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Aug. 6 Constitutional amendments proposed by joint resolution of the General Assembly must be filed with Secretary of State (90 days before general election) | R.C. 3501.17

Aug. 21 UOCAVA absentee ballots for Aug. 5 special election must be ready (45 days before special election) | R.C. 3511.03, 4305.14

July 24 Boards of elections must update and publish notices of Aug. 5 special election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before special election) | R.C. 3511.07

July 26 Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before special election) | R.C. 3501.12

July 2 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. XI, §19

June 5 May 6 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) | R.C. 3505.31, 97 USC 1929

July 7* Deadline for voter registration for Aug. 5 special election (30 days before special election) | R.C. 3501.19

July 8 Ohio Election Administration Plans for Nov. 4 general election must be submitted to Secretary of State’s office (120 days before general election) | LWV Settlement Agreement

July 15 Boards of elections must certify petitions of independent candidates | R.C. 3501.01, 3513.26

July 16 Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before special election) | R.C. 3501.24

July 19 Deadline for an elector to challenge qualification of another elector (20 days before special election) | R.C. 3501.09

July 25, 32 Dates for filing of group of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before special election) | R.C. 3501.05

July 27 Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the Nov. 4 general election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before general election) | R.C. 3511.16

July 28 Special Elections may be held. Falls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. | R.C. 3501.02

July 30 Protests against independent candidates nominated by petition must be filed by 4 p.m. | R.C. 3511.17

Aug. 2 Applications for absentee ballots for Aug. 5 special election must be received by noon (3 days before special election) | R.C. 3501.03, 3513.10

Aug. 3 Amendments to observer appointment must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before special election) | R.C. 3501.21

Aug. 5 Special Elections may be held. Falls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. | R.C. 3501.02

Aug. 11* 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) | R.C. 3511.31

Aug. 12 Deadline for provisional voter to provide additional information that is required to be provided to determine person's eligibility (7 days after special election) | R.C. 3505.38

Aug. 15 Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than Aug. 4 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after special election) | R.C. 3505.09, 3511.11

Aug. 16 Boards of elections may begin official canvass of Aug. 5 special election ballots (11 days after special election) | R.C. 3501.11

Aug. 18 Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of candidates' ballots in nonpartisan races (78 days before general election) | R.C. 3511.32

Aug. 20, 25, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37 Boards of elections must begin official canvass of Aug. 5 special election ballots no later than this date (15 days after special election) | R.C. 3501.32

Aug. 31 Protests against independent candidates or parties must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before general election) | R.C. 3501.36

Aug. 25* Write-in candidate must file declarations of intent by 4 p.m. (72 days before general election) | R.C. 3501.04

Aug. 26 Boards of elections must complete canvass of Aug. 5 special election ballots no later than this date (21 days after special election) | R.C. 3501.32

Aug. 27 Form of official general election ballot must be certified by Secretary of State to boards of elections (70 days before general election) | R.C. 3501.01

Aug. 29 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) | R.C. 3501.01

Aug. 30* Deadline for voter registration for Nov. 4 general election (30 days before general election) | R.C. 3501.19

Aug. 31 Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for Nov. 4 general election must be ready (day after the close of voter registration) | R.C. 3501.01

Sep. 15 Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days after general election) | R.C. 3501.24

Sep. 17 Deadline for an elector to challenge qualification of another elector (20 days before general election) | R.C. 3501.19

Oct. 2 Board of elections may begin official canvass of Nov. 4 general election ballots (11 days after general election) | R.C. 3501.11

Oct. 3 Boards of elections must update and publish notices of Nov. 4 general election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before general election) | R.C. 3511.16

Oct. 4* Certifications for ballot causes death of candidate or of elector at time of death of candidate or elector | R.C. 3501.16

Oct. 5* Certifications for ballot causes death of candidate or of elector at time of death of candidate or elector | R.C. 3501.16

Oct. 5 Board of elections must publish notices of Nov. 4 general election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before general election) | R.C. 3511.16

Oct. 6* Certifications for ballot causes death of candidate or of elector at time of death of candidate or elector | R.C. 3501.16

Oct. 7* Certifications for ballot causes death of candidate or of elector at time of death of candidate or elector | R.C. 3501.16

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Nov. 1 Applications for absentee ballots for Nov. 4 general election to be mailed must be received by boards of elections by noon (3 days before general election) | R.C. 3509.03, 3511.02
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- Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before general election) .............................................................. R.C. 3505.21
- 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) .............................................................. R.C. 3501.29

**Nov. 4**
**General Election Day.** Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. .................................................................................................................. R.C. 3501.32
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. ............. R.C. 3505.08
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 .............................................................. R.C. 3509.05 3511.11

- Local questions and issues for Feb. 3, 2015 special election must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before special election) .............................................................. R.C. 3509.05 3511.11
- Deadline for provisional voter to provide additional information that is required to be provided to determine person’s eligibility (7 days after general election) .............................................................. R.C. 3505.181

**Nov. 5**
Deadline for absentee voter whose identification envelope is incomplete or incorrect to provide the necessary information to the board of elections (7 days after general election) .............................................................. R.C. 3509.06

- Applications for absentee ballots for 2015 elections may be accepted (first day of the year) .............................................................. R.C. 3509.05 3511.11
- UOCAVA absentee ballots must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after general election) .............................................................. R.C. 3505.05 3511.11
- BOARDS of elections may begin official canvass of Nov. 4 general election ballots (11 days after general election) .............................................................. R.C. 3505.32
- BOARDS of elections must begin official canvass of Nov. 4 general election ballots no later than this date (15 days after general election) .............................................................. R.C. 3505.32
- BOARDS of elections must complete canvass of Nov. 4 general election ballots no later than this date (21 days after general election) .............................................................. R.C. 3505.32
- Last day for local option petitioners to send street listing to Division of Liquor Control (6 weeks before special election) .............................................................. R.C 4301.33 4305.14

**Dec. 20**
UOCAVA absentee ballots for Feb. 3, 2015 special election must be ready (45 days before special election) .............................................................. R.C. 3511.04

- BOARDS of elections must update and publish notices of February 3, 2015 special election by this date and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before special election) .............................................................. R.C. 3511.16
- BOARDS of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before special election) .............................................................. R.C. 3503.12

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| Jan. 1 | Applications for absentee ballots for 2015 elections may be accepted (first day of the year) .............................................................. R.C. 3509.03 3511.02 |
| Jan. 4 | Nov. 4, 2014 general election ballots may be discarded, except for federal office, unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (63 days after general election) .............................................................. R.C. 3505.31 42 USC 1974 |
| Jan. 5* | Deadline for voter registration for Feb. 3, 2015 special election (30 days before special election) .............................................................. R.C. 3503.19 |
| Jan. 6 | Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for Feb. 3 special election must be ready (day after the close of voter registration) .............................................................. R.C. 3509.01 |
| Jan. 25 | BOARDS of elections must prepare and publish notices of the May 5, 2015 primary/special election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before primary/special election) .............................................................. R.C. 3511.16 |

*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. L.14 to the next succeeding day when the appropriate office is open for regular business hours. The preceding dates reflect the extended deadline.*

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