

2021 POLITICAL CALENDAR

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Primary Election **General Election**
June 22, 2021 **November 2, 2021**

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 2021 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.

ELECTION DATES

June 22	Primary Election §8-100(1)(a)
June 12 – June 20	Days of Early Voting for the Primary Election. §8-600(1)

Feb 1	Certification of offices to be filled at 2021 general election by SBOE and CBOE. §4-106 (1&2)
Feb 9	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

CERTIFICATION OF PRIMARY

April 28	Certification of primary ballot by SBOE of designations filed in its office. §4-110
April 29	Determination of candidates; County Boards. §4-114

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 12	Recanvass of Primary returns. §9-208(1)

Nov. 2	General Election §8-100(1)(c)
Oct. 23 – Oct. 31	Days of Early Voting for the General Election. §8-600(1)

CERTIFICATION OF GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

Sept. 8	Certification of general election ballot by SBOE of nominations filed in its office. §4-112(1)
Sept. 9	Determination of candidates and questions; County Boards. §4-114

CANVASS OF GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

Nov. 17	Recanvass of General Election returns to occur no later than Nov. 17. §9-208(1)
Nov. 17	Verifiable Audit of Voting Systems to occur no later than Nov. 17. §9-211(1)
Nov. 27	Certification and transmission of Canvass of General Election returns by County Board of Elections §9-214
Dec. 1-15th	State Board of Canvassers meet to certify General Election. §9-216(2)

DESIGNATING PETITIONS FOR PRIMARY

Feb 23	First day for signing designating petitions. §6-134(4)
Mar 29- April 1	Dates for filing designating petitions. §6-158(1)
April 5	Last day to authorize designations. §6-120(3)
April 5	Last day to accept or decline designations. §6-158(2)
April 9	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination. §6-158(3)
April 13	Last day to file authorization of substitution after declination of a designation. §6-120(3)

PARTY NOMINATION OTHER THAN PRIMARY

Feb 2- Feb 23	Dates for holding state committee meeting to nominate candidates for statewide office §6-104(6)
Feb 23	First day to hold a town or village caucus. §6-108
July 22	Last day for filing nominations made at a town caucus or by a party committee. §6-158(6)
July 22	Last day to file certificates of nomination to fill vacancies created pursuant to § 6-116, §6-104 & §6-158(6)
July 26	Last day to accept or decline a nomination for office made based on § 6-116 & §6-158(7)
July 26	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)

INDEPENDENT PETITIONS

April 13	A signature made earlier than 6 weeks prior to the last day to file independent petitions shall not be counted. §6-138(4)
May 18-25	A petition for an independent nomination for an office to be filled at the time of a general election shall be filed not earlier than 24 weeks and not later than 23 weeks preceding such election. §6-158(9)
May 28	A certificate of acceptance or declination of an independent nomination for an office to be filled at the time of a general election shall be filed not later than the 3 rd day after the 23 rd Tuesday preceding such election. §6-158(11)
June 1	A certificate to fill a vacancy caused by a declination of an independent nomination for an office to be filled at the time of a general election shall be filed not later than the 6 th day after the 23 rd Tuesday preceding such election. §6-158(12)
June 25	A candidate who files a certificate of acceptance for an office for which there have been filed certificated or petitions designating more than one candidate for the nomination of any party, may thereafter file a certificate of declination not later than the 3 rd day after the primary election. §6-158(11)

OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS

March 16	First day for signing OTB petitions. §6-164
April 8	Last day to file OTB petitions. §6-158(4)
April 15	Last day to file an OTB petition if there has been a declination by a designated candidate. §6-158(4)

JUDICIAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

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

Aug 5 - Aug 11	Dates for holding Judicial conventions. §6-158(5)
Aug 12	Last day to file certificates of nominations. §6-158(6)
Aug 16	Last day to decline nomination. §6-158(7)
Aug 20	Last day to fill vacancy after a declination. §6-158(8)

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT FOR DESIGNATING AND OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS §6-136

5% of the active enrolled voters of the political party in the political unit or the following, whichever is less:

For any office to be filled by all the voters of: the entire state.....15,000

(with at least 100 or 5% of enrolled voters from each of one-half of the congressional districts)

- New York City7,500
- any county or borough of New York City4,000
- a municipal court district within NY City 1,500
- any city council district within New York City..... 900
- cities or counties having more than 250,000 inhabitants2,000
- cities or counties having more than 25,000 but not more than 250,000.....1,000
- any city, county, councilmanic or county legislative districts in any city other than NY City 500
- any congressional district.....1,250
- any state senatorial district1,000
- any assembly district.....500

any political subdivision contained within another political subdivision, except as herein provided, requirement is not to exceed the number required for the larger subdivision; a political subdivision containing more than one assembly district, county or other political subdivision, requirement is not to exceed the aggregate of the signatures required for the subdivision or parts of subdivision so contained.

Note: Section 1057-b of the New York City Charter supersedes NY Election Law signature requirements for Designating and OTB petitions and independent nominating petitions with respect to certain NYC offices.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT FOR INDEPENDENT NOMINATING PETITIONS §6-142

5% 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 3,500 signatures shall be required on a petition for an 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...45,000 (with at least 500 or 1% of enrolled voters from each of one-half of the congressional districts) (Part V Public Financing Commission Report)

- Any county or portion thereof outside the city of NY...1500
- The City of NY.....7,500
- Any county or borough or any two counties or boroughs within the city of NYC.....4,000
- A municipal court 3,000
- Any city council district within NYC 2,700
- Any Congressional district..... 3,500
- Any State Senatorial District 3,000
- Any Assembly District.....1,500

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

VOTER REGISTRATION FOR PRIMARY

Feb 21	List of Registered Voters: Such lists shall be published before the twenty-first day of February
May 28	Mail Registration for Primary: Last day to postmark application for primary; last day it must be received by board of elections is June 2. §5-210(3)
May 28	In person registration for Primary: Last day application must be received by board of elections to be eligible to vote in primary election. §§5-210, 5-211, 5-212
June 2	Changes of address for Primary received by this date must be processed. §5-208(3)

CHANGE OF ENROLLMENT

Feb 14	A change of enrollment received by the BOE not later than Feb. 14 th or after June 28 th is effective immediately. Any change of enrollment made between Feb 15-June 28 th , shall be effective on June 29 th .
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VOTER REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL

Oct. 8	Mail Registration for General: Last day to postmark application for general election; it must also be received by board of elections by Oct. 13. §5-210(3)
Oct. 8	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 8 th , you may register in person at the board of elections up until October 23 th . §§5-210, 5-211, 5-212
Oct. 13	Changes of address for General received by this date must be processed. §5-208(3)

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR PRIMARY

June 15	Last day to postmark, email or fax application or letter for primary ballot. §8-400(2)(c).
June 21	Last day to apply in person for primary ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
June 22	Last day to postmark primary election ballot. Must be received by the county board no later than June 29 th . §8-412(1)
June 22	Last day to deliver primary ballot in person to your county board or your poll site, by close of polls. §8-412(1)

MILITARY/SPECIAL FEDERAL VOTERS FOR PRIMARY

May 7	Deadline to transmit ballots to eligible Military/Special Federal Voters. §10-108(1) & §11-204(4)
May 28	Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Military/Special Federal absentee ballot for primary if not previously registered. §10-106(5) & §11-202(1)(a)
June 15	Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Military/Special Federal absentee ballot for primary if already registered. §10-106(5) & §11-202(1)(b)
June 21	Last day to apply personally for Military ballot for primary if previously registered. §10-106(5)
June 21	Last day to postmark Military/Special Federal ballot for primary. Date by which it must be received by the board of elections is June 29 th . §10-114(1) & §11-212

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Oct. 26	Last day to postmark application or letter of application for general election ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
Nov. 1	Last day to apply in person for general election ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
Nov. 2	Last day to postmark general election ballot. Must be received by the county board no later than Nov. 9 th . §8-412(1)
Nov. 2	Last day to deliver general election ballot in person to your county board or your poll site, by close of polls on election day. §8-412(1)

MILITARY/SPECIAL FEDERAL VOTERS

FOR GENERAL

Sept 17	Deadline to transmit ballots to eligible Military/Special Federal voters. §10-108(1) & §11-204(4)
Oct. 8	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. 23	Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Military absentee ballot for general if not previously registered. §10-106(5)
Oct. 26	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. 1	Last day to apply personally for a Military absentee ballot for general if previously registered. §10-106(5)
Nov. 1	Last day to postmark Military/Special Federal ballot for general. Date by which it must be received by the board of elections is Nov. 15 th . §10-114(1) & §11-212

VACANCY IN OFFICE

Aug 2	A vacancy occurring three (3) months before a General Election in any year in any office are authorized to be filed at a General Election. §6-158(14)
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REFERENDUMS/PROPOSITIONS/PROPOSALS

Aug 2	For any election conducted by a BOE, the clerk of such subdivision shall provide the BOE with a certified text copy of any proposal, proposition or referendum at least three (3) months before the General Election. §4-108
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CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

PRIMARY ELECTION §14-108(1)	
32 Day Pre-Primary	May 22
11 Day Pre-Primary	June 12
10 Day Post-Primary	July 3
24 Hour Notice §14-108(2)	June 9 through June 22

GENERAL ELECTION §14-108(1)	
32 Day Pre-Primary	October 2
11 Day Pre-Primary	October 23
27 Day Post-Primary	November 30
24 Hour Notice §14-108(2)	October 20 through November 2

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

Additional Independent Expenditure Reporting	
24 Hour Notice §14-107(3) (b) & (c)	Primary: May 24 through June 22
	General: October 4 through November 2
Weekly Notice	Refer to §14-107(3)(b)

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