

ELECTION CALENDAR AT A GLANCE
GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION – March 15, 2016

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| September 1, 2015 | First day to circulate petitions for established political parties with the exception of Presidential, delegates and alternate delegates |
| October 8, 2015 | First day to circulate petitions for established party Presidential, delegate and alternate delegate candidates |
| November 23 – 30, 2015 | Petition filing for established political parties with the exception of the Presidential, delegate and alternate delegate candidates The SBE will be closed on the 26 th & 27 th for the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend |
| December 7, 2015 | Last day to withdraw when an individual has filed for two or more incompatible offices Last day to file objections to petitions for the November 23 – 30, 2015 filing period. |
| December 9, 2015 | Last day to conduct lottery for the November 23-30 filing period. |
| December 14, 2015 | Last day to file petition for public question (certain restrictions apply) |
| December 14 - 21, 2015 | Special judicial filing period for vacancies occurring during November 9-30, 2015 |
| December 16, 2015 | First day to make application by mail or in person for an official ballot Last day to adopt a resolution or ordinance for binding/advisory public question. |
| December 28, 2015 | Last day for County, Municipal, School, Township and Park Boards to place advisory referenda on the ballot by resolution |
| December 29, 2015 | Last day to file objections to petitions from the special judicial filing period Last day for judicial candidates to withdraw when 2 or more incompatible petitions are filed during either filing period |

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| December 30, 2015 | Last day to conduct lottery for special judicial filing period |
| January 4 – 6, 2016 | Filing period for Presidential Preference, delegate and alternate delegate candidates |
| January 7, 2016 | Last statutory day for established party candidates to file withdrawal papers in the office of SBE |
| | Certification of ballot by SBE |
| | Last day to withdraw for Presidential Preference candidates who have filed for two or more incompatible offices |
| January 13, 2016 | Last day to file objections to petitions filed by Presidential Preference candidates |
| | Last day for established party candidates to withdraw in the office of the county clerk |
| | Last day for the county clerk to certify to the boards of election commissioners the names of all candidates in said board’s jurisdiction |
| January 14, 2016 | Last day to file a Declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate |
| January 15, 2016 | Last day for Democratic Presidential Preference candidates or authorized agents to file an affidavit with the SBE & State Party Chair designating which delegate candidates shall be listed as committed to him when more candidates have filed than allocated to the district |
| | Last day to conduct lottery for Presidential Preference , delegate and alternate delegate candidates |
| January 25, 2016 | Last day for election authority to provide SBE with a list of all early voting sites and hours |

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| January 29, 2016 | Last day for the election authority to have sufficient number of ballots available for mailing to persons in the U.S. service or their spouses and voting age dependents, citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the U.S. and nonresident civilians |
| February 4, 2016 | First day for election authority to mail an official ballot to voters who have requested one |
| February 16, 2016 | First day for early voting at the office of the election authority & temporary locations |
| February 16, 2016 | Last day for registration or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority |
| February 17, 2016 | First day for grace period registration, voting or change of address in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose |
| February 29, 2016 | First day of early voting for counties who have early voting at permanent polling places other than the office of the election authority |
| March 8, 2016 | Last day for any voter who is a member of the U.S. service or their spouses, voting age dependents, nonresident civilian and citizens temporarily residing outside the U.S. to make application for an absentee ballot |
| March 10, 2016 | Last day for the election authority to receive application by mail from any registered voter |
| March 14, 2016 | Last day for early voting |
| March 14, 2016 | Last day for any registered voter to make application in person for a vote by mail ballot |
| March 15, 2016 | Last day for grace period registration and voting |