2026 WEST VIRGINIA ELECTION CALENDAR

Being an unofficial, modified, & condensed version of the official election calendar issued by the West Virginia Secretary of State.

Numbers at the end of each entry indicate West Virginia Code and the Cumulative Supplement thereto, displaying Chapter, Article, and Section (as Code § ___-___)

GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 3

□ Jul 6 (o)	Optional: County Clerk Proposal of Early Voting Location(s) § 3-3-2a, CSR 153-13-3	☐ Oct 13 (D)	Voter Registration Deadline § 3-2-6
☐ Jul 6 (p)	Notice of Precinct Change § 3-1-7(b), 59-3-1 et seq.	☐ Oct 13	Publish Notice of Public Inspection of Ballots, Vote Recording Devices, & ePoll Books for Early Voting § 3-4A-13b
□ Jul 11	Report Failure to File Financial Statement to Prosecuting Attorney & SOS § 3-8-7 (a), 3-8-7 (b)(1)	☐ Oct 14 (D)	Notify commissioners of Ballots, Voting Devices, ePoll Books, & Tabulating Equipment <i>Readiness</i> for Early Voting § 3-4A-13(a)
☐ Jul 11	Written Notifications Sent to candidates and/or	☐ Oct 14 – Nov 2	Accept Authorized Late Voter Registrations § 3-2-6a
П II 24 (в)	committees that failed to file § 3-8-7 (e), 151-51 et seq.	□ Oct 16	Public Inspection of Ballots, electronic Poll Books, &
☐ July 31 (D) ☐ Aug 3 (D)	Voter History (Primary) entered in SVRS § 3-2-18 (e) Deadline for No Party Organization/Unaffiliated Candidates to File Nominating Petitions, Certificate		vote recording devices for Early Voting § 3-4A-13 (1 inspection can be held for both EV and ED together they can be held separately if ED materials are not ready in time)
☐ Aug 3 – 18	of Announcements and Pay Filing Fee § 3-5-23, 3-5-24	Oct 16	Accept Voter Registration Card by Mail without Postmark § 3-2-6(b)(2)(A)
_	Special Filing Period for Board of Education Vacancy Occurring after Close of Filing for Primary § 3-5-19(c)	☐ Oct 16	Correct Incomplete Applications for Voter Registrations § 3-2-6(b)(1)
☐ Aug 5 (D)	Notice of Emergency Precinct Change & Ordering Precinct Change Deadline §3-1-7, 59-3-1 et seq.	□ Oct 19 – 23	General Report § 3-8-5, 3-8-5b, CSR 146-3-8
☐ Aug 5 (D)	Adopt Policy Extending Medical Emergency Absentee Voting § 3-3-5c (a)	□ Oct 21 – 31	EARLY VOTING in Person § 3-3-3 (including the last two Saturdays before Election Day)
☐ Aug 5	Petition for Suspension of Election Official § 3-1-28	□ Oct 25 (D)	Publish Notice of Public <i>Test</i> of Ballots, Vote Recording Devices, ePoll Books, & Tabulating Equipment for Election Day § 3-4A-26(a)
☐ Aug 5	Early Voting Community Location Approval § 3-3-2a	□ Oct 26 (D)	Publish Notice of <i>Inspection</i> of Ballots, Vote Recording Devices,
☐ Aug 11 (D)	Last Day for Candidate to Withdraw § 3-5-11(b)(2)		ePoll Books, & Tabulating Equipment for Election Day § 3-4A-13(b)
☐ Aug 11 (D) ☐ Aug 11 (D)	Notice of Number of Election Officials § 3-1-29, 3-3-5(c) Disqualification for failure to file Primary	Oct 27 (D)	Notify commissioners of Ballots, Voting Devices, ePoll Books, & Tabulating Equipment Readiness for Election Day § 3-4A-13(a)
☐ Aug 11 – Oct 28	Financial Statements § 3-8-7(c)(1) Applications for Absentee Ballot by Mail Accepted	Oct 27 – 29 (D)	Public Test and Inspection of Ballots, Voting Devices, ePoll Books, & Tabulating Equipment for Election Day § 3-4A-13a, 3-4A-26a, 59-3-1 et. seq.
☐ Aug 11 (S)	from Eligible Voters § 3-3-5(b)(2) Submit List of Candidates via SVRS & email (or SFT) to ES&S	□ Oct 27 – Nov 2	Publish Official List of Candidates or Sample Ballot for Election Day in Local Newspaper(s) § 3-6-3, 59-3-1
☐ Aug 17 (D)	Executive Committee Fills Vacancies § 3-5-19	☐ Oct 27 – Nov 2	Poll Worker Training Make-up Session §3-1-46(c)
☐ Aug 18 & 24	Proposed Order for Levy & Adoption § 6-9A-3, 11-8-16	☐ Oct 27 – Nov 3	Receive Requests for Emergency Absentee Ballot
☐ Aug 19 (D)	Executive Committee Chair Fills Vacancies § 3-5-19	□ Oct 28 (D)	(until Noon on Election Day) § 3-3-1(c)(2), 3-3-5c(d) Deadline for Absentee by Mail Application § 3-3-5(b)(1)
☐ Aug 24	Secretary of State Transmits Certified List of Candidates to County Clerks § 3-5-18	Oct 29 (D)	Write-In Candidate Filing Deadline in Case of Death or Disqualification of Candidate § 3-6-4a(c)(2)
☐ Aug 25 (D) 9:00am	Drawing for Ballot Order (if necessary) § 3-6-2(d)(2)	□ Nov 2 (D)	Deadline for Hand-Delivered Absentees § 3-3-5(k)
☐ Aug 25 (s)	Submit FINAL & APPROVED List of Candidates in Draw Order (if necessary) to ES&S via email or SFT	□ Nov 2 (D)	Election Commissioners Receive/Pick Up Supplies § 3-1-24, 3-4A-13(f)
☐ Aug 25 (D)	Estimate Number of Absentee Ballots § 3-3-11(a)	□ Nov 2 (PM)	Special Delivery of Election Supplies (if needed) § 3-1-25
☐ Aug 25	Election Official Nominations Filed § 3-1-30	□ Nov 3	GENERAL ELECTION DAY
☐ Aug 25 (S)	Death of Candidate: Name <i>may</i> be Removed by Ballot Commissioners at Request of Family <i>if</i> Ballots	Nov 3 (by 7:30pm)	Polls Open 6:30 am – 7:30 pm § 3-1-31 Absentee Ballots Received Electronically § 3-3-5(i)
П (2 to)	are not yet Printed § 3-5-11 (c)	□ Nov 3	Post Summary Results (not precinct detail) § 3-3-5(i)
☐ Sep 2 (S)	Absentee/Paper Ballots APPROVED for Printing	□ Nov 4	Absentee Ballots without Postmark Accepted § 3-3-5
☐ Sep 4 (D)	Emergency Order for Precinct Change § 3-1-7, 59-3-1 or Early Voting Location(s) § 3-3-2a, 153-13-3	□ Nov 9	Absentee Ballots Postmarked by Election Day (&
☐ Sep 8 (D)	Notice of Number of Sets of Emergency Absentee Voting Commissioners Needed § 3-3-5c	□ Nov 9	UNOCAVA) Accepted (before Canvass begins) § 3-3-5(g)(2), 3-5-17 CANVASS Returns & declare results § 3-5-17, 3-6-9
☐ Sep 15 (D)	Election Officials and Alternates Appointed § 3-1-30, 3-3-5c	☐ Nov 11*	Certify results § 3-5-17, 3-6-9, 3-6-10 (*48 hours after <u>Declaring</u> if no Recount is Requested)
☐ Sep 15 (D)	Write-In Candidate Filing Deadline § 3-6-4a	□ Dec 3 (D)	Transmit Certificates of Results to SOS § 3-6-11
☐ Sep 18 (D)	Delivery of Absentee Ballots to County Clerk § 3-3-11a		
☐ Sep 18 – Oct 29	Mail Absentee Ballots § 3-3-5	2027	
☐ Sep 22 (D) *	Notice of Appointment Mailed to Election Officials (*within 7 days of appointment) § 3-1-30(h)	☐ Jan 1 – 7	4 th Quarter Report § 3-8-5, CSR 146-3-8
☐ Sept 29* (D)	Election Officials Notify Clerk of Acceptance § 3-1-30(i)	☐ Jan 10 (s)	Enjoy the "off election year" 😊
	(*depends on date of appointment & notice)	☐ Jan 22 (D)	Voter History Records Entered into SVRS § 3-2-18(e)
☐ Oct 1 – 7	3 rd Quarter Report § 3-8-5, 3-8-5b, CSR 146-3-8	(S) SUGGESTED BALLOT APPROVAL GUIDELINES FOR TIMELY DELIVERY	
□ Oct 4	Poll Worker Training (within 30 days of election) § 3-1-46(c)	BALLOTS SHOULD BE APPROVED Within 5 Days of Initial Receipt	
☐ Oct 8 – 14	Publish Sample Ballot for Early Voting in Local Newspaper(s) § 3-6-3, 59-3-1 et. seq.	CORRECTIONS SHOULD BE APPROVED Within 3 Days of Receipt	
☐ Oct 12 (D)	Last Day Vacancy Caused by Death of Candidate Can Be Filled by Appointment § 3-5-19(a)(7)	*COMPUTATION OF TIME "If any applicable provision of this code or any legislative rule or other administrative rule or regulation	
 		designates a particular dat	of this code or any legislative rule or other administrative rule or regulation to on, before or after which an act, event, default or omission is required or

Please Email all ballot correspondence to ES&S (no faxes)

(D) DEADLINE (S) SUGGESTED

Delivery of Early Voting/Election Day ballots/media

"If any applicable provision of this code or any legislative rule or other administrative rule or regulation ... designates a particular date on, before or after which an act, event, default or omission is required or allowed to occur, and if the particular date designated falls on a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or designated day off, then the date on which the act, event, default or omission is required or allowed to occur is the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or designated day off." (§2-2-1(e))

"When a proceeding is directed to take place or any act to be done on any particular day of the month or within any period of time prescribed or allowed ... if that day or the last day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday ... the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday ... shall be deemed to be the one intended ..." §2-2-2(a)

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