



June 14, 2016 Federal and Local Primary Election Calendar of Important Dates and Deadlines

Candidates for:

Presidential Nominee (Democratic Party only)
Delegate to the United States House of Representatives
At-large Member of the Council of the District of Columbia
Ward Member of the Council of the District of Columbia (Wards 2, 4, 7 & 8)
United States Representative (“Shadow Representative”)
National Committeeman/National Committeewoman (Republican Party only)
Local Party Committee Member (Ward Chairperson) (Republican Party only)

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Board determined eligibility of parties to conduct presidential preference primary from the November 4, 2014 General Election results (Democratic, Republican, and D.C. Statehood Green Parties) [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(d)].

Board determined eligibility of parties to conduct Congressional and Council primary from the November 4, 2014 General Election results (Democratic, Republican, and D.C. Statehood Green Parties) [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(h)(2)].

Thursday, December 17, 2015

Deadline to file notice of intent to conduct a presidential preference primary and a comprehensive party plan for the selection of delegates and alternates to the national party conventions [D.C. Official Code §1- 1001.05(b)(3)(C)(i)(ii); 3 DCMR §1400.3 (not later than 180 days before the election)].

Deadline to file plan for election of national and local party committee members [D.C. Official Code §1-1001.08(1)(1); 3 DCMR §1700.3 (not later than 180 days before the election)].

Monday, January 18, 2016

Office Closed (Observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Friday, January 22, 2016

Board determines signature requirements and makes nominating petitions available for the following offices: [D.C. Official Code §§1-1001.08(i)(3)-(4) (144 days before the election)]:

Presidential Nominee - 1,000 or 1% (whichever is less) of the total number of registered qualified electors in the same political party as the nominee [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(b)(2); 3 DCMR § 1403.1];

Delegate to the United States House of Representatives - 2,000 or 1% (whichever is less) of the total number of registered qualified electors in the same political party as the candidate [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(i)(1)(B); 3 DCMR § 1603.1];

At-large Member of the Council - 2,000 or 1% (whichever is less) of the total number of the total number of registered qualified electors in the same political party as the candidate [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(i)(1)(B); 3 DCMR § 1603.1];

Ward Member of the Council - 250 or 1% (whichever is less) of the total number of duly registered qualified electors in the same political party as the candidate who reside in the ward from which the candidate seeks election [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(i)(2); 3 DCMR § 1603.2];

U.S. Representative - 2,000 or 1% (whichever is less) of the total number of registered qualified electors in the same political party as the candidate [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-123(d)(2) and § 1-1001.08(i)(1)(B); 3 DCMR § 1603.1];

National Committeemen/National Committeewomen - 500 or 1% (whichever is less) of the total number of registered qualified electors in the same political party as the candidate [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(a)(1)(A); 3 DCMR § 1703.1];

Local Party Committee Member (Ward Chairperson) - 100 or 1% (whichever is less) of the total number of registered qualified electors who reside in the same ward from which the candidate seeks election who are of the same political party as the candidate [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(a)(2); 3 DCMR § 1703.3].

Computation of the exact number of registered voters and the entire list of registered voters upon which such count was based are posted in the Board's offices until the end of the petition challenge period [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(i)(3)].

Monday, February 15, 2016

Office Closed (Observation of Presidents' Day)

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Last day to submit a petition for an initiative measure to appear on the ballot [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.16(o)(1), (p)(1); 3 DCMR §§ 1009.1, 1010.1 (Board must certify within 30 days after receipt of the petition whether the measure meets signature requirement. Election must be scheduled at least 90 days after Board certifies that the petition meets signature requirement)].

Monday, February 22, 2016

First day any nominating petition may be filed with the Board [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08(i)(4), 1-1021.01 (not earlier than the 115th day before the election)].

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 (5:00 p.m.)

Deadline for filing nominating petitions, petition supplements, Declarations of Candidacy, and any other affidavits, forms, or declarations required for the particular office sought. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-123(d)(2), 1-1001.05(b)(2), (b)(3)(A), 1-1001.08(a)(1)(B), (a)(2), (i)(1)(A), (i)(2), (q), 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR §§ 601.5, 1405.2, 1405.3, 1605.2, 1705.2 (90 days before the election)].

Saturday, March 19, 2016

Nominating petitions are posted for 10-day challenge period [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(o)(1); 3 DCMR §§ 1406.1, 1606.1, 1706.1 (third day after nominating petition filing deadline)].

Sunday, March 20, 2016 - Thursday, April 7, 2016

Period during which signers of nominating petitions may file change of address forms with the Board. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(o)(3); 3 DCMR §§ 1407.1(b), 1607.1(b), 1707.1(b) (within ten days after the challenge to the nominating petition has been filed.)].

Monday, March 21, 2016

Deadline for Executive Director's preliminary determination of candidates' eligibility [3 DCMR § 601.6 (third business day after the nominating petition filing deadline)].

Deadline for submission of Statement of Slate Registration forms, amendments to Statement of Slate Registration forms, and Statements of Slate Withdrawals (for candidates for Members and Officials of Local Committees of Political Parties and National Committeepersons. [3 DCMR § 1701.1 (third business day after nominating petition filing deadline)].

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

Last day to submit petition for a referendum measure to appear on the ballot. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.16(o)(1), (p)(1); 3 DCMR §§ 1009.1, 1010.2 (Board must certify within 30 days after receipt of petition whether measure meets signature requirement. If a previously scheduled primary, general, or special election will occur between 54 and 114 days of receipt of Board's certification that measure meets signature requirement, Board may present the referendum measure at that election)].

Last day to submit petition for a recall measure to appear on the ballot [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.17(k)(1), (l); 3 DCMR §§ 1109.1, 1110.1) (Board must certify within 30 days after receipt of petition whether measure meets signature requirement. If a previously scheduled primary, general, or special election will occur between 54 and 114 days of receipt of Board's certification that measure meets signature requirement, Board may present the recall measure at that election)].

Monday, March 28, 2016 (5:00 p.m.)

Close of 10-day nominating petition challenge period. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(o)(1); 3 DCMR §§ 1406.1, 1606.1, 1706.1].

Thursday, April 14, 2016

Deadline to provide notice to persons eligible to vote absentee in federal elections pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) of all contests and questions appearing on the ballot and any specific Federal Write-in Ballot (FWAB) instructions. Notice shall be provided on the Board's website. [D.C. Official Code §1-1061.16(a)(60 days before the election)].

Friday, April 15, 2016

Office Closed (Observation of Emancipation Day)

Monday, April 18, 2016

Last day for Board to determine the validity of challenges to nominating petitions [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08(o)(2), 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR §§ 1406.5, 1606.5, 1706.5) (within 20 days after the challenge to the nominating petition is filed)].

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Last day for either challenger or nominee to appeal to D.C. Court of Appeals for review of the Board's determination regarding the validity of nominating petition challenge. [D.C. Official Code § 1001.08(o)(2) (within 3 days after Board determines validity of challenge)].

Last day for candidates to submit affidavits withdrawing their nominations so that their names are not printed on the official election ballot. (The names of candidates who submit affidavits of withdrawal after this deadline may still appear on the ballot, but the Board shall provide notice of any withdrawals to voters in the affected polling places and early voting centers.) [3 DCMR § 603.4 (54th day before the election)].

Friday, April 22, 2016

[TENTATIVE] Board to conduct public lottery to determine ballot positions [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(p); 3 DCMR § 1204.1].

Monday, April 25, 2016

[TENTATIVE] Last day for Board to give notice on its website of its conduct of the pre-election logic and accuracy ("L & A") testing of the voting equipment to be used in the election [assumes testing begins May 2, 2016] [3 DCMR § 801.3 (at least 7 days before the L & A testing period begins)].

Friday, April 29, 2016

Deadline by which to transmit validly requested absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters where requests were received at least 45 days before the election. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1061.09(a), 1-1021.01 (not later than 45 days before the election)].

Deadline by which to publish, if necessary, updated election notice for UOCAVA voters. Notice originally posted on Board's website on **Thursday, April 14, 2016**. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1061.16(c), 1-1021.01 (not later than 45 days before the election)].

Monday, May 2, 2016

Deadline for publication of fictitious sample ballot in the *D.C. Register* [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.05(a)(5), 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 1201.1 (not later than 45 days before the election)].

Last day for application by a registered voter to correct the voter registration list or challenge the right to vote of a person named on the list [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.07(e)(5)(A), 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 521.2 (not later than 45 days before the election)].

Deadline for Board to post the list of registered voters current as of 60 days preceding the election (**Thursday, April 14, 2016**) in public libraries as follows: one citywide listing in main public library, and one ward listing in every branch library located within the respective wards [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.07(h)(1), 1-1021.01 (not later than 45 days before the election)].

[TENTATIVE] Board to begin conducting pre-election L & A testing of the voting equipment to be used in the election [assumes notice given on or before April 25, 2016]. [3 DCMR §§ 801.1, 801.2]

Monday, May 16, 2016

Last day for a qualified elector to change his or her party affiliation status [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.07(g)(4), 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 510.2 (not later than the 30th day before the election; requests for change of party affiliation status received during the 30 days that precede a primary election shall be held and processed after the election.)].

Deadline for registration-by-mail; mailed voter registration applications and registration update notifications must be postmarked by this date. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.07(g)(1)-(2), 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 509.1-3 (30 days before the election)].

Last day for receipt of faxed or electronically transmitted federal postcard applications (FPCAs), federal write in absentee ballots (FWABs), and other voter registration applications from persons eligible to vote absentee in federal elections pursuant to UOCAVA. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.07(g)(3), 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 512.2 (not later than the 30th day before the election)].

Monday, May 23, 2016

Last day for receipt of timely completed non-postmarked voter registration applications and registration update notifications [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.07(g)(2)(B), 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR §§ 509.5, 512.2 (23 days before the election)].

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

First day the Board can publish a sample copy of the official ballot in at least one newspaper of general circulation [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(a)(6); 3 DCMR § 1201.2 (not earlier than 21 days before the election)].

Friday, May 27, 2016

Last day to submit voter registration applications through the Board's online and mobile voter registration systems, and to submit voter registration applications in-person at the Board's main office and at voter registration agencies.

Monday, May 30, 2016

Office Closed (Observation of Memorial Day)

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

Deadline for Board to post a revised citywide list of registered voters in the main public library, and a revised ward list of registered voters in every branch library located within the respective wards [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.07(h)(2) (not less than 14 days before the election)].

Deadline by which Board must publish and display on its website a searchable copy of the list of qualified electors registered to vote as of the date the voter registry closed. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.07(h)(2A)(not less than 14 days before the election)].

Deadline for petitioning for credentials for poll watchers and election observers at specific early voting centers, polling places, and counting places; the Board may accept additional petitions after this date based upon available space [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(c); 3 DCMR § 706.3 (not less than 14 days before the election)].

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 – Saturday, June 11, 2016

Period during which qualified electors may register to vote and cast in-person absentee ballots at One Judiciary Square. The in-person absentee voting period will take place every day during this period (except legal holidays) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. [3 DCMR §§ 513.1, 717.9, 717.14 (15 days before the election)].

Board may begin tabulating election results. [D.C. Official Code §1-1001.05(a)(4) (not earlier than 15 days before the election. Tabulation results may not be published or disclosed before 8:00 pm on election day)].

Period during which qualified federal electors may request absentee federal ballots in person. [3 DCMR § 720.6]

Saturday, June 4, 2016 – Saturday, June 11, 2016

Period during which qualified electors may register to vote and cast full ballots for their precincts at ward-based early voting centers. Early voting centers are open every day during this period between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.09(b-1)(1)-(2); 3 DCMR § 703 (for no more than 10 days before the election)].

Monday, June 6, 2016

Deadline for Board to make a determination on poll watchers' and election observers' petitions for credentials [D.C. Official Code § 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 706.8 (not less than 10 days before the election)].

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Last day for Board to receive and process mailed or electronically received requests for non-UOCAVA absentee ballots and absentee federal ballots [3 DCMR §§ 717.4, 720.5 (no later than the 7th day before the election)].

Tuesday, June 7, 2016 – Thursday, June 9, 2016

Period during which duly registered voters may challenge the qualifications of prospective non-UOCAVA voters who submitted written requests for absentee ballots [3 DCMR § 721.3 (for 3 days beginning on the 7th day before the election)].

Wednesday, June 8, 2016 – Tuesday, June 14, 2016 (8:00 p.m. or close of polls)

Period during which certain qualified electors may cast emergency absentee ballots [3 DCMR § 719.1 (Period begins 6 days before the election and extends through the time the polls close on Election Day)].

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Deadline for UOCAVA voters to request an absentee ballot. [3 DCMR § 718.3 (no later than the Saturday before the election)].

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016 – PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

On Election Day, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., qualified electors may register to vote and/or cast full ballots for their precincts at the polling places for their precincts of residence. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-123(d)(2), 1-1001.05(b)(1), 1-1001.07(g)(5), 1-1001.10(a)(1), (a)(3)(A)-(B), (b)(1) (2nd Tuesday in June)].

Deadline, at 8:00 p.m., for receipt of all absentee ballots. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.05(a)(10a), 1-1061.10].

Final count of absentee ballots.

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Deadline, at 4:45 p.m., for write-in candidate to file an Affirmation of Write-In Candidacy or Declaration of Candidacy with the Board to be eligible for nomination to office [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(r)(2); 3 D.C.M.R. § 602.1 (not later than the day after the election)].

Deadline by which Board must provide toll-free telephone service (1-866-DCVOTES (1-866-328-6837)) and website service, www.dcboee.org, where any voter who cast a challenged or special ballot can learn the Board's preliminary decision whether to count or reject his or her ballot and the reason for the decision. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(e)(2) (In sufficient time to comply with the requirements of UOCAVA)].

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Board holds special or challenged ballot hearings [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.09(e)(3)-(4); 3 DCMR § 715.4 (not later than 2 days after the election)].

Friday, June 17, 2016

Board makes final determination on validity of special and challenged ballots [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.09(e)(3)-(4); 3 DCMR § 715.7 (within 1 day after the date of the hearing)].

Final count of special ballots.

Monday, June 20, 2016

Last day to appeal Board's decision on the validity of special ballots [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.09(e)(3)-(4), 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 715.8 (within 1 day after the Board's decision)].

Thursday, June 23, 2016

[TENTATIVE] Certification of election results [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(a)(11); 3 DCMR § 813].

Thursday, June 30, 2016

[TENTATIVE] Last day for a voter in the election to file a petition for review of the results of the election in the D.C. Court of Appeals [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.11(b)(1) (within 7 days after the certification)].

[TENTATIVE] Last day for a candidate in the election to request a recount of the certified votes cast in one or more voting precincts [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.11 (within 7 days after the certification)].