

2022 Post-Primary Election Calendar

Certain new dates specific to the counties that received **Election Integrity Grants pursuant to Act 2022-88 are highlighted in **yellow**.*

***Other new dates applicable to all counties required by Act 2022-88 are highlighted in **green**.*

MAY 17, 2022 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

AUGUST 1 Last day to circulate and FILE nomination papers nominating minor political party candidates or political body candidates (including independent candidates).

AUGUST 1 Last day for **STATE LEVEL INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES AND MINOR POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES** to FILE “Statements of Financial Interests” with the State Ethics Commission, Finance Building, 613 North Street, Room 309, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0400. A copy of the “Statement” must also be appended to the nomination papers. Last day for independent and minor political party candidates for county or local level public office to file the “Statement” with the governing authority of the political and subdivision in which they are candidates. A copy of the “Statement” must also be appended to the nomination papers.

AUGUST 8 Last day for candidates of political bodies who have filed nomination papers to withdraw.

AUGUST 8 Last day to file objections to nomination papers nominating minor political party candidates or political body candidates (including independent candidates).

AUGUST 10 Not later than this day, the county board of elections must prepare an election notice to be used in conjunction with the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB).

AUGUST 11 Last day that may be fixed by the Court for hearings on objections to nomination papers.

AUGUST 15 Last day for candidates nominated at the primary election by write-in votes to pay filing fee; otherwise the party nomination will be declared vacant.

***NOTE:** State level write-in winners of nominations from the Primary Election must FILE “Statements of Financial Interests” with the State Ethics Commission, Finance Building 613 North Street, Room 309 Harrisburg, PA 17120-0400 within thirty days of having been nominated unless such person resigns nomination within that time.*

AUGUST 15 Last day for candidates who were nominated at the primary election to withdraw.

AUGUST 16 Last day, if possible, for the Court to render decisions in cases involving objections to nomination papers.

AUGUST 25 Last day to file substituted nomination certificates to fill vacancies caused by withdrawal of candidates nominated at the primary election or by nomination papers.

(Substituted nomination certificates to fill vacancies caused by the death of candidates nominated at primaries or by nomination papers shall be filed prior to the day on which ballot printing is started. Objections to substituted nomination certificates must be filed within three days after the filing of the substituted nomination certificate.)

***NOTE:** State level candidates nominated by substituted nomination certificate, nomination certificate or nomination papers (see August 25, September 19 and September 26) must file a*

“Statement of Financial Interests” with the substituted nomination certificate, nomination certificate or nomination papers and with the State Ethics Commission, Finance Building 613 North Street, Room 309 Harrisburg, PA 17120-0400.

AUGUST 30 Last day for **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** to transmit to each county board of elections a list, as known to exist at that time, of all candidates to be voted on at the November election and a copy of all Constitutional Amendments and other questions to be voted on at the November election together with a statement of the form in which they are to be placed.

AUGUST 30 Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must begin to transmit ballots and balloting materials to all covered voters under the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act (UMOVA) in extremely remote or isolated area, who by that date, submit a valid military-overseas ballot application.

[The preceding includes qualified electors who are Uniformed-Service voters (members of the active or reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the United States who are on active duty; members of the United States merchant marine, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service of the Department of Health and Human Services or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States; members on activated status of the National Guard or Pennsylvania National Guard); Spouses and dependents of uniformed service members; Overseas voters; or veterans of a uniformed service who is bedridden or hospitalized due to illness or physical disability.]

***NOTE:** As additional applications are received, the county board of elections must transmit ballots and balloting materials to such electors within 48 hours after the application is received by the county board of elections.*

SEPTEMBER 19 Last day before the November election for political parties or minor political parties to file nomination certificates or for political bodies to file nomination papers in the Office of the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**, or the county boards of elections, as the case may be, to fill vacancies in public offices which occur for any cause at a time when the Constitution or Laws require them to be filled at the ensuing election, but at a time when such nominations cannot be made under any other provision of the Election Code (Sections 993-999.1 of the Election Code, 25 P.S. §§ 2953-2960.)

SEPTEMBER 19 First day on which county boards of elections must begin to process official applications for mail-in ballots.

***NOTE:** A county board of election may begin to process applications earlier if it deems it appropriate.*

SEPTEMBER 19 First day on which county boards of elections must begin to process official applications for civilian absentee ballots.

***NOTE:** A county board of election may begin to process applications earlier if it deems it appropriate.*

SEPTEMBER 22 Last day for withdrawal of candidates nominated under the provisions of Sections 993-999.1 of the Election Code, 25 P.S. §§ 2953-2960.

SEPTEMBER 22 Last day to file objections to nomination certificates and papers under the provisions of Sections 993-999.1 of the Election Code, 25 P.S. §§ 2953-2960.

SEPTEMBER 24 Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must begin transmitting absentee ballots and balloting materials to all covered voters under UMOVA who by this date submit a valid Military and Overseas ballot application.

[The preceding includes qualified electors who are Uniformed-Service voters (members of the active or reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard of the United States who are on active duty; members of the United States merchant marine, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service of the Department of Health and Human Services or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States; members on activated status of the National Guard or Pennsylvania National Guard); Spouses and dependents of uniformed service members; Overseas voters; or veterans of a uniformed service who are bedridden or hospitalized due to illness or physical disability.]

NOTE: *If an application is received on Saturday, September 24, 2022, the county board must transmit the corresponding ballot on the same day. Thereafter, as additional applications are received, the county board of elections must transmit absentee ballots and balloting materials to such electors within 48 hours after the application is received by the county board of elections.*

SEPTEMBER 24 Not later than this day, each county board of elections must conduct an internal review of its practices and submit a one-time certification to the Department of State attesting to that county's compliance with various requirements of the Election Code and voter registration laws. The Department shall post the certifications on its publicly accessible website.

SEPTEMBER 26 Last day to file substituted nomination certificates under the provisions of Sections 993-999.1 of the Election Code, 25 P.S. §§ 2953-2960.

NOTE: *Substituted nomination certificates to fill vacancies caused by the death of candidates nominated under the provisions of Sections 993-999.1 of the Election Code must be filed in the office of the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** or the county boards of elections, as the case may be, at any time prior to the day on which the printing of ballots is started. Objections to substituted nomination certificates, under the provisions of Sections 993-999.1 of the Election Code, must be filed within three days after the filing of the substituted nomination certificates.*

SEPTEMBER 26 Last day for a court hearing on objections to nomination certificates and papers under the provisions of sections 993-991.1 of the Election Code at 25 P.S. § 2953-2960.

SEPTEMBER 27 Last day for candidates for statewide offices and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists which have expended money for the purpose of influencing the election of such candidates to file campaign expense reports and statements due by the Sixth Tuesday before the election in the office of the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**. Such report shall be complete as of September 19.

NOTE: *Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing where report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior to the filing deadline.*

OCTOBER 24 Last day to **REGISTER** before the November election.

NOTE: *To be processed for the ensuing election a voter registration application must be received as follows*

- *Voter registration with a motor vehicle driver's license applications under 25 Pa.C.S. § 1323, must be received by the appropriate county voter registration commission not later than fifteen days before the election.*

- *Voter registration at government agencies under 25 Pa.C.S. § 1325, including offices in Pennsylvania that provide public assistance; county clerks of Orphans' Court, including marriage license bureaus; offices in Pennsylvania that provide state-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities; and armed forces recruitment centers, must be received by the appropriate county voter registration commission not later than fifteen days before the election.*
- *In any other case, the voter registration application must be received by the appropriate county voter registration commission not later than fifteen days before the election.*

OCTOBER 24 Last day to change party enrollment or non-partisan enrollment before the November election.

OCTOBER 25 As soon as possible after ballots are printed and in no event later than this day, the county boards of elections must begin to deliver or mail all mail-in ballots.

NOTE: As additional applications are received, ballots must be mailed within 48 hours after approval.

OCTOBER 25 As soon as possible after ballots are printed and in no event later than this day, the county boards of elections must begin to deliver or mail all absentee ballots.

NOTE: As additional applications are received, ballots must be mailed within 48 hours after approval.

OCTOBER 28 Last day for all candidates and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists which have expended money for the purpose of influencing the election of candidates to file campaign expense reports or statements due by the Second Friday before the election in the office of the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** and/or the county boards of elections, as the case may be. Such reports shall be complete as of October 24.

NOTE: Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing where report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior to the filing deadline.

OCTOBER 29 Not earlier than this day nor later than November 5, the county board of elections shall publish in newspapers, notice of the date and hours of voting for the November election, the names of offices to be elected, the names of the candidates, the texts and explanations of Constitutional Amendments and other questions to be voted upon, and the places at which the election is to be held in the various election districts.

OCTOBER 31 Last day before the November election on which an elector, who has suffered a physical disability which requires him/her to have assistance in voting, may personally make application to the county registration commission in all counties to have such fact entered on his/her registration card.

NOTE: If the disability is not recorded on the elector's registration card, the elector may receive assistance if the elector completes a declaration in the polling place.

OCTOBER 31 Last day before the primary election for any person to file a petition with the county voter registration commission appealing against rejection of voter registration.

NOVEMBER 1 Last day before the November election on which official applications for mail-in ballots may be received by the county boards of elections, due at 5:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER 1 Last day before the general election on which official applications for civilian absentee ballots from certain persons listed as follows may be received by the county boards of elections, due at 5:00 P.M.

(The preceding includes qualified registered electors who will be absent from the Commonwealth or municipality of residence by reason of occupation, business or duties; persons unable to go to the polls because of illness or physical disability; persons observing a religious holiday; county employees with duties on election day relating to the conduct of the election; persons employed by the State or Federal government and their spouses or dependents who are within the territorial limits of the United States or the District of Columbia but absent from their municipality of residence. Provided further that any of the preceding qualified electors who become ill or are called away from home by business or duties, which fact was not known or could not reasonably be known prior to the preceding date, are entitled to execute and file an Emergency Application any time prior to 8:00 PM on the day of the primary. The county boards of elections will supply the forms.)

NOVEMBER 1 From this day and until the returns are certified, the county boards of elections shall post the Military, Veterans and Emergency Civilian Absentee Voters' list.

NOVEMBER 3 Not later than this day, the county boards of elections shall make available for public inspection the forms of the ballots and ballot labels which shall be used in each election district at the primary election and shall publish on their publicly accessible internet website.

NOVEMBER 3 Not later than this day, the county boards of elections, upon request, shall furnish without charge to each candidate whose name is printed on the primary election ballot three sample ballots for the entire district.

(The candidate may, at his/her own expense, have printed on different colored paper as many copies as he/she requires for conducting his/her campaign.)

NOVEMBER 3 Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must prepare and submit a report to the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** containing a statement of the total number of electors registered in each election district, together with a breakdown of registration by each political party or other designation.

NOVEMBER 4 By this date, the county board of elections shall have the central automatic tabulating equipment tested to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and all questions.

NOVEMBER 7 Last day for any person to file an appeal to the court of common pleas for rejection of voter registration.

NOVEMBER 7 Not later than 11:59 P.M. covered voters under UMOVA must submit their voted Military and Overseas ballot for mailing or other authorized means of delivery, at the place where the voter completes the ballot on the date immediately preceding the date of the election.

NOVEMBER 8 General Election: Polls shall remain open continuously between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.

***NOTE:** The Courts of Common Pleas shall be in session from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. except in judicial districts having one judge, in which case the court shall be in session from 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon; from 2:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. and from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.*

NOVEMBER 8 The county boards of elections shall meet no earlier than 7:00 A.M. on election day to pre-canvass all absentee and mail-in ballots received prior to the meeting.

The county boards for elections shall provide at least 48 hours' notice of a pre-canvass meeting by publicly posting on its publicly accessible internet website.

(No person observing or attending or participating in the pre-canvass meeting may disclose the results of any portion of any pre-canvass meeting prior to the close of the polls.)

NOTE: Counties that received an **Election Integrity Grant** pursuant to the program established in Act 2022-88 **must begin their pre-canvass at 7 a.m. on election day** and shall continue without interruption until each mail-in ballot and absentee ballot received by 7 a.m. on election day is pre-canvassed.

NOVEMBER 8 All absentee ballots, except those received from military and overseas electors as defined by UMOVA and sections 1301(a) to (h) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3146.1(a) – (h), must be received by the county boards of elections not later than 8:00 P.M. on this day to be counted.

NOVEMBER 8 The county boards of elections shall meet no earlier than 8:00 P.M. on election day and no later than the third day following the election to begin canvassing all absentee and mail-in ballots not included in the pre-canvass meeting.

The county boards for elections shall provide at least 48 hours' notice of a canvass meeting by publicly posting on its publicly accessible internet website.

NOTE: Counties that received an **Election Integrity Grant** pursuant to the program established in Act 2022-88 **must begin their canvass at 8 p.m. on election day** and shall continue without interruption until each mail-in ballot and absentee ballot has been canvassed.

NOVEMBER 9 Not later than 12:01 A.M. on this day, any county that received an **Election Integrity Grant** pursuant to the program established in Act 2022-88 shall announce and post on its publicly accessible Internet website an unofficial number of absentee ballots and mail-in ballots received for the election.

NOVEMBER 9 By 2:00 A.M. on this day, the judges of election must return to the county boards of elections all envelopes; supplies, including all uncast provisional ballots; and returns, including all provisional ballots and absentee ballots cast in the election district.

NOVEMBER 9 By 3:00 A.M. on this day, the county boards of elections must submit to the Department of State returns received from the judges of election for each office for which a candidate must file a nomination petition with the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**.

NOVEMBER 9 First day to REGISTER after election.

NOVEMBER 9 First day to change party or non-partisan enrollment after the election.

NOVEMBER 11 On this day, the Return Boards meet no later than 9:00 AM to canvass and compute the votes cast at the General Election.

NOTE: Any petition to open a ballot box or to canvass the votes on a voting machine shall be filed no later than five (5) days after the completion of the computational canvassing of all the returns of the county by the county board of elections.

NOVEMBER 14 Last day for the county boards of elections to receive proof of identification that can be verified from a mail-in or absentee elector whose proof of identification was provided with the application or could not be verified by the board.

NOVEMBER 15 A valid military-overseas ballot cast under section 3509 of UMOVA, 25 Pa.C.S. § 3509, must be delivered by 5:00 P.M. to the address specified by the county board of elections, to be counted.

NOTE: If, at the time of completing their military-overseas ballot, the voter affirms under penalty of perjury, that the ballot was timely submitted, the ballot may NOT be rejected on the basis of a late postmark, an unreadable postmark or no postmark.

NOVEMBER 15 No later than 5:00 P.M. on this day, the county boards of elections must submit to the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** unofficial returns for all Statewide offices and ballot questions that appeared on the ballot in every election district throughout the Commonwealth.

NOVEMBER 16 The Return Board shall continue the canvass through this day to canvass absentee ballots received from military and overseas electors no later than 5:00 P.M. on November 15.

NOVEMBER 16 A recount and canvass shall not be ordered under section 1404(g)(1)(i) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3154(g)(1)(i), if the defeated candidate requests in writing that a recount and canvass not be made. A request under this subsection must be made by 12 Noon on the second Wednesday following the election.

NOVEMBER 17 No later than 5:00 P.M. on this day, the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** must issue an order for a recount or canvass if it is determined, based on the unofficial returns submitted by the county boards of elections, that a statewide candidate or ballot question that appeared on the ballot in every election district throughout the Commonwealth was defeated by a margin of one-half of a percent or less.

NOVEMBER 22 Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must complete the computation of votes.

NOVEMBER 23 Last day on which a recount or canvass ordered by the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** can be scheduled to begin.

NOVEMBER 25 On this day, candidates receiving tie votes at the election shall cast lots at 12:00 Noon before the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** or the county boards of elections, as the case may be, to determine the winner. *(If the fact of the tie vote is not authoritatively determined until after November 23rd, the time for casting lots will be 12:00 Noon on the second day after the fact of such tie is determined).*

NOVEMBER 28 Last day for the county boards of elections to file certified results with the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** from the November election.

*Counties that received an **Election Integrity Grant** pursuant to the program established in Act 2022-88 must also submit the outcome of any post-election audit required under the Election Code with their certified results. The Department shall post the audit information on its publicly accessible website.*

NOTE: State level write-in winners of elections from the November election must file “Statements of Financial Interests” with the State Ethics Commission, Finance Building 613 North Street, Room 309 Harrisburg, PA 17120-0400 within thirty days of having been elected unless said person resigns within that time.

NOVEMBER 28 Last day to file petitions to contest the election of any candidate. *(Not applicable to elections of the first class.)*

NOVEMBER 29 No later than 12 Noon on this day, a recount or canvass ordered by the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** must be completed.

NOVEMBER 30 By 12 Noon on the day after completion of a recount or canvass ordered by the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**, but no later than 12 Noon on this day, the county boards of elections must submit to the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** the results of the recount or canvass.

DECEMBER 8 Last day for all candidates and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists to file campaign expense reports or statements due 30 days after the election in the office of the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** and/or the county boards of elections as the case may be. Such report shall be complete as of November 28.

NOTE: Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing where report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior filing deadline.

DECEMBER 8 Not later than this day, the county boards of elections shall file with the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** a statement of expenses incurred in preparing, handling, mailing, delivering, counting and storing such official Military, Veterans' and other absentee ballots as they are entitled by law to receive compensation for in the sum of sixty cents each.

DECEMBER 8 Last day for each county board of elections to submit to the Bureau of Elections and Notaries a report stating the total number of votes cast in each voting district for each candidate for any Statewide Office, United States Representative, State Senator, and State Representative.

DECEMBER 19 On this day, the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH** shall select by lottery for audit of campaign expense reports three percent of the total number of public offices for which candidates must file nomination petitions or papers with the **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**.

FEBRUARY 6 Not later than this day, any county that received an **Election Integrity Grant** pursuant to the program established in Act 2022-88 must submit a report to the Department of Economic and Community Development and legislative leaders on how the county used the grant funding.