



# **2020**

# **ELECTION CALENDAR**

**COMMONWEALTH OF  
PENNSYLVANIA**

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**Tom Wolf**  
Governor

**Kathy Boockvar**  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

# 2020

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## 2020 PENNSYLVANIA ELECTIONS IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- First day to circulate and file  
nomination petitions . . . . . January 28
- Last day to circulate and file  
nomination petitions . . . . . February 18
- First day to circulate and file  
nomination papers . . . . . February 19
- Last day for withdrawal by  
candidates who filed  
nomination petitions . . . . . March 4
- Last day to REGISTER  
before the primary. . . . . April 13
- Last day to apply for a mail-in  
or civilian absentee ballot. . . . . April 21
- Last day for County Boards of Elections  
to receive voted mail-in and civilian  
absentee ballots  
(must be received by 8:00 P.M.) . . . . April 28
- GENERAL PRIMARY** . . . . . April 28
- First day to REGISTER  
after primary . . . . . April 29
- Last day for County Boards of  
Elections to receive voted  
military and overseas absentee  
ballots (submitted for delivery no  
later than 11:59 P.M. on April 27) . . . . May 5
- Last day to circulate and file  
nomination papers . . . . . August 3
- Last day for withdrawal by  
candidates nominated by  
nomination papers . . . . . August 10
- Last day for withdrawal by  
candidates nominated at the  
primary. . . . . August 10

Last day to REGISTER before  
the November election . . . . . October 19

Last day to apply for a mail-in or  
civilian absentee ballot . . . . . October 27

Last day for County Boards of  
Elections to receive voted mail-in and  
civilian absentee ballots (must be received  
by 8:00 P.M.) . . . . . November 3

**GENERAL ELECTION** . . . . . November 3

First day to REGISTER after  
November election . . . . . November 4

Last day for County Boards of  
Elections to receive voted military  
and overseas absentee ballots  
(submitted for delivery no later than  
11:59 P.M. on November 2) . . November 10

***NOTE:** All dates in this calendar are subject to  
change without notice.*



COMMONWEALTH OF  
PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
HARRISBURG

Dear Fellow Pennsylvanians,

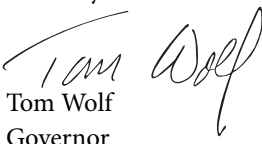
The health of our democracy depends on voter participation in elections. This administration has sought, over the last five years, to make the ballot box more convenient and accessible to voters. In 2019, with the bipartisan support of the Legislature, we made historic progress in achieving that goal.

It is now easier than ever for Pennsylvanians to vote. In 2020, for the first time, they will be able to vote by mail without an excuse. They also will have extended deadlines to register to vote and to cast mail-in and absentee ballots, among other significant reforms.

During the 2020 election cycle, voters will choose candidates for president, the U.S. House of Representatives, the state Senate, the state House and the state row offices of attorney general, auditor general and treasurer. To help you plan, I am pleased to introduce the 2020 election calendar. It contains a list of all the important dates and deadlines for the primary and general elections.

I hope you will find this calendar useful. Most importantly, I hope you will go to the polls in 2020 and let your voice be heard.

Sincerely,

  
Tom Wolf  
Governor



COMMONWEALTH OF  
PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
HARRISBURG

Dear Fellow Pennsylvanians,

This will be an exciting election year for the commonwealth and for its voters. As the state's Chief Election Official, I am proud to present the 2020 Pennsylvania Election Calendar, a comprehensive guide for voters, candidates, and election officials.

In October 2019, Governor Wolf signed into law the most significant set of voting reforms in more than 80 years. This new law features changes that will make voting easier and more accessible for millions of Pennsylvanians. Voters will have more options in how to cast their ballots, including:

- Registering to vote up to 15 days before Election Day.
- The option to request and vote a no-excuse mail-in ballot.
- Requesting to be placed on a permanent mail-in or absentee ballot list.
- Submitting a mail-in or absentee ballot until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Further details about the new law and deadlines can be found in this guide. In addition, the Department of State has many resources available on our website, [votesPA.com](https://votespa.com). Through the website, voters can request absentee or mail-in ballots through an online application, verify their voter registration, check their polling place, and much more.

The 2020 Pennsylvania Election Calendar also provides valuable information for candidates and their campaign staff to track important dates related to ballot access and campaign finance deadlines and requirements. For detailed information on running for office, visit the Department of State's website, [dos.pa.gov](https://dos.pa.gov).

If you have additional election-related questions, call the Department's voter information hotline at 1-877-VOTESPA (1-877-868-3772).

Thank you for being an engaged and informed voter. For election-related questions, I encourage you to contact the Department's Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation at 1-877-VOTESPA (1-877-868-3772).

Thank you for your interest in the electoral process.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Boockvar  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

# 2020 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING DATES

*(Not applicable to candidates running for Federal offices.)*

TYPE REPORT	COMPLETE AS OF	FILING DEADLINE**
2019 Annual Report	December 31, 2019	January 31, 2020
*6th Tuesday Pre-Primary	March 9, 2020	March 17, 2020
2nd Friday Pre-Primary	April 13, 2020	April 17, 2020
30-Day Post-Primary	May 18, 2020	May 28, 2020
*6th Tuesday Pre-Election	September 14, 2020	September 22, 2020
2nd Friday Pre-Election	October 19, 2020	October 23, 2020
30-Day Post-Election	November 23, 2020	December 3, 2020
2020 Annual Report	December 31, 2020	January 31, 2021

\* Only statewide candidates and committees supporting statewide candidates are required to file these reports.

\*\* Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing where the report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior to the filing deadline.

## AUDITS

Audits of campaign finance reports will be made upon the petition of five electors of the commonwealth or of the political division. Such petition(s) must be presented to the appropriate Court within 90 days after the last day for filing the report.



# **2020 Election Calendar**



# COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION CALENDAR FOR 2020

*(All time set forth in this calendar is prevailing time.)*

*NOTE: ALL DATES IN THIS CALENDAR ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE IN THE EVENT OF PASSAGE OF ANY AMENDATORY LEGISLATION DURING THE 2019-2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.*

**APRIL 28, 2020 . . . . . GENERAL PRIMARY**

**NOVEMBER 3, 2020 . GENERAL ELECTION**

**DECEMBER 30, 2019** Last day for the Secretary of any political party to file in the office of the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**, a certified copy of the party rules.

**JANUARY 13** Last day for a Presidential candidate to notify the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** that he or she authorizes delegates and alternate delegates (if party rules provide for committed delegates) to pledge their support for him or her.

**JANUARY 28** Last day for each county board of elections to transmit to the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** a list of the organizations which qualify as political parties within the county pursuant to section 801(b) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2831(b).

**JANUARY 28** Last day for the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** to transmit to each county board of elections a list of the organizations which qualify as political parties within the State pursuant to section 801(a) of the Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2831(a).

**JANUARY 28** Last day for the chairmen of

county committees (and in Philadelphia the chairmen of the city committees) of each party to send to each county board of elections a written notice setting forth all party offices to be filled in the county at the ensuing primary.

**JANUARY 28** Last day for the chairmen of the State Committees of political parties to forward to the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** and to the respective county boards of elections, a written notice setting forth the number of members of the State Committee and the number of delegates and alternate delegates to be elected at the said primary in each county or in any district or part of a district within each county.

**JANUARY 28** Last day for the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** to send to the county boards of elections a written notice designating the public offices for which candidates are to be nominated at the ensuing primary and for which nominations candidates are required to file nomination petitions in the office of the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**.

**JANUARY 28** First legal day to circulate and FILE nomination petitions.

**JANUARY 29** Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must prepare an election notice to be used in conjunction with the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

**JANUARY 31** Last day for all candidates and all political committees and lobbyists to file annual expense reports in the office of the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** or the county boards of elections. Such reports shall be complete as of December 31, 2019.

***NOTE:** Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing where the report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior to the filing deadline.*

**FEBRUARY 3** Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must mail absentee ballot applications to individuals on the permanent absentee ballot list.

**FEBRUARY 3** Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must mail mail-in ballot applications to individuals on the permanent mail-in ballot list.

**FEBRUARY 4** Not earlier than this day nor later than February 11, the county board of elections shall begin to publish in newspapers the names of all public offices for which nominations are to be made and the names of all party offices for which candidates are to be elected at the ensuing primary.

**FEBRUARY 18** Last day for any business entity which was awarded non bid contracts from the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions during 2019 to report to the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** an itemized list of all political contributions made during 2019 by (1) any officer, director, associate, partner, limited partner, individual owner or member of their immediate family when the contribution exceeded an aggregate of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) by any Individual; or (2) any employee or members of his/her immediate family when the contribution exceeded an aggregate of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

**FEBRUARY 18** Last day to circulate and **FILE** nomination petitions.

**FEBRUARY 18** Last day for **STATE LEVEL PUBLIC OFFICE CANDIDATES** to **FILE**

“Statements of Financial Interests” with the State Ethics Commission, Financial Building, 613 North Street, Room 309, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0400. A copy of the “Statement” must also be appended to the nomination petition. Last day for candidates for county or local level public office to file the “Statement” with the governing authority of the political subdivisions in which they are candidates. A copy of the “Statement” must also be appended to the nomination petition.

**FEBRUARY 19** First day to circulate and **FILE** nomination papers nominating independent candidates of political bodies or candidates of minor political parties.

**FEBRUARY 25** Last day to file **OBJECTIONS** to nomination petitions.

**FEBRUARY 26** Day for casting of lots in the office of the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** for position of names upon the primary ballot.

**FEBRUARY 28** Last day that may be fixed by the Court of Common Pleas or the Commonwealth Court for hearings on objections that have been filed to nomination petitions.

**MARCH 4** Last day, if possible, for the Court of Common Pleas or the Commonwealth Court to render decisions in cases involving objections to nomination petitions.

**MARCH 4** Last day for candidates who have filed nomination petitions for the primary election to withdraw, by 5:00 P.M.

**MARCH 9** Last day for the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** to transmit to each county board of elections a list of all candidates who filed nomination petitions with him and who are not known to have

withdrawn or been disqualified.

**MARCH 9** Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must begin to transmit ballots and balloting materials to all covered voters under the Uniformed Military and Overseas Voters Act (UMOVA) in extremely remote or isolated area, who by that date, submit a valid military-overseas ballot application.

*[The preceding includes qualified electors who are Uniformed-Service voters (members of the active or reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the United States who are on active duty; members of the United States merchant marine, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service of the Department of Health and Human Services or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States; members on activated status of the National Guard or Pennsylvania National Guard); Spouses and dependents of uniformed service members; Overseas voters; or veterans of a uniformed service who is bedridden or hospitalized due to illness or physical disability.]*

**NOTE:** *As additional applications are received, the county board of elections must transmit ballots and balloting materials to such electors within 48 hours after the application is received by the county board of elections.*

**MARCH 9** First day on which county boards of elections must begin to process official applications for mail-in ballots.

**NOTE:** *A county board of election may begin to process applications earlier if it deems it appropriate.*

**MARCH 9** First day on which county boards

of elections must begin to process official applications for civilian absentee ballots.

**NOTE:** *A county board of election may begin to process applications earlier if it deems it appropriate.*

**MARCH 14** Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must begin transmitting ballots and balloting materials to all covered voters under UMOVA who by this date submit a valid military-overseas ballot application.

*[The preceding includes qualified electors who are Uniformed-Service voters (members of the active or reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the United States who are on active duty; members of the United States merchant marine, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service of the Department of Health and Human Services or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States; members on activated status of the National Guard or Pennsylvania National Guard); Spouses and dependents of uniformed service members; Overseas voters; or veterans of a uniformed service who is bedridden or hospitalized due to illness or physical disability.]*

**NOTE:** *As additional applications are received, the county board of elections must transmit ballots and balloting materials to such electors within 48 hours after the application is received by the county board of elections.*

**MARCH 17** Last day for candidates for state-wide offices and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists which have expended money for the purpose of influencing the nomination of such candidates to file cam-

paigned expense reports or statements due by the Sixth Tuesday before the primary election in the office of the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**. Such reports shall be complete as of March 9.

*NOTE: Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing where report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior to the filing deadline.*

**APRIL 13** Last day to **REGISTER** before the primary election.

*NOTE: To be processed for the ensuing election a voter registration application must be received as follows:*

*\* Voter registration applications submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in conjunction with an application for or renewal of a motor vehicle driver's license must be received by the county voter registration commission not later than the deadline to register.*

*\* Voter Registration Mail Applications must be received by the county voter registration commission not later than the deadline to register.*

*\* Voter registration applications submitted to offices in Pennsylvania that provide public assistance, to the county clerk of Orphan's Court, including the Marriage License Bureau, offices in Pennsylvania that provide State-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities and armed forces recruitment centers, must be received by the county voter registration commission not later than the deadline to register.*

*\* All other voter registration applications must be received by the deadline to register.*

**APRIL 13** Last day to change party enrollment or non-partisan enrollment.

**APRIL 14** As soon as possible after ballots are printed and in no event later than this day, the county boards of elections must begin to deliver or mail all mail-in ballots.

*NOTE: As additional applications are received, ballots must be mailed within 48 hours after approval.*

**APRIL 14** As soon as possible after ballots are printed and in no event later than this day, the county boards of elections must begin to deliver or mail all absentee ballots.

*NOTE: As additional applications are received, ballots must be mailed within 48 hours after approval.*

**APRIL 17** Last day for all candidates and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists which have expended money for purpose of influencing the nomination of candidates file campaign expense reports or statements due by the Second Friday before the primary in the office of the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** and/or the county boards of elections, as the case may be. Such reports shall be complete as of April 13.

*NOTE: Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing where the report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior to the filing deadline.*

**APRIL 18** Not earlier than this day nor later than April 25, the county boards of elections shall publish in newspapers, notice of the date and hours of voting for any special elections, the names of offices to be elected and the names of the candidates at such special elections, the texts and explanations of Constitutional Amendments and other



questions to be voted upon, and the places at which such elections are to be held in the various election districts.

**APRIL 20** Last day before the primary election on which an elector, who has suffered a physical disability which requires him/her to have assistance in voting, may personally make application to the county registration commission in all counties to have such fact entered on his/her registration card.

*NOTE: If the disability is not recorded on the elector's registration card, the elector may receive assistance if the elector completes a declaration in the polling place.*

**APRIL 20** Last day for any person to file a petition with the county registration commission appealing against rejection of a voter registration application.

**APRIL 21** Last day before the primary election on which official applications for mail-in ballots may be received by the county boards of elections, due at 5:00 P.M.

**APRIL 21** Last day before the primary election on which official applications for civilian absentee ballots from certain persons listed as follows may be received by the county boards of elections, due at 5:00 P.M.

*(The preceding includes qualified registered electors who will be absent from the Commonwealth or municipality of residence by reason of occupation, business or duties; persons unable to go to the polls because of illness or physical disability; persons observing a religious holiday; county employees with duties on election day relating to the conduct of the election; persons employed by the State or Federal government and their spouses or dependents who are within the territorial limits*

*of the United States or the District of Columbia but absent from their municipality of residence. Provided further that any of the preceding qualified electors who become ill or are called away from home by business or duties, which fact was not known or could not reasonably be known prior to the preceding date, are entitled to execute and file an Emergency Application any time prior to 8:00 PM on the day of the primary. The county boards of elections will supply the forms.)*

**APRIL 21** From this day, the county boards of elections shall make the Registered Absentee and Mail-in Voters File available for public inspection, until the day following the primary or election or the day the county board certifies the returns, whichever date is later.

**APRIL 21** From this day and until the returns are certified, the county boards of elections shall post the Military, Veterans and Emergency Civilian Absentee Voters' list.

**APRIL 23** Not later than this day, the county boards of elections shall make available for public inspection the forms of the ballots and ballot labels which shall be used in each election district at the primary election and shall publish on their website.

**APRIL 23** Not later than this day, the county boards of elections, upon request, shall furnish without charge to each candidate whose name is printed on the primary election ballot three sample ballots for the entire district in which such candidate is to be voted for.

*(The candidate may, at his/her own expense, have printed on different colored paper as many copies as he/she requires for conducting his/her campaign.)*

**APRIL 23** Not later than this day, the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** must publicly report the total number of registered electors for each political party or other designation in each county.

**APRIL 24** By this date, the county board of elections shall have the central automatic tabulating equipment tested to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and all questions.

**APRIL 27** Last day for any person to file an appeal to court of common pleas for rejection of registration.

**APRIL 27** Not later than this day, the county boards of elections shall deliver the necessary ballots and supplies to the judges of election.

**APRIL 27** Not later than 11:59 P.M. this day, covered voters under UMOVA must submit their voted military-overseas ballot for mailing or other authorized means of delivery, at the place where the voter completes the ballot on the date immediately preceding the date of the election.

**APRIL 28** All mail-in ballots must be received by the county boards of elections not later than 8:00 P.M. on this day to be counted.

**APRIL 28** All absentee ballots, except those received from military and overseas electors as defined by UMOVA and sections 1301(a) to (h) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3146.1(a) – (h), must be received by the county boards of elections not later than 8:00 P.M. on this day to be counted.

**APRIL 28 GENERAL PRIMARY.** Polls shall remain open continuously between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.

**NOTE:** *The Courts of Common Pleas shall be in session from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. except in judicial districts having only one judge, in which case the court shall be in session from 7:00 A.M. to 12 Noon; from 2:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. and from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.*

**APRIL 29** By 2:00 A.M. on this day, the judges of election must return to the county boards of elections all envelopes; supplies, including all uncast provisional ballots; and returns, including all provisional ballots and absentee ballots cast in the election district.

**APRIL 29** By 3:00 A.M. on this day, the county boards of elections must submit to the Department of State returns received from the judges of election for each office for which a candidate must file a nomination petition with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

**APRIL 29** First day to **REGISTER** after the primary election.

**APRIL 29** First day to change party or non-partisan enrollment after the primary election.

**MAY 1** No later than 9:00 AM on this day, the Return Boards must begin to canvass, and compute returns of the votes cast.

**NOTE:** *Any petition to open a ballot box or to recanvass the votes on a voting machine shall be filed no later than five (5) days after the completion of the computational canvassing of all the returns of the county by the county board of elections.*

**MAY 4** Last day for the county boards of elections to receive proof of identification that can be verified from a mail-in or absentee elector whose proof of identification was not provided with the application or could not be verified by the board.

**MAY 5** A valid military-overseas ballot cast under section 3509 of UMOVA, 25 Pa.C.S. § 3509, must be delivered by 5:00 P.M. to the address specified by the county board of elections, to be counted.

*NOTE: If, at the time of completing their military-overseas ballot, the voter affirms under penalty of perjury, that the ballot was timely submitted, the ballot MAY NOT be rejected on the basis of a late postmark, an unreadable postmark or no postmark.*

**MAY 5** No later than 5:00 P.M. on this day, the county boards of elections must submit to the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** unofficial returns for all Statewide offices and ballot questions that appeared on the ballot in every election district throughout the Commonwealth.

**MAY 6** A recount and recanvass shall not be ordered under section 1404(g)(1)(i) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3154(g)(1)(i), if the defeated candidate requests in writing by 12 Noon on this day that a recount and recanvass not be made.

**MAY 6** The Return Board shall continue the canvass through this day to canvass absentee ballots received from military and overseas electors no later than 5:00 P.M. on May 5.

**MAY 7** No later than 5:00 P.M. on this day, the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** must issue an order for a recount or recanvass if it is determined, based on the unofficial returns submitted by the county boards of elections, that a statewide candidate or ballot question that appeared on the ballot in every election district throughout the Commonwealth was defeated by a margin of one-half of a percent or less.

**MAY 13** Last day on which a recount or recanvass ordered by the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** can be scheduled to begin.

**MAY 15** On this day, candidates receiving tie votes at the primary election cast lots at 12 Noon before the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** or the county board of elections, to determine who will be entitled to the nomination. (If the fact of the tie vote is not authoritatively determined until after May 11, the time for casting lots shall be 12 Noon on the second day after the fact of such tie vote is authoritatively determined.)

**MAY 18** Last day to file a petition to contest the nomination of any candidate at the primary election. (Not applicable to elections of the first class.)

**MAY 18** Last day for the county boards of elections to file with the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** returns from the primary election.

**MAY 19** No later than 12 Noon on this day, a recount or recanvass ordered by the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** must be completed.

**MAY 20** By 12 Noon on the day after completion of a recount or recanvass ordered by the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**, but no later than 12 Noon on this day, the county boards of elections must submit to the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** the results of the recount or recanvass.

**MAY 28** Last day for all candidates and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists to file campaign expense reports and statements due by 30 days after the primary elec-

tion in the office of the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** or the county board of elections as the case may be. Such report shall be complete as of May 18.

*NOTE: Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing where the report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior to the filing deadline.*

**MAY 28** Not later than this day, the county boards of elections shall file with the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** a statement of expenses incurred in preparing, handling, mailing, delivering, counting and storing such official Military, Veterans, and other absentee ballots as they are entitled by law to receive compensations for the sum of sixty cents each.

**MAY 28** Last day for county boards of elections to submit to the Bureau of Elections and Notaries a report stating the total number of votes cast in each voting district for each candidate for any Statewide Office, United States Representative, State Senator and State Representative.

**JUNE 3** Not later than this day, members of a State Political Party Committee elected at the primary shall meet for organization, at such hour and place as shall be designated by the State Chairman of each political party. The State Committee of each political party may make such rules for government of the party in the State not inconsistent with the law as it deems expedient. No such rules shall be effective until a certified copy thereof has been filed in the office of the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**.

**JUNE 8** On this day, the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** shall select by

lottery for audit of campaign expense reports three percent of the total number of public offices for which candidates must file nomination petitions or papers with the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**.

**AUGUST 3** Last day to circulate and **FILE** nomination papers nominating minor political party candidates or political body candidates (including independent candidates).

**AUGUST 3** Last day for **STATE LEVEL INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES AND MINOR POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES** to **FILE** “Statements of Financial Interests” with the State Ethics Commission, Financial Building, 613 North Street, Room 309, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0400. A copy of the “Statement” must also be appended to the nomination papers. Last day for independent and minor political party candidates for county or local level public office to file the “Statement” with the governing authority of the political and subdivision in which they are candidates. A copy of the “Statement” must also be appended to the nomination papers.

**AUGUST 5** Not later than this day, the county board of elections must prepare an election notice to be used in conjunction with the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB).

**AUGUST 10** Last day for candidates who have filed nomination papers to withdraw.

**AUGUST 10** Last day to file objections to nomination papers nominating minor political party candidates or political body candidates (including independent candidates).

**AUGUST 10** Last day for candidates nominated at the primary election by write-in votes to pay filing fee; otherwise the party nomi-



nation will be declared vacant.

**NOTE:** *State level write-in winners of nominations from the Primary Election must FILE “Statements of Financial Interests” with the State Ethics Commission, Financial Building, 613 North Street, Room 309, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0400 within thirty days of having been nominated unless such person resigns nomination within that time. County and local level write-in winners of nominations from the primary election must file the “Statement” with the governing authority of the political subdivisions where they were nominated within thirty days of having been nominated unless such person resigns nomination within that time.*

**AUGUST 10** Last day for candidates who were nominated at the primary election to withdraw.

**AUGUST 13** Last day that may be fixed by the Court for hearings on objections to nomination papers.

**AUGUST 18** Last day, if possible, for the Court to render decisions in cases involving objections to nomination papers.

**AUGUST 20** Last day to file substituted nomination certificates to fill vacancies caused by withdrawal of candidates nominated at the primary election or by nomination papers. (Substituted nomination certificates to fill vacancies caused by the death of candidates nominated at primaries or by nomination papers shall be filed prior to the day on which ballot printing is started. Objections to substituted nomination certificates must be filed within three days after the filing of the substituted nomination certificate.)

**NOTE:** *State level candidates nominated by*

*substituted nomination certificate, nomination certificate or nomination papers (see August 20, September 14, and September 21) must file a "Statement of Financial Interests" with the substituted nomination certificate, nomination certificate or nomination papers and with the State Ethics Commission, Financial Building, 613 North Street, Room 309, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0400. County and local level candidates nominated by substituted nomination papers see August 20, September 14, and September 21) must file a copy of the "Statement" with the substituted nomination certificate, nomination certificate or nomination papers and with the governing authority of the political subdivision where they are nominated.*

**AUGUST 25** Last day for **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** to transmit to each county board of elections a list, as known to exist at that time, of all candidates to be voted on at the November election and a copy of all Constitutional Amendments and other questions to be voted on at the November election together with a statement of the form in which they are to be placed.

**AUGUST 25** Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must begin to transmit ballots and balloting materials to all covered voters under the Uniformed Military and Overseas Voters Act (UMOVA) in extremely remote or isolated area, who by that date, submit a valid military-overseas ballot application.

*[The preceding includes qualified electors who are Uniformed-Service voters (members of the active or reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the United States who are on active duty; members of the United States merchant*

*marine, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service of the Department of Health and Human Services or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States; members on activated status of the National Guard or Pennsylvania National Guard); Spouses and dependents of uniformed service members; Overseas voters; or veterans of a uniformed service who is bedridden or hospitalized due to illness or physical disability.]*

**NOTE:** *As additional applications are received, the county board of elections must transmit ballots and balloting materials to such electors within 48 hours after the application is received by the county board of elections.*

**SEPTEMBER 14** Last day before the November election for political parties or minor political parties to file nomination certificates or for political bodies to file nomination papers in the Office of the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**, or the county boards of elections, as the case may be, to fill vacancies in public offices which occur for any cause at a time when the Constitution or Laws require them to be filled at the ensuing election, but at a time when such nominations cannot be made under any other provision of the Election Code (Sections 993-999.1 of the Election Code, 25 P.S. §§ 2953-2960.)

**SEPTEMBER 14** First day on which county boards of elections must begin to process official applications for mail-in ballots. A county board of election may begin to process applications earlier if it deems it appropriate.

**SEPTEMBER 14** First day on which county

boards of elections must begin to process official applications for civilian absentee ballots. A county board of election may begin to process applications earlier if it deems it appropriate.

**SEPTEMBER 17** Last day for withdrawal of candidates nominated under the provisions of Sections 993-999.1 of the Election Code, 25 P.S. §§ 2953-2960.

**SEPTEMBER 17** Last day to file objections to nomination certificates and papers under the provisions of Sections 993-999.1 of the Election Code, 25 P.S. §§ 2953-2960.

**SEPTEMBER 19** Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must begin transmitting ballots and balloting materials to all covered voters under UMOVA who by this date submit a valid military-overseas ballot application.

*[The preceding includes qualified electors who are Uniformed-Service voters (members of the active or reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the United States who are on active duty; members of the United States merchant marine, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service of the Department of Health and Human Services or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States; members on activated status of the National Guard or Pennsylvania National Guard); Spouses and dependents of uniformed service members; Overseas voters; or veterans of a uniformed service who is bedridden or hospitalized due to illness or physical disability.]*

**NOTE:** *As additional applications are received, the county board of elections must transmit ballots and balloting materials to*

*such electors within 48 hours after the application is received by the county board of elections.*

**SEPTEMBER 21** Last day to file substituted nomination certificates under the provisions of Sections 993-999.1 of the Election Code.

***NOTE:** Substituted nomination certificates to fill vacancies caused by the death of candidates nominated under the provisions of Sections 993-999.1 of the Election Code must be filed in the office of the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH or the county boards of elections, as the case may be, at any time prior to the day on which the printing of ballots is started. Objections to substituted nomination certificates, under the provisions of Sections 993-999.1 of the Election Code, must be filed within three days after the filing of the substituted nomination certificates.*

**SEPTEMBER 21** Last day for a court hearing on objections to nomination certificates and papers under the provisions of sections 993-991.1 of the Election Code at 25 P.S. § 2953-2960.

**SEPTEMBER 22** Last day for candidates for statewide offices and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists which have expended money for the purpose of influencing the election of such candidates to file campaign expense reports and statements due by the Sixth Tuesday before the election in the office of the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**. Such report shall be complete as of September 14.

***NOTE:** Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing where report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior to the filing deadline.*

**OCTOBER 19** Last day to **REGISTER** before

the primary election.

**NOTE:** *To be processed for the ensuing election a voter registration application must be received as follows:*

*\* Voter registration applications submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in conjunction with an application for or renewal of a motor vehicle driver's license must be received by the county voter registration commission not later than the deadline to register.*

*\* Voter Registration Mail Applications must be received by the county voter registration commission no later than the deadline to register.*

*\* Voter registration applications submitted to offices in Pennsylvania that provide public assistance, to the county clerk of Orphan's Court, including the Marriage License Bureau, offices in Pennsylvania that provide State-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities and armed forces recruitment centers, must be submitted to the county voter registration commission not later than the deadline to register.*

*\* All other voter registration applications must be received by the deadline to register.*

**OCTOBER 19** Last day to change party enrollment or non-partisan enrollment.

**OCTOBER 20** As soon as possible after ballots are printed and in no event later than this day, the county boards of elections must begin to deliver or mail all mail-in ballots.

**NOTE:** *As additional applications are received, ballots must be mailed within 48 hours after approval.*

**OCTOBER 20** As soon as possible after ballots are printed and in no event later than this day, the county boards of elections must begin to deliver or mail all absentee ballots.

*NOTE: As additional applications are received, ballots must be mailed within 48 hours after approval.*

**OCTOBER 23** Last day for all candidates and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists which have expended money for the purpose of influencing the election of candidates to file campaign expense reports or statements due by the Second Friday before the election in the office of the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** and/or the county boards of elections, as the case may be. Such reports shall be complete as of October 19.

*NOTE: Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing where report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior to the filing deadline.*

**OCTOBER 24** Not earlier than this day nor later than October 31, the county board of elections shall publish in newspapers, notice of the date and hours of voting for the November Election, the names of offices to be elected, the names of the candidates, the texts and explanations of Constitutional Amendments and other questions to be voted upon, and the places at which the election is to be held in the various election districts.

**OCTOBER 26** Last day before the November election on which an elector, who has suffered a physical disability which requires him/her to have assistance in voting, may personally make application to the county registration commission in all counties to

have such fact entered on his/her registration card.

*NOTE: If the disability is not recorded on the elector's registration card, the elector may receive assistance if the elector completes a declaration in the polling place.*

**OCTOBER 26** Last day for any person to file a petition with the voter registration commission appealing against rejection of a voter registration application.

**OCTOBER 27** Last day before the general election on which official applications for civilian absentee ballots from certain persons listed as follows may be received by the county boards of elections, due at 5:00 P.M.

*(The preceding includes qualified registered electors who will be absent from the Commonwealth or municipality of residence by reason of occupation, business or duties; persons unable to go to the polls because of illness or physical disability; persons observing a religious holiday; county employees with duties on election day relating to the conduct of the election; persons employed by the State or Federal government and their spouses or dependents who are within the territorial limits of the United States or the District of Columbia but absent from their municipality of residence. Provided further that any of the preceding qualified electors who become ill or are called away from home by business or duties, which fact was not known or could not reasonably be known prior to the preceding date, are entitled to execute and file an Emergency Application any time prior to 8:00 PM on the day of the primary. The county boards of elections will supply the forms.)*

**OCTOBER 27** From this day, the county boards of elections shall make the Registered



Absentee and Mail-in Voters File available for public inspection, until the day following the primary or election or the day the county board certifies the returns, whichever date is later.

**OCTOBER 27** From this day and until the returns are certified, the county boards of elections shall post the Military, Veterans and Emergency Civilian Absentee Voters' list.

**OCTOBER 29** Not later than this day, the county boards of elections shall make available for public inspection the forms of the ballots and ballot labels which shall be used in each election district at the primary election and shall publish on their website.

**OCTOBER 29** Not later than this day, the county boards of elections, upon request, shall furnish without charge to each candidate whose name is printed on the primary election ballot three sample ballots for the entire district in which such candidate is to be voted for.

*(The candidate may, at his/her own expense, have printed on different colored paper as many copies as he/she requires for conducting his/her campaign.)*

**OCTOBER 29** Not later than this day, the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** must publicly report the total number of registered electors for each political party or other designation in each county.

**OCTOBER 30** By this date, the county board of elections shall have the central automatic tabulating equipment tested to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and all questions.

**NOVEMBER 2** Last day for any person to file an appeal to court of common pleas for re-

jection of registration.

**NOVEMBER 2** Not later than this day, the county boards of elections shall deliver the necessary ballots and supplies to the judges of election.

**NOVEMBER 2** By 11:59 P.M. covered voters under UMOVA must submit their voted military-overseas ballot for mailing or other authorized means of delivery, at the place where the voter completes the ballot on the date immediately preceding the date of the election.

**NOVEMBER 3 GENERAL ELECTION:** Polls shall remain open continuously between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.

*NOTE: The Courts of Common Pleas shall be in session from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. except in judicial districts having one judge, in which case the court shall be in session from 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon; from 2:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. and from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.*

**NOVEMBER 4** By 2:00 A.M. on this day, the judges of election must return to the county boards of elections all envelopes; supplies, including all uncast provisional ballots; and returns, including all provisional ballots and absentee ballots cast in the election district.

**NOVEMBER 4** By 3:00 A.M. on this day, the county boards of elections must submit to the Department of State returns received from the judges of election for each office for which a candidate must file a nomination petition with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

**NOVEMBER 4** First day to **REGISTER** after election.

**NOVEMBER 4** First day to change party or

non-partisan enrollment after the election.

**NOVEMBER 6** No later than 9:00 AM on this day, the Return Boards must begin to canvass, and compute returns of the votes cast.

*NOTE: Any petition to open a ballot box or to recanvass the votes on a voting machine shall be filed no later than five (5) days after the completion of the computational canvassing of all the returns of the county by the county board of elections.*

**NOVEMBER 9** Last day for the county boards of elections to receive proof of identification that can be verified from an absentee elector whose proof of identification was provided with the application or could not be verified by the board.

**NOVEMBER 10** A valid military-overseas ballot cast under section 3609 of UMOVA, 25 Pa.C.S. § 3509, must be delivered by 5:00 P.M. to the address specified by the county board of elections, to be counted.

*NOTE: If, at the time of completing their military-overseas ballot, the voter affirms under penalty of perjury, that the ballot was timely submitted, the ballot MAY NOT be rejected on the basis of a late postmark, an unreadable postmark or no postmark.*

**NOVEMBER 10** No later than 5:00 P.M. on this day, the county boards of elections must submit to the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** unofficial returns for all Statewide offices and ballot questions that appeared on the ballot in every election district throughout the Commonwealth.

**NOVEMBER 11** The Return Board shall continue the canvass through this day to canvass absentee ballots received from military and overseas electors no later than 5:00 P.M. on

November 10.

**NOVEMBER 12** A recount and recanvass shall not be ordered under section 1404(g)(1)(i) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3154(g)(1)(i), if the defeated candidate requests in writing by 12 Noon on this day that a recount and recanvass not be made.

**NOVEMBER 12** No later than 5:00 P.M. on this day, the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** must issue an order for a recount or recanvass if it is determined, based on the unofficial returns submitted by the county boards of elections, that a statewide candidate or ballot question that appeared on the ballot in every election district throughout the Commonwealth was defeated by a margin of one-half of a percent or less.

**NOVEMBER 18** Last day on which a recount or recanvass ordered by the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** can be scheduled to begin.

**NOVEMBER 20** On this day, candidates receiving tie votes at the election shall cast lots at 12:00 Noon before the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** or the county boards of elections, as the case may be, to determine the winner. (If the fact of the tie vote is not authoritatively determined until after November 23, the time for casting lots will be 12:00 Noon on the second day after the fact of such tie is determined).

**NOVEMBER 23** Last day to file petitions to contest the election of any candidate.

*(Not applicable to elections of the first class.)*

**NOVEMBER 23** Last day for the county boards of elections to file with the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** returns from the November election.

***NOTE:** State level write-in winners of elections from the November election must file “Statements of Financial Interests” with the State Ethics Commission, Financial Building, 613 North Street, Room 309, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0400 within thirty days of having been elected unless said person resigns within that time. County and local-level public office write-in winners of elections must file the “Statement” with the governing authority of the political subdivision where they were elected within 30 days of having been elected unless said person resigns within that time.*

**NOVEMBER 24** No later than 12 Noon on this day, a recount or recanvass ordered by the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** must be completed.

**NOVEMBER 25** By 12 Noon on the day after completion of a recount or recanvass ordered by the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**, but no later than 12 Noon on this day, the county boards of elections must submit to the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** the results of the recount or recanvass.

**DECEMBER 3** Last day for all candidates and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists to file campaign expense reports or statements due 30 days after the election in the office of the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** and/or the county boards of elections as the case may be. Such report shall be complete as of November 23.

***NOTE:** Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing where report is post-marked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior filing deadline.*

**DECEMBER 3** Not later than this day, the county boards of elections shall file with the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** a statement of expenses incurred in preparing, handling, mailing, delivering, counting and storing such official Military, Veterans' and other absentee ballots as they are entitled by law to receive compensation for in the sum of sixty cents each.

**DECEMBER 3** Last day for each county board of elections to submit to the Bureau of Elections and Notaries a report stating the total number of votes cast in each voting district for each candidate for any Statewide Office, United States Representative, State Senator and State Representative.

**DECEMBER 14** Presidential electors meet at the State Capitol, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, at 12 Noon.

**DECEMBER 14** On this day, the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** shall select by lottery for audit of campaign expense reports three percent of the total number of public offices for which candidates must file nomination petitions or papers with the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**.



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# FILING FEES AND SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

*Candidates who file nomination petitions to access the General Primary Ballot.*

The filing fees and the number of signatures that are required on nomination petitions for offices to be filled at the 2020 Elections are as follows:

OFFICE	FEE	NUMBER OF SIGNATURES
1. President of the United States	\$200	2,000
2. Attorney General 3. Auditor General 4. Treasurer	\$200	1,000 (including at least 100 from each of at least 5 counties)
5. Representative in Congress	\$150	1,000
6. Senator in the General Assembly	\$100	500
7. Representative in the General Assembly	\$100	300
8. Delegate to a National Party-Convention	\$25	250
9. Alternate Delegate to a National Party Convention	\$25	250

## **Candidates who file Nomination Papers to access the General Election Ballot.**

Signature requirements for nomination papers (filed by candidates of minor political parties or political bodies) for those public offices listed above may be obtained by calling the Bureau of Elections and Notaries, Department of State, 210 North Office Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120, at 717-787-5280. For information regarding local offices, contact your county board of elections.



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