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2018 Massachusetts State Primary and State Election Schedule

Deadline Dates

Calendar of Events	Party and non-party candidates for district and county offices	Party candidates for federal and statewide offices	Non-Party candidates for federal and statewide offices
Nomination papers must be available (They may be released earlier; check with Elections Division.)	February 13, 2018	February 13, 2018	February 13, 2018
Last day for a person running in a state primary to enroll in a party or for a person running only in a state election to unenroll from a party (except newly registered voters).	February 27, 2018	March 6, 2018	March 6, 2018
5:00 p.m., last day and hour to submit nomination papers to Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures.	May 1, 2018	May 8, 2018	July 31, 2018
5:00 p.m., last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures.	May 22, 2018	May 29, 2018	August 21, 2018
5:00 p.m., last day and hour for candidates to apply for review of non-certified signatures.	May 24, 2018	May 31, 2018	August 23, 2018
5:00 p.m., last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete review of non-certified signatures.	May 25, 2018	June 4, 2018	August 27, 2018
5:00 p.m., last day and hour to file nomination papers (including enrollment or voter registration certificate and Ethics Commission receipt) with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	May 29, 2018	June 5, 2018	August 28, 2018
5:00 p.m., last day and hour to file withdrawals of or objections to nomination papers with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	June 1, 2018	June 8, 2018	August 31, 2018
5:00 p.m., last day and hour to fill vacancies caused by withdrawals.	June 6, 2018	June 13, 2018	September 6, 2018
9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., last day to register to vote and to change party enrollment for the State Primaries (in towns with fewer than 1,500 voters, registration sessions must be held 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.).	Wednesday, August 15, 2018		
State Primaries	Tuesday, September 4, 2018		
9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., last day to register to vote for the State Election (in towns with fewer than 1,500 voters, registration sessions must be held 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.).	Wednesday, October 17, 2018		
State Election	Tuesday, November 6, 2018		