Federal Primary Election – June 26

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ELECTION DATES
CERTIFICATION

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

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 6 AM 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

NOVEMBER 6

HOURS: POLLS OPEN AT 6 AM and CLOSE AT 9 PM

BECOMING A CANDIDATE

DESIGNATING PETITIONS

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 for authorization of substitution after a declination. Sec. 6-120(3)

OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS

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 PETITIONS (Excluding 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

Filing Requirement:

Court Order

Feb. 28 - March 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:

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR INDEPENDENT NOMINATING PETITIONS

Sec. 6-142

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.

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 1,500 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

INDEPENDENT NOMINATIONS

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)