

2015 NOVEMBER ELECTION CALENDAR

ELECTION TYPE	ELECTION DATE	⁴ DEADLINES (PERIODS) FOR FILING			LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE	DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT
		² CANDIDATE DECLARATIONS/ PETITIONS	² OTHER CANDIDATE FORMS	³ PARTY CHAIRS CERTIFY CANDIDATES		
¹ Primary	June 9 th § 24.2-515	March 9 th @ noon to March 26 th @ 5:00 p.m. § 24.2-522	March 26 th @ 5:00 p.m. § 24.2-503	March 31 st @ 5:00 p.m. § 24.2-527	May 18 th § 24.2-416	By Mail: June 2 nd In Person: June 6 th §§ 24.2-701B (1) & 24.2-701B (2)
PARTY NOMINATIONS, OTHER THAN BY PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY BE MADE NO EARLIER THAN APRIL 23 AND MUST BE COMPLETED BY 7:00 P.M., JUNE 9.						
² General	November 3 rd § 24.2-101	NON-PARTY CANDIDATES June 9 th @ 7:00 p.m. §24.2-507	ALL CANDIDATES June 9 th @ 7:00 p.m. § 24.2-503	June 15 th @ 5:00 p.m. § 24.2-511B	⁵ October 13 th § 24.2-416	By Mail: October 27 nd In Person: October 31 st §§ 24.2-701B (1) & 24.2-701B (2)

¹Notification of adoption of primary must be filed with the Department of Elections by the party chair for the election district no sooner than **February 4, 2015** nor later than **February 24, 2015**. (§ 24.2-516)

NO PRIMARIES PERMITTED FOR ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD. 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 either the General Election or, for a vacancy, the appropriate Special Election schedule.

Unless prohibited by the City or Town Charter, partisan elections are permitted for city and town council offices. Usually, non-partisan elections are held for town elections.

²The bulletin and forms are available on our website free of charge: <http://elections.virginia.gov/index.php/candidatepac-info/becoming-a-candidate/>

³Forms for use in certification will be emailed to Party Chairs by the Department of Elections.

⁴Candidates for special elections held on November 3, 2015 to fill vacancies in local offices which occurred on or after August 6, 2014 and prior to November 4, 2014 candidates must file all required forms **no later than 7:00 p.m. on June 9, 2015**. For such vacancies occurring on or after November 4, 2014 and prior to August 5, 2015 the **deadline for all candidates** to file all required forms and for political parties to **nominate and certify** nominees is **5:00 p.m., August 14, 2015** (§ 24.2-226, 24.2-507 and 24.2-510).

Political Party Chairs in Special Elections with a filing deadline of June 9th, must **certify** nominees to ELECT and local electoral board by no later than **5:00 p.m., June 15, 2015** [§ 24.2-511C].

⁵Monday, October 12th is a legal holiday (Columbus Day). Therefore, the last day to register to vote is the next business day (Tuesday, October 13, 2015).

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. (§ 24.2-603)