



2026 Municipal Election Calendar

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2026 PENNSYLVANIA ELECTIONS IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| First day to circulate and file nomination petitions | February 17 |
| Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions | March 10 |
| First day to circulate and file nomination papers | March 11 |
| Last day to file objections to nomination petitions | March 17 |
| Ballot lottery | March 18 |
| Last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination petitions without a court order | March 25 |
| Last day to REGISTER to vote in the primary | May 4 |
| Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot | May 12 |
| Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00 P.M.) | May 19 |
| GENERAL PRIMARY | May 19 |
| Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on May 18) | May 26 |
| Last day to circulate and file nomination papers | August 3 |
| Last day to file objections to nomination paper | August 10 |
| Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated by nomination papers without a court order | August 10 |
| Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated at the primary without a court order | August 10 |
| Last day to REGISTER to vote in the November election | October 19 |
| Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot | October 27 |
| Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00 P.M.) | November 3 |
| GENERAL ELECTION | November 3 |
| Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on November 2) | November 10 |

Note: All dates in this calendar are subject to change without notice.

2026 General Election Calendar
(Dates are subject to change without notice.)

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| Tuesday, May 19, 2026 | General Primary | General Primary. Polls shall remain open continuously between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM. |
| Tuesday, November 3, 2026 | General Election | General Election. Polls shall remain open continuously between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM. |
| Saturday, January 3, 2026 | County Deadline to Submit Voting System Malfunction Reports (2025 Municipal) | By this date, each county board of elections must submit to the Secretary of the Commonwealth the Voting System Malfunction Report attached as Appendix A to the <i>Directive Regarding the Uniform Reporting of Voting System Malfunctions to the Department of State</i> for the November 2025 Municipal Election. |
| Monday, February 2, 2026 | 2026 Campaign Finance Cycle 7 Filing Deadline | 2026 Campaign Finance Cycle 7 Deadline: Last day for all candidates and all political committees and lobbyists to file annual expense reports in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth or the county boards of elections. Such reports shall be complete as of December 31, 2025. (Due to January 31 being a Saturday, deadline moved to February 2). |
| Monday, February 2, 2026 | County Deadline to Submit Election Integrity Grant (EIG) Post-Election Report (2025 Municipal) | Last day for the county board of elections for each county receiving an Election Integrity Grant, pursuant to the grant agreement, to report to the Department of Community & Economic Development, the chairperson and minority chairperson of the State Government Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and minority chairperson of the State Government Committee of the House of Representatives, on a form prescribed by the Department of State, how the county used the grant money received under this section for the November 2025 Municipal Election. |
| Monday, February 2, 2026 | County Deadline to Mail Annual Notices to Permanent Mail-in and Absentee Voters | Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must mail absentee and mail-in ballot applications to individuals on the permanent absentee ballot and permanent mail-in ballot lists, respectively. |
| Tuesday, February 17, 2026 | 2026 Business Entity Political Contribution Reporting Deadline | Last day for any business entity which was awarded nonbid contracts from the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions during 2024 to report to the Secretary of the Commonwealth an itemized list of all political contributions made during 2024 by (1) any officer, director, associate, partner, limited partner, individual owner or member of their immediate family when the contribution exceeded an aggregate of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) by any Individual; or (2) any employee or members of his/her immediate family when the contribution exceeded an aggregate of one thousand dollars (\$1,000). |
| Tuesday, February 17, 2026 | County Deadline to Certify County Political Parties | Last day for each county board of elections to transmit to the Secretary of the Commonwealth a list of the organizations which qualify as political parties within the county pursuant to section 801(b) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2831(b). |
| Tuesday, February 17, 2026 | Secretary's Certification of Statewide and State-Level Offices to be Nominated at Primary | Last day for the Secretary of the Commonwealth to send to the county boards of elections a written notice designating the public offices for which candidates are to be nominated at the ensuing primary and for which nominations candidates are required to file nomination petitions in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. |
| Tuesday, February 17, 2026 | Start of Circulation Period for Nomination Petitions | First day to circulate and file nomination petitions. |

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| Wednesday, February 18, 2026 | County Deadline to Complete Systematic List Maintenance Programs (Primary) | By this day, county boards of elections must complete their programs to systematically remove the names of ineligible voters from their official lists for the General Primary. <i>NOTE: All county-initiated list maintenance must be completed this day. Voter-initiated changes and changes due to death may be processed after this date.</i> |
| Wednesday, February 18, 2026 | County Deadline to Prepare UMOVA Notice (Primary) | Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must prepare an election notice to be used in conjunction with the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB). |
| Tuesday, February 24, 2026 | Start of Period for County Advertising of Offices to be Nominated and Elected | Not earlier than this day nor later than March 3, the county board of elections shall begin to publish in newspapers the names of all public offices for which nominations are to be made and the names of all party offices for which candidates are to be elected at the ensuing primary. |
| Tuesday, March 10, 2026 | End of Circulation Period for and Deadline to File Nomination Petitions | Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions. Petitions must be received no later than 5:00 PM in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, or no later than the ordinary closing hour of any county board of elections office, as the case may be. |
| Tuesday, March 10, 2026 | Deadline to File Statement of Financial Interests for Candidates Filing Nomination Petitions | Last day for state level public office candidates to file "Statements of Financial Interests" with the State Ethics Commission, Room 309 Finance Building, P.O. Box 11470, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1470. A copy of the "Statement" must also be appended to the nomination petition. Last day for candidates for county or local level public office to file the "Statement" with the governing authority of the political subdivisions in which they are candidates. A copy of the "Statement" must also be appended to the nomination petition. |
| Wednesday, March 11, 2026 | County Deadline to Fix Date for Casting of Lots for Position on Primary Ballot | By this day, the county board of elections shall fix a date for the casting of lots for the position of names upon the primary ballot for those candidates required to file nomination petitions with the county board of elections. The county board of elections shall give at least two days' notice of said date by posting thereof in a conspicuous place in its office, and by publication once in at least two newspapers of general circulation published in the county. |
| Wednesday, March 11, 2026 | Start of Circulation Period for Nomination Papers | First day to circulate and file nomination papers nominating independent candidates of political bodies or candidates of minor political parties. |
| Tuesday, March 17, 2026 | Deadline to File Objections to Nomination Petitions | Last day to file and serve objections to nomination petitions. |
| Wednesday, March 18, 2026 | Secretary's Casting of Lots for Position on Primary Ballot | Day for casting of lots in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth for position of names upon the primary ballot. |
| Friday, March 20, 2026 | Deadline for Hearings on Objections to Nomination Petitions | Last day that may be fixed by the Court of Common Pleas or the Commonwealth Court for hearings on objections that have been filed to nomination petitions. |
| Wednesday, March 25, 2026 | Deadline for Decisions on Objections to Nomination Petitions | Last day, if possible, for the Court of Common Pleas or the Commonwealth Court to render decisions in cases involving objections to nomination petitions. |
| Wednesday, March 25, 2026 | Deadline to Withdraw - Nomination Petitions | Last day for candidates who have filed nomination petitions for the primary election to withdraw. Withdrawals must be received no later than 5:00 PM in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, or no later than the ordinary closing hour of any county board of elections office, as the case may be. |

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| Monday, March 30, 2026 | Secretary's Unofficial List of Candidates for Primary Ballots | Last day for the Secretary of the Commonwealth to transmit to each county board of elections a list of all candidates who filed nomination petitions with him and who are not known to have withdrawn or been disqualified. |
| Monday, March 30, 2026 | County Deadline to Begin Transmitting Balloting Materials to Approved UMOVA Absentee Applicants in Remote or Isolated Areas (Primary) | <p>Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must begin to transmit ballots and balloting materials to all covered voters under the Uniformed Military and Overseas Voters Act (UMOVA) in extremely remote or isolated area, who by that date, submit a valid military-overseas ballot application.</p> <p><i>[The preceding includes qualified electors who are Uniformed-Service voters (members of the active or reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the United States who are on active duty; members of the United States merchant marine, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service of the Department of Health and Human Services or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States; members on activated status of the National Guard or Pennsylvania National Guard); Spouses and dependents of uniformed service members; Overseas voters; or veterans of a uniformed service who is bedridden or hospitalized due to illness or physical disability.]</i></p> <p><i>NOTE: As additional applications are received, the county board of elections must transmit ballots and balloting materials to such electors within 48 hours after the application is received by the county board of elections.</i></p> |
| Monday, March 30, 2026 | County Deadline to Begin Processing Civilian Absentee and Mail-In Ballot Applications (Primary) | <p>First day on which county boards of elections must begin to process official applications for civilian absentee and mail-in ballots.</p> <p><i>NOTE: A county board of election may begin to process applications earlier if it deems it appropriate.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE: Notwithstanding the acceptance of any applications for civilian absentee or mail-in ballots, counties are only required to begin delivering civilian absentee and mail-in ballots as soon as possible after such ballots are printed and in no event later than the second Tuesday prior to the election. (Sections 1305(b)(1) and 1305-D of the Election Code, 25 P.S. §§ 3146.6(b)(1) and 3150.15).</i></p> |
| Saturday, April 4, 2026 | County Deadline to Begin Transmitting Balloting Materials to Approved UMOVA Absentee Applicants (Primary) | <p>Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must begin transmitting ballots and balloting materials to all covered voters under UMOVA who by this date submit a valid military-overseas ballot application.</p> <p><i>[The preceding includes qualified electors who are Uniformed-Service voters (members of the active or reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the United States who are on active duty; members of the United States merchant marine, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service of the Department of Health and Human Services or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States; members on activated status of the National Guard or Pennsylvania National Guard); Spouses and dependents of uniformed service members; Overseas voters; or veterans of a uniformed service who is bedridden or hospitalized due to illness or physical disability.]</i></p> <p><i>NOTE: As additional applications are received, the county board of elections must transmit ballots and balloting materials to such electors within 48 hours after the application is received by the county board of elections.</i></p> |
| Tuesday, April 7, 2026 | 2026 Campaign Finance Cycle 1 Deadline | <p>2026 Campaign Finance Cycle 1 Deadline: Last day for candidates for statewide offices and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists which have expended money for the purpose of influencing the nomination of such candidates to file campaign expense reports or statements in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth or as otherwise required by § 1631 (§ 3251). Such reports shall be complete as of March 30.</p> <p><i>NOTE: Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing where report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior to the filing deadline.</i></p> |
| Monday, April 20, 2026 | Deadline to Disaffiliate Voter Registration from Political Party to Serve as Candidate for Political Body | Last day for a registered voter to disaffiliate from party enrollment in order to be eligible as a candidate for a political body in an election of the same year under the Election Code. |
| Wednesday, April 29, 2026 | County Deadline to Announce Locations of Polling Places (Primary) | By this date, the county board of elections must publicly announce the locations of polling places. |

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| Monday, May 4, 2026 | Deadline to Register or Update Voter Registration (Primary) | <p>All applications for registration (including applications to update existing registration) must be received by the county boards of elections for such registration to apply to the primary</p> <p><i>NOTE: The statutory deadline for voter registration is based on the hours of operation established by the county for receiving applications:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper and in-person registration applications may only be received during the hours when the county office is open for business. • Online registration applications may be submitted until 11:59 PM. <p><i>NOTE: To be processed for the ensuing election a voter registration application must be received as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voter registration applications submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in conjunction with an application for or renewal of a motor vehicle driver's license must be received by the county voter registration commission not later than the deadline to register. • Voter Registration Mail Applications must be received by the county voter registration commission not later than the deadline to register. • Voter registration applications submitted to offices in Pennsylvania that provide public assistance, to the county clerk of Orphan's Court, including the Marriage License Bureau, offices in Pennsylvania that provide State-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities and armed forces recruitment centers, must be received by the county voter registration commission not later than the deadline to register. <p>All other voter registration applications must be received by the deadline to register.</p> |
| Monday, May 4, 2026 | Deadline to Change Party Enrollment (Primary) | Last day to change party enrollment or non-partisan enrollment. |
| Monday, May 4, 2026 | County Deadline to Submit Logic and Accuracy Attestation (Primary) | By this date, each county election board shall certify that they have completed their logic and accuracy testing on the form prescribed by the Secretary. |
| Tuesday, May 5, 2026 | County Deadline to Begin Distribution of Civilian Absentee and Mail-In Ballots (Primary) | <p>As soon as possible after ballots are printed and in no event later than this day, the county boards of elections must begin to deliver or mail all mail-in and civilian absentee ballots.</p> <p><i>NOTE: As additional applications are received, ballots must be mailed within 48 hours after approval.</i></p> |
| Thursday, May 7, 2026 | Deadline for Holding Hearing on Voter Registration Challenges | Challenges to voter registration due 8 days before the election. Hearing must be held 5 days prior to the election. |
| Friday, May 8, 2026 | 2026 Campaign Finance Cycle 2 Deadline | <p>2026 Campaign Finance Cycle 2 Deadline: Last day for all candidates and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists which have expended money for purpose of influencing the nomination of candidates file campaign expense reports or statements due by the Second Friday before the primary in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and/or the county boards of elections, as the case may be. Such reports shall be complete as of May 4.</p> <p><i>NOTE: Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing where the report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior to the filing deadline.</i></p> |
| Saturday, May 9, 2026 | Beginning of Period for County to Advertise Information for Upcoming Election (Applicable Only Where Special Election or Question on Constitutional Amendment Held in Conjunction with Primary) | <p>Not earlier than this day nor later than May 16, the county boards of elections shall publish in newspapers, notice of the date and hours of voting for any special elections, the names of offices to be elected and the names of the candidates at such special elections, the texts and explanations of Constitutional Amendments and other questions to be voted upon, and the places at which such elections are to be held in the various election districts.</p> <p><i>NOTE: This provision applies only if there is a constitutional amendment or a ballot question on a primary ballot or if a special election is held in conjunction with a primary. Under those circumstances, the primary election is treated as a November election because all registered electors may vote on the constitutional amendment, the ballot question, or the special election.</i></p> |

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| Monday, May 11, 2026 | Deadline for Disabled Elector to Apply for Need for Assistance on Registration (Primary) | Last day before the primary election on which an elector, who has suffered a physical disability which requires him/her to have assistance in voting, may personally make application to the county registration commission in all counties to have such fact entered on his/her registration card. <i>NOTE: If the disability is not recorded on the elector's registration card, the elector may receive assistance if the elector completes a declaration in the polling place.</i> |
| Monday, May 11, 2026 | Deadline to Appeal Rejection of Voter Registration to County Board of Election (Primary) | Last day for any person to file a petition with the county registration commission appealing rejection of a voter registration application. |
| Tuesday, May 12, 2026 | Deadline to Apply for an Absentee Ballot (Primary) | Last day before the primary election on which official applications for civilian absentee ballots from certain persons qualified to vote absentee ballots for the reasons listed in the Election Code may be received by the county boards of elections, due at 5:00 PM. <i>This is also the deadline for "Federal voters" (eligible to vote by absentee ballot pursuant to UOCAVA but not qualified to register to vote) to request an absentee ballot. 52 U.S.C. § 20302(a)(2), 25 P.S. § 3146.2a(a).</i> |
| Tuesday, May 12, 2026 | Deadline to Apply for a Mail-in Ballot (Primary) | Last day before the primary election on which official applications for mail-in ballots may be received by the county boards of elections, due at 5:00 PM. |
| Tuesday, May 12, 2026 | County Deadline to Post the Military, Veterans and Emergency Civilian Absentee Voters' List (Primary) | From this day and until the returns are certified, the county boards of elections shall post the Military, Veterans and Emergency Civilian Absentee Voters' list. |
| Thursday, May 14, 2026 | County Deadline to Post Sample Ballots (Primary) | Not later than this day, the county boards of elections shall make available for public inspection the forms of the ballots and ballot labels which shall be used in each election district at the primary election and shall publish on their website. |
| Thursday, May 14, 2026 | County Deadline to Transmit Sample Ballots to Candidates Who Requested (Primary) | Not later than this day, the county boards of elections, upon request, shall furnish without charge to each candidate whose name is printed on the primary election ballot (or the candidate's authorized representative) three sample ballots for the entire district in which such candidate is to be voted for. |
| Thursday, May 14, 2026 | County Deadline to Report Voter Registration Statistics (Primary) | Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must prepare and submit a report to the Secretary of the Commonwealth containing a statement of the total number of electors registered in each election district, together with a breakdown of registration by each political party or other designation. |
| Monday, May 18, 2026 | Deadline to Appeal Rejection of Voter Registration to the Court of Common Pleas (Primary) | Last day for any person to file an appeal to the Court of Common Pleas for rejection of registration. |
| Monday, May 18, 2026 | County Deadline to Deliver Supplies to Judges of Election (Primary) | Not later than this day, the county boards of elections shall deliver the necessary ballots and supplies to the judges of election. |
| Monday, May 18, 2026 | Deadline for UMOVA Voters to Submit Absentee Ballot (Primary) | Not later than 11:59 PM this day, covered voters under UMOVA must submit their voted military-overseas ballot for mailing or other authorized means of delivery, at the place where the voter completes the ballot on the date immediately preceding the date of the election. |

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| Tuesday, May 19, 2026 | General Primary | <p>General Primary. Polls shall remain open continuously between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM.</p> <p><i>NOTE: The Courts of Common Pleas shall be in session from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM except in judicial districts having only one judge, in which case the court shall be in session from 7:00 AM to Noon ; from 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM and from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM.</i></p> |
| Tuesday, May 19, 2026 | County Deadline to Begin Pre-Canvassing Mail Ballots (Primary) (EIG Counties Only) | <p>The county boards of elections shall meet no earlier than 7:00 AM on Election Day to pre-canvass all absentee and mail-in ballots received prior to the meeting. The county boards of elections shall provide at least 48 hours (by Sunday, May 17) notice of a pre-canvass meeting by posting on its publicly accessible internet website.</p> <p><i>NOTE: Counties that received an Election Integrity Grant must begin their pre-canvass at 7:00 AM on Election Day and shall continue without interruption until each mail-in ballot and absentee ballot received by 7:00 AM on election day is pre-canvassed.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE: No person observing or attending or participating in the pre-canvass meeting may disclose the results of any portion of any pre-canvass meeting prior to the close of the polls.</i></p> |
| Tuesday, May 19, 2026 | Deadline for Completed Civilian Absentee and Mail-In Ballots to Be Received by the County (Primary) | <p>All mail-in and absentee ballots, except those received from military and overseas electors as defined by UMOVA and sections 1301(a) to (h) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3146.1(a) – (h), must be received by the county boards of elections not later than 8:00 PM on this day to be counted.</p> |
| Tuesday, May 19, 2026 | County Deadline to Begin Canvassing Mail Ballots (Primary) (EIG Counties Only) | <p>The county boards of elections shall meet no earlier than the close of Polls (8:00 PM) in the county on Election Day and no later than the third day following Election Day to canvass all absentee and mail-in ballots not included in the pre-canvass. The county boards of elections shall provide at least 48 hours (Sunday, May 17) notice of a canvass meeting by posting on its publicly accessible internet website.</p> <p><i>NOTE: Counties that received an Election Integrity Grant must begin their canvass at 8:00 PM on Election Day and shall continue without interruption until each mail in ballot and absentee ballot is canvassed.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE: No person observing or attending or participating in the canvass meeting may disclose the results of any portion of any canvass meeting prior to the close of the polls.</i></p> |
| Wednesday, May 20, 2026 | County Deadline to Post Unofficial Number of Mail Ballots Received (Primary) (EIG Counties Only) | <p>By 12:01 AM on this day, the county board of elections for each county receiving an Election Integrity Grant shall, pursuant to the grant agreement, announce and post on its publicly accessible Internet website an unofficial number of absentee ballots and mail in ballots received for the election.</p> |
| Wednesday, May 20, 2026 | Deadline for Judges of Elections to Return Election Supplies to County (Primary) | <p>By 2:00 AM on this day, the judges of election must return to the county boards of elections all envelopes; supplies, including all uncast provisional ballots; and returns, including all provisional ballots and absentee ballots cast in the election district.</p> |
| Wednesday, May 20, 2026 | County Deadline to Report Election Night Returns (Primary) | <p>By 3:00 AM on this day, the county boards of elections must submit to the Department of State returns received from the judges of election for each office for which a candidate must file a nomination petition with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.</p> |
| Friday, May 22, 2026 | County Deadline to Begin Computation and Canvass Meeting (Primary) | <p>No later than 9:00 AM on this day, the Return Boards must begin to canvass, and compute returns of the votes cast. (County boards of elections that did not receive an Election Integrity Grant must begin to canvass mail in and absentee ballots by this time.)</p> <p><i>NOTE: Any petition to open a ballot box or to recanvass the votes on a voting machine shall be filed no later than five (5) days after the completion of the computational canvassing of all the returns of the county by the county board of elections.</i></p> |
| Tuesday, May 26, 2026 | Deadline to Provide Proof of Identification for Mail Ballot (Primary) | <p>Last day for the county boards of elections to receive proof of identification that can be verified from a mail in or absentee elector whose proof of identification was not provided with the application or could not be verified by the board.</p> |

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| Tuesday, May 26, 2026 | County Deadline to Report Unofficial Returns (Primary) | No later than 5:00 PM on this day, the county boards of elections must submit to the Secretary of the Commonwealth unofficial returns for all Statewide offices and ballot questions that appeared on the ballot in every election district throughout the Commonwealth. |
| Tuesday, May 26, 2026 | Deadline for County to Receive Completed UMOVA Ballots (Primary) | A valid military-overseas ballot cast under section 3509 of UMOVA, 25 Pa.C.S. § 3509, must be delivered by 5:00 PM to the address specified by the county board of elections, to be counted. <i>NOTE: If, at the time of completing their military-overseas ballot, the voter affirms under penalty of perjury, that the ballot was timely submitted, the ballot MAY NOT be rejected on the basis of a late postmark, an unreadable postmark or no postmark.</i> |
| Wednesday, May 27, 2026 | Deadline for Defeated Statewide Candidate to Waive Automatic Recount (Primary) | A recount otherwise required under section 1404(g)(1)(i) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3154(g)(1)(i), shall not be ordered if the defeated candidate requests in writing by Noon on this day that a recount not be made. |
| Thursday, May 28, 2026 | Secretary's Order for Statewide Recount (Primary) | No later than 5:00 PM on this day, the Secretary of the Commonwealth must issue an order for a recount or recanvass if it is determined, based on the unofficial returns submitted by the county boards of elections, that a statewide candidate or ballot question that appeared on the ballot in every election district throughout the Commonwealth was defeated by a margin of one-half of a percent or less. |
| Tuesday, June 2, 2026 | County Deadline to Complete Computation of Returns (Primary) | Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must complete the computation of votes so as to meet the certification deadline in Section 302(k) of the Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2642(k). |
| Wednesday, June 3, 2026 | County Deadline to Begin Statewide Automatic Recount (Primary) | Last day on which a recount or recanvass ordered by the Secretary of the Commonwealth can be scheduled to begin. |
| Friday, June 5, 2026 | Secretary's Casting of Lots to Break Tie (Primary) | On this day, candidates receiving tie votes at the primary election cast lots at Noon before the Secretary of the Commonwealth or the county board of elections, to determine who will be entitled to the nomination. <i>NOTE: If the fact of the tie vote is not authoritatively determined until after June 3, the time for casting lots shall be Noon on the second day after the fact of such tie vote is authoritatively determined.</i> |
| Monday, June 8, 2026 | County Deadline to Certify Official Returns (Primary) | Last day for the county boards of elections to certify returns from the primary election with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. <i>NOTE: Counties that received an Election Integrity Grant must also submit the outcome of any post-election audit required under the Election Code with their certified results. The Department shall post the audit information on its publicly accessible website.</i> |
| Monday, June 8, 2026 | Deadline to File a Petition to Contest Primary Nomination | Last day to file a petition to contest the nomination of any candidate at the primary election. <i>NOTE: Not applicable to elections of the first class.</i> |
| Tuesday, June 9, 2026 | County Deadline to Complete Statewide Automatic Recount (Primary) | No later than Noon on this day, a recount or recanvass ordered by the Secretary of the Commonwealth must be completed. |
| Wednesday, June 10, 2026 | County Deadline to Report Results of Statewide Automatic Recount (Primary) | By Noon on the day after completion of a recount ordered by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the county boards of elections must submit to the Secretary of the Commonwealth the results of the recount. |
| Thursday, June 18, 2026 | County Deadline to Submit Absentee Ballot Reimbursement Request (Primary) | Not later than this day, the county boards of elections shall file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth a statement of expenses incurred in preparing, handling, mailing, delivering, counting and storing such official Military, Veterans, and other absentee ballots as they are entitled by law to receive compensations for the sum of sixty cents each. |

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| Thursday, June 18, 2026 | County Deadline to Report District Level Vote Totals (Primary) | Last day for county boards of elections to submit to the Bureau of Elections a report stating the total number of votes cast in each voting district for each candidate for any Statewide Office, United States Representative, State Senator and State Representative. |
| Thursday, June 18, 2026 | 2026 Campaign Finance Cycle 3 Deadline | 2026 Campaign Finance Cycle 3 Deadline: Last day for all candidates and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists to file campaign expense reports and statements due by 30 days after the primary election in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth or the county board of elections as the case may be. Such report shall be complete as of June 8. <i>NOTE: Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing where the report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior to the filing deadline.</i> |
| Monday, June 29, 2026 | Secretary's Lottery for Audit of Campaign Expense Reports (Primary) | On this day, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall select by lottery for audit of campaign expense reports three percent of the total number of public offices for which candidates must file nomination petitions or papers with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. |
| Saturday, July 18, 2026 | County Deadline to Submit Voting System Malfunction Reports (Primary) | By this date, each county board of elections must submit to the Secretary of the Commonwealth the Voting System Malfunction Report attached as Appendix A to the <i>Directive Regarding the Uniform Reporting of Voting System Malfunctions to the Department of State</i> for the General Primary. |
| Monday, August 3, 2026 | Deadline to Circulate and File Nomination Papers | Last day to circulate and file nomination papers nominating minor political party candidates or political body candidates (including independent candidates) under the provisions of Sections 912.2 and 951 of the Election Code, 25 P.S. §§ 2872.2 and 2911. Papers must be received no later than 5:00 PM in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, or no later than the ordinary closing hour of any county board of elections office, as the case may be. (Due to August 1 being a Saturday, deadline moves to August 3.) |
| Monday, August 3, 2026 | Deadline to File Statement of Financial Interest for Candidates Filing Nomination Papers | Last day for STATE LEVEL INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES AND MINOR POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES to file "Statements of Financial Interests" with the State Ethics Commission, Room 309 Financial Building, P.O. Box 11470, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1470. A copy of the "Statement" must also be appended to the nomination papers. Last day for independent and minor political party candidates for county or local level public office to file the "Statement" with the governing authority of the political and subdivision in which they are candidates. A copy of the "Statement" must also be appended to the nomination papers. (Due to August 1 being a Saturday, deadline moves to August 3.) |
| Wednesday, August 5, 2026 | County Deadline to Prepare UMOVA Notice (General) | Not later than this day, the county board of elections must prepare an election notice to be used in conjunction with the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB). |
| Wednesday, August 5, 2026 | County Deadline to Complete Systematic List Maintenance Programs | By this day, county boards of elections must complete their programs to systematically remove the names of ineligible voters from their official lists for the General Election. <i>NOTE: All county-initiated list maintenance must be completed this day. Voter-initiated changes and changes due to death may be processed after this date.</i> |
| Monday, August 10, 2026 | Deadline to Withdraw - Nomination Papers | Last day for candidates who have filed nomination papers to withdraw. |
| Monday, August 10, 2026 | Deadline to File Objections to Nomination Papers | Last day to file objections to nomination papers nominating minor political party candidates or political body candidates (including independent candidates). |
| Monday, August 10, 2026 | Deadline for Hearings on Objections to Nomination Papers | Last day that may be fixed by the Court for hearings on objections to nomination papers. |

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| Monday, August 10, 2026 | Deadline for Primary Write In Winners to Pay Filing Fee | Last day for candidates nominated at the primary election by write-in votes to pay filing fee; otherwise, the party nomination will be declared vacant. <i>NOTE: State level write-in winners of nominations from the Primary Election must file "Statements of Financial Interests" with the State Ethics Commission, Room 309 Finance Building, P.O. Box 11470, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1470 within thirty days of having been nominated unless such person resigns nomination within that time. County and local level write-in winners of nominations from the primary election must file the "Statement" with the governing authority of the political subdivisions where they were nominated within thirty days of having been nominated unless such person resigns nomination within that time.</i> |
| Monday, August 10, 2026 | Deadline to Withdraw – Primary Winner | Last day for candidates who were nominated at the primary election to withdraw. |
| Saturday, August 15, 2026 | County Deadline to Submit EIG Application | Last day for county boards of elections to submit an application to DCED for an Election Integrity Grant. (Applications may be received starting on August 1.) |
| Monday, August 17, 2026 | County Deadline to Submit EIG Post-Election Report (Primary) | Last day for the county board of elections for each county receiving an Election Integrity Grant, pursuant to the grant agreement, to report to the Department of Community & Economic Development, the chairperson and minority chairperson of the State Government Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and minority chairperson of the State Government Committee of the House of Representatives, on a form prescribed by the Department of State, how the county used the grant money received under Section 1602-A of the Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3260.2-A. |
| Tuesday, August 18, 2026 | Deadline for Decisions on Objections to Nomination Papers | Last day, if possible, for the Court to render decisions in cases involving objections to nomination papers. |
| Thursday, August 20, 2026 | Deadline to File Substitute Nomination Certificates for Certain Party Nomination Vacancies | Last day to file substituted nomination certificates to fill vacancies caused by withdrawal of candidates nominated at the primary election or by nomination papers under the provisions of Sections 907 and 951 of the Election Code, 25 P.S. §§ 2867 and 2911, respectively. <i>NOTE: Substituted nomination certificates to fill vacancies caused by the death of candidates nominated at primaries or by nomination papers shall be filed prior to the day on which ballot printing is started. Objections to substitute nomination certificates must be filed within three days after the filing of the substitute nomination certificate.</i> <i>NOTE: State level candidates nominated by substituted nomination certificate, nomination certificate or nomination papers (see August 25, September 14, and September 21) must file a "Statement of Financial Interests" with the substituted nomination certificate, nomination certificate or nomination papers and with the State Ethics Commission, Room 309 Finance Building, P.O. Box 11470, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1470. County and local-level candidates nominated by substituted nomination papers (see August 25, September 14, and September 21) must file a "Statement" with the governing authority of the political subdivisions in which they are candidates."</i> |
| Tuesday, August 25, 2026 | Secretary's Unofficial Candidate and Referendum List (General) | Last day for Secretary of the Commonwealth to transmit to each county board of elections a list, as known to exist at that time, of all candidates to be voted on at the November election and a copy of all Constitutional Amendments and other questions to be voted on at the November election together with a statement of the form in which they are to be placed. |
| Tuesday, August 25, 2026 | County Deadline to Begin Transmitting Balloting Materials to UMOVA Applicants in Remote or Isolated Areas (General) | Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must begin to transmit ballots and balloting materials to all covered voters under the Uniformed Military and Overseas Voters Act (UMOVA) in extremely remote or isolated area, who by that date, submit a valid military-overseas ballot application. <i>[The preceding includes qualified electors who are Uniformed-Service voters (members of the active or reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the United States who are on active duty; members of the United States merchant marine, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service of the Department of Health and Human Services or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States; members on activated status of the National Guard or Pennsylvania National Guard); Spouses and dependents of uniformed service members; Overseas voters; or veterans of a uniformed service who is bedridden or hospitalized due to illness or physical disability.]</i> <i>NOTE: As additional applications are received, the county board of elections must transmit ballots and balloting materials to such electors within 48</i> |

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| | | <i>hours after the application is received by the county board of elections.</i> |
| Monday, September 14, 2026 | Deadline to File Nomination Certificates or Papers to Fill Certain Vacancies at the General Election | Last day before the November election for political parties or minor political parties to file nomination certificates or for political bodies to file nomination papers in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, or the county boards of elections, as the case may be, to fill vacancies in public offices which occur for any cause at a time when the Constitution or Laws require them to be filled at the ensuing election, but at a time when such nominations cannot be made under any other provision of the Election Code (Sections 993-999.1 of the Election Code, 25 P.S. §§ 2953-2960.) |
| Monday, September 14, 2026 | County Deadline to Begin Processing Civilian Absentee and Mail-In Ballot Applications (General) | First day on which county boards of elections must begin to process official applications for civilian absentee and mail in ballots. <i>NOTE: A county board of election may begin to process applications earlier if it deems it appropriate.</i> <i>NOTE: Notwithstanding the acceptance of any applications for civilian absentee or mail in ballots, counties are only required to begin delivering civilian absentee and mail-in ballots as soon as possible after such ballots are printed and in no event later than the second Tuesday prior to the election. (Sections 1305(b)(1) and 1305-D of the Election Code, 25 P.S. §§ 3146.6(b)(1) and 3150.15).</i> |
| Saturday, September 19, 2026 | County Deadline to Begin Transmitting Balloting Materials to Approved UMOVA Absentee Applicants (General) | Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must begin transmitting ballots and balloting materials to all covered voters under UMOVA who by this date submit a valid military-overseas ballot application. <i>[The preceding includes qualified electors who are Uniformed-Service voters (members of the active or reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the United States who are on active duty; members of the United States merchant marine, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service of the Department of Health and Human Services or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States; members on activated status of the National Guard or Pennsylvania National Guard); Spouses and dependents of uniformed service members; Overseas voters; or veterans of a uniformed service who is bedridden or hospitalized due to illness or physical disability.</i> <i>NOTE: As additional applications are received, the county board of elections must transmit ballots and balloting materials to such electors within 48 hours after the application is received by the county board of elections.</i> |
| Saturday, September 21, 2026 | Deadline to File Substituted Nomination Certificates to Fill Certain Vacancies at the General Election | Last day to file substituted nomination certificates under the provisions of Sections 993-999.1 of the Election Code, 25 P.S. §§ 2953-2960. <i>NOTE: Substituted nomination certificates to fill vacancies caused by the death of candidates nominated under the provisions of Sections 993-999.1 of the Election Code must be filed in the office of the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH or the county boards of elections, as the case may be, at any time prior to the day on which the printing of ballots is started. Objections to substituted nomination certificates, under the provisions of Sections 993-999.1 of the Election Code, must be filed within three days after the filing of the substituted nomination certificates.</i> |
| Tuesday, September 22, 2026 | 2026 Campaign Finance Cycle 4 Deadline | 2026 Campaign Finance Cycle 4 Deadline: Last day for candidates for statewide offices and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists which have expended money for the purpose of influencing the election of such candidates to file campaign expense reports and statements due by the Sixth Tuesday before the election in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Such report shall be complete as of September 14. <i>NOTE: Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing where report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior to the filing deadline.</i> |
| Wednesday, October 14, 2026 | County Deadline to Announce Locations of Polling Places (General) | By this date, the county board of elections must publicly announce the locations of polling places. |
| Monday, October 19, 2026 | County Deadline to Submit Logic and Accuracy Attestation (General) | By this date, each county election board shall certify that they have completed their logic and accuracy testing on the form prescribed by the Secretary. |

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| Monday, October 19, 2026 | Deadline to Register or Update Voter Registration (General) | <p>All applications for registration (including applications to update existing registration) must be received by the county boards of elections for such registration to apply to the primary election.</p> <p><i>NOTE: The statutory deadline for voter registration is based on the hours of operation established by the county for receiving applications:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper and in-person registration applications may only be received during the hours when the county office is open for business. • Online registration applications may be submitted until 11:59 PM. <p><i>NOTE: To be processed for the ensuing election a voter registration application must be received as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voter registration applications submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in conjunction with an application for or renewal of a motor vehicle driver's license must be received by the county voter registration commission not later than the deadline to register. • Voter Registration Mail Applications must be received by the county voter registration commission not later than the deadline to register. • Voter registration applications submitted to offices in Pennsylvania that provide public assistance, to the county clerk of Orphan's Court, including the Marriage License Bureau, offices in Pennsylvania that provide State-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities and armed forces recruitment centers, must be received by the county voter registration commission not later than the deadline to register. <p>All other voter registration applications must be received by the deadline to register.</p> |
| Tuesday, October 20, 2026 | County Deadline to Begin Distribution of Civilian Absentee and Mail-In Ballots | <p>As soon as possible after ballots are printed and in no event later than this day, the county boards of elections must begin to deliver or mail all civilian absentee and mail-in ballots.</p> <p><i>NOTE: As additional applications are received, ballots must be mailed within 48 hours after approval.</i></p> |
| Friday, October 23, 2026 | 2026 Campaign Finance Cycle 5 Deadline | <p>2026 Campaign Finance Cycle 5 Deadline: Last day for all candidates and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists which have expended money for the purpose of influencing the election of candidates to file campaign expense reports or statements due by the Second Friday before the election in the office of the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH and/or the county boards of elections, as the case may be. Such reports shall be complete as of October 19.</p> <p><i>NOTE: Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing where report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior to the filing deadline.</i></p> |
| Saturday, October 24, 2026 | Beginning of Period for County to Advertise Information for Upcoming Election (General) | <p>October 24: Not earlier than this day nor later than October 31, the county board of elections shall publish in newspapers, notice of the date and hours of voting for the November Election, the names of offices to be elected, the names of the candidates, the texts and explanations of Constitutional Amendments and other questions to be voted upon, and the places at which the election is to be held in the various election districts.</p> |
| Monday, October 26, 2026 | Deadline for Disabled Elector to Apply for Need for Assistance on Registration (General) | <p>Last day before the November election on which an elector, who has suffered a physical disability which requires him/her to have assistance in voting, may personally make application to the county registration commission in all counties to have such fact entered on his/her registration card.</p> <p><i>NOTE: If the disability is not recorded on the elector's registration card, the elector may receive assistance if the elector completes a declaration in the polling place.</i></p> |
| Monday, October 26, 2026 | Deadline to Appeal Rejection of Voter Registration to County Board of Election (General) | <p>Last day for any person to file a petition with the county registration commission appealing rejection of a voter registration application.</p> |
| Tuesday, October 27, 2026 | Deadline to Apply for a Civilian Absentee Ballot (General) | <p>Last day before the General election on which official applications for civilian absentee ballots from certain persons qualified to vote absentee ballots for the reasons listed in the Election Code may be received by the county boards of elections, due at 5:00 PM.</p> <p><i>This is also the deadline for "Federal voters" (eligible to vote by absentee ballot pursuant to UOCAVA but not qualified to register to vote) to request an absentee ballot. 52 U.S.C. § 20302(a)(2), 25 P.S. § 3146.2a(a).</i></p> |

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| Tuesday, October 27, 2026 | Deadline to Apply for a Mail In Ballot (General) | Last day before the November election on which official applications for mail-in ballots may be received by the county boards of elections, due at 5:00 PM. |
| Tuesday, October 27, 2026 | County Deadline to Post the Military, Veterans and Emergency Civilian Absentee Voters' List (General) | From this day and until the returns are certified, the county boards of elections shall post the Military, Veterans and Emergency Civilian Absentee Voters' list. |
| Thursday, October 29, 2026 | County Deadline to Post Sample Ballots (General) | Not later than this day, the county boards of elections shall make available for public inspection the forms of the ballots and ballot labels which shall be used in each election district at the election and shall publish on their website. |
| Thursday, October 29, 2026 | Deadline for Holding Hearings on Voter Registration Challenges | Challenges to voter registration due 8 days before the election. Hearing must be held 5 days prior to the election. |
| Thursday, October 29, 2026 | County Deadline to Transmit Sample Ballots to Candidates Who Requested (General) | Not later than this day, the county boards of elections, upon request, shall furnish without charge to the chairperson of each political party and political body two sample ballots for each election district in which such party or body candidates are running for office. |
| Thursday, October 29, 2026 | County Deadline to Report Voter Registration Statistics (General) | Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must prepare and submit a report to the Secretary of the Commonwealth containing a statement of the total number of electors registered in each election district, together with a breakdown of registration by each political party or other designation. |
| Monday, November 2, 2026 | Deadline to Appeal Rejection of Voter Registration to the Court of Common Pleas (General) | Last day for any person to file an appeal to the Court of Common Pleas for rejection of registration. |
| Monday, November 2, 2026 | County Deadline to Deliver Supplies to Judges of Election (General) | Not later than this day, the county boards of elections shall deliver the necessary ballots and supplies to the judges of election. |
| Monday, November 2, 2026 | Deadline for UMOVA Voters to Submit Absentee Ballot (General) | Not later than 11:59 PM this day, covered voters under UMOVA must submit their voted military-overseas ballot for mailing or other authorized means of delivery, at the place where the voter completes the ballot on the date immediately preceding the date of the election. |
| Tuesday, November 3, 2026 | General Election | General Election. Polls shall remain open continuously between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM. <i>NOTE: The Courts of Common Pleas shall be in session from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM except in judicial districts having one judge, in which case the court shall be in session from 7:00 AM to 12:00 Noon; from 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM and from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM.</i> |
| Tuesday, November 3, 2026 | County Deadline to Begin Pre-Canvassing Absentee and Mail-In Ballots (General) (EIG Counties Only) | The county boards of elections shall meet no earlier than 7:00 AM on Election Day to pre-canvass all absentee and mail-in ballots received prior to the meeting. The county boards of elections shall provide at least 48 hours (by Sunday, November 1) notice of a pre-canvass meeting by posting on its publicly accessible internet website. <i>NOTE: Counties that received an Election Integrity Grant must begin their pre-canvass at 7:00 AM on Election Day and shall continue without interruption until each mail-in ballot and absentee ballot received by 7:00 AM on election day is pre-canvassed.</i> <i>NOTE: No person observing or attending or participating in the pre-canvass meeting may disclose the results of any portion of any pre-canvass meeting prior to the close of the polls.</i> |
| Tuesday, November 3, 2026 | Deadline for Completed Civilian Absentee and Mail-In Ballots to Be Received by the County (General) | All mail-in and absentee ballots, except those received from military and overseas electors as defined by UMOVA and sections 1301(a) to (h) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3146.1(a) - (h), must be received by the county boards of elections not later than 8:00 PM on this day to be counted. |

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| Tuesday, November 3, 2026 | County Deadline to Begin Canvassing Absentee and Mail-In Ballots (General) (EIG Counties Only) | <p>The county boards of elections shall meet no earlier than the close of Polls (8:00 PM) in the county on Election Day and no later than the third day following Election Day to canvass all absentee and mail-in ballots not included in the pre-canvass. The county boards of elections shall provide at least 48 hours (Sunday, November 2) notice of a canvass meeting by posting on its publicly accessible internet website.</p> <p><i>NOTE: Counties that received an Election Integrity Grant must begin their canvass at 8:00 PM on Election Day and shall continue without interruption until each mail-in ballot and absentee ballot is canvassed.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE: No person observing or attending or participating in the canvass meeting may disclose the results of any portion of any canvass meeting prior to the close of the polls.</i></p> |
| Wednesday, November 4, 2026 | County Deadline to Post Unofficial Number of Mail Ballots Received (General) (EIG Counties Only) | By 12:01 AM on this day, the county board of elections for each county receiving an Election Integrity Grant shall, pursuant to the grant agreement, announce and post on its publicly accessible Internet website an unofficial number of absentee ballots and mail-in ballots received for the election. |
| Wednesday, November 4, 2026 | Deadline for Judges of Elections to Return Election Supplies to County | By 2:00 AM on this day, the judges of election must return to the county boards of elections all envelopes; supplies, including all uncast provisional ballots; and returns, including all provisional ballots and absentee ballots cast in the election district. |
| Wednesday, November 4, 2026 | County Deadline to Report Election Night Returns | By 3:00 AM on this day, the county boards of elections must submit to the Department of State returns received from the judges of election for each office for which a candidate must file a nomination petition with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. |
| Friday, November 6, 2026 | County Deadline to Begin Computation and Canvass Meeting | <p>No later than 9:00 AM on this day, the Return Boards must begin to canvass, and compute returns of the votes cast. (County boards of elections that did not receive an Election Integrity Grant must begin to canvass mail-in and absentee ballots by this time.)</p> <p><i>NOTE: Any petition to open a ballot box or to recanvass the votes on a voting machine shall be filed no later than five (5) days after the completion of the computational canvassing of all the returns of the county by the county board of elections.</i></p> |
| Monday, November 9, 2026 | Deadline to Provide Proof of Identification for Mail Ballot (General) | Last day for the county boards of elections to receive proof of identification that can be verified from an absentee or mail-in elector whose proof of identification was provided with the application or could not be verified by the board. |
| Tuesday, November 10, 2026 | County Deadline to Report Unofficial Returns (General) | No later than 5:00 PM on this day, the county boards of elections must submit to the Secretary of the Commonwealth unofficial returns for all Statewide offices and ballot questions that appeared on the ballot in every election district throughout the Commonwealth. |
| Tuesday, November 10, 2026 | Deadline for County to Receive Completed UMOVA Ballots (General) | <p>A valid military-overseas ballot cast under section 3509 of UMOVA, 25 Pa.C.S. § 3509, must be delivered by 5:00 PM to the address specified by the county board of elections, to be counted.</p> <p><i>NOTE: If, at the time of completing their military-overseas ballot, the voter affirms under penalty of perjury, that the ballot was timely submitted, the ballot MAY NOT be rejected on the basis of a late postmark, an unreadable postmark or no postmark.</i></p> |
| Thursday, November 12, 2026 | Deadline for Defeated Statewide Candidate to Waive Automatic Recount | A recount and recanvass shall not be ordered under section 1404(g)(1)(i) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3154(g)(1)(i), if the defeated candidate requests in writing that a recount and recanvass not be made. A request under this subsection must be made by Noon on the second Wednesday following the election. |
| Thursday, November 12, 2026 | Deadline for Secretary to Order Statewide Recount (General) | No later than 5:00 PM on this day, the Secretary of the Commonwealth must issue an order for a recount or recanvass if it is determined, based on the unofficial returns submitted by the county boards of elections, that a statewide candidate or ballot question that appeared on the ballot in every election district throughout the Commonwealth was defeated by a margin of one-half of a percent or less. |
| Tuesday, November 17, 2026 | County Deadline to Complete Computation of Returns (General) | Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must complete the computation of votes so as to meet the certification deadline in Section 302(k) of the Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2642(k). |

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| Wednesday, November 18, 2026 | County Deadline to Begin Statewide Automatic Recount (General) | Last day on which a recount or recanvass ordered by the Secretary of the Commonwealth can be scheduled to begin. |
| Friday, November 20, 2026 | Secretary's Casting of Lots to Break Tie (General) | On this day, candidates receiving tie votes at the election shall cast lots at 12:00 Noon before the Secretary of the Commonwealth or the county boards of elections, as the case may be, to determine the winner. (If the fact of the tie vote is not authoritatively determined until after November 20, the time for casting lots will be 12:00 Noon on the second day after the fact of such tie is determined). |
| Monday, November 23, 2026 | County Deadline to Certify Official Returns (General) | Last day for the county boards of elections to certify returns from the November election with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. <i>NOTE: Counties that received an Election Integrity Grant must also submit the outcome of any post-election audit required under the Election Code with their certified results. The Department shall post the audit information on its publicly accessible website.</i> <i>NOTE: State level write-in winners of elections from the November election must file "Statements of Financial Interests" with the State Ethics Commission, Room 309 Finance Building, P.O. Box 11470, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1470 within thirty days of having been elected unless said person resigns within that time. County and local-level public office write-in winners of elections must file the "Statement" with the governing authority of the political subdivision where they were elected within 30 days of having been elected unless said person resigns within that time.</i> |
| Monday, November 23, 2026 | Deadline to File a Petition to Contest Election | Last day to file petitions to contest the election of any candidate. (Not applicable to elections of the first class.) |
| Tuesday, November 24, 2026 | County Deadline to Complete Statewide Automatic Recount (General) | No later than Noon on this day, a recount or recanvass ordered by the Secretary of the Commonwealth must be completed. |
| Wednesday, November 25, 2026 | County Deadline to Report Results of Statewide Automatic Recount (General) | By Noon on the day after completion of a recount or recanvass ordered by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, but no later than Noon on this day, the county boards of elections must submit to the Secretary of the Commonwealth the results of the recount or recanvass. |
| Thursday, December 3, 2026 | 2026 Campaign Finance Cycle 6 Deadline | 2026 Campaign Finance Cycle 6 Deadline: Last day for all candidates and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists to file campaign expense reports or statements due 30 days after the election in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and/or the county boards of elections as the case may be. Such report shall be complete as of November 23. <i>NOTE: Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing where report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior filing deadline.</i> |
| Thursday, December 3, 2026 | County Deadline to Submit Absentee Ballot Reimbursement Request (General) | Not later than this day, the county boards of elections shall file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth a statement of expenses incurred in preparing, handling, mailing, delivering, counting and storing such official Military, Veterans' and other absentee ballots as they are entitled by law to receive compensation for in the sum of sixty cents each. |
| Thursday, December 3, 2026 | County Deadline to Report District Level Vote Totals (General) | Last day for each county board of elections to submit to the Bureau of Elections a report stating the total number of votes cast in each voting district for each candidate for any Statewide Office, United States Representative, State Senator and State Representative. |
| Monday, December 14, 2026 | Secretary's Lottery for Audit of Campaign Expense Reports (General) | On this day, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall select by lottery for audit of campaign expense reports three percent of the total number of public offices for which candidates must file nomination petitions or papers with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. |

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| Saturday, January 2, 2027 | County Deadline to Submit Voting System Malfunction Reports (General) | By this date, each county board of elections must submit to the Secretary of the Commonwealth the Voting System Malfunction Report attached as Appendix A to the <i>Directive Regarding the Uniform Reporting of Voting System Malfunctions to the Department of State</i> for the November 2026 General Election. |
| Monday, February 1, 2027 | County Deadline to Submit Election Integrity Grant (EIG) Post-Election Report (General) | Last day for the county board of elections for each county receiving an Election Integrity Grant, pursuant to the grant agreement, to report to the Department of Community & Economic Development, the chairperson and minority chairperson of the State Government Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and minority chairperson of the State Government Committee of the House of Representatives, on a form prescribed by the Department of State, how the county used the grant money received under this section. |