

**2018  
POLITICAL CALENDAR**

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**Federal Primary Election  
June 26**

**State/Local Primary Election  
September 13\***  
*(\*Pursuant to Chapter 3, Laws of 2018)*

**General Election  
November 6**

This political calendar is a ready reference to the significant dates pertaining to elections to be held in this state. For complete information be sure to consult the State's 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 your county board of elections or the State Board.

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**PRIMARY ELECTION HOURS:**

In New York City and the counties of Dutchess, Erie, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester, POLLS OPEN at 6 AM and CLOSE at 9 PM. In all other counties POLLS OPEN at 12 NOON and CLOSE at 9 PM.

**GENERAL ELECTION HOURS:**

All Polls OPEN at 6 AM and CLOSE at 9 PM

**FILING REQUIREMENTS  
FEDERAL COURT ORDER**

For the **2018 Federal Primary Election and General Elections**, all certificates and petitions of designation or nomination, certificates of acceptance or declination of such designations and nominations, certificates of authorization for such designations, 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 (as defined in New York State Election Law §1-106(3)(a)) 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 one business day after the last day to file such certificates, petitions, objections or specifications.

**SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT FOR FEDERAL DESIGNATING  
AND OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS**

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 voter of:  
the entire state .....15,000  
(with at least 100 or 5% of enrolled voters from each of one-half of the congressional districts)

any congressional district ..... 1,250

**SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR  
FEDERAL INDEPENDENT NOMINATING PETITIONS**

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 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 .....15,000  
(with at least 100 from each of one-half of the congressional districts)  
any congressional district .....3,500

**FEDERAL ELECTION - ELECTION DATES**

March 6	Certification of offices to be filled at General Election. §4-106(1)(2)
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June 26	Federal Primary Election. Court Ordered
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**CERTIFICATION OF FEDERAL PRIMARY**

May 3	Certification of Federal primary ballot by State Board of Elections of designations filed in its office. §4-110
May 4	Determination of candidates for Federal office by county boards. §4-114

**CANVASS OF FEDERAL PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS**

July 5	Canvass of Federal Primary returns by counties. §9-200(1)
July 11	Recanvass of Federal Primary returns. §9-208(1)
July 3	Verifiable Audit of Voting Systems §9-211(1)

Sept. 19	Deadline for vacancies to be filled at General Election. §6-158(14)
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November 6	General Election §8-100(1)(c)
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**CERTIFICATION OF FEDERAL GENERAL BALLOT**

Sept. 13	Certification of general election ballot by State Board of Federal designations filed in its office. §4-112(1)
Sept. 14	Determination of Federal candidates and questions by county boards. §4-114

**\*\*\* BECOMING A CANDIDATE \*\*\***

**DESIGNATING PETITIONS FOR FEDERAL PRIMARY**

March 6	First day for signing Federal designating petitions. §6-134(4)
April 9 - April 12	Dates for filing Federal designating petitions. §6-158(1)
April 16	Last day to authorize Federal designations §6-120(3) & §6-158(6)
April 16	Last day to accept or decline Federal designations. §6-158(2)
April 20	Last day to fill a vacancy after a Federal declination. §6-158(3)
April 24	Last day to file authorization of substitution after declination of a Federal designation. §6-120(3)

**OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS FOR FEDERAL PRIMARY**

March 27	First day for signing Federal OTB petitions. §6-164
April 19	Last day to file Federal OTB petitions. §6-158(4)
April 26	Last day to file OTB petition if there has been a declination by a designated candidate. §6-158(4)

**PARTY NOMINATION OTHER THAN PRIMARY**

Feb. 13- March 6	Dates for holding state committee meeting to nominate candidates for Federal statewide office. §6-104(6)
July 17	Last day to file certificates of nomination to fill vacancies in Federal office created pursuant to §§ 6-116 & 6-158(6)
July 20	Last day to accept or decline a nomination for Federal office made based on § 6-116
July 23	Last day to file authorization of nomination for Federal office made based on § 6-116
July 23	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination for Federal office made based on § 6-116
July 24	Last day to fill vacancy after declination 6-158(8)

**INDEPENDENT PETITIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICE**

June 19	First day for signing Federal nominating petitions. §6-138(4)
July 24- July 31	Dates for filing Federal independent nominating petitions. §6-158(9)
August 3	Last day to accept or decline Federal independent nomination. §6-158(11)
August 6	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination to any independent petition for Federal office. §6-158(12)
August 3	Last day to decline after acceptance if nominee loses party primary. §6-158(11)

**FEDERAL ELECTION - VOTER REGISTRATION**

**VOTER REGISTRATION FOR FEDERAL PRIMARY**

June 1	Mail Registration for Federal Primary: Last day to postmark application and last day it must be received by board of elections is June 6. §5-210(3)
June 6	In person registration for Federal 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 6	Changes of address for Federal Primary received by this date must be processed. §5-208(3)

**FEDERAL ELECTION - VOTER REGISTRATION**

**VOTER REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL**

Oct. 12	Mail Registration: Last day to postmark application for general election and last day it must be received by board of elections is Oct 17. §5-210(3)
Oct. 17	In person registration: Last day application must be received by board of election to be eligible to vote in general election. If you have been honorably discharged from the military or have become a naturalized citizen since October 12 <sup>th</sup> , you may register in person at the board of elections up until October 27 <sup>th</sup> . §§5-210, 5-211, 5-212
Oct. 17	Changes of address received by this date must be processed. §5-208(3)
Oct. 12	Change of party enrollment. Last day to accept a change of enrollment. §5-208(3)

**\*\*\*\*VOTING BY ABSENTEE\*\*\*\***

**ABSENTEE VOTING FOR FEDERAL PRIMARY**

June 19	Last day to postmark application for Federal primary ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
June 25	Last day to apply in person for Federal primary ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
June 25	Last day to postmark Federal primary ballot. Must be received by the county board no later than July 3 <sup>rd</sup> . §8-412(1)
July 3	Last day to deliver Federal primary ballot in person to county board, by close of polls on election day. §8-412(1)

**MILITARY/SPECIAL FEDERAL VOTERS FOR FEDERAL PRIMARY**

May 12	Date to transmit Military/Special Federal ballots for Federal primary. (5/12 Saturday) §10-108(1) & §11-204(4)
June 1	Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Military/Special Federal ballot if not previously registered. §10-106(5) & §11-202
June 19	Last day for a board of elections to receive Military/Special Federal application if previously registered. §10-106(5) & §11-204(4)
June 25	Last day to apply personally for Military ballot if previously registered. §10-106(5)
June 25	Last day to postmark Military/Special Federal ballot and date it must be received by the board of elections is July 3. §10-114(1) & §11-212

**ABSENTEE VOTING FOR FEDERAL GENERAL**

Oct 30	Last day to postmark application or letter of application for general election ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
Nov. 5	Last day to apply in person for general election ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
Nov. 5	Last day to postmark ballot. Must be received by the county board no later than Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup> . §8-412(1)
Nov. 6	Last day to deliver ballot in person to county board, by close of polls on election day. §8-412(1)

**MILITARY/SPECIAL FEDERAL VOTERS FOR FEDERAL GENERAL**

Sept. 22	Date to transmit Military/Special Federal general election ballots. §10-108(1) & §11-204(4)
Oct. 12	Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Special Federal absentee ballot if not previously registered. §11-202(1)
Oct. 27	Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Military absentee ballot if not previously registered. §10-106(5)
Oct. 30	Last day for a board of elections to receive Military absentee application, if by mail and previously registered. §10-106(5)
Oct. 30	Last day for a board of elections to receive Special Federal absentee application, if previously registered. §11-204(4)
Nov. 5	Last day to apply personally for Military ballot if previously registered. §10-106(5)
Nov. 5	Last day to postmark Military/Special Federal ballot and date it must be received by the board of elections is Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup> . §§10-114(1) & 11-212

**STATE/LOCAL ELECTION - ELECTION DATES**

Sept. 13	State/Local Primary Election §8-100(1)(a)
May 22	PARTY CALLS: Last day for State & County party chairs to file a statement of party positions to be filled at the State Primary Election. §2-120(1)

**CERTIFICATION OF STATE/LOCAL PRIMARY**

Aug. 8	Certification of September state/local primary ballot by SBOE of designations filed in its office. §4-110
Aug. 9	Determination of candidates and questions; County Boards. §4-114

**CANVASS OF STATE/LOCAL PRIMARY RESULTS**

Sept. 24	Canvass of State/Local Primary Returns by County Board of Elections §9-200(1)
Sept. 28	Recanvass of State/Local Primary returns. §9-208(1)
Sept. 20	Verifiable Audit of Voting Systems. §9-211(1)

Nov. 6	General Election §8-100(1)(c)
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**CERTIFICATION OF STATE/LOCAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**

Oct. 1	Certification of state election ballot by SBOE of nominations filed in its office. §4-112(1)
Oct. 2	Determination of state/local candidates and questions by county boards. §4-114

**CANVASS OF STATE/LOCAL GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS**

Dec. 3	Canvass of General Election results by County Board of Elections §9-214(1)
Nov. 21	Recanvass of General results. §9-208(1)
Nov. 21	Verifiable Audit of Voting Systems. §9-211(1)
Dec. 14	State Board of Canvassers meet to certify General Election (12/15 Saturday)

**\*\* BECOMING A CANDIDATE\*\***

**DESIGNATING PETITIONS FOR STATE/LOCAL PRIMARY**

June 5	First day for signing designating petitions for state/local offices. §6-134(4)
July 9- July 12	Dates for filing designating petitions for state/local offices. §6-158(1)
July 16	Last day to authorize designations for state/local offices. §6-120(3)
July 16	Last day to accept or decline designations for state/local offices. §6-158(2)
July 20	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination for state/local office. §6-158(3)
July 24	Last day to file authorization of substitution after declination of a state/local designation. §6-120(3)

**OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS FOR STATE/LOCAL PRIMARY**

June 26	First day for signing OTB petitions for state/local offices. §6-164
July 19	Last day to file OTB petitions for state/local offices §6-158(4)
July 26	Last day to file OTB petition if there has been a declination by a designated candidate for state/local offices. §6-158(4)

**PARTY NOMINATION OTHER THAN PRIMARY**

May 15 through June 5	Dates for holding state committee meeting to nominate candidates for statewide office
June 5	First day to hold a town caucus. §6-108
Sept. 20	Last day for filing nominations made at a town or village caucus or by a party committee. §6-158(6)
Sept. 20	Last day to file certificates of nomination to fill vacancies created pursuant to §§ 6-116 & 6-158(6)
Sept. 24	Last day to accept or decline a nomination For State/local office made based on §§ 6-116; 6-158(7)
Sept. 24	Last day to file authorization of nomination made based on §§ 6-116; 6-120
Sept. 28	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination made based on §§ 6-116; 6-158(8)

**INDEPENDENT PETITIONS FOR STATE/LOCAL OFFICES**

July 10	First day for signing nominating petitions for state/local offices. §6-138(4)
Aug 14 - Aug. 21	Dates for filing independent nominating petitions for state/local office. §6-158(9)
Aug. 24	Last day to accept or decline nomination for state/local office. §6-158(11)
Aug. 27	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination in state/local office. §6-158(12)
Sept. 17	Last day to decline after acceptance if nominee loses party primary. §6-158(11)

**STATE/LOCAL ELECTION**

**JUDICIAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS**

Sept. 18 thru 24	Dates for holding Judicial conventions. §6-158(5)
Sept. 25	Last day to file certificates of nominations. §6-158(6)
Sept. 28	Last day to decline. §6-158(7)
Oct. 2	Last day to fill vacancy after a declination. §6-158(8)
<b>Minutes of a convention must be filed within 72 hours of adjournment. §6-158(6)</b>	

**SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT FOR DESIGNATING AND OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT PETITIONS FOR STATE/LOCAL OFFICES**

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

New York City . . . . . 7,500  
any county or borough of New York City . . . . . 4,000  
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 inhabitants . . . . . 2,000  
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 district . . . . . 1,000  
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 New York Election Law signature requirements for Designating and OTB petitions and Independent nominating petitions with respect to certain NY City offices.

**SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT FOR INDEPENDENT NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR STATE/LOCAL OFFICES**

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 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 . . . . . 15,000  
(with at least 100 or 5% of enrolled voters from each of one-half of the congressional districts)

any county or portion thereof outside the city of NY. . . . . 1,500

the City of New York. . . . . 7,500  
any county or borough or any two counties or boroughs within the city of NY City . . . . . 4,000  
a municipal court district . . . . . 3,000  
any city council district within NY City. . . . . 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 required for the larger subdivision.

**\*\*\*VOTER REGISTRATION\*\*\***

**VOTER REGISTRATION FOR STATE/LOCAL PRIMARY**

Aug. 19	<b>Mail Registration</b> for state/local Primary: Last day to postmark application and last day it must be received by board of elections is Aug. 24. §5-210(3)
Aug. 19	<b>In person registration</b> for state/local Primary: Last day application must be received by board of election to be eligible to vote in primary election. §§5-210, 5-211, 5-212
Aug. 24	<b>Changes of address</b> for state/local Primary received by this date must be processed. §5-208(3)

**STATE/LOCAL ELECTION**

**VOTER REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL**

Oct. 12	<b>Mail Registration:</b> Last day to postmark application for general election and last day it must be received by board of elections by Oct. 17. §5-210(3)
Oct. 12	<b>In person registration:</b> Last day application must be received by board of election to be eligible to vote in general election. If honorably discharged from the military or have become a naturalized citizen since October 12 <sup>th</sup> , you may register in person at the board of elections up until October 27 <sup>th</sup> §§5-210; 5-211; 5-212
Oct. 17	<b>Changes of address</b> received by this date must be processed. §5-208(3)
Oct. 12	<b>Change of Party Enrollment:</b> Last day to receive. §5-304(3)

**\*\*\*VOTING BY ABSENTEE\*\*\***

**ABSENTEE VOTING FOR STATE/LOCAL PRIMARY**

Sept. 6	Last day to postmark application for state/local primary ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
Sept. 12	Last day to apply in person for state/local primary ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
Sept. 12	Last day to postmark state/local ballot. Must be received by the county board no later than Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup> . §8-412(1)
Sept. 13	Last day to deliver state/local primary ballot in person to county board, by close of polls. §8-412(1)

**MILITARY VOTERS/SPECIAL FEDERAL FOR STATE/LOCAL PRIMARY**

Aug. 12	Date to transmit ballot to Military/Special Federal Voter. §10-108(1)
Aug. 20	Last day for a board of elections to receive application for Military ballot for state/local primary if not previously registered. §10-106(5)
Sept. 6	Last day for a board of elections to receive Military application for state/local primary if previously registered. §10-106(5)
Sept. 12	Last day to apply personally for Military ballot for state/local primary if previously registered. §10-106(5)
Sept. 12	Last day to postmark Military ballot for state/local primary and date it must be received by the board of elections is September 20 <sup>th</sup> . §10-114(1)

**ABSENTEE VOTING FOR GENERAL ELECTION**

Oct. 30	Last day to postmark application or letter of application for general election ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
Nov. 5	Last day to apply in person for ballot for general election ballot. §8-400(2)(c)
Nov. 5	Last day to postmark general election ballot. Must be received by the county board no later than Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup> . §8-412(1)
Nov. 6	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**

Oct. 5	Date to transmit Military voters' absentee ballots for state/local offices and proposals, per federal court order.
Oct. 27	Last day for a board of elections to receive application for a Military absentee ballot if not previously registered. §10-106(5)
Oct. 30	Last day for a board of elections to receive Military/Special Federal absentee application, if by mail and previously registered. §10-106(5)
Nov. 5	Last day to apply personally for a Military General Election ballot if previously registered. §10-106(5)
Nov. 5	Last day to postmark Military/Special Federal ballot and it must be received by the board of elections is Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup> §10-114(1) §11-212

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE - DATES FOR FILING**

<b>PRIMARY ELECTION §14-108(1)</b>	
32 Day Pre-Primary	August 13
11 Day Pre-Primary	September 4
10 Day Post Primary	September 24
24 Hour Notice §14-108(2)	Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup> thru Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>GENERAL ELECTION §14-108(1)</b>	
32 Day Pre-General	October 5
11 Day Pre-General	October 26
27 Day Post-General	December 3
24 Hour Notice §14-108(2)	Oct. 23 <sup>rd</sup> thru Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>2018 Periodic Reports §14-108(1)</b>	
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Additional Independent Expenditure Reporting</b>	
24 Hour Notice §14-107(4)(a)(ii)	Primary: Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup> thru Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup> General: Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup> thru Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>
Weekly Notice	Refer to §14-107(4)(a)