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State Of Connecticut
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February 3, 2026 Special Election Calendar

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Key Dates

Party Endorsements:	October 14-21, 2025
Certification Of Endorsements:	October 22, 2025 (4:00 P.M.)
Primary Petitions Filed by:	November 5, 2025 (4:00 P.M.)
Nominating Petitions Filed By:	November 25, 2025 (4:00 P.M.)
Primary	December 9, 2025
Election (6:00 A.M. -- 8:00 P.M.):	February 3, 2026

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October 9, 2025 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 October 14, 2025. If caucus is held October 21, 2025, then October 16, 2025 is the last day. Notice must be published at least 5 full days before the caucus. Party rules may require earlier notice. (Secs. 9-390. 9-391)
October 14, 2025 To October 21, 2025	Party endorsement. Endorsement by major party for a 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., October 22, 2025.
November 5, 2025	Primary petitions Candidacies of persons other than party-endorsed candidates for nomination by a political party to a municipal office to be voted upon at a municipal election, or for election as town committee members shall be filed with the registrar, as provided in section 9-406, not later than four o'clock p.m.. on the thirty-fourth day preceding the day of the primary of such party for the nomination of candidates for such office or for the election of town committee members.(Sec.9-405)

November 18, 2025 Municipal clerk	<p>Absentee ballots. Absentee ballots for the municipal primary become available on this day. (Secs. 9-135 and 9-140(f))</p> <p>Nominating Petitions. Last day for filing with the Secretary of the State. Deadline 4:00 p.m.</p>
November 21, 2025 Registrars	<p>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)</p>
November 25, 2025 Town clerk	<p>Nominating Petitions. Last day for Town Clerk to file nominating petition pages with Secretary of the State. Clerk must file each petition page with the Secretary of the State within 2 weeks after receiving it. (Secs. 9-453i and 9-453n)</p>
December 3, 2025 Minor parties	<p>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)</p>
December 3, 2025 4:00 p.m. Nominating Petition Party Designations	<p>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)</p>
December 1, 2025 To December 7, 2025	<p>Period of Early Voting. Early Voting happens during this time period. hours for Early Voting are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Secs. 9-163aa, 9-174)</p>
December 8, 2025 12:00 Noon Registrars	<p>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.</p> <p>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)</p>
December 9, 2025 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	<p>Primary. Primary, if valid petition or petitions have been filed. Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-423)</p> <p>Voter's bill of rights and 2 sample ballot labels -- to be posted in each polling place (Secs. 9-255 and 9-236(b))</p>
December 12, 2025 Moderators	<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, 9-445 and 9-446)</p>
December 16, 2025 Municipal clerk	<p>List of candidates. Last day for clerk to file list of candidates with the Secretary of State. (Sec. 9-461)</p>
January, 2026 Registrars	<p>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)</p>

January 5, 2026 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.) (31 days before election, unless day falls on weekend and then 140(f) requires next business day)
January 16, 2026	Registration by mail deadline. Hand-delivered mail-in registration applications must be received by this date by Registrars in applicant's town of residence (or by Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) or a voter registration agency), and mailed mail-in registration applications must be postmarked by this date, for the applicant to be entitled to vote in the election. Electoral privileges of applicants meeting this deadline attach immediately upon approval by the Registrar. (§9-23g(d)(2)).
January 19, 2026 to January 29, 2026 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)
January 15, 2026 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 that 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)
January 29, 2026 to February 1, 2026	Period of Early Voting. Early voting happens during this time period. Hours for Early Voting are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Secs. 9-163aa, 9-174)
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February 2, 2026	Voter Registration Deadline In Person. Final possible date to register to vote for the special election. (Please note, however, the earlier deadline for registration by mail.) (§§9-172a and 9-172b)
February 3, 2026 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)
February 6, 2026 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)