

# PRIMARY ELECTION TIMELINE QUICK GUIDE



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## MARCH

- **MARCH 24 - BY 4:00 P.M.** - CANDIDATE PETITION FILING DEADLINE FOR PRIMARY ELECTION
- **MARCH 27 - BY 4:00 P.M.** - DEADLINE FOR AMENDMENTS TO DEFECTIVE PETITIONS FOR PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATES
- **MARCH 28 - BY 4:00 P.M.** - FILING DEADLINE FOR OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATES

## APRIL

- **APRIL 2** - DEADLINE FOR DETERMINATION OF PETITION CHALLENGES FOR PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATES
- **APRIL 16** - DEADLINE FOR CHANGE OF PARTY AFFILIATION DECLARATION FORMS FOR PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE FILED WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF REGISTRATION
- **APRIL 19** - COMMENCEMENT OF MAILING OF MAIL-IN BALLOTS FOR PRIMARY ELECTION

## MAY

- **MAY 20** - VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION
- **MAY 20** - MANDATED EVENING VOTER REGISTRATION AVAILABLE FOR PRIMARY ELECTION IN OFFICES OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF REGISTRATION.

## JUNE

- **JUNE 3** - DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR A MAIL-IN BALLOT BY MAIL FOR PRIMARY ELECTION
- **JUNE 3** - DEADLINE FOR UNAFFILIATED VOTERS TO SUBMIT POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION DECLARATION FORMS FOR PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE FILED WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF REGISTRATION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A MAIL-IN BALLOT BY MAIL
- **JUNE 4** - MAILING OF SAMPLE BALLOTS FOR PRIMARY ELECTION
- **JUNE 6** - DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION TO RECEIVE PRIMARY ELECTION MAIL-IN BALLOTS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS FOR QUALIFIED OVERSEAS CIVILIAN AND MILITARY VOTERS
- **JUNE 3-8 - EARLY VOTING PERIOD\*\*MORE DATES ADDED**
- **JUNE 9 - BY 3:00 P.M.** - DEADLINE FOR IN-PERSON MAIL-IN BALLOT APPLICATIONS FOR PRIMARY ELECTION
- **JUNE 9 - BY 3:00 P.M.** - DEADLINE FOR UNAFFILIATED VOTERS TO SUBMIT POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION DECLARATION FORMS FOR PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE FILED WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF REGISTRATION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A MAIL-IN BALLOT IN PERSON
- **JUNE 10 - PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**
- **JUNE 10 - BY 4:00 P.M.** - CANDIDATE PETITION FILING DEADLINE FOR GENERAL ELECTION
- **JUNE 10** - DEADLINE FOR POST OFFICE RECEIPT OF MAIL-IN BALLOTS FROM THE PRIMARY ELECTION
- **JUNE 10** - DEADLINE FOR IN-PERSON SUBMISSION OF PRIMARY ELECTION MAIL-IN BALLOTS TO COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION AND TO AUTHORIZED BALLOT DROP BOXES
- **JUNE 12** - DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT BY COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS OF MAIL-IN BALLOTS BY DELIVERY OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE THAT DO NOT BEAR A POSTMARK OF DELIVERY
- **JUNE 16** - DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF TIMELY MAILED POSTMARKED MAIL-IN BALLOTS TO COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION
- **JUNE 18** - DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF CURE FORM TO COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION
- **JUNE 20** - CANVASS OF PRIMARY ELECTION VOTES BY COUNTY CLERKS
- **JUNE 27** - DEADLINE FOR SECRETARY OF STATE TO CERTIFY CURE/PATRIOTIC PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS