

Important Dates for Voters – 2026 Calendar

This is a list of Important Dates and Deadlines for Philadelphia voters.

DATE	EVENT
February 17	First day to circulate and file nomination petitions
March 10	Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions
March 11	First day to circulate and file nomination papers
March 17	Last day to file objections to nomination petitions
March 18	Ballot position lottery
March 25	Last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination petitions
May 4	Last day to register before the primary
May 12	Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot
May 19	Last day for county election office to receive completed mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00 P.M.)
May 19	GENERAL PRIMARY
May 26	Last day for county election office to receive completed military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on May 18, 2026)
August 3	Last day to circulate and file nomination papers
August 10	Last day to file objections to nomination papers
August 10	Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated by nomination papers
August 10	Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated at the primary
October 19	Last day to REGISTER before the November election
October 27	Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot
November 3	Last day for county election office to receive completed mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00 P.M.)
November 3	GENERAL ELECTION
November 10	Last day for county election office to receive completed military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on November 2, 2026)