



# Political Party Information – Selecting Methods of Nomination and Certifying Nominees

2020 Party Calendar for the  
March 3, 2020 Primary election and  
May 5, 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>In-person: 5:00 p.m.</li><li>Online: 11:59 p.m.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Online, Fax, Mail: 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 25, 2020.</li><li>In Person: 5:00 p.m., Saturday, February 29, 2020.</li></ul>
General Election Tuesday, May 5, 2020	Monday, April 13, 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>In-person: 5:00 p.m.</li><li>Online: 11:59 p.m.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Online, Fax, Mail: 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 28, 2020.</li><li>In Person: 5:00 p.m., Saturday, May 2, 2020.</li></ul>

## 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 § <a href="#">24.2-516</a>			
<a href="#">Party Notice of Nomination Method</a>	With ELECT.  ELECT will use an <a href="#">online</a> 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 § <a href="#">24.2-516</a>			
<a href="#">Party Certification of Primary Candidates</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All local candidates: With ELECT (<a href="mailto:ea@elections.virginia.gov">ea@elections.virginia.gov</a>) and the <a href="#">General Registrar's office</a> in the locality where the candidate will appear on the ballot.</li> </ul>	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 § <a href="#">24.2-527</a>			
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 § <a href="#">24.2-510</a>			
<a href="#">Party Certification of Non-Primary Candidate</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All local candidates: With ELECT (<a href="mailto:ea@elections.virginia.gov">ea@elections.virginia.gov</a>) and the <a href="#">General Registrar's office</a> in the locality where the candidate will appear on the ballot.</li> </ul>	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 § <a href="#">24.2-511</a>			

### 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.