

2009 ELECTION CALENDAR

FOR ALL OFFICES ELECTED IN MAY

FOR DETAILS, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE: <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov>
AND VIEW THE CANDIDATE BULLETIN SPECIFIC TO THE OFFICE SOUGHT

		⁴ DEADLINES (PERIODS) FOR FILING				
ELECTION TYPE	ELECTION DATE	² CANDIDATE DECLARATIONS/ PETITIONS	² OTHER CANDIDATE FORMS	³ PARTY CHAIRS CERTIFY CANDIDATES	LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE	DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT
¹ Primary	March 3	December 16, 2008 noon to January 5, 2009 5:00 pm (Friday, 1/2/09 is a Holiday)	January 2, 2009 5:00 p.m.	January 7, 2009 5:00 p.m.	February 2	By Mail: February 24 In Person: February 28
PARTY NOMINATIONS, OTHER THAN BY PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY BE MADE NO EARLIER THAN JANUARY 30 AND MUST BE COMPLETED BY 7:00 P.M., MARCH 3.						
² General	May 5	NON-PARTY CANDIDATES March 3 7:00 p.m.	ALL CANDIDATES March 3 7:00 p.m.	March 9 5:00 p.m.	April 6	By Mail: April 28 In Person: May 2

¹ Permitted **ONLY** in cities and towns whose charters do not prohibit partisan elections for council offices. Notification of adoption of primary must be filed with the State Board of Elections by the party chair for the city not sooner than November 13, 2008 nor later than December 3, 2008.

NO PRIMARIES PERMITTED FOR ELECTED SCHOOL BOARDS. Virginia law requires candidates for this office to file as independents. **NO** political party may nominate any candidate for elected school board. However, a political party may endorse a candidate for this office. Candidates for elected school board **must follow** the General Election schedule.

² See Candidate Bulletin for the office sought for specifics as to forms required and where they are filed. The bulletins and forms are available on our website: <http://www.sbe.virginia.gov> OR from this office. VOICE: In the Richmond area, 864-8901 - From all other areas: 804-864-8901 - Toll-free: 800-552-9745 - TTY: Toll-free 800-260-3466

³ Forms for use in certification will be mailed to Party Chairs by State Board of Elections.

⁴ For candidates for special elections to fill vacancies, **the deadline for all candidates** to file all required forms and for political parties to **nominate and certify** nominees is **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2009.**

ON ANY ELECTION DAY - WHETHER GENERAL, PRIMARY, OR SPECIAL - THE POLLS ARE REQUIRED TO OPEN AT 6:00 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M.