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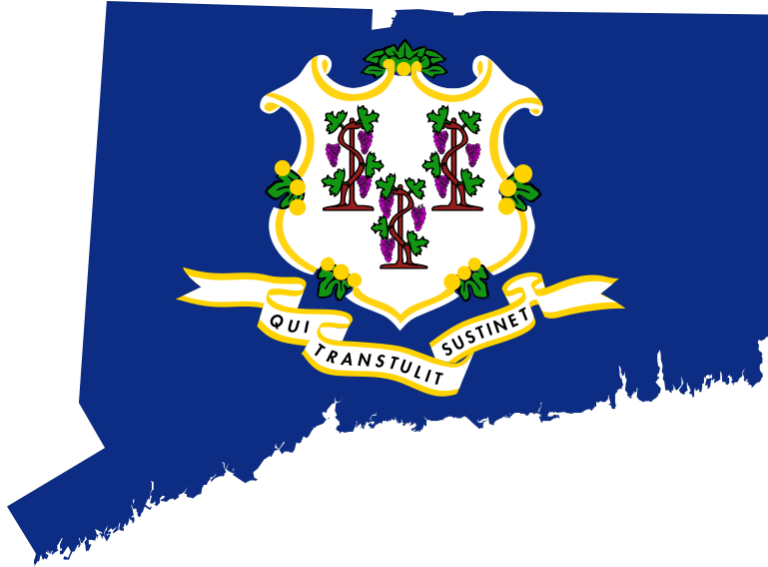
APRIL 2, 2024, CONNECTICUT PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY CALENDAR

January 2, 2024 Tuesday	Deadline for <u>enrolled party members</u> to <i>transfer enrollment from one party to the other</i> , for voting in their "new" party's presidential primary. [REGISTRARS]
January 19, 2024 Friday 10:00 am	Announcement of "generally and seriously advocated or recognized" candidates placed on the ballot by the Secretary of the State. Such candidates are notified by registered mail. [SOTS]
January 19, 2024 Friday 12:00 noon	Petitions become available for other candidates. [SOTS]
February 9, 2024 Friday 4:00 pm	Deadline for filing primary petition pages with town Registrars of Voters. [CANDIDATE]
February 13, 2024 Tuesday 4:00 pm	Deadline for Registrars to forward verified petition pages to Secretary of the State. [REGISTRARS]
February 16, 2024 Friday	Secretary of the State completes tabulation of petition signatures. [SOTS]
February 26, 2024 Monday 12:00 noon	Deadline for withdrawal of candidates placed on the ballot by the Secretary of the State. Withdrawal must be by letter signed by the candidate and received by the Secretary of the State by 12:00 noon this date. Petitioning candidates may not withdraw. [CANDIDATE]

IF TWO OR MORE CANDIDATES HAVE QUALIFIED FOR A PARTY'S PRIMARY BALLOT:

February 17, 2024 Saturday	Absentee ballots for military and overseas voters become available (45-day ballot). [MUNICIPAL CLERK]
February 27, 2024 Tuesday	The Secretary of the State determines the order of candidates on the ballot by lot in public ceremony ("Uncommitted" is listed last) and sends notice of primary to town clerks. [SOTS]
March 12, 2024 Tuesday	Absentee ballots become available. [MUNICIPAL CLERK]
March 19, 2024 Tuesday	Deadline for state party chairmen to certify to Secretary of the State: the number of national convention delegates from Connecticut; the formula, if any, prescribed by national party rules for apportioning delegates among candidates based on the primary vote; or, if applicable, the fact that such party rules provide "winner takes all." [PARTY]
March 15, 2024 Tuesday	Mandatory enrollment session for primary [REGISTRARS]
March 15, 2024 Thursday	Mail-In and Online Deadline for <u>new</u> voters, and for <u>unaffiliated</u> voters, to <i>enroll in a party</i> for voting in its primary. For <u>new</u> voters, mail-in applications must be <i>postmarked, or</i> received by the Registrar of Voters or voter registration agency, by this date. For <u>unaffiliated</u> voters, the mail-in application must be <u>received</u> (not merely postmarked) by the <u>Registrar of Voters</u> by this deadline. (See exception below for <i>in-person</i> enrollment.) [VOTERS]
March 26, 27, 28 30, 2024	Period for Early Voting [VOTER]
April 1, 2024 Monday 12:00 noon	<i>In-person</i> enrollment deadline, for new voters and unaffiliated voters enrolling in a party <i>in person at Town Hall</i> , for voting in the primary. [VOTER]
April 2, 2024 Tuesday	Presidential Preference Primary. Polls open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. [VOTER, REGISTRAR, MUNICIPAL CLERK]
April 3, 2024 Wednesday 2:00 pm	Deadline for head moderators to deliver (using EMS) primary returns to Secretary of the State. (A hard copy of such return must also be filed.) [MODERATOR]

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For purposes of the Presidential Preference Primary, "party" means a political party having the largest or second largest enrollment in the state (C.G.S. § 9-463).

With regard to qualification for a position on the ballot, please see C.G.S. §§ 9-465 through 9-470. A candidate's name may be placed on a party's primary ballot in one of two ways: (1) by the Secretary of the State if in the Secretary's opinion, the person's candidacy for the party's presidential nomination is **generally and seriously advocated or recognized according to reports in the national or state news media**; OR (2) by petition signed by at least **1% of the enrolled members of the party** in the state according to the most recent *active-list* enrollment records on file in this office. The minimum signature requirement will be calculated from enrollment figures to be compiled as of November 7, 2023. (*Estimated* using the November 8, 2022, enrollment compilation, the *approximate* requirements would be 7,926 Democrats or 4,632 Republicans.)

At 10:00 A.M. on Friday, January 19, 2024, the Secretary of the State will announce the candidates she is placing on the ballot directly (without petitions). The Secretary will then promptly notify each such candidate by registered mail that their name will be included on the ballot unless the Secretary receives, not later than 12:00 noon, Monday, February 26, 2024, a written request, signed by the candidate, that their name be omitted. There will be no exceptions to this withdrawal deadline and procedure (C.G.S. § 9-466). Beginning at 12:00 noon on Friday, January 19, 2024, petition forms will be issued, upon application properly made (C.G.S. § 9-467), for candidates not directly designated by the Secretary. Each petition page must be filed not later than 4:00 P.M. Friday, February 9, 2024, with the local Registrar of Voters of the appropriate party in the town in which the signers of the page are enrolled in such party. Petition signatures are verified by the local Registrars, and pages are then forwarded to this office for tabulation, which is to be completed by Friday, February 16, 2024. Candidates timely filing sufficient verified petition signatures may not withdraw (C.G.S. § 9-469).

If two or more candidates have qualified for a party's primary ballot, then on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, the Secretary will determine the order of all candidates on such ballot by lot in a public ceremony. The category "Uncommitted" will appear last on each party's ballot. (If fewer than two candidates have qualified for a party's ballot, that party's primary is canceled.)

The presidential primary does not directly select actual delegates to the national party conventions. Rather, it determines the number of delegate positions allocated to each Presidential candidate, statewide and/or by Congressional District as the case may be. This apportionment of delegate seats "won" is done according to the applicable "proportional representation" formula, if any, prescribed by national party rules; or on a "winner takes all" basis if so authorized by such rules; or by the formula specified in the state law if the party rules provide neither a formula nor a winner-takes-all requirement. The Secretary of the State tabulates the primary returns, calculates the allocation of delegate positions to candidates, and certifies the results to the national and state parties and to the candidates. The procedure for the actual selection of the delegates is governed by the rules of each party—provided that the party must select and certify the correct number of delegates committed to each candidate as so determined by the primary results (C.G.S. §§ 9-473 and 9-482 through 9-486).