGNATING PETITIONS Court Order

March 20 First day for signing designating petitions. Sec. 6-134(4)

April 10 – April 16 Dates for filing designating petitions. Sec. 6-158(1)

April 20 Last day to authorize designations. Sec. 6-120(3)

April 20 Last day to accept or decline a designation Sec. 6-158(2)

April 24 Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination. Sec. 6-158(3)

April 30 Last day to file authorization of substitution after a declination. Sec. 6-120(3)

OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS Court Order

March 28 First day for signing. Sec. 6-164

April 19 Last day to file petitions. Sec. 6-158(4)

April 26 Last day to file an OTB petition if there has been a declination by a designated candidate. Sec. 6-158(4)

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT FOR DESIGNATING AND OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS
Court Order

3.75% of the enrolled voters of the political party in the political unit (excluding voters in inactive status) or the following, whichever is less:

For any office to be filled by all the voter of:

the entire state 11,250
(with at least 75 or 3.75% of enrolled voters from each of one-half of the congressional districts)

any congressional district 938

PARTY NOMINATIONS OTHER THAN PRIMARY
Court Order

Feb. 28 – Mar. 20 Dates for holding state committee meeting to nominate candidates for Federal statewide office. Sec 6-104(6)

July 3 Last day to file certificates of nomination to fill vacancies in Federal office created pursuant to Secs. 6-116 & 6-158(6)

July 6 Last day to accept or decline a nomination Sec. 6-158(7)

July 9 Last day to file authorization of nomination Secs. 6-120 & 1-106

July 10 Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination. Sec. 6-158(8)

Sept. 10 Last day for filing nominations of electors for president by a party committee. Sec. 6-158(6)

FILING REQUIREMENTS:
Court Order

For the 2012 Federal Primary Election, all certificates and petitions of designation, certificates of acceptance or declination of such designations, certificates of authorization for such designations, certificates of disqualification, certificates of substitution for such designations and objections and specifications of objections to such certificates and petitions required to be filed with the State Board of Elections or a board of elections outside of the city of New York shall be deemed timely filed and accepted for filing if sent by mail or overnight delivery service (as defined in CPLR §2103(b)(6)) in an envelope postmarked or showing receipt by the overnight delivery service prior to midnight of the last day of filing, and received no later than one business day after the last day to file such certificates, petitions, objections or specifications.

INDEPENDENT NOMINATIONS

INDEPENDENT PETITIONS Secs. 6-138 &6-140

July 10 First day for signing nominating petitions. Sec. 6-138(4)

Aug. 14 thru 21 Dates for filing independent nominating petitions. Sec. 6-158(9)

Aug. 24 Last day to accept or decline nomination. Sec. 6-158 (11)

Aug. 27 Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination. Sec. 6-158(12)

Sept. 14 Last day to decline after acceptance if nominee loses party primary. Sec. 6-158(11)

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR INDEPENDENT NOMINATING PETITIONS
Sec. 6-142

5% of the total number of votes, excluding blank and void, cast for the office of governor at the last gubernatorial election in the political unit, except that not more than 3,500 signatures shall be required on a petition for any office to be filled in any political subdivision outside the City of New York, and not more than the following for any office to be voted for by all the voters of:

the entire state 15,000
(with at least 100 from each of one-half of the congressional districts)

any congressional district 3,500