

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

**CALENDAR FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 21, 2019
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FOR THE 12TH DISTRICT
IN THE COUNTIES OF BRADFORD, CENTRE, CLINTON, JUNIATA, LYCOMING,
MIFFLIN, NORTHUMBERLAND, PERRY, POTTER, SNYDER, SULLIVAN,
SUSQUEHANNA, TIOGA, UNION, WYOMING**

1. Writ, prepared by presiding officer,
served on the Secretary of the Commonwealth January 25, 2019
(At least 60 days prior to the special election. 25 P.S. § 2777)
2. First day for political parties and minor political parties to nominate
candidates by filing nomination certificates January 25, 2019
(25 P.S. § 2779)
3. First day for political bodies to circulate and file nomination
papers nominating candidates January 25, 2019
(25 P.S. § 2779)
4. Last day to file nomination certificates and
nomination papers April 1, 2019
(50 days prior to date of special election, 25 P.S. § 2779)
5. Last day to file objections: 3 days after the deadline for filing April 4, 2019
(25 P.S. § 2782)
6. Last day for Commonwealth Court to set a hearing
on objections: 7 days after deadline for filing April 8, 2019
(25 P.S. § 2782)
7. Last day to withdraw: 7 days after the deadline for filing April 8, 2019
(25 P.S. § 2783)
8. Last day to file substituted nomination
certificates: 7 days after the deadline for filing April 8, 2019
(25 P.S. §2784(c))
9. Last day to file objections to substituted nominations:
3 days after substituted nomination certificate is filed Depends on filing date
(25 P.S. § 2785)

10. Last day for Secretary of the Commonwealth to certify names and residence of all candidates April 21, 2019
(30th day preceding the day fixed for the special election, 25 P.S. § 2786)
11. Last day to register to vote before the election April 22, 2019
*(30 days before the election, 25 Pa.C.S. § 1326(b))
(Because April 21st falls on a Sunday, the date moves to the next business day, which is April 22nd, 25 P.S. § 2603.)*
12. Last day before the election on which official applications for civilian absentee ballots may be received by the county board of elections May 14, 2019
(Tuesday before election, 25 P.S. § 3146.2a(a))
13. All 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 May 17, 2019
(Friday before the election, 25 P.S. § 3146.6(a))
14. Last day for county boards of elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots May 28, 2019
(By 5:00 P.M. on the 7th day following a primary or election and must be voted no later than 11:59pm on May 20th, 25 P.S. § 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. 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 candidates of political bodies for the Special Election for the 12th Congressional District is 3,221.** All nomination papers must be accompanied by a properly completed candidate's affidavit. 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.**

NOTE: The Election Code provides that no person “who is a registered and enrolled member of a party (shall) be eligible to be the candidate of a political body for a special election.” 25 P.S. § 2911.1.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING DEADLINES

*Please refer to the Federal Election Commission website at <https://www.fec.gov/> for Campaign Finance reporting dates or call **1-800-424-9530, menu option 6** for more information.