The following is a DRAFT Political Calendar for 2016 which includes the Congressional Primary (June 28th), the State & Local Primary (September 13th) and the General Election (November 8th). Portions of this Calendar are SUBJECT TO APPROVAL of the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York, and the Calendar is posted here for informational purposes only pending submission to the Court. Note also, portions of the Calendar could change as a result of future legislative enactment or court orders.

Summary of Changes:

The Federal MOVE Act requires military and special federal ballots to be sent out 45 days prior to an election for federal office. Here's a summary of the key calendar changes that ensure compliance.

Designating Petitions for Federal Office/Federal Primary Election:

- First date to circulate designating petitions for federal office is March 8, 2016.
- Dates to file designating petitions are April 11, 2016 to April 14, 2016.
  - Nominating petitions by independent bodies for federal office as those petition dates **are** altered by this plan.
    - First date to circulate independent nominating petitions for federal office is June 21, 2016.
    - Dates to file independent nominating petitions for federal office are July 26, 2016 to August 2, 2016.
  - Nominating petitions by independent bodies for state/local office are NOT altered by this plan.

Opportunity to Ballot Petitions for Federal Office/Federal Primary Election:

- First date to circulate OTB petitions for federal office is changed to March 29, 2016.
- Last date to file OTB petitions is changed to April 21, 2016.

To provide for the reduction in time to process designations and allow an administrative process for objections, and judicial review, NYS Election Law Section 1-106 should be superseded to require as part of this plan the following:

> For the 2016 Federal Primary and General Elections, that all certificates and petitions of designation or nomination, certificates of acceptance or declination of such designations and nominations, certificates of authorization for such designations, certificates of disqualification, certificates of substitution for such designations or nominations 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.

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2016

POLITICAL CALENDAR

10/1/2015

NEW YORK STATE | Board of Elections

Federal Primary Election
June 28

State/Local Primary Election
September 13

General Election
November 8

This political calendar is a ready reference to the significant dates pertaining to elections to be held in this state. For complete information be sure to consult the State's 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 or the State Board.

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PRIMARY ELECTION 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.

GENERAL ELECTION HOURS:

All Polls OPEN at 6 AM and CLOSE at 9 PM

FILING REQUIREMENTS – FEDERAL COURT ORDER

For the **2014 Federal Primary Election and General Elections,** all certificates and petitions of designation or nomination, certificates of acceptance or declination of such designations and nominations, certificates of authorization for such designations, certificates of disqualification, certificates of substitution for such designations or nominations 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.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT FOR FEDERAL DESIGNATING AND OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS

5% 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 15,000
(with at least 100 or 5% of enrolled voters from each of one-half of the congressional districts)

any congressional district 1,250

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL INDEPENDENT NOMINATING PETITIONS

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

FEDERAL ELECTION -ELECTION DATES

February 23	PARTY CALLS: Last day for State & County party chairs to file a statement of party positions to be filled at the Federal Primary Election. §2-120(1)

March 8	Certification of offices to be filled at General Election. §4-106(1)(2)

June 28th	Federal Primary Election. Per Court Order

CERTIFICATION OF FEDERAL PRIMARY

May 5	Certification of Federal primary ballot by State Board of Elections of designations filed in its office. §4-110
May 6	Determination of candidates for Federal office by county boards. §4-114

CANVASS OF FEDERAL PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

July 7	Canvass of Federal Primary returns by counties. §9-200(1)
July 13	Recanvass of Federal Primary returns. §9-208(1)
July 5	Verifiable Audit of Voting Systems §9-211(1)

Sept. 19	Deadline for vacancies to be filled at General Election. §6-158(14))

November 8th	General Election §8-100(1)(c)

CERTIFICATION OF FEDERAL GENERAL BALLOT

Sept. 15	Certification of general election ballot by State Board of Federal designations filed in its office. §4-112(1)
Sept. 16	Determination of Federal candidates and questions by county boards. §4-114
Oct. 18	Last day to file Write-ins for President. §6-153

*** BECOMING A CANDIDATE***

DESIGNATING PETITIONS FOR FEDERAL PRIMARY

March 8	First day for signing Federal designating petitions. §6-134(4)
April 11 - April 14	Dates for filing Federal designating petitions. §6-158(1)
April 18	Last day to authorize Federal designations §6-120(3) & §6-158(6)
April 18	Last day to accept or decline Federal designations. §6-158(2)
April 22	Last day to fill a vacancy after a Federal declination. §6-158(3)
April 26	Last day to file authorization of substitution after declination of a Federal designation. §6-120(3)

OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS FOR FEDERAL PRIMARY

March 29	Frist day for signing Federal OTB petitions. §6-164
April 21	Last day to file Federal OTB petitions. §6-158(4)
April 28	Last day to file OTB petition if there has been a declination by a designated candidate. §6-158(4)

PARTY NOMINATION OTHER THAN PRIMARY

Feb. 16-March 8	Dates for holding state committee meeting to nominate candidates for Federal statewide office. §6-104(6)
July 19	Last day to file certificates of nomination to fill vacancies in Federal office created pursuant to §§ 6-116 & 6-158(6)
July 22	Last day to accept or decline a nomination for Federal office made based on § 6-116
July 25	Last day to file authorization of nomination for Federal office made based on § 6-116
July 26	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination for Federal office made based on § 6-116
July 27	Last day to fill vacancy after declination 6-158(8)
Sept. 9	Last day for filing nominations of electors for president by a party committee. Per Chapter __ of the Laws of 2015

INDEPENDENT PETITIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICE

June 21	First day for signing Federal independent nominating petitions. §6-138(4)
July 26-August 2	Dates for filing Federal independent nominating petitions. §6-158(9)
August 5	Last day to accept or decline Federal independent nomination. §6-158(11)
August 8	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination to any independent petition for Federal office. §6-158(12)
July 1	Last day to decline after acceptance if nominee loses party primary. §6-158(11)

FEDERAL ELECTION - VOTER REGISTRATION

VOTER REGISTRATION FOR FEDERAL PRIMARY

June 3	Mail Registration for Federal Primary: Last day to postmark application and last day it must be received by board of elections is June 8. §5-210(3)
June 3	In person registration for Federal Primary: Last day application must be received by board of election to be eligible to vote in primary election. §§5-210, 5-211 & 5-212
June 8	Changes of address for Federal Primary received by this date must be processed. §5-208(3)

VOTER REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL

Oct. 14	Mail Registration: Last day to postmark application for general election and last day it must be received by board of elections is Oct 19. §5-210(3)
Oct. 14	In person registration: Last day application must be received by board of election to be eligible to vote in general election. If you have been honorably discharged from the military or have become a naturalized citizen since October 14th, you may register in person at the board of elections up until October 29th. §§5-210, 5-211, 5-212
Oct. 19	Changes of address received by this date must be processed. §5-208(3)
Oct. 14	Change of party enrollment. Last day to accept a change of enrollment. §5-208(3)

****VOTING BY ABSENTEE***

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR FEDERAL PRIMARY

June 21	Last day to postmark application for Federal primary ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
June 27	Last day to apply in person for Federal primary ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
June 27	Last day to postmark Federal primary ballot. Must be received by the county board no later than July 5th. §8-412(1)
June 28	Last day to deliver Federal primary ballot in person to county board, by close of polls on election day. §8-412(1)

MILITARY/SPECIAL FEDERAL VOTERS FOR FEDERAL PRIMARY

May 14	Date to transmit Military/Special Federal ballots for Federal primary. §10-108(1) & §11-204(4)
June 3	Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Military/Special Federal ballot if not previously registered. §10-106(5) & §11-202
June 21	Last day for a board of elections to receive Military/Special Federal application if previously registered. §10-106(5) & §11-204(4)
June 27	Last day to apply personally for Military ballot if previously registered. §10-106(5)
June 27	Last day to postmark Military/Special Federal ballot and date it must be received by the board of elections is July 5. §10-114(1) & §11-212

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR FEDERAL GENERAL

Nov. 1	Last day to postmark application or letter of application for general election ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
Nov. 7	Last day to apply in person for general election ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
Nov. 7	Last day to postmark ballot. Must be received by the county board no later than Nov. 15th. §8-412(1)
Nov. 8	Last day to deliver ballot in person to county board, by close of polls on election day. §8-412(1)

MILITARY/SPECIAL FEDERAL VOTERS FOR FEDERAL GENERAL

Sept. 24	Date to transmit Military/Special Federal general election ballots. §10-108(1) & §11-204(4)
Oct. 14	Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Special Federal absentee ballot if not previously registered. §11-202(1)
Oct. 28	Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Military absentee ballot if not previously registered. §10-106(5)
Nov. 1	Last day for a board of elections to receive Military absentee application, if by mail and previously registered. §10-106(5)
Nov. 1	Last day for a board of elections to receive Special Federal absentee application, if previously registered. §11-204(4)
Nov. 7	Last day to apply personally for Military ballot if previously registered. §10-106(5)
Nov. 7	Last day to postmark Military/Special Federal ballot and date it must be received by the board of elections is Nov. 21st. §§10-114(1) & 11-212

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STATE/LOCAL ELECTION
ELECTION DATES

Sept. 13	State/Local Primary Election §8-100(1)(a)

May 24	PARTY CALLS: Last day for State & County party chairs to file a statement of party positions to be filled at the State Primary Election. §2-120(1)

CERTIFICATION OF STATE/LOCAL PRIMARY

Aug. 8	Certification of September state/local primary ballot by SBOE of designations filed in its office. §4-110
Aug. 9	Determination of candidates and questions; County Boards. §4-114

CANVASS OF STATE/LOCAL PRIMARY RESULTS

Sept. 22	Canvass of State/local Primary Returns by County Board of Elections §9-200(1)
Sept. 28	Recanvass of State/local Primary returns. §9-208(1)
Sept. 20	Verifiable Audit of Voting Systems. §9-211(1)

Nov. 8	General Election §8-100(1)(c)

CERTIFICATION OF STATE/LOCAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

Oct. 3	Certification of general election ballot by SBOE of nominations filed in its office. §4-112(1)
Oct. 4	Determination of state/local candidates and questions by county boards. §4-114

CANVASS OF STATE/LOCAL GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

Dec. 2	Canvass of General Election results by County Board of Elections §9-214(1)
Nov. 23	Recanvass of General results. §9-208(1)
Nov. 23	Verifiable Audit of Voting Systems. §9-211(1)
Dec. 12	State Board of Canvassers meet to certify General Election

** BECOMING A CANDIDATE***
DESIGNATING PETITIONS FOR STATE/LOCAL PRIMARY

June 7	First day for signing designating petitions for state/local offices. §6-134(4)
July 11-July 14	Dates for filing designating petitions for state/local offices. §6-158(1)
July 18	Last day to authorize designations for state/local offices. §6-120(3)
July 18	Last day to accept or decline designations for state/local offices. §6-158(2)
July 22	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination for state/local office.§6-158(3)
July 26	Last day to file authorization of substitution after declination of a state/local designation. §6-120(3)

OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS FOR STATE/LOCAL PRIMARY

June 28	First day for signing OTB petitions for state/local offices. §6-164
July 21	Last day to file OTB petitions for state/local offices §6-158(4)
July 28	Last day to file OTB petition if there has been a declination by a designated candidate for state/local offices. §6-158(4)

PARTY NOMINATION OTHER THAN PRIMARY

June 7	First day to hold a town caucus. §6-108 ##
Sept. 20	Last day for filing nominations made at a town or village caucus or by a party committee. §6-158(6)
Sept. 20	Last day to file certificates of nomination to fill vacancies created pursuant to §§ 6-116 & 6158(6)
Sept. 23	Last day to accept or decline a nomination For State/local office made based on § 6-116
Sept. 26	Last day to file authorization of nomination made based on § 6-116
Sept. 27	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination made based on § 6-116

INDEPENDENT PETITIONS FOR STATE/LOCAL OFFICES

July 12	First day for signing nominating petitions for state/local offices. §6-138(4)
Aug 16 - Aug. 23	Dates for filing independent nominating petitions for state/local office. §6-158(9)
Aug. 26	Last day to accept or decline nomination for state/local office. §6-158(11)
Aug. 29	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination in state/local office. §6-158(12)
Sept. 16	Last day to decline after acceptance if nominee loses party primary. §6-158(11)

STATE/LOCAL ELECTION
JUDICIAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Sept. 20 thru 26	Dates for holding Judicial conventions. §6-158(5)
Sept. 27	Last day to file certificates of nominations. §6-158(6)
Sept. 30	Last day to decline. §6-158(7)
Oct. 4	Last day to fill vacancy after a declination. §6-158(8)

Minutes of a convention must be filed within 72 hours of adjournment. §6-158(6)

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR DESIGNATING AND OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS FOR STATE/LOCAL OFFICES

5% 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 voters of:
the entire state 15,000
(with at least 100 or 5% of enrolled voters from each of one-half of the congressional districts)

New York City 7,500
any county or borough of New York City 4,000
a municipal court district within NY City 1,500
any city council district within New York City. . . 900
cities or counties having more than 250,000 inhabitants 2,000
cities or counties having more than 25,000 but not more than 250,000 1,000
any city, county, councilmanic or county legislative districts in any city other than NY City 500
any congressional district 1,250
any state senatorial district 1,000
any assembly district 500

any political subdivision contained within another political subdivision, except as herein provided, requirement is not to exceed the number required for the larger subdivision; a political subdivision containing more than one assembly district, county or other political subdivision, requirement is not to exceed the aggregate of the signatures required for the subdivision or parts of subdivision so contained.

***NOTE:** *Section 1057-b of the New York City Charter Supersedes New York Election Law signature requirements for Designating and OTB petitions and Independent nominating petitions with respect to certain NY City offices.*

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR INDEPENDENT NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR STATE/LOCAL OFFICES

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 or 5% of enrolled voters from each of one-half of the congressional districts)

any county or portion thereof outside the city of NY. 1,500

the City of New York. 7,500
any county or borough or any two counties or boroughs within the city of NY City 4,000
a municipal court district 3,000
any city council district within NY City. 2,700
any congressional district 3,500
any state senatorial district 3,000
any assembly district 1,500

any political subdivision contained within another political subdivision, except as herein provided, requirement is not to exceed the number required for the larger subdivision.

VOTER REGISTRATION

VOTER REGISTRATION FOR STATE/LOCAL PRIMARY

Aug. 19	Mail Registration for state/local Primary: Last day to postmark application and last day it must be received by board of elections is Aug. 24. §5-210(3)
Aug. 19	In person registration for state/local Primary: Last day application must be received by board of election to be eligible to vote in primary election.§§5-210, 5-211, 5-212
Aug. 24	Changes of address for state/local Primary received by this date must be processed. §5-208(3)

STATE/LOCAL ELECTION
VOTER REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL

Oct. 14	Mail Registration: Last day to postmark application for general election and last day it must be received by board of elections by Oct. 19. §5-210(3)
Oct. 14	In person registration: Last day application must be received by board of election to be eligible to vote in general election. If honorably discharged from the military or have become a naturalized citizen since October 14th, you may register in person at the board of elections up until October 29th §§5-210, 5-211, 5-212
Oct. 19	Changes of address received by this date must be processed. §5-208(3)
Oct. 14	Change of Party Enrollment: Last day to receive. §5-304(3)
Oct. 1	First day for local registration. §5-202(1)
Oct. 8	Uniform day for local registration throughout the state. §5-202(3)

VOTING BY ABSENTEE
ABSENTEE VOTING FOR STATE/LOCAL PRIMARY

Sept. 6	Last day to postmark application for state/local primary ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
Sept. 12	Last day to apply in person for state/local primary ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
Sept. 12	Last day to postmark state/local ballot. Must be received by the county board no later than Sept. 20th. §8-412(1)
Sept. 13	Last day to deliver state/local primary ballot in person to county board, by close of polls. §8-412(1)

MILITARY/SPECIAL FEDERAL VOTER FOR STATE/LOCAL PRIMARY

Aug. 12	First day to mail ballot to Military/Special Federal Voter. §10-108(1)
Aug. 19	Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Military ballot for state/local primary if not previously registered. §10-106(5)
Sept. 6	Last day for a board of elections to receive Military application for state/local primary if previously registered. §10-106(5)
Sept. 12	Last day to apply personally for Military ballot for state/local primary if previously registered. §10-106(5)
Sept. 12	Last day to postmark Military ballot for state/local primary and date it must be received by the board of elections is September 20th. §10-114(1)

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Nov. 1	Last day to postmark application or letter of application for general election ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
Nov. 7	Last day to apply in person for ballot for general election ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
Nov. 7	Last day to postmark general election ballot. Must be received by the county board no later than Nov. 15th. §8-412(1)
Nov. 8	Last day to deliver general election ballot in person to county board, by close of polls on election day. §8-412(1)

MILITARY/SPECIAL FEDERAL VOTERS FOR GENERAL

Oct. 7	Date to transmit Military/Special Federal ballots, per federal court order.
Oct. 29	Last day for a board of elections to receive application for a Military absentee ballot if not previously registered. §10-106(5)
Nov. 1	Last day for a board of elections to receive Military/Special Federal absentee application, if by mail and previously registered. §10-106(5)
Nov. 7	Last day to apply personally for a Military General Election ballot if previously registered. §10-106(5)
Nov. 7	Last day to postmark Military/Special Federal ballot and it must be received by the board of elections is Nov. 21st. §10-114(1) §11-212

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE
DATES FOR FILING:

PRIMARY ELECTION	
32 Day Pre-Primary	August 12
11 Day Pre-Primary	September 2
10 Day Post Primary	September 23
August 26th thru Sept. 8th ★	

GENERAL ELECTION	
32 Day Pre-General	October 7
11 Day Pre-General	October 28
27 Day Post-General	December 5
Oct. 21st thru Nov. 3rd ★	

★ During this time period any contribution or loan which exceeds $1.000 must be reported within 24 hours of receipt. This same contribution or loan must also be reported in the Post-Election report.

Periodic Reports
January 15th
July 15th

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