

2016 Presidential Primary Calendar of Events

Subject to change by the General Court

Calendar of Events

Deadline Dates

Last day for city and town committees to notify the Secretary of the Commonwealth of the number of members to be elected to each ward and town committee.	Monday, August 3, 2015
Nomination Papers available at the Election Division in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and some city and town clerks' offices for ward, town and state committees.	Tuesday, August 4, 2015
Last day for a candidate running for ward, town or state committee to enroll in the party.	Tuesday, August 18, 2015
Nomination papers available for presidential candidates.	Tuesday, September 22, 2015
* 5:00 p.m. Last day and hour to submit ward, town and state committee nomination papers to Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures. Registrars must sign both sides of nomination papers.	Friday, November 6, 2015
5:00 p.m. Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures on nomination papers for ward, town and state committees.	Friday, November 13, 2015
* 5:00 p.m. Last day and hour to file ward, town and state committee nomination papers with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	Tuesday, November 17, 2015
5:00 p.m. Last day and hour to file withdrawals or objections to ward, town and state committee nomination papers with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	Friday, November 20, 2015
* 5:00 p.m. Last day and hour to submit presidential candidates' nomination papers to Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures.	Monday, December 21, 2015
5:00 p.m. Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures for presidential candidates' nomination papers.	Monday, December 28, 2015
5:00 p.m. Last day and hour for presidential candidates to apply to Registrars of Voters for review of non-certified signatures.	Wednesday, December 30, 2015
5:00 p.m. Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete review of non-certified signatures for presidential candidates.	Thursday, December 31, 2015
* 5:00 p.m. Last day and hour to file presidential candidates' nomination papers with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	Monday, January 4, 2016
5:00 p.m. Last day and hour to file objections to presidential candidates' nomination papers with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	Thursday, January 7, 2016
5:00 p.m. Last day and hour for presidential candidates to file an affidavit of withdrawal with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	Friday, January 8, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Last day to register to vote and change party enrollment for the Presidential Primary (except in towns with fewer than 1500 voters registration sessions must be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.).	Wednesday, February 10, 2016
Presidential Primary	Tuesday, March 1, 2016

* Final Filing Deadline