

2016 PRIMARY ELECTION DATES

- Jan. 11 - 30** Candidate filing period. Certificates of Announcement & filing fees must be received in appropriate office or postmarked by U. S. Postal Service before midnight, January 30
- Jan. 21 - Feb. 9** Candidates file personal financial disclosure with Ethics Commission within 10 days after filing certificate of announcement
- Feb. 16** Deadline for candidates to withdraw. Filing officer must receive written notice signed by candidate and notarized by close of business or name may not be removed from ballot
- Feb. 16** Secretary of State certifies and posts list of candidates filed with the Secretary of State's Office and begins to prepare a certification for each county
- Feb. 23** Uniform drawing date for ballot position begins at 9 a.m. in all counties for all offices
- Mar. 1** Secretary of State's certification of candidates must be received at county clerk's Office by this date
- Mar. 22** Write-in candidate filing deadline for the election of Justice of the Supreme Court, Circuit Court Judge, Family Court Judge, Magistrate, Board of Education and Conservation District Supervisors Only
- Mar. 26 - Apr. 1** First Primary campaign finance report due
- Apr. 19** Voter Registration deadline for Primary Election
- Apr. 25 – Apr. 29** Pre-Primary campaign finance report due
- Apr. 27 - May 7** **Early Voting in person**
- May 10** **PRIMARY ELECTION DAY (§3-5-1)**
- May 16** Primary election canvass begins.
If no candidate requests recount, canvass board certifies election results 48 hours after the last county publicly declares results
- Election contest must be filed within 10 days after certification of election
- May 23 - June 21** Post-Primary campaign finance report due