

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

**CALENDAR FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD APRIL 2, 2019  
SENATOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE 37TH DISTRICT  
IN THE COUNTIES OF ALLEGHENY AND WASHINGTON**

1. Writ, prepared by presiding officer,  
served on the Secretary of the Commonwealth ..... January 4, 2019  
*(At least 60 days prior to the special election. 25 P.S. § 2778)*
2. First day for political parties and minor political parties to nominate  
candidates by filing nomination certificates ..... January 4, 2019  
*(25 P.S. § 2779)*
3. First day for political bodies to circulate and file nomination  
papers nominating candidates ..... January 4, 2019  
*(25 P.S. § 2779)*
4. Last day to file nomination certificates and  
nomination papers ..... February 11, 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 ..... February 14, 2019  
*(25 P.S. § 2782)*
6. Last day for Commonwealth Court to set a hearing  
on objections: 7 days after deadline for filing ..... February 19, 2019  
*(25 P.S. § 2782) (Because February 18th falls on President's Day, the date moves to the  
next business day, which is February 19th. 25 P.S. § 2603).*
7. Last day to withdraw: 7 days after the deadline for filing ..... February 19, 2019  
*(25 P.S. § 2783) (Because February 18th falls on President's Day, the date moves to the  
next business day, which is February 19th. 25 P.S. § 2603).*
8. Last day to file substituted nomination  
certificates: 7 days after the deadline for filing ..... February 19, 2019  
*(25 P.S. § 2784(c)) (Because February 18th falls on President's Day, the date moves to  
the next business day, which is February 19th. 25 P.S. § 2603).*
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..... March 3, 2019  
*(30<sup>th</sup> day preceding the day fixed for the special election. 25 P.S. § 2786)*
11. Last day to register to vote before the election..... March 4, 2019  
*(30 days before the election. 25 Pa.C.S. § 1326(b))  
(Because March 3rd falls on a Sunday, the date moves to the next business day, which is March 4th. 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 ..... March 26, 2019  
*(Tuesday before election. 25 P.S. § 3146.2a(a))*
13. All 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 29, 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 ..... April 9, 2019  
*(By 5:00 P.M. on the 7<sup>th</sup> day following a primary or election and must be voted no later than 11:59pm on April 1st, 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 37<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District is 1,820.** 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'.

**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

<i>Report</i>	<i>Complete Up To And Including</i>	<i>Filing Deadline*</i>
2nd Friday Pre-Election <i>(Complete as of 15 days prior to the election. 25 P.S. § 3246(d)).</i>	March 18, 2019	March 22, 2019
<b>24 Hour Reporting</b>	<b>March 19, 2019 (begins) (ends/includes) April 2, 2019</b>	
30 Day Post-Election <i>(Complete as of 10 days after the special election. 25 P.S. § 3246(e))</i>	April 12, 2019	May 2, 2019

\*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.