

2008 Presidential Election Calendar

Date	Time ^{1,2}	Event Name	Description	Computation	Legal Authority ³
Tuesday, May 1, 2007	COB	Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for 2007 Referendum Petition	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit request to SBE for advance determination of sufficiency of a referendum 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, May 7, 2007	COB	Determination of Referendum Petition Format Sufficiency	Deadline for SBE to determine sufficiency of a referendum petition.	Within 5 days of receiving the request for advance determination.	EL § 6-210(a)(2)
Wednesday, May 9, 2007	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 an advance determination.	EL § 6-210(b)
Thursday, May 31, 2007	11:59 PM	Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2007 General Assembly	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State at least 1/3 of the referendum petition signatures.	Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State before the 1st day of June.	MD Const. Art. XVI, § 3(b)
Wednesday, June 20, 2007	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 petitions.	EL § 6-210(c)
Friday, June 22, 2007	COB	Certification of Referendum Petition	Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the first one-third of the referendum petition verification.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed, deadline extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
Saturday, June 30, 2007	11:59 PM	Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2007 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)
Monday, July 2, 2007	COB	Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification	Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification of the first 1/3 of the required signatures.	10th day after determination or 63rd day before General Election, whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)
Friday, July 20, 2007	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 petitions.	EL § 6-210(c)
Monday, July 23, 2007	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 extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
Thursday, August 2, 2007	COB	Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification	Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification.	10th day after determination or 63rd day before General Election, whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)
Monday, October 1, 2007	COB	Certification of number of Convention Delegates	Deadline for political parties to certify to SBE the total number of convention delegates and alternate delegates that will represent the parties at the national conventions.	Not later than October 1st in the year preceeding the election.	EL § 8-501(b)
Friday, November 2, 2007	COB	Request for Advance Determination of U.S. Presidential Primary Election Candidacy Petition	Deadline for U.S. Presidential candidate to submit a request to SBE for advance determination of sufficiency of the candidacy petition format. Petition is only required for U.S. Presidential candidates not recognized by Secretary of State for automatic ballot placement.	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)
Wednesday, November 7, 2007	COB	Determination of U.S. Presidential Candidacy Petition Format Sufficiency	Deadline for SBE to determine sufficiency of a U.S. Presidential candidacy petition.	Within 5 days of reviewing the request of advance determination.	EL § 6-210(a)(2)
Friday, November 9, 2007	COB	Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination of U.S. Presidential Candidacy Petition	Deadline for SBE to notify candidate of the approval or deficiency of candidacy petition format.	Within 2 business days after an advance determination.	EL § 6-210(b)
Tuesday, November 13, 2007	COB	Polling Place Change	Deadline for 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)
Monday, November 19, 2007	9:00 PM	Party Affiliation Change	Deadline for voters to change party affiliation.	Monday that is 12 weeks before the primary election; until registration reopens after the primary election.	EL § 3-303(b)(1)
Monday, November 26, 2007	COB	Certification of Republican and Democratic Presidential Candidates	Deadline for the Secretary of State to certify to SBE the names of the candidates for U.S. President for the primary election.	Certification must occur during the period beginning 90 days before the primary election and ending 80 days before the primary election.	EL § 8-502(c)(1)(i)
Monday, December 3, 2007	9:00 PM	Certification of Candidacy	Deadline to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i>.	Monday that is 10 weeks or 70 days before the day of the primary election.	§ 5-303(a)(1)
Monday, December 3, 2007	9:00 PM	Filing U.S. Presidential Candidacy Petition	Deadline for U.S. Presidential candidates not recognized by the Secretary of State to file with SBE candidacy petitions.	Not later than the Monday that is 70 days before the day of the election.	EL § 8-502(d)
Thursday, December 13, 2007	COB	Withdrawal of Candidacy	Deadline for withdrawal of candidacy before primary election.	Within 10 days after the candidate filing date.	EL § 5-502(a)
Tuesday, December 18, 2007	COB	Replacement Delegate	Deadline for a Presidential candidate to file a designation with SBE for a replacement delegate.	No later than 5 days after the withdrawal deadline.	EL § 8-501(b)(2)(iii)
Tuesday, December 18, 2007	COB	Vacancy in Candidacy	Deadline for central committees to fill a vacancy for an office appearing on the Presidential Primary Election ballot.	5th day after the date on which a candidate may withdraw.	EL 5-901(e)

¹ Under Maryland law, if a deadline is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal 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.

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Monday, December 24, 2007	COB	Verification and Counting of U.S. Presidential Candidacy Petition	Deadline for the local boards to count and verify U.S. Presidential candidacy petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of the petitions.	EL § 6-210(c)
Thursday, December 27, 2007	COB	Certification of U.S. Presidential Candidacy Petition	Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the U.S. Presidential candidacy petition verification.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed, deadline extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
Wednesday, January 2, 2008		Certification of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify content and arrangement of ballots for the primary election.	At least 42 days before primary election.	EL § 9-207(a)(1)(i)
Friday, January 4, 2008	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, January 7, 2008	COB	Judicial Review for U.S. Presidential Candidacy Petition Certification	Deadline for U.S. Presidential candidate to seek judicial review of petition certification.	10th day following the determination or the 63rd day before the election, whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)
Monday, January 7, 2008	COB	Display of Ballot	Deadline for local boards to display the content and arrangement of ballots.	Within 5 days of certification.	EL § 9-207(d)
Thursday, January 10, 2008		Printing of Ballots	Local boards may begin to print the ballots after 3 days of public display and, with the approval of SBE, correction of any noted errors.	3 days after public display of ballot.	EL § 9-207(e)
Thursday, January 10, 2008 ⁴	COB	Judicial Review of Content and Arrangement of Ballot	Deadline 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)
Wednesday, January 16, 2008	11:59 PM	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file annual campaign finance report.	3rd Wednesday in January.	EL § 13-309(b)(2)
Tuesday, January 22, 2008	9:00 PM	Close of Registration	Last day to register to vote before the primary election.	21st day preceding the election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Tuesday, January 22, 2008	9:00 PM	Polling Place Reassignment	Deadline for elderly voters or voters with disabilities to apply for reassignment with the local board to an accessible polling place.	No later than the close of registration before any election.	EL § 10-102(b)(1)
Tuesday, January 22, 2008	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)
Friday, February 1, 2008	COB	Voter Registration Lists	Deadline for local boards 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)
Friday, February 1, 2008	COB	Logic and Accuracy Testing	Deadline for local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the entire voting system (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted after completion. Notice of the public demonstration must be given 10 days before demonstration.)	At least 10 days before the election.	COMAR 33.10.02.14,16 COMAR 33.10.11.15,16
Friday, February 1, 2008	11:59 PM	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file the pre-primary election campaign finance report.	2nd Friday immediately preceding a primary election.	EL § 13-309(a)(2)
Monday, February 4, 2008	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 board fails to correct the error.	Not later than the 2nd Monday preceding the election.	EL § 9-209(c)
Monday, February 4, 2008		Notice of Election	Deadline for local boards to provide notice (specimen ballots or publication in newspaper) of primary election.	At least one week before election.	EL § 8-102
Tuesday, February 5, 2008	4:30 PM by mail or 11:59 PM by fax	Absentee Ballot Application Deadline	Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail or by fax.	Tuesday before primary election.	EL § 9-305(b); COMAR 33.11.02.02D
Wednesday, February 6, 2008		Late Absentee Ballot Application	Beginning of period to request late absentee ballot applications.	Starting Wednesday before the election through 8:00 PM on Election Day.	EL § 9-305(c); COMAR 33.11.02.04A
Tuesday, February 12, 2008	7:00 AM to 8:00 PM	Primary Election	Election Day - Polls open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM continuously (voters in line at 8:00 PM may vote).	2nd Tuesday in February in the year in which the President of the United States is elected.	EL § 8-201(a)(2)(ii)
Tuesday, February 12, 2008	8:00 PM	Extended Voter Registration Deadline	Extended deadline for receipt of Voter Registration Applications (VRA) by mail for voting in primary election.	A VRA received by mail after the January 22nd deadline is timely if it is properly postmarked.	EL § 3-302(c); COMAR 33.05.04.01C, D
Tuesday, February 12, 2008	8:00 PM	Absentee Ballot Deadline	Deadline for local boards to receive an absentee ballot.	An absentee ballot is timely received if it reaches the local board before 8:00 PM on election day.	COMAR 33.11.03.08B(1)
Thursday, February 14, 2008	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)
Tuesday, February 19, 2008	10:00 AM	Provisional Ballot Canvass	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the canvass of provisional ballots.	10:00 AM on the Monday after the election. (Since Monday is a State holiday, the canvass starts the next day.)	COMAR 33.16.04.03A
Friday, February 22, 2008	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, February 22, 2008	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, February 22, 2008		Post-Election Audit	Deadline for 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

⁴ SBE estimates that the 2008 Presidential Primary Election ballot will be certified the week of December 24, 2007. Please contact the appropriate local board of elections to find out when the ballot will be posted for public display.

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Friday, February 22, 2008		Verification of Vote Count	Deadline for 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, February 22, 2008		Certification of the Election	Deadline for local boards of canvassers to certify results of primary election.	After the verification of vote count is completed.	EL § 11-308(b)
Friday, February 22, 2008		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 election or if canvass is completed afterward, within 48 hours after completion.	EL § 11-401(c)
Monday, February 25, 2008		Voter Registration reopens	Voter registration reopens.	11th day after the election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Tuesday, March 18, 2008	COB	Statewide Certification of Results	Deadline for State Board of Canvassers to convene to certify election results.	Within 35 days after the election.	EL § 11-503(a)(1)(ii)
Friday, March 21, 2008	COB	Petition for Recount	Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for an office on the ballot.	Within 3 days after the results of the election have been certified.	EL § 12-101(d)
Thursday, May 1, 2008	COB	Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for 2008 Referendum Petition Format	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit request to SBE 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)
Tuesday, May 6, 2008	COB	Determination of Referendum Petition Sufficiency	Deadline for SBE to determine sufficiency of a referendum petition format.	Within 5 days of receiving request for advance determination.	EL § 6-210(a)(2)
Thursday, May 8, 2008	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 an advance determination.	EL § 6-210(b)
Saturday, May 31, 2008	11:59 PM	Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2008 General Assembly	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State at least 1/3 of the referendum petition signatures.	Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State before the 1st day of June.	MD Const. Art. XVI, § 3(b)
Friday, June 20, 2008	COB	Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition	Deadline for local boards to verify and count signatures on referendum petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of the petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Tuesday, June 24, 2008	COB	Certification of Referendum Petition	Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the first 1/3 of the referendum petition verification.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed, deadline extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
Monday, June 30, 2008	11:59 PM	Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2008 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 1, 2008	5:00 PM	Declaration of Intent	Deadline for an unaffiliated candidate or a candidate who is affiliated with a non-recognized political party who intends to seek nomination by petition for an office to appear on the Presidential Election ballot to file a declaration of intent to seek nomination.	In the year in which the President of the United States is elected, must be filed by July 1st.	EL § 5-703(c)(3)(ii)
Tuesday, July 1, 2008	5:00 PM	Declaration of Intent	Deadline for a candidate who seeks nomination by a recognized political party if the political party is not required to nominate candidates by party primary elections to file a declaration of intent to seek nomination.	In the year in which the President of the United States is elected, must be filed by July 1st.	EL § 5-703.1(c)(3)(ii)
Monday, July 7, 2008	COB	Request for Advance Determination for Candidacy or New Party Petition	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit request to SBE for advance determination of sufficiency of a candidacy or new party petition format.	At least 30 days before the deadline to file the petition.	EL § 6-210(a)(1)
Monday, July 7, 2008	COB	Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification	Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification of the first 1/3 of the required signatures.	10th day after determination or 63rd day before General Election, whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)
Monday, July 14, 2008	COB	Determination of Candidacy or New Party Petition Format Sufficiency	Deadline for SBE 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 14, 2008	COB	Advance Determination for Charter Amendment Petition	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit request to local board for advance determination on the sufficiency of a charter amendment petition format.	At least 30 days before the deadline to file the petition.	EL § 6-210(a)(1)
Wednesday, July 16, 2008	COB	Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination for Candidacy or New Party Petition	Deadline for SBE to notify candidate or petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of candidacy or new party petition format.	Within 2 business days after an advance determination.	EL § 6-210(b)
Monday, July 21, 2008	COB	Determination of Charter Amendment Petition Format Sufficiency	Deadline for local board to determine sufficiency of a charter amendment petition format.	Within 5 days of reviewing request of advance determination.	EL § 6-210(a)(2)
Monday, July 21, 2008	COB	Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition	Deadline for local boards to verify and count the signatures on referendum petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of the petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Wednesday, July 23, 2008	COB	Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination for Charter Amendment Petition	Deadline for local board to notify parties of the approval or deficiency of charter amendment petition format.	Within 2 business days after an advance determination.	EL § 6-210(b)
Wednesday, July 23, 2008	COB	Certification of Referendum Petition	Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the full verification of referendum petition.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed, deadline extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
Monday, August 4, 2008	COB	Filing Candidacy Petition	Deadline for General Election petition candidate to file the <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> and candidacy petition.	No later than 1st Monday in August.	EL § 5-703(d) & (f)
Monday, August 4, 2008	COB	Filing New Party Petition	Deadline to file new political party petition.	No later than 1st Monday in August.	EL § 4-102(c)(2)(i)
Monday, August 4, 2008	5:00 PM	Certificates of Nomination and Candidacy	Deadline for a candidate of a non-principal political party to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> and <i>Certificate of Nomination</i> .	Not later than 1st Monday in August.	EL § 5-703.1(d)(1)
Monday, August 4, 2008	COB	Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification	Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification.	10th day after determination or 63rd day before General Election, whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)
Monday, August 11, 2008	COB	Filing Charter Amendment Petition	Deadline for petition sponsor to file with local government authority charter amendment petition.	2nd Monday in August.	EL § 7-104(b)
Monday, August 11, 2008	COB	Certification of General Assembly Ballot Questions	Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify to 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)
Monday, August 18, 2008	COB	Certification of Local Ballot Questions	Deadline for County Attorney/City Solicitor to certify to 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)

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Monday, August 18, 2008	COB	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 25, 2008	COB	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)
Monday, August 25, 2008	COB	Verification and Counting of Candidacy or New Party Petition	Deadline for 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 25, 2008		Democratic National Convention	Start of Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado.	Dates established by Democratic National Committee	
Tuesday, August 26, 2008	COB	Declination of Nomination	Deadline for declination of nomination by candidate in general election.	By the 70th day preceding the general election.	EL § 5-801(b)(2)(ii)
Wednesday, August 27, 2008	COB	Certification of Candidacy or New Party Petition	Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the candidacy or new party petition verification.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed, deadline extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
Thursday, August 28, 2008		Democratic National Convention	End of Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado.	Dates established by Democratic National Committee	
Monday, September 1, 2008	COB	Verification and Counting of Charter Amendment Petition	Deadline for 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)
Monday, September 1, 2008		Republican National Convention	Start of Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota.	Dates established by Republican National Committee	
Tuesday, September 2, 2008	COB	Judicial Review of Candidacy Petition Certification	Deadline for candidate to seek judicial review of candidacy petition certification.	10th day after determination or 63rd day before General Election, whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)(2)
Wednesday, September 3, 2008	COB	Certification of Charter Amendment Petition	Deadline for local boards to certify the result of the charter amendment petition verification.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed, deadline extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
Thursday, September 4, 2008		Republican National Convention	End of Republican National Committee in St. Paul, Minnesota.	Dates established by Republican National Committee	
Monday, September 8, 2008	COB	Judicial Review of New Party Petition Certification	Deadline for petition sponsor to request judicial review of new party petition certification.	10th day after determination.	EL § 6-210(e)(1)
Wednesday, September 10, 2008		Certification of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to certify the content and arrangement of the general election ballot.	At least 55 days before the General Election.	EL § 9-207(a)(1)(i)
Friday, September 12, 2008	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 of certification of ballot.	EL § 9-207(c)
Monday, September 15, 2008	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 or 63rd day before General Election, whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)(2)
Monday, September 15, 2008	COB	Display of Ballot	Deadline for local boards to begin displaying the content and arrangement of all ballots.	Within 5 days of certification of ballot.	EL § 9-207(d)
Wednesday, September 17, 2008		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
Thursday, September 18, 2008		Printing of Ballots	Local boards may begin to print the ballots after 3 days of public display and, with the approval of SBE, correction of any noted errors.	3 days after public display of ballot.	EL § 9-207(e)
Thursday, September 18, 2008	COB	Judicial Review of Content and Arrangement of Ballot	Deadline 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)
Thursday, September 25, 2008	COB	Vacancy in Nomination	Deadline for central committees to fill a vacancy in nomination if the vacancy occurred on or before the 45th day before the general election.	The later of the 40th day before the general election or the 5th day following the vacancy.	EL §§ 5-1002(b), 5-1003(b), & 5-1004(b)

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Monday, October 6, 2008	COB	Presidential Electors	Deadline for the State political parties of the Presidential nominees to submit to SBE the names and addresses of 10 electors.	At least 30 days before the general election.	EL § 8-503(c)(3)
Tuesday, October 14, 2008	9:00 PM	Close of Voter Registration	Deadline to register to vote before the general election.	21st day preceding the election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Tuesday, October 14, 2008	9:00 PM	Polling Place Reassignment	Deadline for elderly voters or voters with disabilities to apply for reassignment with the local board to an accessible polling place.	No later than the close of registration before any election.	EL § 10-102(b)(1)
Tuesday, October 14, 2008	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 33.03.02.05B
Friday, October 24, 2008	COB	Voter Registration Lists	Deadline for local boards to prepare a voter registration list that includes registrants through the registration deadline.	Within 10 days after the voter registration deadline.	COMAR 33.03.02.05C(2)
Friday, October 24, 2008	11:59 PM	Campaign Finance Report Due	Deadline for the pre-general election campaign finance report.	2nd Friday immediately preceding the general election.	EL § 13-309(a)(2)
Friday, October 24, 2008	COB	Logic and Accuracy Testing	Deadline for local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the entire voting system (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted after completion. Notice of the public demonstration must be given 10 days before demonstration.)	At least 10 days before the election.	COMAR 33.10.02.14, 16 COMAR 33.10.11.14, 16
Monday, October 27, 2008	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 board fails to correct the error.	Not later than the 2nd Monday preceding the election.	EL § 9-209(c)
Monday, October 27, 2008		Notice of Election	Deadline for local boards to mail specimen ballots to active voters and pending applicants.	At least one week before election.	EL § 8-102
Tuesday, October 28, 2008	4:30 PM by mail or 11:59 PM by fax	Absentee Ballot Application	Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail or by fax.	Tuesday before the election.	EL § 9-305(b); COMAR 33.11.02.02D
Wednesday, October 29, 2008		Late Absentee Ballot Application	Beginning of period to request late absentee ballot applications.	Starting Wednesday before the election through 8:00 PM on election day.	EL § 9-305(c); COMAR 33.11.02.04A
Wednesday, October 29, 2008	5:00 PM	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)
Tuesday, November 4, 2008	7:00 AM to 8:00 PM	General Election	Presidential General Election - Polls open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM continuously (voters in line at 8:00 PM may vote).	Tuesday after the first Monday in November.	MD Const. Art. XV, § 7, EL § 8-301
Tuesday, November 4, 2008	8:00 PM	Extended Voter Registration Application Deadline	Extended deadline for receipt of a voter registration application (VRA) by mail for voting in the general election.	A VRA received by mail after the October 14th deadline is timely if it is properly postmarked.	EL § 3-302(c) COMAR 33.05.04.01C,D
Tuesday, November 4, 2008	8:00 PM	Absentee Ballot Deadline	Deadline for local boards to receive an absentee ballot.	An absentee ballot is timely received if it reaches the local board by 8:00 PM on election day.	COMAR 33.11.03.08B(1)
Thursday, November 6, 2008	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)
Monday, November 10, 2008	10:00 AM	Provisional Ballot Canvass	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the canvass of provisional ballots.	10:00 AM on the Monday after the election.	COMAR 33.16.04.03A
Friday, November 14, 2008	10:00 AM	Extended Absentee Ballot Deadline	Deadline for local boards to receive absentee ballots by mail.	10:00 AM on the 2nd Friday following the election provided there is a proper postmark or date on the voter oath.	COMAR 33.11.03.08B(2)
Friday, November 14, 2008	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 14, 2008		Post-Election Audit	Deadline for 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 14, 2008		Verification of Vote Count	Deadline for local boards of canvassers to verify the general election vote count.	Within 10 days after the election and before certifying results of the election.	EL § 11-308(a)
Friday, November 14, 2008		Certification of the Election	Deadline for local boards of canvassers to certify results of general election.	After the verification of the vote count is completed.	EL § 11-308(b)
Friday, November 14, 2008		Transmittal of Results	Local boards of canvassers must transmit certified copies of election results to the Governor, SBE and the appropriate Clerk of the Circuit Court.	2nd Friday after the election, or if canvass is completed afterward, within 48 hours after completing the canvass.	EL § 11-401(c)
Saturday, November 15, 2008		Democratic Delegates to the National Convention	The beginning date for Democratic Delegates to the National Convention to file candidacy.		Democratic Delegate Selection Plan
Monday, November 17, 2008	8:00 AM	Voter Registration reopens	Voter registration reopens.	11th day after the election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Tuesday, November 25, 2008	11:59 PM	Campaign Finance Report Due	Deadline to file post-general election campaign finance report.	On or before the 3rd Tuesday after the general election.	EL 13-309(a)(4)
Tuesday, December 9, 2008	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 12, 2008	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, December 15, 2008		Meeting of the Presidential Electors	Official casting of votes by members of the Electoral College.	1st Monday after the 2nd Wednesday in December.	3 U.S.C. § 7