

ELECTION CALENDAR AT A GLANCE  
GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION – March 15, 2016

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September 1, 2015	<b>First day to circulate petitions</b> for established political parties with the exception of Presidential, delegates and alternate delegates
October 8, 2015	<b>First day to circulate petitions</b> for established party Presidential, delegate and alternate delegate candidates
November 23 – 30, 2015	<b>Petition filing for established political parties</b> with the exception of the Presidential, delegate and alternate delegate candidates  The SBE will be closed on the 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend
December 7, 2015	<b>Last day to withdraw</b> when an individual has filed for two or more incompatible offices  <b>Last day to file objections</b> to petitions for the November 23 – 30, 2015 filing period.
December 9, 2015	<b>Last day to conduct lottery</b> for the November 23-30 filing period.
December 14, 2015	<b>Last day to file petition for public question</b> (certain restrictions apply)
December 14 - 21, 2015	<b>Special judicial filing period</b> for vacancies occurring during November 9-30, 2015
December 16, 2015	<b>First day to make application</b> by mail or in person for an official ballot  <b>Last day to adopt a resolution or ordinance</b> for binding/advisory public question.
December 28, 2015	<b>Last day for County, Municipal, School, Township and Park Boards</b> to place advisory referenda on the ballot by resolution
December 29, 2015	<b>Last day to file objections</b> to petitions from the special judicial filing period  <b>Last day for judicial candidates to withdraw</b> when 2 or more incompatible petitions are filed during either filing period

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December 30, 2015	<b>Last day to conduct lottery</b> for special judicial filing period
January 4 – 6, 2016	<b>Filing period for Presidential Preference, delegate and alternate delegate candidates</b>
January 7, 2016	<b>Last statutory day for established party candidates</b> to file withdrawal papers in the office of SBE
	<b>Certification of ballot by SBE</b>
	<b>Last day to withdraw for Presidential Preference</b> candidates who have filed for two or more incompatible offices
January 13, 2016	<b>Last day to file objections</b> to petitions filed by Presidential Preference candidates
	<b>Last day for established party candidates to withdraw</b> in the office of the county clerk
	<b>Last day for the county clerk</b> to certify to the boards of election commissioners the names of all candidates in said board's jurisdiction
January 14, 2016	<b>Last day to file a Declaration of intent</b> to be a write-in candidate
January 15, 2016	<b>Last day for Democratic Presidential Preference</b> candidates or authorized agents to file an affidavit with the SBE & State Party Chair designating which delegate candidates shall be listed as committed to him when more candidates have filed than allocated to the district
	<b>Last day to conduct lottery</b> for Presidential Preference, delegate and alternate delegate candidates
January 25, 2016	<b>Last day for election authority</b> to provide SBE with a list of all early voting sites and hours

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January 29, 2016	<b>Last day for the election authority to have sufficient number of ballots available for mailing to persons in the U.S. service</b> or their spouses and voting age dependents, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the U.S. and nonresident civilians
February 4, 2016	<b>First day for election authority</b> to mail an official ballot to voters who have requested one
February 16, 2016	<b>First day for early voting</b> at the office of the election authority & temporary locations
February 16, 2016	<b>Last day for registration</b> or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority
February 17, 2016	<b>First day for grace period</b> registration, voting or change of address in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose
February 29, 2016	<b>First day of early voting for counties who have</b> early voting at permanent polling places other than the office of the election authority
March 8, 2016	<b>Last day for any voter who is a member of the U.S. service</b> or their spouses, voting age dependents, nonresident civilian and citizens temporarily residing outside the U.S. to make application for an absentee ballot
March 10, 2016	<b>Last day for the election authority</b> to receive application by mail from any registered voter
March 14, 2016	<b>Last day for early voting</b>
March 14, 2016	<b>Last day for any registered voter</b> to make application in person for a vote by mail ballot
March 15, 2016	<b>Last day for grace period registration and voting</b>