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DEPARTMENT *of* ELECTIONS

Political Party Bulletin

Ballot Access Requirements for the
June 17, 2025 Primary Elections
and

November 4, 2025 General and Special Elections

Election Calendar

Type of Election	Last Day to Submit Candidate Ballot Access Documents	Last Day to Register to Vote	Last Day to Apply for Absentee
Primary June 17, 2025	April 3, 2025, 5:00 pm	May 27, 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person: 5:00 pm • Online: 11:59 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online, Fax, Mail: June 6, 2025, 5:00 pm • Early Voting In Person: June 14, 2025, 5:00 pm
General and Special November 4, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General: June 17, 2025, 7:00 pm • Special: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1st November after vacancy: August 15, 2025, 5:00 pm ○ 2nd November after vacancy: June 17, 2025, 7:00 pm 	October 14, 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person: 5:00 pm • Online: 11:59 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online, Fax, Mail: October 24, 2025, 5:00 pm • Early Voting In Person: November 1, 2025, 5:00 pm
Find in Va. Code §§: 24.2-503 and 24.2-507 24.2-416 24.2-701 and 24.2-701.1			

What, where, and when do political parties file?

What do I need to file?	Where do I file this form?	When does filing open?	What is the deadline to file?
Contact information for state, congressional district, legislative district, county, and city party chairs	With the Department of Elections (ELECT).	January, 2025	Updates should be provided, preferably the first week of June and first week of November.
Related Code: Va. Code § 24.2-516			
Party Notice of Nomination Method	With ELECT via online submission form.	February 12, 2025	March 4, 2025
Related Code: Va. Code § 24.2-516			
Party Certification of Primary Candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State, Congressional, and General Assembly candidates: With ELECT. • All other candidates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ With ELECT and ○ The general registrar in each locality where the candidate will appear on the ballot. 	April 3, 2025, 5:01 pm <i>(After the candidate primary filing window closes.)</i>	April 8, 2025, 5:00 pm
Related Code: Va. Code § 24.2-527			
Reminder: deadlines to nominate non-primary candidates:	Nominations may begin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General: May 1, 2025 • Special: When the election is ordered. 	Nominations must be completed by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General: June 17, 2025 • Special: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1st November after vacancy: August 15, 2025 ○ 2nd November after vacancy: June 17, 2025 	
Related Code: Va. Code § 24.2-510			
Party Certification of Non-Primary Candidate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State, Congressional, and General Assembly candidates: With ELECT. • All other candidates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ With ELECT and ○ The general registrar in each locality where the candidate will appear on the ballot. 	After party has nominated the candidate. For specials, no sooner than May 1, 2025.	Nominations must be completed by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General: June 23, 2025 • Special: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1st November after vacancy: August 20, 2025 ○ 2nd November after vacancy: June 23, 2025
Related Code: Va. Code § 24.2-511			

General Disclaimer

Political parties are responsible for complying with all current and applicable regulations, and local, state, and federal law. The purpose of this document is to provide political parties a brief overview regarding certain filings or information that must be submitted to the Department of Elections or general registrar throughout the year. This document does not purport to provide legal advice or binding statements of official policy. Applicable laws and regulations are subject to change in content and interpretation. Political parties should contact their legal representation for guidance and information regarding local election laws and regulations.