

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

2019 PENNSYLVANIA ELECTIONS IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

First day to circulate and file nomination petitions	February 19
Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions	March 12
First day to circulate and file nomination papers.....	March 13
Last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination petitions	March 27
Last day to REGISTER before the primary	April 22
Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot.....	May 14
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots	May 17
MUNICIPAL PRIMARY	May 21
First day to REGISTER after primary	May 22
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on May 20)	May 28
Last day to circulate and file nomination papers	August 1
Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated by nomination papers.....	August 8
Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated at the primary	August 12
Last day to REGISTER before the November election	October 7
Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot.....	October 29
Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots	November 1
MUNICIPAL ELECTION	November 5
First day to REGISTER after November election	November 6
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on November 4)	November 12

Note: All dates in this calendar are subject to change without notice.



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2019 ELECTION DATES	
Primary Election	May 21, 2019
Municipal Election	November 5, 2019

2018 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT FILING DATES		
<u>TYPE OF REPORT</u>	<u>COMPLETE AS OF</u>	<u>FILING DEADLINE</u>
<u>2018 Annual Report</u>	Monday, December 31, 2018	Thursday, January 31, 2019

2019 PRIMARY CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT DEADLINES			
<u>Sixth Tuesday Pre-Primary Cycle 1</u>		Monday, April 1, 2019	Tuesday, April 9, 2019
<u>Second Friday Pre-Primary Cycle 2</u>		Monday, May 6, 2019	Friday, May 10, 2019
<u>24-Hour Reporting</u>	Daily	Tuesday, May 7, 2019 (begins)	(ends/includes) May 21, 2019
<u>Thirty Day Post-Primary Cycle 3</u>		Monday, June 10, 2019	Thursday, June 20, 2019

2019 GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT DEADLINES			
<u>Sixth Tuesday Pre-Election Cycle 4</u>		Monday, September 16, 2019	Tuesday, September 24, 2019
<u>Second Friday Pre-Election Cycle 5</u>		Monday, October 21, 2019	Friday, October 25, 2019
<u>24-Hour Reporting</u>	Daily	Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019 (begins)	(ends/includes) Nov. 5, 2019
<u>Thirty Day Post-Election Cycle 6</u>		Monday, November 25, 2019	Thursday, December 5, 2019

2019 ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE			
<u>2019 Annual Report</u>	Cycle 7	Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019	Friday, January 31, 2020

POSTMARKS are acceptable as proof of timely filing when the report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior to the filing deadline.

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SIXTH TUESDAY PRE-PRIMARY or PRE-ELECTION REPORTS are required to be filed *only* by candidates for statewide office, their authorized candidate committees, and any political committee or lobbyist that has made an expenditure to influence the election of a statewide candidate. In 2019, statewide offices appearing on the ballot include the following:

**JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT**

Political committees/lobbyists that have not made an expenditure to influence the election of a candidate for the statewide offices listed above do not need to file the Sixth Tuesday Pre-Primary/Election report.

SECOND FRIDAY PRE- and THIRTY DAY POST-PRIMARY or ELECTION REPORTS are required to be filed by all candidates appearing on the ballot, their authorized candidate committees, and all political committees and lobbyists that have made expenditures to influence the election of such candidates. In 2019, offices appearing on the ballot include:

**JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
JUDGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH COURT
JUDGE OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT (PHILADELPHIA COUNTY)
ALL LOCAL/MUNICIPAL OFFICES (FILED WITH APPROPRIATE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS)**

ANNUAL REPORTS must be filed by *all* candidates, political committees and contributing lobbyists that have not filed a termination report.

PENALTIES - In accordance with the Campaign Finance Reporting Law, those who file required reports after the filing deadline are assessed a late filing fee of \$20 per day for the first six days that a report is late, and \$10 per day thereafter, up to a maximum penalty of \$250.

SPECIAL ELECTION - In the event of any special election, candidates and committees should contact this bureau regarding reporting requirements and filing deadlines.

POLITICAL COMMITTEE TREASURERS - It is the treasurer's responsibility to file required committee reports. Keep this schedule available for reference prior to each reporting deadline. If you need a reporting form, you may print one from the Department's web site (www.dos.pa.gov) or request one from the bureau. You may also file your report online. From the web site, select the link to Campaign Finance and then to Online Filing for more information. Please remember that all reports must include your filer identification number on the cover page.

24 HOUR REPORTING - Section 1628 of the Campaign Expense Reporting Law, 25 P.S. § 3248, requires any candidate or political committee, authorized by a candidate and created solely for the purpose of influencing an election on behalf of that candidate, which receives any contribution or pledge of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more, **or** any person making an independent expenditure of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more after the final pre-election/pre-primary report has been deemed completed shall report such contribution or expenditure to the appropriate supervisor. The candidate, chairperson or treasurer of the political committee shall send the report of late contributions within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the contribution. The same shall apply to persons making independent expenditures. The bureau will accept the filing of *24 Hour Reports* by facsimile at 717-705-0721, or via e-mail at: ra-stcampaignfinance@pa.gov. The filing of reports by facsimile or e-mail applies ***only*** to *24 Hour Reports*; it does not apply to the filing of campaign finance reports. The filing of late contribution reports does not remove the obligation to also report those contributions on the appropriate post-election/post-primary expense report filing. Please contact our office for specific reporting dates for late contribution reports.

QUESTIONS - If you have any questions about Pennsylvania's Campaign Finance Reporting Law or reporting requirements, please direct them to the Campaign Finance Division of this bureau at 717-787-5280 or via e-mail at ra-stcampaignfinance@pa.gov.

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