



District of Columbia
Board of Elections and Ethics

SEPTEMBER 9, 2008
CONGRESSIONAL AND COUNCIL PRIMARY ELECTION

OFFICIAL ELECTION CALENDAR

for the
Offices of:

Delegate to the United States House of Representatives

At-Large Member of the Council

Ward Member of the Council (Wards 2, 4, 7, and 8)

United States Senator and

United States Representative

Democratic National Committeeman and Alternate National Committeeman

Democratic National Committeewoman and Alternate National Committeewoman

At-Large Member of the Democratic State Committee

Ward Member of the Democratic State Committee

Thursday, November 9, 2006

BOEE determined eligibility of parties to conduct primary election from the November 7, 2006 General Election results (Democratic, Republican and the D.C. Statehood Green Parties) [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(h)(2)].

Thursday, March 13, 2008

Last Day to file party plans for designation of offices of local and national party committees. [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.01 and 1-1001.08(l)]. (not later than 180 days before the date of the election).

Friday, May 9, 2008

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 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)].

Friday, May 9, 2008

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)].

BOEE determines the number of signatures required for the offices of National Committeeman or alternate; National Committeewoman or alternate; and At-Large Members and officials of local party committees [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(a)(1)].

National Committeeman or alternate; National Committeewoman or alternate; and At-Large Members and officials of local party committees – 500 signatures or 1%, whichever is less, of duly qualified electors who are of the same political party as the candidate. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(a)(1)(A)].

Ward members and officials of local party committees --100 signatures or 1%, whichever is less, of duly qualified electors residing in the same ward and who are of the same political party as the candidate. [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.08(a)(2)].

Monday, May 12, 2008

Last day to submit a petition for an initiative measure to appear on the September 9, 2008 Primary Election 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 at least 90 days after Board certifies that the petition meets signature requirement)].

Monday, June 9, 2008

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 11, 2008

First 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 17, 2008

Last day to submit a petition for a referendum measure to appear on the September 9, 2008 Primary 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)].

Wednesday, July 2, 2008

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 1608.4 (69 days before the election)].

Saturday, July 5, 2008

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

Sunday, July 6, 2008 - Thursday, July 24, 2008

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 7, 2008

Last Day at 4:45 p.m. for candidates of local and national political party offices to file a Statement of Slate Registration, and amendments to the original Statement of Slate Registration [3 DCMR § §1702.2-4 and D.C. Official Code § 1-1021.01 (third (3rd) day after the deadline for filing nominating petitions)].

Last Day at 4:45 p.m. to file amendments and statements of slate withdrawals with the Board [3 DCMR § §1702.9; D.C. Official Code § 1-1021.01 (third (3rd) day after the deadline for filing nominating petitions)].

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

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

Monday, July 14, 2008

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 18, 2008

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].

Friday, July 25, 2008

Deadline for 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 the election)

Friday, July 25, 2008

Deadline for BOEE to post the list of registered voters current as of 60 days preceding the election (Friday, July 11, 2008) 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, July 28, 2008

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) and 1-1021.01 (not later than the 45th day before the election)].

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

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 1, 2008

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 11, 2008

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 and 510.3 (30 days prior to election)].

Monday, August 18, 2008

Last day for receipt of timely completed post-marked 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 25, 2008

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 718.5 (15 days before the election)].

Tuesday, August 26, 2008

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)].

Deadline at 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 26, 2008

Deadline at 4:45 p.m. 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, August 29, 2008

Deadline for BOEE notification of public testing of vote counting system [3 DCMR § 801.3 (at least seven days before the public test is conducted on Friday, September 6, 2008)].

Tuesday, September 2, 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 seven 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(a)(10) and 1-1001.09(a)(2); 3 DCMR § 716.1 (seven days before the election)].

Wednesday, September 3, 2008

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

Thursday, September 4, 2008

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 (not more than seven days before the election)].

Saturday, September 6, 2008

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

Monday, September 8, 2008

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

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

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 and 719.2(B)].

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

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

Friday, September 12, 2008

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 primary)].

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

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)].

Deadline by which Board must set up Toll-Free Telephone Service and Internet site (www.dcboee.org) 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) (not later than the Tuesday following the election)].

Tuesday, September 16, 2008 - Friday, September 19, 2008

Toll-Free Telephone Service and Internet site 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 17, 2008 - Friday, September 19, 2008

Period for BOEE to hold special ballot hearings [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1001.09(e)(3)-(4); 3 DCMR § 722.4 (not earlier than 8 days and not later than 10 days following the election)].

Friday, September 19, 2008

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)].

Friday, September 19, 2008

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 19, 2008 - Monday, September 22, 2008

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 25, 2008

Last day to appeal Board's decision of the validity of challenged ballots [D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.09(e)(4); 3 DCMR § 722.7 (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 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 (within seven days after the certification)].

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