

## 2021 ELECTION CALENDAR (AUGUST-DECEMBER)

**AUGUST 2, 2021** - Last day to circulate and file nomination papers nominating minor political party candidates or political body candidates (including independent candidates).

**AUGUST 4, 2021** - Not later than this day, the County Board of Elections must prepare an election notice to be used by military-overseas voters in conjunction with federal write-in absentee ballot (FWAB).

- Last day for candidates of political bodies, who have filed nomination papers, to withdraw.
- Last day to file objections to nomination papers nomination minor political party candidates or political body candidates (including independent candidates).
- Last day for candidates nominated at the primary election by write-in votes to pay filing fees; otherwise the party nominated will be declared vacant.
- Last day for candidates who were nominated by a political party to withdraw.

**AUGUST 12, 2021** - Last day that may be fixed by the court for hearings on objections to nomination papers.

**AUGUST 17, 2021** - Last day, if possible, for the court to render decisions in cases involving objections to nomination papers.

**AUGUST 19, 2021** - Last day to file substituted nomination certificates to fill vacancies caused by withdrawal of candidates nominated at the primary election or by nomination papers.

**AUGUST 24, 2021** - Last day for secretary of the commonwealth to transmit to each County Board of Election a list, as known to exist at the time, of all candidates to be voted on at the November Election and a copy of all Constitutional Amendments and other questions to be voted on at the November Election together with a statement of the form in which they are to be placed.

**AUGUST 24, 2021** - Not later than this day, the County Board of Election must begin to transmit ballots and balloting materials to all covered voters under the Uniformed Military and Overseas Voters Act (UMOVA) in extremely remote or isolated area, who by that date, submit a valid Military-Overseas ballot application.

**SEPTEMBER 2, 2021** - Last day for a Justice or a Judge, who has filed a Declaration of Candidacy for retention under the provisions of Article V, Section 15 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania after February 16 to revoke the Declaration by notifying the Secretary of the Commonwealth in writing. The nomination to fill such vacancy shall be made in accordance with Section 993 of the Election Code, 25 P. S. Section 2953.

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2021** - First day on which County Boards of Elections must begin to process official application for Mail-in ballots.

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2021** - First day on which County Boards of Election must begin to process official application for Civilian Absentee Ballots.

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2021** - Last day before the November Election for Political Parties or Minor Political Parties to file nomination certificates or for Political Bodies to file nomination papers in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, or the Board of Elections, as the case may be, to fill vacancies in public offices which occur for any cause at a time when the Constitution or Laws require them to be filled at the ensuing Election, but at a time when such nominations cannot be made under any other provision of the Election Code (25 P.S. §§ 2953-2960.)

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2021** - Last day for candidates for statewide offices and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists which have expended money for the purpose of influencing the election of such candidates to file campaign expense reports and statements due by the Sixth Tuesday before the election in the office of the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH. Such report shall be complete as of September 13.

*NOTE: Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing where report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior to the filing deadline.*

**OCTOBER 18, 2021** - Last day to REGISTER before the November Election.

*NOTE: To be processed for the ensuing election a voter registration application must be received as follows:*

- *Voter registration with a motor vehicle driver's license application under 25 Pa.C.S. § 1323, must be received by the appropriate county voter registration commission not later than fifteen days before the election.*
- *Voter registration at government agencies under 25 Pa.C.S. § 1325, including offices in Pennsylvania that provide public assistance, county clerks of Orphan's Court, including marriage license bureaus, offices in Pennsylvania that provide state-funded programs primarily engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities, and armed forces recruitment centers, must be received by the appropriate county voter registration commission not later than fifteen days before the election.*

*In any other case, the voter registration application must be received by the appropriate county voter registration commission not later than fifteen days before the election.*

**OCTOBER 18, 2021** - Last day to change party enrollment or non-partisan enrollment before the November Election.

**OCTOBER 19, 2021** - As soon as possible after ballots are printed and in no event later than this day, county board of elections must begin to deliver or mail all mail-in ballots for the November election.

*NOTE: As additional applications are received ballots shall be mailed within forty-eight hours after approval.*

**OCTOBER 22, 2021** - Last day for all candidates and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists which have expended money for the purpose of influencing the election of candidates to file campaign expense reports or statements due by the Second Friday before the election in the office of the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH and/or the county boards of elections, as the case may be. Such reports shall be complete as of October 18.

*NOTE: Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing where report is postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day prior to the filing deadline.*

**OCTOBER 23, 2021** - Not earlier than this day nor later than October 30, the county board of elections shall publish in newspapers, notice of the date and hours of voting for the November Election, the names of offices to be elected, the names of the candidates, the texts and explanations of Constitutional Amendments and other questions to be voted upon, and the places at which the election is to be held in the various election districts.

**OCTOBER 25, 2021** - Last day before the November election on which an elector, who has suffered a physical disability which requires him/her to have assistance in voting, may personally make application to the county registration commission in all counties to have such fact entered on his/her registration card.

*NOTE: If the disability is not recorded on the elector's registration card, the elector may receive assistance if the elector completes a declaration in the polling place.*

**OCTOBER 25, 2021** - Last day before the November election for any person to file a petition with the county registration commission appealing against rejection of registration.

**OCTOBER 26, 2021** - Last day before the November election on which official applications for mail-in ballots may be received by the county boards of elections, due at 5:00 P.M.

**OCTOBER 26, 2021** - Last day before the November election on which official applications for civilian absentee ballots from certain persons listed as follows may be received by the county boards of elections, due at 5:00 P.M.

*(The preceding includes qualified registered electors who will be absent from the Commonwealth or municipality of residence by reason of occupation, business or duties; persons unable to go to the polls because of illness or physical disability; persons observing a religious holiday; county employees with duties on election day relating to the conduct of the election; persons employed by the State or Federal government and their spouses or dependents who are within the territorial limits of the United States or the District of Columbia but absent from their municipality of residence. Provided further that any of the preceding qualified electors who become ill or are called away from home by business or duties, which fact was not known or could not reasonably be known prior to the preceding date are entitled to execute and file an Emergency Application any time prior to 8:00 PM on the day 22 of the election. The county board of elections will supply the forms.)*

**OCTOBER 26, 2021** - From this day and until returns are certified, the county boards of elections shall post the Military, Veterans and Emergency Civilian Absentee Voters' list.

**OCTOBER 28, 2021** - After this date, the county board of elections shall have the forms of the ballots and ballot labels published on the county board's publicly accessible internet website.

**OCTOBER 28, 2021** - Not later than this day, the county boards of elections shall make available for public inspection the forms of the ballot and labels which shall be used in each election district at the November election.

**OCTOBER 28, 2021** - Not later than this day, the county boards of elections, upon request, shall furnish without charge to each candidate whose name is printed on the ballot three specimen ballots for the entire district.

*(The candidate may, at his/her own expense, have printed on different colored paper as many copies as he/she requires for conducting his/her campaign.)*

**OCTOBER 28, 2021** - Not later than this day, the county boards of elections, upon request, shall deliver, without charge, to county chairman or other authorized representatives of each political party and political body in the county, two specimen ballots or diagrams for each election district in the county in which their candidates are to be voted for.  
*(Such political party or body may, at its own expense, have printed on different colored paper as many copies as it requires for conducting its campaign.)*

**OCTOBER 29, 2021** - By this date, the fourth day prior to the election, the county board of elections shall have the central automatic tabulating equipment tested to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and all questions.

**NOVEMBER 1, 2021** - Last day for any person to file an appeal to court of common pleas for rejection of registration.

**NOVEMBER 1, 2021** - Not later than this day, the county boards of elections shall deliver the necessary ballots and supplies to the judges of election.

**NOVEMBER 1, 2021** - Not later than 11:59 P.M. this day, covered voters under UMOVA must submit their voted military-overseas ballot for mailing or other authorized means of delivery, at the place where the voter completes the ballot on the date immediately preceding the date of the election.

**NOVEMBER 2, 2021** - The county boards of elections shall meet no earlier than 7:00 A.M. on election day to pre-canvass all absentee and mail-in ballots received prior to the meeting. The county boards of elections shall provide notice at least 48 hours (Sunday, October 31) notice of a pre-canvass meeting by publicly posting on its publicly accessible internet website.  
*NOTE: No person observing or attending or participating in the pre-canvass meeting may disclose the results of any portion of any pre-canvass meeting prior to the close of the polls.*

**NOVEMBER 2, 2021** - All mail-in ballots must be received by the county boards of elections not later than 8:00 P.M. on this day to be counted.

**NOVEMBER 2, 2021** - All absentee ballots, except those received from military and overseas electors as defined by UMOVA and Sections 1301(a) to (h) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3146.1(a) – (h), must be received by the county boards of elections not later than 8:00 P.M. on this day to be counted.

**NOVEMBER 2, 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION:** Polls shall remain open continuously between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.  
*NOTE: The Courts of Common Pleas shall be in session from 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. except in judicial districts having one judge, in which case the court shall be in session from 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon; from 2:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. and from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.*

**NOVEMBER 3, 2021** - By 2:00 A.M. on this day, the judges of election must return to the county boards of elections all envelopes; supplies, including all uncast provisional ballots; and returns, including all provisional ballots and absentee ballots cast in the election district.

**NOVEMBER 3, 2021** - By 3:00 A.M. on this day, the county boards of elections must submit to the Department of State returns received from the judges of election for each office for which a candidate must file a nomination petition with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

**NOVEMBER 3, 2021** - First day to REGISTER after election.

**NOVEMBER 3, 2021** - First day to change party or non-partisan enrollment after the election.

**NOVEMBER 5, 2021** - On this day, the Return Boards meet no later than 9:00 A.M. to canvass and compute the votes cast at the November election.

*NOTE: Any petition to open a ballot box or to recanvass the votes on a voting machine shall be filed no later than five (5) days after the completion of the computational canvassing of all the returns of the county by the county board of elections.*

**NOVEMBER 8, 2021** - Last day for the county boards of elections to receive proof of identification that can be verified from an absentee elector whose proof of identification was provided with the application or could not be verified by the board.

**NOVEMBER 9, 2021** - A valid military-overseas ballot cast under Section 3609 of UMOVA, 25 Pa.C.S. § 3509, must be delivered by 5:00 P.M. to the address specified by the county board of elections, to be counted.

*NOTE: If, at the time of completing their military-overseas ballot, the voter affirms under penalty of perjury, that the ballot was timely submitted, the ballot MAY NOT be rejected on the basis of a late postmark, an unreadable postmark or no postmark.*

**NOVEMBER 9, 2021** - No later than 5:00 P.M. on this day, the county boards of elections must submit to the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH unofficial returns for all Statewide offices and ballot questions that appeared on the ballot in every election district throughout the Commonwealth.

**NOVEMBER 10, 2021** - A recount and recanvass shall not be ordered under Section 1404(g)(1)(i) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3154(g)(1)(i), if the defeated candidate requests in writing that a recount and recanvass not be made. A request under this subsection must be made by 12 Noon on the second Wednesday following the election.

**NOVEMBER 10, 2021** - On this day, the Return Boards meet to canvass absentee ballots received from military and overseas electors after 5:00 P.M. no later than 5:00 P.M. on November 9.

**NOVEMBER 11, 2021** - No later than 5:00 P.M. on this day, the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH must issue an order for a recount or recanvass if it is determined, based on the unofficial returns submitted by the county boards of elections, that a statewide candidate or ballot question that appeared on the ballot in every election district throughout the Commonwealth was defeated by a margin of one-half of a percent or less.

**NOVEMBER 16, 2021** - Not later than this day, the county boards of elections must complete the computation of votes.

**NOVEMBER 17, 2021** - Last day on which a recount or recanvass ordered by the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH can be scheduled to begin.

**NOVEMBER 19, 2021** - On this day, candidates receiving tie votes at the election shall cast lots at 12:00 Noon before the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH or the county boards of elections, as the case may be, to determine the winner. *(If the fact of the tie vote is not authoritatively determined until after November 17, the time for casting lots will be 12:00 Noon on the second day after the fact of such tie is determined).*

**NOVEMBER 22, 2021** - Last day to file petitions to contest the election of any candidate. *(Not applicable to elections of the first class.)*

**NOVEMBER 22, 2021** - Last day for the county boards of elections to file with the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH returns from the November election.

*NOTE: State level write-in winners of elections from the November election must file "Statements of Financial Interests" with the State Ethics Commission, Room 309 Finance Building, P.O. Box 11470, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1470 within thirty days of having been elected unless said person resigns within that time. County and local-level public office write-in winners of elections must file the "Statement" with the governing authority of the political subdivision where they were elected within 30 days of having been elected unless said person resigns within that time.*

**NOVEMBER 23, 2021** - No later than 12 Noon on this day, a recount or recanvass ordered by the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH must be completed.

**NOVEMBER 24, 2021** - By 12 Noon on the day after completion of a recount or recanvass ordered by the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, but no later than 12 Noon on this day, the county boards of elections must submit to the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH the results of the recount or recanvass.

**DECEMBER 2, 2021** - Last day for all candidates and treasurers of political committees and lobbyists to file campaign expense reports or statements due 30 days after the election in the office of the SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH and/or the county boards of elections as the case may be. Such report shall be complete as of November 22.