



**From the Office of the Secretary of the State
165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106**

March 19, 2026

To all Town Clerks:

Re: Selection of Delegates

We are enclosing the required forms in connection with the selection of delegates to conventions under Sections 9-390, 9-391, 9-393, and 9-395 of the General Statutes.

Selection of Delegates

Delegates to conventions must be selected, in accordance with the rules of the party, by one of two methods prescribed by Connecticut General Statutes Section 9-390. The two methods are: (1) Selection made by party enrolled members of such party in such municipality in a caucus or (2) Selection made by the town committee of such party.

Notice of Caucus

If a caucus is the endorsing authority of delegates, the town chairman or their designee must give notice in a newspaper having general circulation in the town of the date, time, location and purpose of such caucus held. The notice must be given not less than five full days before the date set for the caucus; provided, if the rules of the party in any municipality require earlier notice, the party rules shall prevail. Please refer to the November 3, 2026, State Election Calendar, which is available [here](#). C.G.S. §9-390

To reduce the likelihood of inadvertent failures-to-endorse, you may wish to remind the party officials in your town that (a) all party endorsements may be made only between **March 24 and March 31, 2026**, and (b) **endorsements must be certified to the Town Clerk by April 1, 2026**. The failure to file a timely certification nullifies an otherwise timely endorsement, and such a situation is **not** a "vacancy," which may be filled by a later endorsement under party rules.

Selection of Delegates from Political Subdivision

If delegates are to be selected from a political subdivision (i.e. part of a town), only the enrolled party members or town committee members, as the case may be, from such political subdivision may participate, except that (1) in a municipality in which the town committee is elected at-large and is the selecting authority, the town committee as a whole shall select, and (2) in a municipality in which the town committee is elected from political subdivisions and is the selecting authority, whenever no member of the town committee resides in such political subdivision or district from which the selection is to be made, the town committee as a whole shall select.

Selection of Delegates Deemed Lawful

If delegates are selected in accordance with the provisions of party rules and by one of the methods discussed above, the delegates shall be deemed to have been lawfully selected. **There is no longer an opportunity to primary for delegate selection.**

Notification of Selection of Delegates

The selection of delegates must be certified to the clerk of the municipality by the chairman or presiding officer or the secretary of the town committee or caucus not later than 4:00 pm. on April 1, 2026. Each such certificate shall contain the name and street address of each person selected, the position as delegate, and the name or number of the political subdivision or district for which each such person is selected. If such a certificate of a party's selection is not received by the clerk of the municipality by this deadline, such party shall be deemed to have neither made nor certified any selection of any person for the position of delegate. **Please Note:** The State Central Committees of each political party will provide this form to the town chairs.

Vacancies in Delegation

The rules of a party may provide methods for the filling of vacancies in delegations to the convention, which methods may include prescribing that each delegate selected in conformity with the Connecticut General Statutes may designate an alternate delegate or a proxy to act for such delegate in their absence.

A. Notices of Party-Endorsements

We are enclosing two forms for use during the delegate selection: (1) the notice of certification of party-selected delegates and (2) the notice for failure to receive certification of party-selected delegates. The Town Clerk is required to publish the notice under Section 9-395. The Secretary of the State is required to prescribe the form of the notice. One copy of each of the prescribed forms of Notice of Selected Delegates (ED-616), and Failure to Select (ED-617) is enclosed. (The Town Clerk must forthwith publish any change in the party-selected candidates listing such changes.)

If you have any questions in connection with these forms, or if we can be of service to you in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Lewis Button at (860) 509-6100.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Thomas
Secretary of the State
Enclosures (ED-616 and ED-617)

Information copies to:

Registrars of Voters (letter only)
Republican and Democratic State Central Committees