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2016 Massachusetts State Primary and State Election Schedule

(Revised by Chapter 119 of the Acts of 2015)

Calendar of Events	Deadline Dates: Party and non-party candidates for district and county offices	Party candidates for federal and state-wide offices	Non-party candidates for federal and state-wide offices
Nomination papers must be available.	February 16, 2016	February 16, 2016	February 16, 2016
Last day for a person running in a state primary to enroll in a party or for a person running only in a state election to unenroll from a party (except newly registered voters).	March 1, 2016	March 8, 2016	March 8, 2016
5:00 p.m., last day and hour to submit nomination papers to Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures.	**May 3, 2016**	**May 10, 2016**	**August 2, 2016**
5:00 p.m., last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures.	May 24, 2016	May 31, 2016	August 23, 2016
5:00 p.m., last day and hour for candidates to apply for review of non-certified signatures.	May 26, 2016	June 2, 2016	August 25, 2016
5:00 p.m., last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete review of non-certified signatures.	May 27, 2016	June 6, 2016	August 29, 2016
5:00 p.m., last day and hour to file nomination papers (including party enrollment or voter registration certificate and Ethics Commission receipt) with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	**May 31, 2016**	**June 7, 2016**	**August 30, 2016**
5:00 p.m., last day and hour to file withdrawals of or objections to nomination papers with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	June 3, 2016	June 10, 2016	September 2, 2016
5:00 p.m., last day and hour to fill vacancies caused by withdrawals.	June 8, 2016	June 15, 2016	September 8, 2016

PLEASE NOTE: All dates and deadlines below are the same for all candidates.

9:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., last day to register to vote and to change party enrollment for the State Primaries (in towns with fewer than 1500 voters, registration sessions must be held 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.).	Friday, August 19, 2016

State Primaries — Thursday, September 8, 2016

5:00 p.m., last day and hour for all write-in or sticker candidates who won in a state primary to file a written acceptance of the nomination and receipt from the State Ethics Commission with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	Monday. September 12, 2016
12:00 p.m., last day and hour to fill vacancies caused by withdrawals at the state primaries.	Tuesday, September 13, 2016
5:00 p.m., last day and hour to file withdrawals of or objections to nominations made at the state primaries.	Wednesday, September 14, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., last day to register to vote for the State Election (in towns with fewer than 1,500 voters, registration sessions must be held 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.).	Wednesday, October 19, 2016

State Election — Tuesday, November 8, 2016