

2006 Election Calendar

Date	Time	Event Name	Description	Computation	Legal Authority	Applies to Election Type	Event Type
Monday, May 2, 2005		Advanced determination on 2005 Referendum Petition	Deadline for filer to submit request to SBE for advance determination of sufficiency of the filers' petition format	At least 30 days prior to the deadline to file the petition	EL § 6-210	All	Petition
Tuesday, May 31, 2005	Midnight	Referendum on Acts of 2005 General Assembly	Deadline to file at least one-3rd of referendum petition signatures concerning Acts of the 2005 General Assembly	Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State	MD Const. Art XVI, § 3(b)	All	Petition
Thursday, June 30, 2005	Midnight	Referendum on Acts of 2005 General Assembly	Deadline to file balance of referendum petition signatures concerning Acts of the 2005 General Assembly	Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State	MD Const. Art XVI, § 3(b)	All	Petition
Tuesday, July 5, 2005		Begin Candidate Filing	First day candidates can file for candidacy for the 2006 election	1 year before the candidate filing deadline	State Board of Elections Policy	Gubernatorial	Candidacy
January 1, 2006		Beginning of new HAVA ID requirement.	An application for voter registration may not be accepted or processed unless the application includes a valid driver's license (or, if the applicant does not have a license, the last 4 digits of SSN)	January 1, 2006 (since Maryland received a waiver from the 1/1/2004 deadline).	HAVA sec. 303(a)(5)	All	Voter Registration
Wednesday, January 18, 2006	5:00p.m.	Annual Campaign Finance Report (for all campaign finance entities)		3rd Wednesday in January	EL § 13-309(b)(3)	All	Campaign Finance
Tuesday, May 2, 2006		Advanced determination on 2006 Referendum Petition	Deadline for filer to submit request to SBE for advance determination of sufficiency of the filers' petition format	At least 30 days prior to the deadline to file the petition	EL § 6-210	All	Petition
Wednesday, May 31, 2006	Midnight	Referendum on Acts of 2006 General Assembly	Deadline to file at least one-3rd of referendum petition signatures concerning Acts of the 2006 General Assembly	Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State	MD Const. Art XVI, § 3(b)	All	Petition
Tuesday, June 13, 2006		Election Judges	The election director, with the approval of the local board, shall appoint the election judges for each polling place	Election Judge terms begin the Tuesday that is 13 weeks before the Primary	EL § 10-203	All	General Admin.
Tuesday, June 13, 2006		Polling Place Change	Deadline for local board to create or change a precinct boundary or polling place	Beginning the Tuesday that is 13 weeks prior to the Primary	EL § 2-303(b)	All	General Admin.
Monday, June 19, 2006	9:00p.m.	Party Affiliation Change	Deadline for change of party affiliation	Monday that is 12 weeks before the Primary; until registration reopens after the Primary	EL § 3-303(b)(1)	All	Voter Registration
Friday, June 30, 2006	Midnight	Referendum on Acts of 2006 General Assembly	Deadline to file balance of referendum petition signatures concerning Acts of the 2006 General Assembly	Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State	MD Const. Art XVI, § 3(b)	All	Petition

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Monday, July 3, 2006	9:00p.m.	Declaration of Intent	Deadline to file a Declaration of Intent to seek nomination from party or by petition	Date and time specified for candidate to file certificate of candidacy	EL § 5 -703(c)(3)(1) and (pursuant to agreement with party)	All	Candidacy
<b>Monday, July 3, 2006</b>	<b>9:00p.m.</b>	<b>Certificate of Candidacy</b>	<b>Deadline to file a Certificate of Candidacy</b>	<b>Monday that is 10 weeks or 70 days before Primary</b>	<b>EL § 5-303(a)(1)</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Candidacy</b>
Friday, July 7, 2006		Advance Determination of New Party Petition	Deadline to submit request to SBE for advance determination of the sufficiency of the filer's petition format	At least 30 days prior to the deadline to file petition, but not more than 2 years and one month prior to deadline to file petition	EL § 6-210(a)	All	Petition
Friday, July 7, 2006		Advance Determination of Candidate Nomination Petition	Deadline for candidate to submit request for advance determination of the sufficiency of the petition format	At least 30 days prior to the deadline to file the petition, but not more than 2 years and one month prior to the deadline to file the petition	EL § 6-210 & § 5-701	All	Petition
Thursday, July 13, 2006	5:00p.m.	Withdrawal of Candidacy	Deadline for withdrawal of candidacy before Primary	10 days after filing deadline	EL § 5-502(a)	All	Candidacy
Friday, July 14, 2006		Advance Determination of Charter Petition	Deadline for filer to submit request to Local Board(s) for advance determination of sufficiency of the filer's charter amendment petition format	At least 30 days prior to deadline to file petition, but not more than 2 years and one month prior to deadline to file petition	EL § 6-210, MD Constitution Art. XI-A § 5	All	Petition
Tuesday, July 18, 2006	5:00p.m.	Filling a Vacancy	Deadline for central committee to file certificate of designation to fill candidate vacancy	5th day after date on which candidates may withdraw their candidacies before Primary	EL § 5-901(e)	All	Candidacy
Monday, July 24, 2006		Certification of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to certify content and arrangement of ballots	50 days before Primary	EL § 9-207(a)(1)	All	General Admin.
Friday, July 28, 2006		Display of Ballot	Deadline for Local Boards to display content and arrangements of ballots	Within 5 days of certification	EL § 9-207(d)	All	General Admin.
Monday, August 7, 2006	5:00p.m.	New Party Petition	Deadline for filing new party petition	1st Monday in August	EL § 4-102(c)(2)(ii)	All	Petition
Monday, August 7, 2006	5:00p.m.	Petition Candidates	Deadline for candidate seeking nomination by petition to file the petition and Certificate of Candidacy	1st Monday in August	EL § 5-703-(d) & (f)	All	Candidacy
Monday, August 7, 2006	5:00p.m.	Party Nominated Candidates	Deadline for candidates seeking party nomination to file Certificate of Nomination	1st Monday in August	(Pursuant to party agreement)	All	Candidacy

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Monday, August 14, 2006	5:00p.m.	Chartered-Related Petitions	Deadline for filing charter-related petitions	2nd Monday in August, petitions are filed with Mayor of Baltimore or with President of County Council	MD Const. Art. XI-A, § 5; EL § 7-105(b)	All	Petition
Monday, August 14, 2006		Certification of Local Questions - SBE	Deadline for SBE to certify to the local boards questions referred to voters of one county, or part of one county, by General Assembly	2nd Monday in August	EL § 7-103(c)(2)	All	General Admin.
Tuesday, August 15, 2006	5:00p.m.	Campaign Finance Report	1st Pre-Primary Report (for all continuing and 2006 non-continuing campaign finance entities)	4th Tuesday before the Primary	EL § 13-309(a)(1)	All	Campaign Finance
Tuesday, August 15, 2006	5:00p.m.	Deadline for Affidavit of Non-Participation	Applies to continuing accounts only and is filed in lieu of 1st Pre-Primary Report	On or before the due date for the 1st Pre-Primary Report	EL § 13-305(b)	All	Campaign Finance
Monday, August 21, 2006		Certification of Statewide Questions	Deadline for the Secretary of State to certify statewide ballot questions and all questions relating Acts of the General Assembly	3rd Monday in August	EL § 7-103(c)(1)	All	General Admin.
Monday, August 21, 2006		Certification of Local Questions	Deadline for County Attorney to certify to the local board each question to be voted on in one county, or a part of one county	3rd Monday in August	EL § 7-103(c)(3)(i)	All	General Admin.
<b>Tuesday, August 22, 2006</b>	<b>9:00p.m.</b>	<b>Close of Registration</b>	<b>Last day to register to vote before the Primary Election</b>	<b>21st Day before Primary</b>	<b>EL § 3-302(a)(3)</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Voter Registration</b>
Tuesday, August 22, 2006		Voter Registration Lists	Deadline to request a voter registration list. (New requests will not be taken until registration reopens)	On or before voter registration deadline	COMAR 33.03.02.05B	All	Voter Registration
Tuesday, August 22, 2006	9:00p.m.	Polling Place Reassignment	Deadline for elderly or disabled voter to apply for reassignment to an accessible polling place	Close of voter registration for election	EL § 10-102(b)	All	General Admin.
Friday, August 25, 2006		Petition Signature Verification	Deadline for Local Boards to verify and count signatures on nominating and new party petitions	Within 20 days after the petition is filed	EL § 6-210(c)	All	Petition
Monday, August 28, 2006		Certification of Local Questions	Deadline for the Circuit Court Clerk to certify a local ballot question if the County Attorney does not do so	4th Monday in August	EL § 7-103(c)(3)(ii)	All	General Admin.
Monday, August 28, 2006		Certification of Nominating and New Party Petitions	Deadline for certification as to sufficiency of nominating and new party petitions	Within 2 business days after verification and counting completed, deadline extended if judicial review is pending	EL § 6-210(d)	All	Petition

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Friday, September 1, 2006		Registration Lists - New Voters	Deadline to prepare a voter registration list that includes registrants through the registration deadline		COMAR 33.03.02.05C(2)		Voter Registration
Friday, September 1, 2006		Logic and Accuracy Testing	Deadline for Local Boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the entire voting system (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted after completion. Notice of the public demonstration must be given 10 days before demonstration.)	At least 10 days before the election	COMAR 33.10.02.15,16 COMAR 33.10.11.15,16	All	Voting System
Friday, September 1, 2006	5:00p.m.	Campaign Finance Report	2nd Pre-Primary Campaign Finance Report (for all continuing and 2006 non-continuing campaign finance entities)	2nd Friday immediately preceding the election	EL § 13-309(a)(2)	All	Campaign Finance
Tuesday, September 5, 2006	4:30p.m. or before Midnight by FAX	Absentee Ballot Application Deadline	Deadline for receipt of Absentee Ballot application	Tuesday before Primary	COMAR 33.11.02.02D	All	General Admin.
Tuesday, September 5, 2006		Petition Sufficiency Challenge Deadline	Deadline to request judicial review of any determination about sufficiency of a petition to place a candidate or question on General Election ballot	63rd day before General Election	EL § 6-210(e)(2)	All	Petition
Wednesday, September 6, 2006		Late Absentee Ballot Application	Period for receipt of late Absentee Ballot applications	Starting Wednesday before the election through 8p.m. on election day	COMAR 33.11.02.04A	All	General Admin.
Tuesday, September 12, 2006	8:00p.m.	Extended Voter Registration Deadline	Extended deadline for receipt of Voter Registration Application (VRA) by mail for voting in Primary Election	A VRA received by mail after the August 22 deadline is timely if it is properly postmarked	EL § 3-302(c); COMAR 33.05.04.01C,D	All	Voter Registration
Tuesday, September 12, 2006	8:00p.m.	Absentee Ballot Deadline	Deadline for the Local Board to receive an absentee ballot	An Absentee Ballot is timely received if it reaches the local board before 8p.m. on election day	COMAR 33.11.03.08	All	General Admin.
Thursday, September 14, 2006	10:00a.m.	Absentee Ballot Canvass 1	Local Board is required to begin the canvass of absentee ballots	10a.m. on the Thursday after the election	COMAR 33.11.04.03	All	General Admin.
Monday, September 18, 2006	10:00a.m.	Provisional Ballot Canvass	Local Board is required to begin the canvass of provisional ballots	10a.m. on the Monday after the election	COMAR 33.16.04.03	All	General Admin.
Tuesday, September 19, 2006	5:00p.m.	Provisional Voter Information	Deadline to submit information to State Administrator about provisional voters for free-access system	Within 24 hours after completion of provisional canvass	PB Guidelines § 8.3A	All	General Admin.

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Wednesday, September 20, 2006	10:00a.m.	Extended Absentee Ballot Deadline	Deadline for receipt of Primary Absentee ballots by mail	10a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday after the election provided there is a proper postmark or date on voter oath	COMAR 33.11.03.08B	Gubernatorial	General Admin.
Wednesday, September 20, 2006	10:00a.m.	Absentee Ballot Canvass 2	Local Board is required to begin the 2nd canvass of absentee ballots	2nd Wednesday after a Gubernatorial Primary	COMAR 33.11.04.03A(2)(a)	Gubernatorial	General Admin.
Thursday, September 21, 2006	5:00p.m.	Provisional Voting Information	Deadline to submit to State Administrator provisional voting information	Within 3 days after provisional ballot canvass	PB Guidelines § 8.2B	All	General Admin.
Friday, September 22, 2006		Post-Election Audit	Deadline for Local Boards to conduct the post election audit	After each election	COMAR 33.10.02.38 COMAR 33.10.11.38		General Admin.
Friday, September 22, 2006		Verification of Vote Count	Deadline for Local Boards to verify Primary Election vote count	Within 10 days after any election and before Certification	EL § 11-308(a)	All	General Admin.
Friday, September 22, 2006		Certification of the Election by Local Board of Canvassers	Deadline to certify election results	After the verification process is completed	EL § 11-308(b)	All	General Admin.
Friday, September 22, 2006 (or 48 hours after completion of local canvass)		Transmittal of Results	Local Board must transmit certified copies of election results to the Governor, SBE, and Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county	2nd Friday after election or if canvass is completed afterward, within 48 hours after completion	EL § 11-401(c)	All	General Admin.
Monday, September 25, 2006		Petition for Recount	Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for an office or question on the ballot	Within 3 days after the results of the election have been certified	EL § 12-101(d)	All	General Admin.
Monday, September 25, 2006	5:00p.m.	Absentee Ballot Information	Deadline to submit to State Administrator absentee voting information	Within 3 days after absentee ballot canvass	AB Guidelines § 6.2	All	General Admin.
Monday, September 25, 2006		Certification of Election	SBE convenes to certify statewide Primary Election results	2 days after official results received from Local Boards	EL § 11-501	All	General Admin.
Monday, September 25, 2006 (or 2 days after local certification of results)		Declination of Nomination	Deadline for declination of nomination by candidate before General Election	Within 2 days after Primary results are certified by local boards	EL § 5-801(b)(2)(i)	All	Candidacy
Monday, September 25, 2006		Voter Registration reopens		11th day after the Primary	EL § 3-302(a)	All	Voter Registration
Thursday, September 28, 2006	5:00p.m.	Vacancy in Nomination	Deadline for central committee(s) to fill a vacancy in nomination	The later of the 40th day before the General Election or the 5th day following the vacancy	EL § 5-1004	All	Candidacy
Saturday, September 30, 2006	5:00p.m.	Certification of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to certify content and arrangement of ballots	Not more than 18 days after Primary	EL § 9-207(a)(2)(ii)	All	General Admin.
Thursday, October 5, 2006		Display of Ballot	Deadline for Local Boards to display content and arrangements of ballots	Within 5 days of certification	EL § 9-207(d)	All	General Admin.
Tuesday, October 17, 2006	9:00p.m.	Close of Registration	Last day to register to vote before the General Election	21st Day before the election	EL § 3-302(a)(3)	All	Voter Registration

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Tuesday, October 17, 2006		Registration Lists	Deadline to request a voter registration list (New requests will not be taken until registration reopens)	On or before voter registration deadline	COMAR 33.03.02.05B(1)	All	Voter Registration
Tuesday, October 17, 2006	9:00p.m.	Polling Place Reassignment	Deadline for elderly or disabled voter to apply for reassignment to an accessible polling place	Close of voter registration for election	EL § 10-102(b)	All	General Admin.
Friday, October 27, 2006		Registration Lists - New Voters	Deadline to prepare a voter registration list that includes registrants through the registration deadline	10 days after voter registration deadline	COMAR 33.03.02.05C(2)	All	Voter Registration
Friday, October 27, 2006		Logic and Accuracy Testing	Deadline for Local Board to complete logic and accuracy testing of the entire voting system (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted after completion. Notice of the public demonstration must be given 10 days before demonstration.)	At least 10 days before the election	COMAR 33.10.02.15., 16. COMAR 33.10.11.15., 16.	All	Voting System
Friday, October 27, 2006	5:00p.m.	Campaign Finance Report	Pre General Campaign Finance Report (for all continuing and 2006 non-continuing campaign finance entities)	2nd Friday immediately preceding the election	EL § 13-309(a)(2)	All	Campaign Finance
Tuesday, October 31, 2006	4:30p.m. or before Midnight if submitted by FAX	Absentee Ballot Application Deadline	Deadline for receipt of Absentee Ballot application	Tuesday before Election	COMAR 33.11.02.02D	All	General Admin.
Wednesday, November 1, 2006	5:00p.m.	Write-in Candidates Filing Deadline	Deadline for write-in candidates to file a certificate of candidacy. Only filed write-in candidates will have their votes reported on the official canvass	Within 7 days after spending \$51 or more, but not later than 5:00p.m. on the Wednesday before Election	EL § 5-303(c)(2)	All	Candidacy
Wednesday, November 1, 2006		Late Absentee Ballot Application	The period for receipt of late absentee ballot applications	Starting the Wednesday before the election through 8:00p.m. on Election Day	COMAR 33.11.02.04A	All	General Admin.
Tuesday, November 7, 2006	7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.	General Election	<b>Election Day - Polls open 7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. continuously (voters present at 8:00p.m. may vote)</b>	Tuesday after 1st Monday in November	MD Const. Art . XV, § 7; EL §§ 10-301 & 11-202	All	General Admin.
Tuesday, November 7, 2006	8:00p.m.	Extended Voter Registration Deadline	Extended deadline for receipt of Voter Registration Application (VRA) by mail for voting in General Election	A VRA received by mail after the October 17th deadline is timely if it is properly postmarked	EL § 3-302(c); COMAR 33.05.04.01C,D	All	Voter Registration

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Tuesday, November 7, 2006	8:00p.m.	Absentee Ballot Deadline	Deadline for the local board to receive an absentee ballot	An Absentee Ballot is timely received if it reaches the local board before 8p.m. on election day	COMAR 33.11.03.08	All	General Admin.
Thursday, November 9, 2006	10:00a.m.	Absentee Ballot Canvass 1	Local Board is required to begin the canvass of absentee ballots	10a.m. on the Thursday after the election	COMAR 33.11.04.03	All	General Admin.
Monday, November 13, 2006	10:00a.m.	Provisional Ballot Canvass	Local Board is required to begin to canvass provisional ballots	10a.m. on the Monday after the election	COMAR 33.16.04.03	All	General Admin.
Thursday, November 16, 2006	5:00p.m.	Provisional Voting Information	Deadline to submit to State Administrator provisional voting information	Within 3 days after provisional ballot canvass	P.B. Guidelines § 8.2A	All	General Admin.
Friday, November 17, 2006	10:00a.m.	Extended Absentee Ballot Deadline	Deadline for receipt of General Absentee ballots by mail	10a.m. on the 2nd Friday after the election provided there is a proper postmark or date on voter oath	COMAR 33.11.03.08B	All	General Admin.
Friday, November 17, 2006	10:00a.m.	Absentee Ballot Canvass 2	Local Board is required to begin the 2nd canvass of absentee ballots	2nd Friday after the election	COMAR 33.11.04.03A(2)(b)	All	General Admin.
Friday, November 17, 2006		Post-Election Audit	Deadline for Local Boards to conduct the post election audit	After each election in which the system is used	COMAR 33.10.02.38 COMAR 33.10.11.38	All	General Admin.
Friday, November 17, 2006		Verification of Vote Count	Deadline for Local Boards to verify General Election vote count	Within 10 days after the election, and before certifying the results of the election	EL § 11-308(a)	All	General Admin.
Friday, November 17, 2006		Certification of the Election by the Local Board of Canvassers	Deadline to certify election results	After the verification process is completed	EL § 11-308(b)	All	General Admin.
Friday, November 17, 2006 (or 48 hours after completion of the local canvass)		Transmittal of Results	Local Board must transmit certified copies of election results to the Governor, SBE, and Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county	2nd Friday after election, or if canvass is completed afterward, within 48 hours after completion	EL § 11-401(c)	All	General Admin.
Monday, November 20, 2006		Petition for Recount	Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for an office or question on the ballot	Within 3 days after the results of the election have been certified	EL § 12-101(d)	All	General Admin.
Monday, November 20, 2006	5:00p.m.	Absentee Ballot Information	Deadline to submit to State Administrator absentee voting information	Within 3 days after absentee ballot canvass	AB Guidelines § 6.2	All	General Admin.
Monday, November 20, 2006		Voter Registration reopens		11th Day after the election	EL § 3-302	All	Voter Registration
Tuesday, November 28, 2006	5:00p.m.	Campaign Finance Report	Post General Campaign Finance Report Due (for all continuing and 2006 non-continuing campaign finance entities)	3rd Tuesday after a General Election	EL § 13-309(a)(3)	All	Campaign Finance
Tuesday, December 12, 2006		Certification of Election	Deadline for Board of State Canvassers to convene to certify election results	Within 35 Days after the General Election	EL § 11-503(a)	All	General Admin.