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State of Connecticut
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May 5, 2025, Municipal Election Calendar

The following is a chronological summary of certain requirements for the **May 5, 2025**, 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 13-20, 2025
Certification of endorsements:	January 21, 2025 (4:00 p.m.)
Primary and nominating petitions filed by:	February 4, 2025 (4:00 p.m.)
Primary (6:00 a.m. -- 8:00 p.m.):	March 10, 2025

November 2024	
November 6, 2024 (Wednesday) <i>Municipal Clerk</i>	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 2024	
December 10, 2024 (Tuesday) <i>Registrars</i>	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 2025	
January 2, 2025 (Thursday)	Nominating Petition Forms. The Secretary of the State may begin issuing nominating petition forms for offices to be contested at the regular election. (Sec. 9-453b)
January 8, 2025 (Wednesday) <i>Town Chairmen</i>	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 13, 2025. If caucus is held January 20, 2025, then January 15, 2025, 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, 2025 (Thursday) <i>Registrars</i>	Deadline for Submitting Certified Early Voting Plan. Location(s) must be certified 60 days before the primary. (Public Act 24-148, Secs. 25 & 26)
January 13, 2025, to January 20, 2025 (Monday - Monday) <i>Political Parties</i>	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) Warning: Endorsements must be certified to the municipal clerk by 4:00 p.m., January 21, 2025.

<i>Municipal Clerk</i>	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)).
February 4, 2025 (Tuesday) <i>Candidates Town Clerk</i>	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 7, 2025 (Friday) <i>Registrars</i>	Deadline for Finalizing Early Voting Plan. Location(s) must be finalized 31 days before the primary. (Public Act 24-148, Secs. 25 & 26)
February 17, 2025 (Monday) <i>Municipal Clerk</i>	Absentee Ballots. Absentee ballots for municipal primary become available on this day. (Secs. 9-135 and 9-140(f))
February 18, 2025 (Tuesday) <i>Town Clerk</i>	Nominating Petitions. Last day for town clerk to file nominating petition pages with Secretary of the State. (Secs. 9-453i and 9-453n)
February 20, 2025 (Thursday) <i>Registrars</i>	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(c) as amended by Public Act 23-5, Sec. 26, 9- 56 and 9-57)
March 2025	
March 2, 2025 (Sunday) <i>All Election Officials</i>	Start of Early Voting Period. The early voting period begins on the eighth day prior to a primary. (Sec. 9-163aa(a)(2)(B))
March 4, 2025 (Tuesday) <i>Minor Parties</i>	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)
March 4, 2025 (Tuesday) 4:00 P.M. <i>Nominating Petition Party Designations</i>	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 <i>Registrars</i>	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 6, 2025 (Thursday) <i>Registrars</i>	Deadline for Submitting Certified Early Voting Plan. Location(s) must be certified 60 days before the regular election. (Public Act 24-148, Secs. 25 & 26)
March 7, 2025 (Friday) 12:00 P.M. <i>Registrars</i>	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 crosstown 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 8, 2025 (Saturday) 6:00 A.M. <i>Candidates</i>	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 8, 2025 (Saturday) <i>All Election Officials</i>	End of Early Voting Period. The early voting period concludes the second day prior to the election. (Sec. 9-163aa(a)(2)(B))
March 10, 2025 (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 17, 2025 (Monday) <i>Moderators</i>	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 17, 2025 (Monday) <i>Municipal Clerk</i>	List of Candidates. Last day for clerk to file list of candidates with Secretary of the State. (Sec. 9-461)
March 21, 2025 (Friday) <i>Secretary Of The State</i>	Deadline for Reviewing Early Voting Plan. The Secretary of the State must approve or disapprove 45 days before the election. (Public Act 24-148, Secs. 25 & 26)

April 2025	
<p>April 4, 2025 (Friday)</p> <p><i>Municipal Clerk</i></p> <p><i>Registrars</i></p>	<p>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.)</p> <p>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)</p>
<p>April 4, 2025 (Friday)</p> <p><i>Registrars</i></p>	<p>Deadline for Finalizing Early Voting Plan. Location(s) must be finalized 31 days before the election. (Public Act 24-148, Secs. 25 & 26)</p>
<p>April 6, 2025 (Sunday) 4:00 P.M.</p> <p><i>Write-In Candidates</i></p>	<p>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, as amended by Public Act 23-5, Sec. 9)</p>
<p>April 17, 2025 (Thursday)</p> <p><i>All Voter Registration Officials</i></p>	<p>Eighteenth 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(a) as amended by Public Act 23-5, 9-19k, 9-23g)</p> <p>Note: 11:59 P.M. on this date is also the deadline to register to vote using the On-Line Voter Registration System.</p>
<p>APRIL 20, 2025, To APRIL 30, 2025 (Sunday-Wednesday)</p> <p><i>MUNICIPAL CLERK</i></p>	<p>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)</p> <p>The warning for the election shall include a designation of how absentee ballots will be counted. (Sec. 9-147a)</p> <p>The warning must also include a statement concerning any question to be included on the ballot. (Secs. 9-369 and 9-369a)</p>
<p>April 20, 2025 (Sunday)</p> <p><i>All Election Officials</i></p>	<p>Start of Early Voting Period. The early voting period begins on the fifteenth day prior to a regular election. (Sec. 9-163aa(a)(1)(B))</p>

May 2025	
<p>May 3, 2025 (Saturday) 6:00 A.M.</p> <p><i>Registrars</i></p>	<p>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)</p> <p>In addition, any person (other than a candidate or election official) may serve as a runner. (Sec. 9-235b)</p> <p>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))</p>
<p>May 3, 2025 (Saturday)</p> <p><i>All Election Officials</i></p>	<p>End of Early Voting Period. The early voting period concludes the second day prior to the election. (Sec. 9-163aa(a)(1)(B))</p>
★ May 5, 2025 – Election Day ★	
<p>May 5, 2025 (Monday)</p> <p><i>All Election Officials</i></p>	<p>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)</p>
<p>May 12, 2025 (Monday)</p> <p><i>Moderator</i></p>	<p>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)</p>