2018

ELECTION CALENDAR

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Tom Wolf
Governor

Robert Torres
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

2018

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2018 PENNSYLVANIA ELECTIONS IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

First day to circulate and file nomination petitions . . . . . .February 13

Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions . . . . . March 6

First day to circulate and file nomination papers . . . . . March 7

Last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination petitions . . . . . March 21

First day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot . . . . . March 26

Last day to REGISTER before the primary. . . . . April 16

Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot . . . . . .May 8

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots . . . . . .May 11

GENERAL PRIMARY . . . . . .May 15

First day to REGISTER after primary . . . . . .May 16

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on May 14). . . .May 22

Last day to circulate and file nomination papers . . . . . August 1

Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated by nomination papers . . . . . August 8

Last day for withdrawal by

candidates nominated at the primary . . . . . August 13

First day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot . . . . . September 17

Last day to REGISTER before the November election . . . . . October 9

Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot . . . . . October 30

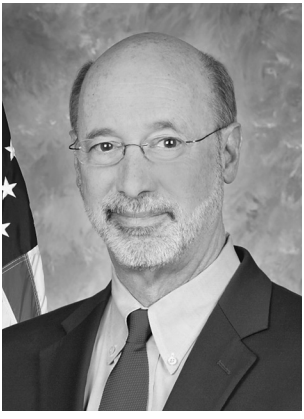
Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots . . . . . November 2

GENERAL ELECTION . . . . . November 6

First day to REGISTER after November election . . . . . November 7

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on November 5) . . . . . November 13

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



Commonwealth of
Pennsylvania
Office of the Governor
Harrisburg

Dear Fellow Pennsylvanian,

Voting is a pillar of America's democracy. By participating in elections, you decide who will represent you in state and federal government. That's why we've prioritized making it more convenient for Pennsylvanians to participate in the voting process. We launched register.votespa.com a few years ago to allow Pennsylvanians to register to vote or change their registration online. We're focused on providing more reforms like this in the future.

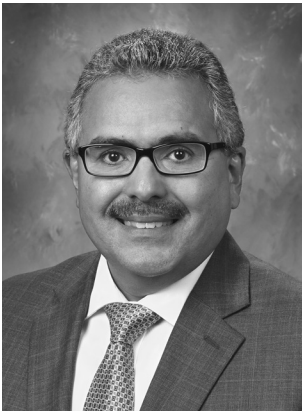
During the 2018 election cycle, we will cast ballots for a variety of federal and state offices. Together, our decisions will directly affect the course of our commonwealth and nation.

To enhance your understanding of the political process, it is my pleasure to provide the 2018 election calendar. Within its pages, you will find an extensive list of important dates and deadlines in Pennsylvania's electoral system.

I hope you find this guide useful as we work together to maximize participation in our elections

Sincerely,

Tom Wolf
Governor



Commonwealth of
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Dear Fellow Pennsylvanian,

Thank you for your interest in the electoral process. As the state's Chief Election Official, I am pleased to present the 2018 Pennsylvania Election Calendar. This comprehensive listing of important dates includes valuable information for voters, candidates, campaign workers and election officials.

With this guide, candidates and their campaign staffs can keep track of important dates related to ballot access and campaign finance requirements. Detailed information on running for office can be found at the Department of State's website, dos.pa.gov.

For voters, this resource contains deadlines for registration as well as for requesting and submitting absentee ballots. Visit votesPA.com to verify registration status, locate your polling place, download forms and find contact information for county election offices.

In 2018, Pennsylvania voters will cast ballots for candidates for a variety of offices including: Governor and Lieutenant Governor, U.S. Senate, Representative in the U.S. House, and Representatives and Senators in the General Assembly.

I urge every eligible citizen of the Commonwealth to register to vote. Online voter registration makes the process more convenient, secure and accessible than ever. Go to register.votespa.com to register or to update your information. Then, exercise your most fundamental right as a citizen and cast your ballot in 2018 – and every year after that.

If you have 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).

Sincerely,

Robert Torres
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

2018 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING DATES

(Not applicable to candidates running for Federal offices.)

TYPE REPORT	COMPLETE AS OF	FILING DEADLINE
2017 Annual Report	December 31, 2017	January 31, 2018
*6th Tuesday Pre-Primary	March 26, 2018	April 3, 2018
2nd Friday Pre-Primary	April 30, 2018	May 4, 2018
30-Day Post-Primary	June 4, 2018	June 14, 2018
*6th Tuesday Pre-Election	September 17, 2018	September 25, 2018
2nd Friday Pre-Election	October 22, 2018	October 26, 2018
30-Day Post-Election	November 26, 2018	December 6, 2018
2018 Annual Report	December 31, 2018	January 31, 2019

* 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.

2018
Election Calendar

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION CALENDAR FOR 2018

(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 2017–2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.*

MAY 15, 2018 . . . . . **GENERAL PRIMARY**

NOVEMBER 6, 2018 **GENERAL ELECTION**

JANUARY 16, 2018 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 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, 2017.

FEBRUARY 13 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. Section 2831 (b).

FEBRUARY 13 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. Section 2831 (a).

FEBRUARY 13 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 at the ensuing primary.

FEBRUARY 13 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.

FEBRUARY 13 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**.

FEBRUARY 13 First legal day to circulate and **FILE** nomination petitions.

FEBRUARY 14 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).

FEBRUARY 15 Last day for business entity which was awarded non-bid contracts from the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions during 2017 to report to the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** an

itemized list of all political contributions made during 2017 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 or her immediate family when the contribution exceeded an aggregate of one thousand dollars ($1,000).

FEBRUARY 20 Not earlier than this day nor later than February 27, 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.

MARCH 6 Last day to circulate and **FILE** nomination petitions.

MARCH 6 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.

MARCH 7 First legal day to circulate and **FILE** nomination papers nominating independent candidates of political bodies or candidates of minor political parties.

MARCH 13 Last day to file **OBJECTIONS** to nomination petitions.

MARCH 14 Day for casting of lots in the Office of the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** for position of names upon the primary ballot.

MARCH 16 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 21 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 21 Last day for candidates who have filed nomination petitions for the primary election to withdraw, by 5:00 P.M.

MARCH 26 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 the Secretary and who are not known to have withdrawn or been disqualified.

MARCH 26 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 dependants 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 26 First day before the primary election on which official applications for civilian absentee ballots from certain persons listed below may be received by the county boards of elections.

(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. All other qualified absentee electors may apply at any time.)

MARCH 30 Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must transmit 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 dependants 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.*

APRIL 3 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 due by the Sixth Tuesday before the primary election in the Office of the S**ECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**. Such reports shall be complete as of March 26.

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 16 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 Department of Transportation not later than the deadline to register.*

** Voter Registration Mail Applications must be postmarked no later than the deadline to register. In the case of missing or illegible postmarks, the Voter Registration Mail Application must be received no later than five days after 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 office not later than the deadline to register.*

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

APRIL 16 Last day to change party enrollment or non-partisan enrollment before the primary election.

APRIL 30 Last day before the primary election for any person to file a petition with the county registration commission appealing against rejection of registration.

MAY 1 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 for the

primary election.

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

MAY 4 Last day for all candidates and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists which have expended money for the 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 30.

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 5 Not earlier than this day nor later than May 12, the county boards of elections shall publish in newspapers a 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.

MAY 7 Last day before the primary election on which an elector, who suffered a physical disability which requires the elector to have assistance in voting, may personally make application to the appropriate county registration commission to have such fact entered on the elector's 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.

MAY 7 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.

MAY 8 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 5:00 P.M. 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 P.M. 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 P.M. on the day of the primary.)

MAY 8 From this day, the county boards of elections shall make the Registered Absentee Voters File available for public inspection.

MAY 8 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.

MAY 10 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.

MAY 10 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 specimen ballots for the entire district in which such candidate is to be voted for. *(The candidate may, at his or her own expense, have printed on different colored paper as many copies as he or she requires for conducting his or her campaign.)*

MAY 10 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.

MAY 11 All absentee ballots, except those received from military and overseas electors as defined by sections 1301(a) to (h) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3146.1(a) – (h), and those received from

emergency absentee electors who become ill or are called away from home after 5:00 P.M. on this day, must be received by the county boards of elections not later than 5:00 P.M. on this day to be counted.

MAY 12 Not earlier than this day nor later than three-quarters of an hour before the time set for the opening of the polls for the primary election, the county boards of elections shall deliver to the judges of election the keys which unlock the operating mechanisms of the voting machines.

MAY 14 Not later than this day, the county boards of elections shall deliver the necessary ballots and supplies to the judges of election.

MAY 14 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.

MAY 15 **GENERAL PRIMARY:** Polls shall remain open continuously between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.

NOTE: *The Court 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.*

MAY 16 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.

MAY 16 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.**

MAY 16 First day to change party or non-partisan enrollment after the primary.

MAY 16 First day to **REGISTER** after the primary election.

MAY 18 On this day, the Return Boards meet at 9:00 A.M. to canvass and compute the votes cast at the primary election.

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

MAY 22 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 22 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 23 On this day, the Return Boards meet to canvass absentee ballots received from military and overseas electors after 5:00 P.M. on May 11 and no later than 5:00 P.M. on May 22.

MAY 23 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 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.

MAY 24 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 ½ of 1 percent or less.

MAY 30 Last day on which a recount or recanvass ordered by the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** can be scheduled to begin.

JUNE 1 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 boards

of elections, as the case may be, to determine who will be entitled to the nomination. *(If the fact of the tie vote is not authoritatively determined until after June 6, the time for casting lots shall be 12 Noon on the second day after the fact of such tie vote is authoritatively determined.)*

JUNE 4 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.)*

JUNE 4 Last day for the county boards of elections to file with the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** returns from the primary election.

JUNE 5 No later than 12 Noon on this day, a recount or recanvass ordered by the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** must be completed.

JUNE 6 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.

JUNE 14 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 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 June 4.

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.

JUNE 14 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.

JUNE 14 Last day for each county board of elections to submit to the Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation 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 20 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 25 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 1 Last day to circulate and FILE nomination papers nominating minor po-

litical party candidates or political body candidates (including independent candidates).

AUGUST 1 Last day for **STATE LEVEL MINOR POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES OR POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATES (INCLUDING INDEPENDENT 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 papers. Last day for political body candidates (including independent candidates) and minor political party candidates for county or local level public office to file the "Statement" with the governing authority of the political subdivision in which they are candidates. A copy of the "Statement" must also be appended to the nomination papers.

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

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

AUGUST 8 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 11 Last day that may be fixed by the Court for hearings on objections to nomination papers.

AUGUST 13 Last day for candidates who were nominated at the primary election to withdraw.

AUGUST 13 Last day for candidates nominated at the primary election by write-in votes to pay the 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 30 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 30 days of having been nominated unless such person resigns nomination within that time.*

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

AUGUST 23 Last day to file substituted nomination certificates to fill vacancies caused by the 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 23, September 17 and September 24)*

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. County and local level candidates nominated by substituted nomination certificate, nomination certificate or nomination papers (see August 23, September 17 and September 24) 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 28 Last day for the **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 28 Not later than this day, the county board of elections must transmit ballots and balloting materials to all covered voters under the Uniformed Military and Overseas Voters Act (UMOVA) in extremely remote or isolated areas, 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 dependants 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 17 First day before the November election on which official applications for civilian absentee ballots from certain persons listed as follows may be received by the county boards of elections.

(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. All other qualified absentee electors may apply at any time.)

SEPTEMBER 17 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 of Pennsylvania 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. Sections 2953-2960).

SEPTEMBER 20 Last day for withdrawal of candidates nominated under the provisions of Sections 993-999.1 of the Election Code, 25 P.S. Sections 2953-2960.

SEPTEMBER 20 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. Sections 2953-2960.

SEPTEMBER 21 Not later than this day, the county board of elections must transmit 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 dependants of uniformed service members; Overseas voters; or veterans of a uniformed service who is bedridden or hospi-

talized 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 24 Last day for a court hearing on objections to nomination certificates and papers under the provisions of Sections 993-999.1 of the Election Code, 25 P.S. Sections 2953-2960.

SEPTEMBER 24 Last day to file substituted nomination certificates under the provisions of Sections 993-999.1 of the Election Code, 25 P. S. Sections 2953-2960.

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, 25 P. S. Sections 2953-2960, 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 certificate.*

SEPTEMBER 25 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 17.

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.*

OCTOBER 9 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 Department of Transportation not later than the deadline to register.*

** Voter Registration Mail Applications must be postmarked no later than the deadline to register. In the case of missing or illegible postmarks, the Voter Registration Mail Applications must be received not later than five days after 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 office not later than the deadline to register.*

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

OCTOBER 9 Last day to change party enrollment or non-partisan enrollment before the November election.

OCTOBER 22 Last day before the November election for any person to file a petition with

the county registration commission appealing against a rejection of registration.

OCTOBER 23 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 for the November election.

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

OCTOBER 26 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 22.

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.*

OCTOBER 27 Not earlier than this day nor later than November 3, the county boards of elections shall publish in newspapers a 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 29 Last day before the November election on which an elector, who has suffered a physical disability which requires the

elector to have assistance in voting, may personally make application to the appropriate county registration commission to have such fact entered on the elector's 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 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.

OCTOBER 30 Last day before the November election on which official applications for civilian absentee ballots from certain persons listed as follows may be received by the county boards of elections.

(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 above 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 above date, are entitled to execute

and file an Emergency Application any time prior to 5:00 P.M. on the Friday preceding the November 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 P.M. on the Friday preceding the election, may file a request for an absentee ballot with the appropriate court of common pleas at any time prior to 8:00 P.M. on the day of the election.)

OCTOBER 30 From this day, the county boards of elections shall make the Registered Absentee Voters' File available for public inspection.

OCTOBER 30 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.

NOVEMBER 1 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 November election.

NOVEMBER 1 Not later than this day, the county boards of elections, upon request, shall deliver, without charge, to county chairmen or other authorized representatives of each political party and political body in the county, two specimen ballots or diagrams for each election district in the county in which their candidates are to be voted for. *(Such political party or political body may, at its own expense, have printed on different colored paper as many copies as it requires for conducting its campaign.)*

NOVEMBER 1 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.

NOVEMBER 2 All absentee ballots, except those received from military and overseas electors as defined by sections 1301(a) to (h) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. §§ 3146.1(a) – (h), and those received from emergency absentee electors who become ill or called away from home after 5:00 P.M. on this day, must be received by the county boards of elections not later than 5:00 P.M. on this day to be counted.

NOVEMBER 3 Not earlier than this day nor later than three-quarters of an hour before the time set for the opening of the polls for the November election, the county boards of elections shall deliver to the judges of elections the keys which unlock the operating mechanisms of the voting machines.

NOVEMBER 5 Not later than this day, the county boards of elections shall deliver the necessary ballots and supplies to the judges of election.

NOVEMBER 5 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 6 **GENERAL ELECTION:** Polls shall remain open continuously between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.

NOTE: *The Court of Common Pleas shall be in session from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. ex-*

cept in judicial districts having 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.

NOVEMBER 7 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 7 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 7 First day to **REGISTER** after the election.

NOVEMBER 7 First day to change party or non-partisan enrollment after the election.

NOVEMBER 9 On this day, the Return Boards meet at 9:00 A.M. to canvass and compute the votes cast at the November election.

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 12 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 13 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 13 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 14 On this day, the Return Boards meet to canvass absentee ballots received from military and overseas electors after 5:00 P.M. on November 2 and no later than 5:00 P.M. on November 13.

NOVEMBER 14 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 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 15 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 ½ of 1 percent or less.

NOVEMBER 21 Last day on which a recount or recanvass ordered by the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** can be scheduled to begin.

NOVEMBER 23 On this day, candidates receiving tie votes at the election shall cast lots at 12 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 Noon on the second day after the fact of such tie is determined.)*

NOVEMBER 26 Last day to file petitions to contest the election of any candidate. *(Not applicable to elections of the first class.)*

NOVEMBER 26 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, Room 309 Finance Building, P.O. Box 11470, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1470 within 30 days of having been elected unless such 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 such person resigns within that time.*

NOVEMBER 27 No later than 12 Noon on this day, a recount or recanvass ordered by

the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** must be completed.

NOVEMBER 28 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 6 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 26.

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.*

DECEMBER 6 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 6 Last day for each county board of elections to submit to the Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation 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 17 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 nomination papers with the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**.

NOTE: *All dates in this calendar are subject to change without notice in the event of passage of any amendatory legislation.*

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FILING FEES AND SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

Candidates who file nomination petitions to access the General Election Ballot.

The filing fees and the number of signatures that are required on nomination petitions for offices to be filled at the 2018 elections are as follows:

OFFICE	FEE	NUMBER OF SIGNATURES
1. United States Senator	$200	2,000
2. Governor	$200	2,000 (including at least 100 from each of at least 10 counties)
3. Lt. Governor	$200	1,000 (including at least 100 from each of at least 5 counties)
4. Representative in Congress	$150	1,000
5. Senator in the General Assembly	$100	500
6. Representative in the General Assembly	$100	300
7. Member of State Committee	$25	100

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 Commissions, Elections and Legislation, 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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