

2024 OHIO ELECTIONS CALENDAR

2023		Reference
Oct.26	Last day for certain local option petitioners to send street listings to Division of Liquor Control (55 days before Dec. 20 petition filing deadline for March 19 presidential primary	R.C. 4301.33, 4305.14
Nov. 20	election) Last day for local option petitioners contesting community facility to send street listings to Division of Liquor Control (30 days before Dec. 20 petition filing deadline for March 19	R.C. 4301.334
	presidential primary election) Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the March 19 presidential primary election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request	
Dec. 11*	(no later than 100 days before presidential primary election)	<u>R.C. 3511.16</u>
Dec. 20	Constitutional amendments proposed by joint resolution of the General Assembly must be filed with Secretary of State (90 days before presidential primary election)	<u>OH Const. XVI, §1</u> R.C. 3513.05
	Declarations of candidacy for partisan candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before presidential primary election) Local questions and issues for March 19 presidential primary election, including local option petitions, must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days	R.C. 731.28, .29, 3501.02, 4301.33,
	before presidential primary election) Applications for absentee ballots for the March 19, 2024 presidential primary election may be accepted (90 days before the presidential primary election)	<u>.331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14</u> R.C. <u>3509.03, 3511.02</u>
2024		
Jan. 01	Applications for absentee ballots for all elections held in 2024 may be accepted (first day of the year; presidential primary election applications for absentee ballots accepted starting Dec. 20, 2023)	<u>R.C. 3509.03, 3511.02</u>
Jan. 02*	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of partisan candidates' petitions (78 days before presidential primary election)	<u>R.C. 3513.05</u>
	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of local option petitions (78 days before presidential primary election)	<u>R.C. 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334</u> 4305.14
Jan. 04		R.C. 3501.11(BB)
Jan. 05	Protests against partisan candidates' petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before presidential primary election)	R.C. 3513.05 R.C. 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334,
1	Protests against local option petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before presidential primary election)	4305.14
<u>Jan. 08*</u> Jan. 09	Write-in candidates for March 19 presidential primary election must file declarations of intent by 4 p.m. (72 days before presidential primary election) Form of official ballots for March 19 presidential primary election must be certified by Secretary of State to boards of elections (70 days before presidential primary election)	R.C. 3513.041 R.C. 3513.05
<u>5811. 05</u>	Board of elections of most populous county in a multi-county subdivision must certify names of all candidates to other boards of elections (70 days before presidential primary election) election)	<u>R.C. 3513.05</u>
Jan. 12	Protests against write-in candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (67 days before presidential primary election)	<u>R.C. 3513.041</u>
Jan. 19	Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before presidential primary election)	R.C. 3501.27
	Secretary of State and Boards of Elections must send notice to candidates required to file annual campaign finance reports Annual election campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates, political action committees (legislative campaign funds), and political parties by 4 p.m. detailing	<u>R.C. 3517.11</u>
Jan. 31	contributions and expenditures through Dec. 31	<u>R.C. 3517.10</u>
Feb. 02	UOCAVA absentee ballots for the March 19 presidential primary election must be ready (46 days before presidential primary election) Boards of elections must update and publish notices of March 19 presidential primary election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request	<u>R.C. 3511.04</u>
	(no later than 46 days before presidential primary election)	<u>R.C. 3511.16</u>
Feb. 06 Feb. 20*	Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before presidential primary election) Deadline for voter registration for March 19 presidential primary election (30 days before presidential primary election)	<u>R.C. 3503.12</u> R.C. 3503.19
rep. 20	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (30 days before presidential primary election)	<u>R.C. 3503.24</u>
Feb. 21	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for the March 19 presidential primary election must be ready (first day after close of voter registration)	R.C. 3509.01
	Early in-person absentee voting begins (first day after close of voter registration)	<u>R.C. 3509.01</u>
Feb. 26	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file pre-primary campaign finance reports	<u>R.C. 3517.11</u>
Feb. 28	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct voter registration lists (20 days before presidential primary election)	<u>R.C. 3503.24</u>
	Committees advocating or opposing issues on March 19 presidential primary election ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before presidential primary election)	<u>R.C. 3505.21</u>
Mar. 05	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists (14 days before presidential primary election) Pre-primary election campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds), and political	<u>R.C. 3503.23</u>
Mar. 07	parties by 4 p.m. (12 days before presidential primary election) detailing contributions and expenditures through February 28 (20 days before presidential primary election)	<u>R.C. 3517.10</u>
Mar. 08	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and recognized issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before presidential primary election)	R.C. 3505.21
Mar. 11*	Boards of elections must give public notice of March 19 presidential primary election (10 days before presidential primary election) Certificate to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of candidate whose name is on March 19 presidential primary election ballot in more than one county must be filed by 4 p.m.	<u>R.C. 3501.03</u>
	(10 days before primary election) Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for March 19 presidential primary election must be received by boards of elections by the close of business (7 days before	<u>R.C. 3513.30</u>
Mar. 12	presidential primary election)	<u>R.C. 3509.03, .08, 3511.02</u>
Mar. 14	Certification to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of candidate whose name is on March 19 presidential primary ballot in only one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (5 days before presidential primary election)	<u>R.C. 3513.30</u>
Mar. 18	Nominating petitions of independent candidates for offices for which a primary election may be held must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before presidential primary election)	<u>R.C. 3513.257</u>
	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before presidential primary 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	<u>R.C. 3505.21</u>
	than the day before the presidential primary election)	<u>R.C. 3501.29</u>
Mar. 19	Presidential Primary Election Day. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	<u>R.C. 3501.01, .32</u>
	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.	<u>R.C. 3509.08</u>
Mar. 23	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 Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than March 18 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (4 days after presidential	<u>R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11</u> R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
	primary election) UOCAVA absentee ballots must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (4 days after presidential primary election)	<u>R.C. 3511.11</u>
Mar. 24	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of March 19 presidential primary election ballots (5 days after presidential primary election)	R.C. 3513.22
Apr. 03	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of March 19 presidential primary election ballots no later than this date (15 days after presidential primary election)	R.C. 3513.22
Apr. 09	Boards of elections must complete canvass of March 19 presidential primary election ballots no later than this date (21 days after presidential primary election)	<u>R.C. 3513.22</u>
Apr. 16	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file post-primary campaign finance reports (10 days before post-primary campaign finance report deadline)	<u>R.C. 3517.11</u>
Apr. 26	Post-primary election campaign finance reports must be filed by candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds), and political parties by 4 p.m. (38 days after primary election) detailed contributions and expenditures through April 19 (the 7th day before the report is filed)	<u>R.C. 3517.10</u>
Apr. 29*	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the August 6 special election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before special election)	<u>R.C. 3511.16</u>
May 03	Boards of elections of most populous county of a district located in more than one county must transmit petitions of independent candidates to other boards of elections	R.C. 3513.262
May 08	Local questions and issues for the Aug. 6 special election must be certified or filed with the Boards of Elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before the special election)	<u>R.C. 3501.01, .02</u> R.C. 3513.262
May 31 Jun. 07	Boards of elections must certify independent candidate petitions by this date (no later than the end of the 10th week after presidential primary election) Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before special election)	<u>R.C. 3513.262</u> <u>R.C. 3501.27</u>
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*Note: In some instances, the statutory deadline falls on a day when the offices of the Secretary of State and boards of elections are closed. In those instances, the deadlines are extended, pursuant to R.C. 1.14, to the next succeeding day when the appropriate office is open for regular business hours. The preceding dates reflect the extended deadline. Please note that "UOCAVA" is an acronym for Uniformed & Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to refer to those voters who are uniformed and/or overseas. "Non-UOCAVA" refers to voters who are not uniformed or overseas voters.



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ıl. 29*	Boards of elections must give public notice of Aug. 6 special election (10 days before special election)	R.C. 3501.03
	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of Nov. 5 general election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before the general election)	R.C. 3511.16
. 30	Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for Aug. 6 special election must be received by the close of business (7 days before special election)	<u>R.C. 3509.03, .08, 3511.02</u>
. 31	Semiannual election campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds), and political parties by 4 p.m. (last business day of July detailing contributions and expenditures through Jun. 30, 2024)	<u>R.C. 3517.10</u>
g. 02	Boards of elections must notify the appropriate minor political party of the validity and sufficiency of any nominating petitions filed by that minor political party's candidates (for minor party that submitted party formation petition) (95 days before general election)	R.C. 3517.012
g. 05	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before special election)	<u>R.C. 3505.21</u>
	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 the day before the special election)	<u>R.C. 3501.29</u>
ig. 06	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.	<u>R.C. 3501.01, .32</u> <u>R.C. 3509.08</u>
	Absentee ballots, returned in person or via a method other than U.S. Mail, must be received by the boards of elections by close of polls	R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
g. 07	Constitutional amendments proposed by joint resolution of General Assembly must be filed with Secretary of State (90 days before general election) Deadline for minor political parties to certify candidates (and list of electors) for the office of president and vice president to Secretary of State (90 days before general election)	<u>OH Const. XVI, §1</u> R.C. 3505.10
	Nominating petitions of independent joint candidates for president and vice president must be filed with the Secretary of State by 4 p.m. (90 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.257
	Nominating petitions of candidates in nonpartisan races must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before general election)	R.C. 1907.13, 3513.259, .263
	Local questions and issues for Nov. 5 general election, including local option petitions, must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before general election)	<u>R.C. 731.28, .29, 3501.02, 4301.33</u> .331, .332, .334, 4305.14
	Major political parties must certify the names of their joint candidates for president and vice president to the Secretary of State by this date (90 days before general election)	R.C. 3505.10(B)(1)
g. 10	Absentee ballots for Aug. 6 special election returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than Aug. 2 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted	<u>R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11</u>
	(4 days after special election) UOCAVA absentee ballots for Aug. 6 special election must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (4 days after special election)	<u>R.C. 3511.11</u>
g. 11	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of Aug. 6 special election ballots (5 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.32
ıg. 12*	Political party or independent candidate nominating committees must certify name of person to fill vacancy on Nov. 5 general election ballot caused by withdrawal or disqualification of candidate by 4 p.m. (86 days before general election)	<u>R.C. 3513.31</u>
ıg. 19	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of candidates' petitions in nonpartisan races (78 days before general election)	<u>R.C. 3513.263</u>
	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of nominating petition papers of independent joint candidates for president and vice president (78 days before general election)	<u>R.C. 3513.263</u>
	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of local option petitions (78 days before general election)	<u>R.C. 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .33</u> 4305.14
g. 21	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of Aug. 6 special election ballots no later than this date (15 days after special election)	<u>R.C. 3505.32</u>
g. 22 g. 23	Deadline for minor political parties (that submitted party formation petition) to certify slate of candidates to Secretary of State (75 days before general election) Protests against candidates for nonpartisan office must be filed by this date (74 days before general election)	<u>R.C. 3517.012</u> R.C. 3513.263
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	Protests against local option petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before general election)	R.C. 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .33
g. 26*	Write-in candidates must file declarations of intent by 4 p.m. (72 days before general election)	4305.14 R.C. 3513.041
g. 27	Form of official ballots for Nov. 5 general election must be certified by Secretary of State to boards of elections (70 days before general election)	R.C. 3505.01
	Board of elections of most populous county of a multi-county district must certify names of all candidates to other boards of elections (70 days before general election)	<u>R.C. 3505.01</u>
~ 20	Boards of elections must complete canvass of Aug. 6 special election ballots no later than this date (21 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.32
g. 30 p. 06	Protests against write-in candidates for general election must be filed by 4 p.m. (67 days before general election) Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.041 R.C. 3501.27
p. 20	UOCAVA absentee ballots for Nov. 5 general election must be ready (46 days before general election) Boards of elections must update and publish notices of Nov. 5 general election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 46 days	R.C. 3511.04 R.C. 3511.16
ep. 24	before general election) Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before general election)	R.C. 3503.12
:t. 06	Aug. 6 special election ballots may be discarded unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.31
ct. 07*	Deadline for voter registration for Nov. 5 general election (30 days before general election)	R.C. 3503.19
t. 08	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct voter registration lists (30 days before general election) Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for Nov. 5 general election must be ready (first day after close of voter registration)	<u>R.C. 3503.24</u> R.C. 3509.01
	Early in-person absentee voting begins (first day after close of voter registration)	R.C. 3509.01
t. 11	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to pre-general campaign finance reports (10 days before the pre-general campaign finance report deadline)	<u>R.C. 3517.11</u>
t. 16	Committees advocating or opposing issues on Nov. 5 general election ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before general election)	R.C. 3505.21
ct. 22	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists for general election (14 days before general election)	<u>R.C. 3503.23</u>
t. 24	Pre-general election campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidate, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds), and political parties by 4 p.m. (12 days before general election) detailing contributions and expenditures through Oct. 16 (20 days before general election)	<u>R.C. 3517.10</u>
t. 25	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before general election)	<u>R.C. 3505.21</u>
:t. 28*	Boards of elections must give public notice of Nov. 5 general election (10 days before general election) Certificate to fill vacancy on Nov. 5 general election ballot caused by death of candidate nominated at primary election whose name is on ballot in more than one county*	<u>R.C. 3501.03</u>
	(10 days before general election)	<u>R.C. 3513.31</u>
rt. 29	Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for Nov. 5 general election must be received by boards of elections by the close of business (7 days before general election)	<u>R.C. 3509.03,</u> 3511.02
t. 31	Certificate to fill vacancy on Nov. 5 general election ballot caused by death of candidate nominated at primary election whose name is on ballot in only one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (5 days before general election)	<u>R.C. 3513.31</u>
	Certificate to fill vacancy on Nov. 5 general election ballot caused by death of independent or nonpartisan candidate prior to Oct. 23 (10 days before general election) must be filed by 4 p.m. (5 days before general election)	<u>R.C. 3513.31</u>
ov. 04	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before general election)	<u>R.C. 3505.21</u>
	Boards of elections must submit verification forms of handicapped accessible parking and handicapped accessible polling locations to the Secretary of State's Office (no later than day before general election)	<u>R.C. 3501.29</u>
v. 05	General Election Day. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	<u>R.C. 3501.01, .32</u>
	If voter, or voter's minor child is hospitalized because of accident or medical emergency, voter may apply for an absentee ballot until 3 p.m.	R.C. 3509.08
	Absentee ballots, returned in person or via a method other than U.S. Mail, must be received by the boards of elections by close of polls Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than Nov. 6 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (4 days after general election)	<u>R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11</u> <u>R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11</u>
v. 09	UOCAVA absentee ballots must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (4 days after general election)	<u>R.C. 3511.11</u>
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v. 10	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of Nov. 5 general election ballots (5 days after general election) Boards of elections must begin official canvass of Nov. 5 general election ballots no later than this date (15 days after general election)	R.C. 3505.32
iv. 10 iv. 20	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of Nov. 5 general election ballots no later than this date (15 days after general election)	R.C. 3505.32 R.C. 3505.32 R.C. 3505.32
ov. 09 ov. 10 ov. 20 ov. 26 ec. 3	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of Nov. 5 general election ballots no later than this date (15 days after general election) Boards of elections must complete canvass of Nov. 5 general election ballots no later than this date (21 days after general election) Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file post-general election campaign finance reports (10 days before post-general campaign finance report deadline)	R.C. 3505.32
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