

# **GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

## **March 20, 2012**

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011**

First day to circulate nomination papers for established political party candidates who file **NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 5, 2011**

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011**

First day to circulate nomination papers for Republican candidates for President, delegates and alternate delegates who file **NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 5, 2011**

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2011**

First day to circulate nomination papers for Democratic candidates for President and delegate who file **JANUARY 3 – 6, 2012**

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2011 – MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011**

Filing period for established political parties to file original nomination papers in the office of the county clerk for county offices and precinct committeemen

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011**

Last day for an individual who has filed, during the **NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 5, 2011** filing period, for 2 or more incompatible offices to withdraw from all but one of the offices

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011**

Last day for filing objections to the nomination papers of all candidates who filed during **NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 5, 2011**

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011**

Last day lottery shall be conducted by the election authority or the State Board of Elections when 2 or more petitions are received simultaneously for the same office and party, as of the opening hour of the filing period, **NOVEMBER 28, 2011**

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2011**

First day for election authority to submit voter registration information to the State Board of Elections

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011 – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2011**

Filing period – judicial vacancies which occurred **NOVEMBER 14 – DECEMBER 5, 2011**

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2011**

Last day for election authority to submit voter registration information to the State Board of Elections

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012**

Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow binding public questions to appear on the ballot

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012**

Last day for the State Board of Elections to certify the names of candidates to the County Clerks.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012**

Last day for the circuit clerk and the local election official to certify any question of public policy to the election authority having jurisdiction over the political subdivision

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012**

Last day for candidates of established political parties to file withdrawal of nomination papers in the office of the County Clerk

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012**

Last day a person may file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the proper election authority

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2012**

Last day for election authority to have a sufficient number of ballots available for mailing to persons in the United States Service, etc.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012**

First day any registered voter presently within the confines of the US, who expects to be absent from his county of residence on Election Day, to make application by mail or in person for an official ballot

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

First day for the election authority to publish a notice of "Early Voting Sites"

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

Last day for voter registration or transfer of voter registration address

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2012**

First day for "Grace Period Registration" and "Grace Period Voting" in the office of the Election Authority

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2012**

First day for election authority to post schedule for "Early Voting" at each "Early Voting" site

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2012**

First day for "Early Voting"

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2012**

Last day to publish Primary Election Notice in Counties of Less than 500,000 inhabitants

**FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2012**

Last day for election authority to submit voter registration information to the State Board of Elections

**TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012**

Last day to publish announcement of the colors of the primary ballot

**MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012**

Last day for election authority to publish and post notice of any question of public policy

**TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012**

Last day of “Grace Period Registration” and “Grace Period Voting”

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012**

Last day for “Early Voting”

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012**

Last day for election authority to receive application by mail for an absentee ballot

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012**

Last day for the election authority to publish the specimen ballot labels

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012**

Last day to conduct public test of automatic tabulating equipment

**FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2012**

First day for Nursing Home Voting

**MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012**

Last day for Nursing Home Voting

**MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012**

Last day for “in person” absentee voting

**TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012**

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012**

Voter registration opens

**THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012**

Last day a provisional voter may submit additional information to the election authority to verify or support his/her registration status

**TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012**

Last day for election authority to complete the validation and counting of provisional ballots

**TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012**

Last day for election authority to complete the tabulation of absentee ballots that were (1) postmarked by midnight preceding the opening of the polls on Election Day and received after the close of the polls on Election Day, but not later than 14 days after the election or (2) not postmarked, but did have a certification date prior to the Election Day on the certification envelope and were received not later than 14 days after the election

**TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012**

Last day for canvassing of election results by proper canvassing board  
(Exception: State Board of Elections as canvassing board)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012**

Last day for the election authority to transmit required election results to the State Board of Elections

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012**

Each established political party shall hold a county convention within its respective county

**THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2012**

Last day to send written notice to party chairman of date and time for lottery to determine party placement on General Election Ballot (must also be posted)

**THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012**

Last day to conduct lottery to determine order in which the major political parties will appear on the General Election Ballot

**MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012**

Last day to provide each county chairman with precinct lists marked to indicate which party's ballot each voter requested

**A COMPLETE ELECTION CALENDAR MAY BE FOUND ON THE  
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