2012 Ohio Election Calendar

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2011

		Reference
Dec. 23	Protests against partisan candidates' petitions for any office, other than U.S. Congress, must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.05
	Protests against local option petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before primary election)	R.C. 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14
Dec. 27*	Write-in candidates for primary election, other than candidates for U.S. Congress, must file declaration of intent by 4 p.m. (72 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.041
Dec. 30	Declarations of candidacy for partisan candidates for U.S. Congress must be filed by 4 p.m. (67 days before primary election)	Sub. H.B. 369
	Nominating petitions for presidential delegates and alternates to a party's national nominating convention must be filed by 4 p.m. (67 days before primary election)	Sub. H.B. 369
	Write-in candidates must file declarations of intent to run for U.S. Congress by 4 p.m. (67 days before primary election)	Sub. H.B. 369
	Protests against write-in candidates, other than candidates for U.S. Congress, must be filed by 4 p.m. (67 days before primary election)	Sub. H.B. 369

2012

		Reference
Jan. 1	Applications for absentee ballots for elections held in 2012 may be accepted (primary election applications for absentee ballots accepted starting Dec. 7, 2011)	R.C. 3509.03, 3511.02
Jan. 4	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of partisan candidate petitions for U.S. Congress and petitions for presidential delegates and alternates to a party's national nominating convention	Directive 2011-41
Jan. 6	Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before primary election)	R.C. 3501.27
	Election Administration Plans for March 6 primary must be submitted to Secretary of State's office (60 days before primary election)	LWV Settlement Agreement
	Protests against partisan candidates for U.S. Congress must be filed by noon	Directive 2011-41
	All boards of elections must complete the updating of the county VRS, the SWVRD, and the county's voting system central tabulating system	Directive 2011-41
Jan. 11	Form of official ballots must be certified by Secretary of State to boards of elections	Directive 2011-41
	Board of elections of most populous county of a multi-county congressional district must certify names of candidates to other boards of elections	Directive 2011-41
Jan. 21	Uniformed services and overseas absentee voters (UOCAVA) absentee ballots for March 6 primary election must be ready (45 days before primary election)	R.C. 3509.01, 3511.04
	Boards of elections must update and publish notices of the March 6 primary election by this date, and make the notices available to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before primary election)	R.C. 3511.16
Jan. 24	Boards of elections shall advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before primary election)	R.C. 3503.12
Jan. 26	Presidential candidates may withdraw from March 6 primary election by 4 p.m. (40 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.30
Jan. 31	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for March 6 primary election must be ready (35 days before primary election)	R.C. 3509.01
Feb. 6*	**Deadline for voter registration** for March 6 primary election (30 days before primary election)	R.C. 3503.19
Feb. 15	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before primary election)	R.C. 3503.24
	Deadline for an elector to challenge qualification of another elector (20 days before primary election)	R.C. 3505.19
	Committees advocating or opposing issues on March 6 primary election ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before primary election)	R.C. 3505.21
Feb. 21	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists (14 days before primary election)	R.C. 3503.23
Feb. 24	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and recognized issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before primary election)	R.C. 3505.21
Feb. 25	Boards of elections must give public notice of March 6 primary election (10 days before primary election)	R.C. 3501.03
Feb. 27*	Certificate to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of candidate whose name is on March 6 primary ballot in more than one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (10 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.30
March 1	Certificate to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of candidate whose name is on the ballot in only one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (5 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.30
March 2	Absentee ballots may be voted in person, or applied for in person, at boards of elections until 6 p.m. (last Friday before primary election)	R.C. 3509.03, 3511.02
March 3	Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for March 6 primary election must be received by boards of elections by noon (3 days before primary election)	R.C. 3509.03, .031, .08, 3511.02
March 5	Nominating petitions of independent candidates, other than joint candidates for president and vice president, for offices for which a primary election may be held must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before primary election)	R.C. 3513.257
	Boards of elections must submit to Secretary of State's office forms verifying handicapped accessible parking spaces are designated at each polling location (day before primary election)	R.C. 3501.29
	Amendments to observer appointments for March 6 primary election must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before primary election)	R.C. 3505.21
March 6	**Primary Election Day** Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	R.C. 3501.01, .32
	Voter, or voter's minor child, hospitalized because of medical emergency, voter may apply for absentee ballots until 3 p.m.	R.C. 3509.08
	UOCAVA voters may apply and vote in person at boards of elections office until close of polls	R.C. 3511.10
	Absentee ballots returned in person or via a method other than U.S. mail must be received by the boards of elections by close of polls	R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
March 16	Absentee ballots returned by U.S. mail from within the United States must be postmarked no later than March 5 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after primary election)	R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
	UOCAVA ballots must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after primary election)	R.C. 3511.11
March 17	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of ballots cast March 6 (11 days after primary election)	R.C. 3513.22
March 21	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of ballots cast March 6 no later than this date (15 days after primary election)	R.C. 3513.22
March 27	Boards of elections must complete canvass of ballots cast March 6 no later than this date (21 days after primary election)	R.C. 3513.22
April 20*	Board of elections of most populous county of a district located in more than one county must transmit petitions of independent candidates to other boards of elections (not later than the end of the 6th week after presidential primary election)	R.C. 3513.262
April 30	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of Aug. 7 special election by this date, and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before special election)	R.C. 3511.16
May 6	March 6 primary election ballots may be discarded, except for federal office, unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after primary election)	R.C. 3505.31, 42 USC 1974
May 9	Local questions and issues for Aug. 7 special election must be certified to boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before special election)	R.C. 3501.01, .02
May 18	Boards of elections must certify independent candidate petitions by this date (no later than the end of the 10th week after presidential primary election)	R.C. 3513.262
June 1	Protests against independent candidates nominated by petition must be filed by 4 p.m. (end of the 12th week after presidential primary election)	R.C. 3513.262
June 14	Last day for local option petitioners to send street listing to Division of Liquor Control (55 days before Aug. 8 deadline for filing petitions for Nov. 6 general election)	R.C. 4301.33, 4305.14
June 23	UOCAVA absentee ballots for Aug. 7 special election must be ready (45 days before special election)	
	Boards of elections must update and publish notices of Aug. 7 special election by this date, and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before special election)	R.C. 3511.16
June 26	Boards of elections shall advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before special election)	R.C. 3503.12
July 3	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for Aug. 7 special election must be ready (35 days before special election)	R.C. 3509.01
July 4	Constitutional amendments or statutes proposed by initiative petitions to be submitted directly to the voters must be filed with Secretary of State by this date (125 days before general election)	OH Const. II, §§1a-1b
July 9*	**Deadline for voter registration** for Aug. 7 special election (30 days before special election)	R.C. 3503.19
	Election Administration Plans for Nov. 6 general election must be submitted to Secretary of State's office (120 days before general election)	LWV Settlement Agreement
July 18	Committees advocating or opposing issues on Aug. 7 special election ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before special election)	R.C. 3505.21
July 27	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before special election)	R.C. 3505.21
July 28	Boards of elections must give public notice of Aug. 7 special election (10 days before special election)	R.C. 3501.03
July 29	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the Nov. 6 general election by this date, and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before general election)	R.C. 3511.16
Aug. 3	Absentee ballots may be voted in person at boards of elections until 6 p.m. (last Friday before special election)	R.C. 3509.03, 3511.02
Aug. 4	Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for Aug. 7 special election must be received by noon (3 days before special election)	R.C. 3509.03, .031, .08, 3511.02
Aug. 6	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before special election)	R.C. 3505.21
	Boards of elections must submit to the Secretary of State's office by this date forms verifying handicapped accessible parking spaces are designated at each polling location (day before special election)	R.C. 3501.29
Aug. 7	**Special Election** may be held. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	R.C. 3501.01, .32
	Voter, or voter's minor child, hospitalized because of medical emergency, voter may apply for absentee ballots until 3 p.m.	R.C. 3509.08
	UOCAVA voter may apply and vote in person at board of elections office until close of polls	R.C. 3511.10
	Absentee ballots returned in person or via a method other than U.S. mail must be received by the boards of elections by close of polls	R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
Aug. 8	Constitutional amendments proposed by joint resolution of General Assembly to be filed with Secretary of State by this date (90 days before general election)	OH Const. XVI, §1
	Nominating petitions of independent joint candidates for president and vice president must be filed with the Secretary of State by this date (90 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.257
	Political parties must certify the names of their joint candidates for president and vice president to the Secretary of State by this date (90 days before general election)	R.C. 3505.10
	Nominating petitions of candidates in nonpartisan races must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before general election)	R.C. 1907.13, 3513.259, .263
	Local questions and issues for general election, including local option petitions, must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before general election)	R.C. 731.28, .29, 3501.02, 4301.33, .331, .333, .334, 4305.14
Aug. 13*	Political party or independent candidate nominating committee must certify name of person to fill vacancy on Nov. 6 general election ballot caused by withdrawal or disqualification of candidate by 4 p.m. (86 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.31
Aug. 17	Absentee ballots for Aug. 7 special election returned by U.S. mail from within the United States must be postmarked no later than Aug. 6 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after special election)	R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
	UOCAVA ballots for Aug. 7 special election must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after special election)	R.C. 3511.11
Aug. 18	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of Aug. 7 special election ballots (11 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.32

*Note: In some instances, the statutory deadline falls on a day when the offices of the Secretary of State and boards of elections are closed. In those instances, the deadlines are extended, pursuant to R.C. 1.14, to the next succeeding day when the appropriate office is open for regular business hours. The preceding dates reflect the extended deadline.

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		Reference
Aug. 20	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of candidate petitions in nonpartisan races (78 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.263
	Boards of elections must certify validity and sufficiency of nominating petition papers of independent joint candidates for president and vice president (78 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.263
	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of local option petitions (78 days before general election)	R.C. 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14
Aug. 22	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of Aug. 7 special election ballots no later than this date (15 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.32
Aug. 24	Protests against candidates for nonpartisan office must be filed by this date (74 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.263
	Protests against independent joint candidates for president and vice president must be filed by this date (74 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.263
	Protests against local option petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before general election)	R.C. 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14
Aug. 27*	Write-in candidates must file declarations of intent by 4 p.m. (72 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.041
Aug. 28	Boards of elections must complete canvass of ballots cast in Aug. 7 special election no later than this date (21 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.32
	Form of official Nov. 6 general election ballots must be certified by Secretary of State to boards of elections (70 days before general election)	R.C. 3505.01
	Board of elections of most populous county of a multi-county subdivision must certify names of all candidates for general election ballot to other boards of elections (70 days before general election)	R.C. 3505.01
Aug. 31	Protests against write-in candidates for general election must be filed by 4 p.m. (67 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.041
Sep. 7	Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before general election)	R.C. 3501.27
Sep. 22	UOCAVA ballots for Nov. 6 general election must be ready (45 days before general election)	R.C. 3511.04
	Boards of elections must update and publish notices of Nov. 6 general election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before general election)	R.C. 3511.16
Sep. 25	Boards of elections shall advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before general election)	R.C. 3503.12
Oct. 2	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for Nov. 6 general election must be ready (35 days before general election)	R.C. 3509.01
Oct. 7	Aug. 7 special election ballots may be discarded, except for federal office, unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after special election)	R.C. 3505.31, 42 USC 1974
Oct. 9*	**Deadline for voter registration for Nov. 6 general election** (30 days before general election)	R.C. 3503.19
Oct. 17	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before general election)	R.C. 3503.24
	Deadline for an elector to challenge qualification of another elector for general election (20 days before general election)	R.C. 3505.19
	Committees advocating or opposing issues on Nov. 6 ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before general election)	R.C. 3505.21
Oct. 23	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration list for general election (14 days before general election)	R.C. 3503.23
Oct. 26	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before general election)	R.C. 3505.21
Oct. 27	Boards of elections must give public notice of Nov. 6 election (10 days before general election)	R.C. 3501.03
Oct. 28	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of Feb. 5, 2013 special elections by this date and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before special election)	R.C. 3511.16
Oct. 29*	Certificate to fill vacancy on Nov. 6 general election ballot caused by death of candidate nominated at primary election whose name is on ballot in more than one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (10 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.31
Nov. 1*	Certificate to fill vacancy on Nov. 6 general election ballot caused by death of independent or nonpartisan candidate prior to Oct. 27 (10 days before general election) must be filed by 4 p.m. (5 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.31
	Certificate to fill vacancy on Nov. 6 general election ballot caused by death of candidate nominated at primary election whose name is on ballot in only one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (5 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.31
Nov. 2	Absentee ballots may be voted in person, or applied for in person, at boards of elections until 6 p.m. (last Friday before general election)	R.C. 3509.03
Nov. 3	Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed must be received by boards of elections by noon (3 days before general election)	R.C. 3509.03, .031, .08, 3511.02
Nov. 5	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before general election)	R.C. 3505.21
	Boards of elections must submit to the Secretary of State's office by this date forms verifying handicapped accessible parking spaces are designated at each polling location (day before general election)	R.C. 3501.29
Nov. 6	**General Election Day.** Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	R.C. 3501.01, .32
	Voter, or voter's minor child, hospitalized because of medical emergency, voter may apply for absentee ballots until 3 p.m.	R.C. 3509.08
	UOCAVA voters may apply and vote in person at boards of elections offices until close of polls	R.C. 3511.10
	Absentee ballots returned in person or via a method other than U.S. mail must be received by the boards of elections by close of polls	R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
Nov. 7	Local questions and issues for Feb. 5, 2013 special election must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before special election)	R.C. 731.28, .29, 3501.02
	Applications for absentee ballots for Feb. 5, 2013 special election may be accepted	R.C. 3509.03, 3511.02
Nov. 16	Absentee ballots for general election returned by U.S. mail from within the United States must be postmarked no later than Nov. 5 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after general election)	R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
	UOCAVA ballots for general election must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after general election)	R.C. 3511.11
Nov. 17	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of general election ballots (11 days after general election)	R.C. 3505.32
Nov. 21	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of general election ballots no later than this date (15 days after general election)	R.C. 3505.32
Nov. 27	Boards of elections must complete canvass of general election ballots no later than this date (21 days after general election)	R.C. 3505.32
Dec. 13	Last day for certain local option petitioners to send street listings to Division of Liquor Control (55 days before Feb. 6, 2013 petition filing deadline for May 7, 2013 primary election)	R.C. 4301.33, 4305.14
Dec. 22	Boards of elections must update and publish notices of February 5, 2013 special election by this date and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before special election)	R.C. 3511.16

2013

Jan. 1	Applications for absentee ballots for elections held in 2013 may be accepted (primary election applications for absentee ballots accepted starting Nov. 7, 2012)	R.C. 3509.03, 3511.02
Jan. 6	November 6, 2012 general election ballots, except for federal office, may be discarded unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after general election)	R.C. 3505.31, 42 USC 1974
Jan. 7*	**Deadline for voter registration** for Feb. 5 special election (30 days before special election)	R.C. 3503.19
	Last day for local option petitioners contesting community facility to send street listings to Division of Liquor Control (30 days before Feb. 6, 2013 petition filing deadline for May 7, 2013 primary election)	R.C. 4301.334
Jan. 27	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the May 7, 2013 primary elections by this date and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before primary election)	R.C. 3511.16

Recounts and Election Contests

Application for a recount must be filed not later than 5 days after official results are declared	R.C. 3515.02
A petition contesting an election must be filed in the appropriate court within 15 days after the official results are declared or, if a recount of the election is conducted, within 10 days after the official results of a recount are declared	R.C. 3515.09

2012 Campaign Finance Calendar

Jan. 21	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file annual campaign finance reports	R.C. 3517.11
Jan. 31	Annual campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds) and political parties by 4 p.m. (last business day of Jan. detailing contributions and expenditures through Dec. 31, 2011	R.C. 3517.10
Feb. 13	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates to file pre-election campaign finance reports	R.C. 3517.11
Feb. 23	Pre-primary election campaign finance reports must be filed by candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds) and political parties by 4 p.m. (12 days before primary election) detailing contributions and expenditures through Feb. 15, 2012 (20 days before primary election)	R.C. 3517.10
April 3	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates to file post-primary election campaign finance reports	R.C. 3517.11
April 13	Post-primary election campaign finance reports must be filed by candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds) and political parties by 4 p.m. (38 days after primary election) detailing contributions and expenditures through April 6, 2012 (the 7th day before the report is filed)	R.C. 3517.10
July 21	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file semiannual campaign finance reports	R.C. 3517.11
July 31	Semiannual campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds), and political parties by 4 p.m. (last business day of July) detailing contributions and expenditures through June 30, 2012	R.C. 3517.10
Oct. 15	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates to file pre-general election campaign finance reports	R.C. 3517.11
Oct. 25	Pre-general election campaign finance reports must be filed by candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds), and political parties by 4 p.m. (12 days before general election) detailing contributions and expenditures from the last day reflected in the previous report through Oct. 17, 2012 (20 days before general election)	R.C. 3517.10
Dec. 4	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates to file post-general election campaign finance reports	R.C. 3517.11
Dec. 14	Post-general election campaign finance reports must be filed by candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds), and political parties by 4 p.m. (38 days after general election) detailing contributions and expenditures through Dec. 7, 2012 (the 7th day before the report is filed)	R.C. 3517.10

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