

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF COMMISSIONS, ELECTIONS AND LEGISLATION

**CALENDAR FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 8, 2016
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FOR THE 2nd DISTRICT IN
THE COUNTIES OF MONTGOMERY AND PHILADELPHIA**

1. Writ, prepared by Governor,
served on the Secretary of the Commonwealth July 1, 2016
*(At least 60 days prior to the special election. § 627 of the Pennsylvania Election Code,
25 P.S. § 2777)*
2. First day for political parties to nominate
candidates by filing nomination certificates. July 1, 2016
(§ 629 of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2779)
3. First day for political bodies to circulate and file nomination
papers nominating independent candidates July 1, 2016
(§ 629 of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2779)
4. Last day to file nomination certificates and
nomination papers September 19, 2016
*(50 days prior to date of special election. § 629 of the Pennsylvania Election Code,
25 P.S. § 2779)*
5. Last day to file objections: 3 days after deadline for filing September 22, 2016
(§ 632 of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2782)
6. Last day for Commonwealth Court to set a hearing
on objections: 7 days after deadline for filing September 26, 2016
(§ 632 of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2782)
7. Last day to withdraw: 7 days after the deadline for filing September 26, 2016
(§ 633 of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2783)
8. Last day to file substituted nomination
certificates: 7 days after the deadline for filing September 26, 2016
(§ 634(c) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2784(c))
9. Last day to file objections to substituted nominations:
3 days after substituted nomination certificate is filed
(§ 635 of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2785) September 29, 2016

10. Last day for Secretary of the Commonwealth to certify names and residence of all candidates October 11, 2016
(30th day preceding the day fixed for the special election. § 636 of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2786)
(Because October 9th falls on a Sunday, the date moves to the next business day, which is October 10th § 104 of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2604. October 10th is a holiday, the date moves to the next business day.)

11. Last day to register to vote before the election October 11, 2016
(30 days before the election. § 1(b) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 Pa C.S.A. § 1326(b))
(Because October 9th falls on a Sunday, the date moves to the next business day, which is October 10th. § 104 of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2604. October 10th is a holiday, the date moves to the next business day.)

12. Last day before the election on which official applications for civilian absentee ballots may be received by the county board of elections November 1, 2016
(Tuesday before election. § 1302.1 of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. §3146.2a(a))

13. All regular civilian absentee ballots must be received by the county board of elections not later than 5:00 P.M. on this day to be counted November 4, 2016
(Friday before the election. § 1306 of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3146.6(a))

14. Last day for county boards of elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots. November 15, 2016
(by 5:00 P.M. on the 7th day following a primary or election and must be voted no later than 11:59pm on November 7). § 3146.8(g)(1) & 25 Pa.C.S. § 3511(a)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- A. Political Parties file nomination certificates, nominating candidates in accordance with party rules.

- B. Independent candidates of political bodies file **nomination papers**, obtaining signatures equal to 2% of the largest vote cast for any elected officer in that district at the last preceding election or the number of signatures required on a nomination petition for a political party candidate, whichever is greater. Signers of such papers must be qualified, registered electors of the district. The number of signatures required on **nomination papers** to be filed by independent candidates of political bodies for the Special Election for the 2nd Congressional District to be held November 8, 2016 is 3,623. All **nomination papers** must be accompanied by a properly completed candidate's affidavit and a copy of the Statement

of Financial Interests required to be filed with the State Ethics Commission. In addition, a filing fee of \$150.00 must be submitted with each set of nomination papers and must be paid by cashier's check or money order payable to the 'Commonwealth of Pennsylvania'. **Please contact the Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation at 717-787-5280, Option 5 to answer questions regarding nomination papers.**

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING DEADLINES

All campaign finance reports for the office of Representative in Congress are filed with the Federal Election Commission. For further information, please call their office at (800) 424-9530.