

2008 Massachusetts State Primary and State Election Schedule

Subject to change by the General Court

	<i>Deadline Dates</i>		
	Party and independent candidates for district and county offices	Party candidates for federal and state-wide offices.	Independent and minor party candidates for federal and state-wide offices.
Calendar of Events			
Nomination papers must be available. (They may be released earlier; check with Elections Division.)	February 12, 2008	February 12, 2008	February 12, 2008
Last day for a person running in a state primary to enroll in a party or for a person running only in a state election to unenroll from a party (except newly registered voters).	February 26, 2008	March 4, 2008	March 4, 2008
5:00 p.m., last day and hour to submit nomination papers to Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures.	April 29, 2008	May 6, 2008	July 29, 2008
5:00 p.m., last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures.	May 20, 2008	May 27, 2008	August 19, 2008
5:00 p.m., last day and hour for candidates to apply for review of non-certified signatures.	May 22, 2008	May 29, 2008	August 21, 2008
5:00 p.m., last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete review of non-certified signatures.	May 23, 2008	June 2, 2008	August 25, 2008
5:00 p.m., last day and hour to file nomination papers (including party enrollment or voter registration certificate and Ethics Commission receipt) with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	May 27, 2008	June 3, 2008	August 26, 2008
5:00 p.m., last day and hour to file withdrawals of or objections to nomination papers with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	May 30, 2008	June 6, 2008	August 29, 2008
5:00 p.m., last day and hour to fill vacancies caused by withdrawals.	June 4, 2008	June 11, 2008	September 4, 2008
PLEASE NOTE: All dates and deadlines below are the same for all candidates.			
9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., last day to register to vote and to change party enrollment for the State Primaries (except in towns with fewer than 1500 voters registration sessions must be held 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.).	Wednesday, August 27, 2008		
State Primaries			
Tuesday, September 16, 2008			
5:00 p.m., last day and hour to file withdrawals of or objections to nominations at the state primaries.	Monday, September 22, 2008		
5:00 p.m., last day and hour to fill vacancies caused by withdrawals at the state primaries.	Thursday, September 25, 2008		
5:00 p.m., last day and hour for write-in or sticker candidates who won at the state primary to file a written acceptance of nomination.	Monday, September 29, 2008		
9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., last day to register to vote and to change party enrollment for the State Election (except in towns with fewer than 1500 voters registration sessions must be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.).	Wednesday, October 15, 2008		
State Election			
Tuesday, November 4, 2008			