

2010 Gubernatorial Election Calendar*

Date	Time ^{1,2}	Event Name	Description	Computation	Legal Authority ³
Thursday, January 01, 2009		New Year's Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, January 19, 2009		Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, January 20, 2009	11:59 PM	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file annual campaign finance report.	3rd Wednesday in January.	EL § 13-309(b)(2)
Monday, February 16, 2009		President's Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Friday, May 01, 2009	COB	Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for 2009 Referendum Petition	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to SBE a request for advance determination of sufficiency of a referendum petition format.	At least 30 days before the deadline to file the petition.	EL § 6-210(a)(1)
Wednesday, May 06, 2009	COB	Determination of Referendum Petition Format Sufficiency	Deadline for SBE to determine sufficiency of a referendum petition format.	Within 5 days of receiving the request for advance determination.	EL § 6-210(a)(2)
Friday, May 08, 2009	COB	Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination of a Referendum Petition	Deadline for SBE to notify petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of referendum petition format.	Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of referendum petition format.	EL § 6-210(b)
Monday, May 25, 2009		Memorial Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Sunday, May 31, 2009	11:59 PM	Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2009 General Assembly	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State at least one-third of the referendum petition signatures.	Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State before the 1st day of June. The Secretary of State will be available to receive referendum petition signatures even though the deadline is a Sunday.	MD Const. Art. XVI, § 3(b)
Monday, June 22, 2009	COB	Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the signatures on the referendum petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of the petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Wednesday, June 24, 2009	COB	Certification of Referendum Petition	Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the first submission of the required signatures.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
Tuesday, June 30, 2009	11:59 PM	Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2009 General Assembly	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State the balance of referendum petition signatures.	Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State by the 30th day of June.	MD Const. Art XVI, § 3(b)
Friday, July 03, 2009		Independence Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, July 06, 2009	COB	Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification	Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification of the first submission of the required signatures.	10th day following SBE's determination or 63rd day before the general election (August 31, 2010), whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)
Monday, July 06, 2009	COB	Begin Candidate Filing	First day candidates for the 2010 election can file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> .	1 year before the deadline to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> .	SBE Policy
Monday, July 20, 2009	COB	Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the balance of the signatures on the referendum petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of the petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Wednesday, July 22, 2009	COB	Certification of Referendum Petition	Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the full referendum petition verification.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)

* Dates may change as a result of legislation enacted during the 2010 sessions of the Maryland General Assembly.

¹ Under Maryland law, if a deadline is a Saturday, Sunday or State holiday, the deadline is moved to the next regular business day. See EL § 1-301.

² COB means close of business. For SBE, the close of business is 5:00 p.m. Because the close of business varies by county, please contact the appropriate local board of elections to find out when the election office closes.

³ Most citations refer to the Election Law (EL) Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. COMAR refers to the Code of Maryland Regulations. USC refers to the United States Code.

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Monday, August 03, 2009	COB	Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification	Deadline to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification.	10th day following SBE's determination or 63rd day before the general election (August 31, 2010), whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)
Monday, September 07, 2009		Labor Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, September 14, 2009		Early Voting Center Approval Form	Deadline for SBE to provide the local boards with the form for a proposed early voting center.	At least one year before a primary election.	COMAR 33.17.02.02A(1)
Thursday, September 17, 2009		Constitution Day and Citizenship Day	Commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution and public schools to celebrate day to help instill students' knowledge of history, importance, and meaning of the U.S. Constitution and Maryland Constitution.	Anniversary of signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787.	Education Art., § 7-116
Monday, October 12, 2009		Columbus Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Wednesday, November 11, 2009		Veteran's Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Thursday, November 26, 2009		Thanksgiving	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Friday, November 27, 2009		American Indian Heritage Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Friday, December 25, 2009		Christmas	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Friday, January 01, 2010		New Year's Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, January 04, 2010		Determination of Number of Registered Voters	Deadline for the State Administrator to determine the number of active registered voters.	January 2nd in the year of the election.	COMAR 33.17.02.01A(1)
Monday, January 11, 2010		Notice of Number of Early Voting Centers	Deadline for the State Administrator to provide the local boards with the number of early voting centers.	Within 5 days of determination of number of registered voters	COMAR 33.17.02.01B
Monday, January 18, 2010		Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Wednesday, January 20, 2010	11:59 PM	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file annual campaign finance report.	3rd Wednesday in January.	EL § 13-309(b)(2)
Monday, February 15, 2010		Early Voting Center Approval Form	Deadline for the local boards to submit to SBE a form for each proposed early voting center.	At least 7 months before a primary election.	COMAR 33.17.02.02A(2)
Monday, February 15, 2010		President's Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, March 15, 2010	COB	Designation of Early Voting Centers	Deadline for SBE, in collaboration with the local boards, to designate early voting centers.	No later than 6 months before a primary election.	EL § 10-301.1(c) (2009 Laws of Maryland)
Monday, May 03, 2010	COB	Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for 2010 Referendum Petition	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to SBE a request for advance determination of sufficiency of a referendum petition format.	At least 30 days before the deadline to file the petition.	EL § 6-210(a)(1)
Monday, May 10, 2010	COB	Determination of Referendum Petition Format Sufficiency	Deadline for SBE to determine sufficiency of a referendum petition format.	Within 5 days of receiving the request for advance determination.	EL § 6-210(a)(2)
Wednesday, May 12, 2010	COB	Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination of a Referendum Petition	Deadline for SBE to notify petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of referendum petition format.	Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of referendum petition format.	EL § 6-210(b)
Friday, May 28, 2010		Service Reduction Day	SBE and most local boards will be closed.	Friday before Memorial Day.	Executive Order 01.01.2009.11

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Monday, May 31, 2010		Memorial Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, May 31, 2010	11:59 PM	Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2010 General Assembly	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State at least one-third of the referendum petition signatures.	Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State before the 1st day of June. The Secretary of State will be available to receive referendum petition signatures even though the deadline is a State holiday.	MD Const. Art. XVI, § 3(b)
Tuesday, June 15, 2010		Appointment of Election Judges	Start of term of office for election judges.	Beginning the Tuesday that is 13 weeks before the primary election.	EL § 10-203(c)
Tuesday, June 15, 2010	COB	Polling Place Change	Deadline for the local boards to create or change a precinct boundary or polling place.	Beginning the Tuesday that is 13 weeks before the primary election.	EL § 2-303(b)
Tuesday, June 15, 2010		Alternate Early Voting Center	Deadline for the local boards to submit to SBE a form for each proposed alternate early voting center.	At least 3 months before a primary election.	COMAR 33.17.02.02G(3)
Monday, June 21, 2010	COB	Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the signatures on the referendum petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of the petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Wednesday, June 23, 2010	COB	Certification of Referendum Petition	Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the first submission of the required signatures.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
Wednesday, June 30, 2010	11:59 PM	Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2010 General Assembly	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State the balance of referendum petition signatures.	Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State by the 30th day of June.	MD Const. Art XVI, § 3(b)
Tuesday, July 06, 2010	COB	Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification	Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification of the first submission of the required signatures.	10th day following SBE's determination or 63rd day before the general election (August 31, 2010), whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)
Monday, July 05, 2010		Independence Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, July 06, 2010	9:00 PM	Certificate of Candidacy	Deadline to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i>.	Monday that is 10 weeks or 70 days before the primary election.	§ 5-303(a)
Tuesday, July 06, 2010	9:00 PM	Declaration of Intent	Deadline to file a <i>Declaration of Intent</i> to seek nomination from party or by petition.	Date and time specified for candidate to file <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> .	EL § 5 -703(c)(3)(1)
Tuesday, July 06, 2010	COB	Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for Candidacy or New Party Petition	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to SBE or the appropriate local board a request for advance determination of sufficiency of a candidacy or new party petition format.	At least 30 days before the deadline to file the petition but not more than 2 years and one month before the deadline to file petition.	EL § 6-210(a)(1)
Monday, July 12, 2010	COB	Determination of Candidacy or New Party Petition Format Sufficiency	Deadline for SBE or the appropriate local board to determine sufficiency of a candidacy or new party petition.	Within 5 days of reviewing request of advance determination.	EL § 6-210(a)(2)
Monday, July 12, 2010	COB	Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for Charter Amendment Petition	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to the appropriate local board a request for advance determination on the sufficiency of a charter amendment petition format.	At least 30 days before the deadline to file the petition but not more than 2 years and one month before the deadline to file petition.	EL § 6-210(a)(1)
Tuesday, July 13, 2010	COB	Challenge Residency of Candidate	Deadline for a registered voter to file in circuit court a petition challenging the residency of a candidate.	No later than 9 weeks before an election.	EL § 5-305(c)(2)
Tuesday, July 13, 2010		Security Plan for Early Voting Centers	Deadline for the local boards to submit to the State Administrator an early voting security plan.	At least 8 weeks before early voting begins.	COMAR 33.17.02.04A
Wednesday, July 14, 2010	COB	Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination of a Candidacy or New Party Petition	Deadline for SBE or the appropriate local board to notify candidate or petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of candidacy or new party petition format.	Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of referendum petition format.	EL § 6-210(b)

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Friday, July 16, 2010	COB	Withdrawal of Candidacy	Deadline for a candidate to withdraw his or her candidacy before primary election.	Within 10 days after the deadline to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> .	EL § 5-502(a)
Monday, July 19, 2010	COB	Determination of Charter Amendment Petition Format Sufficiency	Deadline for the local boards to determine sufficiency of a charter amendment petition format.	Within 5 days of reviewing request of advance determination.	EL § 6-210(a)(2)
Wednesday, July 21, 2010	COB	Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination for Charter Amendment Petition	Deadline for the local boards to notify petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of charter amendment petition format.	Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of referendum petition format.	EL § 6-210(b)
Tuesday, July 20, 2010	COB	Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the balance of the signatures on the referendum petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of the petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Wednesday, July 21, 2010	COB	Vacancy in Candidacy	Deadline for central committees to fill a vacancy for an office appearing on the primary election ballot.	5th day after the date on which a candidate may withdraw.	EL § 5-901(e)
Thursday, July 22, 2010	COB	Certification of Referendum Petition	Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the full referendum petition verification.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
Monday, July 26, 2010		Certification of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify content and arrangement of ballots for the primary election.	50 days before primary election	EL § 9-207(a)(1)
Wednesday, July 28, 2010	COB	Delivery of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to deliver to each local board a copy of the certified ballot content and arrangement for that jurisdiction.	Within 48 hours after certification of ballot.	EL § 9-207(c)
Monday, August 02, 2010		Display of Ballot	Deadline for the local boards to begin displaying the content and arrangement of all ballots in their jurisdiction.	Within 5 days of certification	EL § 9-207(d)
Monday, August 02, 2010	COB	Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification	Deadline to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification.	10th day following SBE's determination or 63rd day before the general election (August 31, 2010), whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)
Monday, August 02, 2010	COB	Filing New Party Petition	Deadline to file with SBE a new political party petition.	1st Monday in August.	EL § 4-102(c)(2)(ii)
Monday, August 02, 2010	COB	Filing Candidacy Petition & <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i>	Deadline for general election petition candidate to file with SBE or the appropriate local board the <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> and candidacy petition.	1st Monday in August.	EL § 5-703(d) & (f)
Monday, August 02, 2010	COB	Filing <i>Certificates of Nomination and Candidacy</i>	Deadline for candidates seeking nomination from a political party that does not nominate by primary election to file with SBE or the appropriate local board the <i>Certificate of Nomination</i> and <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> .	1st Monday in August.	EL § 5-703.1
Wednesday, August 04, 2010		Public Education for Early Voting	SBE and local boards to start public education about early voting.	30 days before early voting for the primary election.	EL § 10-301.1(f)
Wednesday, August 04, 2010		Request to Waive Absentee Mailing Deadline	Deadline for SBE to submit a request to the Federal Voting Assistance Program for a waiver of the deadline to mail absentee ballots to certain voters.	At least 90 days before the general election.	42 USC 1973ff-1(g)(3)
Thursday, August 05, 2010		Printing of Ballots	Printing of ballots may begin.	3 days after public display of ballot and, with the approval of SBE, correction of any noted errors.	EL § 9-207(e)
Thursday, August 05, 2010	COB	Judicial Review of Content and Arrangement of Ballot	Deadline for a registered voter to seek judicial review of the content and arrangement, or to correct any other error, on the ballot.	3 days after public display of ballot.	EL § 9-209(a)
Monday, August 09, 2010	COB	Filing Charter Amendment Petition	Deadline for petition sponsor to file with local government authority a charter amendment petition.	2nd Monday in August.	EL § 7-104(b)

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Monday, August 09, 2010		Certification of General Assembly Ballot Questions	Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify to the local boards ballot questions referred to voters of one county, or part of one county, by the General Assembly.	2nd Monday in August.	EL § 7-103(c)(2)
Thursday, August 12, 2010		Review of Early Voting Security Plan	Deadline for the State Administrator to review and provide feedback on a local board's early voting security plan.	Within 30 days of receipt of an early voting security plan.	COMAR 33.17.02.04C(2)
Monday, August 16, 2010		Certification of Statewide Ballot Questions and Ballot Questions Petitioned to Referendum	Deadline for Secretary of State to certify to SBE statewide ballot questions and questions relating to Acts of the General Assembly petitioned to referendum.	3rd Monday in August.	EL § 7-103(c)(1)
Monday, August 16, 2010		Certification of Local Ballot Questions	Deadline for County Attorney/City Solicitor to certify to the local boards each question to be voted on in the county or part of the county.	3rd Monday in August.	EL § 7-103(c)(3)
Tuesday, August 17, 2010	11:59 PM	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline for Gubernatorial designated political committees to file first pre-primary report.	4th Tuesday before the primary election.	EL § 13-309(a)(1)
Monday, August 23, 2010	COB	Verification and Counting of Candidacy or New Party Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count signatures on candidacy or new party petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of the petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Monday, August 23, 2010		Certification of Local Ballot Questions	Deadline for Clerk of the Circuit Court to prepare and certify local ballot questions if the County Attorney/City Solicitor does not do so.	4th Monday in August if County Attorney/City Solicitor has not timely certified the ballot questions.	EL § 7-103(c)(3)(ii)
Tuesday, August 24, 2010	9:00 PM	Close of Registration & Party Affiliation Deadline	Deadline to register to vote or change party affiliation for the primary election.	21st day preceding the election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Tuesday, August 24, 2010		Voter Registration Lists	Deadline for a registered voter to request a voter registration list (New requests will not be taken until registration reopens).	On or before the registration deadline.	COMAR 33.03.02.05(B)
Tuesday, August 24, 2010	9:00 PM	Polling Place Reassignment	Deadline for elderly voters or voters with disabilities to submit a request to the local boards for reassignment to an accessible polling place.	No later than the close of registration before any election.	EL § 10-102(b)(1)
Wednesday, August 25, 2010	COB	Certification of Candidacy or New Party Petition	Deadline for SBE or the appropriate local board to certify the results of the candidacy or new party petition verification.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
Monday, August 30, 2010	COB	Verification and Counting of Charter Amendment Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count signatures on a charter amendment petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of the petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Tuesday, August 31, 2010	COB	Logic and Accuracy Testing - Early Voting	Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the voting units being used for early voting. (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted before any voting units are delivered to an early voting center.)	At least 14 days before the election.	33.10.02.14,16
Wednesday, September 01, 2010	COB	Certification of Charter Amendment Petition	Deadline for the local boards to certify the results of the charter amendment petition verification.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
Friday, September 03, 2010	10:00 AM to 8:00 PM	Early Voting Begins	Early voting for Primary Election begins - Polls open from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM continuously (voters in line at 8:00 PM may vote).	2nd Friday before election through the Thursday before the election, excluding Sunday	EL § 10-301.1 (2009 Laws of Maryland)
Friday, September 03, 2010	11:59 PM	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file the pre-primary election campaign finance report.	2nd Friday immediately preceding the election.	EL § 13-309(a)(2)

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Friday, September 03, 2010	COB	Voter Registration Lists	Deadline to prepare a voter registration list that includes registrants through the registration deadline.	Within 10 days of the voter registration deadline.	COMAR 33.03.02.05C(2)
Monday, September 06, 2010		Labor Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, September 07, 2010	COB	Judicial Review of Candidacy Petition Certification	Deadline for candidate to seek judicial review of candidacy petition certification.	10th day after determination.	EL § 6-210(e)(2)
Tuesday, September 07, 2010	COB	Judicial Review of New Party Petition Certification	Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of new party petition certification.	10th day after determination.	EL § 6-210(e)(1)
Tuesday, September 07, 2010	COB	Logic and Accuracy Testing - Election Day Voting	Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the election management system and voting units being used for election day voting and absentee and provisional voting. (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted before any voting units are delivered to an early voting center.)	At least 10 days before the election.	COMAR 33.10.02.14,16 COMAR 33.10.11.15,16
Tuesday, September 07, 2010	COB	Judicial Review of any Ballot Printing Errors	Deadline to seek judicial review if an error is discovered after the ballots have been printed and the local boards fails to correct the error.	Not later than the 2nd Monday preceding the election.	EL § 9-209(c)
Tuesday, September 07, 2010		Notice of Election	Deadline for the local boards to provide notice of the primary election.	At least one week before the election.	EL § 8-102
Tuesday, September 07, 2010	8:00 PM (mail) or 11:59 PM (fax/email)	Absentee Ballot Application Deadline	Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail, fax or email.	Tuesday before the election.	EL § 9-305(b); COMAR 33.11.02.02D
Wednesday, September 08, 2010		Late Absentee Ballot Application	Beginning of period to request absentee ballot using the late absentee ballot application.	Starting Wednesday before the election through 8:00 PM on election day.	EL § 9-305(c); COMAR 33.11.02.04A
Thursday, September 09, 2010	10:00 AM to 8:00 PM	Early Voting Ends	Early voting for Primary Election ends - Polls open from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM continuously (voters in line at 8:00 PM may vote).	2nd Friday before election through the Thursday before the election, excluding Sunday	EL § 10-301.1 (2009 Laws of Maryland)
Monday, September 13, 2010	COB	Judicial Review of Charter Amendment Petition Certification	Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of charter amendment petition certification.	10th day after determination	EL § 6-210(e)(2)
Tuesday, September 14, 2010	7:00 AM to 8:00 PM	Primary Election	Gubernatorial Primary Election - Polls open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM continuously (voters in line at 8:00 PM may vote).	2nd Tuesday after the 1st Monday in September in the year in which the Governor is elected.	EL § 8-201(a)(2)(ii)
Tuesday, September 14, 2010	8:00 PM	Extended Voter Registration Deadline	Extended deadline for receipt of voter registration applications by mail for voting in primary election.	An application received by mail after the close of registration is timely if it is properly postmarked.	EL § 3-302(c); COMAR 33.05.04.01C, D
Tuesday, September 14, 2010	8:00 PM	Absentee Ballot Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to receive an absentee ballot.	An absentee ballot is timely received if it reaches the local boards before 8:00 PM on election day.	COMAR 33.11.03.08B(1)
Thursday, September 16, 2010	10:00 AM	Absentee Ballot Canvass 1	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 1st canvass of absentee ballots.	10:00 AM on the Thursday after the election.	COMAR 33.11.04.03A(1)
Friday, September 17, 2010		Constitution Day and Citizenship Day	Commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution and public schools to celebrate day to help instill students' knowledge of history, importance, and meaning of the U.S. Constitution and Maryland Constitution.	Anniversary of signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787.	Education Art., § 7-116

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Saturday, September 18, 2010		Mailing Absentee Ballots	Deadline for the local boards to mail absentee ballots to certain voters unless the Federal Voting Assistance Program grants the State a waiver of the deadline.	At least 45 days before the general election unless the Federal Voting Assistance Program grants the State a waiver of the 45 day mailing deadline.	42 USC 1973ff-1(a)(8)
Wednesday, September 22, 2010	10:00 AM	Provisional Ballot Canvass	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the canvass of provisional ballots.	10:00 AM on the 2nd Wednesday after the election.	COMAR 33.16.04.03A
Wednesday, September 22, 2010	10:00 AM	Extended Absentee Ballot Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to receive absentee ballots by mail.	10:00 AM on the 2nd Wednesday after the election provided there is a proper postmark or date on voter oath.	COMAR 33.11.03.08B(2)
Wednesday, September 22, 2010	10:00 AM	Absentee Ballot Canvass 2	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 2nd canvass of absentee ballots.	10:00 AM on the 2nd Wednesday after the election.	COMAR 33.11.04.03A(2)
Wednesday, September 22, 2010		Post-Election Audit	Deadline for the local boards to conduct the post-election audit for 10% of precincts.	Before certifying the results of the election.	COMAR 33.10.02.38 COMAR 33.10.11.38
Wednesday, September 22, 2010		Public Education for Early Voting	SBE and the local boards to start public education about early voting.	30 days before early voting for the general election.	EL § 10-301.1(f)
Friday, September 24, 2010		Verification of Vote Count	Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to verify primary election vote count.	Within 10 days after the election and before certifying the results of the election.	EL § 11-308(a)
Friday, September 24, 2010		Certification of the Election	Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to certify results of primary election.	After the verification of vote count is completed.	EL § 11-308(b)
Friday, September 24, 2010		Transmittal of Results	Local boards of canvassers must transmit certified copies of election results to the Governor, SBE, and appropriate Clerk of the Circuit Court.	2nd Friday after the election or if canvass is completed afterward, within 48 hours after completion.	EL § 11-401(c)
Monday, September 27, 2010	COB	Declination of Nomination	Deadline for declination of nomination by county filed candidate before general election.	Within 2 days after the results from the primary election are certified.	EL § 5-801(b)(2)(i)
Monday, September 27, 2010		Statewide Certification of Results	SBE to convene to certify election results.	2 days after official results received from the local boards.	EL § 11-501
Monday, September 27, 2010		Voter Registration Reopens	Voter registration reopens.	11th day after the election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Wednesday, September 29, 2010	COB	Declination of Nomination	Deadline for declination of nomination by state filed candidate before general election.	Within 2 days after the results from the primary election are certified.	EL § 5-801(b)(2)(i)
Thursday, September 30, 2010	COB	Petition for Recount	Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for an office or question on the ballot.	Within 3 days after the results of the election have been certified.	EL § 12-101(d)
Monday, October 04, 2010	COB	Vacancy in Nomination	Deadline for central committee(s) to fill a vacancy in nomination for local filed candidate.	The later of the 40th day before the general election or the 5th day following the vacancy.	EL §§ 5-1002(b)(2), 5-1003(b)(4), 5-1004(b)(1)
Monday, October 04, 2010	COB	Vacancy in Nomination	Deadline for central committee(s) to fill a vacancy in nomination for state filed candidate.	The later of the 40th day before the general election or the 5th day following the vacancy.	EL §§ 5-1002(b)(2), 5-1003(b)(4), 5-1004(b)(1)
Monday, October 04, 2010		Certification of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify content and arrangement of ballots for the general election.	Not more than 18 days after the primary election.	EL § 9-207(a)(2)(ii)
Wednesday, October 06, 2010		Delivery of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to deliver to each local board a copy of the certified ballot content and arrangement for that jurisdiction.	Within 48 hours after certification of ballot.	EL §9-207(c)
Monday, October 11, 2010		Columbus Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, October 12, 2010	9:00 PM	Close of Registration	Deadline to register to vote for the general election.	21st day preceding the election.	EL § 3-302(a)

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Tuesday, October 12, 2010	COB	Voter Registration Lists	Deadline for a registered voter to request a voter registration list (New requests will not be taken until registration reopens).	On or before the registration deadline.	COMAR 33.03.02.05(B)
Tuesday, October 12, 2010	9:00 PM	Polling Place Reassignment	Deadline for elderly voters or voters with disabilities to submit a request to the local boards for reassignment to an accessible polling place.	No later than the close of registration before any election.	EL § 10-102(b)(1)
Tuesday, October 12, 2010		Display of Ballot	Deadline for the local boards to begin displaying the content and arrangement of all ballots in their jurisdiction.	Within 5 days of certification.	EL § 9-207(d)
Friday, October 15, 2010		Printing of Ballots	Printing of ballots may begin.	3 days after public display of ballot.	EL § 9-207(e)
Friday, October 15, 2010	COB	Judicial Review of Content and Arrangement of Ballot	Deadline for a registered voter to seek judicial review of the content and arrangement, or to correct any other error, on the ballot.	3 days after public display of ballot.	EL § 9-209(a)
Tuesday, October 19, 2010	COB	Logic and Accuracy Testing - Early Voting	Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the voting units being used for early voting. (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted before any voting units are delivered to an early voting center.)	At least 14 days before the election.	33.10.02.14,16
Friday, October 22, 2010	10:00 AM to 8:00 PM	Early Voting Begins	Early voting for General Election begins - Polls open from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM continuously (voters in line at 8:00 PM may vote).	2nd Friday before election through the Thursday before the election, excluding Sunday	EL § 10-301.1 (2009 Laws of Maryland)
Friday, October 22, 2010	11:59 PM	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline for the pre-general election campaign finance report.	2nd Friday immediately preceding the general election.	EL § 13-309(a)(2)
Friday, October 22, 2010	COB	Voter Registration Lists	Deadline to prepare a voter registration list that includes registrants through the registration deadline.	Within 10 days of the voter registration deadline.	COMAR 33.03.02.05C(2)
Monday, October 25, 2010	COB	Logic and Accuracy Testing - Election Day Voting	Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the election management system and voting units being used for election day voting and absentee and provisional voting. (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted before any voting units are delivered to an early voting center.)	At least 10 days before the election.	COMAR 33.10.02.14,16 COMAR 33.10.11.15,16
Monday, October 25, 2010	COB	Judicial Review of any Ballot Printing Errors	Deadline to seek judicial review if an error is discovered after the ballots have been printed and the local boards fails to correct the error.	Not later than the 2nd Monday preceding the election.	EL § 9-209(c)
Tuesday, October 26, 2010		Notice of Election	Deadline for the local boards to provide notice of the general election.	At least one week before the election.	EL § 8-102
Tuesday, October 26, 2010	8:00 PM (mail) or 11:59 PM (fax/email)	Absentee Ballot Application Deadline	Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail, fax, or email.	Tuesday before the election.	EL § 9-305(b); COMAR 33.11.02.02D
Wednesday, October 27, 2010	COB	Write-in Candidate	Deadline for write-in candidates to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> . Only filed write-in candidates will have their votes reported on the official canvass.	Wednesday preceding the election or within 7 days after expenditure of \$51 to promote candidacy.	EL § 5-303(c)
Wednesday, October 27, 2010		Late Absentee Ballot Application	Beginning of period to request an absentee ballot using the late absentee ballot application.	Starting Wednesday before the election through 8:00 PM on election day.	EL § 9-305(c); COMAR 33.11.02.04A

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Thursday, October 28, 2010	10:00 AM to 8:00 PM	Early Voting Ends	Early voting for General Election ends - Polls open from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM continuously (voters in line at 8:00 PM may vote).	2nd Friday before election through the Thursday before the election, excluding Sunday	EL § 10-301.1 (2009 Laws of Maryland)
Tuesday, November 02, 2010	7:00 AM to 8:00 PM	General Election	Gubernatorial General Election - Polls open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM continuously (voters in line at 8:00 PM may vote).	Tuesday after 1st Monday in November	MD Const. Art. XV, § 7; EL §§ 10-301
Tuesday, November 02, 2010	8:00 PM	Extended Voter Registration Deadline	Extended deadline for receipt of voter registration applications by mail for voting in general election.	An application received by mail after the close of registration is timely if it is properly postmarked.	EL § 3-302(c); COMAR 33.05.04.01C, D
Tuesday, November 02, 2010	8:00 PM	Absentee Ballot Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to receive an absentee ballot.	An absentee ballot is timely received if it reaches the local boards before 8:00 PM on election day.	COMAR 33.11.03.08B(1)
Thursday, November 04, 2010	10:00 AM	Absentee Ballot Canvass 1	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 1st canvass of absentee ballots.	10:00 AM on the Thursday after the election.	COMAR 33.11.04.03A(1)
Wednesday, November 10, 2010	10:00 AM	Provisional Ballot Canvass	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the canvass of provisional ballots.	10:00 AM on the 2nd Wednesday after the election.	COMAR 33.16.04.03A
Thursday, November 11, 2010		Veteran's Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Friday, November 12, 2010	10:00 AM	Extended Absentee Ballot Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to receive absentee ballots by mail.	10:00 AM on the 2nd Friday after the election provided there is a proper postmark or date on voter oath.	COMAR 33.11.03.08B(2)
Friday, November 12, 2010	10:00 AM	Absentee Ballot Canvass 2	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 2nd canvass of absentee ballots.	10:00 AM on the 2nd Friday after the election.	COMAR 33.11.04.03A(2)
Friday, November 12, 2010		Post-Election Audit	Deadline for the local boards to conduct the post-election audit for 10% of precincts.	Before certifying the results of the election.	COMAR 33.10.02.38 COMAR 33.10.11.38
Friday, November 12, 2010		Verification of Vote Count	Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to verify the general election vote count.	Within 10 days after the election and before certifying the results of the election.	EL § 11-308(a)
Friday, November 12, 2010		Certification of the Election	Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to certify the results of the general election.	After the verification of vote count is completed.	EL § 11-308(b)
Friday, November 12, 2010		Transmittal of Results	Local boards of canvassers must transmit certified copies of election results to the Governor, SBE, and appropriate Clerk of the Circuit Court.	2nd Friday after the election or if canvass is completed afterward, within 48 hours after completion.	EL § 11-401(c)
Monday, November 15, 2010		Petition for Recount	Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for an office or question on the ballot.	Within 3 days after the results of the election have been certified.	EL § 12-101(d)
Monday, November 15, 2010		Voter Registration Reopens	Voter registration reopens.	11th day after the election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Tuesday, November 23, 2010	11:59 PM	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file post-general election campaign finance report.	On or before the 3rd Tuesday after the general election.	EL 13-309(a)(4)
Thursday, November 25, 2010		Thanksgiving	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Friday, November 26, 2010		American Indian Heritage Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, December 07, 2010	COB	Statewide Certification of Results	Deadline for the State Board of Canvassers to convene to certify election results.	Within 35 days after general election.	EL § 11-503(a)(1)(ii)
Friday, December 10, 2010	COB	Petition for Recount	Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for an office or question on the ballot.	Within 3 days after the results of the election have been certified.	EL § 12-101(d)
Friday, December 24, 2010		Christmas	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201

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Friday, December 31, 2010		New Year's Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201