

The federal calendar was approved by order of the Hon. Gary L. Sharpe, United States District Court Judge for the Northern District of New York, on October 29, 2015. The federal calendar is subject to change if the state legislature approves a different primary date and deadlines that are found acceptable to the court.

#### 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and allow an administrative process for objections, and judicial review, NYS Election Law Section 1-106 should be superseded to require as part of this plan the following: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.

**2016**  
**POLITICAL CALENDAR**

**10/1/2015**



**Federal Primary Election  
June 28**

**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 **2016 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 28 <sup>th</sup>	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))
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November 8 <sup>th</sup>	General Election §8-100(1)(c)
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**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	First 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	<b>Mail Registration</b> 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	<b>In person registration</b> 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	<b>Changes of address</b> for Federal Primary received by this date must be processed. §5-208(3)

**VOTER REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL**

Oct. 14	<b>Mail Registration:</b> 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	<b>In person registration:</b> 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 14 <sup>th</sup> , you may register in person at the board of elections up until October 29 <sup>th</sup> . §§5-210, 5-211, 5-212
Oct. 19	<b>Changes of address</b> received by this date must be processed. §5-208(3)
Oct. 14	<b>Change of party enrollment:</b> 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 5 <sup>th</sup> . §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. 15 <sup>th</sup> . §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. 21 <sup>st</sup> . §§10-114(1) & 11-212