

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

**CALENDAR FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 21, 2019  
SENATOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE 41ST DISTRICT  
IN THE COUNTIES OF ARMSTRONG, BUTLER, INDIANA AND WESTMORELAND**

1. Writ, prepared by presiding officer,  
served on the Secretary of the Commonwealth ..... March 7, 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 ..... March 7, 2019  
*(25 P.S. § 2779)*
3. First day for political bodies to circulate and file nomination  
papers nominating candidates ..... March 7, 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
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  
*(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 ..... April 22, 2019  
*(30 days before the election, 25 Pa.C.S. § 1326(b))  
(Because April 21<sup>st</sup> falls on a Sunday, the date moves to the next business day, which is April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 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 7<sup>th</sup> day following a primary or election and must be voted no later than 11:59pm on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 41<sup>st</sup> Senatorial District is 1,537.** 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>	May 6, 2019	May 10, 2019
<b>24 Hour Reporting</b>	<b>May 7, 2019 (begins) (ends/includes) May 21, 2019</b>	
30 Day Post-Election <i>(Complete as of 10 days after the special election. 25 P.S. § 3246(e))</i>	May 31, 2019	June 20, 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.