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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.**

Party endorsements: Certification of endorsements: Primary and nominating petitions filed by: Primary (6:00 a.m. -- 8:00 p.m.): KEY DATES January 13-20, 2025 January 21, 2025 (4:00 p.m.) February 4, 2025 (4:00 p.m.) March 10, 2025

	November 2024		
November 6, 2024 (Wednesday)	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		
Municipal Clerk	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)	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)		
Registrars			
	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) 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 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) Political Parties	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.		

January 24, 2025	No party may endorse more candidates for municipal office than the number for which an elector may vote. (Sec. 9-414). See also Sec. 9-204a re. Board of Education. Deadline for Reviewing Early Voting Plan. The Secretary of the State must
(Friday)	approve or disapprove 45 days before the primary. (Public Act 24-148, Secs. 25 & 26)
Secretary of the State	
	February 2025
February 4, 2025 (Tuesday)	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-
Municipal Clerk Registrars	140(d) and 9-369b)
Falarica v. 4. 2025	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)
February 4, 2025 (Tuesday)	Write-In Registration. First day write-in candidates for any office being contested at election may register as write-in candidates with the Secretary of the State. (Sec. 9-373a)
Write-In Candidates	
February 4, 2025 (Tuesday) 4:00 p.m.	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	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)
Municipal Clerk Registrars	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 BallotsFiling. 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)	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.
Candidates Town Clerk	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)	Deadline for Finalizing Early Voting Plan. Location(s) must be finalized 31 days before the primary. (Public Act 24-148, Secs. 25 & 26)
Registrars	
February 17, 2025 (Monday)	Absentee Ballots. Absentee ballots for municipal primary become available on this day. (Secs. 9-135 and 9-140(f))
Municipal Clerk	
February 18, 2025	Nominating Petitions. Last day for town clerk to file nominating petition
(Tuesday)	pages with Secretary of the State. (Secs. 9-453i and 9-453n)
Town Clerk	
February 20, 2025	Registration and Enrollment Cut-Off (Mail-In). Deadline for registering
(Thursday)	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
Registrars	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	Start of Early Voting Period. The early voting period begins on the eighth
(Sunday)	day prior to a primary. (Sec. 9-163aa(a)(2)(B))
All Election Officials	
March 4, 2025	Minor Party Nominations and Certification. All minor party nominations
(Tuesday)	and certification for municipal office must be made by this date and delivered to the municipal clerk. (Sec. 9-452)
Minor Parties	
March 4, 2025	Statement of Endorsement Nominating Petition Candidates. Last day
(Tuesday)	that party designation committee or chairman or secretary of a minor
4:00 P.M.	party may file statement of endorsement of nominating petition candidate with a party designation with Secretary of the State. (Sec. 9-4530)
Nominating Petition	, , ,
Party Designations	

March 2023	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
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	Deadline for Submitting Certified Early Voting Plan. Location(s) must be
(Thursday)	certified 60 days before the regular election. (Public Act 24-148, Secs. 25 &
	26)
Registrars	
March 7, 2025	Registration And Enrollment Cut-Off (In-Person). Deadline for registering
(Friday)	in person with the registrar of voters or town clerk of the town of
12:00 P.M.	residence and deadline for enrolling in person with the registrar of voters
Destates a	for voting in primary. Deadline for crosstown registrations to be received
Registrars	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	Unofficial Checkers for Primary. Deadline for candidates to submit list of
(Saturday)	designees for unofficial checkers to the registrar of voters. Such list must
6:00 A.M.	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
Candidates	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	End of Early Voting Period. The early voting period concludes the second
(Saturday)	day prior to the election. (Sec. 9-163aa(a)(2)(B))
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All Election Officials	
March 10, 2025	Primary. Primary, if valid petition or petitions have been filed. Hours: 6:00
(Monday)	a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-423)
6:00 A.M. To 8:00 P.M.	Value de Billiof Biologo en de Sancolo Bollot Labola en la bourne de la colo
	Voter's Bill of Rights and 2 Sample Ballot Labels – to be posted in each
March 17, 2025	polling place (Secs. 9-255 and 9-236(b))
March 17, 2025	Close Vote or Discrepancy Recount. Last day to conduct close vote or
(Monday) Moderators	discrepancy recount. (Secs. 9-310, 9-311, 9-311a, 9-311b, 9-370a, 9-445 and 9-446)
March 17, 2025	List of Candidates. Last day for clerk to file list of candidates with
(Monday)	Secretary of the State. (Sec. 9-461)
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Municipal Clerk	
March 21, 2025	Deadline for Reviewing Early Voting Plan. The Secretary of the State must
(Friday)	approve or disapprove 45 days before the election. (Public Act 24-148, Secs. 25 & 26)
Secretary Of The State	

April 2025		
April 4, 2025	Absentee Ballots. Printed absentee ballots for the election become	
(Friday)	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-	
Municipal Clerk	369b.)	
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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 4, 2025	Deadline for Finalizing Early Voting Plan. Location(s) must be finalized 31	
(Friday)	days before the election. (Public Act 24-148, Secs. 25 & 26)	
Registrars		
April 6, 2025	Write-In Registration. Last day that write-in candidates for any office	
(Sunday)	being contested at election may register with Secretary of the State.	
4:00 P.M.	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	
Write-In Candidates	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)	
April 17, 2025	Eighteenth Day Before Election Day Registration Session. In person, mail-	
(Thursday)	in and on-line cut-off in ALL towns. Last regular voter registration session.	
All Market Description	All mail-in voter registration applications must be received or post-marked	
All Voter Registration	by this date. Applicants must appear in person. Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00	
Officials	p.m. (Sec. 9-17(a) as amended by Public Act 23-5, 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 20, 2025, To	Warning of Election. Municipal clerk or assistant municipal clerk must	
APRIL 30, 2025	publish once, on or between any of these dates, notice of election, which	
(Sunday-Wednesday)	notice shall include the time and location of the polling places, and record	
	each such warning. (Sec. 9-226)	
MUNICIPAL CLERK		
	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 20, 2025	Start of Early Voting Period. The early voting period begins on the	
(Sunday)	fifteenth day prior to a regular election. (Sec. 9-163aa(a)(1)(B))	
All Election Officials		

	May 2025		
May 3, 2025	Unofficial Checkers. Deadline for Town Chairmen or candidates (if		
(Saturday)	qualified) to designate unofficial checkers to the registrars of voters.		
6:00 A.M.	Registrar, at request of his town chairman, shall change appointments up		
	to close of polls. (Sec. 9-235)		
Registrars			
	In addition, any person (other than a candidate or election official) may		
	serve as a runner. (Sec. 9-235b)		
May 3, 2025	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)) End of Early Voting Period. The early voting period concludes the second		
(Saturday)	day prior to the election. (Sec. 9-163aa(a)(1)(B))		
All Election Officials			
	★ May 5, 2025 – Election Day ★		
May 5, 2025	Hours of Voting. Polls to be open 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Electors in line by		
(Monday)	8:00 p.m. permitted to vote. (Sec. 9-174)		
All Election Officials			
May 12, 2025	Close Vote or Discrepancy Recount. Last day to conduct close vote or		
(Monday)	discrepancy recount. (Secs. 9-310, 9-311, 9-311a, 9-311b, 9-370a)		
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Moderator			