

Date/Deadline ^{1,2}	Time ³	Event Name	Description	Computation	Legal Authority ⁴
Monday, October 28, 2019		Governor's Proclamation	Declares that special primary and general elections be held to fill a vacancy for a representative in Congress.	Within 10 days after the vacancy occurs.	EL § 8-710(a)(1)
Wednesday, October 30, 2019	9 am	Begin Candidate Filing	First day candidates for the 7th congressional district 2020 special election can file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> .		Governor's Proclamation
Tuesday, November 5, 2019	COB	Polling Place Change	Deadline for the local boards to create or change a precinct boundary or polling place.	Tuesday that is 13 weeks before a primary election.	EL § 2-303(b)
Wednesday, November 6, 2019		NVRA Voter List Maintenance for 7th Congressional District	Deadline for the local boards to complete programs to remove certain ineligible voters from the 7th congressional district voter registration lists (including sending confirmation mailings to verify addresses)	At least 90 days before an election	52 USC Sec 20507(c)(2)
Wednesday, November 20, 2019	5 pm	Certificate of Candidacy	Deadline for candidates to file a Certificate of Candidacy for the 7th congressional district special election.		Governor's Proclamation
Friday, November 22, 2019	5:00 PM	Withdrawal of Candidacy	Deadline to withdraw candidacy.	Within 2 days after the filing date established in the Governor's Proclamation.	EL § 5-502(b); Governor's Proclamation
Monday, November 26, 2019	5:00 PM	Fill Vacancy	Deadline to fill vacancy	Within 4 days after deadline for withdrawal of candidacy	EL § 5-901(e)
	5:00 PM	2nd Fill Vacancy	Deadline to fill vacancy	Within 4 days after death or disqualification becomes known to the local board	EL § 5-901(e)
Tuesday, December 3, 2019		Certification of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify content and arrangement of ballots for the special primary election.		
Tuesday, December 3, 2019		Display of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to display on its website the content and arrangement of special primary certified ballot.		
Wednesday, December 4, 2019		Changes to Ballot	Deadline to make any administrative changes to the ballot.	62nd day before an election.	EL § 9-209(c)
Thursday, December 5, 2019	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 administrative error on the ballot.	Within 2 days of certifying the ballot. (Dependent on date ballot is certified)	EL § 9-209(a)
Friday, December 6, 2019		Printing of Ballots	SBE may begin printing ballots and correct noted errors.	3 days after public display of the ballot. (Dependent on date ballot is displayed)	EL § 9-207(e)
Friday, December 20, 2019		Transmitting Absentee Ballots for Special Primary Election	Deadline for the local boards to transmit absentee ballots to certain voters unless the Federal Voting Assistance Program grants the State a waiver of the deadline.	No later than 45 days before a special election.	EL § 8-710(c)(2)(iii)
Wednesday, December 25, 2019		Christmas	State holiday, SBE and local boards will be closed		State Personnel & Pensions Art. § 9-201
Wednesday, January 01, 2020		New Year's Day	State holiday, SBE and local boards will be closed		State Personnel & Pensions Art. § 9-201
Thursday, January 02, 2020		Determination of Number of Registered Voters for 7th Congressional District Nomination Petition	Date that SBE determines the number of registered voters in 7th congressional district for purposes of determining the number of signatures required for a nomination petition for the special general election.	January 1st of the year of the election.	EL § 5-703(e)(3)
Wednesday, January 08, 2020		General Assembly Convenes	Lasts 90 Days	2nd Wednesday in January	MD Const. Art. III, § 14
Monday, January 13, 2020	5 pm	Declaration of Intent	Deadline for a candidate who seeks nomination by a recognized non-principal party to file a <i>Declaration of Intent</i> to seek nomination in 7th congressional district.		Governor's Proclamation
Monday, January 13, 2020	5 pm	Declaration of Intent	Deadline for an unaffiliated candidate or a candidate who is affiliated with a recognized political party to file a <i>Declaration of Intent</i> to seek nomination in 7th congressional district.		Governor's Proclamation
Tuesday, January 14, 2020	5 pm - office 11:59 pm -	Close of Registration & Party Affiliation Deadline	Deadline for individuals in the 7th congressional district to file a Declaration of Intent to seek nomination in 7th congressional district.	21st day preceding an election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Tuesday, January 14, 2020	5 pm	Polling Place Reassignment	Deadline for elderly voters or voters with disabilities to request a change to their polling place.	No later than the close of registration before an election.	EL § 10-102(b)(1)
Tuesday, January 14, 2020	5pm	Voter Registration Lists	Deadline for unregistered voters to request a reassignment to congressional district voter registration list.	On or before the registration deadline.	COMAR 33.03.02.05(B)
Monday, January 20, 2020		Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	State holiday, SBE and local boards will be closed		State Personnel & Pensions Art. § 9-201
Friday, January 24, 2020		Logic and Accuracy Testing (Public Demonstration)	Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing.	At least 10 days before election day.	COMAR 33.10.01.14(a)(2)(b)
Friday, January 24, 2020	COB	Voter Registration Lists	Deadline for SBE and the local boards to prepare a 7th congressional district voter registration list.	Within 10 days of the voter registration deadline	COMAR 33.03.02.05C(2)
Monday, January 27, 2020		Notice of Canvass	Deadline for the local boards to provide notice of the election to registered voters.	At least 10 days before the first absentee ballot is received.	COMAR 33.08.01.05-4
Tuesday, January 28, 2020	5 pm (mail) or 1:30 pm (canvass)	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered by Mail or Fax	Deadline for a registered voter to request a mailed or local ballot to provide notice of the election by mail.	Tuesday before an election.	EL § 9-301(c)(1); COMAR 33.11.03.08B(1)
Tuesday, January 28, 2020	5 pm (mail) or 1:30 pm (canvass)	Notice of Election by mass communication	Deadline for a registered voter to request a special primary ballot to provide notice of the election by mass communication.	During the calendar week preceding the election.	EL § 9-301(c)(2); COMAR 33.11.03.08B(1)
Friday, January 31, 2020	5 pm (mail) or 1:30 pm (canvass)	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Delivered via Internet	Deadline for a registered voter to request a special primary ballot to provide notice of the election by mass communication.	Friday before an election.	EL § 9-301(c)(3); COMAR 33.11.03.08B(1)
Monday, February 3, 2020	5 pm	Campaign Signs	Deadline for campaign signs to be placed on public property.	The day immediately preceding election day.	EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)
Tuesday, February 4, 2020	7am to 8pm	Special Primary Election	Special Primary Election Day: Congressional District 7 Special General Election	Tuesday that is at least 65 days after the	EL § 8-710(b)(2); Governor's Proclamation
Tuesday, February 4, 2020	5:00 PM	Filing Candidacy Petition & Certificate of Candidacy	Deadline for special general election petition candidates to file a candidacy petition.	By 5 pm on the day of the special primary.	EL § 9-703(1)(2); Governor's Proclamation
Tuesday, February 4, 2020	5:00 PM	Filing Certificates of Nomination and Candidacy	Deadline for special general election candidates seeking nomination from a recognized political party to file with the local board.		Governor's Proclamation
Tuesday, February 4, 2020	8 pm	Extended Voter Registration Deadline	Extended deadline for receipt of voter registration applications sent by mail for voting in the primary election.	An application received by mail after the close of registration is timely if it is properly postmarked.	EL § 3-302(c); COMAR 33.05.04.02C, D
Tuesday, February 4, 2020	8 pm	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Voter Picks Up Ballot	Deadline for a registered voter or voter's agent to request a mailed ballot in person from the local board.	No later than the close of the polls on election day.	EL § 9-303(c)(3); COMAR 33.11.03.08B(1)
Tuesday, February 4, 2020	8 pm	Absentee Ballot Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to receive an absentee ballot delivered by hand.	An absentee ballot delivered by hand is timely received if it is received by the local board before 8 pm on election day.	COMAR 33.11.03.08B(1)
Tuesday, February 4, 2020	8 pm	Precincts for Post-Election Verification & Audits	Time after which local boards must select randomly the precincts for post-election verification and audits.	After 8 pm on election day.	COMAR 33.08.05.04A
Wednesday, February 5, 2020	8 am	Campaign Signs	Time after which campaign signs must be allowed at polling places.	The day immediately after election day.	EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)
Thursday, February 6, 2020	10 am	Absentee Ballot Canvass 1	Local boards or canvassers are required to begin the first canvass of absentee ballots.	10 am on the Thursday after an election.	COMAR 33.11.04.03A(1)
Wednesday, February 12, 2020	10 am	Provisional Ballot Canvass	Local boards or canvassers are required to begin the process of provisional ballots.	10 am on the 2nd Wednesday after an election.	COMAR 33.16.05.02

Friday, February 14, 2020	10 am	Extended Absentee Ballot Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to receive absentee ballots by mail.	10 am on the 2nd Friday after an election provided there is a proper postmark or, where no postmark is visible, date on voter's oath.	COMAR 33.11.03.08B(2)
Friday, February 14, 2020	10 am	Absentee Ballot Canvass 2	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 2nd canvass of absentee ballots.	10 am on the 2nd Friday after an election.	COMAR 33.11.04.03A(2) (Pending date)
Friday, February 14, 2020		Certification of the Election	Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to certify the results of special primary election.	After the verification of vote count is completed.	EL § 11-308(b)
Monday, February 17, 2020		President's Day	State holiday, SBE and local boards will be closed		State Personnel & Pensions Art. § 9-201
Tuesday, February 18, 2020		Voter Registration Reopens	Voter registration reopens for 7th Congressional District.	11th day after an election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Tuesday, February 18, 2020		Petition for Recount - State Offices	Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a State office on the ballot.	Within 3 days after the results of an election have been certified.	EL § 12-101(d)
Tuesday, February 18, 2020		Death or Disqualification of Candidate	Last day to remove a candidate's name from the ballot due to the candidate's death or disqualification.	State Administrator's designated date in order to certify ballot.	Governor's Proclamation
Tuesday, February 18, 2020	5 pm	Declination of Nomination	Deadline for declination of nomination by a filed candidate before special general election.	State Administrator's designated date in order to certify ballot.	Governor's Proclamation
Thursday, February 20, 2020	5 pm	Vacancy by Declination of Nomination	Deadline for the appropriate central committee(s) to fill a vacancy caused by a candidate filing a declination of nomination.	State Administrator's designated date in order to certify ballot.	Governor's Proclamation
Monday, February 24, 2020		Certification of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify content and arrangement of ballots for the special general election.	At least 64 days before the general election.	EL § 9-207(c)
Monday, February 24, 2020		Display of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to display on its website the content and arrangement of certified ballot.	At least 64 days before the general election.	EL § 9-207(c)
Wednesday, February 26, 2020		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 administrative error on the ballot.	62nd day before an election.	EL § 9-209(e)
Wednesday, February 26, 2020		Changes to Ballot	Deadline to make any administrative changes to the ballot.	62nd day before an election.	EL § 9-209(c)
Wednesday, February 26, 2020		Judicial Review of any Ballot Printing Errors	Deadline for a registered voter to seek judicial review if an administrative error is discovered after the ballots have been publicly displayed and the State Administrator fails to correct the error.	62nd day before an election.	EL § 9-209(c)
Thursday, February 27, 2020		Printing of Ballots	SBE may begin printing ballots and correct noted errors.	3 days after public display of the ballot. (Dependent on date of display)	EL § 9-207(e)
Friday, March 13, 2020		Transmitting Absentee Ballots for Special General Election	Deadline for the local boards to transmit absentee ballots to certain voters unless the Federal Voting Assistance Program grants the State a waiver of the deadline.	No later than 45 days before an election unless the Federal Voting Assistance Program grants the State a waiver of the 45 day transmittal deadline.	52 USC § 20302(a)(8)

Tuesday, March 17, 2020		Change to Vote-by-Mail Special Election	In response to the public health crisis due to COVID-19, Governor Hogan issued a proclamation changing the special general election for the 7th Congressional District to a vote-by-mail election.		EL § 8-710(b)(3); Governor's Proclamation
Thursday, April 9, 2020	5 pm	Write-In Candidate	Deadline for write-in candidates to file a Certificate of Candidacy. Only filed write-in candidates will have their votes reported on the official canvass.		EL § 8-710(b)(3); Governor's Proclamation
Wednesday, April 15, 2020		Notice of the Canvass	The local board provide provide notice to the public regarding the start and stop of the vote by mail canvass for each day of the canvass. Will post updates on website.		
Thursday, April 16, 2020	9 am	Start of Canvass	Local Board may start canvass of the Vote by Mail ballots. The canvass will continue daily through May 8, 2020.		
Thursday, April 21, 2020	8 pm (mail) or 11:59 pm (fax/email)	Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered by Mail or Fax	Deadline for a registered voter to request a mailed or faxed ballot.	Tuesday before an election.	EL §9-305(c)(1); COMAR 33.11.02.02E
Friday, April 24 2020	5pm-office 11:59pm online	Close of Registration & Party Affiliation Deadline	Deadline to register to vote or change party affiliation for the special general election.		EL § 8-710(b)(3); Governor's Proclamation State Board Meeting April 2, 2020
Friday, April 24, 2020	8 pm (mail) or 11:59 pm (fax/email)	Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered via Internet	Deadline for a registered voter to request an electronic ballot.	Friday before an election.	EL §9-305(c)(1) ; COMAR 33.11.02.02E
Monday, April 27, 2020	5:00 PM	Campaign Signs	Start of the period when campaign signs must be allowed at a vote center	The day immediately prior election day.	EL §10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)
Tuesday, April 28, 2020	7:00am-8:00pm	Special General Election for Vote-by-Mail and in-person voting at Vote Centers	Special General Election Day: Congressional District 7.	Tuesday that is at least 65 days after the special primary election.	EL § 8-710(b)(3); Governor's Proclamation; State Board Meeting April 13
Tuesday, April 28, 2020	8:00 PM	Vote by Mail drop box return deadline	Deadline for a voter to deliver a vote by mail ballot to a drop box	A ballot delivered to a drop box is timely received if it is placed in Official Ballot Drop Box before 8 pm on election day.	
Wednesday, April 29, 2020	8:00 AM	Campaign Signs	End of period when campaign signs must be allowed at polling places.	The day immediately after election day.	EL §10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)
Wednesday, May 6, 2020	10 am	Provisional Ballot Canvass	Local boards of canvassers to begin the canvass of provisional ballots.	10 am on the 2nd Wednesday after an election.	COMAR 33.16.05.02
Friday, May 8, 2020	10 am	Extended Vote by Mail Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to receive ballots by mail.	10 am on the 2nd Friday after an election provided there is a proper postmark or, where no postmark is visible, date on voter's oath.	COMAR 33.11.03.08B(2)
Friday, May 8, 2020		Canvass Ends	The last day of the vote by mail ballot canvass		
Friday, May 8, 2020		Certification of the Election	Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to certify the results of 7th congressional district special general election.	After the verification of vote count is completed.	EL § 11-308(b)
Monday, May 11, 2020		Voter Registration Reopens	Voter registration reopens.	11th day after an election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Tuesday, June 2, 2020	COB	Statewide Certification of Results	Deadline for the State Board of Canvassers to convene to certify special general election results.	Within 35 days after a general election.	EL § 11-503(a)(1)(ii)

¹In some cases, deadlines are calculated by law based on the date on which another event or filing occurs. In circumstances where the statute or regulation provides a "deadline" for an event or filing to occur, this calendar will assume that the event occurs on the deadline itself, and will calculate other deadlines based on the date of that occurrence accordingly.

²Under Maryland law, if a deadline or date for performing an act is a Saturday, Sunday or State holiday, the deadline is moved to the next regular business day. See EL § 1-301.

³COB means close of business. For SBE, the close of business is 5 pm. Because the close of business varies by county, please contact the appropriate local board of elections or circuit court to find out when the office closes.

⁴Most 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.