

# ***NJ CHRONOLOGICAL ELECTION GUIDE CALENDAR***

*2008 FULL CHRONOLOGICAL CALENDAR*

# CHRONOLOGICAL GUIDE - FULL CALENDAR

## January

### January 2 - January 5

#### **Organize: County Boards of Election**

(State & Federal, page 38) N.J.S.A. 19:6-22

### January 4

#### **Appointment of District Boards**

(State & Federal, page 38) N.J.S.A. 19:6-3

### January 4

#### **Certified List of Suggested Polling Places**

(State & Federal, page 38) N.J.S.A. 19:8-2

### January 4

#### **Notice to Municipal Clerks by County Chairs**

(State & Federal, page 38) N.J.S.A. 19:23-1

### January 5

#### **Instruction of Election Officers**

(Within 30 days of the Presidential Primary Election)(State & Federal, page 38) N.J.S.A. 19:50-1

### January 9

#### **Appointment of Unaffiliated District Board Members**

(State & Federal, page 38) N.J.S.A. 19:6-3

### January 14

#### **Polling Places Certified**

(State & Federal, page 38) N.J.S.A. 19:8-4

### January 15

#### **Last Day to Register to Vote for Upcoming Presidential Primary Election**

(21 days before Presidential Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 38) N.J.S.A. 19:31-6

### January 15

#### **Evening Registration**

(21 days before Presidential Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 38) N.J.S.A. 19:31-2

### January 15

#### **Inaccessible Polling Places Certified - Report to Secretary of State**

(State & Federal, page 39) N.J.S.A. 19:8-3.4

### January 22

#### **Filing of Appointments or Applications for Challengers**

(Second Tuesday before Presidential Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 39) N.J.S.A. 19:7-3

### January 22

#### **Organization Meeting of District Boards of Elections**

(Second Tuesday before Presidential Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 39) N.J.S.A. 19:7-3

### January 28

#### **Notice of Presidential Primary Election Published**

(Once during the calendar week before the week in which the Presidential Primary Election is held) (State & Federal, page 39) N.J.S.A. 19:7-3

### January 29

#### **Absentee Ballot Applications by Mail**

(Not less than 7 days prior to the Presidential Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 39) N.J.S.A. 19:7-3

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## January 29

**County Boards Advertise Challenge and Complaint Procedure at Polling Places**  
(7 days before Presidential Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 39) N.J.S.A. 19:7-3

## January 30

**Sample Ballots, Prepared and Mailed**  
(Wednesday before Presidential Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 39) N.J.S.A. 19:7-3

## February

### February 1

**Deadline for Application for Faxed Federal Ballot**  
(On or before the 4<sup>th</sup> day before the Presidential Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 39) N.J.S.A. 19:59-4

### February 4

**Deadline for Civilian Absentee Ballot Application in Person**  
(On any day up to 3 p.m. of the day before the Presidential Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 39) N.J.S.A. 19:57-4

### February 4

**County Boards Advertise Challenge and Complaint Procedures**  
(Day before Presidential Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 39) N.J.S.A. 19:12-9

### February 5

**Presidential Primary Election Day**  
(State & Federal, page 39) N.J.S.A. 19:2-1, N.J.S.A. 19:23-40

### February 5

**Deadline for Submission of Absentee Ballots to County Boards of Election**  
(State & Federal, page 39) N.J.S.A. 19:57-23

### February 6- 20

**Locking Counter Compartment of Voting Machines Used in Presidential Primary Election**  
(15 days following Presidential Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 40) N.J.S.A. 19:52-6

### February 15

**Evening Registration Plan**  
(State & Federal, page 40) N.J.S.A. 19:31-2

### February 15

**Deadline for Filing of Election Contest Petition**  
(Up to 10 days after Presidential Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 40) N.J.S.A. 19:29-3

### February 15

**Canvass of Votes by County Clerks**  
(10 days after Presidential Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 40) N.J.S.A. 19:23-55

### February 20

**Recount Applications to Judge of Superior Court**  
(15 days after Presidential Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 40) N.J.S.A. 19:28-1

### February 20

**Application for Recheck of Voting Machines**  
(Within 15 days after Presidential Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 40) N.J.S.A. 19:52-6

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## February 20

### Paper Ballot Post Election Results

(15 calendar days (February 20) after Presidential Primary Election or 3 days (March 7) after the certification of the Presidential Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 40) N.J.S.A. 19:53B-21

## March

### March 7

#### Paper Ballot Post Election Results

(15 calendar days (February 20) after Presidential Primary Election or 3 days (March 7) after the certification of the Presidential Primary Election. (State & Federal, page 40) N.J.S.A. 19:53B

### March 20

#### Nomination Petition Deadline

(Non-Partisan, page 54) N.J.S.A. 40:45-8, N.J.S.A. 40:45-10, N.J.S.A. 40:45-14

### March 20

#### Deadline for Filing of Vacancy by Committee for Bracketed Candidates

(Non-Partisan, page 54) N.J.S.A. 40:45-10-1

### March 20

#### Deadline for Creating, Abolishing, Dividing or Consolidating an Election District

(75 days before Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 40) N.J.S.A. 19:4-15

### March 21 - March 30

#### Publication of Candidates' Names

(Within 10 days after filing deadline) (Non-Partisan, page 54) N.J.S.A. 40:45-13

### March 23 - April 21

#### Notice of Election

(10 days prior to election) (Non-Partisan, page 54) N.J.S.A. 19:12-7

### March 24

#### Publish Notice – Absentee Ballot Availability

(Non-Partisan, page 54) N.J.S.A. 19:57-7

### March 24

#### Filing Deadline for Objections to Petitions

(Non-Partisan, page 54) N.J.S.A. 19:13-10

### March 26

#### Deadline to Amend Defective Petition

(No later than 48 days before an election) (Non-Partisan, page 54) N.J.S.A. 40:45-9

### March 25

#### Notice of Ballot Draw

(Non-Partisan, page 55) N.J.S.A. 40:45-12

### March 27

#### Ballot Draw

(Non-Partisan, page 55) N.J.S.A. 40:45-12

### March 31

#### Unit of Representation - Election Districts

(Before April 1st) (State & Federal, page 42) (State & Federal, page 40) N.J.S.A. 19:5-3

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## March 31 - April 13

**Notice of Requirements to Vote in Primary Election; Publication**  
(State & Federal, page 41) N.J.S.A. 19:23-45.1

## April

### April 1

**Notice to Clerk by County Chairs**  
(State & Federal, page 41) N.J.S.A. 19:23-1

### April 4

**Mailing of Absentee Ballots**  
(Non-Partisan, page 55) N.J.S.A. 19:57-11

### April 4

**Notice to County Clerks and County Boards of Election; Available Offices and Public Questions**  
(60 days before Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 41) N.J.S.A. 19:12-1

### April 7

**Petition Filing and Acceptance Deadline**  
(Before 4:00 p.m. of the 57th day before Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 41) N.J.S.A. 19:23-14

### April 10

**Amendment of Defective Petition for Primary Election Candidates**  
(3 days after filing deadline) (State & Federal, page 41) N.J.S.A. 19:23:20

### April 11

**Objections to Nomination Petitions for Primary Election Candidates**  
(Within 4 days of filing deadline) (State & Federal, page 41) N.J.S.A. 19:13-10

### April 13

**Instruction of Election Officers**  
(Within 30 days of the election) (Non-Partisan, page 55) N.J.S.A. 19:50-1

### April 13

**Publish Notice - Military Service and Civilian Absentee Voters**  
(Prior to the 50th day before Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 41) N.J.S.A. 19:57-7

### April 13 - May 12

**Notice of Primary Election**  
(30 days before the close of registration for the Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 42) N.J.S.A. 19:12-7

### April 14

**Change of Party Affiliation Declaration Forms to be Filed**  
(50 days before Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 42) N.J.S.A. 19:23-45

### April 16

**County Clerk to Transmit Candidate Names to Election Law Enforcement Commission**  
(48 days before Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 42) N.J.S.A. 19:23-14

### April 16

**Filing Certificate to Fill Vacancy of a Party Candidate**  
(48 days before Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 42) N.J.S.A. 19:23-12

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## April 16

### **Certification by Secretary of State**

(48 days before Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 42) N.J.S.A. 19:23-21

## April 17

### **County Clerk Certifies Candidate Names to Municipal Clerks and to Election Law Enforcement Commission**

(47 days before Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 42) N.J.S.A. 19:23-22

## April 17

### **Determination of Petition Challenge for Primary Election Candidates**

(10 days after the last day for filing nomination petitions) (State & Federal, page 42) N.J.S.A. 19:13-11

## April 17

### **County & Municipal Clerk Drawing for Ballot Positions**

(47 days before Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 43) N.J.S.A. 19:23-24

## April 21

### **Recourse to Court by Candidate for Protection of Rights**

(12 days after Petition filing deadline) (State & Federal, page 43) N.J.S.A. 19:13-12

## April 22

### **Voter Registration Deadline**

(Non-Partisan, page 55) N.J.S.A. 19:31-6

## April 25

### **Mailing of Absentee Ballots**

(State & Federal, page 43) N.J.S.A. 19:57-11

## April 29

### **Filing of Appointments or Applications for Challengers**

(Second Tuesday preceding election) (Non-Partisan, page 55) N.J.S.A. 19:7-3

## May

### May 5

#### **Instruction of Election Officers**

(Within 30 days before each election) (State & Federal, page 43) N.J.S.A. 19:50-1

### May 6

#### **Absentee Ballot Applications by Mail**

(Not less than 7 days prior to election) (Non-Partisan, page 55) N.J.S.A. 19:57-4, N.J.S.A. 19:57-6

### May 7

#### **Deadline for Mailing Sample Ballot**

(Non-Partisan, page 55) N.J.S.A. 19:14-25, N.J.S.A. 19:23-34

### May 12

#### **Deadline for Civilian Absentee Ballot Application in Person**

(On any day up to 3:00 p.m. on the day before the election) (Non-Partisan, page 56) N.J.S.A. 19:57-4

### May 12

#### **Delivery of Ballot and Polling Place Supplies**

(On the day preceding the election) (Non-Partisan, page 56) N.J.S.A. 19:14-35

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**May 13**

## **Election Day**

(Non-Partisan, page 56) N.J.S.A. 40:45-7, N.J.S.A. 40:45-16

**May 13**

## **Last Day to Register to Vote for Upcoming Primary Election**

(21 days before Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 43) N.J.S.A. 19:31-6

**May 13**

## **Evening Registration**

(21 days before Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 43) N.J.S.A. 19:31-2

**May 14**

## **Canvass by Municipal Clerk**

(Non-Partisan, page 5654) N.J.S.A. 40:45-16

**May 20**

## **Filing of Appointments or Applications for Challengers**

(Second Tuesday before Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 43) N.J.S.A. 19:7-3

**May 27**

## **Absentee Ballot Applications by Mail**

(Not less than 7 days prior to election) (State & Federal, page 43)

N.J.S.A. 19:57-4, N.J.S.A. 19:57-6

**May 27- June 2**

## **Notice of Primary Election Published**

(Once during the calendar week before the week in which the Primary Election is held) (State & Federal, page 44) N.J.S.A. 19:12-7

**May 27**

## **County Boards Advertise Challenge and Complaint Procedures at Polling Places**

(7 days before Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 44) N.J.S.A. 19:12-9

**May 28**

## **Paper Ballot Post Election Results**

(15 calendar days of an election or 3 days after the certification of the election) (Non-Partisan, page 56)

N.J.S.A. 19:53B-21

**May 28**

## **Recount Applications to Judge of Superior Court**

(15 days after election) (Non-Partisan, page 56) N.J.S.A. 19:28-1

**May 28**

## **Sample Ballots, Prepared and Mailed**

(Wednesday before Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 44) N.J.S.A. 19:23-34, N.J.S.A. 19:14-25

**May 31**

## **Deadline for Application for Faxed Federal Ballot**

(On or before the 4th day before the Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 44) N.J.S.A. 19:59-4

## **June**

**June 2**

## **Deadline for Civilian Absentee Ballot Application in Person**

(On any day up to 3 p.m. of the day before the election) (State & Federal, page 44) N.J.S.A. 19:57-4

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## June 2

### County Boards Advertise Challenge and Complaint Procedures

(Day before Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 44) N.J.S.A. 19:12-9

## June 3

### Primary Election Day

(State & Federal, page 44) N.J.S.A. 19:2-1, N.J.S.A. 19:23-40

## June 3

### Petition Filing Deadline for Independent Candidates for General Election

(Before 4:00 p.m. of the day of the holding of the Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 44) N.J.S.A. 19:13-9

## June 3

### Deadline for Submission of Absentee Ballot to County Boards of Election

(State & Federal, page 44) N.J.S.A. 19:57-23

## June 4 - June 18

### Locking Counter Compartment of Voting Machines Used in Primary Election

(15 days following election) (State & Federal, page 45) N.J.S.A. 19:52-6

## June 7

### Objections to Nomination Petitions for General Election Candidates

(No later than 4 days after filing deadline) (State & Federal, page 45) N.J.S.A. 19:13-10

## June 10

### Write-in Nominations, Acceptance

(7 days after Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 45) N.J.S.A. 19:23-16

## June 10

### Duplicate Nominations for Same Office

(7 days after Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 45) N.J.S.A. 19:14-9

## June 11

### Municipal Clerk to Certify to County Clerk and County Board Names of County Committee Persons

(Within 8 days after Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 45) N.J.S.A. 19:23-54

## June 13

### Deadline for Filing of Election Contest Petition

(Up to 10 days after Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 45) N.J.S.A. 19:29-3

## June 13

### Canvass of Votes by County Clerks

(10 days after Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 45) N.J.S.A. 19:23-55

## June 13

### Amendment of Defective Petition for Independent General Election Candidates

(On or before 10th day after petition filing deadline) (State & Federal, page 46) N.J.S.A. 19:13-13

## June 13

### Determination of Petition Challenge to Independent General Election Candidates

(On or before 10th day after filing deadline) (State & Federal, page 46) N.J.S.A. 19:13-11, N.J.S.A. 19:23-57

## June 18

### Recount Applications to Judge of Superior Court

(Within 15 days after election) (State & Federal, page 46) N.J.S.A. 19:28-1

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## June 18

### **Application for Recheck of Voting Machines**

(Within 15 days after Primary Election) (State & Federal, page 46) N.J.S.A. 19:52-6

## June 18

### **Paper Ballot Post Election Results**

(15 calendar days (June 18) of an election or 3 days (August 17) after the certification of the election) (State & Federal, page 46) N.J.S.A. 19:53B-21

## July

### July 1

#### **Evening Registration Plan**

(On or before July 1st) (State & Federal, page 46) N.J.S.A. 19:31-2

### July 1

#### **Commencement of Term**

(Non-Partisan, page 56) N.J.S.A. 40:45-17

### July 28

#### **Petition Filing Deadline for Electors of President and Vice President**

(Before 4:00 PM of the 99th day preceding the general election) (State & Federal, page 46) N.J.S.A.19:13-9

## August

### August 3

#### **Proposed Amendments to the NJ Constitution - Public Questions - Publication**

(Not less than 3 months prior to submission to the people) (State & Federal, page 46) NJ Constitution, Article IX, Par. 3

### August 4

#### **Amendment of Defective Petition for Electors of President and Vice President.**

(93 days before the general election - 93 day falls on a Sunday) N.J.S.A. 19:13-13

### August 8

#### **Secretary of State, Statement to County Clerks of Nominations, Vacancies**

(Not later than 86 days before General Election) (State & Federal, page 46) N.J.S.A. 19:13-22

### August 11

#### **County Clerk Drawing for Ballot Positions**

(85 days before General Election) (State & Federal, page 47) N.J.S.A. 19:14-12

### August 17

#### **Paper Ballot Post Election Results**

(15 calendar days (June 20) of an election or 3 days (August 17) after the certification of the election) (State & Federal, page 47) N.J.S.A. 19:53B-21

### August 22

#### **Public Questions Submitted by County and Municipal Governments to County Clerk**

(74 days before the General Election) (State & Federal, page 47) N.J.S.A. 19:37-1

### August 26

#### **Public Questions - Other Than Proposed Amendments to the NJ Constitution - Final Action By Governor or Legislature**

(Not less than 70 days following final action of the Governor or the Legislature) (State & Federal, page 47) NJ Constitution, Article II, Sec. 1, P. 2

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## September

### September 5

#### **Deadline for Independent Candidate to Decline Nomination**

(60 days before General Election) (State & Federal, page 47) N.J.S.A. 19:13-16

### September 5

#### **Deadline for Submission of Public Question Proposed By the Electorate and Adopted By Local or County Government to be filed with County Clerk**

(60 days before General Election) (State & Federal, page 47) N.J.S.A. 19:37-1.1

### September 11

#### **Deadline for Filling of Vacancy for Independent Candidate**

(Not later than 54 days before the General Election) (State & Federal, page 47) N.J.S.A. 19:13-19

### September 14 - October 13

#### **Notice of Election**

(30 days before the closing of registration books for the General Election) (State & Federal, page 48) N.J.S.A. 19:12-7

### September 14

#### **Last Day Vacancy Can Occur for Primary Election Nominees**

(51 days before General Election) (State & Federal, page 48) N.J.S.A. 19:13-20

### September 15

#### **Publish Notice - Military Service Absentee and Civilian Absentee Voters**

(50 days before General Election) (State & Federal, page 48) N.J.S.A. 19:57-7

### September 17

#### **Deadline for Filling Primary Nominee Vacancy**

(48 days before General Election) (State & Federal, page 48) N.J.S.A. 19:13-20

### September 22

#### **Official Ballot Ready for Printer**

(43 days before General Election) (State & Federal, page 48) N.J.S.A. 19:14-1

### September 25

#### **Mailing of Absentee Ballots by County Clerks**

(State & Federal, page 48) N.J.S.A. 19:57-11

## October

### October 6

#### **Instruction of Election Officers**

(Within 30 days before each election) (State & Federal, page 48) N.J.S.A. 19:50-1

### October 14

#### **Evening Registration**

(21 days before the General Election) (State & Federal, page 48) N.J.S.A. 19:31-2

### October 14

#### **Last Day to Register to Vote for the Upcoming General Election**

(21 days before the General Election) (State & Federal, page 49) N.J.S.A. 19:31-6

### October 21

#### **Filing of Appointments or Applications for Challengers**

(Second Tuesday before General Election) (State & Federal, page 49) N.J.S.A. 19:7-3

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## October 27

### **Voter Registry Lists - Certification and Transmission**

(8 days prior to the General Election) (State & Federal, page 49) N.J.S.A. 19:31-18

## October 27 - November 1

### **Notice of General Election**

(Once during the calendar week before the week in which the General Election is held) (State & Federal, page 49) N.J.S.A. 19:12-7

## October 28

### **County Boards Advertise Challenge and Complaint Procedures at Polling Places**

(7th day preceding General Election) (State & Federal, page 49) N.J.S.A. 19:12-9

## October 28

### **Absentee Ballot Applications by Mail**

(Not less than 7 days prior to election) (State & Federal, page 49) N.J.S.A. 19:57-4, N.J.S.A. 19:57-6

## October 29

### **Sample Ballots, Prepared and Mailed**

(By 12 noon on the Wednesday before General Election) (State & Federal, page 49)  
N.J.S.A. 19:14-25, N.J.S.A. 19:23-34

## October 31

### **Deadline for Application for Faxed Overseas Federal Ballot**

(On or before the 4th day preceding the election) (State & Federal, page 49) N.J.S.A. 19:59-4

## November

## November 3

### **Deadline for Civilian Absentee Ballot Application In Person**

(On any day up to 3:00 p.m. on the day before the election) (State & Federal, page 50)  
N.J.S.A. 19:57-4

## November 3

### **County Board Advertises Challenge and Complaint Procedures at Polling Places**

(Day before General Election) (State & Federal, page 50) N.J.S.A. 19:12-9

## November 4

### **General Election Day**

(State & Federal, page 50) N.J.S.A. 19:15-2

## November 4

### **Certified Statements of Election Results**

(State & Federal, page 50) N.J.S.A. 19:17-3

## November 4

### **Deadline for Submission of Absentee Ballot to County Boards of Election**

(By 8:00 p.m. on the day of election) (State & Federal, page 50) N.J.S.A. 19:57-23

## November 5 - November 19

### **Impoundment Period for Voting Machines Used in the General Election**

(15 days following election) (State & Federal, page 50) N.J.S.A. 19:52-6

## November 10

### **County Board of Canvassers**

(Monday next after election day) (State & Federal, page 50) N.J.S.A. 19:19-1, N.J.S.A. 19:19-4,  
N.J.S.A. 19:19-6

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## November 19

### **Recount Applications to Judge of Superior Court**

(Within 15 days after election) (State & Federal, page 50) N.J.S.A. 19:28-1

## November 19

### **Application for Recheck of Voting Machines**

(Within 15 days after General Election) (State & Federal, page 51) N.J.S.A. 19:52-6

## November 19

### **Paper Ballot Post Election Results**

(15 calendar days (November 19) of an election or 3 days (December 5) after the certification of the election) (State & Federal, page 51) N.J.S.A. 19:53B-21

## December

### December 2

#### **Board of State Canvassers**

(On or before the 28th day after General Election) (State & Federal, page 51) N.J.S.A. 19:21-1

### December 4

#### **Deadline to File Election Contest Petition**

(On or before the 30th day after General Election) (State & Federal, page 51) N.J.S.A. 19:29-3

### December 5

#### **Paper Ballot Post Election Results**

(15 calendar days (November 21) of an election or 3 days (December 5) after the certification of the election) (State & Federal, page 51) N.J.S.A. 19:53B-21