

2020 POLITICAL CALENDAR



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Primary Election **General Election**
June 23, 2020 **November 3, 2020**
Early Voting Dates for Primary
June 13 – June 21, 2020
Early Voting Dates for General Election
October 24 – November 1, 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. Failure of the post office or authorized overnight delivery service to deliver any such petition, certificate or objection to such board of elections outside the city of New York 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.

*****VOTER REGISTRATION*****

VOTER REGISTRATION FOR PRIMARY

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 3. §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)

CHANGE OF ENROLLMENT

Change of Enrollments are effective immediately; except for those filed between Feb. 15th-June 30th; Change of Enrollments filed between Feb.15th-June 30th, will take effect on June 30th.

VOTER REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL

Oct. 9	Mail Registration for General: Last day to postmark application for general election; it must also be received by board of elections by Oct. 14. §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 10 th , you may register in person at the board of elections up until October 24 th . §§5-210, 5-211, 5-212
Oct. 14	Changes of address for General received by this date must be processed. §5-208(3)

Oct. 4	First day for local registration. §5-202(1)
TBD	Uniform day for local registration throughout the state. §5-202(3)

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

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR PRIMARY

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 also be received by 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

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

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

Sept 18	Deadline to transmit ballots to eligible Military/Special Federal voters. §10-108(1) & §11-204(4)
Oct. 9	Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Special Federal absentee ballot for general if not previously registered. §11-202(1)(a)
Oct. 24	Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Military absentee ballot for general if not previously registered. §10-106(5)
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)	
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)	
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)	
January 15 th	
July 15 th	

Additional Independent Expenditure Reporting	
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)

***** ELECTION DATES****

June 23	Primary Election §8-100(1)(a)
June 13 – June 21	Days of Early Voting for the Primary Election. §8-600(1)
Feb 1	Certification of offices to be filled at 2020 general election by SBOE and CBOE. §4-106 (1&2)
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

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

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)

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

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

Nov. 18	Recanvass of General Election returns to occur no later than Nov. 18. §9-208(1)
Nov. 18	Verifiable Audit of Voting Systems to occur no later than Nov. 18. §9-211(1)
Nov. 28	Certification and transmission of Canvass of General Election returns by County Board of Elections §9-214
Dec. 7	State Board of Canvassers meet to certify General Election. §9-216(2)

**** BECOMING A CANDIDATE****

**DESIGNATING PETITIONS FOR PRIMARY
(As amended by Chapter ___ of the Laws of 2020)**

Feb 25	First day for signing designating petitions. §6-134(4)
Mar 17- Mar 20	Dates for filing designating petitions. §6-158(1)
Mar 24	Last day to authorize designations. §6-120(3)
Mar 24	Last day to accept or decline designations. §6-158(2)
Mar 30	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination. §6-158(3)
April 3	Last day to file authorization of substitution after declination of a designation. §6-120(3)

**OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS
(Pursuant to Executive Order 202.2 of 2020, Opportunity-to-Ballot Petitions have been suspended for 2020.)**

PARTY NOMINATION OTHER THAN PRIMARY

Feb 4- 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 27	Last day to accept or decline a nomination for office made based on § 6-116 & §6-158(7)
July 27	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

(Pursuant to Executive Order 202.13, the circulation and filing of Independent Nominating Petitions has been postponed beginning March 31, 2020 until further notice.)

Apr 14	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)

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 17	Last day to decline nomination. §6-158(7)
Aug 21	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

Pursuant to Executive Order 202.2 of 2020, 1.5% 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.....4,500
(with at least 30 or 1.5% of enrolled voters from each of one-half of the congressional districts)
New York City 2,250
any county or borough of New York City 1,200
a municipal court district within NY City 450
any city council district within New York City..... 270
cities or counties having more than 250,000 inhabitants 600
cities or counties having more than 25,000 but not more than 250,000..... 300
any other city, county, councilmanic or county legislative districts in any city other than NY City 150
any congressional district 375
any state senatorial district 300
any assembly district 150

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..... 45,000
(with at least 500 or 1% of enrolled voters from each of one-half of the congressional districts) (Part V Public Financing Commission Recommendations)
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.