

JUDICIAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Election Law §6-124 and §6-126

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

Aug 6-12	Dates for holding Judicial District Conventions. §6-158(5)
Aug 13	Last day to file certificates of nomination. §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)

DATES FOR FILING FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORTS

PRIMARY ELECTION §14-108(1)

32 Day Pre-Primary	May 22
11 Day Pre-Primary	June 12
10 Day Post-Primary	July 15 9 NYCRR 6200.2(a)
24 Hour Notice §14-108(2)	June 9 - June 22

GENERAL ELECTION §14-108(1)

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 - November 2

*During this time period any contribution or loan which exceeds \$1,000 must be reported within 24 hours of receipt. This same contribution or loan must also be reported in the Post-Election report.

PERIODIC REPORTS §14-108(1)

January 15, 2026
July 15, 2026

*Where due date falls on weekend/holiday, filing due on next business.

For complete information on the manner, time and place for filing campaign financial disclosure reports, contact the State Board of Elections at 1-800-458-3453, the Erie County Board of Elections at (716) 858-8891 or refer to Article 14 of the NYS Election Law and Part 6200 of the Rules and Regulations.

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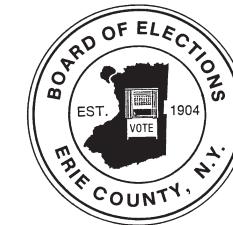
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2026 STATE AND LOCAL POLITICAL CALENDAR



**Early Voting Dates
for Primary**
June 13-21

**Early Voting Dates
for General**
Oct 24-Nov 1

Primary Election- June 23
General Election- November 3

This political calendar is a ready reference to the significant dates pertaining to elections to be held in this State. It constitutes a valuable guide to the proper administration of our election process. For complete information be sure to consult the Election Law and Regulations and any relevant court orders. All dates are based on court-ordered and statutory provisions in effect on the date of publication and may be subject to change. Final confirmation should be obtained from the Erie County Board of Elections or the State Board of Elections.

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**All Dates Subject to Change
by the State Legislature**

PETITIONS

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR DESIGNATING AND OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS

Election Law §6-136

5% of the enrolled voters of the political party in the political unit (excluding voters in inactive status) or the following, whichever is less:
For any office to be filled by all the voters of:

The entire state.....	15,000
(At least 100 or 5% of enrolled voters from each of 1/2 of the congressional districts)	
Congressional Districts.....	1,250
State Senatorial Districts.....	1,000
State Assembly Districts.....	500
County Legislative Districts.....	500
County-wide offices.....	2,000
All city-wide elective offices in the City of Buffalo.....	2,000
All elective offices in the Cities of Lackawanna and Tonawanda.....	500
All elective town offices.....	500
Delegates & Alternates to the Judicial Convention.....	500
State Committee Members (male & female).....	500

DESIGNATING PETITIONS

Election Law §6-132 and §6-134

Feb 24	First day for signing designating petitions. §6-134(4)
Mar 30 - Apr 6	Dates for filing designating petitions. §6-158(1)
Apr 10	Last day to authorize designations. §6-120(3)
Apr 10	Last day to accept or decline a designation. §6-158(2)
Apr 14	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination. §6-158(3)
Apr 20	Last day to file authorization of substitution. §6-120(3)

PETITION FOR

OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT (OTB)

Election Law §6-166

Mar 21	First day for signing OTB petitions. §6-164
Apr 9	Last day to file OTB petitions. §6-158(4)
Apr 13	Last day for member of committee to receive notices to file acceptance. §6-166(3)
Apr 16	Last day to file an OTB petition if there has been a declination by a designated candidate. §6-158(4)
Apr 20	Last day for member of committee to receive notices to file acceptance if declination filed. §6-166(3)

INDEPENDENT NOMINATING PETITIONS

Election Law §§6-138, 6-140, 6-142, 6-158

Apr 14	First day for signing independent nominating petitions. §6-138(4)
May 19-26	Dates for filing independent nominating petitions. §6-158(9)
May 29	Last day to accept or decline a nomination. §6-158(11)
June 1	Last day to fill vacancy after a declination. §6-158(12)
June 26	Last day to decline after acceptance if nominee loses party primary. §6-158(11)

PRIMARY ELECTION

June 23

POLLS OPEN 6:00 am - 9:00 pm

Election Law §8-100(1)(a), (2)

REGISTRATION

Election Law §§5-210, 5-211, 5-212

June 13	Last day application must be received by board of elections to be eligible to vote in primary election.
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CHANGE OF ENROLLMENT

Election Law §5-304(3)

Feb 14	Changes of Enrollment are effective immediately; except those filed between Feb. 15th-June 30th. Change of enrollments filed between Feb. 15th-June 30th will take effect on June 30th.
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Election Law §5-208(3)

June 8	Notices of change of address from registered voters received by June 8th by a county board of elections must be processed in time for the primary election.
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ABSENTEE VOTING / EARLY VOTING BY MAIL

Election Law §§8-400(2)(c), 8-412(1), 8-700(2)(c),(d), 8-710

June 13	Last day for board of elections to RECEIVE application or letter of application by mail or online portal for primary ballot.
June 22	Last day to apply in person for primary ballot.
June 23	Last day to postmark primary election ballot. Must be received by the county board of elections by June 30th.
June 23	Last day to deliver primary ballot in person to the board of elections or your poll site, by 9pm.

MILITARY/SPECIAL FEDERAL VOTERS

Election Law §§10-106(5), 11-202(1)(a),(b),(c), 11-212

June 13	Last day for board of elections to receive application for Military/Special Federal/UOCAVA absentee ballot for primary if not previously registered.
June 16	Last day for board of elections to receive application for Military/Special Federal/UOCAVA absentee ballot for primary if already registered.
June 22	Last day to apply personally for Military ballot for primary if previously registered.
June 23	Last day to postmark Military/Special Federal/UOCAVA ballot for primary. Date by which it must be received is June 30th.

GENERAL ELECTION

November 3

POLLS OPEN 6:00 am - 9:00 pm

Election Law §8-100(1)(c), (2)

REGISTRATION

Election Law §§5-210, 5-211, 5-212

Oct 24	Last day application must be received by board of elections to be eligible to vote in general election.
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Election Law §5-208(3)

Oct 19	Notices from change of address from registered voters received by October 19th by a county board of elections must be processed in time for the general election.
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ABSENTEE VOTING / EARLY VOTING BY MAIL

Election Law §§8-400(2)(c), 8-412(1), 8-700(2)(c),(d), 8-710

Oct 24	Last day for board of elections to RECEIVE application or letter of application by mail or online portal for general election ballot.
Nov 2	Last day to apply in person for general election ballot.
Nov 3	Last day to postmark general election ballot. Must be received by the county board of elections no later than November 10th.
Nov 3	Last day to deliver ballot in person to the board of elections or your poll site, by 9pm.

MILITARY/SPECIAL FEDERAL VOTERS

Election Law §§10-106(5), 11-202(1)(a),(b),(c), 11-212

Oct 24	Last day for board of elections to receive application for Special Federal/UOCAVA absentee ballot for general if not previously registered.
Oct 24	Last day for board of elections to receive application for Military absentee ballot for general if not previously registered.
Oct 27	Last day for board of elections to receive application for Military/Special Federal absentee ballot if already registered.
Nov 2	Last day to apply personally for a Military absentee ballot for general if previously registered.