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DEPARTMENT *of* ELECTIONS

Political Party Information – Selecting Methods of Nomination and Certifying Nominees

2020 Calendar for the
June 9, 2020 Primary election and
November 3, 2020 General and Special elections

Election Calendar

Type of Election	Last day for voter registration	Last Day to Apply for Absentee
Primary Election Tuesday, June 9, 2020	Monday, May 18, 2020 • In-person: 5:00 p.m. • Online: 11:59 p.m.	• Online, Fax, Mail: 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2020. • In Person: 5:00 p.m., Saturday, June 6, 2020.
General and Special Elections Tuesday, November 3, 2020	Tuesday, October 13, 2020 (Va. Code § 1-210 – Monday, October 12, 2020 is a State holiday). • In-person: 5:00 p.m. • Online: 11:59 p.m.	• Online, Fax, Mail: 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 23, 2020. • In Person: 5:00 p.m., Saturday, October 31, 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).	Thursday, January 2, 2020.	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, February 5, 2020.	Tuesday, February 25, 2020. 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	• State and Congressional candidates: With ELECT: ea@elections.virginia.gov • 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 pm, Thursday, March 26, 2020 (after the primary filing window closes).	Tuesday, March 31, 2020. 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, April 23, 2020.	Nominations must be completed by 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2020.
Related Code: Va. Code § 24.2-510			

Party Certification of Non-Primary Candidate	• State, Congressional, General Assembly, and shared constitutional office candidates: With ELECT: ea@elections.virginia.gov.
	• All other 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, April 23, 2020.	• For regularly scheduled November elections: Monday, June 15, 2020
			• For special elections coinciding with the general election:
			  o 1st November after vacancy: Friday, August 14, 2020.
			  o 2nd November after vacancy: Monday, June 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.