



District of Columbia  
Board of Elections and Ethics

**NOVEMBER 7, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION**

**OFFICIAL ELECTION CALENDAR**

for the

**Direct Access offices of:**

*Delegate to the United States House of Representatives;*

*Mayor of the District of Columbia;*

*Chairman of the Council;*

*At-Large Member of the Council;*

*Ward Member of the Council (Wards 1, 3, 5, and 6);*

*President of the Board of Education;*

*District Member of the Board of Education (School Districts III and IV);*

*United States Senator; and*

*United States Representative*

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**Friday, July 7, 2006**

**DIRECT ACCESS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES**

BOEE determines signature requirements (123 days before the election):

- a. Delegate, Mayor, Chairman of the Council, At-Large Member of the Council - 3,000 or 1.5% (whichever is less) of the total number of registered voters in the District of Columbia [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(j)(1)(B)].
- b. U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative - 3,000 or 1.5% (whichever is less) of the total number of registered voters in the District of Columbia [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-123(d)(2) and § 1-1001.08(j)(1)(B)].
- c. Ward Member of the Council - 500 duly registered voters in the ward from which the candidate seeks election [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(j)(1)(B)].
- d. President of the Board of Education - 1,000 District of Columbia duly registered voters [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(n)(B)].
- e. District Member of the Board of Education - 200 duly registered voters in the school district from which the candidate seeks election [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(n)(B)].

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

### **Friday, July 7, 2006**

First day direct access nominating petitions available for the Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, Mayor, D.C. Council, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative and Board of Education offices [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08(j)(1)(B) and 1-1001.08(n)].

### **Friday, July 7, 2006**

First day direct access nominating petitions available for the U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-123(d)(2); 1-1001.08(j)(1)(B) and 1-1001.08(n)].

### **Monday, July 10, 2006**

Last day to submit petition for initiative measure to appear on the November 7, 2006 General Election Ballot [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.16(o)(1) and 1-1001.16(p)(1)]. (Board must certify within 30 days after receipt of petition whether the measure meets the signature requirement. Election must be at least 90 days after Board certifies that petition meets signature requirement.)

### **Monday, August 7, 2006**

First day nominating petitions for Board of Education candidates may be filed [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(n)] (Nominating Petition may not be filed before the 94th day preceding the election).

### **Monday, August 15, 2006**

Last day for acceptance of a petition for a referendum measure to appear on the November 7, 2006 General Election Ballot [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.16(o)(1) and 1-1001.16(p)(1)] (Board must certify within 30 days after receipt of the petition whether the measure meets the 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 of Elections may present referendum at that election]).

### **Wednesday, August 30, 2006**

Deadline, by 5:00 p.m., for filing nominating petitions, petition supplements, and "Declarations of Candidacy" for direct access candidates and Board of Education candidates in the General Election [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08(j)(1)(A); 1-1001.08(n); and 1-1001.08(q); 3 DCMR §602.1] (69 days before the election).

### **Saturday, September 2, 2006**

Nominating petitions posted for the first day of challenge period for Direct Access and Board of Education candidates [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(o)(1)] (third day after filing deadline).

**Sunday, September 3, 2006 - Thursday, September 21, 2006**

Period for signers of nominating petition to file a change of address form with the Board [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(o)(3)(B)] (within 10 days after the challenge has been filed).

**Tuesday, September 5, 2006**

Deadline for Executive Director's preliminary determination of candidates' eligibility [3 DCMR § 602.4] (3<sup>rd</sup> working day after filing deadline).

**Monday, September 11, 2006**

Close of challenge period at 5:00 p.m. for Direct Access and Board of Education candidates [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(o)(1); 3 DCMR § 1609.2] (Challenge period is 10 days beginning on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after filing deadline).

**Tuesday, September 12, 2006**

*PRIMARY ELECTION DAY* [D.C. Official Code § 101001010(a)(3)(B)]

**Friday, September 15, 2006**

Lottery to determine General Election Ballot positions [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(p); 3 DCMR § 1617] (to be held at Noon in Room 280 North)

**Friday, September 22, 2006**

Publication of fictitious ballot in the D.C. Register [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(a)(5); 3 DCMR § 700.1] (at least 45 days before election).

List of registered voters in public libraries as follows: one citywide listing in main public library and one ward listing in every branch library located within the respective ward [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.07(h)(1)] (at least 45 days before the election).

**Tuesday, September 26, 2006**

Deadline for Board to determine the validity of challenges to nominating petitions [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(o)(2)] (within 15 days after the challenge has been filed).

**Friday, September 29, 2006**

Last day for challenger or any person named in a challenged petition as nominee to apply to D.C. Court of Appeals for review [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(o)(2)] (within 3 days after the Board's decision).

### **Tuesday, October 10, 2006**

Close of voter registry [D.C. Official Code §§1-1001.07(g)(1)(A); 1-1001.07(g)(2) and 1021.01] (30 days prior to election). Deadline for postmark of Mail-In Voter Registration Applications and receipt of walk-in voter registrations.

### **Monday, October 16, 2006**

Last day for receipt of timely, but non-postmarked, Mail-In Voter Registration Applications from Postal Service for BOEE processing [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.05(10); 1-1001.07(g)(2) and 1021.01] (23 days before the election).

### **Monday, October 23, 2006**

Commencement of absentee voting in person [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.05(10) and 1-1001.09(a)(2); 3 DCMR § 718.1] (15 days before the election).

### **Tuesday, October 24, 2006**

Revised list of registered voters available in public libraries as follows: one citywide listing in main public library, and one ward listing in every branch located within the respective ward [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.07(h)(2)] (14 days before election).

Deadline, before 4:45 p.m., to petition for poll watcher and count watcher\_credentials [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.09(c); 3 DCMR § 705.2] (14 days before the election).

Deadline for write-in candidates to file “Affirmation of Write-In Candidacy” in order to petition for poll and count watcher credentials [3 DCMR § 1616.2] (14 days before the election).

Board determines the number of watchers each candidate, and proponent and opponent of a ballot measure will be permitted to have at each polling location [3 DCMR § 705.5]. (14 days before the election).

### **Tuesday, October 31, 2006**

Earliest day that a sample copy of the official ballot may be published in one or more newspapers of general circulation [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(a)(6); 3 DCMR § 700.2] (not earlier than 7 days before the election).

Deadline for Board to receive written request from voters for an absentee ballot by mail [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.05(10) and 1-1001.09(a)(2); 3 DCMR § 716.1] (7 days before the election).

### **Wednesday, November 1, 2006**

Emergency ballot period begins for registered voters who become incapacitated after the deadline for requesting absentee ballots by mail. [3 DCMR § 719.1] (Period extends through close of polls on Election Day).

### **Thursday, November 2, 2006**

Board publishes sample copy of ballot in one or more newspapers of general circulation [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(a)(6); 3 DCMR § 700.2].

### **Saturday, November 4, 2006**

Public demonstration of vote counting system [3 DCMR § 801.1]. (within 4 days of the election).

### **Monday, November 6, 2006**

Deadline, by 4:45 p.m., to vote absentee in person [3 DCMR § 718.1].

### **Tuesday, November 7, 2006**

**GENERAL ELECTION DAY** [D.C. Official Code D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.10(a)(3)(A); 1-1001.10(a)(3)(B); and 1-1001.10(a)(3)(C)] (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in November of each even-numbered year).

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.10(b)(1); 3 DCMR § 703.1].

Deadline, before 8:00 p.m., to cast an Emergency Absentee Ballot [3 DCMR § 719.1].

### **Wednesday, November 8, 2006**

Voter registry re-opens [§ 1-1001.07(g)].

### **Tuesday, November 14, 2006**

Deadline, at 4:45 p.m., for write-in candidates to file "Affirmation of Write-In Candidacy" with the Board [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(r)(3); 3 DCMR § 604.7].

Board to publish notice of the availability of its toll-free telephone service and BOEE's Internet site service in at least one newspaper of general circulation for voters who cast special ballots [D.C. Official Code D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(e)(2); 3 DCMR § 722.6]. (the Tuesday following the election).

Toll-Free Telephone Service and Internet site ([www.dcboee.org](http://www.dcboee.org)), available to any voter who has cast a challenged or special ballot to learn whether the Board has determined to count or reject the voter's challenged or special ballot [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(e)(2)] (not later than the Tuesday following the election).

**Wednesday, November 15, 2006 - Friday, November 17, 2006**

Period for BOEE to hold special ballot hearings [D.C. Official Code §§1-1001.09(e)(3) and 1-1001.09(e)(4); 3 DCMR § 722.7].

**Friday, November 17, 2006**

Deadline for receipt of overseas absentee ballots mailed in franked envelopes and non-postmarked, and for receipt of absentee ballots voted by mail and postmarked not later than midnight Election Day (10 days after the election).

Final count of special, challenged and absentee ballots [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09((e)2); 3 DCMR § 721.12] (10 days after the election).

**Dates to be announced**

Certification of November 7, 2006 General Election results.  
[D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(a)(11)].

Deadline for challenge to certification [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.11] (within 7 days after the certification).

Deadline to request a recount of the election [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.11] (within 7 days after the certification).