

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS

**CALENDAR FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MARCH 17, 2026.  
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE 79th DISTRICT  
IN THE COUNTY OF BLAIR**

1. Writ, prepared by presiding officer,  
served on the Secretary of the Commonwealth . . . . . January 2, 2026  
(*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 . . . . . January 2, 2026  
(*25 P.S. § 2779*)
3. First day for political bodies to circulate and file nomination  
papers nominating candidates . . . . . January 2, 2026  
(*25 P.S. § 2779*)
4. Last day to file nomination certificates and  
nomination papers . . . . . January 26, 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 29, 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 . . . . February 2, 2026  
(*25 P.S. § 2782*)
7. Last day to withdraw: 7 days after the deadline for filing  
nomination certificates or papers . . . . . February 2, 2026  
(*25 P.S. § 2783*)
8. Last day to file substituted nomination certificates:  
7 days after the deadline for filing nomination  
certificates or papers . . . . . February 2, 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 . . . . . February 15, 2026  
(30<sup>th</sup> day preceding the day fixed for the special election. 25 P.S. § 2786)
11. Last day to register to vote before the election . . . . . March 2, 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 . . . . . March 10, 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 . . . . . March 17, 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 . . . . . March 17, 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 24, 2026  
(By 5:00 P.M. on the 7<sup>th</sup> day following a primary or election and must be voted no later than 11:59 P.M. on March 17, 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 79th Legislative District is 513.** 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

<b><i>Report</i></b>	<b><i>Complete Up To And Including</i></b>	<b><i>Filing Deadline*</i></b>
2nd Friday Pre-Election <i>(Complete as of 15 days prior to the special election. 25 P.S. § 3246(d)).</i>	March 2, 2026	March 6, 2026
24 Hour Reporting <i>(25 § 3248)</i>	March 3, 2026 <i>(begins)</i>	March 17, 2026 <i>(ends/includes)</i>
30 Day Post-Election <i>(Complete as of 10 days after the special election. 25 P.S. § 3246(e))</i>	March 27, 2026	April 16, 2026

\*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.