

## 2015 ELECTION CALENDAR

This bulletin applies to local offices elected in November.

ELECTION TYPE	ELECTION DATE	<sup>4</sup> DEADLINES (PERIODS) FOR FILING			LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE	DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT
		<sup>2</sup> CANDIDATE DECLARATIONS/PETITIONS	<sup>2</sup> OTHER CANDIDATE FORMS	<sup>3</sup> PARTY CHAIRS CERTIFY CANDIDATES		
<sup>1</sup> Primary	June 9 <sup>th</sup>  § 24.2-515	March 9 <sup>th</sup> @ noon to March 26 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m. § 24.2-522	March 26 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m. § 24.2-503	March 31 <sup>st</sup> @ 5:00 p.m. § 24.2-527	May 18 <sup>th</sup>  § 24.2-416	By Mail: June 2 <sup>nd</sup> In Person: June 6 <sup>th</sup>  §§ 24.2-701B (1) & 24.2-701B (2)
<b>PARTY NOMINATIONS, OTHER THAN BY PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY BE MADE NO EARLIER THAN APRIL 23 AND MUST BE COMPLETED BY 7:00 P.M., JUNE 9. § 24.2-510</b>						
<sup>2</sup> General	November 3 <sup>rd</sup>  § 24.2-101	<b>NON-PARTY CANDIDATES</b> June 9 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. §24.2-507	<b>ALL CANDIDATES</b> June 9 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. § 24.2-503	June 15 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m. § 24.2-511B	<sup>5</sup> October 13 <sup>th</sup>  § 24.2-416	By Mail: October 27 <sup>th</sup> In Person: October 31 <sup>st</sup>  §§ 24.2-701B (1) & 24.2-701B (2)

<sup>1</sup>Notification of adoption of primary must be filed with the Department of Elections by the party chair for the election district no sooner than **February 4, 2015** nor later than **February 24, 2015**. (§ 24.2-516)  
Virginia law requires candidates for school board to achieve ballot access through the independent/non-party process [§ 22.1-57.3(E)]. Political parties **MAY NOT** nominate candidates for elected school board by any political party nominating method (i.e. primary, convention, caucus, mass meeting, etc.) However, a political party retains the right to endorse school board candidates.  
Unless prohibited by the City or Town Charter, partisan elections are permitted for city and town council offices. Usually, non-partisan elections are held for town elections.

<sup>2</sup>See the following pages for specifics as to forms required and where they are to be filed. The bulletin and forms are available on our website free of charge: <http://elections.virginia.gov/>

<sup>3</sup>Forms used by political party chairmen for the purpose of certifying the party's nominee to both ELECT and the local electoral board will be emailed to political party chairs.

<sup>4</sup>Candidates for special elections held on November 3, 2015 to fill vacancies in local offices which occurred on or after August 6, 2014 and prior to November 4, 2014 candidates must file all required forms **no later than 7:00 p.m. on June 9, 2015**. For such vacancies occurring on or after November 4, 2014 and prior to August 5, 2015 the **deadline for all candidates** to file all required forms and for political parties to **nominate and certify** nominees is **5:00 p.m., August 14, 2015** (§§ 24.2-226, 24.2-507 and 24.2-510).  
Non-primary political party nominees for special elections with a filing deadline of June 9<sup>th</sup>, must be **certified** to ELECT and the local electoral board by no later than **5:00 p.m., June 15, 2015** [§ 24.2-511C].

<sup>5</sup>Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> is a legal holiday (Columbus Day). Therefore, the last day to register to vote is the next business day (Tuesday, October 13, 2015).

**ON ANY ELECTION DAY - WHETHER GENERAL, PRIMARY, OR SPECIAL - THE POLLS ARE REQUIRED TO OPEN AT 6:00 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M. (§ 24.2-603)**

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### § 24.2-509. Party to determine method of nominating its candidates for office; exceptions.

A. The duly constituted authorities of the state political party shall have the right to determine the method by which a party nomination for a member of the United States Senate or for any statewide office shall be made. The duly constituted authorities of the political party for the district, county, city, or town in which any other office is to be filled shall have the right to determine the method by which a party nomination for that office shall be made.

B. Notwithstanding subsection A, the following provisions shall apply to the determination of the method of making party nominations. A party shall nominate its candidate for election for a General Assembly district where there is only one incumbent of that party for the district by the method designated by that incumbent, or absent any designation by him by the method of nomination determined by the party. A party shall nominate its candidates for election for a General Assembly district where there is more than one incumbent of that party for the district by a primary unless all the incumbents consent to a different method of nomination. A party, whose candidate at the immediately preceding election for a particular office other than the General Assembly (i) was nominated by a primary or filed for a primary but was not opposed and (ii) was elected at the general election, shall nominate a candidate for the next election for that office by a primary unless all incumbents of that party for that office consent to a different method.

When, under any of the foregoing provisions, no incumbents offer as candidates for reelection to the same office, the method of nomination shall be determined by the political party.

For the purposes of this subsection, any officeholder who offers for reelection to the same office shall be deemed an incumbent notwithstanding that the district which he represents differs in part from that for which he offers for election.