

2008 IMPORTANT DATES

CANDIDATE FILING

- **December 30, 2007: Party Change Deadline**
No person may be a candidate of a major political party for partisan office in 2008 if he or she changed political affiliation to Democrat or Republican after December 30, 2007.
- **January 2 - April 11, 2008: Independent Candidate Petition Filing**
Period during which an independent candidate must submit his or her petition of candidacy to the appropriate filing officer for verification. Prior to circulating the petition, a copy must be filed with the filing officer.
- **January 7-18, 2008, Weekdays, 8am-5pm: Judicial Candidate Filing**
Period during which judicial candidates for State Supreme Court, District Court (including Family Division) and Justices of the Peace may file to run for office in 2008.
- **January 30, 2008, 5pm: Last Day to Withdraw Judicial Candidacy**
- **May 5-16, 2008, Weekdays, 8am-5pm: Candidate Filing (Non-Judicial), Minor Party Lists**
Period during which non-judicial candidates may file to run for office in 2008. Minor party candidates may not file until their party has submitted its list of candidates to the Secretary of State.
- **May 28, 2008, 5pm: Last Day to Withdraw Candidacy (Non-Judicial)**

PRIMARY ELECTION

- **July 12, 2008: Voter Registration Deadline**
Last day to register, update registration or change party affiliation for the Primary Election without appearing in person at the Election Department offices.
- **July 13 - 22, 2008: In-Office Voter Registration**
Voters may register, update registration or change party affiliation for the Primary Election **IN PERSON** only at one of the Election Department's two offices. Hours vary.
- **July 26 - August 8, 2008: EARLY VOTING - Various Locations and Hours**
- **August 5, 2008, 5pm: Mail Ballot Request Deadline**
Last day for the Election Department to **RECEIVE** written requests for the Primary Election.

 **AUGUST 12, 2008: PRIMARY ELECTION DAY - Vote 7am to 7pm**

GENERAL ELECTION

- **October 4, 2008: Voter Registration Deadline**
Last day to register, update registration or change party affiliation for the General Election without appearing in person at the Election Department offices.
- **October 5 - 14, 2008: In-Office Voter Registration**
Voters may register, update registration or change party affiliation for the General Election **IN PERSON** only at one of the Election Department's two offices. Hours vary.
- **October 18 - 31, 2008: EARLY VOTING - Various Locations and Hours**
- **October 28, 2008, 5pm: Mail Ballot Request Deadline**
Last day for the Election Department to **RECEIVE** written requests for the General Election.

 **NOVEMBER 4, 2008: GENERAL ELECTION DAY - Vote 7am - 7pm**