COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS

**CALENDAR FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 24, 2026.
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE 42ND DISTRICT
IN THE COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY**

1. Writ, prepared by presiding officer,
served on the Secretary of the Commonwealth . . . . . December 17, 2025
(*At least 60 days prior to the special election. 25 P.S. § 2778)*

2. First day for political parties and minor political parties to nominate
candidates by filing nomination certificates . . . . . December 17, 2025
(25 P.S. § 2779)

3. First day for political bodies to circulate and file nomination
papers nominating candidates . . . . . December 17, 2025
(*25 P.S. § 2779)*

4. Last day to file nomination certificates and
nomination papers . . . . . January 5, 2026
(50 days prior to date of special election. 25 P.S. § 2779)

5. Last day to file objections: 3 days after the deadline for filing
nomination certificates or papers . . . . . January 8, 2026
(25 P.S. § 2782)

6. Last day for Commonwealth Court to set a hearing on objections:
7 days after deadline for filing nomination certificates or papers . . . . January 12, 2026
(25 P.S. § 2782)

7. Last day to withdraw: 7 days after the deadline for filing
nomination certificates or papers . . . . . January 12, 2026
(25 P.S. § 2783)

8. Last day to file substituted nomination certificates:
7 days after the deadline for filing nomination
certificates or papers . . . . . January 12, 2026
(25 P.S. § 2784)

9. Last day to file objections to substituted nominations:
3 days after substituted nomination certificate is filed ..... Depends on filing date
(25 P.S. § 2785)

10. Last day for Secretary of the Commonwealth to certify names and residence of all candidates . . . . . January 25, 2026
(30th day preceding the day fixed for the special election. 25 P.S. § 2786)

11. Last day to register to vote before the election . . . . . February 9, 2026
(15 days before the special election. 25 P.S. § 3071(b))

12. Last day before the election on which official applications for civilian absentee and mail-in ballots may be received by the county board of elections . . . . . February 17, 2026
(Tuesday before special election. 25 P.S. §§ 3146.2a(a), 3150.12a(a))

13. All civilian absentee ballots must be received by the county board of elections no later than 8:00 P.M. on this day to be counted . . . . . February 24, 2026
(On the day of the special election. 25 P.S. § 3146.6(c))

14. All mail-in ballots must be received by the county board of elections no later than 8:00 P.M. on this day to be counted . . . . . February 24, 2026
(On the day of the special election. 25 P.S. § 3150.16(c))

15. Last day for county boards of elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots . . . . . March 3, 2026
(By 5:00 P.M. on the 7th day following a primary or election and must be voted no later than 11:59 P.M. on February 23, 2026. P.S. § 3146.8(g)(1) & 25 Pa.C.S. § 3511(a))

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A. Political Parties, including Minor Political Parties, file nomination certificates, nominating candidates in accordance with party rules.

B. Candidates of political bodies file nomination papers, obtaining signatures equal to 2% of the largest vote cast for any elected officer in that district at the last preceding election or the number of signatures required on a nomination petition for a political party candidate, whichever is greater. Signers of such papers must be qualified, registered electors of the district. **The number of signatures required on nomination papers to be filed by candidates of political bodies for the Special Election for the 42nd Legislative District is 539.** All nomination papers must be accompanied by a properly completed candidate's affidavit and a copy of the Statement of Financial Interests required to be filed with the State Ethics Commission. In addition, a filing fee of $100.00 must be submitted with each set of nomination papers and must be paid by certified check or money order payable to the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

NOTE: The Election Code provides that no person "who is a registered and enrolled member of a party (shall) be eligible to be the candidate of a political body for a special election." 25 P.S. § 2911.1.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING DEADLINES

Report	*Complete Up To And Including*	*Filing Deadline**
2nd Friday Pre-Election	February 9, 2026	February 13, 2026
(Complete as of 15 days prior to the special election. 25 P.S. § 3246(d))		
24 Hour Reporting (25 § 3248)	February 10, 2026 *(begins)*	February 24, 2026 *(ends/includes)*
30 Day Post-Election	March 6, 2026	March 26, 2026
(Complete as of 10 days after the special election. 25 P.S. § 3246(e))		

*Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing when reports are postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day before the filing deadline.

ETHICS LAW INFORMATION

All candidates for the Special Election must file Statements of Financial Interests with the State Ethics Commission and a copy of the Statement of Financial Interests with their nomination certificates or nomination papers. For further information, please call the State Ethics Commission at (717) 783-1610.