

2017

**POLITICAL CALENDAR**



**Primary Election  
September 12**

**General Election  
November 7**

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

**February 27, 2017**

**\*\*\*VOTER REGISTRATION\*\*\*  
VOTER REGISTRATION FOR PRIMARY**

Aug. 18	<b>Mail Registration for Primary:</b> Last day to postmark application for primary and last day it must be received by board of elections is Aug. 23. §5-210(3)
Aug. 18	<b>In person registration for Primary:</b> Last day application must be received by board of elections to be eligible to vote in primary election. §5-210, 5-211, 5-212
Aug. 23	<b>Changes of address</b> for Primary received by this date must be processed. §5-208(3)

**VOTER REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL**

Oct. 13	<b>Mail Registration for General:</b> Last day to postmark application for general election and last day it must be received by board of elections by Oct. 18. §5-210(3)
Oct. 13	<b>In person registration for General:</b> 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 13 <sup>th</sup> , you may register in person at the board of elections up until October 28 <sup>th</sup> . §5-210, 5-211, 5-212
Oct. 13	<b>Change of Party Enrollment:</b> Last day to accept a change of enrollment. Election Law Title III, §5-304(3)
Oct. 18	<b>Changes of address</b> for General received by this date must be processed. §5-208(3)

**\*\*\*VOTING BY ABSENTEE\*\*\***

**ABSENTEE VOTING FOR PRIMARY**

Sept. 5	Last day to postmark application for primary ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
Sept. 11	Last day to apply in person for primary ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
Sept. 11	Last day to postmark ballot. Must be received by the county board no later than Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup> . §8-412(1)
Sept. 12	Last day to deliver primary ballot in person to county board, by close of polls. §8-412(1)

**MILITARY VOTERS FOR PRIMARY**

Aug. 11	Date to mail ballot to Military Voter. §10-108(1)
Aug. 18	Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Military ballot for primary if not previously registered. §10-106(5)
Sept. 5	Last day for a board of elections to receive Military application for primary if previously registered. §10-106(5)
Sept. 11	Last day to apply personally for Military ballot for primary if previously registered. §10-106(5)
Sept. 11	Last day to postmark Military ballot for primary and date it must be received by the board of elections is September 19 <sup>th</sup> . §10-114(1)

**ABSENTEE VOTING FOR GENERAL ELECTION**

Oct. 31	Last day to postmark application or letter of application for general election ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
Nov. 6	Last day to apply in person for general election ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
Nov. 6	Last day to postmark general election ballot. Must be received by the county board no later than Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup> . §8-412(1)
Nov. 7	Last day to deliver general election ballot in person to county board, by close of polls on election day. §8-412(1)

**MILITARY VOTERS FOR GENERAL**

Oct. 6	Date to mail ballot to Military voter. §10-108(1)
Oct. 28	Last day for a board of elections to receive application for a Military absentee ballot if not previously registered. §10-106(5)
Oct. 31	Last day for a board of elections to receive Military absentee application, if by mail and previously registered. §10-106(5)
Nov. 6	Last day to apply personally for a Military General Election ballot if previously registered. §10-106(5)
Nov. 6	Last day to postmark Military ballot and date it must be received by the board of elections is Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup> . §10-114(1) §11-212

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

**DATES FOR FILING:**

<b>PRIMARY ELECTION §14-108(1)</b>	
32 Day Pre-Primary	August 11
11 Day Pre-Primary	Sept. 1
10 Day Post Primary	September 22
24 Hour Notice §14-108(2)	August 29 <sup>th</sup> thru Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup>

<b>GENERAL ELECTION §14-108(1)</b>	
32 Day Pre-General	October 6
11 Day Pre-General	October 27
27 Day Post-General	December 4
24 Hour Notice §14-108(2)	October 24 <sup>th</sup> thru November 6 <sup>th</sup>

<b>Periodic Reports §14-108(1)</b>	
	January 15 <sup>th</sup>
	July 15 <sup>th</sup>

<b>Additional Independent Expenditure Reporting</b>	
24 Hour Notice §14-107(3) (b) & (c)	Primary: Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup> thru Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup> General: Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup> thru Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup>
Weekly Notice	Refer to §14-107(3)(b)

**\*\*\* ELECTION DATES\*\*\***

Sept. 12	Primary Election §8-100(1)(a)
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May 23	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
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**CERTIFICATION OF PRIMARY**

Aug. 7	Certification of primary ballot by SBOE of designations filed in its office. §4-110
Aug. 8	Determination of candidates; County Boards. §4-114

**CANVASS OF PRIMARY RESULTS**

Sept. 21	Canvass of Primary returns by County Board of Elections §9-200(1)
Sept. 27	Recanvass of Primary returns. §9-208(1)
Sept. 19	Verifiable Audit of Voting Systems. §9-211(1)

Nov. 7	General Election §8-100(1)(c)
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**CERTIFICATION OF GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**

Oct. 2	Certification of general election ballot by SBOE of nominations filed in its office. §4-112(1)
Oct. 3	Determination of candidates and questions; County Boards. §4-114

**CANVASS OF GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS**

Dec. 2	Canvass of General Election returns by County Board of Elections §9-214(1)
Nov. 22	Recanvass of General Election returns. §9-208(1)
Nov. 22	Verifiable Audit of Voting Systems. §9-211(1)
Dec. 15	State Board of Canvassers meet to certify General Election. §9-216(2)

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

**DESIGNATING PETITIONS FOR PRIMARY**

June 6	First day for signing designating petitions. §6-134(4)
July 10 - July 13	Dates for filing designating petitions. §6-158(1)
July 17	Last day to authorize designations. §6-120(3)
July 17	Last day to accept or decline designations. §6-158(2)
July 21	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination. §6-158(3)
July 25	Last day to file authorization of substitution after declination of a designation. §6-120(3)

**OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS**

June 27	First day for signing OTB petitions. §6-164
July 20	Last day to file OTB petitions. §6-158(4)
July 27	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**

June 6	First day to hold a town caucus. §6-108
Sept. 19	Last day for filing nominations made at a town or village caucus or by a party committee. §6-158(6)
Sept. 19	Last day to file certificates of nomination to fill vacancies created pursuant to §§ 6-116 & 6-158(6)
Sept. 22	Last day to accept or decline a nomination for office made based on § 6-116.
Sept. 25	Last day to file authorization of nomination made based on § 6-116. § 6-120(3)
Sept. 26	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination made based on § 6-116. § 6-158(8)

**INDEPENDENT PETITIONS**

July 11	First day for signing nominating petitions. §6-138(4)
Aug 15 - Aug. 22	Dates for filing independent nominating petitions. §6-158(9)
Aug. 25	Last day to accept or decline nomination. §6-158(11)
Aug. 28	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination. §6-158(12)
Sept. 15	Last day to decline after acceptance if nominee loses party primary. §6-158(11)

**JUDICIAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS**

Sept. 19 thru 25	Dates for holding Judicial conventions. §6-158(5)
Sept. 26	Last day to file certificates of nominations. §6-158(6)
Sept. 29	Last day to decline nomination. §6-158(7)
Oct. 3	Last day to fill vacancy after a declination. §6-158(8)
<b>Minutes of a convention must be filed within 72 hours of adjournment. §6-158(6)</b>	

**SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT FOR 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 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.