

Massachusetts Elections Calendar

2020

January 1, 2020
New Year's Day
January 2, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Deadline: Registrars of Voters to complete review of non-certified signatures on nomination papers for presidential candidates. (5pm last day and hour) G. L. c. 55B, §6● Transmittal of initiative petitions to House Clerk by SOC. Amend. Art. XLVIII
January 3, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Deadline: File objections to initiative petitions with SBLC. (5pm last day and hour) G. L. c. 55B, §5● Deadline: Presidential candidates to file nomination papers with the SOC. (5pm last day and hour) G. L. c. 53, §48
January 7, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Deadline: State committees to notify the SOC of the number of district and alternate delegates to be elected. (5pm last day and hour) G. L. c. 53, §70B
January 8, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Deadline: File objections to presidential candidates' nomination papers with SBLC. (5pm last day and hour) G. L. c. 55B, §5
January 10, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Deadline: Presidential candidates to notify the SOC to remove their names from the presidential primary ballot. (5pm last day and hour) G. L. c. 53, §70E
January 13, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● First day SBLC may hear objections to initiative petitions. (5pm last day and hour) G. L. c. 55B, §9
January 20, 2020
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 21, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● First day SBLC may hear objections to nomination papers of presidential candidates. G. L. c. 55B, §9● Year-end campaign finance reports due with OCPF (state & county candidates) or local election official (municipal candidates).
January 24, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Deadline: SBLC to render decisions on objections to initiative petitions. (5pm last day and hour) G. L. c. 55B, §10
January 28, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Deadline: File petitions to form a County Charter Commission with the Registrars of Voters. (5pm last day and hour) G. L. c. 34A, §3
January 29, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Deadline: SBLC to render decisions on objections to nomination papers of presidential candidates. (5pm last day and hour) G. L. c. 55B, §10

February 4, 2020

- Last day to designate health care facilities for supervised absentee voting.
G. L. c. 54, §91B

- Last day to send absentee ballot applications to all certified permanently disabled voters.
G. L. c. 54, §86

February 11, 2020

- Nomination papers available from the SOC for candidates running for all offices.
G. L. c. 53, §47

February 12, 2020

- Last day to register to vote and change party enrollment for presidential primary. Registration sessions must be held from 9am to 8pm (except in towns having less than 1,500 voters, registration sessions must be held from 2pm to 4pm and from 7pm to 8pm).
G. L. c. 51, §26
G. L. c. 51, §28

February 17, 2020

Presidents' Day

February 18, 2020

- Last day for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures on County Charter Committee petitions.
G. L. c. 34A, §3

February 25, 2020

- Deadline: File petitions to form a County Charter Commission with the SOC. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 34A, §3
- Deadline: Person running in a state primary to enroll in a party or for a person running only in a state primary to unenroll from a party, except for newly registered voters, for all offices except state-wide and Congress. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 53, §48
- Last day to post warrant for presidential primary.
G. L. c. 39, §10

February 26, 2020

Ash Wednesday

February 28, 2020

- Last day to test computer tabulating program for presidential primary. 950 CMR 54.01

March 3, 2020

- Deadline: Person running in a state election to enroll in a party or for a person running only in a state election to unenroll from a party, except for newly registered voters, for state-wide and Congress only. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c 53, §6
G. L. c 53, §48
- Presidential Primary

March 7, 2020

- Last day for City and Town Clerks to mail presidential primary results to the SOC.
G. L. c. 53, §70F

March 17, 2020

Evacuation Day (Suffolk County Only)

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

April 9, 2020

*Passover

April 10, 2020
Good Friday
April 12, 2020
Easter Sunday
April 15, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day to have street list prepared. G. L. c. 51, §6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day to notify party chairmen to submit list of prospective election officers. G. L. c. 54, §12
April 20, 2020
Patriots' Day
April 28, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline: Submit nomination papers to Registrar of Voters for certification of signatures for all offices except state-wide and Congress. (5pm last day and hour) G. L. c. 53, §7 G. L. c. 53, §46
May 5, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline: Party candidates for state-wide and Congress to submit nomination papers to Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures. (5pm last day and hour) G. L. c.53, §7 G. L. c.53, §46
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day for legislature to act on initiative petitions for laws. Amend. Art. LXXXI
May 6, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day for filers to request initiative petitions for additional signatures from the SOC. Amend. Art. LXXXI
May 13, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day for legislature to act on initiative petitions for constitutional amendments. Amend. Art. LXXXI
May 18, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day for city council or board of selectmen to vote to change or adopt new voting equipment for state primary. G. L. c. 54, §34
May 19, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline: Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures on nomination papers for all offices except state-wide and Congress. (5pm last day and hour) G. L. c. 53, §7
May 21, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline: Candidates to apply for review of non-certified signatures on nomination papers for all offices except state-wide and Congress. (5pm last day and hour) G. L. c. 55B, §6
May 22, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline: Registrars of Voters to complete review of non-certified signatures on nomination papers for all offices except state-wide and Congress. (5pm last day and hour) G. L. c. 55B, §6
May 25, 2020
Memorial Day
May 26, 2020

- Deadline: File nomination papers with the SOC for all offices except state-wide and Congress. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 53, §10
G. L. c. 53, §48

- Deadline: Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures on nomination papers for party candidates for state-wide and Congress. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 53, §7

May 28, 2020

- Deadline: Party candidates to apply for review of non-certified signatures on nomination papers for state-wide and Congress only. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 55B, §6

May 29, 2020

- Deadline: File withdrawals or objections to party nomination papers for all offices except state-wide and Congress. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 53, §13
G. L. c. 53, §25
G. L. c. 53, §53A
G. L. c. 55B, §5

June 1, 2020

- Deadline: Registrars of Voters to complete review of non-certified signatures on party nomination papers for state-wide and Congress only. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 55B, §6

June 2, 2020

- Deadline: File party nomination papers with SOC for state-wide and Congress. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 53, §48

June 3, 2020

- Deadline: Fill vacancies caused by withdrawal for all offices except state-wide and Congress. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 53, §14

June 5, 2020

- Deadline: File withdrawals or objections to party nomination papers for state-wide and Congress. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 53, §13
G. L. c. 53, §25
G. L. c. 53, §53A
G. L. c. 55B, §5

June 8, 2020

- First day SBLC may hear objections to nomination papers for all offices except state-wide and Congress.
G. L. c. 55B, §9

June 10, 2020

- Deadline: Fill vacancies caused by withdrawal by party candidates for state-wide and Congress. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c.53 , §14

June 14, 2020

Flag Day

June 15, 2020

- First day SBLC may hear objections to nomination papers for state-wide and Congress.
G. L. c. 55B, §9

June 17, 2020

Bunker Hill Day (Suffolk County Only)

- Deadline: Submit additional initiative petitions for certification of signatures to Registrars of Voters. (Except Suffolk County) (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 53, §7

June 18, 2020

- Deadline: Submit additional initiative petitions for certification of signatures to Registrars of Voters. (Suffolk County Only) (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 53, §7

June 19, 2020

- Deadline: SBLC to render decisions on objections to nomination papers, except state-wide and Congress. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 55B, §10

June 26, 2020

- Deadline: SBLC to render decisions on objections to party nomination papers for state-wide and Congress. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 55B, §10

June 29, 2020

- Deadline: Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures on additional initiative petitions. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 53, §7

July 1, 2020

- Deadline: File additional initiative petitions with the SOC. (5pm last day and hour) Amend. Art. LXXXI
- Last day to have voting lists prepared.
G. L. c. 51, §55

July 4, 2020

Independence Day

- May destroy ballots and election materials from 2018 state primary.
42 USC §1974

July 6, 2020

- Last day for city council or board of selectmen to vote to change or adopt new voting equipment for state election.
G. L. c. 54, §34

July 8, 2020

- Deadline: File objections to additional initiative petitions with SBLC. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 55B, §5
- Deadline: Submit public policy petitions to Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 53, §20

July 15, 2020

- First day SBLC may hear objections to additional initiative petitions.
G. L. c. 55B, §9

July 21, 2020

- Deadline: Candidates for Barnstable Assembly of Delegates and regional school committees to be elected on the state ballot to submit nomination papers to Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 53, §122

July 22, 2020

- Deadline: SBLC to render decisions on objections to additional initiative petitions. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 55B, §10

July 28, 2020

- Deadline: Candidates for Martha's Vineyard Commission, County Charter Commission, Franklin Council of Government, and minor party and unenrolled candidates for state-wide and Congress to submit nomination papers to Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 53, §7

July 29, 2020

- Deadline: Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures on public policy petitions. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 53, §7

August 5, 2020

- Deadline: File public policy petitions with the SOC and notify the SOC of any Proposition 2 1/2 override petitions to be placed on state ballot. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 59, §21C

- Last day to submit initiative petitions to Attorney General by 10 original signers. Amend. Art. LXXIV

August 11, 2020

- Deadline: Registrars to complete certification of nomination papers for regional school committee and Barnstable Assembly of Delegates candidates. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 53, §122

August 13, 2020

- Deadline: Regional school committee and Barnstable Assembly of Delegates candidates to apply for review of non-certified signatures. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 55B, §6

August 17, 2020

- Deadline: Registrars to complete review of non-certified signatures for regional school committee and Barnstable Assembly of Delegates candidates. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 55B, §6

August 18, 2020

- Deadline: Registrars to complete certification of signatures on nomination papers for Martha's Vineyard Commission, County Charter Commission, Franklin Council of Government and minor party and unenrolled candidates for state-wide and Congress. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 53, §7
- Last day to designate health care facilities for supervised absentee voting.
G. L. c. 54, §91B
- Last day to send absentee ballot applications to all certified permanently disabled voters.
G. L. c. 54, §86

- Nomination papers for regional school committees and Barnstable Assembly of Delegates to be filed with district or county clerk.
G. L. c. 53, §122

August 20, 2020

- Deadline: Martha's Vineyard Commission, County Charter Commission, Franklin Council of Government and minor party and unenrolled candidates, for state-wide and Congress to apply for review of non-certified signatures. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 55B, §6

August 21, 2020

- Deadline: Submit alcohol petitions to Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 138, §11

August 24, 2020

- Deadline: Registrars to complete review of non-certified signatures on nomination papers for Martha's Vineyard Commission, County Charter Commission, Franklin Council of Government and minor party and unenrolled candidates for state-wide and Congress. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 55B, §6
- Pre-primary campaign finance reports due with OCPF (House and Senate candidates only).

August 25, 2020

- Deadline: Candidates for Martha's Vineyard Commission, County Charter Commission, Franklin Council of Government and minor party and unenrolled candidates for state-wide and Congress to file nomination papers with SOC. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 53, §10
- Last day for district and county clerks to notify SOC with names of candidates for regional school committees and Barnstable Assembly of Delegates.
G. L. c. 53, §122

August 26, 2020

- Last day to register to vote and change party enrollment for state primary. Registration sessions must be held from 9am to 8pm (except in towns having less than 1,500 voters, registration sessions must be held from 2pm to 4pm and from 7pm to 8pm).
G. L. c. 51, §26
G. L. c. 51, §28

August 28, 2020

- Deadline: File withdrawals or objections to nomination papers for Martha's Vineyard Commission, County Charter Commission, Franklin Council of Government and minor party and unenrolled candidates for state-wide and Congress. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 53, §11
G. L. c. 53, §13
G. L. c. 55B, §5

September 2, 2020

- Deadline: Fill vacancies caused by withdrawals for unenrolled candidates for state-wide and Congress. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 53, §14

- Deadline: Registrars to complete certification of signatures on alcohol petitions. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 138, §11
G. L. c. 53, §7

- First day for 10 original signers to file initiative petitions with the SOC. Amend. Art. LXXIV

September 4, 2020

- Deadline: File alcohol petitions with the SOC. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 138, §11

- Last day to submit final written notice of questions to be placed on the state election ballot to the SOC.
G. L. c. 54, §42C

September 7, 2020

Labor Day

September 8, 2020

- First day SBLC may hear objections to nomination papers of unenrolled candidates for state-wide and Congress.
G. L. c. 55B, §9

- Last day to post warrant for state primary.
G. L. c. 39, §10
G. L. c. 54, §63

- May destroy ballots and election materials from 2018 state election.
42 USC §1974

September 11, 2020

- Last day to test computer tabulating program for state primary. 950 CMR 54.01

September 15, 2020

- State Primary.
G. L. c. 53, §28

September 16, 2020

- Initiative petition forms available from the SOC for those who filed on September 2 for collection of certified signers.
G. L. c. 53, §22A

September 18, 2020

- Deadline: File petitions with Registrars of Voters for a district-wide recount. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 54, §135

- Deadline: SBLC to render decisions on objections to nomination papers of unenrolled candidates for state-wide and Congress. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 55B, §10

September 19, 2020

*Rosh Hashanah

- Last day for City and Town Clerks and Election Commissioners to send results of state primary to the SOC.
G. L. c. 53, §52

September 21, 2020

- Deadline: Complete certification of district-wide recount petitions. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 54, §135

- Deadline: File with the city or town clerk for local recount. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 54, §135

- Deadline: File withdrawal or objections to nominations at state primary. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 55B, §5
G. L. c. 53, §53A

September 22, 2020

- Deadline: File district-wide recount petitions with SOC. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 54, §135

September 24, 2020

- Deadline: Fill vacancies caused by withdrawals at the state primary. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 53, §14

September 28, 2020

*Yom Kippur

- Deadline: File a written acceptance by write-in or sticker candidates who won at state primary with the SOC. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 53, §3

- First day SBLC may hear objections to nominations made at the state primary.
G. L. c. 55B, §9

- Last day to complete local and district-wide recount.
G. L. c. 54, §135

October 5, 2020

- Deadline: SBLC to render decisions on objections to nominations made at state primary. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 55B, §10

October 6, 2020

- Last day to designate health care facilities for supervised absentee voting.
G. L. c. 54, §91B

- Last day to send absentee ballot applications to all certified permanently disabled voters.
G. L. c. 54, §86

October 12, 2020

Columbus Day

October 14, 2020

- Last day to register to vote and change party enrollment for state election. Registration session must be held from 9am until 8pm (except in towns having less than 1,500 voters, registration sessions must be held from 2pm until 4pm and from 7pm until 8pm.).
G. L. c. 51, § 26
G. L. c. 51, § 28

October 26, 2020

- Pre-election campaign finance reports due with OCPF (House and Senate candidates and Barnstable Assembly of Delegates)

October 27, 2020

- Last day to post warrant for state election.
G. L. c. 39, §10
G. L. c. 54, §63

October 30, 2020

- Last day to test computer tabulating program for state election. 950 CMR 54.01

November 3, 2020

- State Election.
G. L. c. 54, §62

November 11, 2020

Veterans' Day

November 13, 2020

- All overseas ballots postmarked by election day must be received by clerks.
G. L. c. 54, §95
- Deadline: Submit recount petitions and district-wide recount petitions for certification of signatures with Registrars of Voters. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 54, §135

November 18, 2020

- Deadline: File state-wide and district-wide recount petitions with the SOC. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 54, §135
- Deadline: Submit initiative petitions for certification of signatures to Registrars of Voters. (5pm last day and hour)
G. L. c. 53, §7
- Last day for election results of cities and towns to be transmitted to the SOC.
G. L. c. 54, §112

November 23, 2020

- Last day for Registrars of Voters to complete recount (except state-wide and district wide recounts).
G. L. c. 54, §135

November 26, 2020

Thanksgiving Day

November 30, 2020

- Last day for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures on initiative petitions.
G. L. c. 53, §7

December 2, 2020

- Deadline: File initiative petitions with the SOC. (5pm last day and hour) Amend. Art. LXXIV

December 11, 2020

*Hanukkah begins

December 25, 2020

Christmas Day