

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF COMMISSIONS, ELECTIONS AND LEGISLATION

**CALENDAR FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MARCH 21, 2017
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE 197TH DISTRICT
IN THE COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA**

1. Writ, prepared by presiding officer,
served on the Secretary of the Commonwealth January 13, 2017
(At least 60 days prior to the special election. 25 P.S. § 2778)
2. First day for political parties and minor political parties to nominate
candidates by filing nomination certificates January 13, 2017
(25 P.S. § 2779)
3. First day for political bodies to circulate and file nomination
papers nominating candidates January 13, 2017
(25 P.S. § 2779)
4. Last day to file nomination certificates and
nomination papers January 30, 2017
(50 days prior to date of special election. 25 P.S. § 2779)
5. Last day to file objections: 3 days after the deadline for filing February 2, 2017
(25 P.S. § 2782)
6. Last day for Commonwealth Court to set a hearing
on objections: 7 days after deadline for filing February 6, 2017
(25 P.S. § 2782)
7. Last day to withdraw: 7 days after the deadline for filing February 6, 2017
(25 P.S. § 2783)
8. Last day to file substituted nomination
certificates: 7 days after the deadline for filing February 6, 2017
(25 P.S. § 2784(c))
9. Last day to file objections to substituted nominations:
3 days after substituted nomination certificate is filed Depends on filing date
(25 P.S. § 2785)

10. Last day for Secretary of the Commonwealth to certify names and residence of all candidates February 21, 2017
(30th day proceeding the day fixed for the special election. 25 P.S. § 2786)
(February 19th is a Sunday and February 20th is a State holiday so the deadline moves to the next business day. 25 P.S. § 2604)
11. Last day to register to vote before the election February 21, 2017
(30 days before the election. 25 Pa.C.S. § 1326(b))
(February 19th is a Sunday and February 20th is a State holiday so the deadline moves to the next business day. 25 P.S. § 2604)
12. Last day before the election on which official applications for civilian absentee ballots may be received by the county board of elections March 14, 2017
(Tuesday before election. 25 P.S. § 3146.2a(a))
13. All absentee ballots must be received by the county board of elections not later than 5:00 P.M. on this day to be counted March 17, 2017
(Friday before the election. 25 P.S. § 3146.6(a))

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- A. Political Parties and Minor Political Parties file nomination certificates, nominating candidates in accordance with party rules.
- B. Candidates of political bodies file nomination papers, obtaining signatures equal to 2% of the largest vote cast for any elected officer in that district at the last preceding election or the number of signatures required on a nomination petition for a political party candidate, whichever is greater. Signers of such papers must be qualified, registered electors of the district. **The number of signatures required on nomination papers to be filed by candidates of political bodies for the Special Election for the 197th Legislative District is 474.** All nomination papers must be accompanied by a properly completed candidate's affidavit and a copy of the Statement of Financial Interests required to be filed with the State Ethics Commission. In addition, a filing fee of \$100.00 must be submitted with each set of nomination papers and must be paid by certified check or money order payable to the 'Commonwealth of Pennsylvania'.

NOTE: The Election Code provides that no person “who is a registered and enrolled member of a party (shall) be eligible to be the candidate of a political body for a special election. 25 P.S. 2911.1.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING DEADLINES

<i>Report</i>	<i>Complete Up To And Including</i>	<i>Filing Deadline*</i>
2nd Friday Pre-Election (25 P.S. § 3246(d))	March 6, 2017	March 10, 2017
30 Day Post-Election (25 P.S. § 3246(e))	March 31, 2017	April 20, 2017

*Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing when reports are postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day before the filing deadline.

ETHICS LAW INFORMATION

All candidates for the Special Election must file Statements of Financial Interests with the State Ethics Commission and a copy of the Statement of Financial Interests with their nomination certificates or nomination papers. For further information, please call the State Ethics Commission at (717) 783-1610.