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DEPARTMENT *of* ELECTIONS

Political Party Bulletin

Ballot Access Requirements for the
June 8, 2021 Primary Elections
and
November 2, 2021 General Elections

Election Calendar

Type of Election	Last day for voter registration	Last Day to Apply for Absentee
Primary Election Tuesday, June 8, 2021	Monday, May 17, 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person: 5:00 pm • Online: 11:59 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online, Fax, Mail: Friday, May 28, 2021, 5:00 pm • Early Voting In Person: Saturday, June 5, 2021, 5:00 pm
General and Special Elections Tuesday, November 2, 2021	Tuesday, October 12, 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person: 5:00 pm • Online: 11:59 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online, Fax, Mail: Friday, October 22, 2021, 5:00 pm • Early Voting In Person: Saturday, October 30, 2021, 5:00 pm

What, where, and when do political parties submit?

What do I need to file?	Where do I file this form?	When does filing open?	What is the deadline to file?
Contact information for state, legislative district, county, and city party chairs	With the Department of Elections.	Tuesday, January 1, 2021	Contact information should be updated with Department of Elections routinely.
Related Code: Va. Code § 24.2-516			
Party Notice of Nomination Method	With the Department of Elections.	Wednesday, February 3, 2021	Tuesday, February 23, 2021
Related Code: Va. Code § 24.2-516			
Party Certification of Primary Candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State, Congressional, and General Assembly candidates: With the Department of Elections All other candidates: With the Department of Elections and the General Registrar's Office in each locality where the candidate will appear on the ballot. 	5:01 p.m, Thursday, March 25, 2021 (after the primary filing window closes)	Tuesday, March 30, 2021
Related Code: Va. Code § 24.2-527			
Reminder: deadlines to nominate non-primary candidates:		Nominations may begin on Thursday, April 22, 2021	Nominations must be completed by 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 8, 2021
Related Code: Va. Code § 24.2-510			
Party Certification of Non-Primary Candidate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State, Congressional, General Assembly, and shared constitutional office candidates: With the Department of Elections All other candidates: With the Department of Elections and the General Registrar's Office in each locality where the candidate will appear on the ballot. 	After party has nominated the candidate; but no sooner than Thursday, April 22, 2021.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For regularly scheduled November elections: Monday, June 14, 2021 For special elections coinciding with the general election: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st November after vacancy: Friday, August 13, 2021 2nd November after vacancy: Monday, June 14, 2021
Related Code: Va. Code § 24.2-511			

General Disclaimer

Political parties are responsible for complying with all current and applicable regulations, and local, state, and federal law. The purpose of this document is to provide political parties a brief overview regarding certain filings or information that must be submitted to the Department of Elections or General Registrars throughout the next election year. This document does not purport to provide legal advice or binding statements of official policy. Applicable laws and regulations are subject to change in content and interpretation. Political parties should contact their legal representation for guidance and information regarding local election laws and regulations.