



2024
**ELECTION
CALENDAR**

**COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA**

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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2024

PENNSYLVANIA ELECTIONS

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

First day to circulate and file nomination petitions	January 23
Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions	February 13
First day to circulate and file nomination papers	February 14
Last day to file objections to nomination petitions	February 20
Ballot lottery	February 21
Last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination petitions	February 28
Last day to REGISTER to vote in the primary	April 8
Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot	April 16
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 23
GENERAL PRIMARY	April 23
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 22)	April 30
Last day to circulate and file nomination papers	August 1
Last day to file objections to nomination papers	August 8
Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated by nomination papers	August 8
Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated at the primary	August 12
Last day to REGISTER to vote in the November election	October 21
Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot	October 29
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 5
GENERAL ELECTION	November 5
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 4)	November 12

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April 23: GENERAL PRIMARY

November 5: GENERAL ELECTION

December 26: 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 8: 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 23: 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 23: Last day for the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH to transmit to the county boards of elections a list of the organizations which qualify as political parties within the State pursuant to section 801(a) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2831(a).

JANUARY 23: 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 23: First day to circulate and FILE nomination petitions.

JANUARY 23: Last day for the chairs 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 23: Last day for the chair of the county committee and, in cases where a city is coextensive with a county, the chair of the city committee of each party, on or before the thirteenth Tuesday preceding the General primary, to send to the county board of such county a written notice setting forth all party offices to be filled in the county at the ensuing primary.

JANUARY 24: 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 24: By this day, county boards of elections must complete their programs to systematically remove the names of ineligible voters from their official lists for the Primary Election.

NOTE: All county-initiated list maintenance must be completed this day. Voter-initiated changes and removals due to death may be processed after this date.

JANUARY 30: Not earlier than this day nor later than February 6, the county boards 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.

JANUARY 31: 2023 Campaign Finance Cycle 7: Last day for all candidates and all political committees and lobbyists to file annual expense reports in the office of the SECRETARY OF THE

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COMMONWEALTH or the county board of elections. Such reports shall be complete as of December 31, 2023.†

FEBRUARY 5: The county boards of elections must mail absentee ballot applications to individuals on the permanent absentee ballot list.

FEBRUARY 5: The county boards of elections must mail mail-in ballot applications to individuals on the permanent mail-in ballot list.

FEBRUARY 5: Last day for the county boards of elections for each county receiving an Election Integrity Grant, pursuant to the grant agreement, to report to the Department of Community & Economic Development, the chairperson and minority chairperson of the State Government Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and minority chairperson of the State Government Committee of the House of Representatives, on a form prescribed by the Department of State, how the county used the grant money received under this section for the November 2023 Municipal Election.

FEBRUARY 13: Last day to circulate and FILE nomination petitions. Petitions must be received no later than 5:00 PM in the office of the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, or no later than the ordinary closing hour of any county board of elections office, as the case may be.

FEBRUARY 13: Last day for STATE LEVEL PUBLIC OFFICE CANDIDATES to FILE "Statements of Financial Interests" with the State Ethics Commission, Room 309 Finance Building, P.O. Box 11470, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1470. 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 14: First day to circulate and FILE nomination papers nominating independent candidates of political bodies or candidates of minor political parties.

FEBRUARY 15: Last day for any business entity which was awarded non-bid contracts from the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions during 2023 to report to the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH an itemized list of all political contributions made during 2023 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 20: Last day to file OBJECTIONS to nomination petitions.

FEBRUARY 21: Day for casting of lots in the office of the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH for position of names upon the primary ballot.

FEBRUARY 23: 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.

FEBRUARY 28: Last day for the Court of Common Pleas or the Commonwealth Court to render decisions in cases involving objections to nomination petitions.

FEBRUARY 28: Last day for candidates who filed nomination petitions to withdraw by 5:00 PM.

† With respect to all campaign finance deadlines, candidates for federal offices (President of the United States, United States Senator, and Representative in United States Congress) are not subject to campaign finance filing requirements under Pennsylvania law.

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MARCH 4: Last day for the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH to transmit to the county boards 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 4: Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must begin to transmit ballots and balloting materials to all covered voters under the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act (UMOVA) in extremely remote or isolated areas, 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 of receipt.

MARCH 4: First day on which county boards of elections must begin to process official applications for civilian absentee and mail-in ballots.

NOTE: County boards of election may begin to process applications earlier if it deems it appropriate.

MARCH 9: 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 of receipt.

MARCH 12: 2024 Campaign Finance Cycle 1 Deadline: Last day for candidates for statewide offices and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists which have expended money for the purpose of influencing the nomination of such candidates to file campaign expense reports or statements in the office of the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH or as otherwise required by § 1631 (§ 3251). Such reports shall be complete as of March 4.

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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.

MARCH 23: Last day for a registered voter to disaffiliate from party enrollment in order to be eligible as a candidate for a political body in an election of the same year under the Election Code.

APRIL 3: By this date, the county board of elections must publicly announce the locations of polling places.

APRIL 8: Last day to REGISTER to vote 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 8: Last day to change party enrollment or non-partisan enrollment.

APRIL 9: 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 and civilian absentee ballots.

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

APRIL 12: 2024 Campaign Finance Cycle 2 Deadline: Last day for all candidates and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists which have expended money for purpose of influencing the nomination of candidates to 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 8.

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.

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APRIL 13: Not earlier than this day nor later than APRIL 20, 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.

NOTE: This provision applies only if there is a constitutional amendment or a ballot question on a primary ballot or if a special election is held in conjunction with a primary. Under those circumstances, then the primary election is treated as a November election as all registered electors may vote on the constitutional amendment, the ballot question, or the special election.

April 15: Last day before the primary election on which an elector, who by reason of disability or inability to read/write 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 15: Last day for any person to file a petition with the county registration commission appealing rejection of a voter registration application.

APRIL 16: Last day before the primary election that official applications for civilian absentee ballots may be received by the county boards of elections. Counties must process all applications arriving before 5:00 PM.

NOTE: 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 5:00 PM on the Friday preceding the primary. The county boards of elections will supply the forms. Qualified electors who become ill or are called away from home by reason of occupation, business, or duties, which fact was not known or could not reasonably be known prior to 5:00 PM on the Friday preceding the primary, may file a request for an absentee ballot with the appropriate Court of Common Pleas at any time prior to 8:00 PM on the day of the primary.

APRIL 16: 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 16: 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 PM

APRIL 18: 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.

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APRIL 18: 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 (or the candidate's authorized representative) three sample ballots of such party for the entire district in which such candidate is to be voted for.

APRIL 18: Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must prepare and submit a report to the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH containing a statement of the total number of electors registered in each election district, together with a breakdown of registration by each political party or other designation.

APRIL 19: By this date, the fourth day prior to the election, 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 22: 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.

APRIL 22: Not later than this day, the county boards of elections shall deliver the necessary ballots and supplies to the judges of election.

APRIL 22: Not later than 11:59 PM 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.

APRIL 22: Last day for any person to file an appeal to Court of Common Pleas for rejection of registration.

APRIL 23: All mail-in ballots must be received by the county boards of elections not later than 8:00 PM on this day to be counted.

APRIL 23: 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 PM on this day to be counted.

APRIL 23: GENERAL PRIMARY. Polls shall remain open continuously between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM.

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

APRIL 23: The county boards of elections shall meet no earlier than 7:00 AM on Election Day to pre-canvass all absentee and mail-in ballots received prior to the meeting. The county boards of elections shall provide at least 48 hours (by Sunday, April 21) notice of a pre-canvass meeting by publicly posting on its publicly accessible internet website.

NOTE: No person observing or attending or participating in the pre-canvass meeting may disclose the results of any portion of any pre-canvass meeting prior to the close of the polls.

NOTE: Counties that received an Election Integrity Grant must begin their pre-canvass at 7:00 AM on Election Day and shall continue without interruption until each mail-in ballot and absentee ballot received by 7:00 AM on election day is pre-canvassed.

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APRIL 23: The county boards of elections shall meet no earlier than the close of Polls (8:00 PM) in the county on Election Day and no later than the third day following Election Day to canvass all absentee and mail-in ballots not included in the pre-canvass. The county boards of elections shall provide at least 48 hours (Sunday, April 21) notice of a canvass meeting by publicly posting on its publicly accessible internet website.

NOTE: Counties that received an Election Integrity Grant must begin their canvass at 8:00 PM on Election Day and shall continue without interruption until each mail-in ballot and absentee ballot is canvassed.

NOTE: No person observing or attending or participating in the canvass meeting may disclose the results of any portion of any canvass meeting prior to the close of the polls.

APRIL 24: By 12:01 AM on this day, the county boards of elections receiving an Election Integrity Grant shall, pursuant to the grant agreement, announce and post on its publicly accessible Internet website an unofficial number of absentee ballots and mail-in ballots received for the election.

APRIL 24: By 2:00 AM 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 24: By 3:00 AM 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 26: No later than 9:00 AM on this day, the Return Boards meet to canvass, and compute returns of the votes cast. (County boards of elections that did not receive an Election Integrity Grant must begin to canvass mail-in and absentee ballots by this time.)

NOTE: Any petition to open a ballot box 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.

APRIL 29: 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.

APRIL 30: No later than 5:00 PM 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.

APRIL 30: A valid military-overseas ballot cast under section 3509 of UMOVA, 25 Pa.C.S. § 3509, must be delivered by 5:00 PM 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 1: 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 PM on April 30.

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

MAY 2: No later than 5:00 PM on this day, the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH must issue an order for a recount 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 7: Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must complete the computation of votes so as to meet the certification deadline.

MAY 8: Last day on which a recount ordered by the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH can be scheduled to begin.

MAY 10: 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.

NOTE: If the fact of the tie vote is not authoritatively determined until after MAY 8, the time for casting lots shall be 12 Noon on the second day after the fact of such tie vote is authoritatively determined.

MAY 13: Last day for the county boards of elections to certify returns from the primary election with the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

NOTE: Counties that received an Election Integrity Grant must also submit the outcome of any post-election audit required under the Election Code with their certified results. The Department shall post the audit information on its publicly accessible website.

MAY 13: Last day to file a petition to contest the nomination of any candidate at the primary election.

NOTE: Not applicable to elections of the first class.

MAY 14: No later than 12 Noon on this day, a recount ordered by the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH must be completed.

MAY 15: By 12 Noon on the day after completion of a recount ordered by the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, the county boards of elections must submit to the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH the results of the recount.

MAY 23: Last day for all candidates and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists to file campaign expense reports and statements in the office of the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH or the county board of elections as the case may be. Such reports shall be complete as of MAY 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.

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MAY 23: 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 23: Last day for county boards of elections to submit to the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH 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.

MAY 29: 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 3: 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.

JULY 22: Last day for the county boards of elections for those receiving an Election Integrity Grant, pursuant to the grant agreement, to report to the Department of Community & Economic Development, the chairperson and minority chairperson of the State Government Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and minority chairperson of the State Government Committee of the House of Representatives, on a form prescribed by the Department of State, how the county used the grant money received under Section 1602-A of the Election Code.

AUGUST 1: Last day to circulate and FILE nomination papers nominating minor political party candidates or political body candidates (including independent candidates) under the provisions of Sections 912.2 and 951 of the Election Code, 25 P.S. §§ 2872.2 and 2911.

AUGUST 1: Last day for STATE LEVEL INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES AND MINOR POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES to FILE “Statements of Financial Interests” with the State Ethics Commission, Room 309 Financial Building, P.O. Box 11470, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1470. 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 7: 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 7: By this day, county boards of elections must complete their programs to systematically remove the names of ineligible voters from their official lists for the Presidential Election.

NOTE: All county-initiated list maintenance must be completed this day. Voter-initiated changes and changes due to death may be processed after this date.

AUGUST 8: Last day to file objections to nomination papers nominating minor political party candidates or political body candidates (including independent candidates).

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AUGUST 8: Last day for candidates of political bodies, who have filed nomination papers, to withdraw.

AUGUST 12: Last day that may be fixed by the Court for hearings on objections to nomination papers.

AUGUST 12: Last day for candidates nominated at the primary election by write-in votes to pay filing fee; otherwise, the party nomination 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, Room 309 Finance Building, P.O. Box 11470, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1470 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 12: Last day for candidates who were nominated at the primary election to withdraw.

AUGUST 15: Last day for county boards of elections to submit an application to DCED for an Election Integrity Grant.

AUGUST 16: Last day for the Court to render decisions in cases involving objections to nomination papers.

AUGUST 22: Last day to file substituted nomination certificates to fill vacancies caused by withdrawal of candidates nominated at the primary election or by nomination papers under the provisions of Sections 907 and 951, respectively.

NOTE: 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 must file a "Statement of Financial Interests" with the substituted nomination certificate, nomination certificate or nomination papers and with the State Ethics Commission, Room 309 Finance Building, P.O. Box 11470, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1470.

AUGUST 27: 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 27: Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must begin to transmit ballots and balloting materials to all covered voters under the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act (UMOVA) in extremely remote or isolated area, who by that date, submit a valid military-overseas ballot application.

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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 of receipt.

SEPTEMBER 16: 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 16: First day on which county boards of elections must begin to process official applications for civilian absentee and mail-in ballots.

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

SEPTEMBER 19: Last day for withdrawal of candidates nominated under the provisions of Section 993 of the Election Code.

SEPTEMBER 19: Last day to file objections to nomination certificates and papers under the provisions of Section 993 of the Election Code.

SEPTEMBER 21: 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 of receipt.

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SEPTEMBER 23: Last day to FILE substituted nomination certificates for nomination certificates or nomination papers filed under Section 993 of the Election Code.

NOTE: Substituted nomination certificates to fill vacancies caused by the death of candidates nominated under the provision of Sections 993 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 filed under Section 998 must be filed within three days after the filing of the substituted nomination certificates.

SEPTEMBER 24: 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 in the office of the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH. Such report shall be complete as of September 16.

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 16: By this date, the county boards of elections must publicly announce the locations of polling places.

OCTOBER 21: Last day to REGISTER before the November 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 21: Last day to change party enrollment or non-partisan enrollment before the November Election.

OCTOBER 22: 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 or civilian absentee ballots.

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

OCTOBER 25: 2024 Campaign Finance Cycle 5 Deadline: 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

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and/or the county boards of elections, as the case may be. Such reports shall be complete as of October 21.

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 26: Not earlier than this day nor later than November 2, 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 28: Last day for any person to file a petition with the voter registration commission appealing rejection of a voter registration application.

OCTOBER 28: Last day before the November election on which an elector, who by reason of disability or inability to read/write requires him/her to have assistance in voting, may personally make application to the county registration commission or clerk 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 29: Last day that official applications for civilian absentee ballots may be received by the county boards of elections, due at 5:00 PM.

(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 5:00 PM on the Friday preceding the General Election. The county boards of elections will supply the forms. Qualified electors who become ill or are called away from home by reason of occupation, business, or duties, which fact was not known or could not reasonably be known prior to 5:00 PM on the Friday preceding the General Election, may file a request for an absentee ballot with the appropriate court of common pleas at any time prior to 8:00 PM on the day of the General Election.)

OCTOBER 29: Last day that official applications for mail-in ballots may be received by the county boards of elections. Counties must process all applications arriving before 5:00 PM.

OCTOBER 29: 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 31: 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 election and shall publish on their website.

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OCTOBER 31: Not later than this day, the county boards of elections, upon request, shall furnish without charge to the county chair or other authorized representative of each political party and body two specimen ballots for each election district within the county in which candidates of such party or political body are running for office.

OCTOBER 31: Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must prepare and submit a report to the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH containing a statement of the total number of electors registered in each election district, together with a breakdown of registration by each political party or other designation.

November 1: By this date, the county boards 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 4: 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.

November 4: Last day for any person to file an appeal to Court of Common Pleas for rejection of registration.

November 4: Not later than this day, the county boards of elections shall deliver the necessary ballots and supplies to the judges of election.

November 4: By 11:59 PM 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.

November 5: All mail-in ballots must be received by the county boards of elections not later than 8:00 PM on this day to be counted.

November 5: 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 PM on this day to be counted.

November 5: GENERAL ELECTION. Polls shall remain open continuously between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM

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

November 5: The county boards of elections shall meet no earlier than 7:00 AM on Election Day to pre-canvass all absentee and mail-in ballots received prior to the meeting. The county boards of elections shall provide at least 48 hours (Sunday, November 3) notice of a pre-canvass meeting by publicly posting on its publicly accessible internet website.

NOTE: Counties that received an Election Integrity Grant must begin their pre-canvass at 7:00 AM on Election Day and shall continue without interruption until each mail-in ballot and absentee ballot received by 7:00 AM on election day is pre-canvassed.

NOTE: No person observing or attending or participating in the pre-canvass meeting may disclose the results of any portion of any pre-canvass meeting prior to the close of the polls.

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November 5: The county boards of elections shall meet no earlier than the close of Polls (8:00 PM) in the county on Election Day and no later than the third day following Election Day to canvass all absentee and mail-in ballots not included in the pre-canvass.

The county boards of elections shall provide at least 48 hours (by Sunday, November 3) notice of a canvass meeting by publicly posting on its publicly accessible internet website.

NOTE: Counties that received an Election Integrity Grant must begin their canvass at 8:00 PM on Election Day and shall continue without interruption until each mail-in ballot and absentee ballot is canvassed.

NOTE: No person observing or attending or participating in the canvass meeting may disclose the results of any portion of any canvass meeting prior to the close of the polls.

November 6: By 12:01 AM on this day, the county boards of elections receiving an Election Integrity Grant shall, pursuant to the grant agreement, announce and post on its publicly accessible Internet website an unofficial number of absentee ballots and mail-in ballots received for the election

November 6: By 2:00 AM 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 6: By 3:00 AM 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 8: No later than 9:00 AM on this day, the Return Boards meet to canvass, and compute returns of the votes cast. (County boards of elections that did not receive an Election Integrity Grant must begin to canvass mail-in and absentee ballots by this time.)

NOTE: Any petition to open a ballot box 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 12: Last day for the county boards of elections to receive proof of identification that can be verified from an absentee or mail-in elector whose proof of identification was provided with the application or could not be verified by each board.

November 12: No later than 5:00 PM 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 12: A valid military-overseas ballot cast under Section 3609 of UMOVA, 25 Pa. C.S. § 3509, must be delivered by 5:00 PM 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 13: The Return Board shall continue the canvass through this day to canvass absentee ballots received from military and overseas electors no later than 5:00PM on November 12.

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November 13: A recount otherwise required under section 1404(g)(1)(i) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3154(g)(1)(i) shall not be ordered if the defeated candidate requests in writing that a recount and recanvass not be made. A request under this subsection must be made by 12 Noon on the second Wednesday following the election.

November 14: No later than 5:00 PM on this day, the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH must issue an order for a recount 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 19: Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must complete the computation of votes so as to meet the certification deadline.

November 20: Last day on which a recount ordered by the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH can be scheduled to begin.

November 22: 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 13, the time for casting lots will be 12:00 Noon on the second day after the fact of such tie is determined).

November 25: Last day for the county boards of elections to certify returns from the November election with the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

NOTE: Counties that received an Election Integrity Grant must also submit the outcome of any post-election audit required under the Election Code with their certified results. The Department shall post the audit information on its publicly accessible website.

NOTE: State level write-in winners of elections from the November election must file "Statements of Financial Interests" with the State Ethics Commission, Room 309 Finance Building, P.O. Box 11470, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1470 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 25: Last day to commence an election contest for any nomination or election other than for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

November 26: No later than 12 Noon on this day, a recount ordered by the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH must be completed.

November 27: By 12 Noon on the day after completion of a recount ordered by the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, the county boards of elections must submit to the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH the results of the recount.

December 5: Last day for all candidates and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists to file campaign expense reports or statements 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 25.

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 filing deadline.

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December 5: 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 11: Not later than this day, the Governor shall issue a Certificate of Ascertainment of appointment of electors.

December 16: 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.

December 17: On this day, at 12:00 PM at the State Capitol, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the electors of President and Vice President shall meet and give their votes.

FEBRUARY 3, 2025: Last day for the county board of elections for each county, receiving an Election Integrity Grant, pursuant to the grant agreement, to report to the Department of Community & Economic Development, the chairperson and minority chairperson of the State Government Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and minority chairperson of the State Government Committee of the House of Representatives, on a form prescribed by the Department of State, how the county used the grant money received under this section.

FILING FEES and SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

The filing fees and the number of signatures that are required on nomination petitions for offices to be filled at the 2024 elections are as follows:

OFFICE	FEE	NO. OF SIGNATURES
1. President of the United States	\$200	2,000
2. United States Senator	\$200	2,000
3. Attorney General 4. Auditor General 5. Treasurer	\$200	1,000 (including at least 100 from each of at least 5 counties)
6. Representative in Congress	\$150	1,000
7. Senator in the General Assembly	\$100	500
8. Representative in the General Assembly	\$100	300
9. Delegate to a National Party Convention	\$25	250
10. 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, Department of State, 201 North Office Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120, at 717-787-5280, option 3. For information regarding local offices, contact your county board of elections.

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