



April 3, 2012 Presidential Preference/ Congressional and Council Primary Calendar of Important Dates and Deadlines*

Candidates for:
Presidential Preference
Presidential Delegate and Alternate Presidential Delegate
Delegate to the United States House of Representatives
At-Large Member of the District of Columbia Council
Ward Member of the District of Columbia Council (Wards 2, 4, 7 & 8)
United States Senator
United States Representative
National Committeeman**
National Committeewoman**
Local Party Committee Member**

Thursday, November 29, 2010

Board determined eligibility of parties to conduct Congressional and Council primary from the November 2, 2010 General Election results (Democratic, Republican and the D.C. Statehood Green Parties) [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(h)(2)].

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Deadline to file with the Board a notice of intent to conduct a presidential preference primary and a comprehensive party plan for the selection of delegates and alternates to the National Party Conventions [D.C. Official Code §1- 1001.05(b)(3)(C)(i)(ii); 3 DCMR §1400.1 (not later than 180 days before the date of the election)].

* Draft calendar as of November 10, 2011. Dates for petition circulation, filing, and challenge indicated in this calendar assume the enactment of Council legislation B19-356, the Comprehensive Military and Overseas Voters Accommodation Amendment Act of 2011.

**Based upon the plans submitted by the parties eligible to conduct primaries in the District of Columbia, only the ballot for the Republican party will contain contests for these offices.

Deadline to file plan for election of national and local party committee members [3 DCMR §1700.2 (not later than 180 days before the date of the election)].

Monday, November 14, 2011

First day that nominating petitions may be circulated [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(i)(4); 1-1021 (144 days before the election)].

Board determines nominating petition signature requirements. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(i)(3)]:

Presidential Preference - 1,000 or 1% (whichever is less) of registered qualified electors of the same political party as the candidate [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.05(b)(2)]

Presidential Delegates and Alternates (whether committed or uncommitted individual delegate or alternate nominees, or committed or uncommitted individual delegate or alternate nominees) - 1,000 or 1% (whichever is less) of registered qualified electors of the same political party as the nominee(s) [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.05(b)(3)]

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

Ward Member of the Council - 250 or 1% (whichever is less) of registered qualified electors residing in the same 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)]

National Committeeman/National Committeewoman - 500 or 1% (whichever is less) of registered qualified electors of the same political party as the candidate [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08(i)(2) and 1-1001.08(i)(3)]

At-Large Local Party Committee Member - 500 or 1% (whichever is less) of registered qualified electors of the same political party as the candidate [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.08(a)(1)(A) and 1-1001.08(i)(3)]

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

Monday, December 5, 2011

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

Monday, December 12, 2011

First day any nominating petition may be filed with the Board [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(i)(4)(not earlier than the 115th day before the primary)].

Friday, December 23, 2011

Deadline to publish preliminary election notice for qualified uniformed services and overseas voters using the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. [Supporting legislation pending].

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

5:00 p.m.: Deadline for filing nominating petitions, petition supplements, and required supporting documents for all offices. (90 days before the election).

Saturday, January 7, 2012

Nominating petitions are posted for 10-day challenge period [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(o)(1); 3 DCMR §§ 1609.1 - 1609.2 (beginning on the third day after the filing deadline)].

Sunday, January 8, 2012 - Friday, January 27, 2012

Period for signers named in a challenge to a 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); 3 DCMR § 1607.8 (within 10 days after the challenge has been filed to the nominating petition)].

Monday, January 9, 2012

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

Deadline for submission of Statement of Slate Registration form. [3 DCMR § 1702.2 (third working day after nominating petition filing deadline)].

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Last day to submit petition for a referendum measure to appear on the ballot. [D.C. Official Code § 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 may present the referendum measure at that election)].

Last day to submit petition for a recall measure to appear on the ballot [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.17(k)(1) and 1-1001.17(l); 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 may present the recall measure at that election)].

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

Last day of 10-day nominating petition challenge period. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(o)(1); 3 DCMR 1609.2 (final day of challenge period; petition posted for challenge for ten days beginning on the third day after filing deadline)].

Monday, February 6, 2012

Last day for Board to determine the validity of challenges to any nominating petitions [D.C. Official Code § 1001.08(o)(2) (within 20 days after the challenge is filed)].

Last day for candidates to submit affidavits withdrawing their nominations so that their names are not printed on the official election ballot. (The names of candidates who submit affidavits of withdrawal after this deadline may still appear on the ballot, but the Board shall provide notice of any withdrawals to voters in the affected precincts.) [3 DCMR §§ 1405, 1507, 1615, and 1707 (not later than 59 days before the election)].

Deadline for publication of fictitious sample ballot in the D.C. Register [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(a)(5); 3 DCMR § 701.1 (not later than 45 days before the election)].

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Last day for either challenger or nominee to appeal to D.C. Court of Appeals for review of the Board's determination regarding the validity of nominating petition challenge. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(o)(2) (within three days after the Board's decision)].

Friday, February 10, 2012

Board to conduct lottery to determine ballot positions [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(p); 3 DCMR §§ 702.4 and 1617.1].

Saturday, February 18, 2012

Deadline by which to transmit validly requested absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters where requests for the same were received at least 45 days before the election. [42 U.S.C. § 1973ff-1(a)(8)(A)].

Deadline to publish updated election notice for qualified uniformed services and overseas voters using the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. [Supporting legislation pending].

Last day for application by a registered voter for the correction of voter registration list 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); 3 DCMR § 521.2 (45 days before the election)].

Deadline for Board to post the list of registered voters current as of 60 days preceding the election (**Friday, February 3, 2012**) 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)].

Monday, March 5, 2012

Last day for a qualified elector to change his or her party affiliation status [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.07(g)(1)(A); 1-1001.07(g)(4) and 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR §§ 500.10(b) and 510.2 (not later than the 30th day before the election; requests for change of party affiliation status received during the thirty (30) days that precede a primary election shall be held and processed after the election.)].

Deadline for registration-by-mail; mailed voter registration applications and registration update notifications must be received postmarked by this date. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.07(g)(1) and 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 509.3 (not later than the 30th day before the election)].

Last day for Board to receive and process faxed or electronically transmitted federal postcards (FPCAs) serving as applications to register to vote, or mailed voter registration applications from persons eligible to vote absentee in federal elections pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.07(g)(3) and 1-1021.01; § 3 DCMR 512.3 (not later than the 30th day before the election)].

Monday, March 12, 2012

Last day for Board to receive and process timely completed non-postmarked voter registration applications and registration update notifications [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.07(g)(2) and 1-1021.01; 3 DCMR § 509.5 (23 days before the election)].

Monday, March 19, 2012 – Monday, April 2, 2012

Period during which qualified electors may register to vote and/or cast in-person absentee ballots at the Board's office at One Judiciary Square. The in-person absentee voting period will take place from Monday through Saturday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., except for Monday, April 2, 2012, when in-person absentee voting will take place between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. [3 DCMR §§ 717.7 and 717.13 (15 days before the election)].

Period during which qualified federal electors may request absentee federal ballots in person. [3 DCMR § 720.4]

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

First day the Board can post a revised citywide list of registered voters in the main public library, and a revised ward list of registered voters in every branch library located within the respective wards [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.07(h)(2) (not less than 14 days before the election)].

Deadline for petitioning for credentials for poll watchers and election observers at specific early voting centers, polling places and counting places; the Board may accept additional petitions after this date based upon available space [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(c); 3 DCMR § 706.4 (not less than 14 days before the election)].

Friday, March 23, 2012

Deadline for Board to make a determination on the poll watchers' and election observers' petitions [3 DCMR § 706.9 (not less than 10 days before the election)].

Saturday, March 24, 2012 - Saturday, March 31, 2012

Period during which qualified electors may register to vote and cast full ballots for their precincts at ward-based early voting centers. Early voting centers are open Monday through Saturday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (Early voting centers are closed on Sundays) [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(b-1)(1) and (2); 3 DCMR 703.4 (for at least seven days before the election)].

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Last day for Board to receive and process mailed or electronically received requests for absentee ballots and absentee federal ballots [3 DCMR § 717.4 and 720.3 (no later than the seventh day before the election)].

First day the Board can publish a sample copy of the official ballot in at least one newspaper of general circulation [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(a)(6); 3 DCMR § 701.2 (not earlier than seven days before the election)].

Tuesday, March 27, 2012 – Thursday, March 29, 2012

Period during which duly registered voters may challenge the qualifications of prospective voters who submitted written requests for absentee ballots [3 DCMR 721.3 (beginning on the seventh (7th) day preceding an election)].

Wednesday, March 28, 2012 – Tuesday, April 3, 2012 (8:00 p.m. or close of polls)

Period during which qualified electors who become incapacitated after the deadline for submitting requests absentee ballots by mail or electronically may cast emergency absentee ballots [3 DCMR § 719.1 (Period begins six (6) days before the election and extends through the time the polls close on Election Day)].

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012 – PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

On Election Day, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., qualified electors may register to vote and/or cast full ballots for their precincts at the polling places for their precincts of residence. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.05(b)(1), 1-1001.07(g)(5), 1-1001.10(a)(1), 1-1001.10(a)(3)(A),(B), and 1-1001.10(b)(1) (1st Tuesday in April)].

Deadline, at 8:00 p.m. for receipt of electronically received absentee ballots [3 DCMR § 721.8 (not later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day)].

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

Commencement of period for the Board to review information on the Special Ballot Envelope and any other evidence pertaining to the eligibility of each voter casting a challenged or special ballot; and shall make a decision about whether to count or reject each challenged or special ballot [3 DCMR § 714.4].

Friday, April 6, 2012

Deadline, at 4:45 p.m., for write-in candidate to file an Affirmation of Write-In Candidacy or Declaration of Candidacy with the Board to be eligible for nomination to 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 primary)].

Monday, April 9, 2012

Deadline by which the Executive Director must issue preliminary determination, based upon Affirmation of Write-in Candidacy, regarding eligibility of apparent winner of

election by write-in votes to be a candidate for the particular office sought [3 DCMR § 605.1 (within three (3) days of the date on which an Affirmation of Write-In Candidacy is filed with the Board)].

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

Deadline by which Board must provide toll-free telephone service (1-866-DCVOTES (1-866-328-6837)) and website service, www.dcboee.org, where any voter who cast a challenged or special ballot can learn the Board's preliminary decision whether to count or reject his or her ballot and the reason for the decision. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.09 (e)(2)(not later than the Tuesday following the election)].

Wednesday, April 11, 2012 - Friday, April 13, 2012

Period for Board to hold special or challenged ballot hearings [D.C. Official Code §1-1001.09 (e); 3 DCMR § 715.4 (not earlier than eight days and not later than ten days after the date of the election)].

Friday, April 13, 2012

Last day for receipt of absentee ballots postmarked no later than Election Day [3 DCMR § 717.11. (ten days after the election)].

Final count of special and absentee ballots [3 DCMR § 714.14 (ten days after the election)].

Last day for “ID Required” voters to present valid proof of residence in order for their ballots to be counted.

Board to make final determination on validity of challenged ballots [D.C. Official Code §§1-1001.09(e)(4) and 1-1021.1; 3 DCMR § 715.6 (within 2 days after the date of the hearing)].

Monday, April 16, 2012

Last day to appeal Board’s decision on the validity of special ballots [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(e)(4); 3 DCMR § 715.7 (within three days after the Board’s decision)].

Dates to be announced

Last Day for Board to give notice on its website (www.dcboee.org) and at other media sources of its conduct of the pre-election logic and accuracy testing of the voting equipment to be used in the election [3 DCMR § 801.3 (at least seven (7) days before the testing period begins)].

Board to conduct Logic and Accuracy Testing of the voting equipment to be used in the election.

Board to conduct public manual audit of the voter-verifiable records tabulated in the Special Election. The Board shall announce the date of the audit no later than three (3) business days after the tabulation has been completed and no fewer than twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the audit [D.C. Official Code § 1001.09a(b); 3 DCMR §§ 812.2, 812.5].

Board shall publicly announce the method by which it intends to randomly select precincts, voter-verifiable records tabulated centrally, and contests for the audit, and shall publicly conduct the random selection. [D.C. Official Code § 1001.09a(d); 3 DCMR §§ 812.6, 812.8].

Board to publish on its website and make available for public inspection a report of results of the manual audit [D.C. Official Code § 1001.09(j) (prior to certification of election results)].

Certification of election results [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(a)(11)].

Last day for a voter in the election to file a petition for review of the results of the election in the D.C. Court of Appeals [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.11(b)(1) (within seven days after the certification)].

Last day for a candidate in the election to request a recount of the certified votes cast in one or more voting precincts [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.11 (within 7 days after the certification)].