

2016 Presidential Election Calendar

Date	Time ^{1,2}	Event Name	Description	Computation	Legal Authority ³
Thursday, January 01, 2015		New Year's Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, January 19, 2015		Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Wednesday, January 21, 2015	11:59 pm	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file annual campaign finance report for all political committees.	3rd Wednesday in January.	EL § 13-309(b)(2)
Tuesday, February 03, 2015	COB	Begin Candidate Filing	First day candidates for the 2016 election can file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> .	1 year before the deadline to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> .	SBE Policy
Monday, February 16, 2015		President's Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, April 27, 2015		Early Voting Center Approval Form	Deadline for SBE to provide the local boards with the form for a proposed early voting center.	At least one year before a primary election.	COMAR 33.17.02.02A(1)
Friday, May 01, 2015	COB	Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for 2015 Referendum Petition	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to SBE a request for advance determination of sufficiency of a referendum petition format.	At least 30 days before the deadline to file a petition.	EL § 6-210(a)(1)
Wednesday, May 06, 2015	COB	Determination of Referendum Petition Format Sufficiency	Deadline for SBE to determine sufficiency of a referendum petition format.	Within 5 days of receiving the request for advance determination.	EL § 6-210(a)(2)
Friday, May 08, 2015	COB	Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination of a Referendum Petition Format	Deadline for SBE to notify petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of referendum petition format.	Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of referendum petition format.	EL § 6-210(b)
Friday, May 22, 2015		Service Reduction Day	SBE and most local boards will be closed.	Friday before Memorial Day.	Executive Order 01.01.2011.08
Monday, May 25, 2015		Memorial Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Sunday, May 31, 2015	11:59 pm	Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2015 General Assembly	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State at least one-third of the referendum petition signatures and a petition fund report.	Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State before the 1st day of June.	MD Const. Art. XVI, § 3(b)
Monday, June 22, 2015	COB	Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the signatures on the referendum petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of a petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Wednesday, June 24, 2015	COB	Certification of Referendum Petition	Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the first submission of the required signatures.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
Tuesday, June 30, 2015	11:59 pm	Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2015 General Assembly	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State the balance of referendum petition signatures and a petition fund report.	Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State by the 30th day of June.	MD Const. Art XVI, § 3(b)
Friday, July 03, 2015		Independence Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, July 06, 2015	COB	Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification	Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification of the first submission of the required signatures.	10th day following SBE's determination or 63rd day before the general election (September 6, 2016), whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)
Monday, July 20, 2015	COB	Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the balance of the signatures on the referendum petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of a petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Wednesday, July 22, 2015	COB	Certification of Referendum Petition	Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the full referendum petition verification.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
Monday, August 03, 2015	COB	Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification	Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification.	10th day following SBE's determination or 63rd day before the general election (September 6, 2016), whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)
Tuesday, August 25, 2015		Determination of Number of Registered Voters (Early Voting Centers)	Deadline for the State Administrator to determine the number of active registered voters for use when determining the number of early voting centers in each jurisdiction.	Tuesday that is 8 months before a primary election.	COMAR 33.17.02.01A(1)
Monday, August 31, 2015		Notice of Number of Early Voting Centers	Deadline for the State Administrator to provide the local boards with the number of early voting centers in each jurisdiction.	Within 5 days of determination of number of registered voters.	COMAR 33.17.02.01B
Monday, September 07, 2015		Labor Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201

* This calendar includes dates affected by legislation enacted through the 2015 Legislative Session.

¹ Under Maryland law, if a deadline is a Saturday, Sunday or State holiday, the deadline is moved to the next regular business day. See EL § 1-301.

² COB means close of business. For SBE, the close of business is 5 pm. Because the close of business varies by county, please contact the appropriate local board of elections or circuit court to find out when the office closes.

³ Most citations refer to the Election Law (EL) Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. COMAR refers to the Code of Maryland Regulations. USC refers to the United States Code.

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Thursday, September 17, 2015		Constitution Day and Citizenship Day	Commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution and require public schools to celebrate the day and instill in students knowledge of history, importance, and meaning of the U.S. Constitution and Maryland Constitution.	Anniversary of signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787.	Education Art., § 7-116
Monday, September 28, 2015		Early Voting Center Approval Form	Deadline for the local boards to submit to SBE a form for each proposed early voting center.	At least 7 months before a primary election.	COMAR 33.17.02.02A(2)
Wednesday, September 30, 2015	COB	Certification of Number of Convention Delegates	Deadline for political parties to certify to SBE the total number of convention delegates and alternate delegates that will represent the parties at the national conventions.	Not later than October 1st in the year preceding the election.	EL § 8-501(b)
Monday, October 12, 2015		Columbus Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, October 26, 2015	COB	Designation of Early Voting Centers	Deadline for SBE, in collaboration with the local boards, to designate early voting centers.	No later than 6 months before a primary election.	EL § 10-301.1(c) (2009 Laws of Maryland)
Monday, October 26, 2015	COB	Determination of Eligible Primary Election Voters	Deadline for the chairs of the principal political parties to notify SBE whether they will allow voters not affiliated with its political party to vote in the primary election.	6 months prior to a primary election.	EL 8-202(c)
Wednesday, November 11, 2015		Veteran's Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Thursday, November 26, 2015		Thanksgiving	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Friday, November 27, 2015		American Indian Heritage Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Friday, December 25, 2015		Christmas	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Friday, January 01, 2016		New Year's Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, January 04, 2016		Determination of Number of Registered Voters (Nomination Petition)	Deadline for SBE to determine the number of registered voters required to satisfy the requirement for a nomination by petition.	January 1st of the year of a primary election for which the nomination is sought.	EL § 5-703(e)(3)
Monday, January 04, 2016	COB	Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for U.S. Presidential Primary Election Candidacy Petition Format	Deadline for U.S. Presidential candidate to submit to SBE a request for advance determination of sufficiency of the candidacy petition format. Petition is only required for Presidential primary election candidates not recognized by the Secretary of State for automatic ballot placement.	At least 30 days before the deadline to file the petition but not more than 2 years and one month before the deadline to file petition.	EL § 6-210(a)(1)
Monday, January 11, 2016	COB	Determination of U.S. Presidential Candidacy Petition Format Sufficiency	Deadline for SBE to determine sufficiency of a U.S. Presidential candidacy petition format.	Within 5 days of reviewing the request of advance determination.	EL § 6-210(a)(2)
Wednesday, January 13, 2016	COB	Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination of U.S. Presidential Candidacy Petition Format	Deadline for SBE to notify candidate of the approval or deficiency of candidacy petition format.	Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of candidacy petition format.	EL § 6-210(b)
Monday, January 18, 2016		Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Wednesday, January 20, 2016	11:59 pm	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file annual campaign finance report for all political committees.	3rd Wednesday in January.	EL § 13-309(b)(2)
Tuesday, January 26, 2016		Alternate Early Voting Center	Deadline for the local boards to submit to SBE a form for each proposed alternate early voting center.	At least 3 months before a primary election.	COMAR 33.17.02.02G(3)
Tuesday, January 26, 2016		Appointment of Election Judges	Start of term of office for election judges.	Beginning the Tuesday that is 13 weeks before a primary election.	EL § 10-203(c)
Tuesday, January 26, 2016	COB	Polling Place Change	Deadline for the local boards to create or change a precinct boundary or polling place.	Tuesday that is 13 weeks before a primary election.	EL § 2-303(b)
Wednesday, January 27, 2016		NVRA Confirmation Mailing Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to send to voters confirmation mailings to verify addresses and make voters inactive.	No later than 90 days before an election.	42 USC §1973gg-6(c)(2)
Wednesday, January 27, 2016	COB	Certification of Republican and Democratic Presidential Candidates	Deadline for the Secretary of State to certify to SBE the names of the candidates for U.S. President for the primary election.	No later than 90 days before a primary election.	EL § 8-502(c)(1)
Wednesday, January 27, 2016		Request to Waive Absentee Mailing Deadline	Deadline for SBE to submit a request to the Federal Voting Assistance Program for a waiver of the deadline to mail absentee ballots to certain voters.	At least 90 days before an election.	42 USC 1973ff-1(g)(3)

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Wednesday, February 03, 2016	9 pm	Filing U.S. Presidential Candidacy Petition	Deadline for U.S. Presidential candidates not recognized by the Secretary of State to file with SBE a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> and petition.	Not later than the Wednesday that is 83 days before the day of the election.	EL § 8-502(d)
Wednesday, February 03, 2016	9 pm	Certificate of Candidacy	Deadline for candidates to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i>.	Wednesday that is 83 days before the primary election.	EL § 5-303(a)(2)
Wednesday, February 03, 2016	9 pm	Declaration of Intent	Deadline for unaffiliated candidates to seek nomination by petition to file a <i>Declaration of Intent</i> .	Date and time specified for candidate to file <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> .	EL § 5-703(c)(3)(ii)
Wednesday, February 03, 2016	9 pm	Declaration of Intent	Deadline for a candidate who seeks nomination by a recognized non-principal party to file <i>Declaration of Intent</i> to seek nomination.	Date and time specified for candidate to file <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> .	EL § 5 - 703.1(c)(3)(ii)
Friday, February 05, 2016	COB	Withdrawal of Candidacy	Deadline for a candidate to withdraw his or her candidacy before primary election.	Within 2 days after the deadline to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> .	EL § 5-502(a)
Monday, February 08, 2016		Vacancy in Candidacy	Deadline for central committee(s) to fill a vacancy for an office appearing on the primary election ballot.	5th day after the deadline to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> .	EL § 5-901(e)
Wednesday, February 10, 2016	COB	Replacement Delegate	Deadline for a Presidential candidate to file with SBE a designation for a replacement delegate.	No later than 5 days after the withdrawal deadline.	EL § 8-501(b)(2)(iii)
Friday, February 12, 2016	COB	Challenge Residency of Candidate	Deadline for a registered voter to file in circuit court a petition challenging the residency of a candidate.	9 days after the deadline to file <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> or <i>Declaration of Intent</i> .	EL § 5-305(c)(1)
Monday, February 15, 2016		President's Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Thursday, February 18, 2016		Security Plan for Early Voting Centers	Deadline for the local boards to submit to the State Administrator an early voting security plan.	At least 8 weeks before early voting begins.	COMAR 33.17.02.04A
Tuesday, February 23, 2016	COB	Verification and Counting of U.S. Presidential Candidacy Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the signatures on the U.S. Presidential candidacy petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of the petition.	EL §6-210(c)
Thursday, February 25, 2016	COB	Certification of U.S. Presidential Candidacy Petition	Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the U.S. Presidential candidacy petition verification.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
Tuesday, March 01, 2016		Judicial Review of U.S. Presidential Candidacy Petition Certification	Deadline to seek judicial review of candidacy petition certification.	Within 5 days following SBE's determination.	EL § 6-210(e)(2)(ii)
Wednesday, March 02, 2016		Certification of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify content and arrangement of ballots for the primary election.	At least 55 days before the primary election.	EL § 9-207(a)(1)
Thursday, March 03, 2016	COB	Display of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to display on its website the content and arrangement of each certified ballot.	Within 1 day of certifying the ballot.	EL § 9-207(c)
Friday, March 04, 2016	COB	Judicial Review of Content and Arrangement of Ballot	Deadline for a registered voter to seek judicial review of the content and arrangement or to correct any other error on the ballot.	Within 2 days of certifying the ballot.	EL § 9-209(a)
Sunday, March 06, 2016		Printing of Ballots	SBE may begin printing ballots and correct noted errors.	After 2 days of public display of ballot.	EL § 9-207(e)
Saturday, March 12, 2016		Transmitting Absentee Ballots	Deadline for the local boards to transmit absentee ballots to certain voters unless the Federal Voting Assistance Program grants the State a waiver of the deadline.	No later than 45 days before an election unless the Federal Voting Assistance Program grants the State a waiver of the 45 day transmittal deadline.	42 USC 1973gg-1(a)(8)
Tuesday, March 15, 2016		Public Education for Early Voting	SBE and local boards start public education about early voting.	30 days before early voting for an election.	EL § 10-301.1(f)
Monday, March 21, 2016		Review of Early Voting Security Plan	Deadline for the State Administrator to review and provide feedback on a local board's early voting security plan.	Within 30 days of receipt of an early voting security plan.	COMAR 33.17.02.04C(2)
Tuesday, March 22, 2016	11:59 pm	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file first pre-primary report for political committees participating in the presidential election.	5th Tuesday before a primary election.	EL § 13-309(a)(1)
Wednesday, March 30, 2016		Early Voting & Election Day Supply Verification	Deadline for the local boards to verify voting supplies according to the supply verification plan	No later than 15 days before early voting starts	SBE policy
Tuesday, April 05, 2016	9 pm	Close of Registration & Party Affiliation Deadline	Deadline to register to vote or change party affiliation for the primary election.	21st day preceding an election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Tuesday, April 05, 2016	9 pm	Polling Place Reassignment	Deadline for elderly voters or voters with disabilities to submit a request to the local boards for reassignment to an accessible polling place.	No later than the close of registration before an election.	EL § 10-102(b)(1)
Tuesday, April 05, 2016		Voter Registration Lists	Deadline for a registered voter to request a voter registration list (New requests will not be taken until registration reopens).	On or before the registration deadline.	COMAR 33.03.02.05(B)
Thursday, April 07, 2016		Notice of Election	Deadline for the local boards to provide notice of the election.	At least one week before any early voting period before an election.	EL § 8-102

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Monday, April 11, 2016	COB	Logic and Accuracy Testing - Early Voting (Public Demonstration & Notice)	Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the voting units being used for early voting. (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted before any voting units are delivered to an early voting center. Notice of the public demonstration must be provided at least 10 days before the demonstration.)	At least 14 days before an election.	COMAR 33.10.02.14,16
Wednesday, April 13, 2016	7:00 PM	Campaign Signs	Beginning of period when campaign signs must be allowed at early voting centers.	The day before early voting starts.	EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)
Thursday, April 14, 2016	10 am to 8 pm	Early Voting Begins	Early voting for the primary election begins.	2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election.	EL § 10-301.1
Friday, April 15, 2016	COB	Voter Registration Lists	Deadline for SBE and the local boards to prepare a voter registration list that includes registrants through the registration deadline.	Within 10 days of the voter registration deadline.	COMAR 33.03.02.05C(2)
Friday, April 15, 2016	COB	Logic and Accuracy Testing - Election Day	Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the election management system and voting units being used for election day voting and absentee and provisional voting. (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted before any voting units are delivered to	At least 10 days before an election.	COMAR 33.10.02.14,16 COMAR 33.10.11.15,16
Friday, April 15, 2016	11:59 pm	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file the first pre-primary election campaign finance report.	2nd Friday immediately preceding a primary election.	EL § 13-309(a)(2)
Friday, April 15, 2016	11:59 pm	Affidavit of Contributions and Expenditures	Deadline for Presidential-designated political committees receiving and spending campaign funds of \$999.99 or less in a reporting period to file an affidavit.	On or before the deadline to file the first pre-primary election campaign finance report.	EL § 13-305
Monday, April 18, 2016		Notice of Canvass	Deadline for the local boards to provide notice of the absentee and provisional canvasses.	At least 10 days before the first absentee canvass	COMAR 33.08.01.05-1
Monday, April 18, 2016	COB	Judicial Review of any Ballot Printing Errors	Deadline for a registered voter to seek judicial review if an error is discovered after the ballots have been printed and the local boards fail to correct the error.	Not later than the 2nd Monday preceding an election.	EL § 9-209(c)
Tuesday, April 19, 2016	8 pm (mail) or 11:59 pm (fax/email)	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered by Mail or Fax	Deadline for a registered voter to request a mailed or faxed absentee ballot.	Tuesday before an election.	EL § 9-305(b)(1); COMAR 33.11.02.02E
Tuesday, April 19, 2016	11:59 pm	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file report for campaign finance entities not required to file annual campaign finance report.	3rd Tuesday in April.	EL §13-309(a)(1)
Thursday, April 21, 2016	10 am to 8 pm	Early Voting Ends	Early voting for the primary election ends.	2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election.	EL § 10-301.1
Friday, April 22, 2016	8 am	Campaign Signs	End of period when campaign signs must be allowed at early voting centers.	The day after early voting ends.	EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)
Friday, April 22, 2016	5 pm (mail) or 11:59 pm (email/fax)	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered via Internet	Deadline for a registered voter to request an electronic absentee ballot.	Friday before an election.	EL §9-305(b)(2)
Monday, April 25, 2016	7 pm	Campaign Signs	Beginning of period when campaign signs must be allowed at polling places.	The day immediately preceding election day.	EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)
Tuesday, April 26, 2016	7 am to 8 pm	Primary Election	Primary Election Day: Presidential Primary & Baltimore City Municipal Primary	Fourth Tuesday in April.	EL § 8-201(a)(2)(i)
Tuesday, April 26, 2016	8 pm	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Voter Picks Up Ballot	Deadline for a registered voter or voter's agent to request an absentee ballot in person at a local board.	No later than the close of the polls on election day.	EL § 9-305(b)(3); COMAR 33.11.02.04A
Tuesday, April 26, 2016	8 pm	Extended Voter Registration Deadline	Extended deadline for receipt of voter registration applications sent by mail for voting in the primary election.	An application received by mail after the close of registration is timely if it is properly postmarked.	EL § 3-302(c); COMAR 33.05.04.01C, D
Tuesday, April 26, 2016	8 pm	Absentee Ballot Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to receive an absentee ballot.	An absentee ballot is timely received if it is received by the local board before 8 pm on election day.	COMAR 33.11.03.08B(1)
Tuesday, April 26, 2016	8 pm	Precincts for Post-Election Verification & Audits	Deadline for local boards to select randomly the precincts for post-election verification and audits.	8 pm on election day.	COMAR 33.08.05.03 (revised by SBE)
Wednesday, April 27, 2016	8 am	Campaign Signs	End of period when campaign signs must be allowed at polling places.	The day immediately after election day	EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)
Thursday, April 28, 2016	10 am	Absentee Ballot Canvass 1	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 1st canvass of absentee ballots.	10 am on the Thursday after an election.	COMAR 33.11.04.03A(1)
Friday, April 29, 2016		Precincts for Post-Election Verification & Audits	Deadline for the local boards to submit to the State Administrator a list of the precincts selected for the post-election verification and audits.	Within 3 days of selecting the precincts.	COMAR 33.08.05.03B

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Monday, May 02, 2016	COB	Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for 2016 Referendum Petition Format	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to SBE a request for advance determination of sufficiency of a referendum petition format.	At least 30 days before the deadline to file a petition.	EL § 6-210(a)(1)
Wednesday, May 04, 2016	10 am	Provisional Ballot Canvass	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the canvass of provisional ballots.	10 am on the 2nd Wednesday after an election.	COMAR 33.16.05.02
Friday, May 06, 2016	10 am	Extended Absentee Ballot Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to receive absentee ballots by mail.	10 am on the 2nd Friday after an election provided there is a proper postmark or date on voter's oath.	COMAR 33.11.03.08B(2)
Friday, May 06, 2016	10 am	Absentee Ballot Canvass 2	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 2nd canvass of absentee ballots.	10 am on the 2nd Friday after an election.	COMAR 33.11.04.03A(2)
Friday, May 06, 2016		Post-Election Audit	Deadline for the local boards to conduct the post-election verification and audits.	Before certifying the results of an election.	COMAR 33.08.05.02A
Friday, May 06, 2016		Verification of Vote Count	Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to verify the primary election vote count.	Within 10 days after an election and before certifying the results of an election.	EL § 11-308(a)
Friday, May 06, 2016		Post-Election Audit	Deadline for the local boards to conduct the post-election verification and audits.	Before certifying the results of an election.	COMAR 33.08.05.02A
Friday, May 06, 2016		Certification of the Election	Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to certify the results of primary election.	After the verification of vote count is completed.	EL § 11-308(b)
Friday, May 06, 2016		Transmittal of Results	Local boards of canvassers must transmit certified copies of election results to the Governor, SBE, and appropriate Clerk of the Circuit Court.	2nd Friday after an election or if canvass is completed after that day, within 48 hours after completion.	EL § 11-401(c)
Monday, May 09, 2016		Voter Registration Reopens	Voter registration reopens.	11th day after an election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Monday, May 09, 2016		Statewide Certification of Results	Deadline for SBE to convene to certify election results.	2 days after official results are received from the local boards.	EL § 11-501(a)
Monday, May 09, 2016		Petition for Recount - Local Offices	Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a local office on the ballot.	Within 3 days after the results of an election have been certified.	EL § 12-101(d)
Monday, May 09, 2016	COB	Determination of Referendum Petition Format Sufficiency	Deadline for SBE to determine sufficiency of a referendum petition format.	Within 5 days of receiving the request for advance determination.	EL § 6-210(a)(2)
Wednesday, May 11, 2016	COB	Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination of a Referendum Petition Format	Deadline for SBE to notify petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of referendum petition format.	Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of referendum petition format.	EL § 6-210(b)
Thursday, May 12, 2016	COB	Petition for Recount - State Offices	Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a State office on the ballot.	Within 3 days after the results of an election have been certified.	EL § 12-101(d)
Monday, May 30, 2016		Memorial Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, May 31, 2016	11:59 pm	Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2016 General Assembly	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State at least one-third of the referendum petition signatures and a petition fund report.	Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State before the 1st day of June.	MD Const. Art. XVI, § 3(b)
Monday, June 20, 2016	COB	Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the signatures on the referendum petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of a petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Wednesday, June 22, 2016	COB	Certification of Referendum Petition	Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the first submission of the required signatures.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
Thursday, June 30, 2016	11:59 pm	Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2016 General Assembly	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State the balance of referendum petition signatures and a petition fund report.	Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State by the 30th day of June.	MD Const. Art XVI, § 3(b)
Monday, July 04, 2016		Independence Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, July 05, 2016	COB	Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification	Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification of the first submission of the required signatures.	10th day following SBE's determination or 63rd day before the general election (September 2, 2014), whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)
Tuesday, July 05, 2016	COB	Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for Candidacy or New Party Petition Format	Deadline for candidate or petition sponsor to submit to SBE or the appropriate local board a request for advance determination of sufficiency of a candidacy or new party petition format.	At least 30 days before the deadline to file the petition but not more than 2 years and one month before the deadline to file petition.	EL § 6-210(a)(1)
Friday, July 08, 2016	COB	Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for Charter Amendment Petition Format	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to the appropriate local board a request for advance determination on the sufficiency of a charter amendment petition format.	At least 30 days before the deadline to file the petition but not more than 2 years and one month before the deadline to file petition.	EL § 6-210(a)(1)
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Wednesday, July 13, 2016	COB	Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination of a Candidacy or New Party Petition Format	Deadline for SBE or the appropriate local board to notify candidate or petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of candidacy or new party petition format.	Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of a candidacy or new party petition format.	EL § 6-210(b)
Wednesday, July 13, 2016	COB	Determination of Charter Amendment Petition Format Sufficiency	Deadline for the local boards to determine sufficiency of a charter amendment petition format.	Within 5 days of reviewing request of advance determination.	EL § 6-210(a)(2)
Friday, July 15, 2016	COB	Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination for Charter Amendment Petition Format	Deadline for the local boards to notify petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of charter amendment petition format.	Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of charter amendment petition format.	EL § 6-210(b)
July 18, 2016 - July 21, 2016		Republican National Convention	Republican National Convention in Ohio	Dates established by Republican National Committee.	
Wednesday, July 20, 2016	COB	Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the balance of the signatures on the referendum petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of a petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Friday, July 22, 2016	COB	Certification of Referendum Petition	Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the full referendum petition verification.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
July 25, 2016 - July 29, 2016		Democratic National Convention	Democratic National Convention	Dates established by Democratic National Committee.	
Monday, August 01, 2016	COB	Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification	Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification.	10th day following SBE's determination or 63rd day before a general election (September 2, 2014), whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)
Monday, August 01, 2016	COB	Filing New Party Petition	Deadline for petition sponsor to file with SBE a new political party petition.	1st Monday in August.	EL § 4-102(c)(2)(ii)
Monday, August 01, 2016	5 pm	Filing Candidacy Petition & <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i>	Deadline for general election petition candidate to file with SBE or the appropriate local board the <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> and candidacy petition.	1st Monday in August.	EL § 5-703(d) & (f)
Monday, August 01, 2016	5 pm	Filing <i>Certificates of Nomination</i> and <i>Candidacy</i>	Deadline for candidates seeking nomination from a non-principal political party to file with SBE or the appropriate local board the <i>Certificate of Nomination</i> and <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> .	1st Monday in August.	EL § 5-703.1(d)
Monday, August 08, 2016	COB	Filing Charter Amendment Petition	Deadline for petition sponsor to file with local government authority a charter amendment petition.	2nd Monday in August.	EL § 7-104(b)
Monday, August 08, 2016		Certification of General Assembly Ballot Questions	Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify to the local boards ballot questions referred by the General Assembly to voters of one county or part of one county.	2nd Monday in August.	EL § 7-103(c)(2)
Tuesday, August 09, 2016		Request to Waive Absentee Mailing Deadline	Deadline for SBE to submit a request to the Federal Voting Assistance Program for a waiver of the deadline to transmit absentee ballots to certain voters.	At least 90 days before an election.	42 USC 1973ff-1(g)(3)
Wednesday, August 10, 2016		NVRA Confirmation Mailing Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to send to voters confirmation mailings to verify addresses and make voters inactive.	No later than 90 days before an election.	42 USC §1973gg-6(c)(2)
Monday, August 15, 2016		Certification of Statewide Ballot Questions and Ballot Questions Petitioned to Referendum	Deadline for Secretary of State to certify to SBE statewide ballot questions and questions relating to Acts of the General Assembly petitioned to referendum.	3rd Monday in August.	EL § 7-103(c)(1)
Monday, August 15, 2016		Certification of Local Ballot Questions	Deadline for County Attorney or Baltimore City Solicitor to certify to the local boards each question to be voted on in the county or part of the county.	3rd Monday in August.	EL § 7-103(c)(3)
Monday, August 22, 2016		Alternate Certification of Local Ballot Questions	Deadline for Clerk of the Circuit Court to prepare and certify local ballot questions if the County Attorney or Baltimore City Solicitor does not do so.	4th Monday in August if County Attorney or Baltimore City Solicitor has not timely certified the ballot questions.	EL § 7-103(c)(3)(ii)
Monday, August 22, 2016	COB	Verification and Counting of Candidacy or New Party Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the signatures on a candidacy or new party petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of a petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Wednesday, August 24, 2016	COB	Certification of Candidacy or New Party Petition	Deadline for SBE or the appropriate local board to certify the results of the candidacy or new party petition verification.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
Monday, August 29, 2016	COB	Verification and Counting of Charter Amendment Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the signatures on a charter amendment petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of a petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Tuesday, August 30, 2016	11:59 pm	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file the first pre-general report for political committees participating in the presidential election.	Last Tuesday in August immediately preceding a general election.	EL §13-309(a)(4)
Tuesday, August 30, 2016	COB	Declination of Nomination	Deadline for declination of nomination by a filed candidate before general election.	70th day preceding the general election.	EL § 5-801(b)(2)(i)
Wednesday, August 31, 2016	COB	Certification of Charter Amendment Petition	Deadline for the local boards to certify the results of the charter amendment petition verification.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)

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Monday, September 05, 2016		Labor Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, September 06, 2016	COB	Judicial Review of Candidacy Petition Certification	Deadline for candidate to seek judicial review of candidacy petition certification.	10th day following determination (September 3, 2016) or 63rd day before a general election (September 6, 2016), whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)(2)
Tuesday, September 06, 2016	COB	Judicial Review of New Party Petition Certification	Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of new party petition certification.	10th day after determination.	EL § 6-210(e)(1)
Tuesday, September 06, 2016	COB	Judicial Review of Charter Amendment Petition Certification	Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of charter amendment petition certification.	10th day following determination (September 10, 2016) or 63rd day before a general election (September 6, 2016), whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)(2)
Friday, September 09, 2016	COB	Vacancy in Nomination	Deadline for central committees to fill a vacancy in nomination if the vacancy occurred on or before the 60th day before the election.	60th day before the general election.	EL §§ 5-1002(b)(1), 5-1003(b)(4), & 5-1004(b)
Wednesday, September 14, 2016		Certification of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify content and arrangement of ballots for the general election.	At least 55 days before an election.	EL § 9-207(a)(2)(i)
Thursday, September 15, 2016		Display of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to display on its website the content and arrangement of each certified ballot.	Within 1 day of certifying the ballot.	EL § 9-207(d)
Friday, September 16, 2016	COB	Judicial Review of Content and Arrangement of Ballot	Deadline for a registered voter to seek judicial review of the content and arrangement or to correct any other error on the ballot.	Within 2 days of certifying the ballot.	EL § 9-209(a)
Saturday, September 17, 2016		Constitution Day and Citizenship Day	Commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution and require public schools to celebrate the day and instill in students knowledge of history, importance, and meaning of the U.S. Constitution and Maryland Constitution.	Anniversary of signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787.	Education Art., § 7-116
Sunday, September 18, 2016		Printing of Ballots	SBE may begin printing ballots and correct noted errors.	After 2 days of public display of ballot.	EL § 9-207(e)
Saturday, September 24, 2016		Transmitting Absentee Ballots	Deadline for the local boards to transmit absentee ballots to certain voters unless the Federal Voting Assistance Program grants the State a waiver of the deadline.	No later than 45 days before an election unless the Federal Voting Assistance Program grants the State a waiver of the 45 day transmittal deadline.	42 USC 1973ff-1(a)(8)
Tuesday, September 27, 2016		Public Education for Early Voting	SBE and the local boards start public education about early voting.	30 days before early voting for an election.	EL § 10-301.1(f)
Friday, October 07, 2016	COB	Presidential Electors	Deadline for the State political parties of the Presidential nominees to submit to SBE the names and addresses of 10 electors.	At least 30 days before the general election.	EL § 8-503(c)(3)
Monday, October 10, 2016		Columbus Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Wednesday, October 12, 2016		Early Voting & Election Day Supply Verification	Deadline for the local boards to verify voting supplies according to the supply verification plan.	No later than 15 days before early voting starts	SBE policy
Friday, October 14, 2016	11:59 pm	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline for ballot issue committees to file pre-general report.	4th Friday before a general election.	EL §13-309(a)(3)
Tuesday, October 18, 2016	9 pm	Close of Registration	Deadline to register to vote for the general election.	21st day preceding an election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Tuesday, October 18, 2016	9 pm	Polling Place Reassignment	Deadline for elderly voters or voters with disabilities to submit a request to the local boards for reassignment to an accessible polling place.	No later than the close of registration before an election.	EL § 10-102(b)(1)
Tuesday, October 18, 2016	COB	Voter Registration Lists	Deadline for a registered voter to request a voter registration list (New requests will not be taken until registration reopens).	On or before the registration deadline.	COMAR 33.03.02.05(B)
Wednesday, October 19, 2016		Notice of Election	Deadline for the local boards to provide notice of the election.	At least one week before any early voting period before an election.	EL § 8-102
Thursday, October 20, 2016	5 pm	Write-in Candidate	Deadline for write-in candidates to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> . Only filed write-in candidates will have their votes reported on the official canvass.	Earlier of 7th day preceding the start of early voting or within 7 days after expenditure of \$51 to promote candidacy.	EL § 5-303(c)
Monday, October 24, 2016	COB	Logic and Accuracy Testing - Early Voting (Public Demonstration & Notice)	Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the voting units being used for early voting. (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted before any voting units are delivered to an early voting center.)	At least 14 days before an election.	COMAR 33.10.02.14,16
Wednesday, October 26, 2016	7:00 PM	Campaign Signs	Beginning of period when campaign signs must be allowed at early voting centers.	The day before early voting starts	EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)

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Thursday, October 27, 2016	8 am to 8 pm	Early Voting Begins	Early voting for the general election begins.	2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election.	EL § 10-301.1
Friday, October 28, 2016	COB	Voter Registration Lists	Deadline for SBE and the local boards to prepare a voter registration list that includes registrants through the registration deadline.	Within 10 days of the voter registration deadline.	COMAR 33.03.02.05C(2)
Friday, October 28, 2016	11:59 pm	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file the pre-general election campaign finance report for political committees participating in the presidential election.	2nd Friday immediately preceding an election.	EL § 13-309(a)(4)
Friday, October 28, 2016	11:59 pm	Affidavit of Contributions and Expenditures	Deadline for Presidential-designated political committees receiving and spending campaign funds of \$999.99 or less in a reporting period to file an affidavit.	On or before the deadline to file the first pre-general election campaign finance report.	EL §13-305
Friday, October 28, 2016	COB	Logic and Accuracy Testing - Election Day	Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the election management system and voting units being used for election day voting and absentee and provisional voting. (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted before any voting units are delivered to an early voting center.)	At least 10 days before an election.	COMAR 33.10.02.14,16 COMAR 33.10.11.14,16
Monday, October 31, 2016	COB	Judicial Review of any Ballot Printing Errors	Deadline for a registered voter to seek judicial review if an error is discovered after the ballots have been printed and the local boards fails to correct the error.	Not later than the 2nd Monday preceding an election.	EL § 9-209(c)
Monday, October 31, 2016		Notice of Canvass	Deadline for the local boards to provide notice of the absentee and provisional canvasses.	At least 10 days before the first absentee canvass	COMAR 33.08.01.05-1
Tuesday, November 01, 2016	8 pm (mail) or 11:59 pm (fax/email)	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered by Mail or Fax	Deadline for a registered voter to request a mailed or faxed absentee ballot.	Tuesday before an election.	EL § 9-305(b)(1); COMAR 33.11.02.02D
Thursday, November 03, 2016	8 am to 8 pm	Early Voting Ends	Early voting for the general election ends.	2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election.	EL § 10-301.1
Friday, November 04, 2016	8 am	Campaign Signs	End of period when campaign signs must be allowed at early voting centers.	The day after early voting ends	EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)
Friday, November 04, 2016	5 pm (mail) or 11:59 pm (email/fax)	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered via Internet	Deadline for a registered voter to request an electronic absentee ballot.	Friday before an election.	EL §9-305(b)(2)
Monday, November 07, 2016	7 pm	Campaign Signs	Beginning of period when campaign signs must be allowed at polling places.	The day immediately preceding election day	EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)
Tuesday, November 08, 2016	7 am to 8 pm	General Election	General Election Day: Presidential General & Baltimore City Municipal General	Tuesday after the first Monday in November.	MD Const. Art. XV, § 7; EL §§ 10-301
Tuesday, November 08, 2016	8 pm	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Voter Picks Up Ballot	Deadline for a registered voter or voter's agent to request an absentee ballot in person at a local board.	No later than the close of the polls on election day.	EL § 9-305(b)(3); COMAR 33.11.02.04A
Tuesday, November 08, 2016	8 pm	Extended Voter Registration Deadline	Extended deadline for receipt of voter registration applications sent by mail for voting in general election.	An application received by mail after the close of registration is timely if it is properly postmarked.	EL § 3-302(c); COMAR 33.05.04.01C, D
Tuesday, November 08, 2016	8 pm	Absentee Ballot Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to receive an absentee ballot.	An absentee ballot is timely received if it reaches the local boards before 8 pm on election day.	COMAR 33.11.03.08B(1)
Tuesday, November 08, 2016	8 pm	Precincts for Post-Election Verification & Audits	Deadline for local boards to select randomly the precincts for post-election verification and audits.	8 pm on election day.	COMAR 33.11.03.08B(1)
Wednesday, November 09, 2016	8 am	Campaign Signs	End of period when campaign signs must be allowed at polling places.	The day immediately after election day	EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)
Thursday, November 10, 2016	10 am	Absentee Ballot Canvass 1	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 1st canvass of absentee ballots.	10 am on the Thursday after an election.	COMAR 33.11.04.03A(1)
Friday, November 11, 2016		Precincts for Post-Election Verification & Audits	Deadline for the local boards to submit to the State Administrator a list of the precincts selected for the post-election verification and audits.	Within 3 days of selecting the precincts.	COMAR 33.08.05.03B
Friday, November 11, 2016		Veteran's Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Wednesday, November 16, 2016	10 am	Provisional Ballot Canvass	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the canvass of provisional ballots.	10 am on the 2nd Wednesday after an election.	COMAR 33.16.05.02
Friday, November 18, 2016	10 am	Extended Absentee Ballot Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to receive absentee ballots by mail.	10 am on the 2nd Friday after an election provided there is a proper postmark or date on voter's oath.	COMAR 33.11.03.08B(2)

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Friday, November 18, 2016	10 am	Absentee Ballot Canvass 2	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 2nd canvass of absentee ballots.	10 am on the 2nd Friday after an election.	COMAR 33.11.04.03A(2)
Friday, November 18, 2016		Post-Election Audit	Deadline for the local boards to conduct the post-election verification and audits.	Before certifying the results of an election.	COMAR 33.08.05.02A
Friday, November 18, 2016		Verification of Vote Count	Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to verify the general election vote count.	Within 10 days after an election and before certifying the results of an election.	EL § 11-308(a)
Friday, November 18, 2016		Post-Election Audits	Deadline for the local boards to complete various post-election audits on randomly selected precincts and any other identified precincts.	Before certifying the results of an election.	SBE policy
Friday, November 18, 2016		Certification of the Election	Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to certify the results of the general election.	After the verification of vote count is completed.	EL § 11-308(b)
Friday, November 18, 2016		Transmittal of Results	Local boards of canvassers must transmit certified copies of election results to the Governor, SBE, and appropriate Clerk of the Circuit Court.	2nd Friday after an election or if canvass is completed after that day, within 48 hours after completion.	EL § 11-401(c)
Monday, November 21, 2016	COB	Petition for Recount - Local Questions	Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a local question on the ballot.	Within 2 days after the results of an election have been certified.	EL § 12-103(d)
Monday, November 21, 2016	COB	Petition for Recount - Local Offices	Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a local office on the ballot.	Within 3 days after the results of an election have been certified.	EL § 12-101(d)
Monday, November 21, 2016		Voter Registration Reopens	Voter registration reopens.	11th day after an election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Tuesday, November 22, 2016	11:59 pm	Campaign Finance Report Due	Deadline to file the post-general election campaign finance report.	On or before the 2nd Tuesday after a general election.	EL 13-309(a)(5)
Thursday, November 24, 2016		Thanksgiving	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Friday, November 25, 2016		American Indian Heritage Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, November 29, 2016	11:59 PM	Campaign Finance Report Due	Deadline to file post-general election campaign finance report for Presidential-designated political committees.	On or before the 3rd Tuesday after a general election.	EL 13-309(a)(7)
Tuesday, November 29, 2016	11:59 PM	Affidavit of Contributions and Expenditures	Deadline for Presidential-designated political committees receiving and spending campaign funds of \$999.99 or less in a reporting period to file an affidavit.	On or before the deadline for post-general election campaign finance report.	EL 13-305
Tuesday, December 13, 2016	COB	Statewide Certification of Results	Deadline for the State Board of Canvassers to convene to certify election results.	Within 35 days after a general election.	EL § 11-503(a)(1)(ii)
Wednesday, December 14, 2016		Delivery of Election Results	SBE shall deliver to the winners of the general election a certified statement under its seal.	Prompt delivery.	EL 11-603(b)
Wednesday, December 14, 2016		Certification of the Campaign Finance Reports	SBE shall certify to the official receiving the Commissions of Election that all campaign finance reports due have been filed.	Prior to the delivery of the Commissions of Election.	EL 13-333(b)
Thursday, December 15, 2016	COB	Petition for Recount - State Questions	Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a State question on the ballot.	Within 2 days after the results of an election have been certified.	EL § 12-103(d)
Friday, December 16, 2016	COB	Petition for Recount - State Offices	Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a State office on the ballot.	Within 3 days after the results of an election have been certified.	EL § 12-101(d)
Monday, December 19, 2016		Meeting of the Presidential Electors	Official casting of votes by members of the Electoral College.	1st Monday after the 2nd Wednesday in December.	3 U.S.C. § 7
Monday, December 26, 2016		Christmas	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, January 02, 2017		New Year's Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201