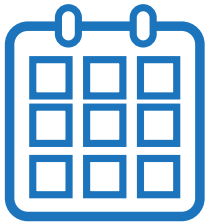


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Rhode Island 2020 Election Calendar

A guide for elections officials

Primary

September 8, 2020

General Election

November 3, 2020



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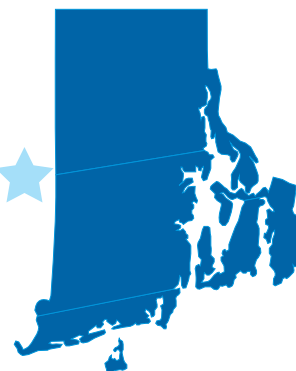
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Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State



Dear Local Elections Official:

As your Secretary of State, I am working to improve access to the ballot box while securing the integrity of every vote. It is imperative that Rhode Islanders trust our elections process and you play a key role in ensuring that trust.

This digital guide contains all of the information and key dates you will need to administer the September primary and November's general election. Some of the information included in this guide:

- Filing dates for candidates
- Voter registration deadlines
- Contact info for fellow elections officials

We also encourage you to print out the flyers on the final pages of this guide to post in your offices for local voters. While this guide is offered electronically to make it easier for you to share it with your colleagues, we are happy to provide a hard copy of the guide or the Voter ID flyer upon request. If you need additional information, please contact our Elections Division at 401-222-2340, TTY 711 or elections@sos.ri.gov.

Government can and must be effective, transparent and accountable to the people it serves in order to succeed. That can only happen when we all participate. As a local elections official, I know that you work hard to make sure that Rhode Islanders who are eligible to vote, participate in our democratic process. I thank you for also working to make sure that our elections run smoothly.

Sincerely,

Nellie M. Gorbea

Secretary of State

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Notes:

- › Rhode Island General Laws, [RIGL §[17-1-7](#)], provides for a uniform deadline of 4 p.m. unless another time is specified.
- › The determinations herein are a matter of interpretation and are intended solely as a guide. They do not constitute official interpretation of state law.
- › All statutory references are to [Title 17](#) of the Rhode Island General Laws, 1956, as amended as of December 31, 2019.
- › The Department of State will post changes to [Title 17](#) that affect this election calendar on our website at vote.ri.gov. There will be a link on the Elections Division page that will take you to the status of any laws affecting the dates in this guide.

Election Calendar Highlights



March 24, 25 and 26	Deadline to file disaffiliation for candidates
May 23, 24 and 25	Deadline to register to vote in order to file a Declaration of Candidacy Deadline for candidates to register to vote in order to be eligible to file a Declaration of Candidacy.
June 22, 23 and 24	Declaration of Candidacy filing period Declaration of Candidacy filing period. (All candidates for federal office and independent presidential electors file with the Department of State's Elections Division; all candidates for general assembly, local offices, district committees and local committees file with local boards of canvassers where the candidate is a registered voter.)
August 9	Deadline to register to vote in the party primaries
August 10	Last day for disaffiliation for primary voters
September 8	PARTY PRIMARIES
October 4	Deadline to register to vote in the general election
November 3	GENERAL ELECTION

2020 Election Calendar and Explanations

March 24, 25 and 26

Deadline to file disaffiliation - candidates

Deadline to file disaffiliation to run as a candidate. If you wish to run as a candidate and are affiliated with a political party other than the party in which you wish to run, you must disaffiliate by this time. Deadline depends on date you file your Declaration of Candidacy.

[RIGL §[17-14-1.1](#)]

May 23, 24 and 25

Deadline to register to vote - candidates

Deadline for candidates to register to vote in order to be eligible to file a Declaration of Candidacy. Persons must be registered to vote at least 30 days before filing their Declaration of Candidacy. [RIGL §[17-14-1.2\(a\)](#)]

File declaration on:

June 22, 2020

June 23, 2020

June 24, 2020

Register to vote by:

May 23, 2020

May 24, 2020

May 25, 2020

June 22, 23 and 24

Declaration of Candidacy filing period

Dates for filing declarations to be candidates in primaries or to be independent candidates in the general election. Candidates for federal office and independent presidential electors file with the Department of State's Elections Division.

Candidates for general assembly, local offices, district committees and local committees file with local boards of canvassers where the candidate is registered to vote. [RIGL §[17-14-1](#)]

June 25

Deadline to submit party nominations

For any state office for which no primary nomination has been made and any local office for which no nomination has been made by any authorized city, town, ward, or district committee or any duly authorized subcommittee, state committees of political parties may file party nominations within 24 hours of the deadline for the filing of declarations of candidacy in the same location where the individual nominated would have filed their declaration of candidacy for such office. [RIGL §[17-12-2\(3\)](#)]

June 25

Deadline to file district committee endorsements

District committees file with local boards of canvassers lists of candidates having district committee endorsement (senatorial and representative district committees from the City of Providence file with the Department of State's Elections Division). To be filed not later than the day after the final day for filing declarations of candidacy. [RIGL §[17-12-11\(b\)\(2\)\(c\)](#)]

June 25

Deadline to file City/Town/Ward committee endorsements

City, town and ward committees file with local boards of canvassers lists of local candidates having committee endorsements. To be filed not later than the day after the final day for filing declarations of candidacy. [RIGL §[17-12-11](#)]

June 26

Deadline to file state committee endorsements

State committee notifies the Department of State's Elections Division of the endorsement of candidates to be voted statewide and by congressional district. To be filed not later than the second day after the final day for filing declarations of candidacy.

State committee to file with local boards of canvassers lists of candidates having committee endorsement when city, town or district committees have failed or neglected to do so. To be filed within 24 hours after city, town or district committees have failed to endorse. [RIGL §[17-12-4](#)]

June 30

Pick up nomination papers

First day nomination papers are available. Candidates for federal office and independent presidential electors (or their designees) obtain nomination papers from the Department of State's Elections Division. Candidates (or their designees) for the following offices from the City of Providence obtain their nomination papers from the Department of State's Elections Division: senator, representative, senatorial and representative district committees.

All other general assembly, local office, district committee and local committee candidates obtain nomination papers from local boards of canvassers where they filed their declaration of candidacy. Local board prepares within 2 business days of the final day of filing endorsements. (June 26th is final day for endorsement; June 27th is a Saturday; June 28th is a Sunday; June 29th is the first business day; June 30th is the second business day.)

Persons other than candidates picking up nomination papers from the Department of State's Elections Division (148 West River Street, Providence, RI) must have written authorization from the candidate. [RIGL §[17-14-4\(a\)\(c\)](#)]

July 10

Deadline to submit nomination papers

All candidates (or their designees) except electors for independent presidential candidates, file completed nomination papers with local boards of canvassers. To be filed on or before the 60th day before the primary. [RIGL §[17-14-11](#)]

July 13

Deadline to file objections to candidates - local offices

Final date to file objections to eligibility of candidates or sufficiency of nomination papers for local offices. Objections to be filed with the local board of canvassers the next business day after the final date for filing nomination papers. [RIGL §[17-14-13](#)]

July 13

Deadline to file withdrawals of candidates - local offices

Final date for local candidates to file withdrawals of candidacy. To be filed where nomination papers were filed. Note: in the event an objection has been filed, withdrawal to be filed within 24 hours of decision. [RIGL §[17-14-15](#)]

July 15

Deadline for decisions on objections to candidates - local offices

Local boards of canvassers to make decisions on objections to eligibility of candidates or sufficiency of nomination papers for candidates for local offices. Decisions to be made within 2 days of objections, exclusive of Sundays and holidays. [RIGL §[17-14-14\(b\)\(c\)](#)]

- July 16** **Deadline to certify nomination papers**
Last day for local boards of canvassers to file primary and independent nomination papers for federal and state offices, and certifications for local offices with the Department of State’s Elections Division. Local boards to file not later than 54 days prior to the primary. [RIGL §[17-14-12](#)]
- July 17 at 5 p.m.** **Ballot placement lottery for primary and general election**
The Department of State will conduct a lottery to determine ballot placement for unendorsed federal and state party candidates on primary ballots. The lottery will be held at 5 p.m. in the State Library, State House. If decision rendered on objections removes a candidate involved in the lottery, candidate’s name will be removed from the ballot. [RIGL §[17-15-8](#)].

The Department of State will conduct a lottery to determine ballot placement of recognized political parties and independent candidates (except electors for independent presidential candidates - see September 11) for the general election ballots. The lottery will be held at 5 p.m. in the State Library, State House. [RIGL §[17-19-9.1](#)]
- July 17** **Deadline to file objections for candidates - federal and state offices**
Final date to file objections to eligibility of candidates or sufficiency of nomination papers for all federal and state offices. Objections to be filed with the Department of State’s Elections Division by the next business day after the final date for filing nomination papers. [RIGL §[17-14-13](#)]
- July 17** **Deadline for withdrawals of candidates - federal and state offices**
Final date for federal and state candidates to file withdrawals of candidacy. To be filed where nomination papers were filed. Note: in the event an objection has been filed, withdrawal to be filed within 24 hours of decision. [RIGL §[17-14-15](#)]
- July 20** **Deadline for decisions on objections to candidates - federal and state offices**
Board of Elections to make decisions on objections to eligibility of candidates or sufficiency of nomination papers for candidates for federal and state offices. Decisions to be made within 2 days of objections, exclusive of Sundays and holidays. [RIGL §[17-14-14\(a\)\(b\)](#)]
- July 27** **Deadline to submit list of poll workers - primaries**
City/Town committees submit names to local board of canvassers of registered voters who will serve as wardens, moderators, supervisors and clerks. [RIGL §§[17-11-11](#), [17-15-13](#)]
- July 27** **Deadline to submit Braille or tactile mail ballot applications**
Final date for those voters who are blind, visually impaired, or disabled to request a Braille or a tactile primary mail ballot from their local board of canvassers. [RIGL §[17-19-8.1\(b\)](#)]
- August 4** **Deadline to appoint poll workers - primaries**
Local boards of canvassers to appoint wardens, moderators, supervisors and clerks at least 35 days prior to the primaries. [RIGL §§[17-11-11](#), [17-15-13](#)]

- August 5** **Deadline to submit local questions**
Local boards of canvassers to certify to the Department of State’s Elections Division a copy of each question to be submitted to the electors of the city or town. To be done not later than the 90th day before the election. [RIGL [§17-19-7](#)]
- August 8** **Deadline to post canvass notice - primaries**
Local boards of canvassers to post and advertise notice of canvass at least 10 days prior to canvass. Notice to be posted not later than August 8th in order for canvass to be conducted by August 18th. [RIGL [§17-10-5\(a\)](#)]
- August 9** **Deadline to register to vote - primaries**
Final date for voter registration for primaries. Registration must be made at least 30 days prior to the primary. [RIGL [§§17-1-3](#), [17-1-7](#), [17-9.1-3](#)]
- August 10** **Deadline to file disaffiliation - primary voters**
Deadline for voters to disaffiliate (if necessary) in order to vote in a different party’s primary. If you wish to disaffiliate you must do so at least 30 days prior to the primary. Unaffiliated voters may vote in any party’s primary. [RIGL [§17-9.1-24\(a\)](#)]
- August 14** **Deadline to post preliminary voter lists**
Local boards of canvassers to prepare and post preliminary lists of voters eligible to vote in the primaries. To be posted forthwith after close of voter registration for the primary.

In accordance with RIGL [§17-9.1](#), certain registrations processed on the last day to register to vote are allowed a 5-day transmittal period. Accordingly, local boards of canvassers cannot prepare and post preliminary lists of eligible voters until after this 5-day transmittal period. [RIGL [§17-10-3\(a\)](#)]
- Within 5 days of posting of preliminary voting list** **Deadline to file affidavit of names erroneously included or omitted from voter list**
Affidavit to be filed with local boards of canvassers by person claiming that their name has been erroneously included or omitted from the preliminary voting lists. To be done within 5 days of posting of preliminary voting lists. [RIGL [§17-13-2](#)]
- August 18** **Deadline to submit mail ballot applications - primaries**
Final date to submit application for a regular mail ballot for primaries. To be received by local boards of canvassers not later than 21 days prior to primaries. [RIGL [§17-20-2.1\(c\)](#)]
- August 18** **Deadline to canvass voter lists**
Local boards of canvassers are to canvass and correct voting lists before the 20th day prior to primaries (20th day is August 19th – must be done before this date). [RIGL [§17-10-5\(a\)](#)]
- August 19** **Emergency voting period begins**
Beginning of the period for emergency ballot applications for those voters whose circumstances necessitating a ballot arise during the period from August 19th through September 8th at 4 p.m. [RIGL [§17-20-2.2\(a\)\(b\)](#)]
- August 19** **Deadline to post final voting lists - primaries**
Local boards of canvassers to post final corrected copies of voting lists for primaries. [RIGL [§§17-10-5\(a\)](#), [17-10-14](#)]

August 21	<p>Deadline to certify mail ballot applications</p> <p>Final day for local boards of canvassers to certify mail ballot applications to the Department of State's Elections Division (not later than 18 days prior to the primaries, or within 7 days of receipt, whichever occurs first). [RIGL §17-20-10(c)]</p>
August 31	<p>Post notice - primaries</p> <p>Local boards of canvassers to post notice of primaries in each voting district. To be done at least 8 days prior to primaries. Local boards of canvassers may substitute posting of notices by publication in the newspaper. [RIGL §17-15-17]</p>
August 31	<p>Appointment of party officials - primaries</p> <p>Local boards of canvassers to appoint watchers, checkers and runners for primaries. Appointments to be made from lists provided by city and town party committees at least 10 days prior to the primaries (August 29th is a Saturday and August 30th is a Sunday). [RIGL §17-15-13(c)]</p>
September 4	<p>Deadline to submit nomination papers - presidential electors for independent presidential candidates</p> <p>All presidential electors for independent presidential candidates submit nomination papers to local boards of canvassers. To be filed on or before the 60th day before the election. [RIGL §17-14-11]</p>
September 8	<p>Party Primaries</p> <p>[RIGL §§17-15-1]</p>
September 8 at 4 p.m.	<p>Emergency voting period ends</p> <p>Final date to submit application for emergency ballot for primaries. To be received by local boards of canvassers not later than 4 p.m. [RIGL §§17-1-7, 17-20-2.2(b)]</p>
September 8 at 8 p.m.	<p>Deadline to receive mail ballots</p> <p>Final date for receipt of mail ballots by Board of Elections for primaries. Must be received by the Board of Elections at 2000 Plainfield Pike, Cranston RI 02921 not later than 8 p.m. [RIGL §17-20-16]</p>
September 9	<p>Tabulation of returns</p> <p>Local boards of canvassers to meet and tabulate city and town primary returns as the case may be, and announce results. Certificates of nomination or election not to be issued until expiration of period for requesting recount, and if recount is requested, following decision thereon. [RIGL §17-15-30(a)]</p>
September 9 by 4 p.m.	<p>Deadline to submit recount requests</p> <p>Final date for candidates to request Board of Elections to conduct a recount of votes cast at a specific voting location or locations, or for filing other protests concerning the primary. Must be filed not later than the day following the primaries. [RIGL §17-15-34]</p>
September 10	<p>Deadline to certify nomination papers - presidential electors for independent presidential candidates</p> <p>Local boards of canvassers to file nomination papers for presidential electors for independent presidential candidates with the Department of State's Elections Division. Local boards shall certify nomination papers to the Department of State's Elections Division not later than 54 days before the date of the election. [RIGL §17-14-12]</p>

- September 10** **Deadline to certify names of party and independent presidential candidates**
The secretary or duly authorized individual of each national party shall certify to the Department of State’s Elections Division the names of individuals nominated as the party’s candidates for president and vice president. The names of independent candidates for president and vice president must also be submitted by the authorized individual for those political organizations that have qualified independent presidential electors. By regulation adopted May 15th, 1996 to be filed not later than 54 days before the date of the election.
- September 11** **Deadline to receive military and overseas mail ballots**
Final date for receipt of military and overseas mail ballots by Board of Elections for primaries. Must be received by the Board of Elections at 2000 Plainfield Pike, Cranston RI 02921 not later than 4 p.m. [RIGL §[17-20-16](#)]
- September 11** **Deadline to file objections to nomination papers - presidential electors for independent presidential candidates**
Final date to file objections to nomination papers for presidential electors for independent presidential candidates. Objections must be filed by the next business day after the final date for filing nomination papers. [RIGL §[17-14-13](#)]
- September 11** **Deadline for nomination withdrawals - presidential electors for independent presidential candidates**
Presidential electors for independent presidential candidates file withdrawals with the Department of State’s Elections Division. If an objection has been filed, withdrawals may be filed within 24 hours after the Board of Elections renders its decision. [RIGL §[17-14-15](#)]
- September 11** **Deadline to fill vacancies**
Final date for filling vacancies caused whenever a nominee of a recognized political party removes themselves from the jurisdiction of the district or as a candidate for the office for which the nominee seeks election. In the event of death, the vacancy can be filled at anytime. Vacancies must be filled at the same location where the individual would have filed their declaration of candidacy. [RIGL §[17-15-38\(a\)](#)]
- September 11** **Local candidates certification**
Local boards of canvassers to certify to the Department of State’s Elections Division the names of candidates for each local office and the party name under which they were nominated, and the names of all qualified independent candidates for each local office. To be done not later than the third day following the date of the primaries. [RIGL §[17-19-7](#)]
- September 11 at 5 p.m.** **Ballot placement lottery - presidential electors for independent presidential candidates**
The Department of State shall conduct a lottery to determine ballot placement of presidential electors for independent presidential candidates for the general election ballots. Lottery will be conducted in the State Library, State House, Providence, Rhode Island. (If decision rendered on September 14th removes presidential electors for a particular presidential candidate, the names will be removed from the ballot.) [RIGL §[17-19-9.1](#)]

September 14	<p>Deadline for decisions on objections to candidates - presidential electors for independent presidential candidates</p> <p>Board of Elections to make decisions on objections to nomination papers for presidential electors for independent presidential candidates. Decisions to be made within 2 days of objections, exclusive of Sundays and holidays. [RIGL §§17-14-14]</p>
September 21	<p>Deadline to submit list of poll workers - General Election</p> <p>City/Town committees submit names to local board of canvassers of registered voters who will serve as wardens, moderators, supervisors and clerks. [RIGL §§17-11-11, 17-11-13]</p>
September 21	<p>Deadline to submit Braille or tactile mail ballot applications</p> <p>Final date for those voters who are blind, visually impaired, or disabled to request a Braille or a tactile general election mail ballot from their local board of canvassers. [RIGL §§17-19-8.1(b)]</p>
September 29	<p>Appointment of poll workers - General Election</p> <p>Local boards of canvassers to appoint poll workers for general election. Appointments to be made from lists provided by city and town committees at least 35 days prior to the general election. [RIGL §§17-11-11, 17-11-13]</p>
October 3	<p>Deadline to post canvass notice</p> <p>Local boards of canvassers to post and advertise notice of canvass at least 10 days prior to canvass. Notice to be posted not later than October 3rd in order for canvass to be conducted by October 13th. [RIGL §17-10-5(a)]</p>
October 4	<p>Deadline to register to vote - General Election</p> <p>Final date for voter registration for the general election. Registration must be made at least 30 days prior to the general election. [RIGL §§17-1-3, 17-1-7, 17-9.1-3]</p>
October 9	<p>Deadline to post preliminary voter list</p> <p>Local boards of canvassers must prepare and post preliminary lists of voters eligible to vote in the general election. To be posted forthwith after close of voter registration for the general election.</p> <p>In accordance with RIGL §17-9.1, certain registrations processed on the last day to register to vote are allowed a 5-day transmittal period. Accordingly, local boards of canvassers cannot prepare and post preliminary lists of eligible voters until after this 5-day transmittal period. [RIGL §17-10-3(a)]</p>
Within 5 days of posting preliminary voting list	<p>Deadline to file affidavit of names erroneously included or omitted from voter list</p> <p>Affidavit to be filed with local boards of canvassers by person claiming that their name has been erroneously included or omitted from the preliminary voting lists. To be done within 5 days of posting of preliminary voting lists. [RIGL §§17-10-5, 17-13-2]</p>

October 13	<p>Deadline to submit mail ballot applications - General Election Final date to submit application for a regular mail ballot for the general election. To be received by local boards of canvassers not later than 21 days prior to the general election. [RIGL §17-20-2.1(c)]</p>
October 13	<p>Deadline to canvass voter lists Local boards of canvassers are to canvass and correct voting lists before the 20th day prior to the general election (20th day is October 14th - must be done before this date). [RIGL §17-10-5(a)]</p>
October 14	<p>Party conventions State conventions for political parties in Rhode Island shall be held not later than October 14th. [RIGL §17-12-13]</p>
October 14	<p>Emergency voting period begins Beginning of the period for emergency ballot applications for those voters whose circumstances necessitating a ballot arise during the period from October 14th through November 2nd at 4 p.m. [RIGL §17-20-2.2(a)(b)]</p>
October 16	<p>Deadline to post final voting lists - General Election Local boards of canvassers to post final corrected copies of voting lists for the general election. [RIGL §17-10-14]</p>
October 16	<p>Deadline to certify mail ballot applications Final day for local boards of canvassers to certify mail ballot applications to the Department of State's Elections Division (not later than 18 days prior to the general election, or within 7 days of receipt, whichever occurs first). [RIGL §17-20-10(c)]</p>
October 27	<p>Deadline to post warrants Final day for city and town clerks to issue and post warrants notifying of the general election. To be issued and posted at least 7 days prior to Election Day. [RIGL §17-18-3]</p>
November 2 at 4 p.m.	<p>Emergency voting period ends Final date to submit application for emergency ballot for the general election. To be received by local boards of canvassers not later than 4 p.m. [RIGL §17-20-2.2(b)]</p>
November 3	<p>Election Day [RIGL §17-18-5]</p>
November 3 at 8 p.m.	<p>Deadline to receive mail ballots Final date for receipt of mail ballots by Board of Elections for the general election. Must be received by Board of Elections at 2000 Plainfield Pike, Cranston RI 02921, not later than 8 p.m. [RIGL §17-20-16]</p>

November 10 at 4 p.m.	<p>Deadline to receive military and overseas mail ballots</p> <p>Final date for receipt of military and overseas mail ballots by Board of Elections for the general election. Must be received by Board of Elections at 2000 Plainfield Pike, Cranston RI 02921, not later than 4 p.m. [RIGL §17-20-16]</p>
November 10	<p>Recount requests</p> <p>Final date for candidates to request Board of Elections to conduct a recount of votes. Petition to be filed within 7 days after the election. [RIGL §§17-1-7, 17-19-36, 17-19-37]</p>
December 14 at 12 p.m.	<p>Presidential electors</p> <p>Meeting of presidential electors to be held at the State House at noon. [RIGL §17-4-11]</p>
January, 2021	<p>Deadline for party committees to meet and organize</p> <p>City, town and district committees to meet and organize. [RIGL §17-12-9(a)]</p>
Within 10 days of of organization	<p>Deadline for party committees to file</p> <p>City, town and district committees, within 10 days of organization, file lists of officers and members with the Department of State’s Elections Division and local boards of canvassers. [RIGL §17-12-9(c)]</p>

2020 Campaign Finance Calendar

Note: “NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION”

Any candidate for public office, as defined in §17-25-3, is required to file a “Notice of Organization” with the Board of Elections prior to receiving any contributions or expending any money in the furtherance or aid of his/her candidacy or at the time of filing their declaration of candidacy, whichever occurs first. (Note: Persons who have a “Notice” on file with the Board of Elections and who regularly file reports with the Board are required to file an amended “Notice” whenever there is a change to information therein contained.)

For further information regarding campaign finance requirements, contact:

Rhode Island State Board of Elections
2000 Plainfield Pike
Cranston, Rhode Island 02921
Phone: 401-222-2345 - Fax: 401-222-4424
Email: campaign.finance@elections.ri.gov - Website: www.elections.ri.gov

January 31 (not later than) **POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEES – TREASURER**

Designation of a campaign treasurer by each state and municipal committee of a political party. [[§17-25-9](#)]

March 1

ANNUAL REPORTS

Each state and municipal committee of a political party must file an annual report setting forth in the aggregate all contributions received and expenditures made during the previous calendar year. [[§17-25-7\(b\)](#)]

April 30

(For reporting period January 1, 2020 thru March 31, 2020)

QUARTERLY ONGOING REPORTS

Reports are due from candidates, political parties, and political action committees. [[§17-25-11](#)]

July 31

(For reporting period April 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2020)

QUARTERLY ONGOING REPORTS

Reports are due from candidates*, political parties, and political action committees.

* Candidates who file their “Notice of Organization” during the declaration period need not file this report. The first report of contributions received and expenditures incurred shall be due as follows:

› IF A CANDIDATE IN THE PRIMARY, the report for the period between the date of declaration and August 10, 2020, shall be due on August 11, 2020.

› IF NOT A CANDIDATE IN THE PRIMARY, the report for the period between the date of declaration and October 5, 2020, shall be due on October 6, 2020.

[[§17-25-11](#)]

August 11

(For reporting period July 1, 2020 thru August 11, 2020)

PRE-PRIMARY REPORTS

Candidates, political parties, and political action committees that are participating in a primary must file reports 28 days prior to the party primaries.

[[§17-25-11\(a\)\(2\)](#)]

- September 1** **(For reporting period August 11, 2020 thru August 31, 2020)**
PRE-PRIMARY REPORTS
 Candidates, political parties, and political action committees that are participating in a primary must file reports 7 days prior to the party primaries. [[§17-25-11\(a\)\(2\)](#)]
- October 6** **PRE-ELECTION REPORTS**
 Candidates, political parties, and political action committees that are participating in the election must file reports 28 days prior to the election.
 If the candidate, political party or political action committee:
 › PARTICIPATED IN THE PRIMARY (Does not include unsuccessful primary candidates - See October 6, 2020) the reporting period is September 1, 2020 thru October 5, 2020.
 › DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PRIMARY the reporting period is July 1, 2020 thru October 5, 2020. [[§17-25-11\(a\)\(2\)](#)]
- October 6** **(For reporting period September 1, 2020 thru October 5, 2020)**
POST-PRIMARY REPORTS – UNSUCCESSFUL PRIMARY CANDIDATES
 All unsuccessful primary candidates must file reports 28 days after the primary. [[§17-25-11\(a\)\(3\)](#)]
- October 27** **(For reporting period October 6, 2020 thru October 26, 2020)**
PRE-ELECTION REPORTS
 Candidates, political parties, and political action committees that are participating in the election must file reports 7 days prior to the election. [[§17-25-11\(a\)\(2\)](#)]
- November 2** **(For reporting period July 1, 2020 thru September 30, 2020)**
QUARTERLY ONGOING REPORTS
 Reports are due from candidates, political parties and political action committees that are not participating in the September primary or November election. [[§17-25-11](#)]
- December 1** **(For reporting period October 27, 2020 thru November 30, 2020)**
POST-ELECTION REPORTS
 Candidates, political parties, and political action committees that participated in the election must file reports 28 days after the election. [[§17-25-11\(a\)\(3\)](#)]
- February 1, 2021** **QUARTERLY ONGOING REPORTS**
 Reports are due from all candidates, political parties, and political action committees.
 If the candidate, political party or political action committee:
 › PARTICIPATED IN THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION the reporting period is December 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2020.
 › WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN THE PRIMARY the reporting period is October 6, 2020 thru December 31, 2020.
 › DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN A PRIMARY OR ELECTION the reporting period is October 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2020. [[§17-25-11](#)]

Qualifications for Elective Office

Office	Age	State Residence	U.S. Citizen	Years in Term	# of Terms
President	35	14 years in U.S.	yes, natural born	4	2
Vice President	35	14 years in U.S.	yes, natural born	4	no limit
Presidential Elector	18	30 days	yes	n/a	no limit
U.S. Senator	30	yes	9 years	6	no limit
U.S. Representative	25	yes	7 years	2	no limit
Governor*	18	30 days	yes	4	2
Lt. Governor*	18	30 days	yes	4	2
Secretary of State*	18	30 days	yes	4	2
General Treasurer*	18	30 days	yes	4	2
Attorney General*	18	30 days	yes	4	2
State Senator	18	30 days	yes	2	no limit
State Representative	18	30 days	yes	2	no limit

***Not on ballot in 2020**

Polling Place Hours

Opening Times of Polls

CITY/TOWN	OPEN A.M.	CITY/TOWN	OPEN A.M.
Barrington	7 a.m.	Newport	7 a.m.
Bristol	7 a.m.	New Shoreham	9 a.m.*
Burrillville	7 a.m.	North Kingstown	7 a.m.
Central Falls	7 a.m.	North Providence	7 a.m.
Charlestown	7 a.m.	North Smithfield	7 a.m.
Coventry	7 a.m.	Pawtucket	7 a.m.
Cranston	7 a.m.	Portsmouth	7 a.m.
Cumberland	7 a.m.	Providence	7 a.m.
East Greenwich	7 a.m.	Richmond	7 a.m.
East Providence	7 a.m.	Scituate	7 a.m.
Exeter	7 a.m.	Smithfield	7 a.m.
Foster	7 a.m.	South Kingstown	7 a.m.
Glocester	7 a.m.	Tiverton	7 a.m.
Hopkinton	7 a.m.	Warren	7 a.m.
Jamestown	7 a.m.	Warwick	7 a.m.
Johnston	7 a.m.	Westerly	7 a.m.
Lincoln	7 a.m.	West Greenwich	7 a.m.
Little Compton	7 a.m.	West Warwick	7 a.m.
Middletown	7 a.m.	Woonsocket	7 a.m.
Narragansett	7 a.m.		

* Polls in the Town of New Shoreham shall open at 9 a.m.

Closing Times of Polls

The polls in all cities and towns in Rhode Island will remain open for voting until 8 p.m.

Any person eligible to vote who is in line to vote at 8 p.m. will be allowed to cast his or her vote before the polls close.

Local Boards of Canvassers Contact Information

*Any mailing MUST be addressed to the attention of "Board of Canvassers".

Barrington Town Hall
283 County Rd. 02806
247-1900 x1

Bristol Town Hall
10 Court St. 02809
253-7000

Burrillville Town Hall
105 Harrisville Main St.
Harrisville 02830
568-4300

Central Falls City Hall
580 Broad St. 02863
727-7400

Charlestown Town Hall
4540 South County Trl. 02813
364-1200

Coventry Town Hall
1670 Flat River Rd. 02816
822-9150

Cranston City Hall
869 Park Ave. 02910
780-3126

Cumberland Town Hall
45 Broad St. 02864
728-2400

East Greenwich Town Hall
125 Main St.
P.O. Box 111 02818
886-8603

East Providence City Hall
145 Taunton Ave. 02914
435-7502

Exeter Town Hall
675 Ten Rod Rd. 02822
294-2287

Foster Town Hall
181 Howard Hill Rd. 02825
392-9201

Glocester Town Hall
1145 Putnam Pike
P.O. Drawer B, Chepachet 02814
568-6206 x0

Hopkinton Town Hall
1 Town House Rd. 02833
377-7777

Jamestown Town Hall
93 Narragansett Ave. 02835
423-9801

Johnston Town Hall
1385 Hartford Ave. 02919
553-8856

Lincoln Town Hall
100 Old River Rd.
P.O. Box 100 02865
333-1140

Little Compton Town Hall
40 Commons
P.O. Box 226 02837
635-4400

Middletown Town Hall
350 East Main Rd. 02842
849-5540

Narragansett Town Hall
25 Fifth Ave. 02882
782-0625

Newport City Hall
43 Broadway 02840
845-5386

New Shoreham Town Hall
16 Old Town Rd.
P.O. Box 220 02807
466-3200

North Kingstown Town Hall
100 Fairway Dr. 02852
294-3331 x128

North Providence Town Hall
2000 Smith St. 02911
232-0900 x234

North Smithfield Town Hall
83 Greene St. 02896
767-2200

Pawtucket City Hall
137 Roosevelt Ave. 02860
722-1637

Portsmouth Town Hall
2200 East Main Rd. 02871
683-3157

Providence City Hall
25 Dorrance St.
Room 102 02903
421-0495

Richmond Town Hall
5 Richmond Townhouse Rd.
Wyoming 02898
539-9000 x9

Scituate Town Hall
195 Danielson Pike
P.O. Box 328, N. Scituate 02857
647-7466

Smithfield Town Hall
64 Farnum Pike
Esmond 02917
233-1000 x112

South Kingstown Town Hall
180 High St.
Wakefield 02879
789-9331 x1231

Tiverton Town Hall
343 Highland Rd. 02878
625-6703

Warren Town Hall
514 Main St. 02885
245-7340 x4

Warwick City Hall
3275 Post Rd. 02886
738-2010

West Greenwich Town Hall
280 Victory Hwy. 02817
392-3800

West Warwick Town Hall
1170 Main St. 02893
822-9201

Westerly Town Hall
45 Broad St. 02891
348-2503

Woonsocket City Hall
169 Main St.
P.O. Box B 02895
767-9223

State Elections and Political Party Offices

Contact Information

› Department of State

Elections Division

148 W. River St., Providence, RI 02904

222-2340

› Board of Elections

2000 Plainfield Pike, Suite A, Cranston, RI 02921

222-2345

› Rhode Island Democratic Party

200 Metro Center Blvd., Suite 2, Warwick, RI 02886

272-3367

› Rhode Island Republican Party

1800 Post Rd., Suite 17-I, Warwick, RI 02886

732-8282

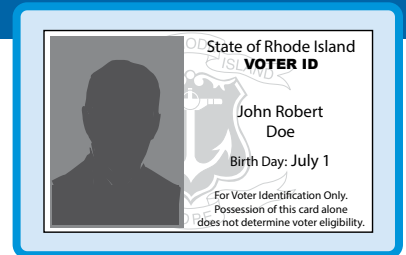
Department of State's Website

The following information concerning the 2020 election cycle will be found at: vote.ri.gov

- › Election Calendar - English & Spanish
- › How to Run for Office Guide - English & Spanish - Available soon
- › Declaration of Candidacy Form
- › Political Party Endorsement Form
- › Qualified Federal and State Candidates: Starting June 22, 2020, daily updates of federal and state candidates who filed and/or qualified for ballot placement
- › Qualified Local Candidates: Starting June 22, 2020, daily updates of local candidates who filed and/or qualified for ballot placement
- › Sample ballots
- › Find your polling place
- › Mail Ballot Applications - Available soon
- › Voter Referenda Handbook - Available September, 2020

Be A Voter

Bring an ID to the polls



Poll workers will ask you to show a Photo ID when you vote at your polling place. Voter ID strengthens the public's faith in the integrity of our elections by enabling poll workers to match a voter's name to their face.

What is an acceptable Photo ID?

IDs must be valid and not have expired more than six (6) months prior to voting, but they do not need to have your current address.

Acceptable Photo IDs include:

- › RI driver's license/permit
- › U.S. passport
- › ID card issued by any federally recognized tribal government
- › ID card issued by an educational institution in the U.S.
- › U.S. military ID card
- › ID card issued by the U.S. government or State of Rhode Island (RIPTA bus pass, etc.)
- › Government issued medical card
- › RI Voter ID card

Protecting Your Vote

No eligible voter will be turned away at the polls. Voters who do not bring ID to the polls can vote using a standard provisional ballot, which will be counted if the signature they give at the polling place matches the signature on their voter registration card.

Mail ballots will not require Voter ID.

Don't have a valid photo ID? Get a free Voter ID.

Find out what documents you need to get a voter ID at vote.ri.gov

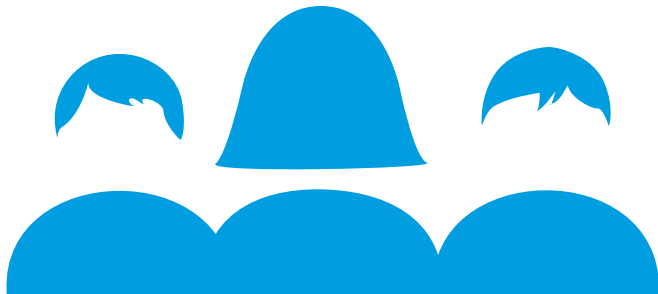
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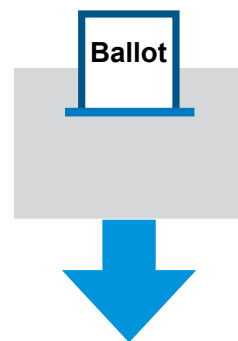
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Register to vote



AUGUST

9

Deadline to register to vote in the Primary

PARTY PRIMARIES

SEPTEMBER

8

OCTOBER

4

Deadline to register to vote in the General Election

GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER

3

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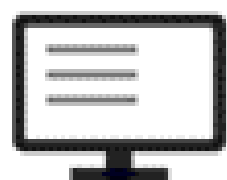
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Election Day



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your options go to:



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