



2021		Reference
Dec. 9	Last day for certain local option petitioners to send street listings to Division of Liquor Control (55 days before February 2, 2022 petition filing deadline for May 3, 2022 primary election)	R.C. 4301.33, 4305.14
2022		Reference
Jan. 01	Applications for absentee ballots for all 2022 elections may be accepted (first day of the year)	R.C. 3509.03, 3511.02
Jan. 03	Last day for local option petitioners contesting community facility to send street listings to Division of Liquor Control (30 days before February 2 petition filing deadline for May 3 primary election)	R.C. 4301.334
Jan. 21	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file annual campaign finance reports (10 days before the annual campaign finance report deadline)	R.C. 3517.11
Jan. 23	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the May 3 primary election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before primary election)	R.C. 3511.16
Jan. 31	Annual election campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds), and political parties by 4 p.m. (last business day of January) detailing contributions and expenditures through December 31, 2021 (last day of December)	R.C. 3517.10
Feb. 02	Constitutional amendments proposed by joint resolution of the General Assembly must be filed with Secretary of State (90 days before primary election)	OH Const. XVI, §1
	Declarations of candidacy for partisan candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.05
	Local questions and issues for May 3 primary election, including local option petitions, must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before primary election)	R.C. 731.28, .29, 3501.02, 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14
Feb. 14	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of partisan candidates' petitions (78 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.05
	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of local option petitions (78 days before primary election)	R.C. 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14
Feb. 18	Protests against partisan candidates' petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.05
	Protests against local option petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before primary election)	R.C. 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14
Feb. 22*	Write-in candidates for May 3 primary election must file declarations of intent by 4 p.m. (72 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.041
	Secretary of State must certify to boards of elections the form of official ballots for May 3 primary election (70 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.05
	Board of elections of most populous county in a multi-county subdivision must certify names of all candidates to other boards of elections (70 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.05
Feb. 25	Protests against write-in candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (67 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.041
Mar. 04	Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before primary election)	R.C. 3501.27
Mar. 18	UOCAVA absentee ballots for May 3 primary election must be ready for use (46 days before primary election)	R.C. 3511.04
	Boards of elections must update and publish notices of May 3 primary election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 46 days before primary election)	R.C. 3511.16
Mar. 22	Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (six weeks before primary election)	R.C. 3503.12
Apr. 04*	Deadline for voter registration for May 3 primary election (30 days before primary election)	R.C. 3503.19
	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (30 days before primary election)	R.C. 3503.24
Apr. 05	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for May 3 primary election must be ready for use (first day after close of voter registration)	R.C. 3509.01
Apr. 11	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file pre-primary campaign finance reports (10 days before the pre-primary campaign finance report deadline)	R.C. 3517.11
Apr. 13	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct voter registration lists (20 days before primary election)	R.C. 3503.24
	Committees advocating or opposing issues on May 3 primary election ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before primary election)	R.C. 3505.21
Apr. 19	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists (14 days before primary election)	R.C. 3503.23
Apr. 21	Pre-primary election campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds), and political parties by 4 p.m. (12 days before primary election) detailing contributions and expenditures through April 13, 2022 (20 days before primary election)	R.C. 3517.10
Apr. 22	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and recognized issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before primary election)	R.C. 3505.21
Apr. 23	Boards of elections must give public notice of May 3 primary election (10 days before primary election)	R.C. 3501.03
Apr. 24	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the August 2 special election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before special election)	R.C. 3511.16
Apr. 25*	Certificate to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of candidate whose name is on May 3 primary election ballot in more than one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (10 days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.30
Apr. 28	Certification to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of candidate whose name is on May 3 primary ballot in only one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (five days before primary election)	R.C. 3513.30
Apr. 30	Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for May 3 primary election must be received by boards of elections by noon (three days before primary election)	R.C. 3509.03, .08, 3511.02
May 02	Nominating petitions of independent candidates for offices for which a primary election may be held must be filed by 4 p.m. (one day before primary election)	R.C. 3513.257
	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before primary election)	R.C. 3505.21
	Boards of elections must submit verification forms of handicapped accessible parking and handicapped accessible polling locations to the Secretary of State's Office (no later than the day before the primary election)	R.C. 3501.29
May 03	Primary Election Day. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	R.C. 3501.01, .32
	If voter, or voter's minor child is hospitalized because of accident or medical emergency, voter may apply for an absentee ballot until 3 p.m.	R.C. 3509.08
	Boards of elections must receive absentee ballots, returned in person or via a method other than U.S. Mail, by the close of polls	R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
May 04	Local questions and issues for the August 2 special election must be certified or filed with the boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before the special election)	R.C. 3501.01, .02
May 13	Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than May 2 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after primary election)	R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
	UOCAVA absentee ballots must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after primary election)	R.C. 3511.11
May 14	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of May 3 primary election ballots (11 days after primary election)	R.C. 3513.22
May 18	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of May 3 primary election ballots no later than this date (15 days after primary election)	R.C. 3513.22
May 24	Boards of elections must complete official canvass of May 3 primary election ballots no later than this date (21 days after primary election)	R.C. 3513.22
May 31	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file post-primary campaign finance reports (10 days before the post-primary campaign finance report deadline)	R.C. 3517.11
Jun. 03	Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before special election)	R.C. 3501.27
Jun. 10	Post-primary election campaign finance reports must be filed by candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds), and political parties by 4 p.m. (38 days after primary election) detailing contributions and expenditures through June 3, 2022 (seven days before the report is filed)	R.C. 3517.10
Jun. 15	Boards of elections of most populous county of a district located in more than one county must transmit petitions of independent candidates to other boards of elections	R.C. 3513.262
Jun. 16	Last day for local option petitioners to send street listing to Division of Liquor Control (55 days before August 10 deadline for filing petitions for November 8 general election)	R.C. 4301.33, 4305.14
Jun. 17	UOCAVA absentee ballots for August 2 special election must be ready for use (46 days before special election)	R.C. 3511.04
	Boards of elections must update and publish notices of August 2 special election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 46 days before special election)	R.C. 3511.16
Jun. 21	Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (six weeks before special election)	R.C. 3503.12
Jul. 05*	Deadline for voter registration for August 2 special election (30 days before special election)	R.C. 3503.19
	Last day for local opinion petitioners seeking to sell at a community facility to send street listing to Division of Liquor Control (30 days before August 2, 2022 deadline to file petitions for November 8, 2022 general election)	R.C. 4301.334
	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct voter registration lists (30 days before special election)	R.C. 3503.24
Jul. 06	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for August 2 special election must be ready for use (first day after close of voter registration)	R.C. 3509.01
	Constitutional amendments or statutes proposed by initiative petitions to be submitted directly to the voters must be filed with Secretary of State (125 days before general election)	OH Const. II, §§1a-1b
Jul. 13	Committees advocating or opposing issues on August 2 special election ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before special election)	R.C. 3505.21
Jul. 15	Boards of elections must certify independent candidate petitions by this date	R.C. 3513.262
Jul. 19	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists for special election (14 days before special election)	R.C. 3503.23
	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file semiannual campaign finance reports (10 days before the semiannual campaign finance report deadline)	R.C. 3517.11

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2022	Reference
Jul. 22	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before special election) R.C. 3505.21
Jul. 23	Boards of elections must give public notice of August 2 special election (10 days before special election) R.C. 3501.03
Jul. 29	Semiannual election campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds), and political parties by 4 p.m. (last business day of July) detailing contributions and expenditures through June 30, 2022 (last day of June) R.C. 3517.10
Jul. 30	Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for August 2 special election must be received by noon (3 days before special election) R.C. 3509.03, .08, 3511.02
Jul. 31	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of November 8 general election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before the general election) R.C. 3511.16
Aug. 01*	Protests against independent candidates nominated by petition must be filed by 4 p.m. R.C. 3513.262 Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before special election) R.C. 3505.21
	Boards of elections must submit verification forms of handicapped accessible parking and handicapped accessible polling locations to the Secretary of State's Office (no later than the day before the special election) R.C. 3501.29
Aug. 02	Special Election may be held. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. R.C. 3501.01, .32 If voter, or voter's minor child is hospitalized because of accident or medical emergency, voter may apply for an absentee ballot until 3 p.m. R.C. 3509.08 Boards of elections must receive absentee ballots, returned in person or via a method other than U.S. Mail, by the close of polls R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
Aug. 10	Constitutional amendments proposed by joint resolution of General Assembly must be filed with Secretary of State (90 days before general election) OH Const. XVI, §1 Nominating petitions of candidates in nonpartisan races must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before general election) R.C. 1907.13, 3513.259, .263
	Local questions and issues for November 8 general election, including local option petitions, must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before general election) R.C. 731.28, .29, 3501.02, 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14
Aug. 12	Absentee ballots for August 2 special election returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than August 1 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after special election) R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11 UOCAVA absentee ballots for August 2 special election must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after special election) R.C. 3511.11
Aug. 13	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of August 2 special election ballots (11 days after special election) R.C. 3505.32
Aug. 15*	Political party or independent candidate nominating committees must certify name of person to fill vacancy on November 8 general election ballot caused by withdrawal or disqualification of candidate by 4 p.m. (86 days before general election) R.C. 3513.31
Aug. 17	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of August 2 special election ballots no later than this date (15 days after special election) R.C. 3505.32
Aug. 22	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of candidates' petitions in nonpartisan races (78 days before general election) R.C. 3513.263 Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of local option petitions (78 days before general election) R.C. 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14
Aug. 23	Boards of elections must complete official canvass of August 2 special election ballots no later than this date (21 days after special election) R.C. 3505.32
Aug. 26	Protests against candidates for nonpartisan office must be filed by this date (74 days before general election) R.C. 3513.263 Protests against local option petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before general election) R.C. 4301.33, .331, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14
Aug. 29*	Write-in candidates must file declarations of intent by 4 p.m. (72 days before general election) R.C. 3513.041
Aug. 30	Secretary of State must certify to boards of elections the form of official ballots for November 8 general election (70 days before general election) R.C. 3505.01 Board of elections of most populous county of a multi-county district must certify names of all candidates to other boards of elections (70 days before general election) R.C. 3505.01
Sep. 02	Protests against write-in candidates for general election must be filed by 4 p.m. (67 days before general election) R.C. 3513.041
Sep. 09	Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before general election) R.C. 3501.27
Sep. 23	UOCAVA absentee ballots for November 8 general election must be ready for use (46 days before general election) R.C. 3511.04 Boards of elections must update and publish notices of November 8 general election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 46 days before general election) R.C. 3511.16
Sep. 27	Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before general election) R.C. 3503.12
Oct. 11*	Deadline for voter registration for November 8 general election (30 days before general election) R.C. 3503.19 Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct voter registration lists (30 days before general election) R.C. 3503.24
Oct. 12	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for November 8 general election must be ready for use (first day after close of voter registration) R.C. 3509.01
Oct. 17	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file pre-general campaign finance reports (10 days before the pre-general campaign finance report deadline) R.C. 3517.11
Oct. 19	Committees advocating or opposing issues on November 8 general election ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before general election) R.C. 3505.21
Oct. 25	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists for general election (14 days before general election) R.C. 3503.23
Oct. 27	Pre-general election campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds), and political parties by 4 p.m. (12 days before general election) detailing contributions and expenditures through October 19, 2022 (20 days before general election) R.C. 3517.10
Oct. 28	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before general election) R.C. 3505.21
Oct. 29	Boards of elections must give public notice of November 8 general election (10 days before general election) R.C. 3501.03 Certificate to fill vacancy on November 8 general election ballot caused by death of candidate nominated at primary election whose name is on ballot in more than one county (10 days before general election) R.C. 3513.31
Nov. 03	Certificate to fill vacancy on November 8 general election ballot caused by death of independent or nonpartisan candidate prior to October 29 (10 days before general election) must be filed by 4 p.m. (five days before general election) R.C. 3513.31 Certificate to fill vacancy on November 8 general election ballot caused by death of candidate nominated at primary election whose name is on ballot in only one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (five days before general election) R.C. 3513.31
Nov. 05	Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for November 8 general election must be received by boards of elections by noon (three days before general election) R.C. 3509.03, .08, 3511.02
Nov. 07	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (one day before general election) R.C. 3505.21 Boards of elections must submit verification forms of handicapped accessible parking and handicapped accessible polling locations to the Secretary of State's Office (no later than one day before general election) R.C. 3501.29
Nov. 08	General Election Day. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. R.C. 3501.01, .32 If voter, or voter's minor child is hospitalized because of accident or medical emergency, voter may apply for an absentee ballot until 3 p.m. R.C. 3509.08 Boards of elections must receive absentee ballots, returned in person or via a method other than U.S. Mail, by the close of polls R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
Nov. 18	Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than November 7 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after general election) R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11 UOCAVA absentee ballots must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after general election) R.C. 3511.11
Nov. 19	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of November 8 general election ballots (11 days after general election) R.C. 3505.32
Nov. 23	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of November 8 general election ballots no later than this date (15 days after general election) R.C. 3505.32
Nov. 29	Boards of elections must complete official canvass of November 8 general election ballots no later than this date (21 days after general election) R.C. 3505.32
Dec. 06	Secretary of State and boards of elections must send notice to candidates required to file post-general election campaign finance reports (10 days before the post-general campaign finance report deadline) R.C. 3517.11
Dec. 08	Last day for certain local option petitioners to send street listings to Division of Liquor Control (55 days before February 1, 2023 petition filing deadline for May 2, 2023 primary/special election) R.C. 4301.33, 4305.14
Dec. 16	Post-general election campaign finance reports must be filed by candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds), and political parties by 4 p.m. (38 days after general election) detailing contributions and expenditures through December 9, 2022 (the 7th day before the report is filed) R.C. 3517.10
2023	Reference
Jan. 01	Applications for absentee ballots for all elections held in 2023 may be accepted (first day of the year) R.C. 3509.03, 3511.02
Jan. 03*	Last day for local option petitioners contesting community facility to send street listings to Division of Liquor Control (30 days before February 1 petition filing deadline for May 2 primary/special election) R.C. 4301.334
	Recounts and Election Contests
	Application for a recount must be filed no later than 5 days after official results are declared. R.C. 3515.02 A petition contesting an election must be filed in the appropriate court within 15 days after the official results are declared or, if a recount of the election is conducted, within 10 days after the official results of a recount are declared. R.C. 3515.09

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