



2015

Reference

Dec. 6 Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of March 15, 2016 presidential primary election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 3511.16
Dec. 16 Constitutional amendments proposed by joint resolution of the General Assembly must be filed with Secretary of State (90 days before presidential primary election) .. OH Const. XVI.51
Declarations of candidacy for partisan candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 3513.05
Declarations of candidacy for presidential delegates and alternates to a party's national nominating committee must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 3513.121
Local questions and issues for March 15, 2016 presidential primary election, including local option petitions, must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 731.28, 29, 3501.02, 4301.33, 331, 332, 333, 334, 4305.14
Applications for absentee ballots for March 15, 2016 presidential primary election may be accepted (90 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 3509.03, 3511.02
Dec. 28 Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of partisan candidates' petitions (78 days before presidential primary election) . R.C. 3513.05
Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of local option petitions (78 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 4301.33, 331, 332, 333, 334, 4305.14

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Jan. 1 Applications for absentee ballots for all 2016 elections may be accepted (first day of the year; presidential primary election applications for absentee ballots accepted starting Dec.. 16, 2015) .. R.C. 3509.03, 3511.02
Jan. 3 Nov. 3, 2015 general election ballots may be discarded, except for federal office, unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after general election) .. R.C. 3505.31, 52 USC 20701
Jan. 4 * Protests against partisan candidates' petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 3513.05
Protests against local option petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 4301.33, 331, 332, 333, 334, 4305.14
Write-in candidates for March 15 presidential primary election must file declarations of intent by 4 p.m. (72 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 3513.041
Jan. 5 Form of official ballots for March 15 presidential primary election must be certified by Secretary of State to boards of elections (70 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 3513.05
Boards of elections of most populous county in a multi-county district must certify names of all candidates to other boards of elections (70 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 3513.05
Jan. 8 Protests against write-in candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (67 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 3513.041
Jan. 15 Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 3501.27
Election Administration Plans for March 15 presidential primary election must be submitted to Secretary of State's Office (60 days before presidential primary election)
Jan. 30 UOCAVA absentee ballots for March 15 presidential primary election must be ready (45 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 3509.01, 3511.04
Boards of elections must update and publish notices of March 15 presidential primary election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 3511.16
Feb. 2 Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 3503.12
Feb. 4 Presidential candidates may withdraw from March 15 presidential primary election by 4 p.m. (40 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 3513.30
Feb. 16* Deadline for voter registration for March 15 presidential primary election (30 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 3503.19
Feb. 17 Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for March 15 presidential primary election must be ready (first day after close of voter registration) .. R.C. 3509.01
Feb. 24 Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct voter registration lists (20 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 3503.24
Deadline for an elector to challenge qualification of another elector (20 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 3505.19
Committees advocating or opposing issues on March 15 presidential primary election ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 3505.21
March 1 Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists (14 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 3503.23
March 4 Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and recognized issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 3505.21
March 5 Boards of elections must give public notice of March 15 presidential primary election (10 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 3501.03
March 7* Certificate to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of candidate whose name is on March 15 presidential primary ballot in more than one county must be filed by 4 p.m. (10 days before presidential primary election) .. R.C. 3513.30



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Table listing election events from March 10 to July 19, including dates, descriptions, and reference codes (R.C. and OH Const. II).

*Note: In some instances, the statutory deadline falls on a day when the offices of the Secretary of State and boards of elections are closed. In those instances, the deadlines are extended pursuant to R.C. 1.14 to the next succeeding day when the appropriate office is open for regular business hours. The preceding dates reflect the extended deadline. SOS 0504 (12/2015) page 2 of 5



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Table listing election dates and events with corresponding R.C. and OH Const. references. Includes dates from July 21 to August 30 and events such as nominating petitions, absentee ballots, and general election preparations.



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Table listing election events from Sep. 2 to Dec. 24 with corresponding R.C. codes. Includes sections for Nov. 8 (General Election Day) and Oct. 11* (Deadline for voter registration for Nov. 8 general election).



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Jan. 1 Applications for absentee ballots for all elections held in 2017 may be accepted (first day of the year; special election applications for absentee ballots accepted starting Nov. 9, 2016) R.C. 3509.03, 3511.02
Jan.3* Last day for local option petitioners contesting community facility to send street listings to Division of Liquor Control (30 days before Feb. 1 petition filing deadline for May 2 primary/special election) R.C. 4301.334
Jan. 8 November 8, 2016 general election ballots, except for federal office, may be discarded unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after general election) R.C. 3505.31, 52 USC 20701
Jan. 9* Deadline for voter registration for Feb. 7 special election (30 days before special election) R.C. 3503.19
Jan. 10 Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for Feb. 7 special election must be ready (first day after close of voter registration) R.C. 3509.01
Jan. 18 Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct voter registration lists (20 days before special election) R.C. 3503.24
Deadline for an elector to challenge qualification of another elector (20 days before special election) R.C. 3505.19
Committees advocating or opposing issues on Feb. 7 special election ballot must file by 4 p.m. to be recognized as a committee to appoint observers (20 days before special election) R.C. 3505.21
Jan. 22 Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the May 2 primary/special election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before primary/special election) R.C. 3511.16

Recounts and Election Contests

Application for a recount must be filed not later than 5 days after official results are declaredR.C. 3515.02
A petition contesting an election must be filed in the appropriate court within 15 days after the official results are declared or, if a recount of the election is conducted, within 10 days after the official results of a recount are declaredR.C. 3515.09