

ELECTION CALENDAR AT A GLANCE
CONSOLIDATED ELECTION:
APRIL 6, 2021

SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

PETITION CIRCULATION

First day to circulate petitions for independent and new political parties, as well as for nonpartisan offices (90 days before last day to file).

NOVEMBER 21, 2020

PUBLICATION – TOWNSHIP CAUCUS

Last day the township board shall publish a notice stating the time and location of the caucus for each political party.

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

PUBLICATION – MULTI-TOWNSHIP CAUCUS

Last day the multi-township central committee shall publish a notice stating the time and location of the caucus for each political party.

NOVEMBER 27, 2020

PUBLICATION – MUNICIPAL CAUCUS

Last day for municipal clerk to publish notice of municipal caucus in municipalities with population over 500 (in municipalities with a population of under 500, notice shall be given by municipal clerk posting the notice in three of the most public places in the municipality).

DECEMBER 1, 2020

TOWNSHIP CAUCUS

Date on which the Township Caucus shall be held (in those townships which have not adopted the primary system).

DECEMBER 2, 2020

MULTI-TOWNSHIP CAUCUS

Date on which the Multi-township Caucus shall be held.

DECEMBER 7, 2020

MUNICIPAL CAUCUS

Date on which the Municipal Caucus shall be held (in municipalities under 5,000 population) which have established political parties.

DECEMBER 14, 2020

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION CANDIDATE FILING BEGINS

First day for new political party, nonpartisan, and independent candidates to file nomination papers

CAUCUS CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION

First day established political party caucus certificates of nomination may be filed in the office of the local election official.

DECEMBER 21, 2020

CONSOLIDATED ELECTION CANDIDATE FILING ENDS

Last day for new political party, nonpartisan, and independent candidates to file nomination papers.

CAUCUS CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION

Last day established political party caucus certificates of nomination may be filed in the office of the local election official.

DECEMBER 29, 2020

OBJECTIONS

Last day to file objections to nominating petitions of new political party, nonpartisan, and independent candidates.

DECEMBER 30, 2020

LOTTERY

Last day to conduct lottery for December 14-21 filing period (conducted within 9 days following the last day of petition filing).

JANUARY 4, 2021

REFERENDA

Last day to file petition for public question (certain exceptions apply).

JANUARY 6, 2021

VOTE BY MAIL – APPLICATION

First day for any registered voter within the confines of the U.S. to make application by mail or in person to the election authority for an official ballot (90 days prior to consolidated election).

JANUARY 19, 2021

REFERENDA RESOLUTIONS

Last day to adopt a resolution or ordinance for binding/advisory public question.

JANUARY 28, 2021

BALLOT CERTIFICATION

Last day for the local election official to certify candidates and the offices they are filing for to the election authority.

FEBRUARY 4, 2021

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Last day to file a Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the appropriate election authority or authorities (61 days prior to the election).

FEBRUARY 19, 2021

VOTE BY MAIL – UOCAVA

Last day for the election authority to have sufficient number of ballots available for mailing to persons in the United States Service, their spouse, and/or their voting age dependents, as well as for citizens temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the U.S. and nonresident civilians.

FEBRUARY 25, 2021

VOTE BY MAIL

First day for mailing or delivery of vote by mail ballot.

EARLY VOTING

First day for early voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated by the election authority for this purpose (begins 40th day preceding election and extends through the day prior to an election).

MARCH 9, 2021

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

Last day for registration or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority.

MARCH 10, 2021

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING

First day for grace period registration and voting in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.

MARCH 22, 2021

EARLY VOTING – PERMANENT POLLING PLACES

First day of early voting for counties that have early voting at permanent polling places other than the office of the election authority.

MARCH 29, 2021

VOTE BY MAIL – UOCAVA

Last day for any voter who is a member of the United States Service, their spouse, and/or their voting age dependents, as well as nonresident civilians and citizens temporarily residing outside the U.S. to make application for a vote by mail ballot.

APRIL 1, 2021

VOTE BY MAIL – APPLICATION

Last day for the election authority to receive application for vote by mail ballot from any registered voter.

APRIL 5, 2021

EARLY VOTING

Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated by the election authority for this purpose.

VOTE BY MAIL – APPLICATION

Last day for any registered voter to make application in person for a vote by mail ballot.

APRIL 6, 2021

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING

Last day for grace period registration and voting in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.