



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
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

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
Feb. 6* Deadline for voter registration for March 6 primary election (30 days before primary election)..... R.C. 3503.19
March 6 Primary Election Day Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. R.C. 3501.01, .32
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
July 9* Deadline for voter registration for Aug. 7 special election (30 days before special election) R.C. 3503.19
Aug. 7 Special Election may be held. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. R.C. 3501.01, .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. SOS 0504 (12/21/11)



2012

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
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
Oct. 9* Deadline for voter registration for Nov. 6 general election (30 days before general election) R.C. 3503.19
Nov. 6 General Election Day. Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. R.C. 3501.01, .32

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

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
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
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
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

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