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DATE	EVENT	Title 15 Reference
November 5, 2014	The Department of Elections begins to accept applications for absentee ballots from uniformed services and overseas citizens for the 2016 Elections.	5518(a)
January 27, 2016	The Department of Elections can accept applications for absentee ballots from regular absentee voters for the 2016 Elections.	5503(d)(4)
January 1, 2016 through July 15, 2016	Persons wishing to run as unaffiliated with a political party may circulate and have petitions executed.	3002(d)
January 20, 2016 by 4:30 p.m.	Deadline 2015 Year-End Campaign Finance Report due.	8030(c)(1)
February 26, 2016	Deadline to file as a candidate for the Presidential Primary.	3183(a)
February 26, 2016	DEADLINE to change political party affiliation before the Presidential Primary.	3189
March 4, 2016	Deadline to file for School Board candidates.	Title 14 1075(a)
April 2, 2016	DEADLINE to register to vote before the Presidential Primary.	2036
April 11, 2016	DEADLINE for Military and Overseas Citizens to register to vote before the Presidential Primary.	1902(c)
April 22, 2016	Last day the Department of Elections is required to mail absentee ballots for the Presidential Primary Election.	5504(b)
April 23, 2016	Supplemental Poll Lists are available to principal political parties from the Department of Elections.	304(d)
April 25, 2016 at 12 Noon	The last time that the Department of Elections can issue an absentee ballot for the Presidential Primary.	5503(a)

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April 26, 2016	Presidential Primary Election Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Only registered voters from participating parties may vote.	3181(a)
April 26, 2016 at 8 p.m.	DEADLINE to return voted absentee ballots for the Presidential Primary Election to the Department of Elections.	5508(b)
April 27, 2016 through May 27, 2016	Registered voters may change political party affiliation.	2049(a)
April 28, 2016 at 8 p.m.	DEADLINE to report any objection or dispute relating to the Presidential Primary Election to the Department of Elections.	3172(b)
May 10, 2016	School Board Elections Polls open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Title 14 1072(c)
May 27, 2016	DEADLINE to change political party affiliation before the Primary Election.	2049
July 1, 2016	DEADLINE for the major political party chairpersons to set filing fees.	3103(b) & (c)
July 12, 2016 at 12 Noon	DEADLINE to file for a Statewide Office with the State Election Commissioner and for all other offices with the Department of Elections.	3101(1) 3106
July 15, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE for filed candidates to withdraw or file for a different office without forfeiting filing fees.	3101(2) 3101(4) 3106(c)
July 15, 2016	DEADLINE for petitions to be circulated by unaffiliated candidates.	3002(d)
July 26, 2016	Deadline for Republican Party to file certificates of nomination from the national nominating convention.	3303

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August 1, 2016	DEADLINE for Minor Parties to select their candidates at the party's state or county nominating convention.	3301(e)
Within 10 business days of Minor Party Convention	Deadline for Minor Parties to deliver a copy of each nominating resolution, which shall be certified as true and correct by the party's secretary, to the State Election Commissioner for each statewide office and to the respective county Election office for all other offices.	
August 2, 2016	Deadline for Democratic Party to file certificates of nomination from the national nominating convention.	3303
August 14, 2016 at 12 Midnight	Campaign Finance 30-Day Primary Report period ends for balloted candidates and all other committees.	8030(b)(2)
August 16, 2016 by 4:30 p.m.	Deadline 30-Day Primary Report due.	8030(c)(2)
August 20, 2016	DEADLINE to register to vote before the Primary Election.	2036
August 23, 2016	Deadline for Minor Parties to have the required number of registered voters in order to put candidates on the General Election Ballot.	3001
August 29, 2016	DEADLINE for Military and Overseas Citizens to register to vote before the Primary Election.	1902
September 1, 2016 at 12 Noon	DEADLINE for Major Party officials to file Certificates of Nomination for candidates for offices for which no member of their party has filed.	3303
September 1, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.	Filing deadline for sworn declaration of non-affiliation and nominating petitions for unaffiliated candidates.	3002(b)
September 5, 2016 at 12 Midnight	Campaign Finance 8-Day Primary Report period ends for balloted candidates and all other committees.	8030(b)(3)

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September 7, 2016 by 4:30 p.m.	Deadline 8-Day Primary Report due.	8030(c)(3)
September 9, 2016	Last day the Department of Elections is required to mail absentee ballots for the Primary Election.	5504(b)
September 10, 2016	Supplemental Poll Lists are available to principal political parties from the Department of Elections.	304(d)
September 12, 2016 at 12 Noon	The last time that the Department of Elections must issue an absentee ballot for the Primary Election.	5503(a)
September 13, 2016	Primary Election Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Only registered voters from participating parties may vote.	3101(3) 3104
September 13, 2016 at 8 p.m.	DEADLINE for voters to return voted absentee ballots for the Primary Election to the Department of Elections.	5508(b)
September 14, 2016	Registered voters may change Political Party affiliation.	2049(a)
September 15, 2016 at 8 p.m.	DEADLINE to report any objection or dispute relating to the Primary Election to the Department of Elections.	3172(b)
September 30, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.	DEADLINE to file a Write In Candidate Declaration Form for Statewide Offices with the State Election Commissioner and for all other candidates with the Department of Elections.	3402(c)
October 9, 2016 at 12 Midnight	Campaign Finance 30-Day General Report period ends for balloted candidates and all other committees.	8030(b)(2)
October 11, 2016 by 4:30 p.m.	Deadline 30-Day General Report due.	8030(c)(2)
October 15, 2016	DEADLINE to register to vote before the General Election.	2036
October 24, 2016	DEADLINE for uniformed services members and overseas citizens to register to vote before the General Election.	1902(c)
October 31, 2016 at 12 Midnight	Campaign Finance 8-Day General Report period ends for balloted candidates and all other committees.	8030(b)(3)

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November 2, 2016 by 4:30 p.m.	Deadline 8-Day General Report due.	8030(c)(3)
November 4, 2016	Last day the Department of Elections is required to mail absentee ballots for the General Election.	5504(b)
November 5, 2016	Supplemental Poll Lists are available to principal political parties from the Departments of Elections.	304(d)
November 7, 2016 at 12 Noon	The last time that the Department of Elections must issue an absentee ballot for the General Election.	5503(a)
November 8, 2016	General Election Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	State Constitution ART V
November 8, 2016 at 8 p.m.	DEADLINE for voters to return voted absentee ballots for the General Election to the Department of Elections.	5508(b)
November 10, 2016 at 10 a.m.	Board of Canvass meets in Superior Court.	State Constitution ART V 5701(a)
December 31, 2016 at 12 Midnight	Campaign Finance Year-End Report; period ends for all candidates and committees.	8030(b)(1)
January 20, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.	Deadline to file 2016 Year-End Campaign Finance report.	8030(c)(1)