2019 Ohio Elections Calendar

2019

Jan. 1
Applications for absentee ballots for 2019 elections may be accepted (first day of the year) ..........................

Jan. 7
Last day for local option petitioners seeking to sell at a community facility to send street listing to Division of Liquor Control...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

Jan. 27
Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the May 7 primary/special election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before primary/special election) ...........................................

Feb. 6
Certification of amendments prepared by joint resolution of the General Assembly must be filed with Secretary of State (90 days before primary/special election) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

Feb. 19
Protests against partisan candidate petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before primary/special election) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

Feb. 22
Protests against local option petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before primary/special election) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

Feb. 25
Write-in candidates for May 7 primary/special election must file declarations of intent by 4 p.m. (72 days before primary/special election) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

Feb. 26
Form of official ballots for May 7 primary/special election must be certified by Secretary of State to boards of elections (70 days before primary/special election) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

Board of elections of most populous county in a multi-county subdistrict must certify names of all candidates to other boards of elections (70 days before primary/special election) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

March 1
Protests against write-in candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (67 days before primary/special election) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

March 8
Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before primary/special election) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

March 23
UCOA absentee ballots for Aug. 6 special election must be ready (45 days before primary/special election) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

Boards of elections must update and publish notices of May 7 primary/special election by this date and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before primary/special election) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

April 8
Deadline for voter registration for May 7 primary/special election (20 days before primary/special election) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

April 9
Non-UOCA absentee ballots for May 7 primary/special election must be ready (first day of the year) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

April 17
Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before primary/special election) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

April 19
Local questions and issues for May 7 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) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

April 23
Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists (14 days before primary/special election) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

April 26
Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before primary/special election) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

April 27
Boards of elections must give public notice of election (10 days before primary/special election) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

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) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

April 29* 
Certificate to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of candidate whose name is on the May 7 primary election ballot in more than one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (10 days before primary/special election) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

May 2
Certificate to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of candidate whose name is on the May 7 primary election ballot in only one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (5 days before primary/special election) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

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) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

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 of primary election) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day of primary/special election) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

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 100 days before primary/special election) ...........................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

May 7
Primary Special Election Day, Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

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. ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

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 ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

May 8
Local questions and issues for Aug. 6 special election must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before special election) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

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 before primary/special election) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

April 8
UOCA absentee ballots must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after primary/special election) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

May 18
Boards of elections may begin official canvases of May 7 primary/special election ballots (11 days after primary/special election) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

May 22
Boards of elections must begin official canvases of May 7 primary/special election ballots no later than the day before primary/special election (15 days after primary/special election) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

May 28
Boards of elections must begin official canvases of May 7 primary/special election ballots no later than the day before primary/special election (21 days after primary/special election) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

June 7
Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before special election) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

June 12
Last day for local option petitioners to send street listing to Division of Liquor Control (50 days before August 7 deadline for filing petitions for Nov. 5 general election) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

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 ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

June 22
UCOA absentee ballots for Aug. 6 special election must be ready (45 days before special election) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

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) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

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) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

July 3
Constitutional amendments or state issues approved by initiative petitioners submitted directly to the voters must be filed with Secretary of State (125 days before general election) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

July 5
May 7 primary/special election ballots, except for federal office, may be discarded unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after primary/special election) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

July 6
Last day for local option petitioners seeking to sell at a community facility to send street listing to Division of Liquor Control......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

July 8
Deadline for voter registration for Aug. 6 special election (30 days before special election) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

July 9
Non-UOCA absentee ballots for Aug. 6 special election must be ready (first day after close of voter registration) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

July 15
Boards of elections must certify petitions of independent candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before special election) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

July 17
Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before special election) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

July 19
Committees advocating or opposing issues on Aug. 6 special election ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before special election) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

July 23
Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists (14 days before special election) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

July 26
Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before special election) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

July 27
Boards of elections must give public notice of Aug. 6 special election (10 days before special election) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

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) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

July 30
Protests against independent candidates nominated by petition must be filed by 4 p.m. ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

Aug. 3
Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for Aug. 6 special election must be received by noon (3 days before special election) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

Aug. 5
Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day of special election) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

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) ......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................

*Note: In some instances, the statutory deadlines falls on a day when the offices of the Secretary of State and boards of elections are closed. In these 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.

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Aug. 6** Special Election may be held. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

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.

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.

Aug. 7 Constitutional amendments proposed by joint resolution of the General Assembly must be filed with Secretary of State by close of general election.

Protests against candidates for the general election must be filed by this date. (74 days before election)

Oct. 5* boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of local option petitions (78 days before election).

2020

Jan. 1 Applications for absentee ballots for all 2020 elections may be accepted.

Jan. 5 Nov. 5, 2019 general election ballots, except for federal office, may be discharged unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State.

Recounts and Election Contests

Application for a recount must be filed no later than 5 days after after official results are declared.

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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