



District of Columbia  
Board of Elections and Ethics

## SEPTEMBER 12, 2006 PRIMARY ELECTION

### OFFICIAL ELECTION CALENDAR

for the

*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);*

*United States Senator; and*

*United States Representative*

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#### Thursday, November 4, 2004

BOEE determined eligibility of parties to conduct primary election from the November 2004 General Election results (Democratic, Republican and the D.C. Statehood Green Parties) [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(h)(2)].

#### Friday, May 12, 2006

First day Primary Election nominating petitions are available for circulation [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(i)(4)]. (123 days before the election)

BOEE determines the number of signatures required [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(i)(3)].

Delegate to the United States House of Representatives; Mayor of the District of Columbia; Chairman of the Council; and At-Large Member of the Council - 2,000 or 1% (whichever is less) of the duly registered voters of the same political party as the candidate [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08(i)(1)(B) and 1-1001.08(i)(3)].

United States Senator and United States Representative - 2,000 or 1% (whichever is less) of the duly registered voters of the same political party as the candidate [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-123(d)(2); 1-1001.08(i)(1)(B) and § 1-1001.08(i)(3)].

Ward Members of the Council - 250 or 1% (whichever is less) of the persons who are duly registered in the ward from which the candidate seeks election and who are of the same political party as the candidate [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08(i)(2) and 1-1001.08(i)(3)].

**Monday, May 15, 2006**

Last day to submit a petition for an initiative measure to appear on the September 14, 2004 Primary Election Ballot [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.16(o)(1); D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.16(p)(1); 3 DCMR § 1007.1; 3DCMR § 1013.2]. (Board must certify within 30 days after receipt of the petition whether the measure meets signature requirement. (Election must be at least 90 days after Board certifies that the petition meets signature requirement)

**Monday, June 12, 2006**

First day nominating petition may be filed with the Board [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(i)(4)]. (not earlier than the 94th day before the primary election).

**Wednesday, June 14, 2006**

Last day for application by a registered voter for the correction of Board registration lists or the challenge of the right to vote of a person named on the list [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.07(e)(5)(A)] (90 days before the election).

**Tuesday, June 20, 2006**

Last day to submit a petition for a referendum measure to appear on the September 12, 2006 Primary Election Ballot. [§ 1-1001.16(p)(1); 3 DCMR §§ 1007.1 and 1013.3] (Board must certify within 30 days after receipt of petition whether measure meets 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 the referendum measure at that election).

**Wednesday, July 5, 2006**

Deadline by 5:00 p.m., for filing nominating petitions, petition supplements, and "Declaration of Candidacy and Affirmation of Qualifications" [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08(a)(1)(B) 1-1001.08(i)(1)(A); and 1-1001.08(q); 3 DCMR §§ 602.1 and 3 DCMR 1608.4] (69 days before the election).

**Saturday, July 8, 2006**

Nominating petitions posted for the first day of the challenge period [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(o)(1)] (beginning on the third day after the filing deadline).

**Sunday, July 9, 2006 - Thursday, July 27, 2006**

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

**Monday, July 10, 2006**

Deadline for Executive Director's preliminary determination of candidates' eligibility [3 DCMR § 602.4;]. (third working day after nominating petition filing deadline)

**Friday, July 14, 2006**

Lottery to determine ballot positions, at noon in the Voter Services Office at the Board [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(p); 3 DCMR § 1617.1].

**Monday, July 17, 2006**

Close of challenge period at 5:00 p.m. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(o)(1); 3 DCMR 1609.2]. (challenge period runs for ten days beginning the third day after filing deadline)

**Friday, July 28, 2006**

Deadline for publication of fictitious ballot in the D.C. Register [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(a)(5); 3 DCMR § 700.1]. (no later than 45 days before the election)

Deadline for BOEE to post the list of registered voters current as of 60 days preceding the election (July 16, 2006) in public libraries as follows: one citywide listing in main public library, and one ward listing in every branch library located within the respective wards [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.07(h)(1)]. (not later than 45 days before the election)

**Tuesday, August 1, 2006**

Last day for BOEE to conduct hearings to determine the validity of challenges [D.C. Official Code § 1001.08(o)(2)] (within 15 days after the challenge is filed)

**Friday, August 4, 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 three days after the Board's decision)

**Monday, August 14, 2006**

Close of voter registry. Deadline for postmark of Mail-In Voter Registration Applications and receipt of walk-in voter registrations. Last Day to change party affiliations and be eligible to vote in that party's primary [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.07(g)(1)(A) and 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 510.1]. (30 days prior to election)

**Monday, August 21, 2006**

Last day for receipt of timely completed and non-postmarked Mail-In Voter Registration Applications from U.S. Postal Service for BOEE processing [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.07(g)(2); 3 DCMR § 510.4 and D.C. Official Code § 1021.01]. (23 days before the election)

**Monday, August 28, 2006**

Commencement of period for voting the absentee ballot in person [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.05(a)(10) and 1-1001.09(b)(2); 3 DCMR §§ 718.1 and 718.6]. (15 days before the election)

**Tuesday, August 29, 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 wards [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.07(h)(2)]. (14 days before the election)

Last day, 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)

**Tuesday, August 29, 2006**

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 the proponent and opponent of ballot measures will be permitted to have at each polling location and at the counting center [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(c); 3 DCMR § 705.5]. (14 days before the election)

**Friday, September 1, 2006**

Deadline for BOEE publication of public notice for testing of vote counting system [3 DCMR § 801.3]. (at least seven days before the public test is conducted on September 9th)

**Tuesday, September 5, 2006**

Earliest day that sample copy of 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 seven days before the election)

Deadline for Board to receive request for "by mail" absentee ballots [3 DCMR § 716.1]. (seven days before the election)

**Wednesday, September 6, 2006**

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

**Thursday, September 7, 2006**

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

**Saturday, September 9, 2006**

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

**Monday, September 11, 2006**

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

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2006**

**PRIMARY ELECTION DAY** [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.10(a)(3)(B)].

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

Last day, prior to 8:00 p.m., to cast an emergency absentee ballot [3 DCMR § 719.1].

**Wednesday, September 13, 2006**

Voter registry re-opens [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.07(g)].

**Friday, September 15, 2006**

Deadline, at 4:45 p.m., for **write-in candidates** to file "Affirmation of Write-In Candidacy" with the Board of Elections to be eligible for nomination of public office. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(r)(2); 3 DCMR § 604.7]. (not later than the third day immediately following the date of the election)

**Tuesday, September 19, 2006 - Friday, September 22, 2006**

Toll-Free Telephone Service available to any voter who has cast a challenged or special ballot to learn whether the Board has determined to count or reject their challenged or special ballot [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(e)(2)].

**Wednesday, September 20, 2006 - Friday, September 22, 2006**

Period for BOEE to hold special ballot hearings [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.09(e)(3) and 1-1001.09(e)(3); 3 DCMR § 722.7] (no earlier than 8 days and not later than 10 days after the date of the election).

**Friday, September 22, 2006**

Last day for receipt of overseas absentee ballots mailed in franked envelopes and not postmarked and for receipt of absentee ballots voted by mail and postmarked not later than midnight Primary Election Day [3 DCMR § 716.4] (ten days after the election).

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

**Friday, September 22, 2006 - Monday, September 25, 2006**

Period for BOEE determination of validity of challenged ballots [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.09(e)(3) and 1001.09(e)(4) and 1-1021.01]. (within two days after the date of the hearing)

**Thursday, September 28, 2006**

Last day to appeal Board's decision of the validity of challenged ballots [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(e)(4); 3 DCMR § 722.10]. (within three days after the Board's decision)

**Dates to be announced**

Certification of Primary 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).