2018 Ohio Elections Calendar

**January 31, 2018**
Reference: R.C. 3509.03, 3511.02

**February 7, 2018**
Constitutional amendments proposed by joint resolution of the General Assembly must be filed with Secretary of State (90 days before primary election).
Reference: CM Const XV, §4.61

**February 28, 2018**
Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the May 8 primary election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request.
Reference: R.C. 3511.16

**March 2, 2018**
Protests against independent candidates’ petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (67 days before primary election).
Reference: R.C. 3513.04

**March 9, 2018**
Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before primary election).
Reference: R.C. 3511.27

**March 24, 2018**
UOCAVA absentee ballots for May 8 primary election must be ready (45 days before primary election).
Reference: R.C. 3513.30

**April 9, 2018**
Deadline for voter registration for May 8 primary election (30 days before primary election).
Reference: R.C. 3501.01B, 3501.19

**April 10, 2018**
Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for May 8 primary election must be received by 4 p.m. (first day after close of voter registration).
Reference: R.C. 3509.01

**April 18, 2018**
Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before primary election).
Reference: R.C. 3503.24

**April 24, 2018**
Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists (14 days before primary election).
Reference: R.C. 3509.21

**April 27, 2018**
Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file the public notice of observer appointments (11 days before primary election).
Reference: R.C. 3505.21

**April 28, 2018**
Boards of elections must give public notice of election (10 days before primary election).
Reference: R.C. 3501.03

**April 29, 2018**
Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the Aug. 7 special election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before special election).
Reference: R.C. 3511.16

**April 30, 2018**
Certificate to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of candidate whose name is on May 8 primary election ballot in more than one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (10 days before primary election).
Reference: R.C. 3513.30

**May 3, 2018**
Certificate to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of candidate whose name is on the May 8 primary election ballot in only one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (5 days before primary election).
Reference: R.C. 3513.30

**May 5, 2018**
Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for May 8 primary election must be received by boards of elections by noon (3 days before primary election).
Reference: R.C. 3509.03, 3511.02

**May 7, 2018**
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 election).
Reference: R.C. 3513.257

**May 8, 2018**
Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before primary election).
Reference: R.C. 3509.21

**May 9, 2018**
Local questions and issues for May 8 primary election, including local option petitions, must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (no later than 100 days before primary election).
Reference: R.C. 3513.19

**May 10, 2018**
Declarations of candidacy for partisan candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before primary election).
Reference: R.C. 3513.09

**May 12, 2018**
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 election).
Reference: R.C. 3511.29

**May 8, 2018**
Primary Election Day. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Reference: R.C. 3501.02, 3501.32

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.
Reference: R.C. 3509.08

Absentee ballots, returned in person or via a method other than U.S. Mail, must be received by boards of elections by close of polls.
Reference: R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11

Local issues and questions for Aug. 7 special election must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before special election).
Reference: R.C. 3513.01, 02

Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than May 7 and received by boards of elections by this date must be counted (10 days after primary election).
Reference: R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11

**May 8, 2018**
UOCAVA absentee ballots must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after primary election).
Reference: R.C. 3511.11

**May 14, 2018**
Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before special election).
Reference: R.C. 3503.24

**May 15, 2018**
Certifications of candidacy for partisan candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before special election).
Reference: R.C. 3513.09

**May 16, 2018**
Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before special election).
Reference: R.C. 3503.24

**July 3, 2018**
Local questions and issues for Aug. 7 special election must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before special election).
Reference: R.C. 3513.09

**July 4, 2018**
Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before special election).
Reference: R.C. 3503.24

**July 5, 2018**
Certifications of candidacy for partisan candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before special election).
Reference: R.C. 3513.09

**July 6, 2018**
Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before special election).
Reference: R.C. 3503.24

**July 7, 2018**
Certifications of candidacy for partisan candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before special election).
Reference: R.C. 3513.09

**July 11, 2018**
Certifications of candidacy for partisan candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before special election).
Reference: R.C. 3513.09

**July 23, 2018**
Declarations of candidacy for partisan candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before special election).
Reference: R.C. 3513.09

**July 24, 2018**
Certifications of candidacy for partisan candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before special election).
Reference: R.C. 3513.09

**July 25, 2018**
Certifications of candidacy for partisan candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before special election).
Reference: R.C. 3513.09

**August 2, 2018**
Certifications of candidacy for partisan candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before special election).
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**August 3, 2018**
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**Friday, July 27, 2018**
Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the Nov. 6 general election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before general election).
Reference: R.C. 3511.16

**September 3, 2018**
Protests against independent candidates nominated by petition must be filed by 4 p.m.
Reference: R.C. 3513.262

Reference: R.C. 3509.03, 3511.02

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<td>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)</td>
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<td>Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for Nov. 6 general election must be received by boards of elections by close of business on this day (3 days before general election)</td>
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<td>Applications for absentee ballots for all 2019 elections may be accepted (first day of the year)</td>
<td>R.C. 3509.05, 3511.02</td>
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<td>Nov. 6</td>
<td>General election ballots, except for federal office, may be discarded unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after general election)</td>
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**Recounts and Election Contests**

Application for a recount must be filed not later than 5 days after official results are declared | R.C. 3513.09

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 | R.C. 3513.09

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