

2018 Gubernatorial Election Calendar
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| Monday, January 2, 2017 | | New Year's Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Monday, January 16, 2017 | | Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Wednesday, January 18, 2017 | 11:59 pm | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline to file annual campaign finance report for all political committees. | 3rd Wednesday in January. | EL § 13-309(b)(2) |
| Monday, February 20, 2017 | | President's Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Tuesday, February 28, 2017 | COB | Begin Candidate Filing | First day candidates for the 2018 election can file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> . | 1 year before the deadline to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> . | SBE Policy |
| Monday, May 1, 2017 | COB | Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for 2017 Referendum Petition | Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to SBE a request for advance determination of sufficiency of a referendum petition format. | At least 30 days before the deadline to file a petition. | EL § 6-210(a)(1) |
| Monday, May 8, 2017 | COB | Determination of Referendum Petition Format Sufficiency | Deadline for SBE to determine sufficiency of a referendum petition format. | Within 5 days of receiving the request for advance determination. | EL § 6-210(a)(2) |
| Wednesday, May 10, 2017 | COB | Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination of a Referendum Petition Format | Deadline for SBE to notify petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of referendum petition format. | Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of referendum petition format. | EL § 6-210(b) |
| Monday, May 29, 2017 | | Memorial Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Wednesday, May 31, 2017 | 11:59 pm | Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2017 General Assembly | Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State at least one-third of the referendum petition signatures and a petition fund report. | Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State before the 1st day of June. | MD Const. Art. XVI, § 3(b) |
| Tuesday, June 20, 2017 | COB | Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition | Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the signatures on the referendum petition. | Within 20 days after the filing of a petition. | EL § 6-210(c) |
| Thursday, June 22, 2017 | COB | Certification of Referendum Petition | Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the first submission of the required signatures. | Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending. | EL § 6-210(d) |
| Monday, June 26, 2017 | | Early Voting Center Approval Form | Deadline for SBE to provide the local boards with the form for a proposed early voting center. | At least one year before a primary election. | COMAR 33.17.02.02A(1) |
| Friday, June 30, 2017 | 11:59 pm | Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2017 General Assembly | Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State the balance of referendum petition signatures and a petition fund report. | Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State by the 30th day of June. | MD Const. Art XVI, § 3(b) |
| Monday, July 3, 2017 | COB | Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification | Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification of the first submission of the required signatures. | 10th day following SBE's determination (July 2, 2017) or 63rd day before the general election (September 4, 2018), whichever is earlier. | EL § 6-210(e) |
| Tuesday, July 4, 2017 | | Independence Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Thursday, July 20, 2017 | COB | Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition | Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the balance of the signatures on the referendum petition. | Within 20 days after the filing of a petition. | EL § 6-210(c) |
| Monday, July 24, 2017 | COB | Certification of Referendum Petition | Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the full referendum petition verification. | Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending. | EL § 6-210(d) |
| Thursday, August 3, 2017 | COB | Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification | Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification. | 10th day following SBE's determination (August 3, 2017) or 63rd day before the general election (September 4, 2018), whichever is earlier. | EL § 6-210(e) |
| Monday, September 4, 2017 | | Labor Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Sunday, September 17, 2017 | | Constitution Day and Citizenship Day | Commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution and require public schools to celebrate the day and instill in students knowledge of history, importance, and the meaning of the U.S. Constitution and Maryland Constitution. | Anniversary of signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787. | Education Art., § 7-116 |

¹ Under Maryland law, if a deadline is a Saturday, Sunday or State holiday, the deadline is moved to the next regular business day. See EL § 1-301.

² COB means close of business. For SBE, the close of business is 5 pm. Because the close of business varies by county, please contact the appropriate local board of elections or circuit court to find out when the office closes.

³ Most citations refer to the Election Law (EL) Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. COMAR refers to the Code of Maryland Regulations. USC refers to the United States Code.

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| Monday, October 9, 2017 | | Columbus Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Tuesday, October 24, 2017 | | Determination of Number of Registered Voters (Early Voting Centers) | Deadline for the State Administrator to determine the number of active registered voters for use when determining the number of early voting centers in each jurisdiction. | Tuesday that is 8 months before a primary election. | COMAR 33.17.02.01A(1) |
| Monday, October 30, 2017 | | Notice of Number of Early Voting Centers | Deadline for the State Administrator to provide the local boards with the number of early voting centers in each jurisdiction. | Within 5 days of determination of number of registered voters. | COMAR 33.17.02.01B |
| Friday, November 10, 2017 | | Veteran's Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Thursday, November 23, 2017 | | Thanksgiving | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Friday, November 24, 2017 | | American Indian Heritage Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Monday, November 27, 2017 | | Early Voting Center Approval Form | Deadline for the local boards to submit to SBE a form for each proposed early voting center. | At least 7 months before a primary election. | COMAR 33.17.02.02A(2) |
| Monday, December 25, 2017 | | Christmas | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Tuesday, December 26, 2017 | COB | Designation of Early Voting Centers | Deadline for SBE, in collaboration with the local boards, to designate early voting centers. | No later than 6 months before a primary election. | EL § 10-301.1(c) (2009 Laws of Maryland) |
| Tuesday, December 26, 2017 | COB | Determination of Eligible Primary Election Voters | Deadline for the chairs of the principal political parties to notify SBE whether they will allow voters not affiliated with its political party to vote in the primary election. | 6 months prior to a primary election. | EL 8-202(c) |
| Monday, January 1, 2018 | | New Year's Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Tuesday, January 2, 2018 | | Determination of Number of Registered Voters (Nomination Petition) | Deadline for SBE to determine the number of registered voters required to satisfy the requirement for a nomination by petition. | January 1st of the year of a primary election for which the nomination is sought. | EL § 5-703(e)(3) |
| Monday, January 15, 2018 | | Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Wednesday, January 17, 2018 | 11:59 pm | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline to file annual campaign finance report for all political committees. | 3rd Wednesday in January. | EL § 13-309(b)(2) |
| Monday, February 19, 2018 | | President's Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Tuesday, February 27, 2018 | 9 pm | Candidate Filing Deadline | Deadline to file a Certificate of Candidacy. | Last Tuesday in February in the year in which the primary election will be held. | § 5-303(a)(1) |
| Tuesday, February 27, 2018 | 9 pm | Declaration of Intent | Deadline for a candidate who seeks nomination by a recognized non-principal party to file <i>Declaration of Intent</i> to seek nomination. | Date and time specified for candidate to file <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> . | EL § 5-703(c)(3)(i) |
| Tuesday, February 27, 2018 | 9 pm | Declaration of Intent | Deadline for an unaffiliated candidate or a candidate who is affiliated with a non-recognized political party who intends to seek nomination by petition to file a <i>Declaration of Intent</i> to seek nomination. | Date and time specified for candidate to file <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> . | EL § 5-703(c)(3)(i) |
| Thursday, March 1, 2018 | COB | Withdrawal of Candidacy | Deadline for a candidate to withdraw his or her candidacy before the primary election. | Within 2 days after the deadline to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> . | EL § 5-502(a) |
| Monday, March 5, 2018 | COB | Vacancy in Candidacy | Deadline for central committees to fill a vacancy for an office appearing on the primary election ballot. | 5 days after the deadline to file <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> . | EL § 5-901(e) |
| Monday, March 5, 2018 | COB | Challenge Residency of Candidate | Deadline for a registered voter to file in circuit court a petition challenging the residency of a candidate. | 6 days after the deadline to file <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> or <i>Declaration of Intent</i> . | EL § 5-305(c)(1) |
| Monday, March 26, 2018 | | Alternate Early Voting Center | Deadline for the local boards to submit to SBE a form for each proposed alternate early voting center. | At least 3 months before a primary election. | COMAR 33.17.02.02G(3) |
| Monday, March 26, 2018 | | Greeter Election Judge Exemption Request | Deadline for the local boards to request an exemption to assign greeter election judges at each early voting center | No later than 3 months before an election. | COMAR 33.19.03.01C(2) |
| Tuesday, March 27, 2018 | | Appointment of Election Judges | Start of term of office for election judges. | Beginning the Tuesday that is 13 weeks before a primary election. | EL § 10-203(c) |
| Tuesday, March 27, 2018 | COB | Polling Place Change | Deadline for the local boards to create or change a precinct boundary or polling place. | Tuesday that is 13 weeks before a primary election. | EL § 2-303(b) |
| Wednesday, March 28, 2018 | | Request to Waive Absentee Mailing Deadline | Deadline for SBE to submit a request to the Federal Voting Assistance Program for a waiver of the deadline to mail absentee ballots to certain voters. | At least 90 days before an election. | 42 USC 1973ff-1(g)(3) |
| Wednesday, March 28, 2018 | | NVRA Confirmation Mailing Deadline | Deadline for the local boards to send to voters confirmation mailings to verify addresses and make voters inactive. | No later than 90 days before an election. | 42 USC §1973gg-6(c)(2) |

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| Monday, April 2, 2018 | | Greeter Election Judge Exemption Determination | Deadline for the State Administrator to respond to a local board's request for an exemption to assign greeter election judges at each early voting center | Within 5 business days of a local board's request | COMAR 33.19.03.01C(3) |
| Tuesday, April 17, 2018 | 11:59 pm | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline to file report for campaign finance entities not required to file annual campaign finance report. | 3rd Tuesday in April. | EL § 13-309(a)(1) |
| Thursday, April 19, 2018 | | Security Plan for Early Voting Centers | Deadline for the local boards to submit to the State Administrator an early voting security plan. | At least 8 weeks before early voting begins. | COMAR 33.17.02.04A |
| Tuesday, May 1, 2018 | COB | Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for 2018 Referendum Petition Format | Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to SBE a request for advance determination of sufficiency of a referendum petition format. | At least 30 days before the deadline to file a petition. | EL § 6-210(a)(1) |
| Wednesday, May 2, 2018 | | Certification of Ballot | Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify content and arrangement of ballots for the primary election. | At least 55 days before the primary election. | EL § 9-207(a)(1) |
| Thursday, May 3, 2018 | COB | Display of Ballot | Deadline for SBE to display on its website the content and arrangement of each certified ballot. | Within 1 day of certifying the ballot. | EL § 9-207(c) |
| Friday, May 4, 2018 | COB | Judicial Review of Content and Arrangement of Ballot | Deadline for a registered voter to seek judicial review of the content and arrangement or to correct any other error on the ballot. | Within 2 days of certifying the ballot. | EL § 9-209(a) |
| Monday, May 7, 2018 | | Printing of Ballots | SBE may begin printing ballots and correct noted errors. | After 2 days of public display of ballot. | EL § 9-207(e) |
| Monday, May 7, 2018 | COB | Determination of Referendum Petition Format Sufficiency | Deadline for SBE to determine sufficiency of a referendum petition format. | Within 5 days of receiving the request for advance determination. | EL § 6-210(a)(2) |
| Wednesday, May 9, 2018 | COB | Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination of a Referendum Petition Format | Deadline for SBE to notify petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of referendum petition format. | Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of referendum petition format. | EL § 6-210(b) |
| Saturday, May 12, 2018 | | Transmitting Absentee Ballots | Deadline for the local boards to transmit absentee ballots to certain voters unless the Federal Voting Assistance Program grants the State a waiver of the deadline. | No later than 45 days before an election unless the Federal Voting Assistance Program grants the State a waiver of the 45 day transmittal deadline. | 42 USC 1973gg-1(a)(8) |
| Tuesday, May 15, 2018 | | Public Education for Early Voting | SBE and local boards start public education about early voting. | 30 days before early voting for an election. | EL § 10-301.1(f) |
| Monday, May 21, 2018 | | Review of Early Voting Security Plan | Deadline for the State Administrator to review and provide feedback on a local board's early voting security plan. | Within 30 days of receipt of an early voting security plan. | COMAR 33.17.02.04C(2) |
| Tuesday, May 22, 2018 | 11:59 pm | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline to file first pre-primary report for political committees participating in the gubernatorial election. | 5th Tuesday before a primary election. | EL § 13-309(a)(1) |
| Monday, May 28, 2018 | | Memorial Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Wednesday, May 30, 2018 | | Early Voting & Election Day Supply Verification | Deadline for the local boards to verify voting supplies according to the supply verification plan. | No later than 15 days before early voting starts. | SBE policy |
| Thursday, May 31, 2018 | 11:59 pm | Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2018 General Assembly | Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State at least one-third of the referendum petition signatures and a petition fund report. | Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State before the 1st day of June. | MD Const. Art. XVI, § 3(b) |
| Tuesday, June 5, 2018 | 9 pm | Close of Registration & Party Affiliation Deadline | Deadline to register to vote or change party affiliation for the primary election. | 21st day preceding an election. | EL § 3-302(a) |
| Tuesday, June 5, 2018 | 9 pm | Polling Place Reassignment | Deadline for elderly voters or voters with disabilities to submit a request to the local boards for reassignment to an accessible polling place. | No later than the close of registration before an election. | EL § 10-102(b)(1) |
| Tuesday, June 5, 2018 | | Voter Registration Lists | Deadline for a registered voter to request a voter registration list (New requests will not be taken until registration reopens). | On or before the registration deadline. | COMAR 33.03.02.05(B) |
| Thursday, June 7, 2018 | | Notice of Election | Deadline for the local boards to provide notice of the election. | At least one week before any early voting period before an election. | EL § 8-102 |
| Tuesday, June 12, 2018 | COB | Logic and Accuracy Testing - Early Voting (Public Demonstration & Notice) | Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the voting units being used for early voting. (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted before any voting units are delivered to an early voting center. Notice of the public demonstration must be provided at least 10 days before the demonstration.) | At least 14 days before an election. | COMAR 33.10.02.14,16 |
| Wednesday, June 13, 2018 | 7:00 PM | Campaign Signs | Beginning of period when campaign signs must be allowed at early voting centers. | The day before early voting starts. | EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2) |

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| Thursday, June 14, 2018 | 10 am to 8 pm | Early Voting Begins | Early voting for the primary election begins. | 2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election. | EL § 10-301.1 |
| Friday, June 15, 2018 | COB | Voter Registration Lists | Deadline for SBE and the local boards to prepare a voter registration list that includes registrants through the registration deadline. | Within 10 days of the voter registration deadline. | COMAR 33.03.02.05C(2) |
| Friday, June 15, 2018 | 11:59 pm | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline to file second pre-primary report for political committees participating in the gubernatorial election. | 2nd Friday before a primary election. | EL § 13-309(a) |
| Friday, June 15, 2018 | COB | Logic and Accuracy Testing - Election Day | Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the election management system and voting units being used for election day voting and absentee and provisional voting. (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted before any voting units are delivered to an early voting center.) | At least 10 days before an election. | COMAR 33.10.02.14,16 COMAR 33.10.11.15,16 |
| Monday, June 18, 2018 | | Notice of Canvass | Deadline for the local boards to provide notice of the absentee and provisional canvasses. | At least 10 days before the first absentee canvass. | COMAR 33.08.01.05-1 |
| Monday, June 18, 2018 | COB | Judicial Review of any Ballot Printing Errors | Deadline for a registered voter to seek judicial review if an error is discovered after the ballots have been printed and the local boards fail to correct the error. | Not later than the 2nd Monday preceding an election. | EL § 9-209(c) |
| Tuesday, June 19, 2018 | 8 pm (mail) or 11:59 pm (fax/email) | Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered by Mail or Fax | Deadline for a registered voter to request a mailed or faxed absentee ballot. | Tuesday before an election. | EL § 9-305(b)(1); COMAR 33.11.02.02E |
| Wednesday, June 20, 2018 | COB | Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition | Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the signatures on the referendum petition. | Within 20 days after the filing of a petition. | |
| Thursday, June 21, 2018 | 10 am to 8 pm | Early Voting Ends | Early voting for the primary election ends. | 2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election. | EL § 10-301.1 |
| Friday, June 22, 2018 | 8 am | Campaign Signs | End of period when campaign signs must be allowed at early voting centers. | The day after early voting ends. | EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2) |
| Friday, June 22, 2018 | 5 pm (mail) or 11:59 pm (email/fax) | Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered via Internet | Deadline for a registered voter to request an electronic absentee ballot. | Friday before an election. | EL §9-305(b)(2) |
| Friday, June 22, 2018 | COB | Certification of Referendum Petition | Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the first submission of the required signatures. | Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending. | EL § 6-210(d) |
| Monday, June 25, 2018 | 7 pm | Campaign Signs | Beginning of period when campaign signs must be allowed at polling places. | The day immediately preceding election day. | EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2) |
| Tuesday, June 26, 2018 | 7 am to 8 pm | Primary Election | Gubernatorial Primary Election Day. | Last Tuesday in June. | EL § 8-201(a)(2)(i) |
| Tuesday, June 26, 2018 | 8 pm | Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Voter Picks Up Ballot | Deadline for a registered voter or voter's agent to request an absentee ballot in person at a local board. | No later than the close of the polls on election day. | EL § 9-305(b)(3); COMAR 33.11.02.04A |
| Tuesday, June 26, 2018 | 8 pm | Extended Voter Registration Deadline | Extended deadline for receipt of voter registration applications sent by mail for voting in the primary election. | An application received by mail after the close of registration is timely if it is properly postmarked. | EL § 3-302(c); COMAR 33.05.04.01C, D |
| Tuesday, June 26, 2018 | 8 pm | Absentee Ballot Deadline | Deadline for the local boards to receive an absentee ballot. | An absentee ballot is timely received if it is received by the local board before 8 pm on election day. | COMAR 33.11.03.08B(1) |
| Tuesday, June 26, 2018 | 8 pm | Precincts for Post-Election Verification & Audits | Deadline for local boards to select randomly the precincts for post-election verification and audits. | 8 pm on election day. | COMAR 33.08.05.04 |
| Wednesday, June 27, 2018 | 8 am | Campaign Signs | End of period when campaign signs must be allowed at polling places. | The day immediately after election day. | EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2) |
| Thursday, June 28, 2018 | 10 am | Absentee Ballot Canvass 1 | Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 1st canvass of absentee ballots. | 10 am on the Thursday after an election. | COMAR 33.11.04.03A(1) |
| Friday, June 29, 2018 | | Precincts for Post-Election Verification & Audits | Deadline for the local boards to submit to the State Administrator a list of the precincts selected for the post-election verification and audits. | Within 3 days of selecting the precincts. | COMAR 33.08.05.03B |
| Saturday, June 30, 2018 | 11:59 pm | Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2018 General Assembly | Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State the balance of referendum petition signatures and a petition fund report. | Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State by the 30th day of June. | MD Const. Art XVI, § 3(b) |
| Monday, July 2, 2018 | COB | Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification | Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification of the first submission of the required signatures. | 10th day following SBE's determination (July 2, 2018) or 63rd day before the general election (September 4, 2018), whichever is earlier. | EL § 6-210(e) |
| Wednesday, July 4, 2018 | | Independence Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |

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| Thursday, July 5, 2018 | 10 am | Provisional Ballot Canvass | Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the canvass of provisional ballots. | 10 am on the 2nd Wednesday after an election. | COMAR 33.16.05.02 |
| Friday, July 6, 2018 | 10 am | Extended Absentee Ballot Deadline | Deadline for the local boards to receive absentee ballots by mail. | 10 am on the 2nd Friday after an election provided there is a proper postmark or date on voter's oath. | COMAR 33.11.03.08B(2) |
| Friday, July 6, 2018 | 10 am | Absentee Ballot Canvass 2 | Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 2nd canvass of absentee ballots. | 10 am on the 2nd Friday after an election. | COMAR 33.11.04.03A(2) |
| Friday, July 6, 2018 | | Post-Election Audit | Deadline for the local boards to conduct the post-election verification and audits. | Before certifying the results of an election. | COMAR 33.08.05.02A |
| Friday, July 6, 2018 | | Verification of Vote Count | Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to verify the primary election vote count. | Within 10 days after an election and before certifying the results of an election. | EL § 11-308(a) |
| Friday, July 6, 2018 | | Certification of the Election | Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to certify the results of primary election. | After the verification of vote count is completed. | EL § 11-308(b) |
| Friday, July 6, 2018 | | Transmittal of Results | Local boards of canvassers must transmit certified copies of election results to the Governor, SBE, and appropriate Clerk of the Circuit Court. | 2nd Friday after an election or if canvass is completed after that day, within 48 hours after completion. | EL § 11-401(c) |
| Monday, July 9, 2018 | | Voter Registration Reopens | Voter registration reopens. | 11th day after an election. | EL § 3-302(a) |
| Monday, July 9, 2018 | COB | Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for Candidacy or New Party Petition Format | Deadline for candidate or petition sponsor to submit to SBE or the appropriate local board a request for advance determination of sufficiency of a candidacy or new party petition format. | At least 30 days before the deadline to file the petition but not more than 2 years and one month before the deadline to file petition. | EL § 6-210(a)(1) |
| Monday, July 9, 2018 | | Statewide Certification of Results | Deadline for SBE to convene to certify election results. | 2 days after official results are received from the local boards. | EL § 11-501(a) |
| Monday, July 9, 2018 | | Petition for Recount - Local Offices | Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a local office on the ballot. | Within 3 days after the results of an election have been certified. | EL § 12-101(d) |
| Wednesday, July 11, 2018 | COB | Declination of Nomination | Deadline for declination of nomination by a filed candidate before general election. | Within 2 days after the results from a primary election are certified. | EL § 5-801(b)(2)(i) |
| Thursday, July 12, 2018 | COB | Petition for Recount - State Offices | Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a State office on the ballot. | Within 3 days after the results of an election have been certified. | EL § 12-101(d) |
| Monday, July 16, 2018 | COB | Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for Charter Amendment Petition Format | Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to the appropriate local board a request for advance determination on the sufficiency of a charter amendment petition format. | At least 30 days before the deadline to file the petition but not more than 2 years and one month before the deadline to file petition. | EL § 6-210(a)(1) |
| Monday, July 16, 2018 | COB | Determination of Candidacy or New Party Petition Format Sufficiency | Deadline for SBE or the appropriate local board to determine sufficiency of a candidacy or new party petition. | Within 5 days of reviewing request of advance determination. | EL § 6-210(a)(2) |
| Tuesday, July 17, 2018 | 11:59 pm | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline for candidate committees for central committee candidates to file report. | 3rd Tuesday after a gubernatorial primary election. | EL §13-309(d) |
| Wednesday, July 18, 2018 | COB | Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination of a Candidacy or New Party Petition Format | Deadline for SBE or the appropriate local board to notify candidate or petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of candidacy or new party petition format. | Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of a candidacy or new party petition format. | EL § 6-210(b) |
| Friday, July 20, 2018 | COB | Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition | Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the balance of the signatures on the referendum petition. | Within 20 days after the filing of a petition. | EL § 6-210(c) |
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| Tuesday, July 24, 2018 | COB | Certification of Referendum Petition | Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the full referendum petition verification. | Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending. | EL § 6-210(d) |
| Wednesday, July 25, 2018 | COB | Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination for Charter Amendment Petition Format | Deadline for the local boards to notify petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of charter amendment petition format. | Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of charter amendment petition format. | EL § 6-210(b) |
| Friday, August 3, 2018 | COB | Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification | Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification. | 10th day following SBE's determination (August 3, 2018) or 63rd day before a general election (September 4, 2018), whichever is earlier. | EL § 6-210(e) |
| Monday, August 6, 2018 | COB | Filing New Party Petition | Deadline for petition sponsor to file with SBE a new political party petition. | 1st Monday in August. | EL § 4-102(c)(2)(ii) |
| Monday, August 6, 2018 | 5 pm | Filing Candidacy Petition & Certificate of Candidacy | Deadline for general election petition candidate to file with SBE or the appropriate local board the <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> and candidacy petition. | 1st Monday in August. | EL § 5-703(d) & (f) |
| Monday, August 6, 2018 | 5 pm | Filing Certificates of Nomination and Candidacy | Deadline for candidates seeking nomination from a non-principal political party to file with SBE or the appropriate local board the <i>Certificate of Nomination</i> and <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> . | 1st Monday in August. | EL § 5-703.1(d) |
| Monday, August 6, 2018 | | Greeter Election Judge Exemption Request | Deadline for the local boards to request an exemption to assign greeter election judges at each early voting center | No later than 3 months before an election. | COMAR 33.19.03.01C(2) |

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| Wednesday, August 8, 2018 | | Request to Waive Absentee Mailing Deadline | Deadline for SBE to submit a request to the Federal Voting Assistance Program for a waiver of the deadline to transmit absentee ballots to certain voters. | At least 90 days before an election. | 42 USC 1973ff-1(g)(3) |
| Wednesday, August 8, 2018 | | NVRA Confirmation Mailing Deadline | Deadline for the local boards to send to voters confirmation mailings to verify addresses and make voters inactive. | No later than 90 days before an election. | 42 USC §1973gg-6(c)(2) |
| Monday, August 13, 2018 | COB | Filing Charter Amendment Petition | Deadline for petition sponsor to file with local government authority a charter amendment petition. | 2nd Monday in August. | EL § 7-104(b) |
| Monday, August 13, 2018 | | Greeter Election Judge Exemption Determination | Deadline for the State Administrator to respond to a local board's request for an exemption to assign greeter election judges at each early voting center | Within 5 business days of a local board's request | COMAR 33.19.03.01C(3) |
| Monday, August 13, 2018 | | Certification of General Assembly Ballot Questions | Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify to the local boards ballot questions referred by the General Assembly to voters of one county or part of one county. | 2nd Monday in August. | EL § 7-103(c)(2) |
| Monday, August 20, 2018 | | Certification of Statewide Ballot Questions and Ballot Questions Petitioned to Referendum | Deadline for Secretary of State to certify to SBE statewide ballot questions and questions relating to Acts of the General Assembly petitioned to referendum. | 3rd Monday in August. | EL § 7-103(c)(1) |
| Monday, August 20, 2018 | | Certification of Local Ballot Questions | Deadline for County Attorney or Baltimore City Solicitor to certify to the local boards each question to be voted on in the county or part of the county. | 3rd Monday in August. | EL § 7-103(c)(3) |
| Monday, August 27, 2018 | | Alternate Certification of Local Ballot Questions | Deadline for Clerk of the Circuit Court to prepare and certify local ballot questions if the County Attorney or Baltimore City Solicitor does not do so. | 4th Monday in August if County Attorney or Baltimore City Solicitor has not timely certified the ballot questions. | EL § 7-103(c)(3)(ii) |
| Monday, August 27, 2018 | COB | Verification and Counting of Candidacy or New Party Petition | Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the signatures on a candidacy or new party petition. | Within 20 days after the filing of a petition. | EL § 6-210(c) |
| Tuesday, August 28, 2018 | 11:59 pm | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline to file the first pre-general report for political committees participating in the gubernatorial election. | Last Tuesday in August immediately preceding a general election. | EL §13-309(a)(4) |
| Wednesday, August 29, 2018 | COB | Certification of Candidacy or New Party Petition | Deadline for SBE or the appropriate local board to certify the results of the candidacy or new party petition verification. | Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending. | EL § 6-210(d) |
| Monday, September 3, 2018 | | Labor Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Tuesday, September 4, 2018 | COB | Verification and Counting of Charter Amendment Petition | Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the signatures on a charter amendment petition. | Within 20 days after the filing of a petition. | EL § 6-210(c) |
| Tuesday, September 4, 2018 | COB | Judicial Review of Candidacy Petition Certification | Deadline for candidate to seek judicial review of candidacy petition certification. | 10th day following determination (September 8, 2018) or 63rd day before a general election (September 4, 2018), whichever is earlier. | EL § 6-210(e)(2) |
| Thursday, September 6, 2018 | COB | Certification of Charter Amendment Petition | Deadline for the local boards to certify the results of the charter amendment petition verification. | Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending. | EL § 6-210(d) |
| Monday, September 10, 2018 | COB | Judicial Review of New Party Petition Certification | Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of new party petition certification. | 10th day after determination. | EL § 6-210(e)(1) |
| Wednesday, September 12, 2018 | | Certification of Ballot | Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify content and arrangement of ballots for the general election. | At least 55 days before an election. | EL § 9-207(a)(2)(i) |
| Thursday, September 13, 2018 | | Display of Ballot | Deadline for SBE to display on its website the content and arrangement of each certified ballot. | Within 1 day of certifying the ballot. | EL § 9-207(d) |
| Friday, September 14, 2018 | COB | Judicial Review of Content and Arrangement of Ballot | Deadline for a registered voter to seek judicial review of the content and arrangement or to correct any other error on the ballot. | Within 2 days of certifying the ballot. | EL § 9-209(a) |
| Monday, September 17, 2018 | | Printing of Ballots | SBE may begin printing ballots and correct noted errors. | After 2 days of public display of ballot. | EL § 9-207(e) |
| Monday, September 17, 2018 | COB | Judicial Review of Charter Amendment Petition Certification | Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of charter amendment petition certification. | 10th day following determination (September 16, 2018) or 63rd day before a general election (September 4, 2018), whichever is earlier. Although the 63rd day is earlier, this date is before the petition is certified (September 6, 2018). | EL § 6-210(e)(2) |
| Monday, September 17, 2018 | | Constitution Day and Citizenship Day | Commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution and require public schools to celebrate the day and instill in students knowledge of history, importance, and meaning of the U.S. Constitution and Maryland Constitution. | Anniversary of signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787. | Education Art., § 7-116 |
| Saturday, September 22, 2018 | | Transmitting Absentee Ballots | Deadline for the local boards to transmit absentee ballots to certain voters unless the Federal Voting Assistance Program grants the State a waiver of the deadline. | No later than 45 days before an election unless the Federal Voting Assistance Program grants the State a waiver of the 45 day transmittal deadline. | 42 USC 1973ff-1(a)(8) |

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| Tuesday, September 25, 2018 | | Public Education for Early Voting | SBE and the local boards start public education about early voting. | 30 days before early voting for an election. | EL § 10-301.1(f) |
| Thursday, September 27, 2018 | COB | Vacancy in Nomination | Deadline for central committees to fill a vacancy in nomination if the vacancy occurred on or before the 40th day before the election. | The later of the 40th day before a general election or the 5th day following the vacancy. Because the 40th day before a general election is after absentee ballots must be transmitted to certain voters, a central committee should fill a vacancy as early as possible to ensure that the name of the candidate filling the vacancy is printed on all ballots. | EL §§5-1002(b), 5-1003(b), & 5-1004(b) |
| Monday, October 8, 2018 | | Columbus Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Wednesday, October 10, 2018 | | Early Voting & Election Day Supply Verification | Deadline for the local boards to verify voting supplies according to the supply verification plan. | No later than 15 days before early voting starts. | SBE policy |
| Friday, October 12, 2018 | 11:59 pm | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline for ballot issue committees to file pre-general report. | 4th Friday before a general election. | EL §13-309(a)(3) |
| Tuesday, October 16, 2018 | 9 pm | Close of Registration | Deadline to register to vote for the general election. | 21st day preceding an election. | EL § 3-302(a) |
| Tuesday, October 16, 2018 | 9 pm | Polling Place Reassignment | Deadline for elderly voters or voters with disabilities to submit a request to the local boards for reassignment to an accessible polling place. | No later than the close of registration before an election. | EL § 10-102(b)(1) |
| Tuesday, October 16, 2018 | COB | Voter Registration Lists | Deadline for a registered voter to request a voter registration list (New requests will not be taken until registration reopens). | On or before the registration deadline. | COMAR 33.03.02.05(B) |
| Wednesday, October 17, 2018 | | Notice of Election | Deadline for the local boards to provide notice of the election. | At least one week before any early voting period before an election. | EL § 8-102 |
| Tuesday, October 23, 2018 | COB | Logic and Accuracy Testing - Early Voting (Public Demonstration & Notice) | Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the voting units being used for early voting. (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted before any voting units are delivered to an early voting center.) | At least 14 days before an election. | COMAR 33.10.02.14,16 |
| Wednesday, October 24, 2018 | 7:00 PM | Campaign Signs | Beginning of period when campaign signs must be allowed at early voting centers. | The day before early voting starts. | EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2) |
| Thursday, October 25, 2018 | 10 am to 8 pm | Early Voting Begins | Early voting for the general election begins. | 2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election. | EL § 10-301.1 |
| Friday, October 26, 2018 | COB | Voter Registration Lists | Deadline for SBE and the local boards to prepare a voter registration list that includes registrants through the registration deadline. | Within 10 days of the voter registration deadline. | COMAR 33.03.02.05C(2) |
| Friday, October 26, 2018 | 11:59 pm | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline to file the pre-general election campaign finance report for political committees participating in the gubernatorial election. | 2nd Friday immediately preceding an election. | EL § 13-309(a)(4) |
| Friday, October 26, 2018 | COB | Logic and Accuracy Testing - Election Day | Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the election management system and voting units being used for election day voting and absentee and provisional voting. (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted before any voting units are delivered to an early voting center.) | At least 10 days before an election. | COMAR 33.10.02.14,16 COMAR 33.10.11.15,16 |
| Monday, October 29, 2018 | COB | Judicial Review of any Ballot Printing Errors | Deadline for a registered voter to seek judicial review if an error is discovered after the ballots have been printed and the local boards fails to correct the error. | Not later than the 2nd Monday preceding an election. | EL § 9-209(c) |
| Monday, October 29, 2018 | | Notice of Canvass | Deadline for the local boards to provide notice of the absentee and provisional canvasses. | At least 10 days before the first absentee canvass. | COMAR 33.08.01.05-1 |
| Tuesday, October 30, 2018 | 8 pm (mail) or 11:59 pm (fax/email) | Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered by Mail or Fax | Deadline for a registered voter to request a mailed or faxed absentee ballot. | Tuesday before an election. | EL § 9-305(b)(1); COMAR 33.11.02.02D |
| Wednesday, October 31, 2018 | 5 pm | Write-in Candidate | Deadline for write-in candidates to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> . Only filed write-in candidates will have their votes reported on the official canvass. | Earlier of Wednesday preceding a general election or within 7 days after expenditure of \$51 to promote candidacy. | EL § 5-303(c) |
| Thursday, November 1, 2018 | 10 am to 8 pm | Early Voting Ends | Early voting for the general election ends. | 2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election. | EL § 10-301.1 |
| Friday, November 2, 2018 | 8 am | Campaign Signs | End of period when campaign signs must be allowed at early voting centers. | The day after early voting ends. | EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2) |

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| Friday, November 2, 2018 | 5 pm (mail) or 11:59 pm (email/fax) | Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered via Internet | Deadline for a registered voter to request an electronic absentee ballot. | Friday before an election. | EL §9-305(b)(2) |
| Monday, November 5, 2018 | 7 pm | Campaign Signs | Beginning of period when campaign signs must be allowed at polling places. | The day immediately preceding election day. | EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2) |
| Tuesday, November 6, 2018 | 7 am to 8 pm | General Election | Gubernatorial General Election Day. | Tuesday after the first Monday in November. | MD Const. Art. XV, § 7; EL §§ 10-301 |
| Tuesday, November 6, 2018 | 8 pm | Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Voter Picks Up Ballot | Deadline for a registered voter or voter's agent to request an absentee ballot in person at a local board. | No later than the close of the polls on election day. | EL § 9-305(b)(3); COMAR 33.11.02.04A |
| Tuesday, November 6, 2018 | 8 pm | Extended Voter Registration Deadline | Extended deadline for receipt of voter registration applications sent by mail for voting in general election. | An application received by mail after the close of registration is timely if it is properly postmarked. | EL § 3-302(c); COMAR 33.05.04.01C, D |
| Tuesday, November 6, 2018 | 8 pm | Absentee Ballot Deadline | Deadline for the local boards to receive an absentee ballot. | An absentee ballot is timely received if it is received by the local board before 8 pm on election day. | COMAR 33.11.03.08B(1) |
| Tuesday, November 6, 2018 | 8 pm | Precincts for Post-Election Verification & Audits | Deadline for local boards to select randomly the precincts for post-election verification and audits. | 8 pm on election day. | COMAR 33.08.05.04 |
| Wednesday, November 7, 2018 | 8 am | Campaign Signs | End of period when campaign signs must be allowed at polling places. | The day immediately after election day. | EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2) |
| Thursday, November 8, 2018 | 10 am | Absentee Ballot Canvass 1 | Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 1st canvass of absentee ballots. | 10 am on the Thursday after an election. | COMAR 33.11.04.03A(1) |
| Friday, November 9, 2018 | | Precincts for Post-Election Verification & Audits | Deadline for the local boards to submit to the State Administrator a list of the precincts selected for the post-election verification and audits. | Within 3 days of selecting the precincts. | COMAR 33.08.05.03B |
| Monday, November 12, 2018 | | Veteran's Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Wednesday, November 14, 2018 | 10 am | Provisional Ballot Canvass | Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the canvass of provisional ballots. | 10 am on the 2nd Wednesday after an election. | COMAR 33.16.05.02 |
| Friday, November 16, 2018 | 10 am | Extended Absentee Ballot Deadline | Deadline for the local boards to receive absentee ballots by mail. | 10 am on the 2nd Friday after an election provided there is a proper postmark or date on voter's oath. | COMAR 33.11.03.08B(2) |
| Friday, November 16, 2018 | 10 am | Absentee Ballot Canvass 2 | Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 2nd canvass of absentee ballots. | 10 am on the 2nd Friday after an election. | COMAR 33.11.04.03A(2) |
| Friday, November 16, 2018 | | Post-Election Audit | Deadline for the local boards to conduct the post-election verification and audits. | Before certifying the results of an election. | COMAR 33.08.05.02A |
| Friday, November 16, 2018 | | Verification of Vote Count | Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to verify the general election vote count. | Within 10 days after an election and before certifying the results of an election. | EL § 11-308(a) |
| Friday, November 16, 2018 | | Certification of the Election | Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to certify the results of the general election. | After the verification of vote count is completed. | EL § 11-308(b) |
| Friday, November 16, 2018 | | Transmittal of Results | Local boards of canvassers must transmit certified copies of election results to the Governor, SBE, and appropriate Clerk of the Circuit Court. | 2nd Friday after an election or if canvass is completed after that day, within 48 hours after completion. | EL § 11-401(c) |
| Monday, November 19, 2018 | COB | Petition for Recount - Local Questions | Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a local question on the ballot. | Within 2 days after the results of an election have been certified. | EL § 12-103(d) |
| Monday, November 19, 2018 | COB | Petition for Recount - Local Offices | Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a local office on the ballot. | Within 3 days after the results of an election have been certified. | EL § 12-101(d) |
| Monday, November 19, 2018 | | Voter Registration Reopens | Voter registration reopens. | 11th day after an election. | EL § 3-302(a) |
| Tuesday, November 20, 2018 | 11:59 pm | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline to file the post-general election campaign finance report. | On or before the 2nd Tuesday after a general election. | EL 13-309(a)(5) |
| Thursday, November 22, 2018 | | Thanksgiving | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Friday, November 23, 2018 | | American Indian Heritage Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Tuesday, December 11, 2018 | COB | Statewide Certification of Results | Deadline for the State Board of Canvassers to convene to certify election results. | Within 35 days after a general election. | EL § 11-503(a)(1)(ii) |
| Wednesday, December 12, 2018 | | Delivery of Election Results | SBE shall deliver to the winners of the general election a certified statement under its seal. | Prompt delivery. | EL 11-603(b) |
| Wednesday, December 12, 2018 | | Certification of the Campaign Finance Reports | SBE shall certify to the official receiving the Commissions of Election that all campaign finance reports due have been filed. | Prior to the delivery of the Commissions of Election. | EL 13-333(b) |
| Thursday, December 13, 2018 | COB | Petition for Recount - State Questions | Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a State question on the ballot. | Within 2 days after the results of an election have been certified. | EL § 12-103(d) |
| Friday, December 14, 2018 | COB | Petition for Recount - State Offices | Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a State office on the ballot. | Within 3 days after the results of an election have been certified. | EL § 12-101(d) |
| Tuesday, December 25, 2018 | | Christmas | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |

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| Tuesday, January 1, 2019 | | New Year's Day | State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |