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**MAY 1, 2023 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CALENDAR**

The following is a chronological summary of certain requirements for the **May 1, 2023** regular elections, applicable in the absence of a Special Act to the contrary. Section references are to the General Statutes of Connecticut. *ALL ENTRIES AND REFERENCES ARE SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE REVISION.*

KEY DATES

Party endorsements:	January 9-16, 2023
Certification of endorsements:	January 17, 2023 (4:00 p.m.)
Primary and nominating petitions filed by:	January 31, 2023 (4:00 p.m.)
Primary (6:00 a.m. -- 8:00 p.m.):	March 6, 2023

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NOVEMBER 2, 2022  
(Wednesday)  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

LIST OF OFFICES -- FILING WITH SECRETARY OF THE STATE. Last day for clerk to file with Secretary of the State list of offices to be filled, terms thereof and number of candidates for which each elector may vote. Secretary of the State, within 70 days after receipt, to return a copy. Clerk, within 10 days after receiving the copy, must mail a copy to each town chairman. (Sec. 9-254)

DECEMBER 6, 2022  
(Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS

PARTY TRANSFER -- MUNICIPAL PRIMARY. Last day that an enrolled elector can transfer from one party to another and be eligible to vote in municipal primary of new party. (Sec. 9-59)

JANUARY 3, 2023  
(Tuesday)

NOMINATING PETITION FORMS. Secretary of the State may begin issuing nominating petition forms for offices to be contested at the regular election. (Sec. 9-453b)

JANUARY 3, 2023  
(Tuesday)  
TOWN CHAIRMEN

NOTICE OF CAUCUS. Last day to publish notice of endorsement caucus, if caucus is the endorsing authority for municipal office, if caucus is held on January 9, 2023. If caucus is held January 16, 2023, then January 10, 2023 is the last day. Notice must be published at least 5 full days before the caucus. Party rules may require earlier notice. (Sec. 9-390)

JANUARY 9, 2023 to  
JANUARY 16, 2023  
(Monday - Tuesday)

PARTY ENDORSEMENT. Endorsement by major party for municipal office by town committee, caucus or convention between these days. (Secs. 9-390, 9-391 and 9-2)

POLITICAL PARTIES

Warning: Endorsements must be certified to municipal clerk by 4:00 p.m., January 17, 2023.

No party may endorse more candidates for municipal office than number for which an elector may vote. (Sec. 9-414). See also Sec. 9-204a re. Board of Education.

JANUARY 31, 2023  
(Tuesday)  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

SPECIAL 90-DAY MILITARY BLANK BALLOT -- ELECTION. The special 90-day military blank ballot for all offices for military contingencies becomes available this day upon application properly made. (Sec. 9-153e). Explanatory text and/or arguments re. local questions (option). (Secs. 9-140(d) and 9-369b)

REGISTRARS Registrars may direct the clerk to mail such special ballot set to qualified persons or municipal clerk may so act on his own motion. (Sec. 9-153d)

JANUARY 31, 2023  
(Tuesday)  
WRITE-IN  
CANDIDATES WRITE-IN REGISTRATION. First day that write-in candidates for any office being contested at election, may register as write-in candidates with Secretary of the State. (Sec. 9-373a)

JANUARY 31, 2023  
(Tuesday)  
4:00 p.m.  
REGISTRARS PRIMARY PETITIONS -- FILING. Primary petitions for opposition candidates of a major party for municipal offices must be submitted to respective registrars by 4:00 p.m. of this day.  
  
Registrars of voters, deputy registrar or assistant registrar must be in their office or office facilities between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to accept petitions. (Secs. 9-405 and 9-406)

FAILURE TO ENDORSE: *Single-opening municipal office* -- opposing candidate is deemed nominated if no endorsement has been made and certified to municipal clerk and there is only one opposing candidacy. *Multiple-opening office* -- party-endorsed candidates and opposing candidates are all deemed nominated if there are an insufficient number of endorsements certified to the municipal clerk and no more opposing candidates than the number for which no endorsement is made. (Sec. 9-418)

REGISTRARS  
MUNICIPAL CLERK NOTICE OF PRIMARY. On filing of valid petition for municipal office, and after checking the same, registrar notifies municipal clerk that primary is to be held and clerk publishes registrar's notice and information concerning candidates, primary date, hours, and location of polls, files one copy with Secretary of the State not later than 3 business days after receipt of such notice from the registrars, and records said notice. The notice of primary shall include a designation of how absentee ballots will be counted. (Secs. 9-147a and 9-435)

MUNICIPAL CLERK ABSENTEE BALLOTS--FILING. Immediately upon receiving the printed absentee ballots, municipal clerk must file a printed absentee ballot for the municipality or for each different political subdivision, as the case may be, with Secretary of the State, and file an affidavit as to number of such ballots printed. (Sec. 9-135b(c)).

JANUARY 31, 2023  
(Tuesday)  
4:00 p.m.  
CANDIDATES  
TOWN CLERK NOMINATING PETITIONS. Last day for filing with town clerk or the Secretary of the State. Deadline 4:00 p.m. Town clerk or assistant town clerk must be in his office between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to accept petitions. (Sec. 9-453i)  
  
Clerk must file each petition page with Secretary of the State within 2 weeks after receiving it. (Sec. 9-453n)

FEBRUARY 10, 2023  
(Friday)  
MUNICIPAL CLERK ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Absentee ballots for municipal primary become available on this day. (Secs. 9-135 and 9-140(f))

FEBRUARY 14, 2023  
(Tuesday)  
TOWN CLERK NOMINATING PETITIONS. Last day for town clerk to file nominating petition pages with Secretary of the State. (Secs. 9-453i and 9-453n)

FEBRUARY 28, 2023  
(Tuesday)  
MINOR PARTIES MINOR PARTY NOMINATIONS AND CERTIFICATION. All minor party nominations and certification for municipal office must be made by this date and delivered to the municipal clerk. (Sec. 9-452)

FEBRUARY 28, 2023  
(Tuesday)  
4:00 p.m.  
NOMINATING  
PETITION  
PARTY DESIGNATIONS STATEMENT OF ENDORSEMENT -- NOMINATING PETITION CANDIDATES. Last day that party designation committee or chairman or secretary of a minor party may file statement of endorsement of nominating petition candidate with a party designation with Secretary of the State. (Sec. 9-453o)

MARCH, 2023  
REGISTRARS

NOTICE OF LOTTERY TO DETERMINE ORDER OF NAMES FOR MULTIPLE-OPENING OFFICE. After the nomination of candidates for a multiple-opening office by a major or minor party or nominating petition is finalized registrars hold public lottery to determine horizontal order of such names within a row on election ballot. Registrars must provide at least 5 days' public notice for ceremony. (Secs. 9-253 and 9-453r)

MARCH 1, 2023  
(Wednesday)  
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT CUT-OFF (MAIL – IN). Deadline for registering and/or enrolling for voting in primary unless register in person with town clerk or registrar or unless file application for enrollment in person with registrar of voters. (Secs. 9-23g, 9-56 and 9-57)

MARCH 3, 2023  
(Friday)  
12:00 noon  
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT CUT-OFF IN PERSON. Deadline for registering in person with the registrar of voters or town clerk of the town of residence and deadline for enrolling in person with the registrar of voters for voting in primary. Deadline for cross-town registrations to be received by registrar of town of residence.

Applications from servicemen and persons out of the country under Secs. 9-26 and 9-23a may be received throughout the day and before primary day. (Secs. 9-19e, 9-23a, 9-56 and 9-57)

MARCH 4, 2023  
(Saturday)  
6:00 a.m.  
CANDIDATES

UNOFFICIAL CHECKERS FOR PRIMARY. Deadline for candidates to submit list of designees for unofficial checkers to the registrar of voters. Such list must be submitted at least 48 hours prior to the opening of the polls. The registrar must notify all candidates of their right to submit a list of designees. (Sec. 9-436a)

In addition, any person (other than a candidate or primary official) may serve as a runner. (Sec. 9-235b)

MARCH 6, 2023  
(Monday)  
6:00 a.m. to  
8:00 p.m.

PRIMARY. Primary, if valid petition or petitions have been filed. Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-423)

Voter's Bill of Rights and 2 Sample Ballot Labels -- to be posted in each polling place (Secs. 9-255 and 9-236(b))

MARCH 13, 2023  
(Monday)  
MODERATORS

CLOSE VOTE OR DISCREPANCY RECOUNT. Last day to conduct close vote or discrepancy recount. (Secs. 9-310, 9-311, 9-311a, 9-311b, 9-370a, 9-445 and 9-446)

MARCH 13, 2023  
(Monday)  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

LIST OF CANDIDATES. Last day for clerk to file list of candidates with Secretary of the State. (Sec. 9-461)

MARCH 31, 2023  
(Friday)  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Printed absentee ballots for the election become available to electors on this day. (Secs. 9-135 and 9-140(f)). Explanatory text and/or arguments re. local questions (option). (Secs. 9-140(d) and 9-369b.)

REGISTRARS

Registrars may direct the clerk to mail an absentee ballot set to an elector or an applicant for admission as an elector who (1) is living outside the U.S. or (2) is a member of the armed forces, or the spouse or dependent living where such member is stationed. Municipal clerk also may so act on his own motion. (Secs. 9-140(f) and 9-153d)

APRIL 16, 2023 to  
APRIL 25, 2023  
(Sunday - Tuesday)  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

WARNING OF ELECTION. Municipal clerk or assistant municipal clerk must publish once, on or between any of these dates, notice of election, which notice shall include the time and location of the polling places, and record each such warning. (Sec. 9-226)

The warning for the election shall include a designation of how absentee ballots will be counted. (Sec. 9-147a)

The warning must also include a statement concerning any question to be included on the ballot. (Secs. 9-369 and 9-369a)

APRIL 17, 2023  
(Monday)  
4:00 p.m.  
WRITE-IN  
CANDIDATES

WRITE-IN REGISTRATION. Last day that write-in candidates for any office being contested at election may register with Secretary of the State. However, a write-in candidate for Representative Town Meeting (RTM) in a town which has 75 or more members on its RTM must register with the town clerk of such town not later than last business day before election. (Sec 9-373a)

APRIL 24, 2023  
(Monday)  
ALL VOTER  
REGISTRATION  
OFFICIALS

SEVENTH DAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION SESSION. In person, mail-in and on-line cut-off in ALL towns. Last regular voter registration session. All mail-in voter registration applications must be received or post-marked by this date. Applicants must appear in person. Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-17, 9-19k, 9-23g)

Note: 11:59 P.M. on this date is also the deadline to register to vote using the On Line Voter Registration System.

APRIL 29, 2023  
(Saturday)  
6:00 a.m.  
REGISTRARS

UNOFFICIAL CHECKERS. Deadline for Town Chairmen or candidates (if qualified) to designate unofficial checkers to the registrars of voters. Registrar, at request of his town chairman, shall change appointments up to close of polls. (Sec. 9-235)

In addition, any person (other than a candidate or election official) may serve as a runner. (Sec. 9-235b)

Unofficial Checkers for Questions: Registrars must notify (1) each committee and person on whose behalf a political committee statement of organization or a certificate of exemption has been filed for a question with the town clerk, and (2) each other group known to be for or against a referendum issue, of their right to submit designees to the registrars at least 48 hours before the opening of the polls, indicating their position on the question. (Sec. 9-235(e))

**\*MAY 1, 2023 ELECTION DAY \***

MAY 1, 2023  
(Monday)  
ALL ELECTION  
OFFICIALS

HOURS OF VOTING. Polls to be open 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Electors in line by 8:00 p.m. permitted to vote. (Sec. 9-174)

MAY 8, 2023  
(Monday)  
MODERATOR

CLOSE VOTE OR DISCREPANCY RECOUNT. Last day to conduct close vote or discrepancy recount. (Secs. 9-310, 9-311, 9-311a, 9-311b, 9-370a)