

2018
ELECTIONS
CALENDAR

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Please contact the summit County Board of Elections at (330) 643-5200 with any questions.

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2018 ELECTION DATES**PRIMARY ELECTION - TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018**

UOCAVA 100 day Notice – Sunday, January 28, 2018

Ninety day filing deadline - Wednesday, February 7, 2018 (4:00 p.m.)

Seventy two day filing deadline - (write-in) – Monday, February 26, 2018 (4:00 p.m.)

Sixty day filing deadline - Friday, March 9, 2018 (4:00 p.m.)

UOCAVA 45 day Notice – Saturday, March 24, 2018

Thirty day registration deadline - Monday, April 9, 2018 (R.C. 3503.19)

Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots must be ready (day after the close of voter registration) - Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Independent candidate filing - Monday, May 7, 2018 (4:00 p.m.)

Expense Report Deadlines:

Pre-Election - Thursday, April 26, 2018 (closed end of business, Wednesday, April 18, 2018) (R.C. 3517.10)

Post-Election - Friday, June 15, 2018 (closed seven days before filing of report Friday June 8, 2018) (R.C. 3517.10)

SPECIAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018

UOCAVA 100 day Notice – Sunday, April 29, 2018

Ninety day filing deadline - Wednesday, May 9, 2018 (4:00 p.m.)

Sixty day filing deadline - Friday June 8, 2018 (4:00 p.m.)

UOCAVA 45 day Notice – Saturday, June 23, 2018

Thirty day registration deadline - Monday, July 9, 2018 (R.C. 3503.19)

Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots must be ready (day after the close of voter registration) - Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Expense Report Deadlines:

Pre-Election - Thursday, July 26, 2018 (closed end of business, Wednesday, July 18, 2018)

Last day for filing Semi-Annual Campaign Finance Report - Tuesday July 31, 2018 (disclose activity through June 30, 2018)

Post-Election - Friday, September 14, 2018 (closed seven days before filing of report Friday September 7, 2018) (R.C. 3517.10)

GENERAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

UOCAVA 100 day Notice – Sunday, July 29, 2018

Ninety day filing deadline - Wednesday, August 8, 2018 (4:00 p.m.)

Seventy two day filing deadline - (write-in) - Monday, August 27, 2018 (4:00 p.m.)

Sixty day filing deadline - Friday, September 7, 2018 (4:00 p.m.)

Independent candidate filing - Monday, May 7, 2018 (4:00 p.m.)

UOCAVA 45 day Notice – Saturday, September 22, 2018

Thirty day registration deadline - Tuesday, October 9, 2018 (R.C. 3503.19)

Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots must be ready (day after the close of voter registration) - Wednesday, October 10, 2018

Expense Report Deadlines:

Pre-Election - Thursday, October 25, 2018 (closed end of business, Wednesday, October 17, 2018) (R.C. 3517.10)

Post-Election - Friday, December 14, 2018 (closed seven days before filing of report Friday, December 7, 2018) (R.C. 3517.10)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

2017 ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 - Last day for filing 2017 annual campaign finance reports (Does not need to be filed if a post general election 2017 Report was filed). Report closes last day of December, which is Sunday, December 31st. (3517.10)

2018 ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT

Thursday, January 31, 2019 - Last day for filing 2018 annual campaign finance reports (Does not need to be filed if a post general election 2018 Report was filed). Report closes last day of December, which is Monday, December 31st. (3517.10)

DEADLINES FOR CAMPAIGN EXPENSE REPORTS FOR EACH ELECTION ARE LISTED ON THE ELECTION CALENDAR FOR THAT ELECTION.

DEADLINES FOR CANDIDATES TO FILE THEIR PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS WITH THE OHIO ETHICS COMMISSION ARE AS FOLLOWS: (R.C. 102.02)

1. Candidates must file their statements by the thirtieth day before the election at which the candidacy is to be voted on.
2. Write-in candidates must file their statements by the twentieth day before the election at which the candidacy is to be voted on.

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 O.R.C. 1.14, TO THE NEXT SUCCEEDING DAY THAT IS NOT A SUNDAY OR A LEGAL HOLIDAY.

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RECOUNTS AND ELECTION CONTEST

An application for a recount shall be filed within five days after the day the official results are declared. (R.C. 3515.02)

A petition contesting an election must be filed in court within fifteen days after the official results are declared, or within ten days after the official results of a recount are declared. (R.C. 3515.09)

PROTESTS

Declaration of candidacy – Protests against the candidacy of any person filing a declaration of candidacy for party nomination or for election to an office or position may be filed by any qualified elector who is a member of the same political party as the candidate and who is eligible to vote at the primary election for the candidate whose declaration of candidacy the elector objects to, or by the controlling committee of that political party. The protest shall be in writing, and shall be filed not later than four p.m. of the seventy-fourth day before the day of the primary election. (R.C. 3513.05)

Nominating – Written protests against nominating petitions may be filed by any qualified elector eligible to vote for the candidate whose nominating petition the elector objects to, not later than four p.m. of the thirtieth day of July, or if the primary election was a presidential primary election, not later than the end of the twelfth week after the day of that election. (R.C. 3513.262)

Write-in – Protests against the candidacy of any person filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate may be filed by any qualified elector who is eligible to vote in the election at which the candidacy is to be considered. The protest shall be in writing and shall be filed not later than four p.m. of the sixty-seventh day before the day of the election. (R.C. 3513.041)

BALLOT QUESTIONS (R.C. 3513.10)

Whoever seeks to propose a ballot question or issue to be submitted to electors shall pay the following fee at the time the petition proposing the question or issue is filed:

1. If the question or issue is to be submitted to the electors of a county or of a district that consists of all or part of two or more counties but less than the entire state, \$15.00.
2. If the question or issue is to be submitted to the electors of a city, \$12.50.
3. If the question or issue is to be submitted to the electors of a village, township, a local, city, county, or exempted village school district, a precinct, or another district consisting of less than an entire county, \$10.00.

CERTIFICATION

A judge of a court of record, state officer, county officer, militia officer, or judge of a county court, shall be ineligible to perform any duty pertaining to his office until he presents to the proper officer a legal certificate of his election or appointment, and receives from the governor a commission to fill such office. (R.C. 107.05)

Except militia officers, each officer designated in section 107.05 of the Revised Code, who receives compensation shall pay a fee to the secretary of state for making, recording, and forwarding his commission. A judge of county court shall pay two dollars, and all other officers, five dollars. (R.C. 107.06)

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CANDIDATE, CIRCULATOR AND SIGNER REQUIREMENTS

THE CANDIDATE

An elector with no voting record or an independent elector who has never voted in a party primary may become a party candidate.

Either of the following persons may be candidates for nomination of any political party at a party primary: (R.C. 3513.191)

- (1) A person who does not hold an elected office;
- (2) A person who holds an elective office other than one for which candidates are nominated at a party primary.

A person who holds an elected office for which candidates are nominated at a party primary may be a candidate at a primary election if they file a declaration of intent to seek nomination of that party. No person who files a declaration of intent shall file another such declaration for a period of ten years after the declaration is filed. (R.C. 3513.191)

Forfeiture of Candidacy: Any candidate nominated in a primary election who votes in that primary election as a member of a political party different from the party that nominated the candidate shall forfeit the nomination. (R.C. 3513.192)

No person who seeks party nomination for an office or position at a primary election by declaration of candidacy or by declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate shall be permitted to become a candidate by nominating petition or by declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate at the following general election for any office other than the office of member of the state board of education, office of member of a city, local, or exempted village board of education, office of member of a governing board of an educational service center, or office of township trustee. (R.C. 3513.04)

The statement of candidacy must be completed, signed, and dated by the candidate (in ink) before collecting any signatures. (R.C. 3501.38)

Copies of a petition, with a completed statement of candidacy, may be photocopied before the signatures of electors are placed thereon unless a Charter requires otherwise. Original petitions from which the photocopies were made must accompany all petitions at the time of filing. (R.C. 3513.09)

A candidate will be placed on the ballot as registered or by the name that they requested on the yellow slip at the time of filing. The candidate may use a natural derivative from the candidate's given name, i.e. "Bill" for "William" but not "Shorty" for "John."

The independent or nonpartisan candidate filing a nominating petition may list five persons as a committee to represent the candidate and should obtain their permission before listing their names. In some cases, this committee may name a person to fill a vacancy in office.

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Any nonjudicial candidate who files a nominating petition may request, at the time of filing, that the candidate be designated on the ballot as a nonparty candidate or as an other-party candidate, or may request that the candidate's name be placed on the ballot without designation. Any such candidate who fails to request a designation either as a nonparty candidate or as an other-party candidate shall have the candidate's name placed on the ballot without any designation. Unless otherwise provided by Charter. (R.C. 3513.257)

THE CIRCULATOR OF A CANDIDATE'S PETITION

The circulator should fill in the circulator's statement on the petition only after they have completely finished collecting signatures. Whenever a person is required to sign or affix a signature, "sign" or "signature" means that person's written, cursive-style legal mark written in that person's own hand. The legal mark of a registered elector shall be considered to be the mark of that elector as it appears on the elector's voter registration record. (R.C. 3501.011)

The circulator must personally observe each voter sign the petition. If there is any question as to their qualifications, the circulator should not permit signers to sign. The circulator should examine each signature immediately after it is made. If the name is not legible, the circulator or signer may print the name just above the signature. The circulator may also fill in the signer's date, address, ward, precinct and county at the request of or with the permission of the signer. (R.C. 3501.38 (E)(1))

The circulator of a petition may, before filing it in a public office, strike from it any signature the circulator does not wish to present as a part of the petition. (R.C. 3501.38 (G)) The deletion must be done before filing.

Each separate petition paper shall be circulated by one person only, who shall be the candidate or a joint candidate or a member of the same political party as the candidate or joint candidates, and each separate petition paper shall be governed by the rules set forth in section 3501.38 of the Revised Code. (R.C. 3513.05)

For purposes of signing or circulating a petition of candidacy for party nomination or election, an elector is considered to be a member of a political party if the elector voted in that party's primary election within the preceding two calendar years, or if the elector did not vote in any other party's primary election within the preceding two calendar years. (R.C. 3513.05)

A circulator may not sign the same petition paper that he or she is circulating; a circulator may, however, sign a petition paper being circulated for the same candidacy by a different circulator.

THE SIGNER

Any declaration of candidacy or nominating petition shall contain signatures of qualified electors of the district, political subdivision, or portion of a political subdivision in which the candidacy is to be voted on. (R.C. 3513.257)

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Only electors qualified to vote on the candidacy or issue which is the subject of the petition shall sign a petition. Each signer shall be a registered elector pursuant to section 3503.01 of the Revised Code. (R.C. 3501.38(A))

For purposes of signing or circulating a petition of candidacy for party nomination or election, an elector is considered to be a member of a political party if the elector voted in that party's primary election within the preceding two calendar years, or if the elector did not vote in any other party's primary election within the preceding two calendar years. (R.C. 3513.05)

An elector who voted in a party primary in 2016 or 2017 is not qualified to sign the petition of a candidate of the opposite party; however, a voter who did not vote in a party primary in 2016 or 2017 may sign candidacy petitions of either party. Signature of candidate on his own nominating petition could not be included in determining whether such petition contained minimum number of signatures required by law. State ex rel. Kucinich v. Duffy (1970)

A petition shall consist of separate petition papers, each of which shall contain signatures of electors of only one county. Petitions or separate petition papers containing signatures of electors of more than one county shall not thereby be declared invalid. In case petitions or separate petition papers containing signatures of electors of more than one county are filed, the board shall determine the county from which the majority of signatures came, and only signatures from such county shall be counted. Signatures from any other county shall be invalid. (R.C. 3513.05)

THE CANDIDATE IS ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUFFICIENCY OF HIS OR HER DECLARATION OR STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY AND THE PETITION. MISTAKES BY CIRCULATORS AND VOTERS OR WRONG ADVICE BY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS ARE NOT GROUNDS FOR APPROVING A DEFECTIVE PETITION.

I. INSTRUCTIONS FOR GIVING OUT PETITIONS

- A. Check the election calendar to determine the correct information for the office in question.
 1. A candidate may take out petitions for more than one office but may file for one office per (R.C. 3513.052) (Exception: county central committee and state central committee).
 2. Be sure the candidate is given correct petition form number as specified on Election Calendar. Also each candidate should receive one and one-half times the number of petitions for signatures needed.
 3. Using the election calendar and EVIS, inform the candidate how their name appears in the system.
 4. Give the candidate the Board of Elections instruction sheet and have the candidate fill out the top portion of the instruction form. Inform the candidate that the pamphlet entitled "2018 Ohio Candidate Requirement Guide" can be found online at www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/elections-officials/elections-officials-resources/general/

B. Complete a 5 x 8 white index card for each candidate.

1. When requesting a candidate's phone number, make sure it is a number where the candidate will be available during the Board's working hours.
2. Initial 5 x 8 white index card in the appropriate field.
3. Cards should be filed in the appropriate file box.
4. A card should be completed for all candidates.
(Information such as DATE OF FILING, FEE \$, RECEIPT #, and FILING CLERK (initials) should be completed at the time of filing, not when petitions are taken out.)

C. Enter the candidates name under the appropriate office in the appropriate book (Democrat – green, Republican – pink, Nonpartisan – purple, Independent – blue, Other parties – yellow). Include name of candidate (as registered), address and zip code. PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY

PLEASE NOTE: Everything in this office is public record; this includes all information on cards, including phone numbers.

D. Inform the candidate that they must file form 30-D “Designation of Treasurer” prior to receiving contributions or making expenditures.

II. INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING PETITIONS

- A. Check the filing books to see if the candidate has previously filed for an office. If the candidate has filed please inform them that you cannot accept the new filing per. R.C. 3513.052.
- B. Collect the “CANDIDATE FILING CHECKLIST” from the candidate after they have reviewed the petitions using the checklist. Do not accept the filing until the candidate has signed and dated the checklist.
- C. Check the election calendar to insure the petition form, number of signatures, and filing fee are correct.
If more than one petition page is being filed, run a tape of the number of signatures on the circulator statement and attach the tape to the petitions. Write the candidate’s name and receipt number on the tape. (Use red ink)
- D. Time stamp the front and back of all parts unless otherwise instructed by the Director or Deputy Director. Put receipt number and your initials under the time stamp on the front and back of all parts. Once this step has been completed, the petition is considered to be filed and the candidate may not take back or alter any of the part –petitions. (Use red ink)
- E. Ask the candidate to legibly print their name, office sought, party (if applicable), election date, and signature on the yellow name slip. The candidate needs to print their name, sign, and date the lower portion on the yellow slip. (Copies of R.C. 3513.052 and

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3599.09 are available for candidate review at the counter.)

- F. Collect the correct filing fee and write out a receipt. The candidate should have 2 checks or correct change. (CHECKS – Stamp back of all checks - Stamp is in the cash drawer) Make sure check is filled in properly, and then put your initials on the check. On group petitions, a filing fee is charged for each candidate's name.
- G. Complete the 5 x 8 white index card located in the black box that was started when the candidate pulled the petitions. (adding the date filed, filing fee, receipt number, and your initials in red). If there is no white 5 x 8 card, create one.
- H. If not already done, enter the candidates name under the appropriate office in the appropriate book (Democrat – green, Republican – pink, Nonpartisan – purple, Independent – blue, Other parties – yellow). Write the date filed in red.
- I. Place the filing fee inside the filing fee envelope, fill out all fields on the front of the envelope and seal it.
- J. Notify (page) campaign finance that a candidate has filed and let them know where the white 5 x 8 white card is.
- K. Take all materials except for the 5 x 8 white card upstairs to petitions and polling locations for entry into the candidate filing system.

III. WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

- A. Write-in candidate names do not appear on the ballot. Follow the same instructions as you would for candidates whose names do appear on the ballot except there are no petitions.
- B. Any candidate shall file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate before four p.m. of the seventy-second day preceding the election at which such candidate is to be considered. (R.C. 3513.041)
- C. Write in candidates must complete and file **Form No. 13**. Be sure to time-stamp, initial and add receipt number.
 - 1. Collect filing fee (which is the same as a candidate whose name will appear on the ballot.) and write out a receipt.
 - 2. Indicate on the receipt that the candidate is a "write-in" in red.
 - 3. Make up a white 5 x 8 card and print "write-in" at the top in red.
 - 4. Filing fee should be placed inside the filing envelope, and sealed.
- D. Enter the write-in candidates name under the appropriate office in the appropriate book (Democrat – green, Republican – pink, Nonpartisan – purple, Independent – blue, Other parties – yellow). Write the date filed (in red) (Indicate in red that the candidate

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is a write-in).

E. Notify campaign finance that a candidate has filed.

NOMINATION OF WRITE-IN CANDIDATES (Primary Election)

The following rules apply in determining who receives the nomination of his or her party at the primary election.

- A. If no candidates' names are printed on the ballot for the office, a valid write-in candidate may be nominated only if the total number of votes is at least equal to the number of petition signatures required for that office. To be nominated such a write-in candidate would also have to receive the highest number of votes if contested by other valid write-in candidates. (R.C. 3513.23)
- B. If the primary election is eliminated pursuant to R.C. 3513.02, the board shall not accept declarations of intent to be write-in candidates at the primary. (OAG 73-094)

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Statewide candidates file with the office of the Secretary of State.

FEDERAL OFFICES TO BE ELECTED IN 2018

U.S. SENATOR

OFFICE	TO BE ELECTED <i>U.S CONST. ART. I, SEC. 3</i>	TERM COMMENCING <i>U.S. CONST. AMEND. XX, SEC. 1</i>	PETITION FORM	SIGNATURES REQUIRED <i>3513.05</i>	ELECTION TYPE AND DATE <i>3513.01</i>	FILING DEADLINE <i>4:00 P.M. 3513.05</i>	FILING FEE <i>3513.10</i>
U.S. SENATOR STATE OF OHIO (Brown)	1 (6 YRS.)	1-03-2019	2C	1,000-3,000	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$100 + \$50 (\$150.00)

REQUIREMENTS: Candidates must be 30 years of age and have been a U.S. citizen for at least 9 years. (U.S. Const., Art. I, Sec. 3)

[INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES – GENERAL ELECTION ONLY](#); FILING DEADLINE 4:00 P.M., MAY 7, 2018. (R.C. 3513.257)

Independent candidates file petition form **3D** and the signature requirement is **5,000-15,000**. The filing fee and requirements for holding office are the same as for partisan candidates.

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FEDERAL OFFICES TO BE ELECTED IN 2018

REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS

OFFICE	TO BE ELECTED <i>U.S. CONST. ART. I, SEC. 2</i>	TERM COMMENCING <i>U.S. CONST. AMEND. XX, SEC. 1</i>	PETITION FORM	SIGNATURES REQUIRED <i>3513.05</i>	ELECTION TYPE AND DATE <i>3513.01</i>	FILING DEADLINE <i>4:00 P.M. 3513.05</i>	FILING FEE <i>3513.10</i>
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE 11 th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT* (Fudge)	1 (2 YEARS)	1-03-19	2E	50-150	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$50 + \$35 (\$85.00)
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE 13 th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT* (Ryan)	1 (2 YEARS)	1-03-19	2E	50-150	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$50 + \$35 (\$85.00)
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE 14 th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT* (Joyce)	1 (2 YEARS)	1-03-19	2E	50-150	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$50 + \$35 (\$85.00)
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE 16 th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT* (Renacci)	1 (2 YEARS)	1-03-19	2E	50-150	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$50 + \$35 (\$85.00)

REQUIREMENTS: Candidates must be 25 years of age and have been a U.S. citizen for at least 7 years. (U.S. Const., Art. I, Sec. 2)

[INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES – GENERAL ELECTION ONLY](#); FILING DEADLINE 4:00 P.M., May 7, 2018. (R.C. 3513.257)

Independent candidates file petition form **3F** and the signature requirements are listed below. The filing fee and requirements for holding office are the same as for partisan candidates.

[INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:](#)

*11th Congressional District is comprised of the following counties: Cuyahoga and Summit Counties. **Candidates file in Cuyahoga County.**

*13th Congressional District is comprised of the following counties: Mahoning, Portage, Stark, Summit, and Trumbull County. **Candidates file in Summit County.** 13th DISTRICT: **1745-5235**

*14th Congressional District is comprised of the following counties: Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Portage, Trumbull and Summit Counties. **Candidates file in Lake County.**

*16th Congressional District is comprised of the following counties: Cuyahoga, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit and Wayne County. **Candidates file in Cuyahoga County.**

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STATE OFFICES TO BE ELECTED IN 2018

OFFICE	TO BE ELECTED	TERM COMMENCING * SEE EACH OFFICE	PETITION FORM	SIGNATURES REQUIRED <i>3513.05</i>	ELECTION TYPE AND DATE <i>3513.01</i>	FILING DEADLINE 4:00 P.M. <i>3513.05</i>	FILING FEE <i>3513.10</i>
GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR (Kasich and Taylor)	1 (4 YRS)	<i>107.01</i> 1-14-19	2-A	1,000-3,000	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$100 + \$50 (\$150.00)
ATTORNEY GENERAL (DeWine)	1 (4 YRS)	<i>109.01</i> 1-14-19	2-B	1,000-3,000	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$100 + \$50 (\$150.00)
STATE AUDITOR (Yost)	1 (4 YRS)	<i>117.02</i> 1-14-19	2-B	1,000-3,000	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$100 + \$50 (\$150.00)
SECRETARY OF STATE (Husted)	1 (4 YRS)	<i>111.01</i> 1-14-19	2-B	1,000-3,000	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$100 + \$50 (\$150.00)
STATE TREASURER (Mandel)	1 (4 YRS)	<i>113.01</i> 1-14-19	2-B	1,000-3,000	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$100 + \$50 (\$150.00)

MINOR PARTIES – MAY 8, 2018 PRIMARY; Filing deadline 4:00 P.M. February 7, 2018 Signature requirements 500 - 1,500 (3513.05)

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES – GENERAL ELECTION ONLY; FILING DEADLINE 4:00 P.M., MAY 7, 2018. (3513.257)

Independent candidates file petition form **3C** (**3B** for Governor and Lieutenant Governor). The signature requirements are **5,000 - 15,000**. The filing fee and requirements for holding office are the same as for partisan candidates.

Statewide candidates file with the office of the Secretary of State.

Independent candidates run in the General Election November 6, 2018.

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STATE OFFICES TO BE ELECTED IN 2018

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 7TH DISTRICT

OFFICE	TO BE ELECTED 3301.02	TERM COMMENCING 3301.02(A)	PETITION FORM	SIGNATURES REQUIRED 3513.259	ELECTION TYPE AND DATE 3513.259	FILING DEADLINE 4:00 P.M. 3513.259	FILING FEE 3513.10
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (District 7) (Fowler)	1 (4 YEARS)	1-1-2019	3Z	100-300	General-Nov. 6	Aug. 8	\$20 + \$35 (\$55.00)

District #7 is comprised of Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake (part), Portage, Summit (part), and Trumbull Counties. Trumbull is most populous. (State Senate Districts 18, 28, and 32)

No elected or appointed voting member of the board shall, during the member's term of office, hold any other office of trust or profit or be an employee or officer of any public or private elementary or secondary school. (R.C. 3301.03)

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STATE OFFICES TO BE ELECTED IN 2018

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

OFFICE	TO BE ELECTED <i>2503.03</i>	TERM COMMENCING <i>2503.03</i>	PETITION FORM	SIGNATURES REQUIRED <i>3513.05</i>	ELECTION TYPE AND DATE <i>3513.01</i>	FILING DEADLINE <i>4:00 P.M.</i> <i>3513.05</i>	FILING FEE <i>3513.10</i>
JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT (O'Donnell)	1 (6 YEARS)	1/01/19	2D	1,000-3,000	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$100 + \$50 (\$150.00)
JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT (O'Neill)	1 (6 YEARS)	1/02/19	2D	1,000-3,000	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$100 + \$50 (\$150.00)

[INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES – GENERAL ELECTION ONLY](#); FILING DEADLINE 4:00 P.M., MAY 7, 2018. (R.C. 3513.257)

Independent candidates file petition form **3E**. The signature requirements are **5,000-15,000**. The filing fee and requirements for holding office are the same as for partisan candidates.

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JUDICIAL OFFICES TO BE ELECTED IN 2018

9TH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS

OFFICE	TO BE ELECTED <i>2501.02</i>	TERM COMMENCING <i>2501.02 & 2501.012</i>	PETITION FORM	SIGNATURES REQUIRED <i>3513.05</i>	ELECTION TYPE AND DATE <i>3513.01</i>	FILING DEADLINE <i>4:00 P.M. 3513.05</i>	FILING FEE <i>3513.10</i>
JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS (9 TH DISTRICT) (Hensal)	1 (6 YEARS)	2/09/19	2FJ	50-150	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$50 + \$30 (\$80.00)

9th District Court of Appeals is comprised of Lorain, Medina, Summit, and Wayne Counties. Summit is the most populous.

Each judge of a court of appeals shall have been admitted to practice as an attorney at law in this state and have, for a total of six years preceding the judge's appointment or commencement of the judge's term, engaged in the practice of law in this state or served as a judge of a court of record in any jurisdiction in the United States, or both. (R.C. 2501.02)

[INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES – GENERAL ELECTION ONLY](#); FILING DEADLINE 4:00 P.M., MAY 7, 2018. (R.C. 3513.257)

Independent candidates file petition form **3G**. **2,820-8462 signatures** are required for independent candidates. The filing fee and requirements for holding office are the same as for partisan candidates.

◆ PRIMARY ELECTION ◆ MAY 8, 2018

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

OFFICE 3517.03	TO BE ELECTED 3517.03 & PARTY BYLAWS	TERM COMMENCING 3517.04	PETITION FORM	SIGNATURES REQUIRED 3513.05	ELECTION TYPE AND DATE 3517.03 & 3513.01	FILING DEADLINE 4:00 P.M. 3513.05	FILING FEE 3513.10
Member of State Central Committee, Man (27th District) (Elected at Primary)	1 (Republican) (2 YEARS)	6-15 DAYS AFTER CERTIFICATION	2-J	5-15	Primary-May 8	Feb. 7	\$0.00
Member of State Central Committee, Man (27th District) (Elected at Primary)	1 (Democratic) (4 YEARS)	6-15 DAYS AFTER CERTIFICATION	2-J	5-15	Primary-May 8	Feb. 7	\$0.00

Member of State Central Committee, Woman (27th District) (Elected at Primary)	1 (Republican) (2 YEARS)	6-15 DAYS AFTER CERTIFICATION	2-J	5-15	Primary-May 8	Feb. 7	\$0.00
Member of State Central Committee, Woman (27th District) (Elected at Primary)	1 (Democratic) (4 YEARS)	6-15 DAYS AFTER CERTIFICATION	2-J	5-15	Primary-May 8	Feb. 7	\$0.00

It is not necessary to provide write-in spaces on primary election ballots for the offices of member of the state central committee of a political party in Ohio, or delegate or alternate to the national convention of a political party. (OAG 70-011)

◆ PRIMARY ELECTION ◆ MAY 8, 2018

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)

OFFICE 3517.03	TO BE ELECTED 3517.03 & PARTY BYLAWS	TERM COMMENCING 3517.04	PETITION FORM	SIGNATURES REQUIRED 3513.05	ELECTION TYPE AND DATE 3517.03 & 3513.01	FILING DEADLINE 4:00 P.M. 3513.05	FILING FEE 3513.10
Member of State Central Committee, Man (28th District) (Elected at Primary)	1 (Republican) (2 YEARS)	6-15 DAYS AFTER CERTIFICATION	2-J	5-15	Primary-May 8	Feb. 7	\$0.00
Member of State Central Committee, Man (28th District) (Elected at Primary)	1 (Democratic) (4 YEARS)	6-15 DAYS AFTER CERTIFICATION	2-J	5-15	Primary-May 8	Feb. 7	\$0.00

Member of State Central Committee, Woman (28th District) (Elected at Primary)	1 (Republican) (2 YEARS)	6-15 DAYS AFTER CERTIFICATION	2-J	5-15	Primary-May 8	Feb. 7	\$0.00
Member of State Central Committee, Woman (28th District) (Elected at Primary)	1 (Democratic) (4 YEARS)	6-15 DAYS AFTER CERTIFICATION	2-J	5-15	Primary-May 8	Feb. 7	\$0.00

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◆ PRIMARY ELECTION ◆ MAY 8, 2018 ◆ AND ◆ GENERAL ELECTION ◆ NOVEMBER 6, 2018

STATE OFFICES TO BE ELECTED IN 2018

STATE SENATOR

OFFICE	TO BE ELECTED <i>OH. CONST. Art. II, Sec. 2</i>	TERM COMMENCING <i>OH. CONST. Art. II, Sec. 2</i>	PETITION FORM	SIGNATURES REQUIRED <i>3513.05</i>	ELECTION TYPE AND DATE <i>3513.01</i>	FILING DEADLINE <i>4:00 P.M. 3513.05</i>	FILING FEE <i>3513.10</i>
State Senator (27th District) (LaRose)	1 (4 YEARS)	1/01/19	2F	50-150	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$50 + \$35 (\$85.00)

Senators and representatives shall have resided in their respective districts one year next preceding their election, unless they have been absent on the public business of the United States, or of this State. (O Const. Art. II, Sec. 3)

[INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES – GENERAL ELECTION ONLY](#); FILING DEADLINE 4:00 P.M., MAY 7, 2018. (O.R.C. 3513.257)

Independent candidates file petition form **3G**. The signature requirement is [735-2205](#). The filing fee and requirements for holding office are the same as for partisan candidates.

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STATE OFFICES TO BE ELECTED IN 2018

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

OFFICE	TO BE ELECTED <i>OH. CONST. Art. II, Sec. 2</i>	TERM COMMENCING <i>OH. CONST. Art. II, Sec. 2</i>	PETITION FORM	SIGNATURES REQUIRED <i>3513.05</i>	ELECTION TYPE AND DATE <i>3513.01</i>	FILING DEADLINE <i>4:00 P.M. 3513.05</i>	FILING FEE <i>3513.10</i>
State Representative 34 th District* (Sykes)	1 (2 YEARS)	1/01/19	2F	50-150	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$50 + \$35 (\$85.00)
State Representative 35 th District* (Baxter-Galonski)	1 (2 YEARS)	1/01/19	2F	50-150	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$50 + \$35 (\$85.00)
State Representative 36 th District* (DeVitis)	1 (2 YEARS)	1/01/19	2F	50-150	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$50 + \$35 (\$85.00)

See Recapitulation for a complete list of each district!

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STATE OFFICES TO BE ELECTED IN 2018

STATE REPRESENTATIVE (CONTINUED)

OFFICE	TO BE ELECTED <i>OH. CONST. Art. II, Sec. 2</i>	TERM COMMENCING <i>OH. CONST. Art. II, Sec. 2</i>	PETITION FORM	SIGNATURES REQUIRED <i>3513.05</i>	ELECTION TYPE AND DATE <i>3513.01</i>	FILING DEADLINE <i>4:00 P.M. 3513.05</i>	FILING FEE <i>3513.10</i>
State Representative 37 th District* (Roegner)	1 (2 YEARS)	1/01/19	2F	50-150	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$50 + \$35 (\$85.00)
State Representative 38 th District* (Slaby)	1 (2 YEARS)	1/01/19	2F	50-150	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$50 + \$35 (\$85.00)

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Senators and representatives shall have resided in their respective districts one year next preceding their election, unless they shall have been absent on the public business of the United States, or of this State. (O Const. Art. II, Sec. 3)

[INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES – GENERAL ELECTION ONLY](#); FILING DEADLINE 4:00 P.M., MAY 7, 2018. (O.R.C. 3513.257)

Independent candidates file petition form **3G** and the signature requirements are listed below. The filing fee and requirements for holding office are the same as for partisan candidates. [*INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:](#)

34th DISTRICT: 240 -720 35th DISTRICT: 112-336 36th DISTRICT: 735-2205 37th DISTRICT: 294-882 38th DISTRICT: 357-1071

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JUDICIAL OFFICES TO BE ELECTED IN 2018

COMMON PLEAS COURT

OFFICE	TO BE ELECTED <i>2301.01</i>	TERM COMMENCING <i>2301.02</i>	PETITION FORM	SIGNATURES REQUIRED <i>3513.05</i>	ELECTION TYPE AND DATE <i>3513.01</i>	FILING DEADLINE <i>4:00 P.M.</i> <i>3513.05</i>	FILING FEE <i>3513.10</i>
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (General Division) (Gallagher)	1 (6 YEARS)	1/01/19	2GJ	50-150	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$50 + \$30 (\$80.00)
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (General Division) (Corrigall-Jones)	1 (6 YEARS)	1/02/19	2GJ	50-150	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$50 + \$30 (\$80.00)

There shall be a court of common pleas in each county held by one or more judges, each of whom has been admitted to practice as an attorney at law in this state and has, for a total of at least six years preceding the judge's appointment or commencement of the judge's term, engaged in the practice of law in this state or served as a judge of a court of record in any jurisdiction in the United States, or both, resides in the county, and is elected by the electors therein. (O.R.C. 2301.01)

No person shall be elected or appointed to any judicial office if on or before the day when he shall assume the office and enter upon the discharge of its duties he shall have attained the age of seventy years. (OH Const IV Sec. 6 (C))

[INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES – GENERAL ELECTION ONLY](#); FILING DEADLINE 4:00 P.M., MAY 7, 2018. (O.R.C. 3513.257)

Independent candidates file petition form **3H. 1,397-4,191 signatures** are required for independent candidates. The filing fee and requirements for holding office are the same as for partisan candidates.

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JUDICIAL OFFICES TO BE ELECTED IN 2018

COMMON PLEAS COURT (CONTINUED)

OFFICE	TO BE ELECTED <i>2301.01</i>	TERM COMMENCING <i>2301.02</i>	PETITION FORM	SIGNATURES REQUIRED <i>3513.05</i>	ELECTION TYPE AND DATE <i>3513.01</i>	FILING DEADLINE <i>4:00 P.M. 3513.05</i>	FILING FEE <i>3513.10</i>
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (General Division) (Lanzinger)	1 (6 YEARS)	5/17/19	2GJ	50-150	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$50 + \$30 (\$80.00)
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (General Division) (Wells)	1 (6 YEARS)	Unexpired Term Ending 01/02/21	2GJ	50-150	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$50 + \$30 (\$80.00)

There shall be a court of common pleas in each county held by one or more judges, each of whom has been admitted to practice as an attorney at law in this state and has, for a total of at least six years preceding the judge's appointment or commencement of the judge's term, engaged in the practice of law in this state or served as a judge of a court of record in any jurisdiction in the United States, or both, resides in the county, and is elected by the electors therein. (O.R.C. 2301.01)

No person shall be elected or appointed to any judicial office if on or before the day when he shall assume the office and enter upon the discharge of its duties he shall have attained the age of seventy years. (OH Const IV Sec. 6 (C))

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES – GENERAL ELECTION ONLY; FILING DEADLINE 4:00 P.M., MAY 7, 2018. (O.R.C. 3513.257)

Independent candidates file petition form **3H**. 1,397-4,191 signatures are required for independent candidates. The filing fee and requirements for holding office are the same as for partisan candidates

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COUNTY OFFICES TO BE ELECTED IN 2018

SUMMIT COUNTY COUNCIL

A Board of Elections may not certify as valid the petition of a candidate for county office who does not reside in the county in which he seeks office. (OAG 84-025)

OFFICE	TO BE ELECTED <i>CHARTER ART. III, SEC. 3.01.2</i>	TERM COMMENCING <i>CHARTER ART. III, SEC. 3.01.1</i>	PETITION FORM	SIGNATURES REQUIRED <i>3513.05</i>	ELECTION TYPE AND DATE <i>3513.01</i>	FILING DEADLINE <i>4:00 P.M. 3513.05</i>	FILING FEE <i>3513.10</i>
County Council At-Large (Dickinson, Donofrio, Walters)	3 (4 YEARS)	1/01/19	2G	50-150	Primary-May 8 General-Nov. 6	Feb. 7	\$50 + \$30 (\$80.00)

See Recapitulation for a complete list of each district!

Charter Art. 3, Sec. 3.01.1 County Council candidates shall be electors of the County at the time of filing declarations of candidacy and during their terms in office shall remain electors of the County and shall not hold or accept other public office or be employed by the County.

Charter Art. 3, Sec. 3.01.3 County Council candidates shall be residents of the County for at least 60 days immediately prior to filing of candidacy or appointment to fill a vacancy. District County Council candidates shall be residents of the district to be served for at least 30 days immediately prior to filing of candidacy or appointment to fill a vacancy. Once elected or appointed, an at-large County Council member shall reside within the County during the tenure of the term and a District Council member shall reside within the County and district during the tenure of the term.

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES – GENERAL ELECTION ONLY; FILING DEADLINE 4:00 P.M., MAY 7, 2018. (O.R.C. 3513.257)

Independent candidates file petition form **3H**. 190 – 570 signatures are required for independent candidates. The filing fee and requirements for holding office are the same as for partisan candidates.

◆ **GENERAL ELECTION** ◆ **NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

COUNTY OFFICES TO BE ELECTED IN 2018

SUMMIT COUNTY COUNCIL

OFFICE	TO BE ELECTED <i>CHARTER ART. III, SEC. 3.01.2</i>	TERM COMMENCING <i>CHARTER ART. III, SEC. 3.01.1, 3.01.5(C)</i>	PETITION FORM	SIGNATURES REQUIRED <i>3513.05</i>	ELECTION TYPE AND DATE <i>3513.01</i>	FILING DEADLINE <i>4:00 P.M. 3513.13</i>	FILING FEE <i>3513.10</i>
County Council District 7 (Vacant)	1 (4 YEARS)	Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/2020	2G	50-150	General-Nov. 6	Aug. 13*	\$50 + \$30 (\$80.00)

Charter Art. 3, Sec. 3.01.1 County Council candidates shall be electors of the County at the time of filing declarations of candidacy and during their terms in office shall remain electors of the County and shall not hold or accept other public office or be employed by the County.

Charter Art. 3, Sec. 3.01.3 County Council candidates shall be residents of the County for at least 60 days immediately prior to filing of candidacy or appointment to fill a vacancy. District County Council candidates shall be residents of the district to be served for at least 30 days immediately prior to filing of candidacy or appointment to fill a vacancy. Once elected or appointed, an at-large County Council member shall reside within the County during the tenure of the term and a District Council member shall reside within the County and district during the tenure of the term.

*If a person holding an elective office dies or resigns subsequent to the one hundred fifteenth day before the day of a primary election and prior to the eighty-sixth day before the day of the next general election, and if, under the laws of this state, a person may be elected at that general election to fill the unexpired term of the person who had died or resigned, the appropriate committee of each political party may select a person as the party candidate for election for such unexpired term at that general election, and certify the person's name to the appropriate election official not later than four p.m. on the eighty-sixth day before the day of that general election, or on the tenth day following the day on which the vacancy occurs, whichever is later. O.R.C. 3513.31(I)

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES – GENERAL ELECTION ONLY; FILING DEADLINE 4:00 P.M., March 12, 2018. (Summit County Prosecutor's Opinion) Independent candidates file petition form **3H**. **District 7 = 750 – 1,500 signatures** are required for independent candidates. The filing fee and requirements for holding office are the same as for partisan candidates.

◆ **GENERAL ELECTION** ◆ **NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

CITY OF STOW

Charter – Nominations & Elections, Article XVI.
No group petitions, Sec 16.02

OFFICE	TO BE ELECTED	TERM COMM. <i>Ch. Sec. 3.01, 3.07</i>	PETITION FORM	SIGNATURES REQUIRED <i>3513.251</i>	ELECTION TYPE & DATE <i>Ch. Sec. 3.07</i>	FILING DEADLINE <i>By 4:00 P.M. Ch. Sec.16.02</i>	FILING FEE <i>3513.10</i>
MAYOR (4 year)(Costello)	1	Unexpired term ending 1/1/2020	3-0	50-150	General-Nov. 6	Aug. 8	\$20.00 + \$25.00 (\$45.00)

The Mayor shall have been for at least 2 years prior to the election and during the Mayor's term a continuous resident and qualified elector. Charter Section 3.02

◆ PRIMARY ELECTION ◆ MAY 8, 2018

SUMMIT COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE (PC)

OFFICE <i>3517.03</i>	TO BE ELECTED <i>3517.03 & Party Bylaws</i>	TERM COMMENCING <i>3517.04</i>	PETITION FORM	SIGNATURES REQUIRED <i>3513.05</i>	ELECTION TYPE AND DATE <i>3517.03 & 3513.01</i>	FILING DEADLINE <i>4:00 P.M. 3513.05</i>	FILING FEE <i>3513.10</i>
Member of County Central Committee (Elected at Primary)	1 PER PRECINCT (Republican) (2 YEARS)	6-15 DAYS AFTER CERTIFICATION	2-L	5-15	Primary-May 8	Feb. 7	\$0.00

A write-in space must be provided for the office of member of the county central committee. The office of member of the county central committee of a political party in Ohio, being a public office, must appear on the ballot even though no candidate has qualified to have his name printed on the ballot for the office, in order that votes cast for eligible write-in candidates may be counted. (OAG 70-011)

2018 ELECTION CALENDAR

DEADLINE

2018

Jan. 1	Applications for absentee ballots for 2018 elections may be accepted (first day of the year)	3509.03, 3511.02
Jan. 19	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file annual campaign finance reports (10 days before the report is due)	3517.11
Jan. 28	Board of elections must prepare and publish notices of the May 8 primary election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before primary election)	3511.16
Jan. 31	Annual Campaign finance reports must be filed by 4 p.m. (last business day of Jan. detailing contributions and expenditures through Dec. 31, 2017)	3517.10
Feb. 7	Constitutional amendments proposed by joint resolution of the General Assembly must be filed with Secretary of State (90 days before primary election)	OH Const. XVI, Sec 1
Feb. 7	Declarations of candidacy for partisan candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before primary)	3513.05
Feb. 7	Local questions and issues for primary election, including local option petitions, must be certified to, or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before primary election)	731.28, 29, 3501.02, 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14
Feb. 19	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of partisan candidates' petitions (78 days before primary)	3513.05
Feb. 19	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of local option petitions (78 days before primary)	4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14
Feb. 23	Protests against partisan candidates petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before primary election)	3513.05
Feb. 23	Protests against local option petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before primary election)	4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14
Feb. 26*	Write-in candidates for May 8 primary election must file declarations of intent by 4 p.m. (72 days before primary election)	3513.041

Feb. 27	Form of official ballots for primary election must be certified by Secretary of State to boards of elections (70 days before primary election)	3513.05
Feb. 27	Board of elections of most populous county in a multi-county subdivision must certify names of candidates to other boards of elections (70 days before primary election)	3513.05
Mar. 2	Protests against write-in candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (67 days before primary election)	3513.041
Mar. 9	Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before primary election)	3501.27
Mar. 9	Deadline for certain municipal charter amendments (60 days before primary election)	OH Const. XVIII, Sec. 8 & 9, Charters
Mar. 24	UOCAVA absentee ballots for May 8 primary election must be ready (45 days before primary election)	3511.04
Mar. 24	Boards of elections must update and publish notices of May 8 primary election by this date and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before primary election)	3511.16
Mar. 27	Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before primary election)	3503.12
Apr. 9*	Deadline for voter registration for May 8 primary election (30 days before primary election)	3501.10(B), 3503.19
Apr. 10	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for May 8 primary election must be ready (day after the close of voter registration)	3509.01
Apr. 16	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates to file pre-election campaign finance reports (10 days before report is due)	3517.11
Apr. 18	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before primary election)	3503.24
Apr. 18	Committees advocating or opposing issues on May 8 ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before primary election)	3505.21
Apr. 24	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists (14 days before primary election)	3503.23
Apr. 26	Pre-primary election campaign finance reports must be filed by 4 p.m. (12 days before May 8 primary election) detailing contributions and expenditures through Apr. 18 (20 days before primary election)	3517.1

Apr. 27	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before primary election)	3505.21
Apr. 28	Boards of elections must give public notice of election (10 days before primary election)	3501.03
Apr. 29	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the Aug. 7 special election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before special election)	3511.16
Apr. 30*	Certificate to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of candidate whose name is on the May 8 primary election ballot in more than one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (10 days before primary election)	3513.30
May 3	Certificate to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of candidate whose name is on the May 8 primary election ballot in only one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (5 days before primary election)	3513.30
May 5	Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for the May 8 primary election must be received by noon (3 days before primary election)	3509.03, .08, 3511.02
May 7	Nominating petitions of independent candidates for offices for which a primary election may be held must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before primary election)	3513.257
May 7	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before primary election)	3505.21
May 7	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 day before primary election)	3501.29
May 8	Primary Election Day. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	3501.01, .32
May 8	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.	3509.08
May 8	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	3509.05, 3511.11
May 9	Local questions and issues for Aug. 7 special election must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before special election)	3501.01, .02
May 18	Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than May 7 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after primary election)	3509.05, 3511.11

May 18	UOCAVA absentee ballots for May 2 primary election must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after primary election)	3511.11
May 19	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of May 8 primary election ballots (11 days after primary election)	3513.22
May 23	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of May 8 primary election ballots no later than this date (15 days after primary election)	3513.22
May 29	Boards of elections must complete canvass of May 8 primary election ballots no later than this date (21 days after primary election)	3513.22
June 5	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates to file post-primary election campaign finance reports (10 days before report is due)	3517.11
June 8	Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before special election)	3501.27
June 8	Deadline for certain municipal charter amendments (60 days before Aug. 7 special election)	OH Const. XVIII, Sec 8 & 9, Charters
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)	4301.33, 4305.14
June 15	Post-primary election campaign finance reports must be filed by 4 p.m. (38 days after May 8 primary election) detailing contributions and expenditures through June 8 (the 7th day before the report is filed)	3517.10
June 15	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	3513.262
June 23	UOCAVA absentee ballots for Aug. 7 special election must be ready (45 days before special election)	3511.04
June 23	Boards of elections must update and publish notices of Aug. 7 special election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before special election)	3511.16
June 26	Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before special election)	3503.12

July 4	Constitutional amendments or statutes proposed by initiative petitions submitted directly to the voters must be filed with Secretary of State (125 days before general election)	OH Const. II, Sec 1a-1b
July 8	May 8 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)	3505.31, 52 USC 20701
July 9*	Deadline for voter registration for Aug. 7 special elections (30 days before special election)	3503.19
July 10	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for Aug. 7 special election must be ready (day after the close of voter registration)	3509.01
July 15	Boards of elections must certify petitions of independent candidates	3513.262
July 18	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before special election)	3503.24
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)	3505.21
July 21	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file semiannual campaign finance reports (10 days before report is due)	3517.11
July 24	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists (14 days before special election)	3503.23
July 26	Pre-special election campaign finance reports must be filed by 4 p.m. (12 days before Aug. 7 special election) detailing contributions and expenditures through July 18 (20 days before special election)	3517.10
July 27	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before special election)	3505.21
July 28	Boards of elections must give public notice of Aug. 7 special election (10 days before special election)	3501.03
July 29	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the Nov. 6 general election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before general election)	3511.16
July 30*	Protests against independent candidates nominated by petition must be filed by 4 p.m.	3513.262
July 31	Semiannual campaign finance reports must be filed by 4 p.m. (last business day of July detailing contributions and expenditures through June 30, 2018)	3517.10

Aug. 4	Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for Aug. 7 special election must be received by boards of elections by noon (3 days before special election)	3509.03, .08, 3511.02
Aug. 6	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before special election)	3505.21
Aug. 6	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 day before special election)	3501.29
Aug. 7	Special Election may be held. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	3501.01, .32
Aug. 7	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.	3509.08
Aug. 7	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	3509.05, 3511.11
Aug. 8	Constitutional amendments proposed by joint resolution of the General Assembly must be filed with Secretary of State (90 days before general election)	OH Const. XVI, Sec 1
Aug. 8	Nominating petitions of candidates in nonpartisan races must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before general election)	1907.13, 3513.259, .263
Aug. 8	Local questions and issues for Nov. 6 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)	731.28, .29, 3501.02, 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14
Aug. 13*	Political party or independent candidate nominating committees must certify name of person to fill vacancy on ballot caused by withdrawal or disqualification of candidate by 4 p.m. (86 days before general election)	3513.31
Aug. 17	Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail 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)	3509.05, 3511.11
Aug. 17	UOCAVA absentee ballots for Aug. 7 special election must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after special election)	3511.11
Aug. 18	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of Aug. 7 special election ballots (11 days after special election)	3505.32

Aug. 20	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of candidates' petitions in nonpartisan races (78 days before general election)	3513.263
Aug. 20	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of local option petitions (78 days before general elections)	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)	3505.32
Aug. 24	Protests against candidates for nonpartisan office must be filed by this date (74 days before general election)	3513.263
Aug. 24	Protests against local option petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before general election)	4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14
Aug. 27*	Write-in candidates for Nov. 6 general election must file declarations of intent by 4 p.m. (72 days before general election)	3513.041
Aug. 28	Boards of elections must complete canvass of Aug. 7 special election ballots no later than this date (21 days after special election)	3505.32
Aug. 28	Form of official Nov. 6 general election ballots must be certified by Secretary of State to boards of elections (70 days before general election)	3505.01
Aug. 28	Boards of elections of most populous county in a multi-county subdivision must certify names of all candidates for general election ballot to other boards of elections (70 days before general election)	3505.01
Aug. 31	Protests against write-in candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (67 days before general election)	3513.041
Sept. 4	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates to file post-special election campaign finance reports (10 days before report is due)	3517.11
Sept. 7	Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before general election)	3501.27
Sept 7	Deadline for certain municipal charter amendments (60 days before general election)	
Sept. 14	Post-special election campaign finance reports must be filed by 4 p.m (38 days after special election) detailing contributions and expenditures through Sep. 7 (the 7th day before the report is filed)	3517.10

Sept. 22	UOCAVA absentee ballots for Nov. 6 general election must be ready (45 days before general election)	3511.04
Sept. 22	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)	3511.16
Sept. 25	Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before general election)	3503.12
Oct. 7	Aug. 7 special election ballots may be discarded, unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after special election)	3505.31
Oct. 9*	Deadline for voter registration for Nov. 6 general election (30 days before general election)	3501.10(B), 3503.19
Oct. 10	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for Nov. 6 general election must be ready (day after the close of voter registration)	3509.01
Oct. 15	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates to file pre-general election campaign finance reports (10 days before report is due)	3517.11
Oct. 17	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before general election)	3503.24
Oct. 17	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)	3505.21
Oct. 23	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists (14 days before general election)	3503.23
Oct. 25	Pre-general election campaign finance reports must be filed 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 (20 days before general election)	3517.10
Oct. 26	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before general election)	3505.21
Oct. 27	Boards of elections must give public notice of election (10 days before general election)	3501.03
Oct. 29*	Certificate to fill vacancy on 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)	3513.31
Nov. 1	Certificate to fill vacancy on 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)	3513.31

Nov. 1	Certificate to fill vacancy on 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)	3513.31
Nov. 3	Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for Nov. 6 general election must be received by boards of elections by noon (3 days before general election)	3509.03, .08, 3511.02
Nov. 5	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before general election)	3505.21
Nov. 5	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 day before general election)	3501.29
Nov. 6	General Election Day. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	3501.01, .32
Nov. 6	If voter, or voter's minor child, is hospitalized because of accident or medical emergency, voter may apply for absentee ballot until 3 p.m.	3509.08
Nov. 6	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	3509.05, 3511.11
Nov. 16	Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail 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)	3509.05, 3511.11
Nov. 16	UOCAVA absentee ballots must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after general election)	3511.11
Nov. 17	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of Nov. 6 general election ballots (11 days after general election)	3505.32
Nov. 21	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of Nov. 6 general election ballots no later than this date (15 days after general election)	3505.32
Nov. 27	Boards of elections must complete canvass of Nov. 6 general election ballots no later than this date (21 days after general election)	3505.32
Dec. 4	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates to file post-general election campaign finance reports (10 days before report is due)	3517.11
Dec. 14	Post-general election campaign finance reports must be filed by 4 p.m. (38 days after general election) detailing contributions and expenditures through Dec. 7 (the 7th day before the report is filed)	3517.10

*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.