NEW YORK STATE | Board of Elections

2020 POLITICAL CALENDAR

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General Election
November 3, 2020

Early Voting Dates for General Election
October 24 – November 1, 2020

This political calendar is a ready reference to the significant dates pertaining to elections to be held in this State. For complete information consult the State's Election Law and Regulations and any relevant court orders.

All dates are based on statutory provisions in effect on the date of publication and may be subject to change. Final confirmation should be obtained from your county board of elections or the State Board.

FILING REQUIREMENTS: For 2020 Elections, all certificates and petitions of designation or nomination, certificates of acceptance or declination of such designations or nominations, certificates of authorization for such designations or nominations, certificates of disqualification, certificates of substitution for such designations or nominations and objections and specifications of objections to such certificates and petitions required to be filed with the State Board of Elections or a board of elections outside of the city of New York shall be deemed timely filed and accepted for filing if sent by mail or overnight delivery service, in an envelope postmarked or showing receipt by the overnight delivery service prior to midnight of the last day of filing, and received no later than two business days after the last day to file such certificates, petitions, objections or specifications. Failure of the post office or authorized overnight delivery service to deliver any such petition, certificate or objection to such board of elections outside the city of New York no later than two business days after the last day to file such certificates, petitions, objections or specifications shall be a fatal defect per NYS Election Law §1-106.

Within NYC: all such certificates, petitions and specifications of objections required to be filed with the board of elections of the city of New York must be actually received on or before the last day to file. The New York City Board of Elections is open for the receipt of such petitions, certificates and objections until midnight on the last day to file.

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*** ELECTION DATES**

Feb 1	Certification of offices to be filled at 2020 general election by SBOE and CBOE. §4-106 (1&2)
Feb 11	PARTY CALLS: Last day for State & County party chairs to file a statement of party positions to be filled at the Primary Election. §2-120
Nov. 3	General Election §8-100(1)(c)
Oct. 24 – Nov. 1	Days of Early Voting for the General Election. §8-600(1)

CANVASS OF PRIMARY RESULTS

July 6	Canvass of Primary returns by County Board of Elections §9-200(1)
July 6	Verifiable Audit of Voting Systems. §9-211(1)
July 13	Recanvass of Primary returns. §9-208(1)

CERTIFICATION OF GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

Sept. 9	Certification of general election ballot by SBOE of nominations filed in its office. §4-112(1)
Sept. 10	Determination of candidates and questions; County Boards. §4-114

CANVASS OF GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

Nov. 18	Recanvass of General Election returns to occur no later than Nov. 18. §9-208(1)
Nov. 18	Verifiable Audit of Voting Systems to occur no later than Nov. 18. §9-211(1)
Nov. 28	Certification and transmission of Canvass of General Election returns by County Board of Elections §9-214
Dec. 7	State Board of Canvassers meet to certify General Election. §9-216(2)

PARTY NOMINATION OTHER THAN PRIMARY

Feb 4-Feb 25	Dates for holding state committee meeting to nominate candidates for statewide office §6-104(6)
June 1	First day to hold a town or village caucus. Ex Ord 202.16
July 23	Last day for filing nominations made at a town caucus or by a party committee. §6-158(6)
July 23	Last day to file certificates of nomination to fill vacancies created pursuant to § 6-116, §6-104 & §6-158(6)
July 27	Last day to accept or decline a nomination for office made based on § 6-116 & §6-158(7)
July 27	Last day to file authorization of nomination made based on § 6-116. § 6-120(3)
July 30	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination made based on § 6-116. § 6-158(8)
Aug 20*	Last day to hold a village caucus for 9/15/20 election. Ex Ord 202.26
Aug 22*	Last day for filing nominations, acceptances and declinations made at village caucus for 9/15/20 election. Ex Ord 202.26

*Village Caucus applies to 9/15/2020 village election only.

INDEPENDENT PETITIONS

July 1	First day for signing nominating petitions. Exec Ord 202.46
July 27 - July 30	Dates for filing independent nominating petitions. Exec Ord 202.46
Aug 3	Last day to accept or decline nomination. Exec Ord 202.46
Aug 6	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination. Exec Ord 202.46

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT FOR INDEPENDENT NOMINATING PETITIONS (As modified by EO 202.46)

3.3% of the total number of votes, excluding blank and void, cast for the office of governor at the last gubernatorial election in the political unit, except that not more than 2,450 signatures shall be required on a petition for any office to be filled in any political subdivision outside the City of New York, and not more than the following for any office to be voted for by all the voters of:

the entire state.....30,000
(with at least 330 signatures from each of one-half of the congressional districts).
any county or portion thereof outside the city of NY.....1,050
the City of New York.....5,250
any county or borough or any two counties or boroughs within the city of NY City.....2,800
a municipal court district.....2,100
any city council district within NY City.....1,890
any congressional district.....2,450
any state senatorial district.....2,100
any assembly district.....1,050

any political subdivision contained within another political subdivision, except as herein provided, requirement is not to exceed the number required for the larger subdivision.

JUDICIAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Minutes of a convention must be filed within 72 hours of adjournment. §6-158(6)

Aug 6 - Aug 12	Dates for holding Judicial conventions. §6-158(5)
Aug 13	Last day to file certificates of nominations. §6-158(6)
Aug 17	Last day to decline nomination. §6-158(7)
Aug 21	Last day to fill vacancy after a declination. §6-158(8)

VOTER REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL

Oct. 9	**Mail Registration for General:** Last day to postmark application for general election; it must also be received by board of elections by Oct. 14. §5-210(3)
Oct. 9	**In person registration for General:** Last day application must be received by board of elections to be eligible to vote in general election. If honorably discharged from the military or have become a naturalized citizen since October 10th, you may register in person at the board of elections up until October 24th. §§5-210, 5-211, 5-212
Oct. 14	**Changes of address** for General received by this date must be processed. §5-208(3)
Oct. 4	First day for local registration. §5-202(1)

CHANGE OF ENROLLMENT

Change of Enrollments are effective immediately; except for those filed between Feb. 15th-June 30th; Change of Enrollments filed between Feb.15th-June 30th, will take effect on June 30th.

VOTING BY ABSENTEE

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Oct. 27	Last day to postmark application or letter of application for general election ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
Nov. 2	Last day to apply in person for general election ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
Nov. 3	Last day to postmark general election ballot. Must be received by the county board no later than Nov. 10th. §8-412(1)
Nov. 3	Last day to deliver general election ballot in person to county board, by close of polls on election day. §8-412(1)

MILITARY/SPECIAL FEDERAL VOTERS FOR GENERAL

Sept 18	Deadline to transmit ballots to eligible Military/Special Federal voters. §10-108(1) & §11-204(4)
Oct. 9	Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Special Federal absentee ballot for general if not previously registered. §11-202(1)(a)
Oct. 24	Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Military absentee ballot for general if not previously registered. §10-106(5)
Oct. 27	Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Military/Special Federal absentee ballot for general if already registered. §10-106(5) & §11-202(1)(b)
Nov. 2	Last day to apply personally for a Military absentee ballot for general if previously registered. §10-106(5)
Nov. 3	Last day to postmark Military/Special Federal ballot for general. Date by which it must be received by the board of elections is Nov. 16th. §10-114(1) & §11-212

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

10 Day Post-Primary	July 3, 2020 *to be included in the July periodic report.
32 Day Pre-General	October 2
11 Day Pre-General	October 23
27 Day Post-General	November 30
24 Hour Notice §14-108(2)	October 20 through November 2

Periodic Reports §14-108(1)
January 15th
July 15th

Additional Independent Expenditure Reporting	
24 hr. Notice	General: October 4 through November 2
Weekly Notice	Refer to §14-107(3)(b)