

**ELECTION CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**  
**GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION: MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

<b>SEPTEMBER</b> 2017	<b>5</b>	<b><u>PETITION CIRCULATION</u></b> : First day to circulate petitions for established political party candidates (90 days before last day to file).
<b>NOVEMBER</b> 2017	<b>27</b>	<b><u>CANDIDATE FILING BEGINS</u></b> : First day for established party candidates to file nomination papers.
<b>DECEMBER</b> 2017	<b>4</b>	<b><u>CANDIDATE FILING ENDS</u></b> : Last day for established party candidates to file nomination papers.
	<b>11</b>	<b><u>INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES</u></b> : Last day to withdraw when an individual has filed for two or more incompatible offices.  <b><u>OBJECTIONS</u></b> : Last day to file objections to nominating petitions for November 27 <sup>th</sup> -December 4 <sup>th</sup> filing period.
	<b>13</b>	<b><u>LOTTERY</u></b> : Last day to conduct lottery for the November 27 <sup>th</sup> -December 4 <sup>th</sup> filing period.
	<b>18</b>	<b><u>REFERENDA</u></b> : Last day to file petition for public question (certain restrictions apply).  <b><u>SPECIAL JUDICIAL FILING BEGINS</u></b> : First day for established party judicial candidates for vacancies occurring during November 13 <sup>th</sup> -December 4 <sup>th</sup> filing period.
	<b>20</b>	<b><u>VOTE BY MAIL-APPLICATION</u></b> : First day for any registered voter within the confines of the U.S. to make application by mail or in person to the Election Authority for an official ballot (90 days prior to primary).
	<b>26</b>	<b><u>SPECIAL JUDICIAL FILING ENDS</u></b> : Last day for established party judicial candidates for vacancies occurring during November 13 <sup>th</sup> -December 4 <sup>th</sup> filing period.

<b>JANUARY 2018</b>	<b>2</b>	<p><b><u>REFERENDA RESOLUTIONS:</u></b> Last day to adopt a resolution or ordinance for binding/advisory public question.</p> <p>Last day for county, municipal, school, township, and park boards to place advisory referenda on the ballot by resolution.</p>
	<b>3</b>	<p><b><u>SPECIAL JUDICIAL OBJECTIONS:</u></b> Last day to file objections to petitions from the special judicial filing period (December 18<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>).</p> <p><b><u>SPECIAL JUDICIAL INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES:</u></b> Last day for judicial candidates to withdraw when two or more incompatible petitions are filed during either filing period.</p>
	<b>4</b>	<p><b><u>SPECIAL JUDICIAL LOTTERY:</u></b> Last day to conduct lottery for special judicial filing period.</p>
	<b>11</b>	<p><b><u>WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY:</u></b> Last statutory day for established party candidates to file withdrawal papers with the State Board of Elections.</p> <p><b><u>BALLOT CERTIFICATION:</u></b> Certification of ballot by State Board of Elections to Election Authority.</p>
	<b>17</b>	<p><b><u>WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY:</u></b> Last day for established party candidates to withdraw in the office of the county clerk.</p> <p><b><u>BALLOT CERTIFICATION:</u></b> Last day for the county clerk to certify to the board of election commissioners the names of all candidates in corresponding jurisdiction.</p>
	<b>18</b>	<p><b><u>WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:</u></b> Last day to file a Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate.</p>
	<b>29</b>	<p><b><u>EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE:</u></b> Last day for election authority to provide State Board of Elections with a list of all early voting sites and hours.</p>

<b>FEBRUARY 2018</b>	<b>2</b>	<b><u>VOTE BY MAIL-UOCAVA:</u></b> Last day for the election authority to have sufficient number of ballots available for mailing to persons in the U.S. service or their spouses, as well as voting age dependents, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the U.S. and nonresident civilians.
	<b>8</b>	<b><u>VOTE BY MAIL:</u></b> First day for mailing or delivery of vote by mail ballot. <b><u>EARLY VOTING-OFFICE OF ELECTION AUTHORITY:</u></b> First day for early voting at the office of the election authority and temporary locations designated by the election authority.
	<b>20</b>	<b><u>CLOSE OF REGISTRATION:</u></b> Last day for registration or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority.
	<b>21</b>	<b><u>GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING:</u></b> First day for grace period registration and grace period voting in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.
<b>MARCH 2018</b>	<b>5</b>	<b><u>EARLY VOTING-PERMANENT POLLING PLACES:</u></b> First day of early voting for counties that have early voting at permanent polling places other than the office of the election authority.
	<b>12</b>	<b><u>VOTE BY MAIL-UOCAVA:</u></b> Last day for any voter who is a member of the U.S. service or their spouses, as well as voting age dependents, nonresident civilians, and citizens temporarily residing outside the U.S. to make application for an absentee ballot.
	<b>15</b>	<b><u>VOTE BY MAIL:</u></b> Last day for the election authority to receive application for vote by mail ballot from any registered voter.
	<b>19</b>	<b><u>EARLY VOTING:</u></b> Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated by the election authority for this purpose. <b><u>VOTE BY MAIL:</u></b> Last day for any registered voter to make application in person for a vote by mail ballot.
	<b>20</b>	<b><u>GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING:</u></b> Last day for grace period registration and grace period voting in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.