

**VOTER REGISTRATION**

**PRIMARY ELECTION** State/Local

MAIL REGISTRATION Sec. 5-210(3)

Application must be postmarked not later than August 17<sup>th</sup> and received by a board of elections not later than August 24<sup>th</sup> to be eligible to vote in the State/Local 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 State/Local September primary, your application must be received no later than August 17<sup>th</sup>.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS Sec. 5-208(3)

Notices of change of address from registered voters received by August 24<sup>th</sup> by a county board of elections must be processed and entered in the records in time for the primary election.

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**GENERAL ELECTION**

MAIL REGISTRATION Sec. 5-210(3)

Applications must be postmarked not later than October 12<sup>th</sup> and received by a board of elections not later than October 17<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> except, if you have been honorably discharged from the military or have become a naturalized citizen since October 12<sup>th</sup>, you may register in person at the board of elections up until October 26<sup>th</sup>.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS Sec. 5-208(3)

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

**LOCAL REGISTRATION**

Sec. 5-202(3)

Oct. 13 Uniform day for local registration throughout the state.

**VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT**

**FOR PRIMARY** State/Local Sec. 8-400

Sept. 6 Last day to postmark application for ballot. Sec. 8-400(2)(c)

Sept. 12 Last day to apply in person for ballot. Sec. 8-400(2)(c)

Sept. 12 Last day to postmark ballot. Must be received by the county board no later than Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. Sec. 8-412(1)

Sept. 13 Last day to deliver ballot in person to the county board. Sec. 8-412(1)

**FOR GENERAL** 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. 13<sup>th</sup>. Sec. 8-412(1).

Nov. 6 Last day to deliver ballot in person to the board of elections. Sec. 8-412(1)

**MILITARY VOTERS FOR SEPTEMBER PRIMARY**  
**STATE/LOCAL**

Aug. 17 Last day for a board of elections to receive application for ballot if not previously registered. Secs. 10-106(5)

Sept. 6 Last day for a board of elections to receive application if previously registered. Secs. 10-106(5)

Sept. 12 Last day to apply personally if previously registered. Sec. 10-106(5)

Sept. 12; Sept. 20 Last day to postmark Military ballot and date it must be received by the board of elections. Secs. 10-114(1)

**MILITARY/SPECIAL FEDERAL VOTERS-GENERAL**

Court Order

Sept. 22 Date to transmit Military/Special Federal Ballots. (Court Order)

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

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

Nov. 5\* Last day to apply personally for general election ballot 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

\*Application to court to change date on Court Order

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE \*\***

DATES FOR FILING:

**PRIMARY ELECTION**

32 Day Pre-Primary Aug. 13  
11 Day Pre-Primary Sept. 4  
10 Day Post Primary Sept. 24

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> thru Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> \*

**GENERAL ELECTION**

32 Day Pre-General Oct. 5  
11 Day Pre-General Oct. 26  
27 Day Post General Dec. 3

Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> thru Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> \*

\*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 15**  
**July 16**

\*\*NOTE: For complete information on the manner, time and place for filing campaign financial disclosure reports, contact the State Board of Elections at 1-800-458-3453, your county board of elections, or see Article 14 of the NYS Election Law and Part 6200 of the Rules and Regulations.

**POLITICAL CALENDAR**

**2012**



**Primary Election – September 13**  
**State/Local**

**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 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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**June 4, 2012**

**ELECTION DATES**

**CERTIFICATION** Sec. 4-110  
Aug. 8 Certification of September State/Local Primary ballot by SBOE of designations filed in its office.  
Aug. 9 Determination of candidates and questions; County Board of Elections Sec. 4-114

**PRIMARY ELECTION** Sec. 8-100(1)(a)  
SEPTEMBER 13 State/Local Primary

**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.

**CERTIFICATION** Sec. 4-112(1)  
Oct. 1 Certification of general election ballot by SBOE of nominations filed in its office.

Oct. 2 Determination of candidates and questions; County Board of Elections Sec. 4-114

**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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**PARTY DESIGNATIONS**

**PARTY CALLS** Sec. 2-120  
May 22 Last day for State & County party chairs to file a statement of party positions to be filled at the Primary Election.

**DESIGNATING PETITIONS** Secs. 6-132 & 6-134

June 5 First day for signing designating petitions. Sec. 6-134(4)

July 9 – July 12 Dates for filing designating petitions. Sec. 6-158(1)

July 16 Last day to authorize designations. Sec. 6-120(3)

July 16 Last day to accept or decline a designation Sec. 6-158(2)

July 20 Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination. Sec. 6-158(3)

July 24 Last day to file authorization of substitution. Sec. 6-120(3)

**OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS** Sec. 6-166

June 26 First day for signing. Sec. 6-164

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

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

**WRITE-INS FOR PRESIDENT** Sec. 6-153

Oct. 16 Last day to file a certificate of candidacy with the State Board of Elections.

**SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT FOR DESIGNATING AND OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS**

Sec. 6-136

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)

New York City .....7,500

any county or borough of New York City .....4,000

a municipal court district within New York 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 New York 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.

**PARTY NOMINATIONS OTHER THAN PRIMARY**

June 5 First day for holding a town caucus. Sec. 6-108

Sept. 20 Last day for filing nominations made at a town or village caucus or by a party committee. Sec. 6-158(6)

Sept. 20 Last day to file certificates of nomination to fill vacancies created pursuant to Secs. 6-116 & 6-158(6)

Sept. 24 Last day to accept or decline a nomination Sec. 6-158(7)

Sept. 24 Last day to file authorization of nomination Secs. 6-120 & 1-106

Sept. 28 Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination. Sec. 6-158(8)

**JUDICIAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS**

Sec. 6-124 & 6-126

Sept. 18 thru 24 Dates for holding Judicial conventions. Sec. 6-158(5)

Sept. 25 Last day to file certificates of nomination. Sec. 6-158(6)

Sept. 28 Last day to decline nomination. Sec. 6-158(7)

Oct. 2 Last day to fill vacancy after a declination. Sec. 6-158(8)

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

**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. 17 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 county or portion thereof outside the city of New York .....1,500

the City of New York .....7,500

any county or borough or any two counties or boroughs within the City of New York .....4,000

a municipal court district ..... 3,000

any city council district within New York City ....2,700

any congressional district .....3,500

any state senatorial district .....3,000

any assembly district .....1,500

the office of trustee of the Long Island Power Authority .....500

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