

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE
State of Connecticut
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Hartford CT 06106

NOVEMBER 6, 2012 STATE ELECTION CALENDAR

The following is a chronological summary of certain requirements for the 2012 Election Year, applicable in the absence of a Special Act to the contrary. Section references are to the General Statutes of Connecticut. *ALL ENTRIES AND REFERENCES ARE SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE REVISION.*

1. MAJOR PARTIES (Sec. 9-372(5))

Presidential Preference

Candidates announced by Sec'y. of the State:	February 10, 2012 (10:00 a.m.)
Primary petitions for <u>other</u> candidates issued:	February 10, 2012 (12:00 noon)
Such primary petitions filed by:	March 2, 2012 (4:00 p.m.)
Primary (6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.)	April 24, 2012

Town Committee Members

Party endorsements:	January 10-17, 2012
Certification of endorsements:	January 18, 2012 (4:00 p.m.)
Town Committee petitions issued beginning:	January 11, 2012
Primary petitions filed by:	February 1, 2012 (4:00 p.m.)
Primary (6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.):	March 6, 2012

Selection of Delegates to State and District Conventions

Party selections:	March 27, 2012- April 3, 2012
Certification of selection:	April 4, 2012 (4:00 p.m.)

Candidates for State and District Office (Representative in Congress and multi-town

State Senator and State Representative)

Party endorsements:	May 8-29, 2012 (Conventions)
Certification of endorsements:	14th day after close of convention (4:00 p.m.)
"15% candidate" certificates filed by:	14th day after close of convention (4:00 p.m.)
Statewide / Rep. in Congress petitions issued:	May 1, 2012
District office petitions issued beginning:	May 29, 2012
Primary petitions filed by:	June 12, 2012 (4:00 p.m.)
Primary (6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.):	August 14, 2012

Candidates for Municipal Office (including single-town State Senator and State Representative, Justice of the Peace and Registrars of Voters)

Party endorsements:	May 22-29, 2012
Cert. of endorsements:	14th day after endorsement meeting (4:00 p.m.)
Municipal office petitions issued beginning:	May 23, 2012
Primary petitions filed by:	June 12, 2012 (4:00 p.m.)
Primary (6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.):	August 14, 2012

2. MINOR PARTIES (Sec. 9-372(6))

Party rules filed by:	July 6, 2012
Notice/Nomination meeting to town clerk or Sec/St. by:	5 days before nomination meeting
Nomination & certification by:	September 5, 2012

3. NOMINATING PETITIONS ("New Party" or "No Party") (Secs. 9-453a - 9-453u)

Nominating petitions issued beginning:	January 3, 2012
Nominating petitions filed by:	August 8, 2012 (4:00 p.m.)

4. ELECTION -- November 6, 2012 (6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

Electors of President and Vice-President, U.S. Senate, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative and Registrar of Voters

NOVEMBER, 2011

NOVEMBER 9, 2011 to
FEBRUARY 14, 2012
(Wednesday - Tuesday)
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL – TOWN COMMITTEE PRIMARY -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT WITHIN 10 DAYS. When an application for registration by mail is received during this period, registrar must send by first-class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection within 10 days of receipt of application. The privileges as an elector attach immediately upon approval of the application, and the new elector's name is added to the registry list. If a notice of approval is later returned undelivered, registrars must proceed with confirmation of voting residence notice under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-35 or Sec. 9-43 and may challenge applicant at polls. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))

NOVEMBER 11, 2011
(Friday)
POLITICAL PARTIES

PARTY RULES. Last day to file change in party rules with the Secretary of the State regarding party endorsement for candidates to run for town committee if endorsement made on January 10, 2012. If endorsement is made on January 17, 2012, then November 18, 2011 is last day. At least 60 days before endorsement, one copy of party rules governing such endorsement, must be filed with the Secretary of the State. One copy of revised local party rules (and any amendments thereto) must also be filed forthwith with town clerk and with state central committee. (Applies only when new rules are adopted or existing rules are amended or rescinded.) (Secs. 9-374 and 9-375)

DECEMBER, 2011

DECEMBER 6, 2011
(Tuesday)
REGISTRARS

PARTY TRANSFER -- TOWN COMMITTEE PRIMARY. Last day that enrolled elector can transfer from one party to another and be eligible to vote in town committee primary of new party. (Sec. 9-59)

DECEMBER 6, 2011
(Tuesday)
REGISTRARS
TOWN CLERK

POLLING PLACE -- ADJACENT DISTRICT -- TOWN COMMITTEE PRIMARY. Last day for registrars, when necessary, to designate to the town clerk a polling place in an adjacent voting district for town committee primary. Within 10 days after such filing, town clerk to publish notice. (Sec. 9-168b)

DECEMBER 6, 2011
(Tuesday)
LEGISLATIVE BODY

VOTING DISTRICTS. Last day to make changes in the boundaries of voting districts for town committee primary. (Sec. 9-169)

JANUARY, 2012

JANUARY 4, 2012
(Wednesday)
TOWN CHAIRMEN

NOTICE OF CAUCUS. Last day to publish notice of town committee endorsement caucus, if caucus held on January 10th. If caucus is held January 17th, then January 11th is last day. Notice must be published at least five full days before the caucus. Date of caucus and date of publication are excluded. Party rules may require earlier notice. (Sec. 9-390)

JANUARY 3, 2012 thru
APRIL 30, 2012
(Tuesday - Monday)
REGISTRARS

CANVASS. Period for conducting annual house-to-house canvass of electors to be done (1) in person, (2) by mail or by the National Change of Address System (NCOA) of the U. S. Postal Service, (3) by telephone, or (4) by a combination thereof, by registrars or their designees. Canvass by mail should be completed by March 31st because regulations give electors thirty days to respond to canvass by mail, and May 1st is the last day to send Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice to electors on the basis of the canvass. (*NOTE: Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice may only be sent between April 24, 2012 and May 1, 2012.*) (Sec. 9-32, Regs. 9-32-1 to 9-32-9)

JANUARY 3, 2012
(Tuesday)
REGISTRARS

ADMISSION OF ELECTORS AT PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS. Between January 1st and the last day of the school year, registrars must hold one registration session at each public high school in town. (Sec. 9-17(c))

JANUARY 3, 2012
(Tuesday)

NOMINATING PETITION FORMS. Secretary of the State may begin issuing nominating petition forms for offices to be contested at the regular election. (Sec. 9-453b)

JANUARY 3, 2012
(Tuesday)
PRESIDENTIAL WRITE-IN
CANDIDATES

WRITE-IN REGISTRATION -- PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES. First day write-in candidates for president can register as write-in candidates with the Secretary of the State. Registration must include names of vice-presidential candidate and seven Connecticut electors to serve as presidential electors. (Sec. 9-175)

JANUARY 6, 2012
(Friday)
REGISTRARS

WAIVER OF ACCESSIBILITY OF POLLING PLACE. Last day that registrars may file with Secretary of the State a request for a waiver to provide accessible polling place for physically disabled for town committee primary. (Sec. 9-168d)

JANUARY 10, 2012 to
JANUARY 17, 2012
(Tuesday - Tuesday)
POLITICAL PARTIES

PARTY ENDORSEMENT. Endorsement for town committee members by caucus between these days. (Secs. 9-390 and 9-391)

REGISTRARS

PRIMARY PETITIONS AVAILABLE. Petition forms for persons desiring to oppose party-endorsed candidates for town committee must be available from the registrar of voters beginning on the day following the making of the party's endorsement of candidates for town committee or beginning on the day following the final day for the making of such endorsements, whichever comes first. No primary petition for town committee members shall be approved unless it contains the names of a number of candidates, other than party-endorsed candidates, equal to at least 25% of the number of town committee members to be elected. (Sec. 9-409)

JANUARY 24, 2012
(Tuesday)
REGISTRARS

PARTY TRANSFER -- PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY. Last day that enrolled elector can transfer from one party to another and be eligible to vote in presidential preference primary of new party. (Sec. 9-59)

JANUARY 24, 2012
(Tuesday)
REGISTRARS
TOWN CLERK

POLLING PLACE -- ADJACENT DISTRICT -- PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY. Last day for registrars, when necessary, to designate to the town clerk a polling place in an adjacent voting district for presidential preference primary. Within 10 days after such filing, town clerk to publish notice. (Sec. 9-168b)

JANUARY 24, 2012
(Tuesday)
LEGISLATIVE BODY

VOTING DISTRICTS. Last day to make changes in the boundaries of voting districts for presidential preference primary. (Sec. 9-169)

FEBRUARY, 2012

FEBRUARY 1, 2012
(Wednesday)
4:00 p.m.
REGISTRARS

PRIMARY PETITIONS -- FILING. Primary petitions for opposition candidates for town committee must be submitted to respective registrars by 4:00 p.m. of this day. Registrar of voters, deputy registrar or assistant registrar must be in their office or office facilities between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to accept petitions. (Secs. 9-405 and 9-406)

REGISTRARS
TOWN CLERK

NOTICE OF PRIMARY. On filing of valid petition for town committee, and after checking the same, registrar notifies town clerk that primary is to be held and clerk publishes registrar's notice and information concerning candidates, primary date, hours and location of polls, files one copy with Secretary of the State, and records said notice. If central counting designated by registrars, the notice of primary shall include such central location. (Secs. 9-147a and 9-435)

TOWN CLERK

PRINTING ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Immediately after the deadline for the certification of all town committee candidates whose names are to appear on the ballot the town clerk must begin making arrangements to have the primary absentee ballots printed. (Sec. 9-135b(a))

TOWN CLERK

SAMPLE ABSENTEE BALLOT AVAILABLE. A layout model of each different absentee ballot shall be available for public inspection at town clerk's office prior to printing. (Sec. 9-135b(b))

<u>TOWN CLERK</u>	<u>ABSENTEE BALLOTS -- FILING.</u> Immediately upon receiving the printed absentee ballots for <u>town committee</u> primary, municipal clerk must file a printed absentee ballot for the municipality or for each different political subdivision, as the case may be, with Secretary of the State, and file an affidavit as to number of such ballots printed. (Sec. 9-135b(c))
<u>TOWN CLERK</u>	<u>BLANK BALLOTS TO ELECTORS TEMPORARILY LIVING (OR EXPECTING TO BE TRAVELING) OUTSIDE U.S. AND TO SERVICEMEN, SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS WHETHER LIVING WITHIN OR OUTSIDE U.S.</u> Beginning as soon as possible after a complete list of candidates is available, blank ballots (for the <u>town committee</u> primary), together with a complete list of candidates, should be sent to electors residing (or expecting to be traveling) outside the United States and to servicemen, spouses and dependents whether living within or outside the United States who have applied for an absentee ballot and are eligible to vote in the primary. (Sec. 9-153f)
<u>REGISTRARS</u>	Registrars may direct the clerk to mail such blank ballot set to a qualified elector or applicant for admission as an elector who (1) is living outside the U.S. or (2) is a member of the armed forces, spouse or dependent. Town clerk also may so act on his own motion. (Sec. 9-153d)
FEBRUARY 1, 2012 to FEBRUARY 28, 2012 (Wednesday - Tuesday) <u>INSTITUTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS AND REGISTRARS</u>	<u>SUPERVISED BALLOTING DESIGNATION.</u> In order to have supervised absentee balloting in a nursing home or rest home, etc., with less than 20 electors, a written designation must be made between these dates by either registrar of voters or the administrator of the institution for the <u>town committee</u> primary. These deadlines do not apply to a nursing home or rest home, etc., with 20 or more electors because supervised voting is mandated at such institutions. (Secs. 9-159q and 9-159r)
FEBRUARY 3, 2012 (Friday) <u>REGISTRARS</u>	<u>POLLING PLACES -- PRIMARY.</u> Last day to determine polling places for <u>town committee</u> primary. Polling places may be changed within thirty-one day period only if town clerk and registrars of voters unanimously find that polling place has been rendered unusable. If polling place found unusable, another polling place must be designated forthwith and adequate notice of such change given. (Secs. 9-168 and 9-169)
FEBRUARY 6, 2012 to FEBRUARY 15, 2012 (Monday - Wednesday) <u>REGISTRARS</u>	<u>NOTICE OF 14TH DAY BEFORE PRIMARY DAY ENROLLMENT SESSION.</u> If <u>town committee</u> primary will be held, notice must be published at least once on or between any of these dates of the enrollment session to be held on <u>February 21, 2012</u> . This newspaper notice need not be a legal notice. (Secs. 9-37 and 9-53)
FEBRUARY 10, 2012 (Friday) 10:00 a.m. <u>SEC'Y OF THE STATE</u>	<u>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY.</u> Secretary announces list of candidates to appear on ballot unless withdrawal request filed by <u>March 19, 2012, 12:00 noon</u> (Sec. 9-466)
FEBRUARY 10, 2012 (Friday) 12:00 noon <u>PRESIDENTIAL CAND.</u>	<u>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY PETITIONS.</u> Petitions available for those candidates whose names did not appear on Secretary of the State's list. (Sec. 9-467)
FEBRUARY 14, 2012 (Tuesday)	<u>ABSENTEE BALLOTS.</u> Absentee ballots for <u>town committee</u> primary become available on this day. (Secs. 9-135 and 9-140(f))
FEBRUARY 14, 2012 to MARCH 1, 2012 (Tuesday - Thursday) <u>REGISTRARS</u>	<u>REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- TOWN COMMITTEE PRIMARY -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT ON DAY OF RECEIPT.</u> When an application for registration by mail is received during the period beginning on the 21st day before a primary and ending on the fifth day before a primary, registrar must send by first-class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection on day of receipt of application. The privileges as an elector attach immediately upon approval of the application, and the new elector's name is added to the registry list. If a notice of approval is later returned undelivered, registrars must proceed with Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-35 or Sec. 9-43 and may challenge applicant at polls. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))

FEBRUARY 21, 2012
(Tuesday)
REGISTRARS

PRIMARY ENROLLMENT SESSION. If town committee primary is to be held, mandatory enrollment session must be held on this date (14th day before primary) for the purpose of registration and/or enrollment of electors entitled to vote in town committee primary. At least two consecutive hours required, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-51)

FEBRUARY 24, 2012
(Friday)
REGISTRARS
CANDIDATES

LIST OF PRIMARY OFFICIALS. Last day for candidates to submit to registrar lists of desired primary day officials, except moderators, for town committee primary. Registrar must notify all candidates of their right to submit a list of designees. (Sec. 9-436)

FEBRUARY 24, 2012
(Friday)
REGISTRARS

WAIVER OF ACCESSIBILITY OF POLLING PLACE. Last day that registrars may file with Secretary of the State a request for a waiver to provide accessible polling place for physically disabled for presidential preference primary. (Sec. 9-168d)

FEBRUARY 28, 2012
(Tuesday)
REGISTRARS

ABSENTEE BALLOT CHECK-OFF -- TOWN COMMITTEE PRIMARY. Whether central counting of absentee ballots has been designated or not, beginning as soon after 11:00 a.m. as the absentee ballots are available from the town clerk, the registrars may begin checking the absentee ballots on this day and each weekday before the town committee primary. The ballots shall be checked not later than the last weekday before the primary. The registrars shall check, without opening the outer envelopes, the names of such absentee voters on the official check list to be used at such primary by indicating "absentee" or "A" preceding such name, and in the case of central counting shall also note such designation on a duplicate list. After checking is completed, town clerk seals unopened ballots for delivery between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, primary day. (Sec. 9-140c)

FEBRUARY 28, 2012
(Tuesday)
INSTITUTIONAL
ADMINISTRATORS
AND REGISTRARS

SUPERVISED BALLOTING DESIGNATION. Last day to request supervised absentee balloting in a nursing home or rest home, etc. with less than 20 electors. A written designation must be made by this date by either registrar of voters or the administrator of the institution for the town committee primary. This deadline does not apply to a nursing home or rest home, etc., with 20 or more electors because supervised voting is mandated at such institutions. (Secs. 9-159q and 9-159r)

MARCH, 2012

MARCH 1, 2012
(Thursday)
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT CUT-OFF. Deadline for registering and/or enrolling for voting in town committee primary unless register in person with town clerk or registrar or unless file application for enrollment in person with registrar of voters. (Secs. 9-23g, 9-56 and 9-57)

Mail-in application of new voter must be received by registrar of voters of the town of residence by this day, except that a mail-in application of new voter postmarked by this day or received by a voter registration agency or the Department of Motor Vehicles by this day may be received by the registrar of voters until 12:00 noon of March 5, 2012. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))

However, enrollment application of unaffiliated voter must be received by this day by registrar of voters of town of residence, unless unaffiliated voter files application for enrollment in person with registrar of voters by 12:00 noon of March 5, 2012. (Sec. 9-56)

MARCH 2 2012 thru
MARCH 6, 2012
(Friday - Tuesday)
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- TOWN COMMITTEE PRIMARY -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT WITHIN 10 DAYS. PRIVILEGES OF AN ELECTOR SHALL NOT ATTACH UNTIL THE DAY AFTER THE PRIMARY OR THE DAY APPLICATION IS APPROVED BY REGISTRAR, WHICHEVER IS LATER. When a mail-in application hand-delivered by someone other than the applicant is received during this period by registrars in applicant's town of residence (or by the DMV or a voter registration agency), or a mailed mail-in application for registration is postmarked during this period, registrar must act on the application and send by first-class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection within 10 days of receipt of the application, but privileges of an elector shall not attach until March 7, 2012, or until the application is approved by registrar, whichever is later. (Sec. 9-23g(d)(2))

IMPORTANT EXCEPTION:

If an application of a new voter indicates that it was (1) received by March 1, 2012 by the DMV or a voter registration agency, or (2) postmarked by March 1, 2012 the registrar of voters of the town of residence shall mail a notice of acceptance or rejection on the day of receipt of such application during the period March 2nd through noon March 5th. Such persons whose applications are accepted by noon March 5th acquire privileges of an elector immediately and may vote in the primary. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))

MARCH 2, 2012
(Friday)
4:00 p.m.
REGISTRARS

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY PETITIONS -- FILING BY CANDIDATE. Primary petitions for additional presidential candidates must be submitted to respective registrars by 4:00 p.m. of this day. If prior to this day a primary petition was issued, registrar of voters, deputy registrar or assistant registrar must be in their office or office facilities between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to accept petitions. (Sec. 9-468)

TOWN CLERK

PRINTING ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Immediately after the deadline for the certification of all candidates (and receipt of notice of presidential preference primary, if any), the town clerk must begin making arrangements to have the primary absentee ballots printed. (Sec. 9-135b(a))

TOWN CLERK

SAMPLE ABSENTEE BALLOT AVAILABLE. A layout model of each different absentee ballot shall be available for public inspection at town clerk's office prior to printing. (Sec. 9-135b(b))

TOWN CLERK

BLANK BALLOTS TO ELECTORS TEMPORARILY LIVING (OR EXPECTING TO BE TRAVELING) OUTSIDE U.S. AND TO SERVICEMEN, SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS WHETHER LIVING WITHIN OR OUTSIDE U.S. Beginning as soon as possible after a complete list of candidates is available, blank ballots (for the presidential preference primary), together with a complete list of candidates, should be sent to electors residing (or expecting to be traveling) outside the United States and to servicemen, spouses and dependents whether living within or outside the United States who have applied for an absentee ballot and are eligible to vote in the primary. (Sec. 9-153f)

REGISTRARS

Registrars may direct the clerk to mail such blank ballot set to a qualified elector or applicant for admission as an elector who (1) is living outside the U.S. or (2) is a member of the armed forces, spouse or dependent. Town clerk also may so act on his own motion. (Sec. 9-153d)

MARCH 4, 2012
(Sunday)
6:00 a.m.
TOWN CLERK

PRINTING OF SAMPLE BALLOTS. Town clerk prepares primary ballots for town committee primary, if any; and at least 48 hours before the primary, in conjunction with the registrars of voters, provides a number of sample ballots for distribution as they deem necessary. (Sec. 9-437)

March 4, 2012
(Sunday)
6:00 a.m.
CANDIDATES

UNOFFICIAL CHECKERS. Deadline for candidates or candidates' representatives to submit list of designees for unofficial checkers to the registrar of voters. Such list must be submitted at least 48 hours prior to the opening of the polls for town committee primary. The registrar must notify all candidates for town committee of their right to submit a list of designees. (Secs. 9-436a, 9-476)

In addition, any person (other than the candidate or primary official) may serve as a runner. (Sec. 9-235b)

- MARCH 5, 2012
(Monday)
REGISTRARS
- SUPERVISED BALLOTING DEADLINE. Supervision of absentee balloting shall be not later than the last business day before the town committee primary. (Secs. 9-159q and 9-159r)
- MARCH 5, 2012
(Monday)
REGISTRARS
- ABSENTEE BALLOT CHECK-OFF -- TOWN COMMITTEE PRIMARY. Whether central counting of absentee ballots has been designated or not, beginning as soon after 11:00 a.m. as the absentee ballots are available from the town clerk, the registrars shall check, without opening the outer envelopes, the names of absentee voters on the official check list by indicating "absentee" or "A" preceding the name, and in the case of central counting shall also note such designation on the duplicate list. After checking is completed, town clerk seals unopened ballots for delivery between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, primary day. Although checking may begin on February 28, 2012 it must be completed by this day. (Sec. 9-140c)
- MARCH 5, 2012
(Monday)
REGISTRARS
- ENROLLMENT LIST. TOWN COMMITTEE PRIMARY. Separate supplementary list compiled, which list shall include the name of any person who was admitted as an elector or whose privileges of party enrollment attached prior to 12 noon of the last business day before the primary. An updated list may be printed instead. (Sec. 9-55)
- MARCH 5, 2012
(Monday)
TOWN CLERK
- ABSENTEE BALLOTS -- TOWN COMMITTEE PRIMARY -- DEADLINE TO ISSUE. Absentee ballots for town committee primary may not be issued on primary day except electors who suddenly become ill within six days immediately preceding the close of the polls at the primary, or who are patients in a hospital within such six-day period, may be issued an absentee ballot up to the close of the polls. (Secs. 9-140(h) and 9-150c)
- MARCH 5, 2012
(Monday)
12:00 noon
REGISTRARS
- REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- TOWN COMMITTEE PRIMARY. Deadline for the registrar of the mail-in applicant's town of residence to receive mail-in application (postmarked by the fifth day before primary or received by DMV or voter registration agency by such fifth day) so that the applicant may be enrolled in time to vote in primary. (Secs. 9-23a and 9-23g(c) and (d))
- MARCH 5, 2012
(Monday)
REGISTRARS
- ENROLLMENT LIST. Last day before town committee primary to remove electors from registry list (and enrollment list) who have died, become disfranchised or confirmed in writing that they have moved out of town. An elector is deemed to have confirmed in writing that he has moved out of town if (1) the registrars have received a cancellation form or (2) the elector has notified DMV of a change of address out of town concerning a driver's license. (DMV notifies the registrars, and the registrars send Notice of Removal.) The names of persons removed are not sent to the polls and such persons may be restored on primary day only if the registrar is contacted and consents to approve the applicant's request for restoration. (Secs. 9-32 and 9-35)
- INACTIVE LIST. The registrars prepare an inactive list of (1) any person whose notice of approval of mail-in was returned undeliverable and who did not respond to a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice sent thirty days prior to this date, and (2) any person who was sent a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice between January 2, 2011--May 1, 2011, or between January 2, 2010--May 1, 2010, or between January 2, 2009--May 1, 2009, or between February 5, 2008--May 1, 2008, on the basis of the canvass and did not respond within thirty days after it was sent (and was not restored). The inactive list is sent to the polls. Electors on the inactive list may sign a restoration form at the polls and, if the registrar or assistant registrar of voters in the polls consents, such elector may vote. (Secs. 9-23g(c), 9-35 and 9-42(c))
- REMOVE FROM INACTIVE LIST. Last day before primary to remove electors from inactive registry list (and enrollment list) who were sent a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice four years ago and did not respond within thirty days after it was sent (and were never restored to the active list). (Sec. 9-35)
- MARCH 5, 2012
(Monday)
12:00 noon
REGISTRARS
- REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT CUT-OFF IN PERSON. Deadline for registering in person with the registrar of voters or town clerk of the town of residence and deadline for enrolling in person with the registrar of voters for voting in town committee primary. Deadline for cross-town registrations to be received by registrar of town of residence.

Applications from servicemen and persons out of the country under Secs. 9-26 and 9-23a may be received throughout the day. (Secs. 9-19e, 9-23a, 9-56 and 9-57)

- MARCH 6, 2012
(Tuesday)
6:00 a.m. to
8:00 p.m.
- PRIMARY. Primary for town committee if valid petition or petitions have been filed. Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-425)
- ABSENTEE BALLOTS. In order to be cast at a primary, the absentee ballot must be received by the municipal clerk (1) by the close of the polls if it is mailed or if it is returned by a member of the immediate family of the applicant in person or by the qualified designee of an ill or physically- disabled ballot applicant in person, or (2) by the day before the primary if it is returned in person by the applicant. (Sec. 9-140b)
- All absentee ballots received before 11:00 a.m. of March 5, 2012 are to be delivered to the registrars of voters between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on primary day. Ballots received after 11:00 a.m. of March 5, 2012 and before 6:00 p.m. of primary day are to be delivered at 6:00 p.m. (except that some may be retained until the polls close, if desired, in order to ensure ballot secrecy); and all ballots timely received after 6:00 p.m. are to be delivered at the close of the polls. In municipalities that have central counting of absentee ballots, at close of polls, registrars or assistant registrars shall deliver official check list to moderator of central location for checking. When counting of absentee ballots is complete, moderator delivers check list and other information to head moderator. (Sec. 9-140c)
- MARCH 6, 2012
(Tuesday)
4:00 p.m.
REGISTRARS
- PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY PETITIONS -- FILING WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE. Verified presidential preference primary petition pages must be forwarded to Secretary of the State by 4:00 p.m. of this day. (Sec. 9-468)
- MARCH 7, 2012
(Wednesday)
MODERATOR
- RETURN OF VOTES TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE. Head moderator to forthwith transmit to Secretary of the State one copy of duplicate certificate of votes cast for candidates for town committee. (Secs. 9-314 and 9-440). The other copy of the return is filed with the town clerk on or before this date.
- MARCH 8, 2012
(Thursday)
POLITICAL PARTIES
- PARTY RULES. Last day to file with Secretary of the State change in party rules regarding the method of party endorsement for a candidate to run for municipal office if endorsement made on, May 8, 2012. If endorsement is made on May 29, 2012, then March 29, 2012 is last day. At least 60 days before endorsement, one copy of party rules governing such endorsement must be filed with the Secretary of the State. One copy of revised local party rules (and any amendments thereto) must also be filed forthwith with town clerk and state central committee. (Applies only when new rules are adopted or existing rules are amended or rescinded.) (Secs. 9-372(5)(B), 9-374 and 9-375)
- MARCH 7, 2012 to
APRIL 3, 2012
(Wednesday - Tuesday)
REGISTRARS
- REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT WITHIN 10 DAYS. When an application for registration by mail is received during this period, registrar must send by first class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection within 10 days of receipt of application. The privileges as an elector attach immediately upon approval of the application, and the new elector's name is added to the registry list. If a notice of approval is later returned undelivered, registrars must proceed with a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-35 or Sec. 9-43 and may challenge applicant at polls. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))
- MARCH 9, 2012
(Friday)
MODERATORS
- DISCREPANCY -- RECOUNT. Last day for head moderator to order recount of town committee primary when there is a discrepancy in returns. (Secs. 9-310 and 9-311)
- MARCH 9, 2012
(Friday)
SEC'Y OF THE STATE
- PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY -- TABULATION. Secretary must complete tabulation of petition signatures by this date. (Sec. 9-469)
- MARCH 10, 2012
(Saturday)
TOWN CLERK
- OVERSEAS BALLOTS. Overseas ballots for presidential preference primary become available for overseas electors on this day. (Sec. 9-158c)

MARCH 13, 2012
(Tuesday)
MODERATORS

CLOSE VOTE OR DISCREPANCY RECOUNT. Last day to conduct close vote or discrepancy recount of town committee primary. (Secs. 9-310, 9-311, 9-311a, 9-311b, 9-370a, 9-445 and 9-446)

MARCH 16, 2012
(Friday)
TOWN CLERK

ABSENTEE BALLOTS -- REPORT. Last day for town clerk to file with Secretary of the State statement accounting for number of absentee voting forms and challenged ballot forms used at town committee primary. (Secs. 9-139c and 9-232e)

MARCH 19, 2012
(Monday) 12:00 noon
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES;
SEC'Y OF THE STATE

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY -- WITHDRAWAL. 12:00 noon deadline for Statement of Withdrawal by candidates placed on ballot by Secretary of the State. (Sec. 9-466)

MARCH 20, 2012
(Tuesday)

VOTING MACHINES. Voting machines used at town committee primary to remain locked through this date. (Sec. 9-447)

MARCH 20, 2012
(Tuesday)
CANDIDATES
AND ELECTORS

COMPLAINT. Last day for bringing complaint to the Superior Court contesting ruling of official or count of votes at town committee primary. (Sec. 9-329a)

MARCH 20, 2012
(Tuesday)
SEC'Y OF THE STATE

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY -- ORDER ON BALLOT. Secretary of the State determines order of candidates on ballot by lot in public ceremony and sends notice of primary to town clerks. (Sec. 9-470)

MARCH 21, 2012
(Wednesday)
TOWN CHAIRMEN

NOTICE OF CAUCUS. Last day to publish notice of selection caucus, if caucus is the selecting authority for delegates if caucus held on March 27, 2012. If caucus is held April 3, 2012, then March 28, 2012 is last day. Notice must be published at least five full days before the caucus. Party rules may require earlier notice. (Sec. 9-390)

MARCH 21, 2012 to
APRIL 17, 2012
(Wednesday - Tuesday)
INSTITUTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS
AND REGISTRARS

SUPERVISED BALLOTING DESIGNATION. In order to have supervised absentee balloting in a nursing home or rest home, etc., with less than 20 electors, a written designation must be made between these dates by either registrar of voters or the administrator of the institution for the presidential preference primary. These deadlines do not apply to a nursing home or rest home, etc., with 20 or more electors because supervised voting is mandated at such institutions. (Secs. 9-159q and 9-159r)

MARCH 23, 2012
(Friday)
REGISTRARS

POLLING PLACES -- PRIMARY. Last day to determine polling places for presidential preference primary. Polling places may be changed within thirty-one day period only if town clerk and registrars of voters unanimously find that polling place has been rendered unusable. If polling place found unusable, another polling place must be designated forthwith and adequate notice of such change given. (Secs. 9-168 and 9-169)

MARCH 26, 2012 to
APRIL 4, 2012
(Monday - Wednesday)
REGISTRARS

NOTICE OF 14TH DAY BEFORE PRIMARY DAY ENROLLMENT SESSION. If presidential preference primary will be held, notice must be published at least once on or between any of these dates of the enrollment session to be held on April 10, 2012; such notice shall state that the registrars will, at such time, hear requests by persons removed for adding their names to the registry list. This newspaper notice need not be a legal notice. (Secs. 9-37 and 9-53)

MARCH 27, 2012 to
APRIL 3, 2012
(Tuesday - Tuesday)
POLITICAL PARTIES

PARTY SELECTION OF DELEGATES. Selection for delegates to state and district conventions by town committee or caucus between these days. (Secs. 9-390 and 9-391)

APRIL, 2012

- APRIL 3, 2012 to
APRIL 19, 2012
(Tuesday - Thursday)
REGISTRARS
- REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT ON DAY OF RECEIPT. When an application for registration by mail is received during the period beginning on the 21st day before a primary and ending on the fifth day before a primary, registrar must send by first-class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection on day of receipt of application. The privileges as an elector attach immediately upon approval of the application, and the new elector's name is added to the registry list. If a notice of approval is later returned undelivered, registrars must proceed with Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-35 or Sec. 9-43 and may challenge applicant at polls. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))
- APRIL 3, 2012
(Tuesday)
REGISTRARS
- CENTRAL COUNTING -- ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Last day for registrars to designate in writing to the town clerk central location for the counting of absentee ballots for presidential preference primary. Such location shall be published by the town clerk in the notice for the primary. (Sec. 9-147a)
- APRIL 3, 2012
(Tuesday)
- ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Absentee ballots for presidential preference primary become available on this day. (Secs. 9-135 and 9-140(f))
- TOWN CLERK
- Registrars of voters may direct town clerk to mail absentee ballot forms to a qualified elector or applicant for admission as an elector who (1) is living outside the U.S. or (2) is a member of the armed forces or the spouse or dependent of a member of the armed forces living where such member is stationed. Town clerk also may so act on his own motion. (Secs. 9-133f, 9-140(f) and 9-153d)
- APRIL 4, 2012
(Wednesday)
4:00 p.m.
POLITICAL PARTIES
TOWN CLERK
- PARTY ENDORSEMENTS -- CERTIFICATION. Last day for chairman or presiding officer and the secretary of the caucus or the town committee, as the case may be, to certify to the town clerk the names and street addresses of party-endorsed candidates for delegates. Certification must also be accompanied by (1) The name and street address of each person selected, and (2) The name and number of the political subdivision or district for which each such person is elected. Clerk must forthwith publish notice of certification and that list of candidates is on file. (Secs. 9-391 and 9-395)
- APRIL 10, 2012
(Tuesday)
REGISTRARS
- PRIMARY ENROLLMENT SESSION. If primary is to be held, mandatory enrollment session must be held on this date (14th day before primary) for the purpose of registration and/or enrollment of electors entitled to vote in presidential preference primary. At least two consecutive hours required, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-51)
- If primary is to be held, registrars must also hold a session to hear requests for adding names to the registry list by persons removed. This session may be held simultaneously with the enrollment session. (Sec. 9-37)
- APRIL 10, 2012
(Tuesday)
STATE PARTY
CHAIRMEN
- CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES. Deadline for state chairmen to certify to Secretary of the State the number of national convention delegates to which the parties are entitled, and the formula, if any, prescribed by national party rules for apportioning delegates among presidential preference primary candidates based on the primary vote; or, if applicable, the fact that such party rules provide "winner takes all". (Sec. 9-473)
- APRIL 17, 2012
(Tuesday)
REGISTRARS
- ABSENTEE BALLOT CHECK-OFF -- PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY. Whether central counting of absentee ballots has been designated or not, beginning as soon after 11:00 a.m. as the absentee ballots are available from the town clerk, the registrars may begin checking the absentee ballots on this day and each weekday before the presidential preference primary. The ballots shall be checked not later than the last weekday before the primary. The registrars shall check, without opening the outer envelopes, the names of such absentee voters on the official check list to be used at such primary by indicating "absentee" or "A" preceding such name, and in the case of central counting shall also note such designation on a duplicate list. After checking is completed, town clerk seals unopened ballots for delivery between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, primary day. (Sec. 9-140c)

APRIL 17, 2012
(Tuesday)
INSTITUTIONAL
ADMINISTRATORS
AND REGISTRARS

SUPERVISED BALLOTING DESIGNATION. Last day to request supervised absentee balloting in a nursing home or rest home, etc. with less than 20 electors. A written designation must be made by this date by either registrar of voters or the administrator of the institution for the presidential preference primary. This deadline does not apply to a nursing home or rest home, etc., with 20 or more electors because supervised voting is mandated at such institutions. (Secs. 9-159q and 9-159r)

APRIL 19, 2012
(Thursday)
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT CUT-OFF. Deadline for registering and/or enrolling for voting in presidential preference primary unless register in person with town clerk or registrar or unless file application for enrollment in person with registrar of voters. (Secs. 9-23g, 9-56 and 9-57)

Mail-in application of new voter must be received by registrar of voters of the town of residence by this day, except that a mail-in application of new voter postmarked by this day or received by a voter registration agency or the Department of Motor Vehicles by this day may be received by the registrar of voters until 12:00 noon of April 23, 2012. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))

However, enrollment application of unaffiliated voter must be received by this day by registrar of voters of town of residence, unless unaffiliated voter files application for enrollment in person with registrar of voters by 12:00 noon of April 23, 2012. (Sec. 9-56)

APRIL 20 2012 thru
APRIL 24, 2012
(Friday - Tuesday)
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL – PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT WITHIN 10 DAYS. PRIVILEGES OF AN ELECTOR SHALL NOT ATTACH UNTIL THE DAY AFTER THE PRIMARY OR THE DAY APPLICATION IS APPROVED BY REGISTRAR, WHICHEVER IS LATER. When a mail-in application hand-delivered by someone other than the applicant is received during this period by registrars in applicant's town of residence (or by the DMV or a voter registration agency), or a mailed mail-in application for registration is postmarked during this period, registrar must act on the application and send by first-class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection within 10 days of receipt of the application, but privileges of an elector shall not attach until April 25, 2012, or until the application is approved by registrar, whichever is later. (Sec. 9-23g(d)(2))

IMPORTANT EXCEPTION:

If an application of a new voter indicates that it was (1) received by April 19, 2012 by the DMV or a voter registration agency, or (2) postmarked by April 19, 2012 the registrar of voters of the town of residence shall mail a notice of acceptance or rejection on the day of receipt of such application during the period April 19th through noon April 23rd. Such persons whose applications are accepted by noon April 23rd acquire privileges of an elector immediately and may vote in the primary. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))

APRIL 22, 2012
(Sunday)
6:00 a.m.
TOWN CLERK

PRINTING OF SAMPLE BALLOTS. Town clerk prepares primary ballots for presidential preference primary, if any; and at least 48 hours before the primary, in conjunction with the registrars of voters provides a number of sample ballots for distribution as they deem necessary. (Sec. 9-437)

APRIL 22, 2012
(Sunday)
6:00 a.m.
CANDIDATES

UNOFFICIAL CHECKERS. Deadline for candidates or candidates' representatives to submit list of designees for unofficial checkers to the registrar of voters. Such list must be submitted at least 48 hours prior to the opening of the polls for presidential preference primary. (Secs. 9-436a, 9-476)

In addition, any person (other than the candidate or primary official) may serve as a runner. (Sec. 9-235b)

APRIL 23, 2012
(Monday)
REGISTRARS

SUPERVISED BALLOTING DEADLINE. Supervision of absentee balloting shall be not later than the last business day before the presidential preference primary. (Secs. 9-159q and 9-159r)

- APRIL 23, 2012
(Monday)
REGISTRARS
- ABSENTEE BALLOT CHECK-OFF -- PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY. Whether central counting of absentee ballots has been designated or not, beginning as soon after 11:00 a.m. as the absentee ballots are available from the town clerk, the registrars shall check, without opening the outer envelopes, the names of absentee voters on the official check list by indicating "absentee" or "A" preceding the name, and in the case of central counting shall also note such designation on the duplicate list. After checking is completed, town clerk seals unopened ballots for delivery between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, primary day. Although checking may begin on April 17, 2012 it must be completed by this day. (Sec. 9-140c)
- APRIL 23, 2012
(Monday)
REGISTRARS
- ENROLLMENT LIST. PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY. Separate supplementary list compiled, which list shall include the name of any person who was admitted as an elector or whose privileges of party enrollment attached prior to 12 noon of the last business day before the primary. An updated list may be printed instead. (Sec. 9-55)
- APRIL 23, 2012
(Monday)
TOWN CLERK
- ABSENTEE BALLOTS -- PRIMARY -- DEADLINE TO ISSUE. Absentee ballots for presidential preference primary may not be issued on primary day, except overseas ballots for presidential preference primary and except electors who suddenly become ill within six days immediately preceding the close of the polls at the primary, or who are patients in a hospital within such six-day period, may be issued an absentee ballot up to the close of the polls. (Secs. 9-140(h) and 9-150c)
- APRIL 23, 2012
(Monday)
12:00 noon
REGISTRARS
- REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY. Deadline for the registrar of the mail-in applicant's town of residence to receive mail-in application (postmarked by the fifth day before primary or received by DMV or voter registration agency by such fifth day) so that the applicant may be enrolled in time to vote in primary. (Secs. 9-23a and 9-23g(c) and (d))
- APRIL 23, 2012
(Monday)
REGISTRARS
- ENROLLMENT LIST. Last day before presidential preference primary to remove electors from registry list (and enrollment list) who have died, become disfranchised or confirmed in writing that they have moved out of town. An elector is deemed to have confirmed in writing that he has moved out of town if (1) the registrars have received a cancellation form or (2) the elector has notified DMV of a change of address out of town concerning a driver's license. (DMV notifies the registrars, and the registrars send Notice of Removal.) The names of persons removed are not sent to the polls and such persons may be restored on primary day only if the registrar is contacted and consents to approve the applicant's request for restoration. (Secs. 9-32 and 9-35)
- INACTIVE LIST. The registrars prepare an inactive list of (1) any person whose notice of approval of mail-in was returned undeliverable and who did not respond to a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice sent thirty days prior to this date, and (2) any person who was sent a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice between January 2, 2011--May 1, 2011, or between January 2, 2010--May 1, 2010, or between January 2, 2009--May 1, 2009, or between February 5, 2008--May 1, 2008, on the basis of the canvass and did not respond within thirty days after it was sent (and was not restored). The inactive list is sent to the polls. Electors on the inactive list may sign a restoration form at the polls and, if the registrar or assistant registrar of voters in the polls consents, such elector may vote. (Secs. 9-23g(c), 9-35 and 9-42(c))
- REMOVE FROM INACTIVE LIST. Last day before primary to remove electors from inactive registry list (and enrollment list) who were sent a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice four years ago and did not respond within thirty days after it was sent (and were never restored to the active list). (Sec. 9-35)
- APRIL 23, 2012
(Monday)
12:00 noon
REGISTRARS
- REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT CUT-OFF IN PERSON. Deadline for registering in person with the registrar of voters or town clerk of the town of residence and deadline for enrolling in person with the registrar of voters for voting in presidential preference primary. Deadline for cross-town registrations to be received by registrar of town of residence.

Applications from servicemen and persons out of the country under Secs. 9-26 and 9-23a may be received throughout the day. (Secs. 9-19e, 9-23a, 9-56 and 9-57)

APRIL 24, 2012
(Tuesday)
6:00 a.m. to
8:00 p.m.

PRIMARY. Presidential preference primary. (Sec. 9-476). Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-425)

ABSENTEE BALLOTS. In order to be cast at a primary, the absentee ballot must be received by the municipal clerk (1) by the close of the polls if it is mailed or if it is returned by a member of the immediate family of the applicant in person or by the qualified designee of an ill or physically- disabled ballot applicant in person, or (2) by the day before the primary if it is returned in person by the applicant. (Sec. 9-140b)

All absentee ballots received before 11:00 a.m. of April 23, 2012 are to be delivered to the registrars of voters between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on primary day. Ballots received after 11:00 a.m. of April 23, 2012 and before 6:00 p.m. of primary day are to be delivered at 6:00 p.m. (except that some may be retained until the polls close, if desired, in order to ensure ballot secrecy); and all ballots timely received after 6:00 p.m. are to be delivered at the close of the polls. In municipalities that have central counting of absentee ballots, at close of polls, registrars or assistant registrars shall deliver official check list to moderator of central location for checking. When counting of absentee ballots is complete, moderator delivers check list and other information to head moderator. (Sec. 9-140c)

OVERSEAS BALLOTS. Overseas ballots for presidential preference primary may be issued up to the close of the polls. However, they must be received by town clerk by close of the polls on primary day in order to be cast. (Secs. 9-158c and 9-158g)

APRIL 25, 2012 (Wednesday)
2:00 p.m.
MODERATORS

RETURN OF VOTES TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE. Head moderator to forthwith transmit to Secretary of the State one copy of duplicate certificate of votes cast for candidates for presidential preference primary. (Secs. 9-476).

Final date for moderator in each town to deliver to town clerk one copy of duplicate certificate of votes cast for candidates. (Secs. 9-314, 9-440 and 9-476)

APRIL 25, 2012 to
JULY 24, 2012
(Wednesday - Tuesday)
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL – PRIMARY FOR STATE, DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL OFFICES -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT WITHIN 10 DAYS. When an application for registration by mail is received during this period, registrar must send by first class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection within 10 days of receipt of application. The privileges as an elector attach immediately upon approval of the application, and the new elector's name is added to the registry list. If a notice of approval is later returned undelivered, registrars must proceed with a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-35 or Sec. 9-43 and may challenge applicant at polls. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))

APRIL 27, 2012
(Friday)
MODERATORS

DISCREPANCY -- RECOUNT. Last day for head moderator to order recount of presidential preference primary when there is a discrepancy in returns. (Secs. 9-310 and 9-311)

MAY, 2012

MAY 1, 2012
(Tuesday)
SEC'Y OF THE STATE

PRIMARY PETITIONS AVAILABLE. Petition forms for person desiring to oppose party endorsed candidates for state office or the district office of Representative in Congress available from the Secretary of the State beginning on this day. (Secs. 9-404a)

MAY 1, 2012
(Tuesday)
MODERATORS

DISCREPANCY RECOUNT. Last day to conduct discrepancy recount presidential preference primary. (Secs. 9-310, 9-311)

MAY 1, 2012
(Tuesday)
REGISTRARS

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF VOTING RESIDENCE. Last day to send Notice of Confirmation of Voting Residence to electors on the basis of the canvass. (Sec. 9-35)

- MAY 4, 2012
(Friday)
TOWN CLERK
- ABSENTEE BALLOTS -- REPORT. Last day for town clerk to file with Secretary of the State statement accounting for number of absentee voting forms and challenged ballot forms used at presidential preference primary. (Secs. 9-139c and 9-232e)
- MAY 7, 2012
(Monday)
TOWN CLERK
- MACHINE REPORTS. Reports of machine mechanics and party watchers provided for in Sections 9-244 and 9-246 from town committee primary to be kept by town clerk through this day. (Secs. 9-245 and 9-436)
- MAY 7, 2012
(Monday)
TOWN CLERK
- PRIMARY FORMS. Town clerk destroys if no contest is pending, and no subpoena is issued by the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the following forms used at the town committee primary: sealed depository envelopes by district containing inner and outer envelopes from which absentee ballots have been removed, together with the contents of serially-numbered outer envelopes marked "rejected"; all executed absentee ballot applications and direction by registrar forms; the numerical list of serially-numbered absentee envelopes issued; the list of applicants who have been issued more than one absentee ballot under Sec. 9-153c; all unused printed absentee ballots; absentee ballots received after the polls close; and list of absentee ballot applicants who returned their absentee ballots. (Secs. 9-140(e), 9-150a(f), 9-150b(f), (h) and (j), and 9-153c(c))
- MAY 8, 2012
(Tuesday)
- VOTING MACHINES. Voting machines used at presidential preference primary to remain locked through this date. (Sec. 9-447)
- MAY 8, 2012
(Tuesday)
CANDIDATES
AND ELECTORS
- COMPLAINT. Last day for bringing complaint to the Superior Court contesting ruling of official or count of votes at presidential preference primary. (Sec. 9-329a)
- MAY 8, 2012 to
MAY 29, 2012
(Tuesday - Tuesday)
POLITICAL PARTIES
- CONVENTIONS. Period of time when major party conventions to endorse candidates for district office must be held. See Page 1 for list of district offices. Party-endorsed candidates must file with the Secretary of the State a certificate of endorsement signed by candidates and attested by either (1) the chairman or presiding officer of the convention or (2) the secretary of the convention not later than 4:00 p.m. of the fourteenth day following close of convention. In order to primary, a 15% candidate must file with the Secretary of the State a certificate signed by him, stating that he received 15% of the convention vote on any roll call, and attested by either (1) the chairman or presiding officer of the convention or (2) the secretary of the convention plus statement of consent not later than 4:00 p.m. of the fourteenth day following close of convention. (Secs. 9-383, 9-388 and 9-400)
- If a state convention voted that roll call be taken by town delegation, chairmen of town delegations to State Convention file list of names and votes of each delegate with Secretary of the State within 48 hours after the close of State Convention. (Sec. 9-385a)
- Forthwith upon the close of a state convention, its chairman must file with the Secretary of the State the names and full residence addresses of persons selected by such convention as the nominees of such party for electors of president and vice-president in accordance with Sec. 9-175. (Sec. 9-388)
- MAY 14, 2012
(Monday)
REGISTRARS
- PARTY TRANSFER -- STATE, DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL OFFICE PRIMARY. Last day that an enrolled elector can transfer from one party to another and be eligible to vote in state, district or municipal office primary of new party. (Sec. 9-59)
- MAY 16, 2012
(Wednesday)
REGISTRARS
TOWN CLERK
- POLLING PLACE -- ADJACENT DISTRICT -- PRIMARY. Last day for registrars, when necessary, to designate to the town clerk a polling place in an adjacent voting district for state, district and municipal primary. Within 10 days after such filing, town clerk to publish notice. (Sec. 9-168b)
- MAY 16, 2012
(Wednesday)
LEGISLATIVE BODY
- VOTING DISTRICTS. Last day to make changes in the boundaries of voting districts for state, district and municipal primary. (Sec. 9-169)

MAY 16, 2012
(Wednesday)
TOWN CHAIRMEN

NOTICE OF CAUCUS. Last day to publish notice of endorsement caucus, if caucus is the endorsing authority for municipal office, if caucus is held on May 22, 2012. If caucus is held May 29, 2012, then May 23, 2012 is the last day. Notice must be published at least 5 full days before the caucus. Date of caucus and date of publication are excluded. Party rules may require earlier notice. (Sec. 9-390)

MAY 22, 2012 to
MAY 29, 2012
(Tuesday - Tuesday)
POLITICAL PARTIES

PARTY ENDORSEMENT. Endorsement by major party for municipal office by town committee, caucus or convention between these days. (Secs. 9-390 and 9-391)

No party may endorse more candidates for municipal office than number for which an elector may vote. (Sec. 9-414)

MAY 22, 2012 to
JUNE 12, 2012
(Tuesday - Tuesday)
POLITICAL PARTIES

PARTY ENDORSEMENT -- CERTIFICATION. Certificates of party endorsement for state and district offices must be filed with the Secretary of the State signed by candidate and attested by either (1) the chairman or presiding officer of the convention or (2) the secretary of the convention not later than 4:00 p.m. of the fourteenth day following close of convention. In order to primary, a 15% candidate must file with the Secretary of the State a certificate signed by him, stating that he received 15% of the convention vote on any roll call, and attested by either (1) the chairman or presiding officer of the convention or (2) the secretary of the convention plus statement of consent not later than 4:00 p.m. of the fourteenth day following close of convention. (Secs. 9-383, 9-388 and 9-400)

MAY 23, 2012 to
MAY 30, 2012
(Wednesday -
Wednesday)
REGISTRARS
MAY 29, 2012
(Tuesday)
SEC'Y OF THE STATE

PRIMARY PETITIONS - AVAILABLE. Primary petitions persons desiring to oppose candidates of major party for municipal offices shall be available from the registrars of voters on the day following the making of the party's endorsement. (Sec. 9-409)

PRIMARY PETITIONS AVAILABLE. Petitions forms for persons desiring to oppose candidates for the district offices of state senator or state representative shall be available from the Secretary of the State on the seventy-seventh day preceding the primary for such office. (Sec. 9-404a)

JUNE, 2012

JUNE 4, 2012
(Monday)
REGISTRARS

INACTIVE LIST. The registrars prepare inactive registry and enrollment lists of (1) any person whose notice of approval of mail-in was returned undeliverable and who did not respond to a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice sent thirty days prior to this date, and (2) any person who was sent a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice between April 24, 2012--May 1, 2012, or between January 2, 2011--May 1, 2011, or between January 2, 2010--May 1, 2010, or between January 2, 2009--May 1, 2009, on the basis of the canvass and did not respond within thirty days after it was sent (and was not restored). The inactive list is sent to the polls. Electors on the inactive list may sign a restoration form at the polls and, if the registrar or assistant registrar of voters in the polls consents, such elector may vote. (Secs. 9-23g(c), 9-35 and 9-42(c))

REMOVE FROM INACTIVE LIST. The registrars remove from the inactive registry list (and enrollment list) all electors who were sent a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice between February 5, 2008--May 1, 2008 and did not respond within thirty days after it was sent (and were never restored to the active list). (Sec. 9-35)

JUNE 5, 2012 to
JUNE 12, 2012
(Tuesday - Tuesday)
4:00 p.m.
POLITICAL PARTIES
TOWN CLERK

PARTY ENDORSEMENTS -- CERTIFICATION. Certification by a major political party to town clerk of party endorsement for municipal office, except the municipal office of state senator or state representative must occur not later than fourteen days after making such endorsement. Each endorsement must be certified by both the chairman or presiding officer and the secretary of the town committee, caucus or convention which made the endorsement; the certification must be signed by the endorsed candidate(s). Clerk must forthwith publish notice of certification and that list of candidates is on file. (Secs. 9-391 and 9-395)

JUNE 5, 2012 to
JUNE 12, 2012
(Tuesday - Tuesday)
4:00 p.m.
POLITICAL PARTIES
END. CANDIDATES
TOWN CLERK

PARTY ENDORSEMENTS -- MUNICIPAL OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE -- CERTIFICATION. Each party-endorsed candidate for the municipal office of state senator or state representative (i.e., single-town state legislative districts) must file with the **secretary of the state** a certificate of endorsement signed by the candidate and attested by (1) the chairman or presiding officer, and (2) the secretary of the town committee, caucus or convention of the major party which made such endorsement. Such certificate must be filed not later than 4:00 p.m. of the fourteenth day after the close of such town committee meeting, caucus or convention. (Secs. 9-391 and 9-395)

JUNE 12, 2012
(Tuesday)
REGISTRARS

PRIMARY PETITIONS – FILING. Primary petitions for opposing candidates of major party for state office or district office including Representative in Congress must be submitted to the respective registrars of voters by 4:00 p.m. of the sixty-third day preceding the primary. Registrars must be in their offices between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to accept petitions. (Secs. 9-400)

JUNE 12, 2012
(Tuesday)
4:00 p.m.
REGISTRARS

PRIMARY PETITIONS -- FILING. Primary petitions for opposition candidates of a major party for municipal offices must be submitted to respective registrars by 4:00 p.m. of the sixty-third day preceding the primary. Registrars of voters, deputy registrar or assistant registrar must be in their office or office facilities between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to accept petitions. (Secs. 9-405 and 9-406)

REGISTRARS
TOWN CLERK

NOTICE OF PRIMARY. On filing of valid petition for municipal office, and after checking the same, registrar notifies town clerk that primary is to be held and clerk publishes registrar's notice and information concerning candidates, primary date, hours, and location of polls, files one copy with Secretary of the State, and records said notice. If central counting designated by the registrars, the notice of primary shall include such central location. (Secs. 9-147a and 9-435)

TOWN CLERK

PRINTING ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Immediately after all the challenge candidates for municipal offices are known from the registrars, and candidates for all the state and district offices are known from the Secretary of the State, the town clerk must begin making arrangements to have the absentee ballots for the primary printed. (Sec. 9-135b(a))

TOWN CLERK

SAMPLE ABSENTEE BALLOT AVAILABLE. A layout model of each different absentee ballot shall be available for public inspection at town clerk's office prior to printing. (Sec. 9-135b(b))

TOWN CLERK

ABSENTEE BALLOTS--FILING. Immediately upon receiving the printed absentee ballots, municipal clerk must file a printed absentee ballot for the municipality or for each different political subdivision, as the case may be, with Secretary of the State, and file an affidavit as to number of such ballots printed. (Sec. 9-135b(c))

TOWN CLERK

BLANK BALLOTS TO ELECTORS TEMPORARILY LIVING (OR EXPECTING TO BE TRAVELING) OUTSIDE U.S. AND TO SERVICEMEN, SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS WHETHER LIVING WITHIN OR OUTSIDE U.S. Beginning as soon as possible after a complete list of candidates is available, blank ballots (for all offices being contested at the state, district and municipal primary), together with a complete list of candidates, should be sent to electors residing (or expecting to be traveling) outside the United States and to servicemen, spouses and dependents whether living within or outside the United States who have applied for an absentee ballot and are eligible to vote in the primary. (Sec. 9-153f)

REGISTRARS

Registrars may direct the clerk to mail such blank ballot set to a qualified elector or applicant for admission as an elector who (1) is living outside the U.S. or (2) is a member of the armed forces, spouse or dependent. Town clerk also may so act on his own motion. (Sec. 9-153d)

JUNE 14, 2012
(Thursday)
REGISTRARS

WAIVER OF ACCESSIBILITY OF POLLING PLACE. Last day that registrars may file with Secretary of the State a request for a waiver to provide accessible polling place for physically disabled, for state, district and municipal primary. (Sec. 9-168d)

- JUNE 19, 2012
(Tuesday)
REGISTRARS
- PRIMARY PETITIONS FILED WITH SEC'Y OF THE STATE. For State and District primary petitions, the Registrars of voters shall forthwith certify on each such page the number of signers of the page who were enrolled party members and forthwith file such certified page in person or by mail with the Secretary of the State within seven days after receipt of the page. (Sec.9-404c)
- JUNE 25, 2012
(Monday)
TOWN CLERK
- MACHINE REPORTS. Reports of machine mechanics and party watchers provided for in Sections 9-244 and 9-246 from presidential preference primary to be kept by town clerk through this day. (Secs. 9-245 and 9-436)
- JUNE 25, 2012
(Monday)
TOWN CLERK
- PRIMARY FORMS. Town clerk destroys if no contest is pending, and no subpoena is issued by the State Elections Enforcement Commission, all unused printed absentee ballots for the presidential preference primary.
- *If a presidential preference primary was held, all of the above forms (except unused printed absentee ballots for the presidential preference primary) are to be retained until February 25, 2014. (42 U.S.C. 1974)*
- JUNE 30, 2012
(Saturday)
TOWN CLERK
REGISTRARS
- OVERSEAS BALLOT. Beginning this date, the primary overseas ballot is available from town clerk upon application properly made if Congressional primary is being held. (Sec. 9-158c)
- Registrars may direct the clerk to mail such overseas ballot set to an eligible U.S. citizen, and the town clerk may also so act on his own motion, but such ballot shall not be counted unless a prescribed application is received by the town clerk prior to primary day. (Sec. 9-153d)
- JULY, 2012
- JULY 6, 2012
(Friday)
MINOR PARTIES
- MINOR PARTY RULES. Minor parties must have filed with the Secretary of the State, by this date, party rules regulating the manner in which the party nominates candidates for public offices for which it has minor party status. One copy of revised local party rules (and any amendments thereto) must also be filed forthwith with town clerk. (Secs. 9-372(6), 9-374 and 9-375)
- JULY 11, 2012 to
AUGUST 7, 2012
(Wednesday - Tuesday)
INSTITUTIONAL
ADMINISTRATORS
AND REGISTRARS
- SUPERVISED BALLOTING DESIGNATION. In order to have supervised absentee balloting in a nursing home or rest home, etc., with less than 20 electors a written designation must be made between these dates by either registrar of voters or the administrator of the institution, for the state, district, or municipal primary. These deadlines do not apply to a nursing home or rest home, etc., with 20 or more electors because supervised voting is mandated at such institutions. (Secs. 9-159q and 9-159r)
- JULY 13, 2012
(Friday)
REGISTRARS
- POLLING PLACES -- PRIMARY. Last day to determine polling places for state, district and municipal primary. Polling places may be changed within thirty-one day period only if town clerk and registrars of voters unanimously find that polling place has been rendered unusable. If polling place found unusable, another polling place must be designated forthwith and adequate notice of such change published. (Secs. 9-168 and 9-169)
- JULY 16, 2012 to
JULY 25, 2012
(Monday - Wednesday)
REGISTRARS
- NOTICE OF 14TH DAY BEFORE PRIMARY ENROLLMENT SESSION. If state, district or municipal primary will be held, notice must be published at least once on or between any of these dates of the enrollment session to be held on July 31, 2012; such notice shall state that the registrars will, at such time, hear requests by persons removed for adding their names to the registry list. This newspaper notice need not be a legal notice. (Secs. 9-37 and 9-53)
- JULY 23, 2012
(Monday)
CANDIDATES
- LIST OF MODERATORS. Last day for candidate to submit to registrar list of desired certified primary moderators for state, district and municipal primary. Registrar must notify all candidates of their right to submit a list of designees. (Sec. 9-436)
- JULY 24, 2012
(Tuesday)
REGISTRARS
- CENTRAL COUNTING -- ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Last day for registrars to designate in writing to the town clerk central location for the counting of absentee ballots for state, district or municipal primary. Such location shall be published by the town clerk in the notice for the primary. (Sec. 9-147a)

JULY 24, 2012
(Tuesday)
TOWN CLERK
REGISTRARS

ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Absentee ballots for state, district or municipal primary become available on this day. (Secs. 9-135 and 9-140(f))

Registrars of voters may direct town clerk to mail absentee ballot forms to a qualified elector or applicant for admission as an elector who (1) is living outside the U.S. or (2) is a member of the armed forces or the spouse or dependent of a member of the armed forces living where such member is stationed. Town clerk also may so act on his own motion. (Secs. 9-133f, 9-140(f) and 9-153d)

JULY 24, 2012 to
AUGUST 9, 2012
(Tuesday - Thursday)
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- PRIMARY FOR STATE, DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL OFFICES -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT ON DAY OF RECEIPT. When an application for registration by mail is received during the period beginning on the 21st day before a primary and ending on the fifth day before a primary, registrar must send by first class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection on day of receipt of application. The privileges as an elector attach immediately upon approval of the application, and the new elector's name is added to the registry list. If a notice of approval is later returned undelivered, registrars must proceed with confirmation of voting residence notice under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-35 or Sec. 9-43 and may challenge applicant at polls. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))

JULY 31, 2012
(Tuesday)
REGISTRARS

PRIMARY ENROLLMENT SESSION. If primary is to be held, mandatory enrollment session must be held on this date (14th day before primary day) for the purpose of registration and/or enrollment of electors entitled to vote in state, district or municipal office primary. At least two consecutive hours required, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-51)

If primary is to be held, registrars must also hold a session to hear requests for adding names to the registry list by persons removed. This session may be held simultaneously with the enrollment session. (Sec. 9-37)

In addition, if your town's population is over 25,000, mandatory registration session must be held on this date. Hours: any two hours between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-17)

AUGUST, 2012

AUGUST 3, 2012
(Friday)
REGISTRARS
CANDIDATES

LISTS OF PRIMARY OFFICIALS. Last day for candidates to submit to registrar lists of desired primary day officials, except moderators, for state, district and municipal primary. Registrar must notify all candidates of their right to submit a list of designees. (Sec. 9-436)

AUGUST 1, 2012 to
NOVEMBER 1, 2012
(Wednesday - Thursday)
TOWN CLERK

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE. Application to town clerk of persons who are not members of major parties. Not later than August 1, 2012, town clerk to send written notice to each incumbent justice of the peace appointed under Sec. 9-184c (unaffiliated and members of minor parties). (Sec. 9-184c)

AUGUST 7, 2012
(Tuesday)
REGISTRARS
TOWN CLERK

POLLING PLACE -- ADJACENT DISTRICT -- ELECTION. Last day for registrars, when necessary, to designate to the town clerk a polling place in an adjacent voting district for November 6th state election. Within 10 days after such filing, town clerk to publish notice. (Sec. 9-168b)

AUGUST 7, 2012
(Tuesday)
LEGISLATIVE BODY

VOTING DISTRICTS. Last day to make changes in the boundaries of voting districts for November 6th state election. (Sec. 9-169)

AUGUST 7, 2012
(Tuesday)
REGISTRARS

ABSENTEE BALLOT CHECK-OFF. STATE, DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL PRIMARY. Whether central counting of absentee ballots has been designated or not, beginning as soon after 11:00 a.m. as the absentee ballots are available from the town clerk, the registrars may begin checking the absentee ballots on this day and each weekday before the state, district or municipal primary. The ballots shall be checked not later than the last weekday before the primary. The registrars shall check without opening the outer envelopes the names of such absentee voters on the official check list to be used at such primary by indicating "Absentee" or "A" preceding such name, and in the case of central counting shall also note such designation on a duplicate list. After checking is completed, town clerk seals unopened ballots for delivery between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, primary day. (Sec. 9-140c)

AUGUST 7, 2012
(Tuesday)
INSTITUTIONAL
ADMINISTRATORS
AND REGISTRARS

SUPERVISED BALLOTING DESIGNATION. Last day to request supervised absentee balloting in a nursing home or rest home, etc., with less than 20 electors. A written designation must be made by this date by either registrar of voters or the administrator of the institution, for the state, district, or municipal primary. This deadline does not apply to a nursing home or rest home, etc., with 20 or more electors because supervised voting is mandated at such institutions. (Secs. 9-159q and 9-159r)

AUGUST 8, 2012
(Wednesday)
4:00 p.m.
CANDIDATES
TOWN CLERK

NOMINATING PETITIONS. Last day for filing with town clerk or the Secretary of the State nominating petitions for state, district or municipal office. Deadline 4:00 p.m. Town clerk or assistant town clerk must be in his office between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to accept petitions. (Sec. 9-453i)

Clerk must file each petition page with Secretary of the State within 2 weeks after receiving it. (Sec. 9-453n)

AUGUST 8, 2012
(Wednesday)
TOWN CLERK

SPECIAL 90-DAY MILITARY BLANK BALLOT -- ELECTION. The special 90-day military blank ballot for all offices for military contingencies becomes available this day upon application properly made. (Sec. 9-153e). Constitutional Pamphlet. (Secs. 2-30a, 9-140(d)). Explanatory text and/or arguments re. local questions (option). (Secs. 9-140(d) and 9-369b)

REGISTRARS

Registrars may direct the clerk to mail such special ballot set to qualified persons or town clerk may so act on his own motion. (Sec. 9-153d)

AUGUST 8, 2012
(Wednesday)
WRITE-IN
CANDIDATES

WRITE-IN REGISTRATION -- ALL OFFICES EXCEPT PRESIDENT. First day that write-in candidates for any office being contested at November 6, 2012 election, except president, may register as write-in candidates with Secretary of the State. (Sec. 9-373a)

AUGUST 9 2012
(Thursday)
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT CUT-OFF. Deadline for registering and/or enrolling for voting in primary for state, district or municipal office unless register in person with town clerk or registrar or unless file application for enrollment in person with registrar of voters. (Secs. 9-23g, 9-56 and 9-57)

Mail-in application of new voter must be received by registrar of voters of the town of residence by this day, except that a mail-in application of new voter postmarked by this day or received by a voter registration agency or the Department of Motor Vehicles by this day may be received by the registrar of voters until 12:00 noon of August 13, 2012. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))

However, enrollment application of unaffiliated voter must be received by this day by registrar of voters of the town of residence unless unaffiliated voter files application for enrollment in person with registrar of voters by 12:00 noon of August 13, 2012. (Sec. 9-56)

AUGUST 10, 2012 thru AUGUST
14, 2012
(Friday - Tuesday)
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- PRIMARY FOR STATE, DISTRICT OR MUNICIPAL OFFICE -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT WITHIN 10 DAYS. PRIVILEGES OF AN ELECTOR SHALL NOT ATTACH UNTIL THE DAY AFTER THE PRIMARY OR THE DAY APPLICATION IS APPROVED BY REGISTRAR, WHICHEVER IS LATER. When a mail-in application hand-delivered by someone other than the applicant is received during this period by registrars in applicant's town of residence (or by the DMV or a voter registration agency), or a mailed mail-in application for registration is postmarked during this period, registrar must act on the application and send by first-class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection within 10 days of receipt of the application, but privileges of an elector shall not attach until August 15, 2012, or until the application is approved by registrar, whichever is later. (Sec. 9-23g(d)(2))

IMPORTANT EXCEPTION:

If an application of a new voter indicates that it was (1) received by August 9, 2012 by the DMV or a voter registration agency, or (2) postmarked by August 9, 2012, the registrar of voters of the town of residence shall mail a notice of acceptance or rejection on the day of receipt of such application during the period August 10th through noon August 13th. Such persons whose applications are accepted by noon August 13th acquire privileges of an elector immediately and may vote in the primary. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))

- AUGUST 12, 2012
(Sunday)
6:00 a.m.
CANDIDATES
- UNOFFICIAL CHECKERS FOR STATE, DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL PRIMARY. Deadline for candidates to submit list of designees for unofficial checkers to the registrar of voters. Such list must be submitted at least 48 hours prior to the opening of the polls. The registrar must notify all candidates of their right to submit a list of designees. (Sec. 9-436a)
- In addition, any person (other than a candidate or primary official) may serve as a runner. (Sec. 9-235b)
- AUGUST 12, 2012
(Sunday)
6:00 a.m.
TOWN CLERK
- PRINTING OF SAMPLE BALLOTS. Town clerk prepares primary ballots for primaries, if any, for nomination of state, district or municipal candidates, and at least 48 hours before the primary, in conjunction with the registrars of voters, provides a number of sample ballots for distribution as they deem necessary. (Sec. 9-437)
- AUGUST 13, 2012
(Monday)
REGISTRARS
- ABSENTEE BALLOT CHECK-OFF. STATE, DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL PRIMARY. Whether central counting of absentee ballots has been designated or not, beginning as soon after 11:00 a.m. as the absentee ballots are available from the town clerk, the registrars shall check, without opening the outer envelopes, the names of absentee voters on the official check list by indicating "Absentee" or "A" preceding the name, and in the case of central counting shall also note such designation on the duplicate list. After checking is completed, town clerk seals unopened ballots for delivery between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, primary day. Although checking may begin on August 7, 2012, it must be completed by this day. (Sec. 9-140c)
- AUGUST 13, 2012
(Monday)
REGISTRARS
- ENROLLMENT LIST. STATE, DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL PRIMARY. Separate supplementary list compiled, which list shall include the name of any person who was admitted as an elector or whose privileges of party enrollment attached prior to 12 noon of the last business day before the primary. An updated list may be printed instead. (Sec. 9-55)
- AUGUST 13, 2012
(Monday)
TOWN CLERK
- ABSENTEE BALLOTS -- PRIMARY. DEADLINE TO ISSUE. Absentee ballots may not be issued on day of state, district or municipal primary, except overseas ballots and except electors who suddenly become ill within six days immediately preceding the close of the polls at the primary or who are patients in a hospital within such six-day period, may apply for and be issued an absentee ballot up to the close of the polls. (Secs. 9-140(h) and 9-150c)
- AUGUST 13, 2012
(Monday)
REGISTRARS
- SUPERVISED BALLOTING DEADLINE. Supervision of absentee balloting shall be not later than the last business day before the state, district or municipal primary. (Secs. 9-159q and 9-159r)
- AUGUST 13, 2012
(Monday)
12:00 noon
REGISTRARS
- REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- PRIMARY FOR STATE, DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL OFFICES. Deadline for the registrar of the mail-in applicant's town of residence to receive mail-in application (postmarked by fifth day before primary or received by DMV or voter registration agency by such fifth day) so that the applicant may be enrolled in time to vote in primary. (Secs. 9-23a, and 9-23g(c) and (d))
- AUGUST 13, 2012
(Monday)
12:00 noon
REGISTRARS
- REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT CUT-OFF IN PERSON. Deadline for registering in person with the registrar of voters or town clerk of the town of residence and deadline for enrolling in person with the registrar of voters for voting in primary for state, district or municipal office. Deadline for cross-town registrations to be received by registrar of town of residence.
- Applications from servicemen and persons out of the country under Secs. 9-26 and 9-23a may be received throughout the day. (Secs. 9-19e, 9-23a, 9-56 and 9-57)

AUGUST 13, 2012
(Monday)
REGISTRARS

ENROLLMENT LIST. Last day before primary to remove electors from registry list (and enrollment list) who have died, become disfranchised or confirmed in writing that they have moved out of town. An elector is deemed to have confirmed in writing that he has moved out of town if (1) the registrars have received a cancellation form or (2) the elector has notified DMV of a change of address out of town concerning a driver's license. (DMV notifies the registrars, and the registrars send Notice of Removal.) The names of persons removed are not sent to the polls and such persons may be restored on primary day only if the registrar is contacted and consents to approve the applicant's request for restoration. (Secs. 9-32 and 9-35)

INACTIVE LIST. The registrars prepare an inactive list of (1) any person whose notice of approval of mail-in was returned undeliverable and who did not respond to a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice sent thirty days prior to this date, and (2) any person who was sent a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice between April 24, 2012--May 1, 2012, or between January 2, 2011--May 1, 2011, or between January 2, 2010--May 1, 2010, or between January 2, 2009--May 1, 2009, on the basis of the canvass and did not respond within thirty days after it was sent (and was not restored). The inactive list is sent to the polls. Electors on the inactive list may sign a restoration form at the polls and, if the registrar or assistant registrar of voters in the polls consents, such elector may vote. (Secs. 9-23g(c), 9-35 and 9-42(c))

REMOVE FROM INACTIVE LIST. Last day before primary to remove electors from inactive registry list (and enrollment list) who were sent a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice four years ago and did not respond within thirty days after it was sent (and were never restored to the active list). (Sec. 9-35)

AUGUST 14, 2012
(Tuesday)
6:00 a.m. to
8:00 p.m.

PRIMARY. PRIMARY FOR STATE, DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL OFFICES if valid petition or petitions, or consent by 15% candidates have been filed. Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Secs. 9-376 and 9-423) (P.A. 03-241)

ABSENTEE BALLOTS. In order to be cast at a primary, the absentee ballot must be received by the municipal clerk (1) by the close of the polls if it is mailed or if it is returned by a member of the immediate family of the applicant in person or the qualified designee of an ill or physically disabled ballot applicant in person, or (2) by the day before the primary if it is returned in person by the applicant. (Sec. 9-140b)

All absentee ballots received before 11:00 a.m. of August 13, 2012 are to be delivered to the registrars of voters between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on primary day. Ballots received after 11:00 a.m. of August 13, 2012 and before 6:00 p.m. of primary day are to be delivered at 6:00 p.m. (except that some may be retained until the polls close, if desired, in order to ensure ballot secrecy); and all ballots timely received after 6:00 p.m. are to be delivered at the close of the polls. In municipalities that have central counting of absentee ballots, at close of polls, registrars or assistant registrars shall deliver official check list to moderator of central location for checking. When counting of absentee ballots is complete, moderator delivers check list and other information to head moderator. (Sec. 9-140c)

OVERSEAS BALLOTS. Overseas ballots may be issued up to the close of the polls. However, they must be received by town clerk by close of the polls on primary day in order to be cast. (Secs. 9-158c and 9-158g)

VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS & 3 SAMPLE BALLOTS. To be posted in each polling place (Sec. 9-236b).

VOTER REGISTRATION RECEIPT. On primary day, an applicant whose name is not on the check-list may vote if, at the polls, he (1) presents a voter registration receipt from the DMV or other prescribed voter registration agency that his application was received by the deadline, (2) fills out a new voter registration card, (3) the card is approved by the registrar, and (4) the voter presents the required identification. (Sec. 9-23g(d)).

AUGUST 15, 2012
(Wednesday)
MODERATOR

RETURN OF VOTES TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE. PRIMARY. Head moderator must either (1) fax one copy of the certificate of voters cast for candidates to the Secretary of the State by 12:00 midnight on primary day **and** then send such return to the Secretary of the State not later than 3 days later (Friday, August, 17, 2012) or (2) deliver immediately by hand to Secretary of the State not later than 6:00 p.m. of day after primary or to state police not later than 4:00 p.m. who shall deliver by hand to Secretary of the State before 6:00 p.m. one copy of duplicate certificate of votes cast for candidates. If Head moderator faxes return to Secretary of the State, he must also send (by hand delivery or mail) return by August 17, 2012.

Final date for moderator in each town to deliver to town clerk one copy of duplicate certificate of votes cast for candidates. (Secs. 9-314 and 9-440)

AUGUST 15, 2012 to
SEPTEMBER 17, 2012
(Wednesday - Monday)
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL – ELECTION -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT WITHIN 10 DAYS. When an application for registration by mail is received during this period, registrar must send by first class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection within 10 days of receipt of application. The privileges as an elector attach immediately upon approval of the application, and the new elector's name is added to the registry list. If a notice of approval is later returned undelivered, registrars must proceed with confirmation of voting residence notice under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-35 or Sec. 9-43 and may challenge applicant at polls. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))

AUGUST 17, 2012
(Friday)
MODERATORS

DISCREPANCY -- RECOUNT. Last day for head moderator to order recount when there is a discrepancy in returns. (Secs. 9-310 and 9-311)

AUGUST 21, 2012
(Tuesday)
MODERATORS
AUGUST 21, 2012
(Tuesday)
TOWN CLERK

CLOSE VOTE OR DISCREPANCY RECOUNT. Last day to conduct close vote or discrepancy recount . (Secs. 9-310, 9-311, 9-311a, 9-311b, 9-370a, 9-445 and 9-446)

LIST OF CANDIDATES. Last day for clerk to file list of candidates for municipal offices with Secretary of the State. (Sec. 9-461)

AUGUST 21, 2012
(Tuesday)
TOWN CLERK

NOMINATING PETITIONS. Last day for town clerk to file nominating petition pages, received by clerk on August 8th, with Secretary of the State. (Secs. 9-453i and 9-453n)

AUGUST 24, 2012
(Friday)
TOWN CLERK

ABSENTEE BALLOTS -- REPORT. Last day for town clerk to file with Secretary of the State statement accounting for number of absentee voting forms and challenged ballot forms used at state, district and municipal primary. (Secs. 9-139c and 9-232e)

AUGUST 28, 2012
(Tuesday)
CANDIDATES AND ELECTORS

COMPLAINT. Last day for bringing complaint to the Superior Court contesting ruling of official or count of votes at state, district or municipal primary. (Sec. 9-329a)

AUGUST 28, 2012
(Tuesday)

VOTING MACHINES. Voting machines used at state, district and municipal primary to remain locked through this date. (Sec. 9-447)

SEPTEMBER, 2012

SEPTEMBER 4, 2012
(Tuesday)
TOWN CLERK

PRIMARY FORMS. Town Clerk destroys if no contest is pending, and no subpoena has been issued by the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the following forms used at town committee primary, if any: sealed depository envelopes by district containing absentee ballots counted, and absentee ballot counters' notes, worksheets or written materials and record of votes cast by absentee ballot for each candidate; sealed depository envelope containing challenged ballots; affidavit of town clerk attesting to accuracy of endorsement of date and time of receipt of outer envelopes; and the affidavit(s) regarding municipal clerk's delivery and registrars receipt of ballots. (Secs. 9-140c(a) and (j), 9-150a(m), 9-150b(f), (i) and (j), and 9-232f)

SEPTEMBER 5, 2012
(Wednesday)
MINOR PARTIES

MINOR PARTY NOMINATIONS AND CERTIFICATION. All minor party nominations and certification for state, district and municipal office (except justice of the peace) must be made and certified by this date. Certification for state and district offices (including single town state representative) must be delivered to Secretary of the State, and for municipal office to town clerk. (Sec. 9-452)

Written notice of date, time, location and purpose of nominating meeting for state and district office must be filed with Secretary of the State, and for municipal office with town clerk, not later than five days before meeting (August 28, 2008 - Date of meeting and date of publication are excluded.).

SEPTEMBER 5, 2012
(Wednesday)
4:00 p.m.
NOMINATING PETITION PARTY DESIGNATIONS

STATEMENT OF ENDORSEMENT -- NOMINATING PETITION CANDIDATES. Last day that party designation committee or chairman or secretary of a minor party may file statement of endorsement of nominating petition candidate with a party designation with Secretary of the State. (Sec. 9-453o)

SEPTEMBER 6, 2012
(Thursday)
REGISTRARS

WAIVER OF ACCESSIBILITY OF POLLING PLACE. Last day that registrars may file with Secretary of the State a request for a waiver to provide accessible polling place for physically disabled for election. (Sec. 9-168d)

SEPTEMBER 15, 2012
(Saturday)
SECRETARY OF THE STATE; TOWN CLERK

LIST OF CANDIDATES. List of candidates for state and district offices is sent to town clerk by Secretary of the State on this date. (Sec. 9-462)

PRINTING ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Immediately after the deadline for the certification of all candidates whose names are to appear on the ballot, the town clerk must begin making arrangements to have the absentee ballots for the election printed. (Sec. 9-135b(a))

SAMPLE ABSENTEE BALLOT AVAILABLE. A layout model of each different absentee ballot shall be available for public inspection at town clerk's office prior to printing. (Sec. 9-135b(b))

ABSENTEE BALLOTS -- FILING. Immediately upon receiving the printed absentee ballots, municipal clerk must file a printed absentee ballot for the town or for each different political subdivision, as the case may be, with Secretary of the State, and file an affidavit as to number of such ballots printed. (Sec. 135b(c))

BLANK BALLOTS TO ELECTORS TEMPORARILY LIVING (OR EXPECTING TO BE TRAVELING) OUTSIDE U.S. AND TO SERVICEMEN, SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS WHETHER LIVING WITHIN OR OUTSIDE U.S. Beginning as soon as possible after a complete list of candidates and questions is available, blank ballots (for all offices), together with a complete list of candidates and questions, should be sent to electors residing (or expecting to be traveling) outside the United States and to servicemen, spouses and dependents whether living within or outside the United States who have applied for an absentee ballot. (Sec. 9-153f) Constitutional Pamphlet. (Secs. 2-30a, 9-140(d)). Explanatory text and/or arguments re local questions (option). (Secs. 9-140(d) and 9-369b.)

REGISTRARS

Registrars may direct the clerk to mail such blank ballot set to a qualified elector or applicant for admission as an elector who (1) is living outside the U.S. or (2) is a member of the armed forces, spouse or dependent. Town clerk also may so act on his own motion. (Sec. 9-153d)

SEPTEMBER 18, 2012
thru OCTOBER 16, 2012
(Tuesday - Tuesday)
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- ELECTION -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT WITHIN 4 DAYS. When an application for registration by mail is received during the period beginning on the 49th day before election and ending on the 21st day before election, registrar must send by first class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection within four days of receipt of application. The privileges as an elector attach immediately upon approval of the application, and the new elector's name is added to the registry list. If a notice of approval is later returned undelivered, registrars must proceed with confirmation of voting residence notice under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-35 or Sec. 9-43 and may challenge applicant at polls. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))

SEPTEMBER 21, 2012
(Friday)
TOWN CLERK

QUESTIONS ON BALLOT. Last day for town clerk to file with Secretary of the State a statement setting forth the designation of each question to be voted on as it will appear on the voting machine, the date upon which the submitting action was taken, and a reference to the law under which such action was taken. (Sec. 9-369a)

If questions are submitted within the period of forty-five days before election under specific authority of general statutes, such statement must be filed forthwith upon taking of such action. (Sec. 9-369a)

SEPTEMBER 22, 2012 to
OCTOBER 30, 2012
(Saturday - Tuesday)
INSTITUTIONAL
ADMINISTRATORS
AND REGISTRARS

SUPERVISED BALLOTING DESIGNATION. In order to have supervised absentee balloting in a nursing home or rest home, etc., with less than 20 electors a written designation must be made between these dates by either registrar of voters or the administrator of the institution for the election. These deadlines do not apply to a nursing home or rest home, etc., with 20 or more electors because supervised voting is mandated at such institutions. (Secs. 9-159q and 9-159r)

SEPTEMBER 22, 2012
(Saturday)
TOWN CLERK

OVERSEAS BALLOT. Beginning this date, the election overseas ballot for the offices of Presidential Electors and Representative in Congress only is available from town clerk upon application properly made. (Sec. 9-158c)

REGISTRARS

Registrars may direct the clerk to mail such overseas ballot set to an eligible U.S. citizen, and the town clerk may also so act on his own motion, but such ballot shall not be counted unless a prescribed application is received by the town clerk prior to election day. (Sec. 9-153d)

SEPTEMBER 22, 2012
(Saturday)
TOWN CLERK

PRESIDENTIAL BALLOT. Beginning this date, presidential ballots are to be provided to "residents" upon application properly made. (Sec. 9-158c)

SEPTEMBER 26, 2012
(Wednesday)
REGISTRARS

NOTICE OF TUESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK BEFORE ELECTION CORRECTIONS SESSION TO COMPLETE PRELIMINARY REGISTRY LIST. Publication of notice of registrar's session of October 2, 2012 for completing preliminary registry list. Applicable to the registrars of voters of ALL towns. (Sec. 9-35)

OCTOBER 1, 2012
(Monday)
REGISTRARS

CHALLENGED REGISTRATION. Last day for registrars to mail challenge as to retention of name on registry list where registrars are unable to agree on erasure. (Sec. 9-43)

OCTOBER 2, 2012
(Tuesday)
REGISTRARS

TUESDAY OF FIFTH WEEK BEFORE ELECTION DAY REGISTRARS' SESSION TO COMPLETE PRELIMINARY REGISTRY LIST. Such session shall be held during such hours between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. as the registrars find necessary to complete preliminary registry list.

At this session (and on any day except election day or primary day), registrars remove electors from the registry list who have died, become disfranchised or confirmed in writing that they have moved out of town. An elector is deemed to have confirmed in writing that he has moved out of town if (1) the registrars have received a cancellation form or (2) the elector has notified the DMV of a change of address out of town concerning a driver's license. (DMV notifies the registrars, and the registrars send Notice of Removal.) The names of persons removed are not sent to the polls and such persons may be restored on election day only if both registrars are contacted and consent to approve the applicant's request for restoration. (Secs. 9-32 and 9-35)

Names removed from the registry list must also be removed from the enrollment list. Immediately after session, registrars must post names and addresses of electors removed from registry list and statement that list of remedies is available from registrars. (Secs. 9-35, 9-35a and 9-64a)

INACTIVE LIST. The registrars prepare an inactive list of (1) any person whose notice of approval of mail-in was returned undeliverable and who did not respond to a confirmation of voting residence notice sent thirty days prior to this date, and (2) any person who was sent a confirmation of voting residence notice between April 24, 2012--May 1, 2012 or between January 2, 2011--May 1, 2011 or between January 2, 2010--May 1, 2010 or between January 2, 2009--May 1, 2009 on the basis of the canvass and did not respond within thirty days after it was sent (and was not restored). The inactive list is sent to the polls. Electors on the inactive list may sign a restoration form at the polls and, if both registrars or both assistant registrars of voters in the polls consent, such elector may vote. (Secs. 9-23g(c), 9-35 and 9-42(c))

REMOVE FROM INACTIVE LIST. The registrars remove from the inactive list all electors who were sent a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice four years ago and did not respond within thirty days after it was sent (and were never restored to the active list). (Sec. 9-35)

OCTOBER, 2012

OCTOBER 5, 2012
(Friday)
TOWN CLERK

ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Printed absentee ballots for the election become available to electors on this day. (Secs. 9-135 and 9-140(f)). Constitutional Pamphlet. (Secs. 2-30a, 9-140(d)). Explanatory text and/or arguments re. local questions (option). (Secs. 9-140(d) and 9-369b.)

REGISTRARS

Registrars may direct the clerk to mail an absentee ballot set to an elector or an applicant for admission as an elector who (1) is living outside the U.S. or (2) is a member of the armed forces, or the spouse or dependent living where such member is stationed. Town clerk also may so act on his own motion. (Secs. 9-140(f) and 9-153d)

OCTOBER 5, 2012
(Friday)
REGISTRARS

POLLING PLACES. Last day for determining polling places for the election. Polling places may be changed after this date only if town clerk and registrars of voters unanimously find that polling place has been rendered unusable. If polling place found unusable, another polling place must be designated forthwith and adequate notice of such change published. (Secs. 9-168 and 9-169)

OCTOBER 5, 2012 to
OCTOBER 15, 2012
(Friday - Monday)
REGISTRARS

NOTICE OF SATURDAY OF THIRD WEEK BEFORE ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION SESSION. Notice of October 20, 2012 session of the Registrars of Voters of ALL towns to be published at least once on or between any of these dates. This newspaper notice need not be a legal notice. (Sec. 9-16)

OCTOBER 7, 2012
(Sunday)
TOWN CLERK

PRESIDENTIAL BALLOT. Beginning this date, presidential ballots are to be provided to "former residents" upon application properly made. (Secs. 9-158a (2), 9-158c and 9-158d(a))

OCTOBER 15, 2012
(Monday)
TOWN CLERK

PRIMARY FORMS. Town clerk destroys if no contest is pending, and no subpoena has been issued by the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the following forms used at the August 14, 2012 state, district or municipal primary: sealed depository envelopes by district containing inner and outer envelopes from which absentee ballots have been removed, together with the contents of serially-numbered outer envelopes marked "rejected"; all executed absentee ballot applications and direction by registrar forms; the numerical list of serially-numbered absentee envelopes issued; the list of applicants who have been issued more than one absentee ballot under Sec. 9-153c; all unused printed absentee ballots; absentee ballots received after the polls close; and list of absentee ballot applicants who returned their absentee ballots. (Secs. 9-140(e), 9-150a(f), 9-150b(f), (h) and (j), and 9-153c(c))

**If primary for Representative in Congress is held, all of these forms (except unused printed absentee ballots for the Congressional primary) are to be retained until June 14, 2014. (42 U.S.C. 1974)*

OCTOBER 15, 2012 (Monday) <u>TOWN CLERK</u>	<u>MACHINE REPORTS.</u> Reports of machine mechanics and reports of registrars and party watchers provided for in Sections 9-244 and 9-246 from <u>state, district or municipal</u> primary to be kept by town clerk through this day. (Secs. 9-245 and 9-436)
OCTOBER 15, 2012 to OCTOBER 24, 2012 (Monday - Wednesday) <u>REGISTRARS</u>	<u>NOTICE OF SEVENTH DAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION SESSION.</u> Notice of <u>October 30, 2012</u> , session of the Registrars of Voters of <u>ALL</u> towns, to be published at least once on or between any of these dates. This newspaper notice need not be a legal notice. (Sec. 9-16)
OCTOBER 16, 2012 (Tuesday) <u>REGISTRARS</u>	<u>CENTRAL COUNTING -- ABSENTEE BALLOTS.</u> Last day for registrars of voters to notify town clerk in writing if they decide to count absentee ballots at a central location, which location shall be published in the warning for the election. (Sec. 9-147a)
OCTOBER 16, 2012 (Tuesday) <u>REGISTRARS</u>	<u>ELECTION OFFICIALS.</u> Last day for registrars to appoint election officials. Registrars of voters and moderator shall instruct election officials. (Sec. 9-249)
OCTOBER 17, 2012 thru OCTOBER 23, 2012 (Wednesday - Tuesday) <u>REGISTRARS</u>	<u>REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT ON DAY OF RECEIPT.</u> When an application for registration by mail is received during the period beginning on the 20th day before election and ending on the 14th day before election, registrar must send by first-class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection on day of receipt of application. The privileges as an elector attach immediately upon approval of the application, and the new elector's name is added to the registry list. If a notice of approval is later returned undelivered, registrars must proceed with confirmation of voting residence notice under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-35 or Sec. 9-43 and may challenge applicant at polls. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))
OCTOBER 20, 2012 (Saturday) <u>REGISTRARS</u>	<u>SATURDAY OF THIRD WEEK BEFORE ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION SESSION IN ALL TOWNS.</u> Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-17)
OCTOBER 22, 2012 to OCTOBER 31, 2012 (Monday - Wednesday) <u>REGISTRARS</u>	<u>NOTICE OF LIMITED REGISTRATION SESSION TO BE HELD ON THE LAST WEEKDAY BEFORE ELECTION.</u> Notice to be published at least once on or between these dates of <u>November 5, 2012</u> limited session of registrars of voters of <u>ALL</u> towns. This newspaper notice need not be a legal notice. (Secs. 9-16 and 9-17)
OCTOBER 22, 2012 to OCTOBER 31, 2012 (Monday - Wednesday) <u>TOWN CLERK</u>	<u>WARNING OF ELECTION.</u> Town clerk or assistant town clerk must publish once, on or between any of these dates, notice of election, which notice shall include the time and location of the polling places, and record each such warning. (Sec. 9-225)
	If central counting of absentee ballots is timely designated by registrars of voters, the warning for the election shall include such central location. (Sec. 9-147a)
	The warning must also include a statement concerning any question to be included on the ballot. (Secs. 9-369 and 9-369a)
OCTOBER 23, 2012 (Tuesday) <u>TOWN CLERK</u> <u>REGISTRARS</u>	<u>SPECIAL REGISTRATION SESSION -- APPLICATION.</u> Last day that 25 or more persons who are employed by the same employer at the same place of employment in a town, or 25 or more persons who attend the same school, college or university, or who reside at the same hospital, residential care home, rest home, nursing home or convalescent home and believe themselves qualified to become electors in any Connecticut town, may sign and submit a request to the town clerk or either registrar of voters for an admitting official to go to such place of employment, school or residence in order to take and act upon applications for admission as electors. (Secs. 9-19c and 9-19d)
OCTOBER 23, 2012 (Tuesday) 4:00 p.m. <u>WRITE-IN</u> <u>CANDIDATES</u>	<u>WRITE-IN REGISTRATION -- ALL CANDIDATES.</u> Last day that write-in candidates for any office being contested at election may register with Secretary of the State. (Secs. 9-175 and 9-373a)

OCTOBER 23, 2012
(Tuesday)
ALL VOTER
REGISTRATION
OFFICIALS

MAIL-IN VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOURTEENTH DAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY. All mail-in voter registration applications must be received or post-marked by this date in order to be accepted for the November 6, 2012 election. Registrars of Voters need not be in their office on this date. (Sec. 9-23g)

OCTOBER 23, 2012
(Tuesday)
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- ELECTION DEADLINE -- APPLICATION. Hand-delivered mail-in registration applications must be received by registrars in 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. For example, if a mail-in application is postmarked "October 23, 2012" and received on November 5, 2012, and if the applicant is otherwise qualified, the registrar approves the application on November 5th, adds the new elector's name to the list and the new elector may vote in the election on November 6th. If a notice of approval is later returned undelivered, registrars must proceed with confirmation of voting residence notice under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-35 or Sec. 9-43 and may challenge applicant at polls. (Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-23g(d)(2))

OCTOBER 23, 2012 to
NOVEMBER 5, 2012
(Tuesday - Monday)
REGISTRARS

PRELIMINARY REGISTRY LIST. The registrars of voters shall be available for at least one day during the fourteen day period before the election for the purpose of making revisions and corrections to the registry list. (Sec. 9-37)

OCTOBER 24, 2012 thru
NOVEMBER 6, 2012
(Wednesday - Tuesday)
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT WITHIN 10 DAYS. PRIVILEGES OF AN ELECTOR SHALL NOT ATTACH UNTIL THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTION OR THE DAY APPLICATION IS APPROVED BY REGISTRAR, WHICHEVER IS LATER. When a hand-delivered mail-in application is received during this period by registrars in applicant's town of residence (or by the DMV or a voter registration agency), or a mailed mail-in application for registration is postmarked during this period, registrar must act on the application and send by first-class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection within 10 days of receipt of the application, but privileges of an elector shall not attach until November 7, 2012, or until the application is approved by registrar, whichever is later. (Sec. 9-23g(d)(2))

IMPORTANT EXCEPTION:

If an application indicates that it was received by October 23, 2012 by the DMV or a voter registration agency (or a special assistant registrar or town clerk or a registrar of voters of another town), the registrar of voters of the town of residence shall mail a notice of acceptance or rejection on the day of receipt of such application during this period. Such persons whose applications are accepted acquire privileges of an elector immediately and may vote in the election. (Sec. 9-23g)

OCTOBER 26, 2012
(Friday)
TOWN CLERK

SAMPLE BALLOT. Last day for clerk to file with Secretary of the State sample of completed ballot. (Sec. 9-256)

OCTOBER 29, 2012
(Monday)
REGISTRARS

REGISTRY LIST -- ELECTOR'S CLAIMS. Last day for any elector whose residence has been challenged since the last regular election or primary to file written request for retention of registration. (Sec. 9-43)

OCTOBER 30, 2012
(Tuesday)
TOWN CLERK
REGISTRARS

PHYSICALLY DISABLED -- VOTER REGISTRATION. Last day for receipt by town clerk or registrar of voters of mailed application for admission as elector on prescribed form of any such person who became 18 years of age, U.S. citizen, or resident of the municipality on or before October 30, 2012. Within ten days of proper application, voting official to arrange for voter-making at place of confinement. (Sec. 9-31a)

Such persons whose rights as to age, citizenship or residence mature after the above date may apply up to 9:00 a.m. November 5, 2012. (Sec. 9-31a)

OCTOBER 30, 2012
(Tuesday)
ALL VOTER
REGISTRATION
OFFICIALS

SEVENTH DAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION SESSION. In person cut-off in ALL towns. Applicants must appear in person. Hours 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Those whose rights as to age, citizenship or residence mature after the above date may apply in the office on a daily basis until the opening of the limited session on November 5, 2012 or at such limited session. (Sec. 9-19b(d))

Persons who do not fall into a "matured rights" category may apply for admission in the office between the cut-off date and the opening of the matured rights session but such applications are not effective until the third day following the date of the election. (Sec. 9-19g)

Final date to apply for cross-town admission. Actual approval by town of residence may occur after this date. (Sec. 9-19e)

Last day for an elector to make a signed written request to the registrars of voters for erasure of his name from the registry list. (Sec. 9-35b)

OCTOBER 30, 2012
(Tuesday)
REGISTRARS

ABSENTEE BALLOT CHECK-OFF. Whether central counting of absentee ballots has been designated or not, beginning as soon after 11:00 a.m. as the absentee ballots are available from the town clerk, the registrars may begin checking the absentee ballots on this day and each weekday before the election. The ballots shall be checked not later than the last weekday before the election. The registrars shall check without opening the outer envelopes the names of such absentee voters on the official check list to be used at such election by indicating "Absentee" or "A" preceding such name, and in the case of central counting shall also note such designation on a duplicate list. After checking is completed, town clerk seals unopened ballots for delivery between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, election day. (Sec. 9-140c)

OCTOBER 30, 2012
(Tuesday)
INSTITUTIONAL
ADMINISTRATORS
AND REGISTRARS

SUPERVISED BALLOTING DESIGNATION. Last day to request supervised absentee balloting in a nursing home or rest home, etc., with less than 20 electors. A written designation must be made by this date by either registrar of voters or the administrator of the institution for the election. (Sec. 9-159q)

This deadline does not apply to a nursing home or rest home, etc., with 20 or more electors because supervised voting is mandated at such institutions. (Secs. 9-159q and 9-159r)

OCTOBER 31, 2012
(Wednesday)
REGISTRARS

REGISTRY LIST. Last day for registrars to file with town clerk updated registry list containing names and addresses of electors transferred, restored or added to registry list prior to this date. (Sec. 9-38)

NOVEMBER, 2012

NOVEMBER 1, 2012
(Thursday)
TOWN CLERK

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE. Last day for application to town clerk of persons who are not members of major parties. Town clerk may be required to hold lottery on or before the fifteenth business day of November and give five days' public notice. (See Sec. 9-184c)

NOVEMBER 4, 2012
(Sunday)
6:00 a.m.
REGISTRARS

UNOFFICIAL CHECKERS. Deadline for Town Chairmen or candidates (if qualified) to designate unofficial checkers to the registrars of voters. Registrar, at request of his town chairman, shall change appointments up to close of polls. (Sec. 9-235)

In addition, any person (other than a candidate or election official) may serve as a runner. (Sec. 9-235b)

Unofficial Checkers for Questions: Registrars must notify (1) each committee and person on whose behalf a political committee statement of organization or a certificate of exemption has been filed for a question with the town clerk, and (2) each other group known to be for or against a referendum issue, of their right to submit designees to the registrars at least 48 hours before the opening of the polls, indicating their position on the question. (Sec. 9-235(e))

NOVEMBER 5, 2012
(Monday)
9:00 a.m.
REGISTRARS
TOWN CLERK

PHYSICALLY DISABLED -- VOTER REGISTRATION. Deadline for receipt by town clerk or registrar of voters of mailed application for admission as elector on prescribed form of any such person whose qualification as to age, citizenship or residence was attained since October 30th. (Sec. 9-31a(b)(2))

NOVEMBER 5, 2012
(Monday)
5:00 p.m.
ADMITTING
OFFICIALS

SERVICEMEN -- SPECIAL SESSIONS. Admitting official, on written request received at any time prior to 5:00 p.m. on this date, may admit as electors members of armed forces and former members of armed forces discharged within the calendar year immediately preceding such request, if found qualified. (Sec. 9-25)

Applications from servicemen and persons out of the country may be received throughout the day. (Secs. 9-25 and 9-26)

NOVEMBER 5, 2012
(Monday)
REGISTRARS

LIMITED REGISTRATION SESSION THE LAST WEEKDAY BEFORE ELECTION. Session of Registrars of Voters of ALL towns to admit those seeking to vote in election whose qualification as to age, citizenship or residence was attained since October 30th. Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.. (Sec. 9-17)

NOVEMBER 5, 2012
(Monday)
REGISTRARS

SUPERVISED BALLOTING DEADLINE. Supervision of absentee balloting shall be not later than the last business day before the election. (Secs. 9-159q and 9-159r)

NOVEMBER 5, 2012
(Monday)
TOWN CLERK

ELECTION MATERIALS. Registrars of Voters to provide election materials to Moderators before 8:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-259)

NOVEMBER 5, 2012
(Monday)
REGISTRARS

VOTING MACHINES. Tabulators, ballots and other polling place supplies can be delivered to polling place on morning of election OR delivered to a temporary secure location before election day and prepared for election by the moderator and assistant registrars on the morning of the election. (Secs. 9-238 and 9-247)

NOVEMBER 5, 2012
(Monday)
TOWN CLERK

ABSENTEE BALLOTS. DEADLINE TO ISSUE. Absentee ballots may not be issued on election day, except presidential or overseas ballots and except electors who suddenly become ill within six days immediately preceding the close of the polls at the election or who are patients in a hospital within such six-day period, may apply for and be issued an absentee ballot up to the close of the polls. (Secs. 9-140(h) and 9-150c)

NOVEMBER 5, 2012
(Monday)
REGISTRARS

ABSENTEE BALLOT CHECK-OFF. Whether central counting of absentee ballots has been designated or not, beginning as soon after 11:00 a.m. on this day as the absentee ballots are available from the town clerk, the registrars shall check without opening the outer envelopes, the names of such absentee voters on the official check list to be used at such election by indicating "Absentee" or "A" preceding such name, and shall in the case of central counting also note such designation on duplicate list. After checking is completed, town clerk seals unopened ballots for delivery between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon election day. Although checking may begin on October 30, 2012, it must be completed by this day. (Sec. 9-140c)

NOVEMBER 5, 2012
(Monday)
REGISTRARS

REGISTRY LIST. Last day before election to remove electors from registry list who have died, become disfranchised or confirmed in writing that they have moved out of town. An elector is deemed to have confirmed in writing that he has moved out of town if (1) the registrars have received a cancellation form or (2) the elector has notified DMV of a change of address out of town concerning a driver's license. (DMV notifies the registrars, and the registrars send Notice of Removal.) The names of persons removed are not sent to the polls and such persons may be restored on election day only if both registrars are contacted and consent to approve the applicant's request for restoration. (Secs. 9-32 and 9-35)

INACTIVE LIST. The registrars prepare an inactive list of (1) any person whose notice of approval of mail-in was returned undeliverable and who did not respond to a confirmation of voting residence notice sent thirty days prior to this date, and (2) any person who was sent a confirmation of voting residence notice between April 24, 2012--May 1, 2012 or between January 2, 2011--May 1, 2011 or between January 2, 2010--May 1, 2010 or between January 2, 2009--May 1, 2009 on the basis of the canvass and did not respond within thirty days after it was sent (and was not restored). The inactive list is sent to the polls. Electors on the inactive list may sign a restoration form at the polls and, if both registrars or both assistant registrars of voters in the polls consent, such elector may vote. (Secs. 9-23g(c), 9-35 and 9-42(c))

REMOVE FROM INACTIVE LIST. Last day before election to remove electors from inactive registry list who were sent a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice four years ago and did not respond within thirty days after it was sent (and were never restored to the active list). (Sec. 9-35)

* ELECTION DAY *

NOVEMBER 6, 2012
(Tuesday)
ALL ELECTION
OFFICIALS

MEETING OF ELECTION OFFICIALS at polling places by 5:15 a.m. (Secs. 9-174 and 9-259)

MEETING OF MODERATOR AND ASSISTANTS by 5:40 a.m. to place distance markers. (Sec. 9-236)

DEMONSTRATOR DEVICE to be provided inside polling place. (Sec. 9-260)

3 SAMPLE BALLOT LABELS; 3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT POSTERS (if Applicable) and VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS POSTERS (and, if town so elects, 3 local question posters of explanatory text and/or arguments re local questions) to be posted in each polling place. (Secs. 9-255, 9-369b, 2-30a(b), and 9-236b)

VOTER REGISTRATION RECEIPT. On election day, an applicant whose name is not on the check-list may vote if, at the polls, he (1) presents a voter registration receipt from the DMV or other prescribed voter registration agency that his application was received by the deadline, (3) fills out a new voter registration card, (3) the card is approved by the registrar, and (4) the voter presents the required identification. (Sec. 9-23g(d)).

HOURS OF VOTING. Polls to be open 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Electors in line by 8:00 p.m. permitted to vote. (Sec. 9-174)

OVERSEAS BALLOTS. Overseas ballots may be issued up to the close of the polls. However, they must be received by town clerk by close of the polls on election day in order to be cast. (Secs. 9-158c and 9-158g)

PRESIDENTIAL BALLOTS. Presidential ballots for "residents" and for "former residents" may be issued up to the close of the polls. However, all presidential ballots must be received by town clerk by close of the polls on election day in order to be cast. (Secs. 9-158c and 9-158g)

ABSENTEE BALLOTS. In order to be cast at an election, the absentee ballot must be received by the town clerk (1) by the close of the polls if it is mailed or if it is returned by a member of the immediate family of the applicant in person or by the qualified designee of an ill or physically disabled ballot applicant in person, or (2) by the day before the election if it is returned in person by the applicant. (Sec. 9-140b)

ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Absentee ballots are to be delivered to the registrars of voters between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, at 6:00 p.m. (optional), and again, immediately after the close of the polls. Those ballots which are timely received after 11:00 a.m. of the last weekday before election are to be delivered to the registrars of voters at 6:00 p.m. and/or 8:00 p.m. In municipalities which have central counting of absentee ballots, at close of polls, registrars or assistant registrars shall deliver official check list to central counting moderator. When counting of absentee ballots is complete, central counting moderator delivers check list, duplicate check list and returns required by Sec. 9-150b to head moderator. (Secs. 9-140c)

NOVEMBER 6, 2012
(Tuesday)
MODERATORS

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSE OF POLLS. Immediately after close of polls, checkers must deliver to moderator a certificate in duplicate, stating whole number of names on registry list and number checked thereon as having voted. Names of persons requesting a challenged ballot are crossed off registry list and added at end of list. (Secs. 9-158j, 9-232e and 9-307)

Registrars at the respective polls must add their certificate to the check list. Moderator must lock duplicate copy of moderator's return with ballots. (Secs. 9-307 and 9-309). In municipalities which have central counting of absentee ballots, the head moderator shall add the results from the voting machines (on each polling place moderator's returns) to the absentee count recorded on the central counting moderator's return for the corresponding voting district. Moderator's returns and other supplies shall be filed with the registrars of voters. (Sec. 9-150b(c))

NOVEMBER 7, 2012
(Wednesday)
MODERATOR

RETURN OF VOTES TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE. Head moderator must either 1) fax one copy of the certificate of votes cast for candidates to the Secretary of the State by 12:00 midnight on election day and then send such return to the Secretary of the State not later than three days later (Friday, November 9, 2012) or 2) deliver immediately by hand to Secretary of the State not later than 6:00 p.m. of day after election or to state police not later than 4:00 p.m. who shall deliver by hand to Secretary of the State before 6:00 p.m. one copy of duplicate certificate of votes cast for candidates and the result of the vote cast on each question, both state and local, appearing on the election ballot. If Head moderator faxes return to Secretary of the State, he must also send (by hand delivery or mail) return by November 9, 2012. (Secs. 9-314 and 9-369a)

Final date for head moderator in each town to deliver to Town Clerk one copy of duplicate certificate of votes cast for candidates. (Sec. 9-314)

NOVEMBER 7, 2012
(Wednesday)
MODERATORS

CERTIFIED CHECK LIST to be deposited with Town Clerk. (Sec. 9-307).

TIE VOTE OR "CLOSE" VOTE -- RECOUNT. For provisions relating to automatic recanvass where tie vote or where plurality of winning candidate was within limits prescribed by statute, see Sections 9-310, 9-311a and 9-311b.

Recanvass of close question vote -- Sec. 9-370a.

NOVEMBER 7, 2012 thru
DECEMBER 31, 2012
(Wednesday - Monday)
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT WITHIN 10 DAYS. When an application for registration by mail is received during this period registrar must send by first class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection within 10 days of receipt of application. The privileges as an elector attach immediately upon approval of the application, and the new elector's name is added to the registry list. If a notice of approval is later returned undelivered, registrars must proceed with confirmation of voting residence notice under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-35 or Sec. 9-43 and may challenge applicant at polls. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))

NOVEMBER 9, 2012
(Friday)
MODERATORS

DISCREPANCY -- RECOUNT. Last day for head moderator to order recount when there is a discrepancy in returns. (Secs. 9-310 and 9-311)

NOVEMBER 14, 2012
(Wednesday)
MODERATORS

CLOSE VOTE OR DISCREPANCY RECOUNT. Last day to conduct close vote or discrepancy recount. (Secs. 9-310, 9-311, 9-311a, 9-311b, 9-370a)

NOVEMBER 16, 2012
(Friday)
TOWN CLERK

ABSENTEE BALLOTS REPORT. Last day for town clerk to file with Secretary of the State statement accounting for number of absentee ballot forms received from said Secretary for the election. (Secs. 9-139c and 9-232e)

NOVEMBER 20, 2012
(Tuesday)
CANDIDATES AND
ELECTORS

ELECTION CONTEST. Last day for bringing any complaint contesting ruling of moderator or count of votes to the proper court. (Secs. 9-323, 9-324 and 9-328)

NOVEMBER 20, 2012 (Tuesday) TOWN CLERK VOTING MACHINES. Voting machines are to remain locked through this date. (Secs. 9-266 and 9-310)

NOVEMBER 21, 2012 (Wednesday) TOWN CLERK REPORT OF REFERENDUM. Town clerk to file with Secretary of the State result of a referendum (a) on charter or charter amendment, or (b) on the question of the acceptance of a special act, or (c) conducted in accordance with the provisions of a special act. (Sec. 9-371)

NOVEMBER 27, 2012 (Tuesday) TOWN CLERK RUN-OFF ELECTION. Run-off election for offices in which tie-vote resulted is to be held three weeks after election. At least three days' notice of such adjourned election must be published by town clerk. (Sec. 9-332)

NOVEMBER 27, 2012 (Tuesday) TOWN CLERK VOTING DISTRICT RETURNS. Last day that town clerk of towns divided into voting districts may file voting district returns in tabular or summary form. (Sec. 9-322a)

DECEMBER, 2012

DECEMBER 6, 2012 (Thursday) TOWN CLERK COPIES OF CHARTERS. Last day for clerk to file with Secretary of the State three certified copies of any charter, charter amendments or home rule ordinance amendments approved at the election, with the effective date indicated and in the case of the approval of charter or home rule ordinance amendments, three certified copies of the complete charter or ordinance incorporating such amendments. (Sec. 7-191)

DECEMBER 6, 2012 (Thursday) REGISTRARS CERTIFICATE OF CANVASS COMPLETION. Last day for registrars of voters to file with Secretary of the State a certificate signed under penalties of false statement stating that the annual canvass of voters was completed. (Sec. 9-32)

JANUARY, 2013

JANUARY 7, 2013 (Monday) TOWN CLERK ELECTION FORMS. Town clerk destroys, if no contest is pending and no subpoena has been issued by the State Elections Enforcement Commission, all unused printed absentee ballots for the state election. (Sec. 9-150b(h))

JANUARY 7, 2013 (Monday) TOWN CLERK MACHINE REPORTS. Reports of machine mechanics and reports of registrars and party watchers provided for in Sections 9-244 and 9-246 for state election to be kept by town clerk through this day. (Sec. 9-245)

FEBRUARY, 2013

FEBRUARY 11, 2013 (Monday) TOWN CLERK PRIMARY FORMS. Town clerk destroys, if no contest is pending, and no subpoena has been issued by the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the following forms used at August 14, 2012 state, district or municipal primary, if any: Sealed depository envelopes by district containing absentee ballots counted, and absentee ballot counters' notes, worksheets or written materials and record of votes cast by absentee ballot for each candidate; sealed depository envelope containing challenged ballots; affidavit of town clerk attesting to accuracy of endorsement of date and time of receipt of outer envelopes; and the affidavit(s) regarding municipal clerk's delivery and registrars' receipt of ballots. (Secs. 9-140c(a) and (j), 9-150a(m), 9-150b(f), (i) and (j), and 9-232f)

**If a primary for Representative in Congress is held, all of the above forms are to be retained until June 14, 2014. (42 U.S.C. 1974)*

FEBRUARY, 2014

FEBRUARY 25, 2014
(Monday)
TOWN CLERK

PRIMARY FORMS. Town clerk destroys, if no contest is pending and no subpoena has been issued by the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the following forms used at the presidential preference primary: Sealed depository envelopes by district containing absentee ballots counted, and absentee ballot counters' notes, worksheets or written materials and record of votes cast by absentee ballot for each candidate; sealed depository envelope containing challenged ballots; affidavit of town clerk attesting to accuracy of endorsement of date and time of receipt of outer envelopes; the affidavit(s) regarding town clerk's delivery and registrars' receipt of ballots; sealed depository envelopes by district containing inner and outer envelopes from which absentee ballots have been removed, together with the contents of serially-numbered outer envelopes marked "rejected"; all executed absentee ballot applications and direction by registrar forms; the numerical list of serially-numbered absentee envelopes issued; the list of applicants who have been issued more than one absentee ballot under Sec. 9-153c; absentee ballots received after the polls close; and list of absentee ballot applicants who returned their absentee ballots. (42 U.S.C. 1974)

SEPTEMBER, 2014

SEPTEMBER 9, 2014
(Monday)
TOWN CLERK

ELECTION FORMS. Town Clerk destroys if no contest is pending, and no subpoena is issued by the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the following forms used at November 6, 2012 state election: Sealed depository envelopes by district containing absentee ballots counted, and absentee ballot counters' notes, worksheets or written materials and record of votes cast by absentee ballot for each candidate; sealed depository envelope containing challenged ballots; affidavit of town clerk attesting to accuracy of endorsement of date and time of receipt of outer envelopes; the affidavit(s) regarding municipal clerk's delivery and registrars' receipt of ballots; sealed package containing write-in ballots (voting machine paper roll); sealed depository envelopes by district containing inner and outer envelopes from which absentee ballots have been removed, together with the contents of serially-numbered outer envelopes marked "rejected"; all executed absentee ballot applications and direction by registrar forms; the numerical list of serially-numbered absentee envelopes issued; the list of applicants who have been issued more than one absentee ballot under Sec. 9-153c; absentee ballots received after the polls close; and list of absentee ballot applicants who returned their absentee ballots; (42 U.S.C. 1974).

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