



Office of the Secretary of the State

Legislation and Elections Administration Division
165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT

Nomination and Election Calendar for Special Election to be held for Alderman of the 7th Ward in New Haven on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, under Sec. 9-164(c) and other relevant sections of the General Statutes.

Forthwith

Town clerk notifies chairmen of major and minor parties and Secretary of the State and publishes warning of election. (Sec. 9-226)

Mon., January 12, 2026

Final date for nomination by political parties. Nominations to be made in accordance with Sec. 9-164(c), 9-390 and applicable party rules and certified to Town Clerk by presiding officer and secretary of town committee by this date. (Sec. 9-390)

Mon., January 12, 2026

Final date for submission to Town clerk by circulator of nominating petitions (for nominating petition candidates). The town clerk or assistant town clerk in each town in which the election is to be held must be in his office between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on this deadline day to accept petition pages. (Sec. 9-453i(d))

Mon., January 12, 2026

Final date for Town Clerk to file nomination petition pages with office of the Secretary of the State so that they are received no later than this date. (Sec. 9-453i(b))

Fri., January 16, 2026

Absentee ballots become available. Copy to be filed with Secretary of the State. (Secs. 9-135b(c) and 9-140(f))

Fri., January 30, 2026

Registration cut-off (by mail). Hand-delivered mail-in registration applications must be received by registrars in the applicant's town of residence (or by 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. (Sec. 9-23g(d)(2))

Wed., January 30, 2026

Final date for write-in candidates to register with Secretary of the State. (Sec. 9-224b)

Sun., February 1, 2026

Final date for filing by Registrars of sample voting machine ballot labels with Secretary of the State. (Sec. 9-256)

Mon., February 16, 2026

Registration cut-off (in person). Last day for applicants to personally appear and register to vote in the special election. (Sec. 9-172b) Note, however, the earlier deadline for those persons registering by mail-in procedure under Sec. 9-23g.

Wed., February 11 to Sun., February 15, 2026

Period for early voting. Hours of early voting are 10 am to 6 pm each day. (Sec. 9-163aa(a)(3)(C)(i)) No early voting on February 12, 2026 due to state holiday.

Tue., February 17, 2026

Election Day. Hours of voting 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-174)

Absentee ballots may not be issued on special election day, except that electors who suddenly become ill or a resident of a nursing home within six days immediately preceding the close of the polls at the election may be issued an absentee ballot up to the close of the polls. (Sec. 9-140(h) and 9-150c)

To be cast at an election, the absentee ballot must be received by the municipal clerk before the close of the polls. (Sec. 9-140b(a))