



2022		Reference
May 31	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file post-primary campaign finance reports (10 days before the post-primary campaign finance report deadline)	<a href="#">R.C. 3517.11</a>
Jun. 03	Boards of elections must certify partisan candidate petitions for general assembly offices and for member of state central committee if the board did <b>not</b> receive a Form 2-ZA addendum from any candidate for general assembly by March 10, 2022	<a href="#">Directive 2022-34</a>
	Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before primary/special election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3501.27</a>
Jun. 06	Protests against partisan candidates for general assembly offices and for member of state central committee must be filed by 4 p.m., if the board certified candidates by June 3, 2022	<a href="#">Directive 2022-34</a>
Jun. 07	General assembly candidates who filed a form 2-ZA addendum by March 10, 2022, may establish residency in a new district and update their voter registration no later than 4 p.m.	<a href="#">Directive 2022-34</a> <a href="#">OH Const. XI, §§9c</a>
Jun. 08	Boards of elections must certify partisan candidate petitions for general assembly offices and for member of state central committee if the board did receive a Form 2-ZA addendum from any candidate for general assembly by March 10, 2022	<a href="#">Directive 2022-34</a>
Jun. 09	Protests against partisan candidates for general assembly offices and for member of state central committee must be filed by 4 p.m., if the board certified candidates after June 3, 2022, but by June 8, 2022	<a href="#">Directive 2022-34</a>
Jun. 10	Protest hearings against partisan candidates for general assembly offices and for member of state central committee must be held and decided	<a href="#">Directive 2022-34</a>
	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 June 3, 2022 (seven days before the report is filed)	<a href="#">R.C. 3517.10</a>
Jun. 15	Boards 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	<a href="#">R.C. 3513.262</a>
Jun. 16	Last day for local option petitioners to send street listing to Division of Liquor Control (55 days before August 10 deadline for filing petitions for November 8 general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 4301.33, 4305.14</a>
Jun. 17	UOCAVA absentee ballots for August 2 primary/special election must be ready for use (46 days before primary/special election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3511.04</a>
	Boards of elections must update and publish notices of August 2 primary/special election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 46 days before primary/special election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3511.16</a>
Jun. 21	Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (six weeks before primary/special election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3503.12</a>
Jul. 05*	<b>Deadline for voter registration for August 2 primary/special election (30 days before primary/special election)</b>	<a href="#">R.C. 3503.19</a>
	Last day for local opinion petitioners seeking to sell at a community facility to send street listing to Division of Liquor Control (30 days before August 2, 2022 deadline to file petitions for November 8, 2022 general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 4301.334</a>
	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct voter registration lists (30 days before primary/special election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3503.24</a>
Jul. 06	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for August 2 primary/special election must be ready for use (first day after close of voter registration)	<a href="#">R.C. 3509.01</a>
	Early in-person absentee voting begins (first day after close of voter registration)	<a href="#">R.C. 3509.01</a>
	Constitutional amendments or statutes proposed by initiative petitions to be submitted directly to the voters must be filed with Secretary of State (125 days before general election)	<a href="#">OH Const. II, §§1a-1b</a>
Jul. 11	Boards of elections must send notice to general assembly candidates required to file pre-primary campaign finance reports (10 days before the pre-primary campaign finance report deadline)	<a href="#">R.C. 3517.11</a>
Jul. 13	Committees advocating or opposing issues on August 2 primary/special election ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before primary/special election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3505.21</a>
Jul. 15	Boards of elections must certify independent candidate petitions by this date	<a href="#">R.C. 3513.262</a>
Jul. 19	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists for primary/special election (14 days before primary/special election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3503.23</a>
	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file semiannual campaign finance reports (10 days before the semiannual campaign finance report deadline)	<a href="#">R.C. 3517.11</a>
Jul. 21	Pre-primary election campaign finance reports must be filed by general assembly 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 July 13, 2022 (20 days before primary election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3517.10</a>
Jul. 22	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before primary/special election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3505.21</a>
Jul. 23	Boards of elections must give public notice of August 2 primary/special election (10 days before primary/special election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3501.03</a>
Jul. 29	Semiannual election 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, 2022 (last day of June)	<a href="#">R.C. 3517.10</a>
Jul. 30	Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for August 2 primary/special election must be received by noon (3 days before primary/special election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3509.03, .08, 3511.02</a>
Jul. 31	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of November 8 general election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before the general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3511.16</a>
Aug. 01	Nominating petitions of independent candidates for general assembly offices must be filed by 4 p.m. (one day before primary election)	<a href="#">Directive 2022-34</a>
	Protests against independent candidates, excluding general assembly offices, nominated by petition must be filed by 4 p.m.	<a href="#">R.C. 3513.262</a>
	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before primary/special election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3505.21</a>
	Boards of elections must submit verification forms of handicapped accessible parking and handicapped accessible polling locations to the Secretary of State's Office (no later than the day before the primary/special election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3501.29</a>
Aug. 02	<b>Primary/Special Election may be held. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.</b>	<a href="#">R.C. 3501.01, .32</a>
	If voter, or voter's minor child is hospitalized because of accident or medical emergency, voter may apply for an absentee ballot until 3 p.m.	<a href="#">R.C. 3509.08</a>
	Boards of elections must receive absentee ballots, returned in person or via a method other than U.S. Mail, by the close of polls	<a href="#">R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11</a>
Aug. 10	Constitutional amendments proposed by joint resolution of General Assembly must be filed with Secretary of State (90 days before general election)	<a href="#">OH Const. XVI, §1</a>
	Nominating petitions of candidates in nonpartisan races must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 1907.13, 3513.259, .263</a>
	Local questions and issues for November 8 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)	<a href="#">R.C. 731.28, .29, 3501.02, 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14</a>
Aug. 12	Absentee ballots for August 2 primary/special election returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than August 1 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after primary/special election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11</a>
	UOCAVA absentee ballots for August 2 primary/special election must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after primary/special election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3511.11</a>
Aug. 13	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of August 2 primary/special election ballots (11 days after primary/special election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3505.32</a>
Aug. 15*	Political party or independent candidate nominating committees must certify name of person to fill vacancy on November 8 general election ballot caused by withdrawal or disqualification of candidate by 4 p.m. (86 days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3513.31</a>
Aug. 17	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of August 2 primary/special election ballots no later than this date (15 days after primary/special election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3505.32</a>
Aug. 22	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of candidates' petitions in nonpartisan races and nominating petitions for independent candidates for general assembly offices (78 days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3513.263</a> <a href="#">Directive 2022-34</a>
	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of local option petitions (78 days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14</a>
Aug. 23	Boards of elections must complete official canvass of August 2 primary/special election ballots no later than this date (21 days after primary/special election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3505.32</a>
Aug. 26	Protests against candidates for nonpartisan office and for independent candidates for general assembly offices must be filed by this date (74 days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3513.263</a> <a href="#">Directive 2022-34</a>
	Protests against local option petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14</a>
Aug. 29*	Write-in candidates must file declarations of intent by 4 p.m. (72 days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3513.041</a>
Aug. 30	Secretary of State must certify to boards of elections the form of official ballots for November 8 general election (70 days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3505.01</a>
	Board of elections of most populous county of a multi-county district must certify names of all candidates to other boards of elections (70 days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3505.01</a>
	Boards of elections must send notice to general assembly candidates required to file post-primary campaign finance reports (10 days before the post-primary campaign finance report deadline)	<a href="#">R.C. 3517.11</a>
Sep. 02	Protests against write-in candidates for general election must be filed by 4 p.m. (67 days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3513.041</a>
Sep. 09	Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3501.27</a>
	Post-primary election campaign finance reports must be filed by general assembly 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 September 2, 2022 (seven days before the report is filed)	<a href="#">R.C. 3517.10</a>
Sep. 23	UOCAVA absentee ballots for November 8 general election must be ready for use (46 days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3511.04</a>
	Boards of elections must update and publish notices of November 8 general election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 46 days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3511.16</a>
Sep. 27	Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3503.12</a>

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<b>Oct. 11*</b>	<b>Deadline for voter registration for November 8 general election (30 days before general election)</b>	<a href="#">R.C. 3503.19</a>
	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct voter registration lists (30 days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3503.24</a>
<b>Oct. 12</b>	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for November 8 general election must be ready for use (first day after close of voter registration)	<a href="#">R.C. 3509.01</a>
	Early in-person absentee voting begins (first day after close of voter registration)	<a href="#">R.C. 3509.01</a>
<b>Oct. 17</b>	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file pre-general campaign finance reports (10 days before the pre-general campaign finance report deadline)	<a href="#">R.C. 3517.11</a>
<b>Oct. 19</b>	Committees advocating or opposing issues on November 8 general election ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3505.21</a>
<b>Oct. 25</b>	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists for general election (14 days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3503.23</a>
<b>Oct. 27</b>	Pre-general election campaign finance reports must be filed by certain 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 through October 19, 2022 (20 days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3517.10</a>
<b>Oct. 28</b>	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3505.21</a>
<b>Oct. 29</b>	Boards of elections must give public notice of November 8 general election (10 days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3501.03</a>
	Certificate to fill vacancy on November 8 general election ballot caused by death of candidate nominated at primary election whose name is on ballot in more than one county (10 days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3513.31</a>
<b>Nov. 03</b>	Certificate to fill vacancy on November 8 general election ballot caused by death of independent or nonpartisan candidate prior to October 29 (10 days before general election) must be filed by 4 p.m. (five days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3513.31</a>
	Certificate to fill vacancy on November 8 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. (five days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3513.31</a>
<b>Nov. 05</b>	Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for November 8 general election must be received by boards of elections by noon (three days before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3509.03, .08, 3511.02</a>
<b>Nov. 07</b>	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (one day before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3505.21</a>
	Boards of elections must submit verification forms of handicapped accessible parking and handicapped accessible polling locations to the Secretary of State's Office (no later than one day before general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3501.29</a>
<b>Nov. 08</b>	<b>General Election Day. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.</b>	<a href="#">R.C. 3501.01, .32</a>
	If voter, or voter's minor child is hospitalized because of accident or medical emergency, voter may apply for an absentee ballot until 3 p.m.	<a href="#">R.C. 3509.08</a>
	Boards of elections must receive absentee ballots, returned in person or via a method other than U.S. Mail, by the close of polls	<a href="#">R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11</a>
<b>Nov. 18</b>	Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than November 7 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11</a>
	UOCAVA absentee ballots must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3511.11</a>
<b>Nov. 19</b>	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of November 8 general election ballots (11 days after general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3505.32</a>
<b>Nov. 23</b>	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of November 8 general election ballots no later than this date (15 days after general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3505.32</a>
<b>Nov. 29</b>	Boards of elections must complete official canvass of November 8 general election ballots no later than this date (21 days after general election)	<a href="#">R.C. 3505.32</a>
<b>Dec. 06</b>	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file post-general election campaign finance reports (10 days before the post-general campaign finance report deadline)	<a href="#">R.C. 3517.11</a>
<b>Dec. 08</b>	Last day for certain local option petitioners to send street listings to Division of Liquor Control (55 days before February 1, 2023 petition filing deadline for May 2, 2023 primary election)	<a href="#">R.C. 4301.33, 4305.14</a>
<b>Dec. 16</b>	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 December 9, 2022 (the 7th day before the report is filed)	<a href="#">R.C. 3517.10</a>
2023		Reference
<b>Jan. 01</b>	Applications for absentee ballots for all elections held in 2023 may be accepted (first day of the year)	<a href="#">R.C. 3509.03, 3511.02</a>
<b>Jan. 03*</b>	Last day for local option petitioners contesting community facility to send street listings to Division of Liquor Control (30 days before February 1 petition filing deadline for May 2 primary election)	<a href="#">R.C. 4301.334</a>
<b>Recounts and Election Contests</b>		
	Application for a recount must be filed no later than 5 days after official results are declared.	<a href="#">R.C. 3515.02</a>
	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.	<a href="#">R.C. 3515.09</a>

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