

# 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 § \_\_\_-\_\_\_-\_\_\_)

# PRIMARY ELECTION - MAY 12

<input type="checkbox"/> Dec 15 (2025)	<b>Optional:</b> County Exec. Committees May Nominate Community Voting Locations § 3-3-2a, CSR 153-13-3	<input type="checkbox"/> Apr 21	Publish Notice of Public Inspection of Ballots, Vote Recording Devices, & ePoll Books for <b>Early Voting</b> § 3-4A-13(b)
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 1 – May 6	Receive Applications for Absentee Ballots from Eligible & Military/Overseas Voters (UOCAVA) § 3-3-5(b)	<input type="checkbox"/> Apr 21 (D)	Voter Registration Deadline § 3-2-6
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 1 – Jan 7	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Report § 3-8-5, 3-8-5(b) CSR 146-3-8	<input type="checkbox"/> Apr 22 (D)	Notify Commissioners of Ballots, Voting Devices, ePoll Books, & Tabulating Equipment <b>Readiness for Early Voting</b> § 3-4A-13(a)
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 10 – 25	Give Notice of Appointment of Ballot Commissioners § 3-1-19	<input type="checkbox"/> Apr 22 – May 11	Accept Authorized Late Voter Registrations from certain uniformed & overseas voters § 3-2-6(a), 153-44-1
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 12 – 31	Candidate Filing Period (deadline is 11:59 pm) § 3-5-7, 3-5-8	<input type="checkbox"/> Apr 24	Public Inspection of Ballots, electronic Poll Books, & vote recording devices for <b>Early Voting</b> § 3-4A-13 (1 inspection can be held for both EV <i>and</i> ED together <b>OR</b> they can be held separately if ED materials are not ready in time)
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 12 (D)	Notice of Precinct Change § 3-1-7(b), 59-3-1 et seq.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 12 (D)	<b>Optional:</b> County Clerk Proposal of Early Voting Locations § 3-3-2a, CSR 153-13-3	<input type="checkbox"/> Apr 24 (D)	Accept Voter Registration Card by Mail <i>without</i> Postmark § 3-2-6(b)(2)(A)
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 15 – 30	Appoint Ballot Commissioners § 3-1-19	<input type="checkbox"/> Apr 24 (D)	Correct Incomplete Applications for Voter Registrations § 3-2-6(b)(1)
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan 30 (S)	<b>Submit Candidates via SVRS (levies via Email or SFT to ES&amp;S)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Apr 27 – May 1	Primary Report § 3-8-5, 3-8-5(b), CSR 146-3-8
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 1	Ballot Commissioners 2-year term begins § 3-1-19	<input type="checkbox"/> Apr 29 – May 9	<b>EARLY VOTING</b> in person 9am – 5pm § 3-3-3 (including the last two Saturdays before Election Day)
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 11	Adopt Emergency Absentee Voting Policy § 3-3-5c(a)	<input type="checkbox"/> May 3 (D)	Publish Notice of <i>Inspection</i> of Ballots, Vote Recording Devices, ePoll Books, & Tabulating Equipment for <b>Election Day</b> § 3-4A-13(b)
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 11	Petition for Suspension of Election Official § 3-1-28	<input type="checkbox"/> May 3 (D)	Publish Notice of <i>Public Test</i> of Ballots, Vote Recording Devices, ePoll Books, & Tabulating Equipment for <b>Election Day</b> § 3-4A-26(a)
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 11 (D)	Deadline for Ordering Precinct Change § 3-1-7(b)	<input type="checkbox"/> May 5 (D)	Notify commissioners of Ballots, Voting Devices, ePoll Books, & Tabulating Equipment <b>Readiness for Election Day</b> § 3-4A-13(a)
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 11	Notice of Emergency Precinct Change § 3-1-7, 59-3-1 et seq.	<input type="checkbox"/> May 5 – 7	Public Test & Inspection of Ballots, Voting Devices, ePoll Books, & Tabulating Equipment for <b>Election Day</b> § 3-4A-13a, 3-4A-26a, 59-3-1 et. seq.
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 11	Early Voting Community Location Approval § 3-3-2a	<input type="checkbox"/> May 5 – 11	Instructional Program make-up Session § 3-1-46(c)
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 13 (D)	Executive Committees Fill Vacancies § 3-5-11	<input type="checkbox"/> May 5 – 11	Publish Official List of Candidates or Sample Ballot for ED in Local Newspaper(s) § 3-5-10, 59-3-1 et. seq.
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 17 (D)	Executive Committee <i>Chair</i> Fills Vacancies § 3-5-11	<input type="checkbox"/> May 5 – 12	Receive Requests for Emergency Absentee Ballot (until Noon on Election Day) § 3-3-1, 3-3-5c(d)
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 17 (D)	Candidate Withdrawal Deadline § 3-5-11	<input type="checkbox"/> May 6 (D)	Deadline for Absentee by Mail Application § 3-3-5(b)(1)
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 17 (D)	Sec. of State Certifies/Posts/Transmits Candidates who have filed with him § 3-5-9 (via <i>mail</i> by March 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	<input type="checkbox"/> May 11 (D)	Deadline for Hand-Delivered Absentees § 3-3-5(k)
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 17 (D)	Notice of Number of Election Officials & Emergency Absentee Voting Commissioners § 3-1-29	<input type="checkbox"/> May 11 (D)	Election Commissioners Receive/Pick up Supplies § 3-1-24, 3-4A-13(f) or Special Delivery if needed § 3-1-25
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 24	Sec. of State Emails & Certifies Candidates to Clerks	<input type="checkbox"/> May 12	<b>PRIMARY ELECTION DAY</b> Polls Open 6:30 am – 7:30 pm § 3-1-31, 3-5-1
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 24	Drawing for Ballot Order @ 9:00 a.m. § 3-5-13a	<input type="checkbox"/> May 12 (by 7:30)	Absentees received electronically accepted § 3-3-5(i)
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 24 (S)	<b>Submit FINAL &amp; APPROVED List of Candidates in Draw Order via Email to ES&amp;S (or SFT site)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> May 12	Post <i>Summary</i> Results ( <i>not</i> precinct detail) § 3-4A-27(e)
<input type="checkbox"/> Feb 24 (S)	Proposed order calling for Levy Election due to governing body § 6-9A-3	<input type="checkbox"/> May 13	Absentee Ballots <i>without</i> Postmark Accepted § 3-3-5
<input type="checkbox"/> Mar 2 (S)	Governing Body Adopts Proposed Order to Place Levy Election on Primary Ballot § 11-8-16, 13-1-4	<input type="checkbox"/> May 18	Absentee Ballots Postmarked by Election Day (& UOCAVA) Accepted (before Canvass starts) § 3-3-5, 3-5-17
<input type="checkbox"/> Mar 2 (D)	Last Day Exec. <i>Committee</i> May Fill Vacancies due to Failure to File (for <i>General</i> ballot) § 3-5-19	<input type="checkbox"/> May 18	<b>CANVASS</b> Returns & Declare Results § 3-5-17, 3-6-9
<input type="checkbox"/> Mar 3 (D)	Estimate Number of Absentee Ballots § 3-3-11(a)	<input type="checkbox"/> May 20*	Certify Results § 3-5-17, 3-6-9(a)(8)(A) *48 hours after “Declaring” <i>if</i> no Recount is Requested
<input type="checkbox"/> Mar 3	Death of Candidate; May Be Removed from Ballot at Request of Family § 3-5-11(c)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jun 11 (D)	Transmit Certificates of Results to SOS § 3-5-17, 3-5-18
<input type="checkbox"/> Mar 3 (D)	Election Official Nominations Filed § 3-1-30	<input type="checkbox"/> Jun 12 (S)	<b>Rest momentarily before General Election cycle ☺</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mar 4 (S)	<b>Absentee Ballots APPROVED for Printing (ASAP)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Jul 1 – Jul 7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report § 3-8-5, CSR 146-3-8
<input type="checkbox"/> Mar 4 (D)	Last Day Exec. Committee <i>Chair</i> May Fill Vacancies due to Failure to File (for <u>General</u> ballot) § 3-5-19		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mar 13 (D)	Emergency Order for Precinct Change § 3-1-7, 59-3-1 or Early Voting Location § 3-3-2a, CSR 153-13-3		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mar 17 (D)	Notice Given for Number of Emergency Absentee Voting Commissioners Needed § 3-3-5c(b)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mar 24 (D)	Election Officials & Alternates Appointed § 3-1-30, 3-3-5c		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mar 24 (D)	Write-In Candidate Filing Deadline (Nonpartisan Offices only – BOE, Judicial races, etc) § 3-6-4(a)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mar 27 (D)	Delivery of <i>Absentee</i> Ballots to County Clerk § 3-3-11(a)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mar 27 – May 7	Mail Absentee Ballots § 3-3-5 (May 8 <sup>th</sup> for Applications Received May 7 <sup>th</sup> )		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mar 27 (D)	Last Day to Conduct Approved Voter Registration Program for Eligible High School Students § 3-2-8(b)(2)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mar 31* (D)	Notice of Appointment Mailed to Election Officials *within seven (7) days of appointment § 3-1-30(h)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Apr 1 – Apr 7	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Report § 3-8-5, 3-8-5(b) CSR 146-3-8		
<input type="checkbox"/> Apr 7* (D)	Election Officials respond to Clerk’s Notification *depends on date of appointment & notice § 3-1-30(i)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Apr 12	Poll Worker Training (within 30 days of election) § 3-1-46		
<input type="checkbox"/> Apr 16 – 22	Publish Sample Ballot for Early Voting in Local Newspaper(s) § 3-5-10, 59-3-1 et. seq.		

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

**(D) DEADLINE**      **(S) SUGGESTED**

**(S) SUGGESTED BALLOT APPROVAL GUIDELINES FOR TIMELY DELIVERY**

**BALLETS SHOULD BE APPROVED** Within 5 Days of Initial Receipt  
**CORRECTIONS SHOULD BE APPROVED** Within 3 Days of Receipt

FILING FEES SCHEDULE (§ 7-7-4)		COMPUTATION OF TIME
U.S. Senate	\$ 1,740	<p>"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))</p> <p>"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)</p>
<u>U.S. House</u>	\$ 1,740	
WV Supreme Court of Appeals (unexp)	\$ 1,496	
Judge of the Int. Court of Appeals	\$ 1,425	
State Senate	\$ 200	
House of Delegates	\$ 100	
<u>State Executive Committee (M &amp; F)</u>	\$ 20	
County Commissioner	varies (c1 – c10)	
Board of Education	\$ 25	
Greater Huntington Park & Rec. Dist.	\$ 10	
Conservation District Supervisor	\$ 10	
County Executive Committee (M & F)	\$ 10	
District Executive Committee (M & F)	\$ 5	

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