

2020 POLITICAL CALENDAR



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VOTER REGISTRATION

VOTER REGISTRATION FOR PRIMARY

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| May 29 | Mail Registration for Primary: Last day to postmark application for primary; last day it must be received by board of elections is June 5. §5-210(3) |
| May 29 | In person registration for Primary: Last day application must be received by board of elections to be eligible to vote in primary election. §§5-210, 5-211, 5-212 |
| June 3 | Changes of address for Primary received by this date must be processed. §5-208(3) |

VOTER REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL

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| Oct. 9 | Mail Registration for General: Last day to postmark application for general election; last day it must be received by board of elections by Oct. 16. §5-210(3) |
| Oct. 9 | In person registration for General: Last day application must be received by board of elections to be eligible to vote in general election. If honorably discharged from the military or have become a naturalized citizen since October 12 th , you may register in person at the board of elections up until October 26 th . §§5-210, 5-211, 5-212 |
| Oct. 9 | Change of Party Enrollment: Last day to accept a change of enrollment. Election Law Title III, §5-304(3) |
| Oct. 14 | Changes of address for General received by this date must be processed. §5-208(3) |

VOTING BY ABSENTEE

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR PRIMARY

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| June 16 | Last day to postmark application for primary ballot. §8-400(2)(c) |
| June 22 | Last day to apply in person for primary ballot. §8-400(2)(c) |
| June 22 | Last day to postmark ballot. Must be received by the county board no later than June 30 th . §8-412(1) |
| June 23 | Last day to deliver primary ballot in person to county board, by close of polls. §8-412(1) |

MILITARY/SPECIAL FEDERAL VOTERS FOR PRIMARY

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| May 8 | Deadline to transmit ballots to eligible Military/Special Federal Voters. §10-108(1) & §11-204(4) |
| May 29 | Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Military/Special Federal absentee ballot for primary if not previously registered. §10-106(5) & §11-202(1)(a) |
| June 16 | Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Military/Special Federal absentee ballot for primary if already registered. §10-106(5) & §11-202(1)(b) |
| June 22 | Last day to apply personally for Military ballot for primary if previously registered. §10-106(5) |
| June 22 | Last day to postmark Military/Special Federal ballot for primary. Date by which it must be received by the board of elections is June 30 th . §10-114(1) & §11-212 |

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR GENERAL ELECTION

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| Oct. 27 | Last day to postmark application or letter of application for general election ballot. §8-400(2)(c) |
| Nov. 2 | Last day to apply in person for general election ballot. §8-400(2)(c) |
| Nov. 2 | Last day to postmark general election ballot. Must be received by the county board no later than Nov. 10 th . §8-412(1) |
| Nov. 3 | 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

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| Sept 18 | Deadline to transmit ballots to eligible Military/Special Federal voters. §10-108(1) & §11-204(4) |
| Oct. 24 | Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Military/Special Federal absentee ballot for general if not previously registered. §10-106(5) & §11-202(1)(a) |
| Oct. 27 | Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Military/Special Federal absentee ballot for general if already registered. §10-106(5) & §11-202(1)(b) |
| Nov. 2 | Last day to apply personally for a Military absentee ballot for general if previously registered. §10-106(5) |
| Nov. 2 | Last day to postmark Military/Special Federal ballot for general. Date by which it must be received by the board of elections is Nov. 16 th . §10-114(1) & §11-212 |

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

PRIMARY ELECTION §14-108(1)

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| 32 Day Pre-Primary | May 22 |
| 11 Day Pre-Primary | June 12 |
| 10 Day Post Primary | July 3 |
| 24 Hour Notice §14-108(2) | June 9 through June 22 |

GENERAL ELECTION §14-108(1)

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| 32 Day Pre-General | October 2 |
| 11 Day Pre-General | October 23 |
| 27 Day Post-General | November 30 |
| 24 Hour Notice §14-108(2) | October 20 through November 2 |

Periodic Reports §14-108(1)

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| January 15 th |
| July 15 th |

Additional Independent Expenditure Reporting

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| 24 Hour Notice §14-107(3) (b) & (c) | Primary: May 24 through June 22 General: October 4 through November 2 |
| Weekly Notice | Refer to §14-107(3)(b) |

**Primary Election
June 23, 2020**

**General Election
November 3, 2020**

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

FILING REQUIREMENTS: For 2020 Elections, all certificates and petitions of designation or nomination, certificates of acceptance or declination of such designations or nominations, certificates of authorization for such designations or nominations, 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, 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 two business days after the last day to file such certificates, petitions, objections or specifications shall be a fatal defect per NYS Election Law 1-106.

Within NYC: all such certificates, petitions and specifications of objections required to be filed with the board of elections of the city of New York must be actually received on or before the last day to file. The New York City Board of Elections is open for the receipt of such petitions, certificates and objections until midnight on the last day to file.

***** ELECTION DATES*****

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| June 23 | Primary Election §8-100(1)(a) |
| June 13 – June 21 | Days of Early Voting for the Primary Election. §8-600(1) |

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| Feb 1 | Certification of contests to appear on 2020 general election ballot by SBOE and CBOE. §4-106 |
| Feb 11 | PARTY CALLS: Last day for State & County party chairs to file a statement of party positions to be filled at the Primary Election. §2-120 |

CERTIFICATION OF PRIMARY

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| April 29 | Certification of primary ballot by SBOE of designations filed in its office. §4-110 |
| April 30 | Determination of candidates; County Boards. §4-114 |

CANVASS OF PRIMARY RESULTS

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| July 6 | Canvass of Primary returns by County Board of Elections §9-200(1) |
| July 6 | Verifiable Audit of Voting Systems. §9-211(1) |
| July 13 | Recanvass of Primary returns. §9-208(1) |

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| Nov. 3 | General Election §8-100(1)(c) |
| Oct. 24 – Nov. 1 | Days of Early Voting for the General Election. §8-600(1) |

CERTIFICATION OF GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

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| Sept. 9 | Certification of general election ballot by SBOE of nominations filed in its office. §4-112(1) |
| Sept. 10 | Determination of candidates and questions; County Boards. §4-114 |

CANVASS OF GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

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| Nov. 18 | Recanvass of General Election returns. §9-208(1) |
| Nov. 18 | Verifiable Audit of Voting Systems. §9-211(1) |
| Nov. 28 | Certification of Canvass of General Election returns by County Board of Elections §9-214(1) |
| Dec. 15 | State Board of Canvassers meet to certify General Election. §9-216(2) |

**** BECOMING A CANDIDATE*****

DESIGNATING PETITIONS FOR PRIMARY

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| Feb 25 | First day for signing designating petitions. §6-134(4) |
| Mar. 31 - April 2 | Dates for filing designating petitions. §6-158(1) |
| April 6 | Last day to authorize designations. §6-120(3) |
| April 6 | Last day to accept or decline designations. §6-158(2) |
| April 10 | Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination. §6-158(3) |
| April 14 | Last day to file authorization of substitution after declination of a designation. §6-120(3) |

OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS

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| Mar. 17 | First day for signing OTB petitions. §6-164 |
| April 9 | Last day to file OTB petitions. §6-158(4) |
| April 16 | Last day to file an OTB petition if there has been a declination by a designated candidate. §6-158(4) |

PARTY NOMINATION OTHER THAN PRIMARY

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| Feb 3 - Feb 25 | Dates for holding state committee meeting to nominate candidates for statewide office §6-104(6) |
| Feb 25 | First day to hold a town caucus. §6-108 |
| July 23 | Last day for filing nominations made at a town or village caucus or by a party committee. §6-158(6) |
| July 23 | Last day to file certificates of nomination to fill vacancies created pursuant to § 6-116, §6-104 & §6-158(6) |
| July 26 | Last day to accept or decline a nomination for office made based on § 6-116 & §6-158(7) |
| July 26 | Last day to file authorization of nomination made based on § 6-116. § 6-120(3) |
| July 30 | Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination made based on § 6-116. § 6-158(8) |

INDEPENDENT PETITIONS

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| Apr 16 | First day for signing nominating petitions. §6-138(4) |
| May 19 - May 26 | Dates for filing independent nominating petitions. §6-158(9) |
| May 29 | Last day to accept or decline nomination. §6-158(11) |
| June 1 | Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination. §6-158(12) |
| June 26 | Last day to decline after acceptance if nominee loses party primary. §6-158(11) |

JUDICIAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

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

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| Aug 6 - Aug 12 | Dates for holding Judicial conventions. §6-158(5) |
| Aug 13 | Last day to file certificates of nominations. §6-158(6) |
| Aug 16 | Last day to decline nomination. §6-158(7) |
| Aug 20 | Last day to fill vacancy after a declination. §6-158(8) |

MEMBER OF COUNTY COMMITTEE

Amended by Chapter 18 of the Laws of 2019

For any party position of member of the ward, town, city or county committee, petitions must be signed by not less than 3% of the then enrolled voters of the party residing within the election district for which the position is to be voted. § 6-136(2)(l)

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT FOR DESIGNATING AND OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS

5% of the active enrolled voters of the political party in the political unit 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 REQUIREMENT FOR 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 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.