

2020 Presidential Election Calendar

| Actual Date | Adjusted Date | Date/Deadline ^{1,2} | Time ³ | Event Name | Description | Computation | Legal Authority ⁴ |
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| | | Tuesday, January 01, 2019 | | New Year's Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| | | Wednesday, January 09, 2019 | | General Assembly Convenes | Lasts 90 days. | 2nd Wednesday in January. | MD Const. Art. III, § 14 |
| | | Wednesday, January 16, 2019 | 11:59 pm | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline to file annual campaign finance report for all political committees. | 3rd Wednesday in January. | EL § 13-309(b)(2) |
| | | Wednesday, January 16, 2019 | 11:59 pm | Affidavit of Contributions and Expenditures | Deadline for Presidential-designated political committees receiving and spending campaign funds of \$999.99 or less in a reporting period to file an affidavit instead of report. | On or before the deadline to file the first pre-primary election campaign finance report. | EL § 13-305 |
| | | Monday, January 21, 2019 | | Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Thursday, January 24, 2019 | | Thursday, January 24, 2019 | COB | Begin Candidate Filing | First day candidates for the 2020 election can file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> . | 1 year before the deadline to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> . | SBE Policy |
| | | Monday, February 18, 2019 | | President's Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| | | Monday, April 08, 2019 | | General Assembly Ends | Lasts 90 days. | 90 days after General Assembly convenes. | MD Const. Art. III, § 15 |
| Sunday, April 28, 2019 | | Monday, April 29, 2019 | | Early Voting Center Approval Form | Deadline for SBE to provide the local boards with the form for a proposed early voting center. | At least one year before a primary election. | COMAR 33.17.02.02A(1) |
| Wednesday, May 01, 2019 | | Wednesday, May 01, 2019 | COB | Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for 2019 Referendum Petition | Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to SBE a request for advance determination of sufficiency of a referendum petition format for public general or local law passed in 2019 legislative session. | At least 30 days before the deadline to file a petition. | EL § 6-210(a)(1) |
| Wednesday, May 08, 2019 | | Wednesday, May 08, 2019 | COB | Determination of Referendum Petition Format Sufficiency | Deadline for chief election official to determine sufficiency of a referendum petition format for public general or local law passed in 2019 legislative session. | Within 5 business days of receiving the request for advance determination. | EL § 6-210(a)(2) |
| Friday, May 10, 2019 | | Friday, May 10, 2019 | COB | Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination of a Referendum Petition Format for Public General or Local Law Passed in 2019 Legislative Session | Deadline for chief election official to notify petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of referendum petition format for public general or local law passed in 2019 legislative session. | Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of referendum petition format. | EL § 6-210(b) |
| Monday, May 20, 2019 | | Monday, May 20, 2019 | 11:59 PM | Judicial Review of Advance Determination of Referendum Petition Format for Public General or Local Law Passed in 2019 Legislative Session | Deadline for aggrieved party or registered voter to seek judicial review of advance determination of sufficiency of referendum petition format for public general or local law passed in 2019 legislative session. | Within 10 days of the advance determination or by the 69th day prior to the election, whichever is earlier. | EL § 6-210(e)(1)-(2) |
| | | Monday, May 27, 2019 | | Memorial Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| | | Friday, May 31, 2019 | 11:59 pm | Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2019 General Assembly | Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State at least one-third of the referendum petition signatures and a campaign finance report. | Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State before the 1st day of June. | MD Const. Art. XVI, § 3(b) |
| Friday, May 31, 2019 | | Friday, May 31, 2019 | 11:59 pm | Title 14 Contribution Report | Deadline for disclosure of contributions by persons doing business with Maryland government and/or employing a lobbyist. | Report due every May 31 and November 30. | EL § 14-104(b)(2)(ii)(2) |
| Thursday, June 20, 2019 | | Thursday, June 20, 2019 | COB | Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition | Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the signatures on the referendum petition. | Within 20 days after the filing of a petition. | EL § 6-210(c) |
| | | Friday, June 21, 2019 | COB | Certification of Referendum Petition | Deadline for chief election official to certify that the question that is the subject of the referendum petition has qualified to be placed on the ballot (if all signatures submitted by May 31), or to determine that at least one-third of signatures required for the petition were submitted by May 31 deadline. | Within 1 business day after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending. | EL § 6-210(d) |
| | | Sunday, June 30, 2019 | 11:59 pm | Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2019 General Assembly | Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State the balance of referendum petition signatures and a campaign finance report. | Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State by the 30th day of June. | MD Const. Art. XVI, § 3(b) |
| Monday, July 01, 2019 | Monday, July 01, 2019 | Monday, July 01, 2019 | COB | Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification | Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification of the first submission of the required signatures. | 10th day following SBE's determination (July 1, 2019) or 69th day before the general election (August 26, 2020), whichever is earlier. | EL § 6-210(e) |
| | | Thursday, July 04, 2019 | | Independence Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Saturday, July 20, 2019 | | Monday, July 22, 2019 | COB | Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition | Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the balance of the signatures on the referendum petition. | Within 20 days after the filing of a petition. | EL § 6-210(c) |
| Tuesday, July 23, 2019 | | Tuesday, July 23, 2019 | COB | Certification of Referendum Petition | Deadline for chief election official to certify the results of the full referendum petition verification. | Within 1 business day after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending. | EL § 6-210(d) |
| Friday, August 02, 2019 | | Friday, August 02, 2019 | COB | Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification | Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification. | 10th day following SBE's determination (August 2, 2019) or 69th day before the general election (August 26, 2020), whichever is earlier. | EL § 6-210(e) |
| | | Tuesday, August 27, 2019 | | Determination of Number of Registered Voters (Early Voting Centers) | Date and time as of which the State Administrator must determine the number of active registered voters for use when determining the number of early voting centers in each jurisdiction. | Tuesday that is 8 months before a primary election. | COMAR 33.17.02.01A(1) |
| | | Monday, September 02, 2019 | | Labor Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Sunday, September 01, 2019 | Monday, September 02, 2019 | Tuesday, September 03, 2019 | | Notice of Number of Early Voting Centers | Deadline for the State Administrator to provide the local boards with the number of early voting centers in each jurisdiction. | Within 5 days of determination of number of registered voters. | COMAR 33.17.02.01B |
| | | Tuesday, September 17, 2019 | | Constitution Day and Citizenship Day | Commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution and require public schools to celebrate the day and instill in students knowledge of history, importance, and meaning of the U.S. Constitution and Maryland Constitution. | Anniversary of signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787. | Education Art., § 7-116 |

* This calendar includes dates affected by legislation enacted through the 2019 Legislative Session.

¹ In some cases, deadlines are calculated by law based on the date on which another event or filing occurs. In circumstances where the statute or regulation provides a "deadline" for an event or filing to occur, this calendar will assume that the event occurs on the deadline itself, and will calculate other deadlines based on the date of that occurrence accordingly. Where these calculated deadlines may vary based on when the event on which they are based, in fact, occurred, they will be shown in italics.

² Under Maryland law, if a deadline or date for performing an act is a Saturday, Sunday or State holiday, the deadline is moved to the next regular business day. See EL § 1-301.

³ COB means close of business. For SBE, the close of business is 5 pm. Because the close of business varies by county, please contact the appropriate local board of elections or circuit court to find out when the office closes.

⁴ Most citations refer to the Election Law (EL) Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. COMAR refers to the Code of Maryland Regulations. USC refers to the United States Code.

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| Saturday, September 28, 2019 | Monday, September 30, 2019 | Monday, September 30, 2019 | | Early Voting Center Approval Form | Deadline for the local boards to submit to SBE a form for each proposed early voting center. | At least 7 months before a primary election. | COMAR 33.17.02.02A(2) |
| Monday, September 30, 2019 | | Monday, September 30, 2019 | COB | Certification of Number of Convention Delegates | Deadline for political parties to certify to SBE the total number of convention delegates and alternate delegates that will represent the parties at the national conventions. | Not later than October 1st in the year preceding the election. | EL § 8-501(b) |
| | | Monday, October 14, 2019 | | Columbus Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art. § 9-201 |
| Monday, October 28, 2019 | Monday, October 28, 2019 | Monday, October 28, 2019 | COB | Designation of Early Voting Centers | Deadline for SBE, in collaboration with the local boards, to designate early voting centers. | No later than 6 months before a primary election. | EL § 10-301.1(c) (2009 Laws of Maryland) |
| | | Monday, October 28, 2019 | COB | Determination of Eligible Primary Election Voters | Deadline for the chairs of the principal political parties to notify SBE whether they will allow voters not affiliated with its political party to vote in the primary election. | At least 6 months prior to a primary election. | EL §8-202(c) |
| | | Monday, November 11, 2019 | | Veteran's Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art. § 9-201 |
| | | Thursday, November 28, 2019 | | Thanksgiving | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art. § 9-201 |
| | | Friday, November 29, 2019 | | American Indian Heritage Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art. § 9-201 |
| Saturday, November 30, 2019 | | Monday, December 02, 2019 | 11:59 pm | Title 14 Contribution Report | Deadline for disclosure of contributions by persons doing business with Maryland government and/or employing a lobbyist. | Report due every May 31 and November 30. | EL § 14-104(b)(2)(ii)(2) |
| | | Wednesday, December 25, 2019 | | Christmas | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art. § 9-201 |
| Wednesday, December 25, 2019 | Thursday, December 26, 2019 | Thursday, December 26, 2019 | COB | Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for U.S. Presidential Primary Election Candidacy Petition Format | Deadline for U.S. Presidential candidate to submit to SBE a request for advance determination of sufficiency of the candidacy petition format. Petition is only required for Presidential primary election candidates not recognized by the Secretary of State for automatic ballot placement. | At least 30 days before the deadline to file the petition but not more than 2 years and one month before the deadline to file petition. | EL § 6-210(a)(1) |
| | | Wednesday, January 01, 2020 | | New Year's Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art. § 9-201 |
| Wednesday, January 01, 2020 | | Thursday, January 02, 2020 | | Determination of Number of Registered Voters (Nomination Petition) | Date as of which SBE must determine the number of registered voters for purposes of determining the number of signatures required for a nomination by petition. | January 1st of the year of a primary election for which the nomination is sought. | EL § 5-703(e)(3) |
| Thursday, January 02, 2020 | Friday, January 03, 2020 | Friday, January 03, 2020 | | Advance Determination of U.S. Presidential Candidacy Petition Format Sufficiency | Deadline for SBE to determine sufficiency of a U.S. Presidential candidacy petition format. | Within 5 business days of receiving the request of advance determination. | EL § 6-210(a)(2) |
| Monday, January 06, 2020 | Monday, January 06, 2020 | Monday, January 06, 2020 | COB | Certification of Republican and Democratic Presidential Candidates | Deadline for the Secretary of State to certify to SBE the names of the candidates for U.S. President for the primary election. | No later than 113 days before a primary election. | EL § 8-502(c)(1) |
| Tuesday, January 07, 2020 | | Tuesday, January 07, 2020 | COB | Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination of U.S. Presidential Candidacy Petition Format | Deadline for SBE to notify candidate of the approval or deficiency of candidacy petition format. | Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of candidacy petition format. | EL § 6-210(b) |
| | | Wednesday, January 08, 2020 | | General Assembly Convenes | Lasts 90 days. | 2nd Wednesday in January. | MD Const. Art. III, § 14 |
| | | Wednesday, January 15, 2020 | 11:59 pm | Campaign Finance Report | Date to file annual campaign finance report for all political committees. | 3rd Wednesday in January. | EL § 13-309(b)(2) |
| Friday, January 17, 2020 | | Friday, January 17, 2020 | 11:59 pm | Judicial Review of Advance Determination of U.S. Presidential Candidacy Petition Format Summary | Deadline for aggrieved party or registered voter to seek judicial review of advance determination of sufficiency of petition format for U.S. presidential candidacy. | Within 10 days of the advance determination or by the 69th day prior to the election, whichever is earlier. | EL § 6-210(e)(1)-(2) |
| | | Monday, January 20, 2020 | | Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art. § 9-201 |
| | | Friday, January 24, 2020 | 9 pm | Certificate of Candidacy | Deadline for candidates to file a Certificate of Candidacy. | 95 days before the primary election. | EL § 5-303(a)(2) |
| | | Friday, January 24, 2020 | 9 pm | Filing U.S. Presidential Candidacy Petition | Deadline for U.S. Presidential candidates not recognized by the Secretary of State to file with SBE a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> and petition. | Not later than 95 days before the day of the election. | EL § 8-502(d) |
| Tuesday, January 28, 2020 | | Tuesday, January 28, 2020 | | Alternate Early Voting Center | Deadline for the local boards to submit to SBE a form for each proposed alternate early voting center. | At least 3 months before a primary election. | COMAR 33.17.02.02G(4)(a) |
| | | Tuesday, January 28, 2020 | | Appointment of Election Judges | Start of term of office for election judges. | Beginning the Tuesday that is 13 weeks before a primary election. | EL § 10-203(a) |
| | | Tuesday, January 28, 2020 | COB | Polling Place Change | Deadline for the local boards to create or change a precinct boundary or polling place. | Tuesday that is 13 weeks before a primary election. | EL § 2-303(b) |
| Tuesday, January 28, 2020 | | Tuesday, January 28, 2020 | | Greeter Election Judge Exemption Request | Deadline for the local boards to request an exemption to assign greeter election judges at each early voting center for the primary election. | No later than 3 months before an election. | COMAR 33.19.03.01C(2) |
| | | Wednesday, January 29, 2020 | | NVRA Voter List Maintenance Deadline | Deadline for the local boards to complete programs to remove certain ineligible voters from voter registration lists (including sending confirmation mailings to verify addresses). | No later than 90 days before an election. | 52 USC § 20507(c)(2) |
| | | Wednesday, January 29, 2020 | | Request to Waive Absentee Mailing Deadline for Military and Overseas Voters | Deadline for SBE to submit a request to the Federal Voting Assistance Program for a waiver of the deadline to mail absentee ballots to military and overseas voters. | At least 90 days before an election. | 52 USC § 20302(g)(3) |
| | | Monday, February 03, 2020 | | Death or Disqualification of Candidate | Last day to remove a candidate's name from the ballot due to the candidate's death or disqualification. | Within 10 days after deadline for filing <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> . | EL § 5-504(b) |
| | | Monday, February 03, 2020 | | Withdrawal of Candidacy | Deadline to withdraw candidacy. | Within 10 days after deadline for filing <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> . | EL § 5-502(a) |
| | | Tuesday, February 04, 2020 | | Greeter Election Judge Exemption Determination | Deadline for the State Administrator to respond to a local board's request for an exemption to assign greeter election judges at each early voting center. | Within 5 business days of a local board's request. | COMAR 33.19.03.01C(3) |

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| | | Friday, February 07, 2020 | | Fill Vacancy | Deadline to fill vacancy due to death or disqualification of unopposed candidate. | Within 4 days after death or disqualification becomes known to the local board. | EL § 5-901(e)(2) |
| | | Friday, February 07, 2020 | | Fill Vacancy | Deadline to fill vacancy if: (1) no candidate for a political party files a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> ; or (2) an unopposed candidate withdraws. | Within 4 days after deadline for withdrawal of candidacy. | EL § 5-901(e)(1) |
| Saturday, February 08, 2020 | | Monday, February 10, 2020 | COB | Replacement Delegate | Deadline for a Presidential candidate to file with SBE a designation for a replacement delegate. | No later than 5 days after the withdrawal deadline. | EL § 8-501(b)(2)(iii) |
| Saturday, February 08, 2020 | | Monday, February 10, 2020 | COB | Challenge Residency of Candidate | Deadline for a registered voter to file in circuit court a petition challenging the residency of a candidate. | 15 days after the deadline to file <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> . | EL § 5-305(c) |
| Thursday, February 13, 2020 | | Thursday, February 13, 2020 | COB | Verification and Counting of U.S. Presidential Candidacy Petition | Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the signatures on the U.S. Presidential candidacy petition. | Within 20 days after the filing of the petition. | EL § 6-210(c) |
| Friday, February 14, 2020 | | Friday, February 14, 2020 | COB | Certification of U.S. Presidential Candidacy Petition | Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the U.S. Presidential candidacy petition verification. | Within 1 business day after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending. | EL § 6-210(d) |
| | | Monday, February 17, 2020 | | President's Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art. § 9-201 |
| Wednesday, February 19, 2020 | | Wednesday, February 19, 2020 | | Judicial Review of U.S. Presidential Candidacy Petition Certification | Deadline to seek judicial review of candidacy petition certification. | Within 5 days following SBE's determination. | EL § 6-210(e)(2)(ii) |
| | | Thursday, February 20, 2020 | | Security Plan for Early Voting Centers | Deadline for the local boards to submit to the State Administrator an early voting security plan. | At least 8 weeks before early voting begins. | COMAR 33.17.02.04A |
| Monday, February 24, 2020 | | Monday, February 24, 2020 | | Certification of Ballot | Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify content and arrangement of ballots for the primary election. | At least 64 days before the primary election. | EL § 9-207(a)(1) |
| Monday, February 24, 2020 | | Monday, February 24, 2020 | COB | Display of Ballot | Deadline for SBE to display on its website the content and arrangement of each certified ballot. | At least 64 days before the primary election. | EL § 9-207(c) |
| Wednesday, February 26, 2020 | | Wednesday, February 26, 2020 | COB | Judicial Review of Content and Arrangement of Ballot | Deadline for a registered voter to seek judicial review of the content and arrangement or to correct any administrative error on the ballot. | Within 2 days of certifying the ballot. | EL § 9-209(a) |
| Wednesday, February 26, 2020 | | Wednesday, February 26, 2020 | | Changes to Ballot | Deadline to make any administrative changes to the ballots. | 62nd day before an election. | EL § 9-209(c) |
| | | Wednesday, February 26, 2020 | COB | Judicial Review of any Ballot Printing Errors | Deadline for a registered voter to seek judicial review if an administrative error is discovered after the ballots have been publicly displayed and the State Administrator fails to correct the error. | 62nd day before an election. | EL § 9-209(c) |
| Thursday, February 27, 2020 | | Thursday, February 27, 2020 | | Printing of Ballots | SBE may begin printing ballots and correct noted errors. | After 3 days of public display of ballot. | EL § 9-207(e) |
| Saturday, March 14, 2020 | | Saturday, March 14, 2020 | | Transmitting Absentee Ballots | Deadline for the local boards to transmit absentee ballots to certain voters unless the Federal Voting Assistance Program grants the State a waiver of the deadline. | No later than 45 days before an election unless the Federal Voting Assistance Program grants the State a waiver of the 45 day transmittal deadline. | 42 USC § 1973gg-1(a)(8) |
| Tuesday, March 17, 2020 | | Tuesday, March 17, 2020 | | Public Education for Early Voting | SBE and local boards start public education about early voting. | 30 days before early voting for an election. | EL § 10-301.1(f) |
| Saturday, March 21, 2020 | | Monday, March 23, 2020 | | Review of Early Voting Security Plan | Deadline for the State Administrator to review and provide feedback on a local board's early voting security plan. | Within 30 days of receipt of an early voting security plan. | COMAR 33.17.02.04C(2) |
| | | Tuesday, March 24, 2020 | 11:59 pm | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline to file first pre-primary report for political committees participating in the presidential election. | 5th Tuesday before a primary election. | EL § 13-309(a)(2) |
| | | Tuesday, March 24, 2020 | 11:59 pm | Affidavit of Contributions and Expenditures | Deadline for Presidential-designated political committees receiving and spending campaign funds of \$999.99 or less in a reporting period to file an affidavit instead of report. | On or before the deadline to file the first pre-primary election campaign finance report. | EL § 13-305 |
| | | Wednesday, April 01, 2020 | | Early Voting & Election Day Supply Verification | Deadline for the local boards to verify voting supplies according to the supply verification plan. | No later than 15 days before early voting starts. | SBE policy |
| | | Monday, April 06, 2020 | | General Assembly Ends | Lasts 90 days. | 90 days after General Assembly convenes. | MD Const. Art. III, § 15 |
| | | Tuesday, April 07, 2020 | 5 pm - office 11:59 pm - online) | Close of Registration & Party Affiliation Deadline | Deadline to register to vote or change party affiliation for the primary election. | 21st day preceding an election. | EL § 3-302(a) |
| | | Tuesday, April 07, 2020 | 5 pm | Polling Place Reassignment | Deadline for elderly voters or voters with disabilities to submit a request to the local boards for reassignment to an accessible polling place. | No later than the close of registration before an election. | EL § 10-102(b)(1) |
| | | Tuesday, April 07, 2020 | 5pm | Voter Registration Lists | Deadline for a registered voter to request a voter registration list (New requests will not be taken until registration reopens). | On or before the registration deadline. | COMAR 33.03.02.05(B) |
| | | Thursday, April 09, 2020 | | Notice of Election | Deadline for the local boards to provide notice of the election. | At least one week before any early voting period before an election. | EL § 8-102 |
| Monday, April 13, 2020 | | Monday, April 13, 2020 | COB | Logic and Accuracy Testing - Early Voting (Public Demonstration & Notice) | Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the voting units being used for early voting. (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted before any voting units are delivered to an early voting center. Notice of the public demonstration must be provided at least 10 days before the demonstration.) | At least 14 days before an election. | COMAR 33.10.02.14,16 |
| | | Wednesday, April 15, 2020 | 5:00 pm | Campaign Signs | Beginning of period when campaign signs must be allowed at early voting centers. | The day before early voting starts. | EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2) |
| | | Thursday, April 16, 2020 | 10 am to 8 pm | Early Voting Begins | Early voting for the primary election begins. | 2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election. | EL § 10-301.1(d)(2)(i)-(ii) |
| | | Friday, April 17, 2020 | COB | Voter Registration Lists | Deadline for SBE and the local boards to prepare a voter registration list that includes registrants through the registration deadline. | Within 10 days of the voter registration deadline. | COMAR 33.03.02.05C(2) |

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| | | Friday, April 17, 2020 | COB | Logic and Accuracy Testing - Election Day | Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the election management system and voting units being used for election day voting and absentee and provisional voting. (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted before any voting units are delivered to an early voting center.) | At least 10 days before an election. | COMAR 33.10.02.14,16 |
| | | Friday, April 17, 2020 | 11:59 pm | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline to file the first pre-primary election campaign finance report. | 2nd Friday immediately preceding a primary election. | EL § 13-309(a)(3) |
| | | Friday, April 17, 2020 | 11:59 pm | Affidavit of Contributions and Expenditures | Deadline for Presidential-designated political committees receiving and spending campaign funds of \$999.99 or less in a reporting period to file an affidavit instead of report. | On or before the deadline to file the first pre-primary election campaign finance report. | EL § 13-305 |
| | | Monday, April 20, 2020 | | Notice of Canvass | Deadline for the local boards to provide notice of the absentee and provisional canvasses. | At least 10 days before the first absentee canvass. | COMAR 33.08.01.05-1 |
| | | Tuesday, April 21, 2020 | 8 pm (mail) or 11:59 pm (fax/email) | Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered by Mail or Fax | Deadline for a registered voter to request a mailed or faxed absentee ballot. | Tuesday before an election. | EL § 9-305(c)(1); COMAR 33.11.02.02E |
| | | Tuesday, April 21, 2020 | 11:59 pm | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline to file report for campaign finance entities not required to file annual campaign finance report. | 3rd Tuesday in April. | EL §13-309(a)(1) |
| | | Thursday, April 23, 2020 | 10 am to 8 pm | Early Voting Ends | Early voting for the primary election ends. | 2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election. | EL § 10-301.1(d)(2)(i)-(ii) |
| | | Friday, April 24, 2020 | 8 am | Campaign Signs | End of period when campaign signs must be allowed at early voting centers. | The day after early voting ends. | EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2) |
| | | Friday, April 24, 2020 | 5 pm (mail) or 11:59 pm (email/fax) | Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered via Internet | Deadline for a registered voter to request an electronic absentee ballot. | Friday before an election. | EL § 9-305(c)(1); COMAR 33.11.02.02E |
| | | Monday, April 27, 2020 | 5 pm | Campaign Signs | Beginning of period when campaign signs must be allowed at polling places. | The day immediately preceding election day. | EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2) |
| | | Tuesday, April 28, 2020 | 7 am to 8 pm | Primary Election | Primary Election Day: Presidential Primary & Baltimore City Municipal Primary. | Fourth Tuesday in April. | EL § 8-201(a)(2)(ii) |
| | | Tuesday, April 28, 2020 | 8 pm | Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Voter Picks Up Ballot | Deadline for a registered voter or voter's agent to request an absentee ballot in person at a local board. | No later than the close of the polls on election day. | EL § 9-305(c)(3); COMAR 33.11.02.04A |
| | | Tuesday, April 28, 2020 | 8 pm | Extended Voter Registration Deadline | Extended deadline for receipt of voter registration applications sent by mail for voting in the primary election. | An application received by mail after the close of registration is timely if it is properly postmarked. | EL § 3-302(c); COMAR 33.05.04.02C, D |
| | | Tuesday, April 28, 2020 | 8 pm | Absentee Ballot Deadline | Deadline for the local boards to receive an absentee ballot delivered by hand. | An absentee ballot delivered by hand is timely received if it is received by the local board before 8 pm on election day. | COMAR 33.11.03.08B(1) |
| | | Tuesday, April 28, 2020 | 8 pm | Precincts for Post-Election Verification & Audits | Time after which local boards must select randomly the precincts for post-election verification and audits. | After 8 pm on election day. | COMAR 33.08.05.04A (revised by SBE) |
| | | Wednesday, April 29, 2020 | 8 am | Campaign Signs | End of period when campaign signs must be allowed at polling places. | The day immediately after election day. | EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2) |
| | | Thursday, April 30, 2020 | 10 am | Absentee Ballot Canvass 1 | Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 1st canvass of absentee ballots. | 10 am on the Thursday after an election. | COMAR 33.11.04.03A(1) |
| | | Friday, May 01, 2020 | | Precincts for Post-Election Verification & Audits | Deadline for the local boards to submit to the State Administrator a list of the precincts selected for the post-election verification and audits. | Within 3 days of selecting the precincts. | COMAR 33.08.05.04C |
| Friday, May 01, 2020 | | Friday, May 01, 2020 | COB | Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for Referendum Petition Format for Public General or Local Law Passed in 2020 Legislative Session | Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to SBE a request for advance determination of sufficiency of a referendum petition format for public general or local law passed in 2020 legislative session. | At least 30 days before the deadline to file a petition. | EL § 6-210(a)(1) |
| | | Wednesday, May 06, 2020 | 10 am | Provisional Ballot Canvass | Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the canvass of provisional ballots. | 10 am on the 2nd Wednesday after an election. | COMAR 33.16.05.02 |
| Friday, May 08, 2020 | | Friday, May 08, 2020 | COB | Advance Determination of Referendum Petition Format Sufficiency for Public General or Local Law Passed in 2020 Legislative Session | Deadline for chief election official to determine sufficiency of a referendum petition format for public general or local law passed in 2020 legislative session. | Within 5 business days of receiving the request for advance determination. | EL § 6-210(a)(2) |
| | | Friday, May 08, 2020 | 10 am | Extended Absentee Ballot Deadline | Deadline for the local boards to receive absentee ballots by mail. | 10 am on the 2nd Friday after an election provided there is a proper postmark or, where no postmark is visible, date on voter's oath. | COMAR 33.11.03.08B(2) |
| | | Friday, May 08, 2020 | 10 am | Absentee Ballot Canvass 2 | Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 2nd canvass of absentee ballots. | 10 am on the 2nd Friday after an election. | COMAR 33.11.04.03A(2) |
| Friday, May 08, 2020 | | Friday, May 08, 2020 | | Post-Election Audit | Deadline for the local boards to conduct the post-election verification and audits. | Before certifying the results of an election. | COMAR 33.08.05.02A |
| Friday, May 08, 2020 | | Friday, May 08, 2020 | | Verification of Vote Count | Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to verify the primary election vote count. | Within 10 days after an election and before certifying the results of an election. | EL § 11-308(a) |
| Friday, May 08, 2020 | | Friday, May 08, 2020 | | Certification of the Election | Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to certify the results of primary election. | After the verification of vote count is completed. | EL § 11-308(b) |
| Friday, May 08, 2020 | | Friday, May 08, 2020 | | Transmittal of Results | Local boards of canvassers must transmit certified copies of election results to the Governor, SBE, and appropriate Clerk of the Circuit Court. | 2nd Friday after an election or if canvass is completed after that day, within 48 hours after completion. | EL § 11-401(c) |
| Saturday, May 09, 2020 | | Monday, May 11, 2020 | | Voter Registration Reopens | Voter registration reopens. | 11th day after an election. | EL § 3-302(a) |
| Monday, May 11, 2020 | | Monday, May 11, 2020 | | Petition for Recount - Local Offices | Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a local office on the ballot. | Within 3 days after the results of an election have been certified. | EL § 12-101(d) |
| | | Tuesday, May 12, 2020 | COB | Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination of a Referendum Petition Format for Public General Law Passed in 2020 Legislative Session | Deadline for SBE to notify petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of referendum petition format. | Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of referendum petition format. | EL § 6-210(b) |
| | | Monday, May 25, 2020 | | Memorial Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art. § 9-201 |
| | | Sunday, May 31, 2020 | 11:59 pm | Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2020 General Assembly | Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State at least one-third of the referendum petition signatures and a petition fund report. | Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State before the 1st day of June. | MD Const. Art. XVI, § 3(b) |

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| Sunday, May 31, 2020 | | Monday, June 01, 2020 | 11:59 pm | Title 14 Contribution Report | Deadline for disclosure of contributions by persons doing business with Maryland government and/or employing a lobbyist. | Report due every May 31 and November 30. | EL § 14-104(b)(2)(ii)(2) |
| | | Tuesday, June 02, 2020 | | Statewide Certification of Results | Deadline for the Board of State Canvassers to convene to certify primary election results. | Convene within 35 days of the election. | EL § 11-503(a)(1)(ii) |
| | | Friday, June 05, 2020 | COB | Petition for Recount - State Offices | Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a State office on the ballot. | Within 3 days after the results of an election have been certified. | EL § 12-101(d) |
| Saturday, June 20, 2020 | | Monday, June 22, 2020 | COB | Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition | Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the signatures on the referendum petition. | Within 20 days after the filing of a petition. | EL § 6-210(c) |
| Tuesday, June 23, 2020 | | Tuesday, June 23, 2020 | COB | Certification of Referendum Petition | Deadline for chief election official to certify that the question that is the subject of the referendum petition has qualified to be placed on the ballot (if all signatures submitted by May 31), or to determine that at least one-third of signatures required for the petition were submitted by May 31 deadline. | Within 1 business day after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending. | EL § 6-210(d) |
| Saturday, June 27, 2020 | | Monday, June 29, 2020 | COB | Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for Charter Amendment Petition Format | Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to the appropriate local board a request for advance determination on the sufficiency of a charter amendment petition format. | At least 30 days before the deadline to file the petition but not more than 2 years and one month before the deadline to file petition. | EL § 6-210(a)(1) |
| | | Tuesday, June 30, 2020 | 11:59 pm | Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2020 General Assembly | Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State the balance of referendum petition signatures and a petition fund report. | Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State by the 30th day of June. | MD Const. Art XVI, § 3(b) |
| | | Friday, July 03, 2020 | | Independence Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art. § 9-201 |
| Friday, July 03, 2020 | Friday, July 03, 2020 | Monday, July 06, 2020 | COB | Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification | Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification of the first submission of the required signatures. | 10th day following SBE's determination (July 4, 2020) or 69th day before the general election (August 26, 2020), whichever is earlier. | EL § 6-210(e) |
| Saturday, July 04, 2020 | Monday, July 06, 2020 | Monday, July 06, 2020 | COB | Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for Candidacy or New Party Petition Format | Deadline for candidate or petition sponsor to submit to SBE or the appropriate local board a request for advance determination of sufficiency of a candidacy or new party petition format. | At least 30 days before the deadline to file the petition but not more than 2 years and one month before the deadline to file petition. | EL § 6-210(a)(1) |
| | | Monday, July 06, 2020 | 5:00 pm | Declaration of Intent | Deadline for a candidate who seeks nomination by a recognized non-principal party to file a Declaration of Intent to seek nomination. | First Monday in July. | EL § 5-703.1(c)(4)(i) |
| | | Monday, July 06, 2020 | 5:00 pm | Declaration of Intent | Deadline for an unaffiliated candidate or a candidate who is affiliated with a non-recognized political party who intends to seek nomination by petition to file a Declaration of Intent to seek nomination. | First Monday in July. | EL § 5-703.1(c)(4)(i) |
| Monday, July 06, 2020 | Monday, July 06, 2020 | Monday, July 06, 2020 | COB | Advance Determination of Charter Amendment Petition Format Sufficiency | Deadline for the local boards to determine sufficiency of a charter amendment petition format. | Within 5 business days of receiving request of advance determination. | EL § 6-210(a)(2) |
| Wednesday, July 08, 2020 | | Wednesday, July 08, 2020 | COB | Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination for Charter Amendment Petition Format | Deadline for the local boards to notify petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of charter amendment petition format. | Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of charter amendment petition format. | EL § 6-210(b) |
| Saturday, July 11, 2020 | | Monday, July 13, 2020 | COB | Advance Determination of Candidacy or New Party Petition Format Sufficiency | Deadline for SBE or the appropriate local board to determine sufficiency of a candidacy or new party petition. | Within 5 business days of receiving request of advance determination. | EL § 6-210(a)(2) |
| | | July 13, 2020 - July 16, 2020 | | Democratic National Convention | Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee | Dates established by Democratic National Committee. | |
| Wednesday, July 15, 2020 | | Wednesday, July 15, 2020 | COB | Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination of a Candidacy or New Party Petition Format | Deadline for SBE or the appropriate local board to notify candidate or petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of candidacy or new party petition format. | Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of a candidacy or new party petition format. | EL § 6-210(b) |
| Saturday, July 18, 2020 | | Monday, July 20, 2020 | | Judicial Review of Advance Determination of Charter Amendment Petition Format Sufficiency | Deadline for aggrieved party or registered voter to seek judicial review of advance determination of sufficiency of charter amendment petition format. | Within 10 days of the advance determination or by the 69th day prior to the election, whichever is earlier. | EL § 6-210(e)(1)-(2) |
| Monday, July 20, 2020 | | Monday, July 20, 2020 | COB | Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition | Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the balance of the signatures on the referendum petition. | Within 20 days after the filing of a petition. | EL § 6-210(c) |
| | | Tuesday, July 21, 2020 | | Certification of General Assembly Ballot Questions for Questions to be Referred to Voters of one County or Part of one County | Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify to the local boards ballot questions referred by the General Assembly to voters of one county or part of one county. | 105th day before a general election. | EL § 7-103(c)(2) |
| Tuesday, July 21, 2020 | | Tuesday, July 21, 2020 | COB | Certification of Referendum Petition | Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the full referendum petition verification. | Within 1 business day after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending. | EL § 6-210(d) |
| Saturday, July 25, 2020 | | Monday, July 27, 2020 | | Judicial Review of Advance Determination of Candidacy or New Party Petition Format Sufficiency | Deadline for aggrieved party or registered voter to seek judicial review of advance determination of sufficiency of candidacy or new party petition format. | Within 10 days of the advance determination or by the 69th day prior to the election, whichever is earlier. | EL § 6-210(e)(1)-(2) |
| Monday, July 27, 2020 | | Monday, July 27, 2020 | COB | Filing Charter Amendment Petition | Deadline for petition sponsor to file with local government authority a charter amendment petition. | 99th day before a general election. | EL § 7-104(b) |
| Friday, July 31, 2020 | | Friday, July 31, 2020 | | Certification of Statewide Ballot Questions and Questions Relating to an Enactment of the General Assembly Petitioned to Referendum | Deadline for Secretary of State to certify to SBE statewide ballot questions and questions relating to Acts of the General Assembly (except for questions referred to the voters of one county or a part of one county) petitioned to referendum. | 95th day before a general election. | EL § 7-103(c)(1) |
| Friday, July 31, 2020 | | Friday, July 31, 2020 | | Certification of Local Ballot Questions | Deadline for County Attorney or Baltimore City Solicitor to certify to SBE each question to be voted on in the county or part of the county. | 95th day before a general election. | EL § 7-103(c)(3)(i) |
| Friday, July 31, 2020 | | Friday, July 31, 2020 | COB | Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification | Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification. | 10th day following SBE's determination (July 31, 2020) or 69th day before a general election (August 26, 2020), whichever is earlier. | EL § 6-210(e) |

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| | | Friday, July 31, 2020 | | Certification of Ballot Question Language | Deadline for municipal attorney to certify the ballot question language for ballot questions for voters of that municipality. | 95th day before a general election. | EL § 7-103(c)(4) |
| | | Monday, August 03, 2020 | | Appellate Judges | Deadline for Clerk of the Court of Appeals and Clerk of the Court of Special Appeals to provide notice to SBE of the names of judges to be placed on the ballot. | 1st Monday in August. | EL § 5-301(f) |
| | | Monday, August 03, 2020 | COB | Filing New Party Petition | Deadline for petition sponsor to file with SBE a new political party petition. | 1st Monday in August. | EL § 4-102(c)(2)(i)(2) |
| | | Monday, August 03, 2020 | 5 pm | Filing Candidacy Petition & Certificate of Candidacy | Deadline for general election petition candidate to file with SBE or the appropriate local board the Certificate of Candidacy and candidacy petition. | 1st Monday in August. | EL § 5-703(d) & (f) |
| | | Monday, August 03, 2020 | 5 pm | Filing Certificates of Nomination and Candidacy | Deadline for candidates seeking nomination from a non-principal political party to file with SBE or the appropriate local board the Certificate of Nomination and Certificate of Candidacy. | 1st Monday in August. | EL § 5-703.1(d) |
| Monday, August 03, 2020 | | Monday, August 03, 2020 | | Greeter Election Judge Exemption Request | Deadline for the local boards to request an exemption to assign greeter election judges at each early voting center. | No later than 3 months before an election. | COMAR 33.19.03.01C(2) |
| | | Tuesday, August 04, 2020 | | Request to Waive Absentee Mailing Deadline | Deadline for SBE to submit a request to the Federal Voting Assistance Program for a waiver of the deadline to transmit absentee ballots to certain voters. | At least 90 days before an election. | 52 USC § 20302(g)(3) |
| | | Tuesday, August 04, 2020 | COB | Declination of Nomination | Deadline for declination of nomination by a filed candidate before general election. | First Tuesday in August. | EL § 5-801(b)(2)(ii) |
| | | Wednesday, August 05, 2020 | | NVRA Confirmation Mailing Deadline | Deadline for the local boards to send to voters confirmation mailings to verify addresses and make voters inactive. | No later than 90 days before an election. | 52 USC § 20507(c)(2) |
| Friday, August 07, 2020 | | Friday, August 07, 2020 | | Vacancy by Declination of Nomination | For all offices except Governor and Lt. Governor, deadline for the appropriate central committee(s) to fill a vacancy caused by a candidate filing a declination of nomination. | 88th day before a general election. | EL §§ 5-1002(b)(1), 5-1003(b)(4), & 5-1004(b) |
| | | Friday, August 07, 2020 | | Alternate Certification of Local Ballot Questions | Deadline for Clerk of the Circuit Court to prepare and certify local ballot questions if the County Attorney or Baltimore City Solicitor does not do so. | 1st Friday in August. | EL § 7-103(c)(3)(ii) |
| | | Monday, August 10, 2020 | | Greeter Election Judge Exemption Determination | Deadline for the State Administrator to respond to a local board's request for an exemption to assign greeter election judges at each early voting center. | Within 5 business days of a local board's request. | COMAR 33.19.03.01C(3) |
| | | Monday, August 10, 2020 | | Death or Disqualification of Candidate | Last day to remove a candidate's name from the ballot due to the candidate's death or disqualification. | 85th day before an election. | EL § 5-801(d) |
| Friday, August 14, 2020 | | Friday, August 14, 2020 | | Vacancy by Death or Disqualification | For all offices except Governor and Lt. Governor, deadline for the appropriate central committee(s) to fill a vacancy caused by the death or disqualification of a filed candidate. | 81st day before a general election. | EL §§ 5-1002(b)(1), 5-1003(b)(5), & 5-1004(b) |
| Sunday, August 16, 2020 | | Monday, August 17, 2020 | COB | Verification and Counting of Charter Amendment Petition | Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the signatures on a charter amendment petition. | 20 days after the filing of a petition. | EL § 6-210(c) |
| Saturday, August 15, 2020 | | Monday, August 17, 2020 | | Challenge Residency of Candidate | For all offices except Governor and Lt. Governor, deadline to file challenge to residency of the candidate selected by the appropriate central committee(s) to replace the candidate who died or was disqualified. | 80th day before a general election. | EL § 5-305(c) |
| Tuesday, August 18, 2020 | | Tuesday, August 18, 2020 | COB | Certification of Charter Amendment Petition | Deadline for the local boards to certify the results of the charter amendment petition verification. | Within 1 business day after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending. | EL § 6-210(d) |
| Sunday, August 23, 2020 | | Friday, August 21, 2020 | COB | Verification and Counting of Candidacy or New Party Petition | Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the signatures on a candidacy or new party petition. | Within 20 days after the filing of a petition. | EL § 6-210(c) |
| Monday, August 24, 2020 | | Monday, August 24, 2020 | COB | Certification of Candidacy or New Party Petition | Deadline for SBE or the appropriate local board to certify the results of the candidacy or new party petition verification. | Within 1 business day after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending. | EL § 6-210(d) |
| | | August 24, 2020 - August 27, 2020 | | Republican National Convention | Republican National Convention in Charlotte | Dates established by Republican National Committee. | |
| | | Tuesday, August 25, 2020 | 11:59 pm | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline to file the first pre-general report for political committees participating in the presidential election. | Last Tuesday in August immediately preceding a general election. | EL § 13-309(a)(4) |
| | | Tuesday, August 25, 2020 | 11:59 pm | Affidavit of Contributions and Expenditures | Deadline for Presidential-designated political committees receiving and spending campaign funds of \$999.99 or less in a reporting period to file an affidavit instead of report. | On or before the deadline to file the first pre-primary election campaign finance report. | EL § 13-305 |
| Wednesday, August 26, 2020 | | Wednesday, August 26, 2020 | COB | Judicial Review of Candidacy Petition Certification | Deadline for candidate to seek judicial review of candidacy petition certification. | 69th day preceding an election. | EL § 6-210(e) |
| Wednesday, August 26, 2020 | | Wednesday, August 26, 2020 | COB | Judicial Review of New Party Petition Certification | Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of new party petition certification. | 69th day preceding an election. | EL § 6-210(e) |
| Wednesday, August 26, 2020 | | Wednesday, August 26, 2020 | COB | Judicial Review of Charter Amendment Petition | Deadline to file a judicial challenge concerning the charter board or charter amendment petition. | 69th day preceding an election. | EL § 6-210(e) |
| Monday, August 31, 2020 | | Monday, August 31, 2020 | | Certification of Ballot | Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify content and arrangement of ballots for the general election. | At least 64 days before an election. | EL § 9-207(a)(2) |
| Monday, August 31, 2020 | | Monday, August 31, 2020 | | Display of Ballot | Deadline for SBE to display on its website the content and arrangement of each certified ballot. | At least 64 days before an election. | EL § 9-207(c) |
| | | Wednesday, September 02, 2020 | COB | Judicial Review of Content and Arrangement of Ballot | Deadline for a registered voter to seek judicial review of the content and arrangement or to correct any administrative error on the ballot. | Within 2 days of certifying the ballot. | EL § 9-209(a) |
| | | Wednesday, September 02, 2020 | COB | Judicial Review of any Ballot Printing Errors | Deadline for a registered voter to seek judicial review if an error is discovered after the ballots have been publicly displayed and the local board fails to correct the error. | Not later than the 62nd day preceding an election. | EL § 9-209(c) |

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| Thursday, September 03, 2020 | | Thursday, September 03, 2020 | | Printing of Ballots | SBE may begin printing ballots and correct noted errors. | After 3 days of public display of ballot. | EL § 9-207(e) |
| | | Monday, September 07, 2020 | | Labor Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| | | Thursday, September 17, 2020 | | Constitution Day and Citizenship Day | Commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution and require public schools to celebrate the day and instill in students knowledge of history, importance, and meaning of the U.S. Constitution and Maryland Constitution. | Anniversary of signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787. | Education Art., § 7-116 |
| Saturday, September 19, 2020 | | Saturday, September 19, 2020 | | Transmitting Absentee Ballots | Deadline for the local boards to transmit absentee ballots to certain voters unless the Federal Voting Assistance Program grants the State a waiver of the deadline. | No later than 45 days before an election unless the Federal Voting Assistance Program grants the State a waiver of the 45 day transmittal deadline. | 52 USC § 20302(a)(8) |
| | | Tuesday, September 22, 2020 | | Public Education for Early Voting | SBE and the local boards start public education about early voting. | 30 days before early voting for an election. | EL § 10-301.1(f) |
| Sunday, October 04, 2020 | | Monday, October 05, 2020 | COB | Presidential Electors | Deadline for the State political parties of the Presidential nominees to submit to SBE the names and addresses of 10 electors. | At least 30 days before the general election. | EL § 8-503(c)(3) |
| Wednesday, October 07, 2020 | | Wednesday, October 07, 2020 | | Early Voting & Election Day Supply Verification | Deadline for the local boards to verify voting supplies according to the supply verification plan. | No later than 15 days before early voting starts. | SBE policy |
| | | Friday, October 09, 2020 | 11:59 pm | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline for ballot issue committees to file pre-general report. | 4th Friday before a general election. | EL § 13-309(a)(5) |
| | | Friday, October 09, 2020 | 11:59 pm | Affidavit of Contributions and Expenditures | Deadline for Presidential-designated political committees receiving and spending campaign funds of \$999.99 or less in a reporting period to file an affidavit instead of report. | On or before the deadline to file the first pre-primary election campaign finance report. | EL § 13-305 |
| | | Monday, October 12, 2020 | | Columbus Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| | | Tuesday, October 13, 2020 | 5 pm - office 11:59 pm - online | Close of Registration | Deadline to register to vote for the general election. | 21st day preceding an election. | EL § 3-302(a) |
| | | Tuesday, October 13, 2020 | 9 pm | Polling Place Reassignment | Deadline for elderly voters or voters with disabilities to submit a request to the local boards for reassignment to an accessible polling place. | No later than the close of registration before an election. | EL § 10-102(b)(1) |
| | | Tuesday, October 13, 2020 | COB | Voter Registration Lists | Deadline for a registered voter to request a voter registration list (New requests will not be taken until registration reopens). | On or before the registration deadline. | COMAR 33.03.02.05(B) |
| | | Wednesday, October 14, 2020 | | Notice of Election | Deadline for the local boards to provide notice of the election. | At least one week before any early voting period before an election. | EL § 8-102 |
| | | Thursday, October 15, 2020 | 5 pm | Write-in Candidate | Deadline for write-in candidates to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> . Only filed write-in candidates will have their votes reported on the official canvass. | Earlier of 7th day preceding the start of early voting or within 7 days after expenditure of \$51 to promote candidacy. | EL § 5-303(c) |
| | | Monday, October 19, 2020 | COB | Logic and Accuracy Testing - Early Voting (Public Demonstration & Notice) | Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the voting units being used for early voting. (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted before any voting units are delivered to an early voting center.) | At least 14 days before an election. | COMAR 33.10.02.14,16 |
| | | Wednesday, October 21, 2020 | 5 pm | Campaign Signs | Beginning of period when campaign signs must be allowed at early voting centers. | The day before early voting starts. | EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2) |
| | | Thursday, October 22, 2020 | 8 am to 8 pm | Early Voting Begins | Early voting for the general election begins. | 2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election. | EL § 10-301.1 |
| | | Friday, October 23, 2020 | COB | Voter Registration Lists | Deadline for SBE and the local boards to prepare a voter registration list that includes registrants through the registration deadline. | Within 10 days of the voter registration deadline. | COMAR 33.03.02.05C(2) |
| | | Friday, October 23, 2020 | 11:59 pm | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline to file the pre-general election campaign finance report for political committees participating in the presidential election. | 2nd Friday immediately preceding an election. | EL § 13-309(a)(6) |
| | | Friday, October 23, 2020 | 11:59 pm | Affidavit of Contributions and Expenditures | Deadline for Presidential-designated political committees receiving and spending campaign funds of \$999.99 or less in a reporting period to file an affidavit instead of report. | On or before the deadline to file the first pre-general election campaign finance report. | EL § 13-305 |
| Saturday, October 24, 2020 | | Monday, October 26, 2020 | COB | Logic and Accuracy Testing - Election Day | Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the election management system and voting units being used for election day voting and absentee and provisional voting. (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted before any voting units are delivered to an early voting center.) | At least 10 days before an election. | COMAR 33.10.02.14,16 |
| | | Monday, October 26, 2020 | | Notice of Canvass | Deadline for the local boards to provide notice of the absentee and provisional canvasses. | At least 10 days before the first absentee canvass. | COMAR 33.08.01.05-1 |
| | | Tuesday, October 27, 2020 | 5 pm (mail) or 11:59 pm (fax/email) | Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered by Mail or Fax | Deadline for a registered voter to request a mailed or faxed absentee ballot. | Tuesday before an election. | EL § 9-305(c)(1); COMAR 33.11.02.02E |
| | | Thursday, October 29, 2020 | 8 am to 8 pm | Early Voting Ends | Early voting for the general election ends. | 2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election. | EL § 10-301.1 |
| | | Friday, October 30, 2020 | 8 am | Campaign Signs | End of period when campaign signs must be allowed at early voting centers. | The day after early voting ends. | EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2) |
| | | Friday, October 30, 2020 | 5 pm (mail) or 11:59 pm (email/fax) | Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered via Internet | Deadline for a registered voter to request an electronic absentee ballot. | Friday before an election. | EL § 9-305(c)(2) |
| | | Monday, November 02, 2020 | 5 pm | Campaign Signs | Beginning of period when campaign signs must be allowed at polling places. | The day immediately preceding election day. | EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2) |
| | | Tuesday, November 03, 2020 | 7 am to 8 pm | General Election | General Election Day: Presidential General & Baltimore City Municipal General. | Tuesday after the first Monday in November. | MD Const. Art. XV, § 7; EL § 10-301 |

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| | | Tuesday, November 03, 2020 | 8 pm | Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Voter Picks Up Ballot | Deadline for a registered voter or voter's agent to request an absentee ballot in person at a local board. | No later than the close of the polls on election day. | EL § 9-305(b)(3); COMAR 33.11.02.04A |
| | | Tuesday, November 03, 2020 | 8 pm | Extended Voter Registration Deadline | Extended deadline for receipt of voter registration applications sent by mail for voting in general election. | An application received by mail after the close of registration is timely if it is properly postmarked. | EL § 3-302(c); COMAR 33.05.04.01C, D |
| | | Tuesday, November 03, 2020 | 8 pm | Absentee Ballot Deadline | Deadline for the local boards to receive an absentee ballot delivered by hand. | An absentee ballot delivered by hand is timely received if it reaches the local boards before 8 pm on election day. | COMAR 33.11.03.08B(1) |
| | | Tuesday, November 03, 2020 | 8 pm | Precincts for Post-Election Verification & Audits | Time after which local boards must select randomly the precincts for post-election verification and audits. | After 8 pm on election day. | COMAR 33.08.05.04 |
| | | Wednesday, November 04, 2020 | 8 am | Campaign Signs | End of period when campaign signs must be allowed at polling places. | The day immediately after election day. | EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2) |
| | | Thursday, November 05, 2020 | 10 am | Absentee Ballot Canvass 1 | Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 1st canvass of absentee ballots. | 10 am on the Thursday after an election. | COMAR 33.11.04.03A(1) |
| Friday, November 06, 2020 | Friday, November 06, 2020 | Friday, November 06, 2020 | | Precincts for Post-Election Verification & Audits | Deadline for the local boards to submit to the State Administrator a list of the precincts selected for the post-election verification and audits. | Within 3 days of selecting the precincts. | COMAR 33.08.05.04C |
| | | Wednesday, November 11, 2020 | | Veteran's Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art. § 9-201 |
| Wednesday, November 11, 2020 | | Thursday, November 12, 2020 | 10 am | Provisional Ballot Canvass | Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the canvass of provisional ballots. | 10 am on the 2nd Wednesday after an election. | COMAR 33.16.05.02 |
| | | Friday, November 13, 2020 | 10 am | Extended Absentee Ballot Deadline | Deadline for the local boards to receive absentee ballots by mail. | 10 am on the 2nd Friday after an election provided there is a proper postmark or, where no postmark is visible, date on voter's oath. | COMAR 33.11.03.08B(2) |
| | | Friday, November 13, 2020 | 10 am | Absentee Ballot Canvass 2 | Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 2nd canvass of absentee ballots. | 10 am on the 2nd Friday after an election. | COMAR 33.11.04.03A(2) |
| | | Friday, November 13, 2020 | | Post-Election Audit | Deadline for the local boards to conduct the post-election verification and audits. | Before certifying the results of an election. | COMAR 33.08.05.02A |
| | | Friday, November 13, 2020 | | Verification of Vote Count | Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to verify the general election vote count. | Within 10 days after an election and before certifying the results of an election. | EL § 11-308(a) |
| | | Friday, November 13, 2020 | | Post-Election Audits | Deadline for the local boards to complete various post-election audits on randomly selected precincts and any other identified precincts. | Before certifying the results of an election. | SBE policy |
| | | Friday, November 13, 2020 | | Certification of the Election | Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to certify the results of the general election. | After the verification of vote count is completed. | EL § 11-308(b) |
| | | Friday, November 13, 2020 | | Transmittal of Results | Local boards of canvassers must transmit certified copies of election results to the Governor, SBE, and appropriate Clerk of the Circuit Court. | 2nd Friday after an election or if canvass is completed after that day, within 48 hours after completion. | EL § 11-401(c) |
| Sunday, November 15, 2020 | | Monday, November 16, 2020 | COB | Petition for Recount - Local Questions | Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a local question on the ballot. | Within 3 days after the results of an election have been certified. | EL § 12-103(d) |
| Monday, November 16, 2020 | | Monday, November 16, 2020 | COB | Petition for Recount - Local Offices | Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a local office on the ballot. | Within 3 days after the results of an election have been certified. | EL § 12-101(d) |
| Saturday, November 14, 2020 | | Monday, November 16, 2020 | | Voter Registration Reopens | Voter registration reopens. | 11th day after an election. | EL § 3-302(a) |
| | | Tuesday, November 17, 2020 | 11:59 pm | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline to file the post-general election campaign finance report. | On or before the 2nd Tuesday after a general election. | EL 13-309(a)(7) |
| | | Tuesday, November 17, 2020 | 11:59 pm | Affidavit of Contributions and Expenditures | Deadline for Presidential-designated political committees receiving and spending campaign funds of \$999.99 or less in a reporting period to file an affidavit instead of report. | On or before the deadline to file the first pre-primary election campaign finance report. | EL § 13-305 |
| | | Thursday, November 26, 2020 | | Thanksgiving | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art. § 9-201 |
| | | Friday, November 27, 2020 | | American Indian Heritage Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art. § 9-201 |
| Monday, November 30, 2020 | | Monday, November 30, 2020 | 11:59 pm | Title 14 Contribution Report | Deadline for disclosure of contributions by persons doing business with Maryland government and/or employing a lobbyist. | Report due every May 31 and November 30. | EL § 14-104(b)(2)(ii)(2) |
| | | Tuesday, December 08, 2020 | COB | Statewide Certification of Results | Deadline for the State Board of Canvassers to convene to certify election results. | Within 35 days after a general election. | EL § 11-503(a)(1)(ii) |
| | | Wednesday, December 09, 2020 | | Delivery of Election Results | SBE shall deliver to the winners of the general election a certified statement under its seal. | Prompt delivery. | EL § 11-603(b) |
| | | Wednesday, December 09, 2020 | | Certification of the Campaign Finance Reports | SBE shall certify to the official receiving the Commissions of Election that all campaign finance reports due have been filed. | Prior to the delivery of the Commissions of Election. | EL § 13-333(b) |
| Friday, December 11, 2020 | | Friday, December 11, 2020 | COB | Petition for Recount - State Questions | Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a State question on the ballot. | Within 3 days after the results of an election have been certified. | EL § 12-103(d) |
| Friday, December 11, 2020 | | Friday, December 11, 2020 | COB | Petition for Recount - State Offices | Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a State office on the ballot. | Within 3 days after the results of an election have been certified. | EL § 12-101(d) |
| | | Monday, December 14, 2020 | | Meeting of the Presidential Electors | Official casting of votes by members of the Electoral College. | 1st Monday after the 2nd Wednesday in December. | 3 USC § 7 |
| | | Friday, December 25, 2020 | | Christmas | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art. § 9-201 |
| | | Friday, January 01, 2021 | | New Year's Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art. § 9-201 |