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DEPARTMENT *of* ELECTIONS

Political Party Information – Selecting Methods of Nomination and Certifying Nominees

2020 Party Calendar for the
March 3, 2020 Primary election and
May 19, 2020 General and Special elections

Election Calendar

Type of Election	Last day for voter registration	Last Day to Apply for Absentee

Primary Election
Tuesday, March 3, 2020
	Monday, February 10, 2020
	• In-person: 5:00 p.m.
	• Online: 11:59 p.m.
		• Online, Fax, Mail:
		  5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 25, 2020.
		• In Person:
		  5:00 p.m., Saturday, February 29, 2020.

General Election
Tuesday, May 19, 2020
	Monday, April 13, 2020
	• In-person: 5:00 p.m.
	• Online: 11:59 p.m.
		• Online, Fax, Mail:
		  5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, 2020.
		• In Person:
		  5:00 p.m., Saturday, May 16, 2020.

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, district, county, and city party chairs	With the Department of Elections (ELECT).	Tuesday, January 1, 2019.	Contact information should be updated with ELECT routinely.
Related Code: Va. Code § 24.2-516			
Party Notice of Nomination Method	With ELECT. ELECT will use an online form to facilitate party communication in this effort. The hyperlink to access the online form will be emailed directly to the political party chair.	Wednesday, October 30, 2019.	Tuesday, November 19, 2019. Completed online forms will be automatically submitted to ELECT. ELECT will confirm receipt by email.
Related Code: Va. Code § 24.2- 516			
Party Certification of Primary Candidates	• All local candidates: With ELECT (ea@elections.virginia.gov) and the General Registrar's office in the locality where the candidate will appear on the ballot.	5:01 p.m., Thursday, December 19, 2019 (after the primary filing window closes).	Tuesday, December 24, 2019. Electronic submission of signed ELECT-527 forms is acceptable. ELECT will confirm receipt by email.
Related Code: Va. Code § 24.2-527			
Reminder: deadlines to nominate non-primary candidates:		Nominations may begin on Thursday, January 16, 2020.	Nominations must be completed by 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2020.
Related Code: Va. Code § 24.2-510			
Party Certification of Non-Primary Candidate	• All local candidates: With ELECT (ea@elections.virginia.gov) and the General Registrar's office in the locality where the candidate will appear on the ballot.	After party has nominated the candidate but no sooner than Thursday, January 16, 2020.	Monday, March 9, 2020. Electronic submission of signed ELECT-511 forms is acceptable. ELECT will confirm receipt by email.
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.