

<b>2012</b>	<b>R.C. Reference</b>
Jan. 1	<b>Applications for absentee ballots</b> for elections held in 2012 may continue to be accepted (Dec. 7, 2011 earliest date for Mar. 6, 2012 election)..... <a href="#">3509.03</a> , <a href="#">3511.05</a>
Jan. 6	Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before March 6 election)..... <a href="#">3501.27</a>
Jan. 19	Last day for local option petitioners to send street listing to Division of Liquor Control (55 days before March 14 petition filing deadline for June 12 primary election) ..... <a href="#">4301.33</a> , <a href="#">4305.14</a>
Jan. 21	Uniformed Services and Overseas Absentee Voters (UOCAVA) absentee ballots for March 6 election must be ready (45 days before election) ..... <a href="#">3509.01</a> , <a href="#">3511.04</a> Boards of elections must update and publish notices of the March 6 election by this date, and make the notices available to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before the election)..... <a href="#">3511.16</a>
Jan. 24	Boards of elections shall advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (six weeks before March 6 election) ..... <a href="#">3503.12</a>
Jan. 31	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for March 6 election must be ready (35 days before election)..... <a href="#">3509.01</a> Boards of elections must mail to each voter a notice of the 2012 primary election and the voter's precinct and state and federal legislative districts by this date (no later than 35 days before March 6 election) ..... SEC. 3 of Sub HB 319
<b>*Feb. 6</b>	<b>Deadline for voter registration</b> for March 6 election (30 days before the election)..... <a href="#">3503.19</a>
Feb. 15	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists for March 6 election (20 days before election) ..... <a href="#">3503.24</a> Deadline for an elector to challenge qualification of another elector for March 6 election (20 days before election)..... <a href="#">3505.19</a> Committees advocating or opposing issues on March 6 ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before the election)..... <a href="#">3505.21</a>
Feb. 21	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists for March 6 election (14 days before election) ..... <a href="#">3503.23</a>
Feb. 24	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and recognized issue committees to file notice of observer appointments for March 6 election (11 days before election)..... <a href="#">3505.21</a>
Feb. 25	Boards of elections must give public notice of March 6 election (10 days before election) ..... <a href="#">3501.03</a>
<b>*Feb. 27</b>	Certificate to fill vacancy on March 6 ballot caused by death of candidate whose name is on primary ballot in more than one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (10 days before primary election) ..... <a href="#">3513.30</a>
March 1	Certificate to fill vacancy on March 6 ballot caused by death of candidate whose name is on the ballot in only one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (5 days before primary election) ..... <a href="#">3513.30</a>
March 2	Absentee ballots for March 6 election may be voted in person, or applied for in person, at boards of elections until 6 p.m. (last Friday before the election)..... <a href="#">3509.03</a> , <a href="#">3511.02</a>
March 3	<b>Applications for absentee ballots</b> to be mailed for March 6 election must be received by boards of elections by noon (3 days before election) .... <a href="#">3509.03</a> , <a href="#">.031</a> , <a href="#">.08</a> , <a href="#">3511.02</a>
March 4	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the June 12 election by this date, and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before election) ..... <a href="#">3511.16</a>
March 5	<b>Nominating petitions</b> of independent candidates for offices for which a primary election may be held must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before March 6 primary election) ..... <a href="#">3513.257</a> Amendments to observer appointments for March 6 election must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before election)..... <a href="#">3505.21</a> Boards of elections must submit to Secretary of State's office forms verifying handicapped accessible parking spaces are designated at each polling location (day before election) ..... <a href="#">3501.29</a>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>Primary Election Day - U.S. Senate, state legislative offices, county offices, judicial offices, and political party central committees</b> Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. .... <a href="#">3501.01</a> , <a href="#">.32</a> <b>Voter, or voter's minor child, hospitalized because of medical emergency</b> , voter may apply for absentee ballots until 3 p.m. .... <a href="#">3509.08</a> <b>Uniformed services or overseas absentee voter</b> may apply and vote in person at board of elections office until close of polls ..... <a href="#">3511.10</a> <b>Absentee ballots returned in person or via a method other than U.S. mail</b> must be received by the boards of elections by close of polls..... <a href="#">3509.05</a> , <a href="#">3511.11</a>
March 14	Declarations of candidacy for partisan candidates for U.S. House of Representatives and presidential delegate/alternate delegate must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before the June 12 election) ..... <a href="#">3513.05</a> <b>Local questions and issues</b> for June 12 election must be certified to boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before election)..... <a href="#">3501.01</a> , <a href="#">.02</a>
March 16	<b>Absentee ballots returned by U.S. mail from within the United States</b> must be postmarked no later than March 5 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after March 6 election)..... <a href="#">3509.05</a> , <a href="#">3511.11</a> <b>Uniformed services and overseas absentee ballots</b> must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after March 6 election)..... <a href="#">3511.11</a>
March 17	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of ballots cast in March 6 election (11 days after election)..... <a href="#">3513.22</a>
March 21	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of ballots cast in March 6 election no later than this date (15 days after election) ..... <a href="#">3513.22</a>
March 26	Boards of elections must certify by this date the declarations of candidacy filed for the June 12 election (78 days before election) ..... <a href="#">3513.05</a>
March 27	Boards of elections must complete canvass of ballots cast in March 6 election no later than this date (21 days after election) ..... <a href="#">3513.22</a>
March 30	Protests against partisan candidate petitions for June 12 election must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before June 12 election) ..... <a href="#">3513.05</a> Protests against local option petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before June 12 election) ..... <a href="#">4301.33</a> , <a href="#">.331</a> , <a href="#">.332</a> , <a href="#">.333</a> , <a href="#">.334</a> , <a href="#">4305.14</a>
<b>*April 2</b>	<b>Write-in candidates</b> must file declarations of intent by 4 p.m. (72 days before June 12 election) ..... <a href="#">3513.041</a>
April 3	Form of official June 12 primary election ballots must be certified by Secretary of State to boards of elections (70 days before election)..... <a href="#">3513.05</a>
April 6	Protests against write-in candidates for June 12 election must be filed by 4 p.m. (67 days before election)..... <a href="#">3513.041</a>
April 13	Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before June 12 election)..... <a href="#">3501.27</a>
April 28	Election Administration Plans for June 12, 2012 election must be submitted to Secretary of State's office (60 days before election) ..... LWV Settlement Agreement UOCAVA absentee ballots for June 12 election must be ready (45 days before election) ..... <a href="#">3509.01</a> , <a href="#">3511.04</a> Boards of elections must update and publish notices of June 12 election by this date, and make the notices available to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before election)..... <a href="#">3511.16</a>
May 1	Boards of elections shall advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (six weeks before June 12 election)..... <a href="#">3503.12</a>
May 3	<b>Presidential candidates may withdraw</b> from June 12 election by 4 p.m. (40 days before the election)..... <a href="#">3513.30</a>
May 6	March 6 election ballots may be discarded, except for federal office, unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after election) ..... <a href="#">3505.31</a> , <a href="#">42 USC 1974</a>
May 8	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for June 12 election must be ready (35 days before election)..... <a href="#">3509.01</a>
<b>*May 14</b>	<b>Deadline for voter registration</b> for June 12 election (30 days before election)..... <a href="#">3503.19</a>
May 23	Committees advocating or opposing issues on June 12 ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before election)..... <a href="#">3505.21</a>
June 1	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and recognized ballot issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before June 12 election)..... <a href="#">3505.21</a>
June 2	Boards of elections must give public notice of June 12 election (10 days before election) ..... <a href="#">3501.03</a>
June 8	Absentee ballots for June 12 presidential primary may be voted in person, or applied for in person, at boards of elections until 6 p.m. (last Friday before election) ..... <a href="#">3509.03</a> , <a href="#">3511.02</a>
June 9	<b>Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed</b> for June 12 election must be received by noon (3 days before election) ..... <a href="#">3509.03</a> , <a href="#">.031</a> , <a href="#">.08</a> , <a href="#">3511.02</a>
June 11	<b>Nominating petitions</b> of independent candidates for U.S. House of Representatives must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before June 12 primary election) ..... <a href="#">3513.257</a> Amendments to observer appointments for June 12 election must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before election) ..... <a href="#">3505.21</a> Boards of elections must submit to Secretary of State's office forms verifying handicapped accessible parking spaces are designated at each polling location (day before election) ..... <a href="#">3501.29</a>
<b>June 12</b>	<b>Presidential Primary Election Day - presidential delegates and U.S. House of Representatives</b> Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m..... <a href="#">3501.01</a> , <a href="#">.32</a> <b>Voter, or voter's minor child, hospitalized because of medical emergency</b> , voter may apply for absentee ballots until 3 p.m. .... <a href="#">3509.08</a> <b>Uniformed services or overseas absentee voter</b> may apply and vote in person at board of elections office until close of polls ..... <a href="#">3511.10</a> <b>Absentee ballots returned in person or via a method other than U.S. mail</b> must be received by the boards of elections by close of polls..... <a href="#">3509.05</a> , <a href="#">3511.11</a>
June 14	Last day for local option petitioners to send street listing to Division of Liquor Control (55 days before Aug. 8 petition filing deadline for general election)..... <a href="#">4301.33</a> , <a href="#">4305.14</a>
June 15	Board of elections of most populous county of a district located in more than one county must transmit to other boards of elections by this date the petitions filed of independent candidates who were required to file by March 5, 2012 ..... <a href="#">3513.262</a>
June 22	<b>Absentee ballots for June 12 election returned by U.S. mail from within the United States</b> must be postmarked no later than June 11 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after election)..... <a href="#">3509.05</a> , <a href="#">3511.11</a> <b>Uniformed services and overseas absentee ballots</b> for June 12 election must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after election) ..... <a href="#">3511.11</a>
June 23	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of ballots cast in June 12 election (11 days after election)..... <a href="#">3513.22</a>
June 27	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of ballots cast in June 12 election no later than this date (15 days after election)..... <a href="#">3513.22</a>
July 3	Boards of elections must complete official canvass of ballots cast in June 12 election (21 days after election) ..... <a href="#">3513.22</a>
July 4	<b>Constitutional amendments or statutes</b> proposed by initiative petitions to be submitted directly to the voters must be filed with Secretary of State by this date (125 days before general election) ..... OH Const. II, §§1a-1b
July 9	Election Administration Plans for general election must be submitted to Secretary of State's office (120 days before election) ..... LWV Settlement Agreement
July 15	Boards of elections must certify by this date petitions of independent candidates who were required to file by the day before the March 6, 2012 primary election ..... <a href="#">3513.262</a>
July 27	Board of elections of most populous county of a district located in more than one county must transmit to other boards of elections the independent candidates petitions filed by June 11, 2012 for U.S House of Representatives (not later than the end of the 6th week after June 12 presidential primary election) ..... <a href="#">3513.262</a>

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July 29	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the Nov. 6 general election by this date and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before election).....	3511.16
July 30	Protests against independent candidates who were required to file nominating petitions by March 5, 2012 must be filed by 4 p.m. ....	3513.262
Aug. 8	<b>Constitutional amendments</b> proposed by joint resolution of General Assembly to be filed with Secretary of State by this date (90 days before general election).....	OH Const. XVI, §1
	<b>Nominating petitions of independent joint candidates for president and vice president</b> must be filed with the Secretary of State by this date (90 days before presidential general election) .....	3513.257
	<b>Political parties must certify the names of their joint candidates for president and vice president</b> to the Secretary of State by this date (90 days before presidential general election) .....	3505.10
	<b>Nominating petitions of candidates in nonpartisan races</b> must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before the general election) .....	1907.13, 3513.259, .263
	<b>Local questions and issues for general election, including local option petitions</b> , must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before the election).....	731.28, .29, 3501.02, 4301.33, .331, .333, .334, 4305.14
*Aug. 13	Political party or independent candidate's nominating committee must certify name of person to fill vacancy on Nov. 6 ballot caused by withdrawal or disqualification of candidate by 4 p.m. (86 days before general election) .....	3513.31
Aug. 20	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of candidates' petitions in nonpartisan races (78 days before general election) .....	3513.263
	Boards of elections must certify validity and sufficiency of nominating petition papers of independent joint candidates for president and vice president (78 days before general election).....	3513.263
	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of local option petitions (78 days before the general election) .....	4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14
Aug. 24	Boards of elections must certify by this date the independent candidates petitions for U.S. House of Representatives that were required to be filed by June 11, 2012 (no later than the end of the 10th week after presidential primary election) .....	3513.262
	Protests against candidates for nonpartisan office must be filed by this date (74 days before general election) .....	3513.263
	Protests against independent joint candidates for president and vice president must be filed by this date (74 days before the general election).....	3513.263
	Protests against local option petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before general election).....	4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14
*Aug. 27	<b>Write-in candidates</b> must file declarations of intent by 4 p.m. (72 days before general election).....	3513.041
Aug. 28	Form of official Nov. 6 general election ballots must be certified by Secretary of State to boards of elections (70 days before election) .....	3505.01
	Board of elections of most populous county of a multi-county subdivision must certify names of all candidates for general election ballot to other boards of elections (70 days before election) .....	3505.01
Aug. 31	Protests against write-in candidates for general election must be filed by 4 p.m. (67 days before general election) .....	3513.041
Sep. 7	Protests against independent candidates for U.S. House of Representative nominated by petition must be filed by 4 p.m. (end of the 12th week after presidential primary election) .....	3513.262
	Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before general election) .....	3501.27
Sep. 22	UOCAVA absentee ballots for Nov. 6 election must be ready (45 days before election).....	3511.04
	Boards of elections must update and publish notices of Nov. 6 general election by this date and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before election) .....	3511.16
Sep. 25	Boards of elections shall advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (six weeks before general election).....	3503.12
Oct. 2	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for Nov. 6 general election must be ready (35 days before election) .....	3509.01
*Oct. 9	<b>Deadline for voter registration</b> for general election (30 days before election).....	3503.19
Oct. 17	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists for general election (20 days before general election) .....	3503.24
	Deadline for an elector to challenge qualification of another elector for general election (20 days before general election).....	3505.19
	Committees advocating or opposing issues on Nov. 6 ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before general election).....	3505.21
Oct. 23	Boards of elections shall prepare precinct voter registration list for general election (14 days before general election) .....	3503.23
Oct. 26	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and recognized ballot issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before general election).....	3505.21
Oct. 27	Boards of elections must give public notice of Nov. 6 election (10 days before election).....	3501.03
Oct. 28	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of Feb. 5, 2013 special elections by this date and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before general election).....	3511.16
*Oct. 29	Certificate to fill vacancy on Nov. 6 ballot caused by death of candidate nominated at primary election whose name is on ballot in more than one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (10 days before general election) .....	3513.31
*Nov. 1	Certificate to fill vacancy on Nov. 6 ballot caused by death of independent or nonpartisan candidate prior to Oct. 27 (10 days before the general election) must be filed by 4 p.m. (5 days before general election) .....	3513.31
	Certificate to fill vacancy on Nov. 6 ballot caused by death of candidate nominated at primary election whose name is on ballot in only one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (5 days before general election).....	3513.31
Nov. 2	Absentee ballots may be voted in person, or applied for in person, at boards of elections until 6 p.m. (last Friday before general election) .....	3509.03
Nov. 3	<b>Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed</b> must be received by boards of elections by noon (3 days before general election).....	3509.03, .031, .08, 3511.02
Nov. 5	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before general election) .....	3505.21
	Boards of elections must submit to the Secretary of State's office by this date forms verifying handicapped accessible parking spaces are designated at each polling location (day before general election) .....	3501.29
<b>Nov. 6</b>	<b>General Election Day</b> Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. ....	3501.01, .32
	<b>Voter, or voter's minor child, hospitalized because of medical emergency</b> , voter may apply for absentee ballots until 3 p.m. ....	3509.08
	<b>Uniformed services or overseas absentee voter</b> may apply and vote in person at board of elections office until close of polls .....	3511.10
	<b>Absentee ballots returned in person or via a method other than U.S. mail</b> must be received by the boards of elections by close of polls .....	3509.05, 3511.11
Nov. 7	<b>Local questions and issues for Feb. 5, 2013 special election</b> must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before election).....	731.28, .29, 3501.02
Nov. 16	<b>Absentee ballots for general election returned by U.S. mail from within the United States</b> must be postmarked no later than Nov. 5 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after election).....	3509.05, 3511.11
	<b>Uniformed services or overseas absentee ballots</b> for general election must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after election) .....	3511.11
Nov. 17	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of general election ballots (11 days after the election) .....	3505.32
Nov. 21	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of general election ballots no later than this date (15 days after the election) .....	3505.32
Nov. 27	Boards of elections must complete canvass of general election ballots no later than this date (21 days after the election) .....	3505.32
Dec. 13	Last day for certain local option petitioners to send street listings to Division of Liquor Control (55 days before Feb. 6, 2013 petition filing deadline for May 7, 2013 primary election).....	4301.33, 4305.14
Dec. 22	Boards of elections must update and publish notices of February 5, 2013 special election by this date and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before election).....	3511.16

<b>2013</b>		
Jan. 1	<b>Applications for absentee ballots</b> for 2013 may be accepted.....	3509.03, 3511.02
Jan. 6	November 6, 2012 general election ballots, except for federal office, may be discarded unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after election) .....	3505.31, 42 USC 1974
*Jan. 7	<b>Deadline for voter registration</b> for Feb. 5 special elections (30 days before election).....	3503.19
Jan. 7	Last day for local option petitioners contesting community facility to send street listings to Division of Liquor Control (30 days before Feb. 6, 2013 petition filing deadline for May 7, 2013 primary election).....	4301.334
Jan. 27	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the May 7, 2013 elections by this date and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before the election).....	3511.16

\*Note: In some instances, the statutory deadline falls on a day when the offices of the Secretary of State and boards of elections are closed. In those instances, the deadlines are extended, pursuant to R.C. 1.14, to the next succeeding day when the appropriate office is open for regular business hours. The preceding dates reflect the extended deadline.

### Recounts and Election Contests

Application for a recount must be filed not later than five days after official results are declared. ....	3515.02
A petition contesting an election must be filed in the appropriate court within 15 days after the official results are declared or, if a recount of the election is conducted, within 10 days after the official results of a recount are declared. ....	3515.09