



2013 Ohio Election Calendar



Ohio Secretary of State
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2012

Dec. 22	UOCAVA absentee ballots for Feb. 5 special election must be ready (45 days before special election).....	R.C. 3511.04	Reference
	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 special election)	R.C. 3511.16	

2013

Jan. 1	Applications for absentee ballots for 2013 elections may be accepted (first day of the year)	R.C. 3509.03 , 3511.02	Reference
	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for Feb. 5 special election must be ready (35 days before special election)	R.C. 3509.01	
Jan. 7*	Deadline for voter registration for Feb. 5 special elections (30 days before special election)	R.C. 3503.19	
Jan. 16	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before special election)	R.C. 3503.24	
	Deadline for an elector to challenge qualification of another elector (20 days before special election)	R.C. 3505.19	
	Committees advocating or opposing issues on the Feb. 5 ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before special election)	R.C. 3505.21	
Jan. 22	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists (14 days before special election)	R.C. 3503.23	
Jan. 25	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before special election)	R.C. 3505.21	
Jan. 26	Boards of elections must give public notice of election (10 days before special election)	R.C. 3501.03	
Jan. 27	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the May 7 election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before primary/special election).....	R.C. 3511.16	
Feb. 2	Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed must be received by the boards of elections by noon (3 days before special election).....	R.C. 3509.03 , .08 , 3511.02	
Feb. 4	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before special election)	R.C. 3505.21	
	Boards of elections must submit verification forms for handicapped accessible parking and handicapped accessible polling locations to the Secretary of State's office (no later than day before special election).....	R.C. 3501.29	
Feb. 5	Special Elections may be held. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	R.C. 3501.01 , .32	
	If voter, or voter's minor child is hospitalized because of accident or medical emergency, voter may apply for an absentee ballot until 3 p.m.	R.C. 3509.08	
	Absentee ballots, returned in person or via a method other than U.S. Mail, must be received by the boards of elections by close of polls	R.C. 3509.05 , 3511.11	
Feb. 6	Constitutional amendments proposed by joint resolution of the General Assembly must be filed with Secretary of State (90 days before primary/special election)	OH Const. XVI,§1	
	Declarations of candidacy for partisan candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before primary election).....	R.C. 3513.05	
	Local questions and issues for primary/special election, including local option petitions, must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before primary/special election)	R.C. 731.28 , .29 , 3501.02 , 4301.33 , .331 , .332 , .333 , .334 , 4305.14	
Feb. 15	Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked not later than Feb. 4 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after special election)	R.C. 3509.05 , 3511.11	
	UOCAVA absentee ballots must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after special election)	R.C. 3511.11	
Feb. 16	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of special election ballots (11 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.32	
Feb. 19*	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of partisan candidates' petitions (78 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.05	
	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of local option petitions (78 days before primary election)	R.C. 4301.33 , .331 , .332 , .333 , .334 , 4305.14	
Feb. 20	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of special election ballots no later than this date (15 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.32	
Feb. 22	Protests against partisan candidates' petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.05	
	Protests against local option petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before primary election)	R.C. 4301.33 , .331 , .332 , .333 , .334 , 4305.14	
Feb. 25*	Write-in candidates for May 7 election must file declarations of intent by 4 p.m. (72 days before primary election).....	R.C. 3513.041	
Feb. 26	Boards of elections must complete canvass of special election ballots no later than this date (21 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.32	
	Form of official ballots for primary/special election must be certified by Secretary of State to boards of elections (70 days before primary/special election)	R.C. 3513.05	
	Board of elections of most populous county in a multi-county subdivision must certify names of candidates to other boards of elections (70 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.05	
March 1	Protests against write-in candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (67 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.041	
March 8	Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before primary/special election)	R.C. 3501.27	
March 23	UOCAVA absentee ballots for May 7 election must be ready (45 days before primary/special election)	R.C. 3511.04	
	Boards of elections must update and publish notices of May 7 election by this date and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before special election)	R.C. 3511.16	
March 26	Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before primary/special election)	R.C. 3503.12	
April 2	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for May 7 election must be ready (35 days before primary/special election)	R.C. 3509.01	
April 7	Feb. 5 special election ballots may be discarded unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.31	
April 8*	Deadline for voter registration for May 7 primary/special elections (30 days before primary/special election)	R.C. 3503.19	
April 17	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before primary/special election)	R.C. 3503.24	
	Deadline for an elector to challenge qualification of another elector (20 days before primary/special election)	R.C. 3505.19	
	Committees advocating or opposing issues on May 7 ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before primary/special election)	R.C. 3505.21	
April 23	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists (14 days before primary/special election)	R.C. 3503.23	
April 26	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before primary/special election)	R.C. 3505.21	
April 27	Boards of elections must give public notice of election (10 days before primary/special election)	R.C. 3501.03	
April 28	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the Aug. 6 special election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before special election)	R.C. 3511.16	
April 29*	Certificate to fill vacancy on 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) ..	R.C. 3513.30	
May 2	Certificate to fill vacancy on 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)	R.C. 3513.30	
May 4	Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for May 7 primary/special election must be received by boards of elections by noon (3 days before primary/special election).....	R.C. 3509.03 , .08 , 3511.02	
May 6	Nominating petitions of independent candidates for offices for which a primary election may be held must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before primary/special election)	R.C. 3513.257	
	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before primary/special election)	R.C. 3505.21	
	Boards of elections must submit verification forms of handicapped accessible parking and handicapped accessible polling locations to the Secretary of State's office (no later than day before primary/special election)	R.C. 3501.29	
May 7	Primary/Special Election Day. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	R.C. 3501.01 , .32	
	If voter, or voter's minor child is hospitalized because of accident or medical emergency, voter may apply for an absentee ballot until 3 p.m.	R.C. 3509.08	
	Absentee ballots, returned in person or via a method other than U.S. Mail, must be received by the boards of elections by close of polls	R.C. 3509.05 , 3511.11	
May 8	Local questions and issues for Aug. 6 special election must be certified to boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before special election)	R.C. 3501.01 , .02	
May 17	Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than May 6 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after primary/special election)	R.C. 3509.05 , 3511.11	
	UOCAVA absentee ballots must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after primary/special election)	R.C. 3511.11	
May 18	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of May 7 election ballots (11 days after primary/special election).....	R.C. 3513.22	
May 22	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of May 7 election ballots no later than this date (15 days after primary/special election)	R.C. 3513.22	
May 28	Boards of elections must complete canvass of May 7 election ballots no later than this date (21 days after primary/special election)	R.C. 3513.22	
June 7	Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before special election).....	R.C. 3501.27	
June 15	Board of elections of most populous county of a district located in more than one county must transmit petitions of independent candidates to other boards of elections	R.C. 3513.262	
June 22	UOCAVA absentee ballots for Aug. 6 special election must be ready (45 days before special election)	R.C. 3511.04	
	Boards of elections must update and publish notices of Aug. 6 special election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before special election)	R.C. 3511.16	
June 25	Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before special election).....	R.C. 3503.12	
July 2	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for Aug. 6 special election must be ready (35 days before special election).....	R.C. 3509.01	
July 3	Constitutional amendments or statutes proposed by initiative petitions submitted directly to the voters must be filed with Secretary of State (125 days before general election).....	OH Const. II, §§1a-1b	
July 7	May 7 election ballots may be discarded, except for federal office, unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after primary/special election)	R.C. 3505.31 , 42 USC 1974	
July 8*	Deadline for voter registration for Aug. 6 special elections (30 days before special election)	R.C. 3503.19	
July 15	Boards of elections must certify petitions of independent candidates.....	R.C. 3513.262	
July 17	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before special election)	R.C. 3503.24	
	Deadline for an elector to challenge qualification of another elector (20 days before special election)	R.C. 3505.19	
	Committees advocating or opposing issues on Aug. 6 ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before special election).....	R.C. 3505.21	
July 23	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists (14 days before special election)	R.C. 3503.23	
July 26	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before special election)	R.C. 3505.21	
July 27	Boards of elections must give public notice of special election (10 days before special election)	R.C. 3501.03	

*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. SOS 0504 (12/21/2012)



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July 28	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the Nov. 5 general election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before general election)	R.C. 3511.16
July 30	Protests against independent candidates nominated by petition must be filed by 4 p.m.	R.C. 3513.262
Aug. 3	Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for Aug. 6 special elections must be received by noon (3 days before special election)	R.C. 3509.03, .08, 3511.02
Aug. 5	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before special election)	R.C. 3505.21
	Boards of elections must submit verification forms of handicapped accessible parking and handicapped accessible polling locations to the Secretary of State's office (no later than day before special election).....	R.C. 3501.29
Aug. 6	Special Elections may be held. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	R.C. 3501.01, .32
	If voter, or voter's minor child is hospitalized because of accident or medical emergency, voter may apply for an absentee ballot until 3 p.m.	R.C. 3509.08
	Absentee ballots, returned in person or via a method other than U.S. Mail, must be received by the boards of elections by close of polls	R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
Aug. 7	Constitutional amendments proposed by joint resolution of the General Assembly must be filed with Secretary of State (90 days before general election)	OH Const. XVI, §1
	Nominating petitions of candidates in nonpartisan races must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before general election)	R.C. 1907.13, 3513.259, .263
	Local questions and issues for general election, including local option petitions, must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before general election)	R.C. 731.28, .29, 3501.02, 4301.33, .331, .333, .334, 4305.14
Aug. 12*	Political party or independent candidate nominating committees must certify name of person to fill vacancy on ballot caused by withdrawal or disqualification of candidate by 4 p.m. (86 days before general election).....	R.C. 3513.31
Aug. 16	Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than Aug. 5 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after special election)	R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
	UOCAVA absentee ballots for Aug. 6 special election must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after special election)	R.C. 3511.11
Aug. 17	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of Aug. 6 special election ballots (11 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.32
Aug. 19	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of candidates' petitions in nonpartisan races (78 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.263
	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of local option petitions (78 days before general election)	R.C. 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14
Aug. 21	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of Aug. 6 special election ballots no later than this date (15 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.32
Aug. 23	Protests against candidates for nonpartisan office must be filed by this date (74 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.263
	Protests against local option petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before general election)	R.C. 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14
Aug. 26*	Write-in candidates must file declarations of intent by 4 p.m. (72 days before general election).....	R.C. 3513.041
Aug. 27	Boards of elections must complete canvass of Aug. 6 special election ballots no later than this date (21 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.32
	Form of official general election ballots must be certified by Secretary of State to boards of elections (70 days before general election)	R.C. 3505.01
	Board of elections of most populous county in a multi-county subdivision must certify names of all candidates for general election ballot to other boards of elections (70 days before general election)	R.C. 3505.01
Aug. 30	Protests against write-in candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (67 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.041
Sep. 6	Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before general election)	R.C. 3501.27
Sep. 21	UOCAVA absentee ballots for Nov. 5 general election must be ready (45 days before general election)	R.C. 3511.04
	Boards of elections must update and publish notices of Nov. 5 general election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before general election)	R.C. 3511.16
Sep. 24	Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before general election).....	R.C. 3503.12
Oct. 1	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for Nov. 5 general election must be ready (35 days before general election)	R.C. 3509.01
Oct. 6	Aug. 6 special election ballots may be discarded, unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.31
Oct. 7*	Deadline for voter registration for Nov. 5 general election (30 days before general election)	R.C. 3503.19
Oct. 16	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before general election).....	R.C. 3503.24
	Deadline for an elector to challenge qualification of another elector (20 days before general election)	R.C. 3505.19
	Committees advocating or opposing issues on Nov. 5 ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before general election)	R.C. 3505.21
Oct. 22	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists (14 days before general election).....	R.C. 3503.23
Oct. 25	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before general election)	R.C. 3505.21
Oct. 26	Boards of elections must give public notice of Nov. 5 general election (10 days before general election)	R.C. 3501.03
Oct. 27	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of Feb. 4, 2014 special election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before special election)	R.C. 3511.16
Oct. 28*	Certificate to fill vacancy on 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).....	R.C. 3513.31
Oct. 31	Certificate to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of independent or nonpartisan candidate prior to Oct. 27 (10 days before general election) must be filed by 4 p.m. (5 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.31
	Certificate to fill vacancy on 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)	R.C. 3513.31
Nov. 2	Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed must be received by boards of elections by noon (3 days before general election)	R.C. 3509.03, .08, 3511.02
Nov. 4	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before general election)	R.C. 3505.21
	Boards of elections must submit verification forms of handicapped accessible parking and handicapped accessible polling locations to the Secretary of State's office (no later than day before general election).....	R.C. 3501.29
Nov. 5	General Election Day. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	R.C. 3501.01, .32
	If voter, or voter's minor child is hospitalized because of accident or medical emergency, voter may apply for absentee ballot until 3 p.m.	R.C. 3509.08
	Absentee ballots returned in person or via a method other than U.S. Mail must be received by the boards of elections by close of polls.....	R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
Nov. 6	Local questions and issues for Feb. 4, 2014 special election must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before special election).....	R.C. 731.28, .29, 3501.02
Nov. 15	Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than Nov. 4 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after general election)	R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
	UOCAVA absentee ballots must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after general election).....	R.C. 3511.11
Nov. 16	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of Nov. 5 general election ballots (11 days after general election).....	R.C. 3505.32
Nov. 20	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of Nov. 5 general election ballots no later than this date (15 days after general election)	R.C. 3505.32
Nov. 26	Boards of elections must complete canvass of Nov. 5 general election ballots no later than this date (21 days after general election).....	R.C. 3505.32

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Reference

Jan. 1	Applications for absentee ballots for 2014 elections may be accepted (first day of the year)	R.C. 3509.03, 3511.02
Jan. 5	November 5, 2013 general election ballots may be discarded, except for federal office, unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after general election)	R.C. 3505.31, 42 USC 1974
Jan. 6*	Deadline for voter registration for Feb. 4 special elections (30 days before special election).....	R.C. 3503.19
Jan. 26	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the May 6, 2014 primary election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before primary election)	R.C. 3511.16

2013 Campaign Finance Calendar

Jan. 21	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file annual campaign finance reports	R.C. 3517.11
Jan. 31	Annual campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds) and political parties by 4 p.m. (last business day of Jan. detailing contributions and expenditures through Dec. 31, 2012).....	R.C. 3517.10
April 15	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates to file pre-election campaign finance reports	R.C. 3517.11
April 25	Pre-primary election campaign finance reports must be filed by candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds) and political parties by 4 p.m. (12 days before primary election) detailing contributions and expenditures through April 17, 2013 (20 days before primary election)	R.C. 3517.10
June 4	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates to file post-primary election campaign finance reports	R.C. 3517.11
June 14	Post-primary election campaign finance reports must be filed by candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds) and political parties by 4 p.m. (38 days after primary election) detailing contributions and expenditures through June 7, 2013 (the 7th day before the report is filed)	R.C. 3517.10
July 21	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file semiannual campaign finance reports	R.C. 3517.11
July 31	Semiannual campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds), and political parties by 4 p.m. (last business day of July) detailing contributions and expenditures through June 30, 2013.....	R.C. 3517.10
Oct. 14	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates to file pre-general election campaign finance reports	R.C. 3517.11
Oct. 24	Pre-general election campaign finance reports must be filed by candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds), and political parties by 4 p.m. (12 days before general election) detailing contributions and expenditures from the last day reflected in the previous report through Oct. 16, 2013 (20 days before general election).....	R.C. 3517.10
Dec. 3	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates to file post-general election campaign finance reports.....	R.C. 3517.11
Dec. 13	Post-general election campaign finance reports must be filed by candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds), and political parties by 4 p.m. (38 days after general election) detailing contributions and expenditures through Dec. 6, 2013 (the 7th day before the report is filed).....	R.C. 3517.10

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