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

CALENDAR FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MARCH 15, 2016
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE 57th DISTRICT
IN THE COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND

1. Writ, prepared by presiding officer,
served on the Secretary of the Commonwealth . . . . …. . January 5, 2016
(*At least 60 days prior to the special election. § 628.1 of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2778)*

2. First day for political parties to nominate
candidates by filing nomination certificates. . . . . January 5, 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 . . . . . January 5, 2016
(§ 629 of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2779)

4. Last day to file nomination certificates and
nomination papers . . . . . … … .. January 25, 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 . . . . . January 28, 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 . . . . . February 1, 2016
(§ 632 of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2782)

7. Last day to withdraw: 7 days after the deadline for filing . . . . . … . . February 1, 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 . . . . . February 1, 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) ……..... . . . February 4, 2016

10. Last day for Secretary of the Commonwealth to
certify names and residence of all candidates . . . . . February 16, 2016
(30th day preceding the day fixed for the special election. § 636 of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2786)
(Because February 14th falls on a Sunday, the date moves to the next business day, which is February 15th § 104 of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2604. February 15th is a holiday, the date moves to the next business day.)

11. Last day to register to vote before the election . . . . . .February 16, 2016
(30 days before the election. § 1(b) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 Pa C.S.A. § 1326(b))
(Because February 14th falls on a Sunday, the date moves to the next business day, which is February 15th § 104 of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2604. February 15th 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 . . . . . March 8, 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 . . . . . .March 11, 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. . . . . March 22, 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 March 14). § 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 57th Legislative District to be held March 15, 2016 is 300. 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 $100.00 must be submitted with each set of nomination papers and must be paid by certified check or money order payable to the 'Commonwealth of Pennsylvania'.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING DEADLINES

Report	***Complete Up To And Including***	***Filing Deadline****
2nd Friday Pre-Election	February 29, 2016	March 4, 2016

(Complete as of 15 days prior to the election. § 1626(d) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3246(d))

24 Hour Reporting	***March 1, 2016 (begins) (ends/includes) March 15, 2016***	
30 Day Post-Election	March 25, 2016	April 14, 2016

(Complete as of 10 days after the special election. § 1626(e) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3246(e))

*Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing when reports are postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day before the filing deadline.

ETHICS LAW INFORMATION

All candidates for the Special Election must file Statements of Financial Interests with the State Ethics Commission and a copy of the Statement of Financial Interests with their nomination certificates or nomination papers. For further information, please call the State Ethics Commission at (717) 783-1610.