



November 4, 2008 Presidential General Election Calendar of Important Dates and Deadlines

Candidates for:

Elector of President and Vice President of the United States
Delegate to the United States House of Representatives
At-Large Member of the D.C. Council (Two to be elected)
Ward Member of the D.C. Council (Wards 2, 4, 7 & 8)
At-Large Member of the State Board of Education
Member of the State Board of Education (Wards 1-8)
United States Senator
United States Representative

Thursday, June 26, 2008

ELECTORS OF U.S. PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT (INDEPENDENT AND MINOR PARTIES)

First day nominating petitions available for the nomination of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States by independents and minor parties [3 DCMR § 1503.1 (a petition shall be circulated, as of the 26th day of June of the year in which the election is to be held)].

Tuesday, July 1, 2008

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTORS OF U.S. PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

BOEE determines the number of signatures required [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(f); 3 DCMR § 1504.1) (nominating petition must contain the signatures of at least 1% of the registered qualified electors of the District of Columbia as of July 1, 2008, and nominate three (3) candidates for the office of Presidential Elector)].

Friday, July 4, 2008

Federal Holiday – Independence Day

Monday, July 7, 2008

BOEE determines signature requirements [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08(j)(1)(B) and 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR 1606.3 - 6) (123 days before the election)]:

DIRECT ACCESS AND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

First day nominating petitions become available [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08(j)(1); 1-1001.08(n); and 1021.01 (a petition for a candidate nominated directly shall not be circulated for signatures before the 123rd day preceding a general election).

- a. Delegate and 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); (3 DCMR 1606.3)].
- 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); 3 DCMR 1606.3)].
- 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); 3 DCMR 1606.4)].
- d. At-Large Member of the State Board of Education - 1,000 District of Columbia duly registered voters [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(n)(B); 3 DCMR 1606.5)].
- e. District Member of the State Board of Education - 200 duly registered voters in the ward from which the candidate seeks election [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(n)(B); 3 DCMR 1606.6)].

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)].

Last day to submit petition for initiative measure to appear on the November 4, 2008 General Election Ballot [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.16(o)(1); §1-1001.16(p)(1); 3 DCMR §§ 1007.1 and 1013.2) (Board must certify within 30 days after receipt of petition whether measure meets signature requirement. Election must be at least 90 days after Board certifies that petition meets signature requirement)].

Monday, August 4, 2008

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

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

Wednesday, August 6, 2008

First day for a registered voter to file an application 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 any election).

Tuesday, August 12, 2008

Last day to submit a petition for a referendum measure to appear on the November 4, 2008 General Election Ballot. [§ 1-1001.16(p)(1); 3 DCMR § 1007.1 (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)].

Last day to submit petition for recall measure to appear on the November 4, 2008 General Election Ballot [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.17(l) and 1-1001.17(k)(1); 3 DCMR §§ 1109.1 and 1110.2) (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 recall at that election)].

Tuesday, August 19, 2008

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR (INDEPENDENT AND MINOR PARTIES)

Deadline, by 5:00 p.m. for the filing of nominating petitions, petition supplements and "Declarations of Candidacy" for independent and minor party candidates for the office of Elector of President and Vice President of the United States in the General Election [D.C. Official Code §1-1001.08(f); §1-1001.08(q); 3 DCMR §§1505.1; 1505.4 and 1505.6) (third Tuesday in August preceding the date of the presidential election).

Friday, August 22, 2008

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR (INDEPENDENT AND MINOR PARTIES)

Nominating petitions posted for the first day of challenge period for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States [D.C. Official Code §1-1001.08(o)(1); 3 DCMR 1506.1 (3rd day after filing deadline)].

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

Saturday, August 23, 2008 – Thursday, September 11, 2008

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR (INDEPENDENT AND MINOR PARTIES)

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) (within 10 days after the challenge has been filed)].

Wednesday, August 27, 2008

DIRECT ACCESS and STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

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

Saturday, August 30, 2008

DIRECT ACCESS CANDIDATES and STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

Nominating petitions posted for the first day of challenge period for Direct Access candidates [D.C. Official Code §1-1001.08(o)(1) (3rd day after filing deadline)].

Sunday, August 31, 2008 – Thursday, September 18, 2008

DIRECT ACCESS AND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

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

Monday, September 1, 2008

Federal Holiday – Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2, 2008

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR (INDEPENDENT AND MINOR PARTIES)

Close of nominating petition challenge period at 5:00 p.m. for candidates for Elector of President and Vice President [D.C. Official Code §1-1001.08(o)(1); D.C. Official Code § 1021.01 (Challenge period is 10 days including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, beginning on the third day after filing deadline)].

Tuesday, September 2, 2008

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR (DEMOCRATIC, REPUBLICAN, and D.C. STATEHOOD GREEN PARTIES)

Deadline for the Democratic, Republican and D.C. Statehood Green Parties to inform the Board of their nominees for Presidential Elector [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08(d); and 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR §§ 1500.3; 1500.7 and 1500.9] (Nominations shall be made by message to the Board on or before September 1st next preceding a presidential election)].

Tuesday, September 2, 2008

DIRECT ACCESS AND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES.

Deadline for Executive Director's preliminary determination of candidates' eligibility [3 DCMR § 602.4; D.C. Official Code § 1021.01 (3rd working day after the filing deadline)].

Monday, September 8, 2008

DIRECT ACCESS CANDIDATES AND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

Close of challenge period at 5:00 p.m. for direct access candidates [D.C. Official Code §1-1001.08(o)(1) (Challenge period is 10 days beginning on the 3rd day after filing deadline)].

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

CONGRESSIONAL AND D.C. COUNCIL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.10(a)(3)(A)-(B)].

Friday, September 19, 2008

ALL OFFICES ON BALLOT

Lottery to determine General Election Ballot positions. (Noon in the Voter Services Office) [D.C. Official Code §1-1001.08(p); 3 DCMR § 1617].

Publication of fictitious ballot in the D.C. Register [D.C. Official Code §1-1001.05(a)(5); 3 DCMR §700.1 (not later than 45 days before election)].

List of registered voters in public libraries as follows: 1 citywide listing in main public library and 2 ward listings in every branch library located within the respective ward [D.C. Official Code §1-1001.07(h)(1) (not later than 45 days before the election)].

Wednesday, October 1, 2008

Deadline by 5:00 p.m. for Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates of the Republican and Democratic Parties to file affidavits consenting to their names being placed on the District of Columbia ballot and consenting to be represented by the electors nominated in the electoral college [3 DCMR §§ 1500.8 and 1500.9].

Monday, October 6, 2008

Close of voter registry [D.C. Official Code §1-1001.07(g)(1)(A); D.C. Official Code §1021.01; 3 DCMR § 510.1 (30 days prior to election) (Deadline for postmark of Mail-In Voter Registration Applications and receipt of walk-in voter registrations)].

Monday, October 13, 2008

Federal Holiday - Columbus Day Observed

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

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

Monday, October 20, 2008

Commencement of absentee voting in person [3 DCMR §718.1 (15 days before the election)].

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

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

Last day, before 4:45 p.m., to petition for poll watcher and count watcher credentials [3 DCMR §705.2 (14 days before the election)].

Last day for write-in candidates to submit a Declaration of Candidacy, before 4:45 p.m., to petition for poll watcher and count watcher credentials [3 DCMR §705.2; § 1616.2 (14 days before the election)].

Board determines the number of watchers each candidate, proponent, and opponent will be permitted to have at each polling location and at the counting center [3 DCMR §§ 705.5 and 1616.2 (14 days before the election)].

Friday, October 24, 2008

Deadline for BOEE notification of public testing of vote counting programs and equipment [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(c); DCMR § 801.3 (at least seven days before the test)].

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

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 7 days before the election)].

Last day for Board to receive written request from registered voters for an absentee ballot by mail [3 DCMR § 716.1 (7 days before the election)].

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

Deadline for write-in candidates for President and Vice President of the United States to file with the Board his or her list of nominees for electors, if he or she is to qualify as a write-in candidate and have the assistance of poll watchers and count observers on Election Day. [3 DCMR § 1508.3 (not later than 5:00 p.m., seven days before the election)].

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

Emergency 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, October 30, 2008

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 1, 2008

Public testing of vote counting system [3 DCMR §801.1].

Monday, November 3, 2008

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

GENERAL ELECTION DAY [D.C. Official Code §1-1001.10(a)(2)]
Polls are open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm [3 DCMR § 703.1; § 1-1001.10(b)].

Last day, before 8:00 pm, to cast an Emergency Absentee Ballot [3 DCMR §719.1].

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

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

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

Federal Holiday – Veterans Day

Board to publish, in at least one newspaper of general circulation, notice of the availability of its toll-free telephone service and BOEE’s Internet site service where voters who cast challenged or special ballots can learn the Board’s preliminary decision whether to count or reject his or her ballot [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(e)(2); 3 DCMR § 722.3 (the Tuesday following the election)].

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

Deadline, by 4:45 p.m., for write-in candidate to file Declaration of Candidacy or Affirmation of Write-In Candidacy” with the BOEE [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08(r)(3) and 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 1616.4(c)].

Deadline by which Board must set-up Toll-Free Telephone (1-866-328-6837) and Internet site (www.dcooe.org) service where 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) and 1-1021.01].

Wednesday, November 12, 2008 - Friday, November 14, 2008

Period for BOEE to hold special ballot hearings [D.C. Official Code §1-1001.09 (e); 3 DCMR § 722.4].

Friday, November 14, 2008

Last day 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 [3 DCMR §§ 716.3-4 (10 days after the election)].

Counting of special and absentee ballots [3 DCMR § 721.12 (10 days after the election)].

Monday, November 17, 2008

Deadline for BOEE to make its final determination of validity of challenged ballots [D.C. Official Code §§1-1001.09(e)(4) and 1-1021.1; 3 DCMR §722.7 (within 2 days after the date of the hearing)].

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Last Day to appeal Board’s decision of the validity of challenge ballots to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia [D.C. Official Code §1-1001.09(e)(4) (within three days after the Board’s decision)].

Dates to be announced

Certification of Presidential General Election results [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(a)(11); 3 DCMR § 813.1)].

Deadline to request a recount of the ballot cast in the election in one or more precincts [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.11(a)(1); 3 DCMR § 816.1 (within seven days after certification)].

Deadline to petition the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for review of the Board's certification of the election results [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.11(b)(1) (within seven days after the certification)].