

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE  
State of Connecticut  
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## NOVEMBER 2, 2004 STATE ELECTION CALENDAR

The following is a chronological summary of certain requirements for the 2004 Election Year, applicable in the absence of a Special Act to the contrary. Section references are to the General Statutes of Connecticut. *ALL ENTRIES AND REFERENCES ARE SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE REVISION.* [View Secretary Bysiewicz's cover letter.](#)

### 1. MAJOR PARTIES (Sec. 9-372(5))

#### Presidential Preference

Candidates announced by Sec'y. of the State:	December 19, 2003 (10:00 a.m.)
Primary petitions for <u>other</u> candidates issued:	December 19, 2003 (12:00 noon)
Such primary petitions filed by:	January 16, 2004 (4:00 p.m.)
Primary (6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.):	March 2, 2004

#### Town Committee Members

Party endorsements:	January 6-13, 2004
Certification of endorsements:	January 14, 2004 (4:00 p.m.)
Primary petitions filed by:	January 28, 2004 (4:00 p.m.)
Primary (6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.):	March 2, 2004

#### Selection of Delegates to State and District Conventions

Party selections:	February 24-March 2, 2004
Certification of selection:	March 3, 2004 (4:00 p.m.)

#### Candidates for State and District Office (U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress, and multi-town State Senator and State Representative)

Party endorsements:	May 4-25, 2004 (Conventions)
Certification of endorsements:	14th day after close of convention (4:00 p.m.)
"15% candidate" certificates filed by:	14th day after close of convention (4:00 p.m.)
Statewide / Rep. in Congress petitions issued:	April 27, 2004
District office petitions issued beginning:	Day following the close of the convention
Primary petitions filed by:	14 <sup>th</sup> day after conventions
Primary (6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.):	August 10, 2004

#### Candidates for Municipal Office (including single-town State Senator and State Representative, Justice of the Peace and Registrars of Voters)

Party endorsements:	May 18-25, 2004
Certif. of endorsements - Justices, ROV's, single-town State Sen. and State Rep.:	14th day after endorsement meeting (4:00 p.m.)
Primary petitions filed by:	14 <sup>th</sup> day after endorsement meeting (4:00 p.m.)
Primary (6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.):	August 10, 2004

### 2. MINOR PARTIES (Sec. 9-372(6))

Party rules filed by:	July 9, 2004
Notice/Nomination meeting to town clerk or Sec/St. by:	5 days before nomination meeting
Nomination & certification by:	September 8, 2004

### 3. NOMINATING PETITIONS ("New Party" or "No Party") (Secs. 9-453a - 9-453u)

Nominating petitions issued beginning:	January 2, 2004
Nominating petitions filed by:	August 4, 2004 (4:00 p.m.)

### 4. ELECTION -- November 2, 2004 (6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

Electors of President and Vice-President, U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative and Registrar of Voters

NOVEMBER, 2003

NOVEMBER 5, 2003 to  
FEBRUARY 26, 2004  
(Wednesday - Thursday)  
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE AND TOWN COMMITTEE PRIMARIES -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT WITHIN 10 DAYS. When an application for registration by mail is received during this period, registrar must send by first-class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection within 10 days of receipt of application. The privileges as an elector attach immediately upon approval of the application, and the new elector's name is added to the registry list. If a notice of approval is later returned undelivered, registrars must proceed with confirmation of voting residence notice under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-35 or Sec. 9-43 and may challenge applicant at polls. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))

NOVEMBER 7, 2003  
(Friday)  
POLITICAL PARTIES

PARTY RULES. Last day to file change in party rules with the Secretary of the State regarding party endorsement for candidates to run for town committee if endorsement made on January 6, 2004. If endorsement is made on January 13, 2004, then November 14, 2004 is last day. At least 60 days before endorsement, one copy of party rules governing such endorsement, must be filed with the Secretary of the State. One copy of revised local party rules (and any amendments thereto) must also be filed forthwith with town clerk and with state central committee. (Applies only when new rules are adopted or existing rules are amended or rescinded.) (Secs. 9-374 and 9-375)

DECEMBER, 2003

DECEMBER 2, 2003  
(Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS

PARTY TRANSFER -- PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE AND TOWN COMMITTEE PRIMARIES. Last day that enrolled elector can transfer from one party to another and be eligible to vote in presidential preference or town committee primary of new party. (Sec. 9-59)

DECEMBER 2, 2003  
(Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS  
TOWN CLERK

POLLING PLACE -- ADJACENT DISTRICT -- PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE AND TOWN COMMITTEE PRIMARIES. Last day for registrars, when necessary, to designate to the town clerk a polling place in an adjacent voting district for presidential preference or town committee primary. Within 10 days after such filing, town clerk to publish notice. (Sec. 9-168b)

DECEMBER 2, 2003  
(Tuesday)  
LEGISLATIVE BODY

VOTING DISTRICTS. Last day to make changes in the boundaries of voting districts for presidential preference or town committee primary. (Sec. 9-169)

DECEMBER 19, 2003  
(Friday)  
10:00 a.m.  
SECRETARY OF THE STATE

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY. On the seventy-fourth day before primary, Secretary of the State announces list of candidates to appear on ballot unless withdrawal request filed by January 26, 2004, 4:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-466)

DECEMBER 19, 2003  
(Friday)  
12:00 noon  
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY PETITIONS. Petitions available for those candidates whose names did not appear on Secretary of the State's list. (Sec. 9-467)

DECEMBER 26, 2003  
(Friday)  
POLITICAL PARTIES

PARTY RULES. Last day to file with the Secretary of the State change in party rules regarding the method of party endorsement for candidates to be selected as delegates if endorsement is made on February 24, 2004. If endorsement is made on March 2, 2004, then January 2, 2004 is last day. At least sixty days before endorsement, one copy of party rules governing such endorsement must be filed with the Secretary of the State. One copy of revised local party rules (and any amendments thereto) must also be filed forthwith with town clerk and state central committee. (Applies only when new rules are adopted or existing rules are amended or rescinded.) (Secs. 9-374 and 9-375)

DECEMBER 31, 2003  
(Wednesday)  
TOWN CHAIRMEN

NOTICE OF CAUCUS. Last day to publish notice of town committee endorsement caucus, if caucus held on January 6th. If caucus is held January 13th, then January 7th is last day. Notice must be published at least five full days before the caucus. Party rules may require earlier notice. (Sec. 9-390)

JANUARY, 2004

JANUARY 2, 2004 thru  
APRIL 30, 2004  
(Friday - Friday)  
REGISTRARS

CANVASS. Period for conducting annual house-to-house canvass of electors to be done (1) in person, (2) by mail or by the National Change of Address System (NCOA) of the U. S. Postal Service, (3) by telephone, or (4) by a combination thereof, by registrars or their designees. Canvass by mail should be completed by March 31st because regulations give electors thirty days to respond to canvass by mail, and May 1st is the last day to send Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice to electors on the basis of the canvass. *(NOTE: Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice may only be sent between March 2, 2004 and May 1, 2004.)* (Sec. 9-32, and Regs. 9-32-1 to 9-32-9)

JANUARY 2, 2004  
(Friday)  
REGISTRARS

ADMISSION OF ELECTORS AT PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS. Between January 1st and the last day of the school year, registrars must hold one registration session at each public high school in town. (Sec. 9-17(c))

JANUARY 2, 2004  
(Friday)

NOMINATING PETITION FORMS. Secretary of the State may begin issuing nominating petition forms for offices to be contested at the regular election. (Sec. 9-453b)

JANUARY 2, 2004  
(Friday)  
PRESIDENTIAL WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

WRITE-IN REGISTRATION -- PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES. First day that write-in candidates for president can register as write-in candidates with the Secretary of the State. Registration must include names of vice-presidential candidate and seven Connecticut electors to serve as presidential electors. (Sec. 9-175)

JANUARY 2, 2004  
(Friday)  
REGISTRARS

WAIVER OF ACCESSIBILITY OF POLLING PLACE. Last day that registrars may file with Secretary of the State a request for a waiver to provide accessible polling place for physically disabled, for presidential preference or town committee primary. (Sec. 9-168d)

JANUARY 6, 2004 to  
JANUARY 13, 2004  
(Tuesday - Tuesday)  
POLITICAL PARTIES REGISTRARS

PARTY ENDORSEMENT. Endorsement for town committee members by caucus between these days. (Secs. 9-390 and 9-391)

PRIMARY PETITIONS AVAILABLE. Petition forms for persons desiring to oppose party-endorsed candidates for town committee must be available from the registrar of voters beginning on the day following the making of the party's endorsement of candidates for town committee or beginning on the day following the final day for the making of such endorsements, whichever comes first. (Sec. 9-409)

JANUARY 7, 2004  
(Wednesday)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING DATE. All committees except state central committees. The period disclosed is October 22, 2003 through December 31, 2003. (Sec. 9-333j)

JANUARY 14, 2004  
(Wednesday)  
4:00 p.m.  
POLITICAL PARTIES TOWN CLERK

PARTY ENDORSEMENTS -- CERTIFICATION. Last day for the chairman or presiding officer and the secretary of the caucus to certify to the town clerk the names and street addresses of party-endorsed candidates for town committee. Clerk must forthwith publish notice of certification and that list of candidates is on file. (Secs. 9-391 and 9-395)

- JANUARY 16, 2004  
(Friday)  
4:00 p.m.  
REGISTRARS
- PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY PETITIONS -- FILING BY CANDIDATE. Primary petitions for additional presidential candidates must be submitted to respective registrars by 4:00 p.m. of this day. If prior to this day a primary petition was issued, registrar of voters, deputy registrar or assistant registrar must be in their office or office facilities between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to accept petitions. (Sec. 9-468)
- JANUARY 20, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
4:00 p.m.  
REGISTRARS
- PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY PETITIONS -- FILING WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE. Verified presidential preference primary petition pages must be forwarded to Secretary of the State by 4:00 p.m. of this day. (Sec. 9-468)
- JANUARY 26, 2004  
(Monday) 4:00 p.m.  
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES;  
SEC'Y OF THE STATE
- PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY -- WITHDRAWAL AND TABULATION. 4:00 p.m. deadline for Statement of Withdrawal by candidates placed on ballot by Secretary of the State. Secretary must also complete tabulation of petition signatures by this date. (Secs. 9-466 and 9-469)
- JANUARY 27, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
SEC'Y OF THE STATE
- PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY -- ORDER ON BALLOT. Secretary of the State determines order of candidates on ballot by lot in public ceremony and sends notice of primary to town clerks. (Sec. 9-470)
- JANUARY 28, 2004  
(Wednesday)  
4:00 p.m.  
REGISTRARS
- PRIMARY PETITIONS -- FILING. Primary petitions for opposition candidates for town committee must be submitted to respective registrars by 4:00 p.m. of this day. Registrar of voters, deputy registrar or assistant registrar must be in their office or office facilities between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to accept petitions. (Secs. 9-405 and 9-406)
- REGISTRARS  
TOWN CLERK
- NOTICE OF PRIMARY. On filing of valid petition for town committee, and after checking the same, registrar notifies town clerk that primary is to be held and clerk publishes registrar's notice and information concerning candidates, primary date, hours and location of polls, files one copy with Secretary of the State, and records said notice. If central counting designated by registrars, the notice of primary shall include such central location. (Secs. 9-147a and 9-435)
- TOWN CLERK
- PRINTING ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Immediately after the deadline for the certification of all town committee candidates whose names are to appear on the ballot label (and receipt of notice of presidential preference primary, if any), the town clerk must begin making arrangements to have the primary absentee ballots printed. (Sec. 9-135b(a))
- TOWN CLERK
- SAMPLE ABSENTEE BALLOT AVAILABLE. A layout model of each different absentee ballot shall be available for public inspection at town clerk's office prior to printing. (Sec. 9-135b(b))
- TOWN CLERK
- ABSENTEE BALLOTS -- FILING. Immediately upon receiving the printed absentee ballots for town committee primary, municipal clerk must file a printed absentee ballot for the municipality or for each different political subdivision, as the case may be, with Secretary of the State, and file an affidavit as to number of such ballots printed. (Sec. 9-135b(c))

TOWN CLERK

BLANK BALLOTS TO ELECTORS TEMPORARILY LIVING (OR EXPECTING TO BE TRAVELING) OUTSIDE U.S. AND TO SERVICEMEN, SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS WHETHER LIVING WITHIN OR OUTSIDE U.S. Beginning as soon as possible after a complete list of candidates is available, blank ballots (for the presidential preference and town committee primaries), together with a complete list of candidates, should be sent to electors residing (or expecting to be traveling) outside the United States and to servicemen, spouses and dependents whether living within or outside the United States who have applied for an absentee ballot and are eligible to vote in the primary. (Sec. 9-153f)

REGISTRARS

Registrars may direct the clerk to mail such blank ballot set to a qualified elector or applicant for admission as an elector who (1) is living outside the U.S. or (2) is a member of the armed forces, spouse or dependent. Town clerk also may so act on his own motion. (Sec. 9-153d)

JANUARY 28, 2004 to  
FEBRUARY 24, 2004  
(Wednesday - Tuesday)  
INSTITUTIONAL  
ADMINISTRATORS  
AND REGISTRARS

SUPERVISED BALLOTING DESIGNATION. In order to have supervised absentee balloting in a nursing home or rest home, etc., with less than 20 electors, a written designation must be made between these dates by either registrar of voters or the administrator of the institution for the presidential preference or town committee primary. These deadlines do not apply to a nursing home or rest home, etc., with 20 or more electors because supervised voting is mandated at such institutions. (Secs. 9-159q and 9-159r)

JANUARY 30, 2004  
(Friday)  
REGISTRARS

POLLING PLACES -- PRIMARY. Last day to determine polling places for presidential preference or town committee primary. Polling places may be changed within thirty-one day period only if town clerk and registrars of voters unanimously find that polling place has been rendered unusable. If polling place found unusable, another polling place must be designated forthwith and adequate notice of such change given. (Secs. 9-168 and 9-169)

FEBRUARY, 2004

FEBRUARY 1, 2004  
(Sunday)  
TOWN CLERK  
FEBRUARY 1, 2004 to  
FEBRUARY 7, 2004  
(Sunday - Saturday)  
TOWN CLERK

OVERSEAS BALLOTS. Overseas ballots for presidential preference primary become available for overseas electors on this day. (Sec. 9-158c)

REPORT TO SECRETARY OF NUMBER OF VOTING MACHINES. Town Clerks shall notify the Secretary of the State during the first week of February in each year of the total number of names on the registry list and on each enrollment list and the total number of unaffiliated electors, and the total number of voting machines, by district, in such town. If the number of machines is less than the number required under Section 9-238, the town clerk shall include an explanation of the discrepancy. Each town clerk shall also file a duplicate copy of such notification with officials who are required to provide voting machines under Section 9-238. (Sec. 9-238a)

FEBRUARY 2, 2004  
(Monday)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING DATE. State Central Committees. The period disclosed is October 17, 2003 through December 31, 2003. (Sec. 9-333j)

FEBRUARY 2, 2004  
(Monday)  
CANDIDATES

CHANGE OF NAME. Candidates in town committee primary must have changed their name on the registry list by this date in order to have that change reflected on the primary ballot. (Sec. 9-42a)

FEBRUARY 2, 2004 to  
FEBRUARY 11, 2004  
(Monday - Wednesday)  
REGISTRARS

NOTICE OF 14TH DAY BEFORE PRIMARY DAY ENROLLMENT SESSION. If presidential preference or town committee primary will be held, notice must be published at least once on or between any of these dates of the enrollment session to be held on February 17, 2004; such notice shall state that the registrars will, at such time, hear requests by persons removed for adding their names to the registry list. This newspaper notice need not be a legal notice. (Secs. 9-37 and 9-53)

- FEBRUARY 9, 2004  
(Monday)  
CANDIDATES
- LIST OF MODERATORS. Last day for candidate to submit to registrars list of desired certified primary moderators for town committee primary. Registrar must notify all candidates of their right to submit a list of designees. (Sec. 9-436)
- FEBRUARY 10, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS
- CENTRAL COUNTING -- ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Last day for registrars to designate in writing to the town clerk central location for the counting of absentee ballots for presidential preference or town committee primary. Such location shall be published by the town clerk in the notice for the primary. (Sec. 9-147a)
- FEBRUARY 10, 2004  
(Tuesday)
- ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Absentee ballots for presidential preference or town committee primary become available on this day. (Secs. 9-135 and 9-140(f))
- TOWN CLERK
- Registrars of voters may direct town clerk to mail absentee ballot forms to a qualified elector or applicant for admission as an elector who (1) is living outside the U.S. or (2) is a member of the armed forces or the spouse or dependent of a member of the armed forces living where such member is stationed. Town clerk also may so act on his own motion. (Secs. 9-133f, 9-140(f) and 9-153d)
- FEBRUARY 10, 2004 to  
FEBRUARY 26, 2004  
(Tuesday - Thursday)  
REGISTRARS
- REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE AND TOWN COMMITTEE PRIMARIES -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT ON DAY OF RECEIPT. When an application for registration by mail is received during the period beginning on the 21st day before a primary and ending on the fifth day before a primary, registrar must send by first-class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection on day of receipt of application. The privileges as an elector attach immediately upon approval of the application, and the new elector's name is added to the registry list. If a notice of approval is later returned undelivered, registrars must proceed with Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-35 or Sec. 9-43 and may challenge applicant at polls. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))
- FEBRUARY 17, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS
- PRIMARY ENROLLMENT SESSION. If primary is to be held, mandatory enrollment session must be held on this date (14th day before primary) for the purpose of registration and/or enrollment of electors entitled to vote in presidential preference or town committee primary. At least two consecutive hours required, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-51)
- If primary is to be held, registrars must also hold a session to hear requests for adding names to the registry list by persons removed. This session may be held simultaneously with the enrollment session. (Sec. 9-37)
- FEBRUARY 17, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
STATE PARTY CHAIRMEN
- CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES. Deadline for state chairmen to certify to Secretary of the State the number of national convention delegates to which the parties are entitled, and the formula, if any, prescribed by national party rules for apportioning delegates among presidential preference primary candidates based on the primary vote; or, if applicable, the fact that such party rules provide "winner takes all".
- FEBRUARY 18, 2004  
(Wednesday)  
TOWN CHAIRMEN
- NOTICE OF CAUCUS. Last day to publish notice of selection caucus, if caucus is the selecting authority for delegates if caucus held on February 24, 2004. If caucus is held March 2, 2004, then February 25, 2004 is last day. Notice must be published at least five full days before the caucus. Party rules may require earlier notice. (Sec. 9-390)
- FEBRUARY 20, 2004  
(Friday)  
REGISTRARS CANDIDATES
- LIST OF PRIMARY OFFICIALS. Last day for candidates to submit to registrar lists of desired primary day officials, except moderators, for town committee primary. Registrar must notify all candidates of their right to submit a list of designees. (Sec. 9-436)

FEBRUARY 24, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
PRIMARY CANDIDATES

CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING DATE. All committees, except state central committees, which have made or received a contribution or expenditure in connection with the town committee primary. The period disclosed is January 1, 2004 through February 17, 2004. (Sec. 9-333j)

FEBRUARY 24, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS

ENROLLMENT LISTS. Supplementary or updated enrollment list for use at presidential preference and town committee primaries, if any, to be printed by this date. If two parties have a primary, towns which have eliminated separate enrollment lists must print enrollment lists. (Sec. 9-55)

FEBRUARY 24, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS

ABSENTEE BALLOT CHECK-OFF -- PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE OR TOWN COMMITTEE PRIMARY. Whether central counting of absentee ballots has been designated or not, beginning as soon after 11:00 a.m. as the absentee ballots are available from the town clerk, the registrars may begin checking the absentee ballots on this day and each weekday before the presidential preference or town committee primary. The ballots shall be checked not later than the last weekday before the primary. The registrars shall check, without opening the outer envelopes, the names of such absentee voters on the official check list to be used at such primary by indicating "absentee" or "A" preceding such name, and in the case of central counting shall also note such designation on a duplicate list. After checking is completed, town clerk seals unopened ballots for delivery between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, primary day. (Sec. 9-140c)

FEBRUARY 24, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
INSTITUTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS AND REGISTRARS

SUPERVISED BALLOTING DESIGNATION. Last day to request supervised absentee balloting in a nursing home or rest home, etc. with less than 20 electors. A written designation must be made by this date by either registrar of voters or the administrator of the institution for the presidential preference or town committee primary. This deadline does not apply to a nursing home or rest home, etc., with 20 or more electors because supervised voting is mandated at such institutions. (Secs. 9-159q and 9-159r)

FEBRUARY 24, 2004 to  
MARCH 2, 2004  
(Tuesday - Tuesday)  
POLITICAL PARTIES  
FEBRUARY 26, 2004  
(Thursday)  
REGISTRARS

PARTY SELECTION OF DELEGATES. Selection for delegates to state and district conventions by town committee or caucus between these days. (Secs. 9-390 and 9-391)

REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT CUT-OFF. Deadline for registering and/or enrolling for voting in presidential preference and town committee primaries unless register in person with town clerk or registrar or unless file application for enrollment in person with registrar of voters. (Secs. 9-23g, 9-56 and 9-57)

Mail-in application of new voter must be received by registrar of voters of the town of residence by this day, except that a mail-in application of new voter postmarked by this day or received by a voter registration agency or the Department of Motor Vehicles by this day may be received by the registrar of voters until 12:00 noon of March 1, 2004. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))

However, enrollment application of unaffiliated voter must be received by this day by registrar of voters of town of residence, unless unaffiliated voter files application for enrollment in person with registrar of voters by 12:00 noon of March 1, 2004. (Sec. 9-56)

FEBRUARY 27 2004 thru  
MARCH 2, 2004  
(Friday - Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE AND TOWN COMMITTEE PRIMARIES -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT WITHIN 10 DAYS. PRIVILEGES OF AN ELECTOR SHALL NOT ATTACH UNTIL THE DAY AFTER THE PRIMARY OR THE DAY APPLICATION IS APPROVED BY REGISTRAR, WHICHEVER IS LATER. When a mail-in application hand-delivered by someone other than the applicant is received during this period by registrars in applicant's town of residence (or by the DMV or a voter registration agency), or a mailed mail-in application for registration is postmarked during this period, registrar must act on the application and send by first-class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection within 10 days of receipt of the application, but privileges of an elector shall not attach until March 3, 2004, or until the application is approved by registrar, whichever is later. (Sec. 9-23g(d)(2))

IMPORTANT EXCEPTION:

*If an application of a new voter indicates that it was (1) received by February 26, 2004 by the DMV or a voter registration agency, or (2) postmarked by February 26, 2004 the registrar of voters of the town of residence shall mail a notice of acceptance or rejection on the day of receipt of such application during the period February 27<sup>th</sup> through noon March 1st. Such persons whose applications are accepted by noon March 1st acquire privileges of an elector immediately and may vote in the primary. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))*

FEBRUARY 29, 2004  
(Sunday)  
6:00 a.m.  
TOWN CLERK

PRINTING OF SAMPLE BALLOTS. Town clerk prepares primary ballot labels for presidential preference and town committee primaries, if any; and at least 48 hours before the primary provides a number of sample ballot labels for distribution as he deems necessary. (Sec. 9-437)

FEBRUARY 29, 2004  
(Sunday)  
6:00 a.m.  
CANDIDATES

UNOFFICIAL CHECKERS. Deadline for candidates or candidates' representatives to submit list of designees for unofficial checkers to the registrar of voters. Such list must be submitted at least 48 hours prior to the opening of the polls for presidential preference or town committee primary. The registrar must notify all candidates for town committee of their right to submit a list of designees. (Secs. 9-436a, 9-476)

In addition, any person (other than the candidate or primary official) may serve as a runner. (Sec. 9-235b)

MARCH, 2004

MARCH 1, 2004  
(Monday)  
REGISTRARS

SUPERVISED BALLOTING DEADLINE. Supervision of absentee balloting shall be not later than the last business day before the presidential preference or town committee primary. (Secs. 9-159q and 9-159r)

MARCH 1, 2004  
(Monday)  
REGISTRARS

ABSENTEE BALLOT CHECK-OFF -- PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE OR TOWN COMMITTEE PRIMARY. Whether central counting of absentee ballots has been designated or not, beginning as soon after 11:00 a.m. as the absentee ballots are available from the town clerk, the registrars shall check, without opening the outer envelopes, the names of absentee voters on the official check list by indicating "absentee" or "A" preceding the name, and in the case of central counting shall also note such designation on the duplicate list. After checking is completed, town clerk seals unopened ballots for delivery between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, primary day. Although checking may begin on February 24, 2004 it must be completed by this day. (Sec. 9-140c)

MARCH 1, 2004  
(Monday)  
REGISTRARS

ENROLLMENT LIST. PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE AND TOWN COMMITTEE PRIMARIES. Separate supplementary list compiled, which list shall include the name of any person who was admitted as an elector or whose privileges of party enrollment attached since the printing of the supplementary enrollment list on February 24, 2004. An updated list may be printed instead. (Sec. 9-55)

MARCH 1, 2004  
(Monday)  
TOWN CLERK

ABSENTEE BALLOTS -- PRIMARY -- DEADLINE TO ISSUE. Absentee ballots for presidential preference or town committee primary may not be issued on primary day, except overseas ballots for presidential preference primary and except electors who suddenly become ill within six days immediately preceding the close of the polls at the primary, or who are patients in a hospital within such six-day period, may be issued an absentee ballot up to the close of the polls. (Secs. 9-140(h) and 9-150c)

MARCH 1, 2004  
(Monday)  
12:00 noon  
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE AND TOWN COMMITTEE PRIMARIES. Deadline for the registrar of the mail-in applicant's town of residence to receive mail-in application (postmarked by the fifth day before primary or received by DMV or voter registration agency by such fifth day) so that the applicant may be enrolled in time to vote in primary. (Secs. 9-23a and 9-23g(c) and (d))

MARCH 1, 2004  
(Monday)  
REGISTRARS

ENROLLMENT LIST. Last day before presidential preference or town committee primary to remove electors from registry list (and enrollment list) who have died, become disfranchised or confirmed in writing that they have moved out of town. An elector is deemed to have confirmed in writing that he has moved out of town if (1) the registrars have received a cancellation form or (2) the elector has notified DMV of a change of address out of town concerning a driver's license. (DMV notifies the registrars, and the registrars send Notice of Removal.) The names of persons removed are not sent to the polls and such persons may be restored on primary day only if the registrar is contacted and consents to approve the applicant's request for restoration. (Secs. 9-32 and 9-35)

INACTIVE LIST. The registrars prepare an inactive list of (1) any person whose notice of approval of mail-in was returned undeliverable and who did not respond to a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice sent thirty days prior to this date, and (2) any person who was sent a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice between January 2, 2003--May 1, 2003, or between January 2, 2002--May 1, 2002, or between January 2, 2001--May 1, 2001, or between March 7, 2000--May 1, 2000, on the basis of the canvass and did not respond within thirty days after it was sent (and was not restored). The inactive list is sent to the polls. Electors on the inactive list may sign a restoration form at the polls and, if the registrar or assistant registrar of voters in the polls consents, such elector may vote. (Secs. 9-23g(c), 9-35 and 9-42(c))

REMOVE FROM INACTIVE LIST. Last day before primary to remove electors from inactive registry list (and enrollment list) who were sent a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice four years ago and did not respond within thirty days after it was sent (and were never restored to the active list). (Sec. 9-35)

MARCH 1, 2004  
(Monday)  
12:00 noon  
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT CUT-OFF IN PERSON. Deadline for registering in person with the registrar of voters or town clerk of the town of residence and deadline for enrolling in person with the registrar of voters for voting in presidential preference and town committee primaries. Deadline for cross-town registrations to be received by registrar of town of residence.

Applications from servicemen and persons out of the country under Secs. 9-26 and 9-23a may be received throughout the day. (Secs. 9-19e, 9-23a, 9-56 and 9-57)

MARCH 2, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
6:00 a.m. to  
8:00 p.m.

PRIMARY. Presidential preference primary. (Sec. 9-476). Primary for town committee if valid petition or petitions have been filed. Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-425)

ABSENTEE BALLOTS. In order to be cast at a primary, the absentee ballot must be received by the municipal clerk (1) by the close of the polls if it is mailed or if it is returned by a member of the immediate family of the applicant in person or by the qualified designee of an ill or physically- disabled ballot applicant in person, or (2) by the day before the primary if it is returned in person by the applicant. (Sec. 9-140b)

All absentee ballots received before 11:00 a.m. of March 1, 2004 are to be delivered to the registrars of voters between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on primary day. If the registrars choose the optional 6:00 p.m. count, ballots received after 11:00 a.m. of March 1, 2004 and before 6:00 p.m. of primary day are to be delivered at 6:00 p.m. (except that some may be retained until the polls close, if desired, in order to ensure ballot secrecy); and all ballots timely received after 6:00 p.m. are to be delivered at the close of the polls. If the optional 6:00 p.m. count is not designated, then all ballots timely received after 11:00 a.m. of the day before the primary are to be delivered to the registrars at the close of the polls and not before. In municipalities that have central counting of absentee ballots, at close of polls, registrars or assistant registrars shall deliver official check list to moderator of central location for checking. When counting of absentee ballots is complete, moderator delivers check list and other information to head moderator. (Sec. 9-140c)

OVERSEAS BALLOTS. Overseas ballots for presidential preference primary may be issued up to the close of the polls. However, they must be received by town clerk by close of the polls on primary day in order to be cast. (Secs. 9-158c and 9-158g)

MARCH 3, 2004  
(Wednesday)  
4:00 p.m.  
POLITICAL PARTIES  
TOWN CLERK

PARTY ENDORSEMENTS -- CERTIFICATION. Last day for chairman or presiding officer and the secretary of the caucus or the town committee, as the case may be, to certify to the town clerk the names and street addresses of party-endorsed candidates for delegates. Certification must also be accompanied by (1) The name and street address of each person selected, and (2) The name and number of the political subdivision or district for which each such person is elected. Clerk must forthwith publish notice of certification and that list of candidates is on file. (Secs. 9-391 and 9-395)

MARCH 3, 2004  
(Wednesday)  
MODERATOR

RETURN OF VOTES TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE. Head moderator to forthwith transmit to Secretary of the State one copy of duplicate certificate of votes cast for candidates for town committee. (Secs. 9-314 and 9-440). The other copy of the return is filed with the town clerk on or before this date.

MARCH 3, 2004  
(Wednesday)  
2:00 p.m.  
MODERATORS

RETURN OF VOTES TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE. Head moderator to deliver presidential preference primary returns immediately by hand to the Secretary of the State or to the State Police, by 2:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-476)

Final date for moderator in each town to deliver to town clerk one copy of duplicate certificate of votes cast for candidates. (Secs. 9-314, 9-440 and 9-476)

MARCH 3, 2004 to JULY 27, 2004 (Wednesday - Tuesday) <u>REGISTRARS</u>	<u>REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT WITHIN 10 DAYS.</u> When an application for registration by mail is received during this period, registrar must send by first class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection within 10 days of receipt of application. The privileges as an elector attach immediately upon approval of the application, and the new elector's name is added to the registry list. If a notice of approval is later returned undelivered, registrars must proceed with a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-35 or Sec. 9-43 and may challenge applicant at polls. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))
MARCH 5, 2004 (Friday) <u>MODERATORS</u>	<u>DISCREPANCY -- RECOUNT.</u> Last day for head moderator to order recount of <u>presidential preference</u> or <u>town committee</u> primary when there is a discrepancy in returns. (Secs. 9-310 and 9-311)
MARCH 9, 2004 (Tuesday) <u>MODERATORS</u>	<u>CLOSE VOTE OR DISCREPANCY RECOUNT.</u> Last day to conduct close vote or discrepancy recount of <u>presidential preference</u> or <u>town committee</u> primary. (Secs. 9-310, 9-311, 9-311a, 9-311b, 9-370a, 9-445 and 9-446)
MARCH 12, 2004 (Friday) <u>TOWN CLERK</u>	<u>ABSENTEE BALLOTS -- REPORT.</u> Last day for town clerk to file with Secretary of the State statement accounting for number of absentee voting forms and challenged ballot forms used at <u>presidential preference</u> or <u>town committee</u> primary. (Secs. 9-139c and 9-232e)
MARCH 16, 2004 (Tuesday)	<u>VOTING MACHINES.</u> Voting machines used at <u>presidential preference</u> or <u>town committee</u> primary to remain locked through this date. (Sec. 9-447)
MARCH 16, 2004 (Tuesday) <u>CANDIDATES AND ELECTORS</u>	<u>COMPLAINT.</u> Last day for bringing complaint to the Superior Court contesting ruling of official or count of votes at <u>presidential preference</u> or <u>town committee</u> primary. (Sec. 9-329a)
MARCH 18, 2004 (Thursday) <u>POLITICAL PARTIES</u>	<u>PARTY RULES.</u> Last day to file with Secretary of the State change in party rules regarding the method of party endorsement for a candidate to run for <u>municipal</u> office if endorsement made on, <u>May 18, 2004</u> . If endorsement is made on <u>May 25, 2004</u> , then <u>March 25, 2004</u> is last day. At least 60 days before endorsement, one copy of party rules governing such endorsement must be filed with the Secretary of the State. One copy of revised local party rules (and any amendments thereto) must also be filed forthwith with town clerk and state central committee. (Applies only when new rules are adopted or existing rules are amended or rescinded.) (Secs. 9-372(5)(B), 9-374 and 9-375)
<u>APRIL, 2004</u>	
APRIL 1, 2004 (Thursday)	<u>CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING DATE.</u> Filing date, within 30 days of the <u>town committee</u> primary, for committees of primary candidates. (Sec. 9-333j)
APRIL 7, 2004 (Wednesday)	<u>CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING DATE.</u> All Committees, except state central committees. The period disclosed is <u>January 1, 2004</u> through <u>March 31, 2004</u> (or <u>February 18, 2004</u> through <u>March 25, 2004</u> if the committee filed on the seventh day preceding town committee primary). (Sec. 9-333j)
APRIL 12, 2004 (Monday)	<u>CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING DATE.</u> State Central Committees. The period disclosed is <u>January 1, 2004</u> through <u>March 31, 2004</u> . (Sec. 9-333j)
APRIL 27, 2004 (Tuesday) <u>SEC'Y OF THE STATE</u>	<u>PRIMARY PETITIONS AVAILABLE.</u> Petition forms for person desiring to oppose party endorsed candidates for state office or the district office of Representative in Congress available from the Secretary of the State beginning on this day.

MAY, 2004

MAY 1, 2004  
(Saturday)  
REGISTRARS

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF VOTING RESIDENCE. Last day to send Notice of Confirmation of Voting Residence to electors on the basis of the canvass. (Sec. 9-35)

MAY 3, 2004  
(Monday)  
TOWN CLERK

MACHINE REPORTS. Reports of machine mechanics and party watchers provided for in Sections 9-244 and 9-246 from presidential preference and town committee primary to be kept by town clerk through this day. (Secs. 9-245 and 9-436)

MAY 3, 2004  
(Monday)  
TOWN CLERK

PRIMARY FORMS. Town clerk destroys if no contest is pending, and no subpoena is issued by the State Elections Enforcement Commission, all unused printed absentee ballots for the presidential preference primary and the following forms used at the town committee primary: sealed depository envelopes by district containing inner and outer envelopes from which absentee ballots have been removed, together with the contents of serially-numbered outer envelopes marked "rejected"; all executed absentee ballot applications and direction by registrar forms; the numerical list of serially-numbered absentee envelopes issued; the list of applicants who have been issued more than one absentee ballot under Sec. 9-153c; all unused printed absentee ballots; absentee ballots received after the polls close; and list of absentee ballot applicants who returned their absentee ballots. (Secs. 9-140(e), 9-150a(f), 9-150b(f), (h) and (j), and 9-153c(c))

*\*If a presidential preference primary was held, all of the above forms (except unused printed absentee ballots for the presidential preference primary) are to be retained until January 9, 2006. (42 U.S.C. 1974)*

MAY 4, 2004 to  
MAY 25, 2004  
(Tuesday - Tuesday)  
POLITICAL PARTIES

CONVENTIONS. Period of time when major party conventions to endorse candidates for state and district office must be held. See Page 1 for list of state and district offices. Party-endorsed candidates must file with the Secretary of the State a certificate of endorsement signed by candidates and attested by either (1) the chairman or presiding officer of the convention or (2) the secretary of the convention not later than 4:00 p.m. of the fourteenth day following close of convention. In order to primary, a 15% candidate must file with the Secretary of the State a certificate signed by him, stating that he received 15% of the convention vote on any roll call, and attested by either (1) the chairman or presiding officer of the convention or (2) the secretary of the convention plus statement of consent not later than 4:00 p.m. of the fourteenth day following close of convention. (Secs. 9-383, 9-388 and 9-400)

If a state convention voted that roll call be taken by town delegation, chairmen of town delegations to State Convention file list of names and votes of each delegate with Secretary of the State within 48 hours after the close of State Convention. (Sec. 9-385a)

Forthwith upon the close of a state convention, its chairman must file with the Secretary of the State the names and full residence addresses of persons selected by such convention as the nominees of such party for electors of president and vice-president in accordance with Sec. 9-175. (Sec. 9-388)

MAY 5, 2004 to  
MAY 26, 2004  
(Wednesday - Wednesday)  
SEC'Y OF THE STATE

PRIMARY PETITIONS AVAILABLE. Petitions forms for persons desiring to oppose candidates for the district offices of state senator or state representative shall be available from the Secretary of the State on the day following the close of the district conventions. (P.A. 03-241)

MAY 6, 2004  
(Thursday)  
TOWN CLERK

LIST OF OFFICES -- FILING WITH SECRETARY OF THE STATE. Last day for clerk to file with Secretary of the State list of offices to be filled. (Sec. 9-254)

MAY 10, 2004  
(Monday)  
REGISTRARS

PARTY TRANSFER -- STATE, DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL OFFICE PRIMARY. Last day that an enrolled elector can transfer from one party to another and be eligible to vote in state, district or municipal office primary of new party. (Sec. 9-59)

MAY 12, 2004  
(Wednesday)  
REGISTRARS  
TOWN CLERK

POLLING PLACE -- ADJACENT DISTRICT -- PRIMARY. Last day for registrars, when necessary, to designate to the town clerk a polling place in an adjacent voting district for state, district and municipal primary. Within 10 days after such filing, town clerk to publish notice. (Sec. 9-168b)

MAY 12, 2004  
(Wednesday)  
LEGISLATIVE BODY

VOTING DISTRICTS. Last day to make changes in the boundaries of voting districts for state, district and municipal primary. (Sec. 9-169)

MAY 12, 2004  
(Wednesday)  
TOWN CHAIRMEN

NOTICE OF CAUCUS. Last day to publish notice of endorsement caucus, if caucus is the endorsing authority for municipal office, if caucus is held on May 18, 2004. If caucus is held May 25, 2004, then May 19, 2004 is the last day. Notice must be published at least 5 full days before the caucus. Party rules may require earlier notice. (Sec. 9-390)

MAY 18, 2004 to  
MAY 25, 2004  
(Tuesday - Tuesday)  
POLITICAL PARTIES

PARTY ENDORSEMENT. Endorsement by major party for municipal office by town committee, caucus or convention between these days. (Secs. 9-390 and 9-391)

No party may endorse more candidates for municipal office than number for which an elector may vote. (Sec. 9-414)

MAY 18, 2004 to  
JUNE 8, 2004  
(Tuesday - Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS

PRIMARY PETITIONS - FILING. Primary petitions for opposing candidates of major party for state office or district office including Representative in Congress must be submitted to the respective registrars of voters by 4:00 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day following the making of the party's endorsement. Registrars must be in their offices between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to accept petitions. (Secs. 9-400)

MAY 18, 2004 to  
JUNE 8, 2004  
(Tuesday - Tuesday)  
POLITICAL PARTIES

PARTY ENDORSEMENT -- CERTIFICATION. Certificates of party endorsement for state and district offices must be filed with the Secretary of the State signed by candidate and attested by either (1) the chairman or presiding officer of the convention or (2) the secretary of the convention not later than 4:00 p.m. of the fourteenth day following close of convention. In order to primary, a 15% candidate must file with the Secretary of the State a certificate signed by him, stating that he received 15% of the convention vote on any roll call, and attested by either (1) the chairman or presiding officer of the convention or (2) the secretary of the convention plus statement of consent not later than 4:00 p.m. of the fourteenth day following close of convention. (Secs. 9-383, 9-388 and 9-400)

MAY 19, 2004 to  
MAY 26, 2004  
(Wednesday - Wednesday)  
REGISTRARS

PRIMARY PETITIONS - AVAILABLE. Primary petitions persons desiring to oppose candidates of major party for municipal offices shall be available from the registrars of voters on the day following the making of the party's endorsement. (P.A. 03-241)

MAY 25, 2004 to  
JUNE 15, 2004  
(Tuesday - Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS

PRIMARY PETITIONS FILED WITH SEC'Y OF THE STATE. For State and District primary petitions, the Registrars of voters shall forthwith certify on each such page the number of signers of the page who were enrolled party members and forthwith file such certified page in person or by mail with the Secretary of the State within seven days after receipt of the page. (P.A. 03-241)

JUNE, 2004

JUNE 1, 2004  
(Tuesday)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING DATE. Committees of candidates in town committee primary which reported and continued a deficit. (Sec. 9-333j)

Committees of candidates in a primary which reported a surplus must distribute their entire surplus by this date. (Sec. 9-333j)

JUNE 1, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS

INACTIVE LIST. The registrars prepare inactive registry and enrollment lists of (1) any person whose notice of approval of mail-in was returned undeliverable and who did not respond to a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice sent thirty days prior to this date, and (2) any person who was sent a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice between March 2, 2004--May 1, 2004, or between January 2, 2003--May 1, 2003, or between January 2, 2002--May 1, 2002, or between January 2, 2001--May 1, 2001, on the basis of the canvass and did not respond within thirty days after it was sent (and was not restored). The inactive list is sent to the polls. Electors on the inactive list may sign a restoration form at the polls and, if the registrar or assistant registrar of voters in the polls consents, such elector may vote. (Secs. 9-23g(c), 9-35 and 9-42(c))

REMOVE FROM INACTIVE LIST. The registrars remove from the inactive registry list (and enrollment list) all electors who were sent a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice between March 5, 2000--May 1, 2000 and did not respond within thirty days after it was sent (and were never restored to the active list). (Sec. 9-35)

JUNE 1, 2004 to  
JUNE 8, 2004  
(Tuesday - Tuesday)  
4:00 p.m.  
POLITICAL PARTIES  
TOWN CLERK

PARTY ENDORSEMENTS -- CERTIFICATION. Certification by a major political party to town clerk of party endorsement for municipal office, except the municipal office of state senator or state representative must occur not later than fourteen days after making such endorsement. Each endorsement must be certified by both the chairman or presiding officer and the secretary of the town committee, caucus or convention which made the endorsement; the certification need not be signed by the endorsed candidate(s). Clerk must forthwith publish notice of certification and that list of candidates is on file. (Secs. 9-391 and 9-395)

JUNE 1, 2004 to  
JUNE 8, 2004  
(Tuesday - Tuesday)  
4:00 p.m.  
POLITICAL PARTIES  
ENDORSED  
CANDIDATES  
TOWN CLERK

PARTY ENDORSEMENTS -- MUNICIPAL OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE -- CERTIFICATION. Each party-endorsed candidate for the municipal office of state senator or state representative (i.e., single-town state legislative districts) must file with the town clerk a certificate of endorsement signed by the candidate and attested by (1) the chairman or presiding officer, and (2) the secretary of the town committee, caucus or convention of the major party which made such endorsement. Such certificate must be filed not later than 4:00 p.m. of the fourteenth day after the close of such town committee meeting, caucus or convention. Clerk must forthwith publish notice of certification and that list of candidates is on file. (Secs. 9-391 and 9-395)

JUNE 1, 2004 to  
JUNE 8, 2004  
(Tuesday - Tuesday)  
4:00 p.m.  
REGISTRARS

PRIMARY PETITIONS -- FILING. Primary petitions for opposition candidates of a major party for municipal offices must be submitted to respective registrars by 4:00 p.m. of the fourteenth day following the making of the party's endorsements. Registrars of voters, deputy registrar or assistant registrar must be in their office or office facilities between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to accept petitions. (Secs. 9-405 and 9-406)

REGISTRARS  
TOWN CLERK

NOTICE OF PRIMARY. On filing of valid petition for municipal office, and after checking the same, registrar notifies town clerk that primary is to be held and clerk publishes registrar's notice and information concerning candidates, primary date, hours, and location of polls, files one copy with Secretary of the State, and records said notice. If central counting designated by the registrars, the notice of primary shall include such central location. (Secs. 9-147a and 9-435)

TOWN CLERK

PRINTING ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Immediately after all the challenge candidates for municipal offices are known from the registrars, and candidates for all the state and district offices are known from the Secretary of the State, the town clerk must begin making arrangements to have the absentee ballots for the primary printed. (Sec. 9-135b(a))

TOWN CLERK SAMPLE ABSENTEE BALLOT AVAILABLE. A layout model of each different absentee ballot shall be available for public inspection at town clerk's office prior to printing. (Sec. 9-135b(b))

TOWN CLERK ABSENTEE BALLOTS--FILING. Immediately upon receiving the printed absentee ballots, municipal clerk must file a printed absentee ballot for the municipality or for each different political subdivision, as the case may be, with Secretary of the State, and file an affidavit as to number of such ballots printed. (Sec. 9-135b(c))

TOWN CLERK BLANK BALLOTS TO ELECTORS TEMPORARILY LIVING (OR EXPECTING TO BE TRAVELING) OUTSIDE U.S. AND TO SERVICEMEN, SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS WHETHER LIVING WITHIN OR OUTSIDE U.S. Beginning as soon as possible after a complete list of candidates is available, blank ballots (for all offices being contested at the state, district and municipal primary), together with a complete list of candidates, should be sent to electors residing (or expecting to be traveling) outside the United States and to servicemen, spouses and dependents whether living within or outside the United States who have applied for an absentee ballot and are eligible to vote in the primary. (Sec. 9-153f)

REGISTRARS Registrars may direct the clerk to mail such blank ballot set to a qualified elector or applicant for admission as an elector who (1) is living outside the U.S. or (2) is a member of the armed forces, spouse or dependent. Town clerk also may so act on his own motion. (Sec. 9-153d)

JUNE 7, 2004  
(Monday) CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING DATE. Committees of candidates in town committee primary which reported a surplus.

The committee must distribute its entire surplus by May 31, 2004, and the manner of its distribution must be disclosed in this report. (Sec. 9-333j)

JUNE 10, 2004  
(Thursday)  
REGISTRARS WAIVER OF ACCESSIBILITY OF POLLING PLACE. Last day that registrars may file with Secretary of the State a request for a waiver to provide accessible polling place for physically disabled, for state, district and municipal primary. (Sec. 9-168d)

JULY, 2004

JULY 7, 2004  
(Wednesday) CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING DATE. All committees, except state central committees. The period disclosed is April 1, 2004 through June 30, 2004. (Sec. 9-333j)

JULY 7, 2004 to  
AUGUST 3, 2004  
(Wednesday - Tuesday)  
INSTITUTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS AND REGISTRARS SUPERVISED BALLOTING DESIGNATION. In order to have supervised absentee balloting in a nursing home or rest home, etc., with less than 20 electors a written designation must be made between these dates by either registrar of voters or the administrator of the institution, for the state, district, or municipal primary. These deadlines do not apply to a nursing home or rest home, etc., with 20 or more electors because supervised voting is mandated at such institutions. (Secs. 9-159q and 9-159r)

JULY 8, 2004  
(Thursday) CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING DATE. Lobbyists who, together with their spouses and dependents, make aggregate contributions or purchases from political committees of more than \$1,000 in a fiscal year must annually file a sworn statement itemizing such contributions and purchases with the Secretary of the State on the second Thursday in July. Other lobbyists must also file a sworn statement. (Secs. 9-333L(g) and 9-333j(d))

- JULY 9, 2004  
(Friday)  
MINOR PARTIES
- MINOR PARTY RULES. Minor parties must have filed with the Secretary of the State, by this date, party rules regulating the manner in which the party nominates candidates for public offices for which it has minor party status. One copy of revised local party rules (and any amendments thereto) must also be filed forthwith with town clerk. (Secs. 9-372(6), 9-374 and 9-375)
- JULY 9, 2004  
(Friday)  
REGISTRARS
- POLLING PLACES -- PRIMARY. Last day to determine polling places for state, district and municipal primary. Polling places may be changed within thirty-one day period only if town clerk and registrars of voters unanimously find that polling place has been rendered unusable. If polling place found unusable, another polling place must be designated forthwith and adequate notice of such change published. (Secs. 9-168 and 9-169)
- JULY 11, 2004  
(Sunday)  
TOWN CLERK
- OVERSEAS BALLOT. Beginning this date, the primary overseas ballot is available from town clerk upon application properly made if U. S. Senatorial or Congressional primary is being held. (Sec. 9-158c)
- REGISTRARS
- Registrars may direct the clerk to mail such overseas ballot set to an eligible U.S. citizen, and the town clerk may also so act on his own motion, but such ballot shall not be counted unless a prescribed application is received by the town clerk prior to primary day. (Sec. 9-153d)
- JULY 12, 2004  
(Monday)
- CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING DATE. State Central Committees. The period disclosed is April 1, 2004 through June 30, 2004. (Sec. 9-333j)
- JULY 12, 2004  
(Monday)  
CANDIDATES
- CHANGE OF NAME. Candidates for the office of registrar of voters and other municipal offices (excluding the municipal offices of state senator and state representative) must have changed their name on the registry list by this date in order to have that change reflected on the state, district or municipal primary ballot label. (Sec. 9-42a)
- JULY 12, 2004 to  
JULY 21, 2004  
(Monday - Wednesday)  
REGISTRARS
- NOTICE OF 14TH DAY BEFORE PRIMARY DAY REGISTRATION SESSION. If state, district or municipal primary will be held in your town and if your town's population is over 25,000, notice of July 27, 2004 session of registrars of voters to be published at least once on or between any of these dates. This newspaper notice need not be a legal notice. (Sec. 9-16)
- JULY 12, 2004 to  
JULY 21, 2004  
(Monday - Wednesday)  
REGISTRARS
- NOTICE OF 14TH DAY BEFORE PRIMARY ENROLLMENT SESSION. If state, district or municipal primary will be held, notice must be published at least once on or between any of these dates of the enrollment session to be held on July 27, 2004; such notice shall state that the registrars will, at such time, hear requests by persons removed for adding their names to the registry list. This newspaper notice need not be a legal notice. (Secs. 9-37 and 9-53)
- JULY 19, 2004  
(Monday)  
CANDIDATES
- LIST OF MODERATORS. Last day for candidate to submit to registrar list of desired certified primary moderators for state, district and municipal primary. Registrar must notify all candidates of their right to submit a list of designees. (Sec. 9-436)
- JULY 20, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS
- CENTRAL COUNTING -- ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Last day for registrars to designate in writing to the town clerk central location for the counting of absentee ballots for state, district or municipal primary. Such location shall be published by the town clerk in the notice for the primary. (Sec. 9-147a)

JULY 20, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
TOWN CLERK  
REGISTRARS

ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Absentee ballots for state, district or municipal primary become available on this day. (Secs. 9-135 and 9-140(f))

Registrars of voters may direct town clerk to mail absentee ballot forms to a qualified elector or applicant for admission as an elector who (1) is living outside the U.S. or (2) is a member of the armed forces or the spouse or dependent of a member of the armed forces living where such member is stationed. Town clerk also may so act on his own motion. (Secs. 9-133f, 9-140(f) and 9-153d)

JULY 20, 2004 to  
AUGUST 5, 2004  
(Tuesday - Thursday)  
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- PRIMARY FOR STATE, DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL OFFICES -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT ON DAY OF RECEIPT. When an application for registration by mail is received during the period beginning on the 21st day before a primary and ending on the fifth day before a primary, registrar must send by first class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection on day of receipt of application. The privileges as an elector attach immediately upon approval of the application, and the new elector's name is added to the registry list. If a notice of approval is later returned undelivered, registrars must proceed with confirmation of voting residence notice under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-35 or Sec. 9-43 and may challenge applicant at polls. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))

JULY 27, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS

PRIMARY ENROLLMENT SESSION. If primary is to be held, mandatory enrollment session must be held on this date (14th day before primary day) for the purpose of registration and/or enrollment of electors entitled to vote in state, district or municipal office primary. At least two consecutive hours required, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-51)

If primary is to be held, registrars must also hold a session to hear requests for adding names to the registry list by persons removed. This session may be held simultaneously with the enrollment session. (Sec. 9-37)

JULY 27, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS

FOURTEENTH DAY BEFORE PRIMARY DAY REGISTRATION SESSION. If state, district or municipal primary will be held in your town and if your town's population is over 25,000, mandatory registration session must be held on this date. Hours: any two hours between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-17)

JULY 30, 2004  
(Friday)  
REGISTRARS  
CANDIDATES

LISTS OF PRIMARY OFFICIALS. Last day for candidates to submit to registrar lists of desired primary day officials, except moderators, for state, district and municipal primary. Registrar must notify all candidates of their right to submit a list of designees. (Sec. 9-436)

AUGUST, 2004

AUGUST 1, 2004 to  
NOVEMBER 1, 2004  
(Sunday - Monday)  
TOWN CLERK

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE. Application to town clerk of persons who are not members of major parties. Not later than August 1, 2004, town clerk to send written notice to each incumbent justice of the peace appointed under Sec. 9-184c (unaffiliated and members of minor parties). (Sec. 9-184c)

AUGUST 3, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS  
TOWN CLERK

POLLING PLACE -- ADJACENT DISTRICT -- ELECTION. Last day for registrars, when necessary, to designate to the town clerk a polling place in an adjacent voting district for November 2<sup>nd</sup> state election. Within 10 days after such filing, town clerk to publish notice. (Sec. 9-168b)

AUGUST 3, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
LEGISLATIVE BODY

VOTING DISTRICTS. Last day to make changes in the boundaries of voting districts for November 2<sup>nd</sup> state election. (Sec. 9-169)

- AUGUST 3, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS
- ENROLLMENT LIST. Supplementary or updated enrollment list for use at state, district and municipal primary, if any, to be printed by this date. If two parties have a primary, towns which have eliminated separate enrollment lists must print enrollment lists. (Sec. 9-55)
- AUGUST 3, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS
- ABSENTEE BALLOT CHECK-OFF. STATE, DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL PRIMARY. Whether central counting of absentee ballots has been designated or not, beginning as soon after 11:00 a.m. as the absentee ballots are available from the town clerk, the registrars may begin checking the absentee ballots on this day and each weekday before the state, district or municipal primary. The ballots shall be checked not later than the last weekday before the primary. The registrars shall check without opening the outer envelopes the names of such absentee voters on the official check list to be used at such primary by indicating "Absentee" or "A" preceding such name, and in the case of central counting shall also note such designation on a duplicate list. After checking is completed, town clerk seals unopened ballots for delivery between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, primary day. (Sec. 9-140c)
- AUGUST 3, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
INSTITUTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS AND REGISTRARS
- SUPERVISED BALLOTING DESIGNATION. Last day to request supervised absentee balloting in a nursing home or rest home, etc., with less than 20 electors. A written designation must be made by this date by either registrar of voters or the administrator of the institution, for the state, district, or municipal primary. This deadline does not apply to a nursing home or rest home, etc., with 20 or more electors because supervised voting is mandated at such institutions. (Secs. 9-159q and 9-159r)
- AUGUST 3, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
PRIMARY CANDIDATES
- CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING DATE. All committees, except state central committees, which have made or received a contribution or expenditure in connection with the August 10, 2004 primary. The period disclosed is July 1, 2004 through July 27, 2004. (Sec. 9-333j)
- AUGUST 4, 2004  
(Wednesday)  
4:00 p.m.  
CANDIDATES TOWN CLERK
- NOMINATING PETITIONS. Last day for filing with town clerk or the Secretary of the State nominating petitions for state, district or municipal office. Deadline 4:00 p.m. Town clerk or assistant town clerk must be in his office between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to accept petitions. (Sec. 9-453i)
- Clerk must file each petition page with Secretary of the State within 2 weeks after receiving it. (Sec. 9-453n)
- AUGUST 4, 2004  
(Wednesday)  
TOWN CLERK
- SPECIAL 90-DAY MILITARY BLANK BALLOT -- ELECTION. The special 90-day military blank ballot for all offices for military contingencies becomes available this day upon application properly made. (Sec. 9-153e). Constitutional Pamphlet. (Secs. 2-30a, 9-140(d)). Explanatory text and/or arguments re. local questions (option). (Secs. 9-140(d) and 9-369b)
- REGISTRARS
- Registrars may direct the clerk to mail such special ballot set to qualified persons or town clerk may so act on his own motion. (Sec. 9-153d)
- AUGUST 4, 2004  
(Wednesday)  
WRITE-IN CANDIDATES
- WRITE-IN REGISTRATION -- ALL OFFICES EXCEPT PRESIDENT. First day that write-in candidates for any office being contested at November 2, 2004 election, except president, may register as write-in candidates with Secretary of the State. (Sec. 9-373a)

AUGUST 5, 2004  
(Thursday)  
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT CUT-OFF. Deadline for registering and/or enrolling for voting in primary for state, district or municipal office unless register in person with town clerk or registrar or unless file application for enrollment in person with registrar of voters. (Secs. 9-23g, 9-56 and 9-57)

Mail-in application of new voter must be received by registrar of voters of the town of residence by this day, except that a mail-in application of new voter postmarked by this day or received by a voter registration agency or the Department of Motor Vehicles by this day may be received by the registrar of voters until 12:00 noon of August 9, 2004. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))

However, enrollment application of unaffiliated voter must be received by this day by registrar of voters of the town of residence unless unaffiliated voter files application for enrollment in person with registrar of voters by 12:00 noon of August 9, 2004. (Sec. 9-56)

AUGUST 6, 2004 thru  
AUGUST 10, 2004  
(Friday - Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- PRIMARY FOR STATE, DISTRICT OR MUNICIPAL OFFICE -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT WITHIN 10 DAYS. PRIVILEGES OF AN ELECTOR SHALL NOT ATTACH UNTIL THE DAY AFTER THE PRIMARY OR THE DAY APPLICATION IS APPROVED BY REGISTRAR, WHICHEVER IS LATER. When a mail-in application hand-delivered by someone other than the applicant is received during this period by registrars in applicant's town of residence (or by the DMV or a voter registration agency), or a mailed mail-in application for registration is postmarked during this period, registrar must act on the application and send by first-class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection within 10 days of receipt of the application, but privileges of an elector shall not attach until August 11, 2004, or until the application is approved by registrar, whichever is later. (Sec. 9-23g(d)(2))

IMPORTANT EXCEPTION:

*If an application of a new voter indicates that it was (1) received by August 5, 2004 by the DMV or a voter registration agency, or (2) postmarked by August 5, 2004, the registrar of voters of the town of residence shall mail a notice of acceptance or rejection on the day of receipt of such application during the period August 6th through noon August 10th. Such persons whose applications are accepted by noon August 10th acquire privileges of an elector immediately and may vote in the primary. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))*

AUGUST 8, 2004  
(Sunday)  
6:00 a.m.  
CANDIDATES

UNOFFICIAL CHECKERS FOR STATE, DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL PRIMARY. Deadline for candidates to submit list of designees for unofficial checkers to the registrar of voters. Such list must be submitted at least 48 hours prior to the opening of the polls. The registrar must notify all candidates of their right to submit a list of designees. (Sec. 9-436a)

In addition, any person (other than a candidate or primary official) may serve as a runner. (Sec. 9-235b)

AUGUST 8, 2004  
(Sunday)  
6:00 a.m.  
TOWN CLERK

PRINTING OF SAMPLE BALLOTS. Town clerk prepares primary ballot labels for primaries, if any, for nomination of state, district or municipal candidates, and at least 48 hours before the primary provides a number of sample ballot labels for distribution as he deems necessary. (Sec. 9-437)

AUGUST 9, 2004  
(Monday)  
REGISTRARS

ABSENTEE BALLOT CHECK-OFF. STATE, DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL PRIMARY. Whether central counting of absentee ballots has been designated or not, beginning as soon after 11:00 a.m. as the absentee ballots are available from the town clerk, the registrars shall check, without opening the outer envelopes, the names of absentee voters on the official check list by indicating "Absentee" or "A" preceding the name, and in the case of central counting shall also note such designation on the duplicate list. After checking is completed, town clerk seals unopened ballots for delivery between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, primary day. Although checking may begin on August 3, 2004, it must be completed by this day. (Sec. 9-140c)

AUGUST 9, 2004  
(Monday)  
REGISTRARS

ENROLLMENT LIST. STATE, DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL PRIMARY. Separate supplementary list compiled, which list shall include the name of any person who was admitted as an elector or whose privileges of party enrollment attached since the printing of the supplementary enrollment list on August 3, 2004. An updated list may be printed instead. (Sec. 9-55)

AUGUST 9, 2004  
(Monday)  
TOWN CLERK

ABSENTEE BALLOTS -- PRIMARY. DEADLINE TO ISSUE. Absentee ballots may not be issued on day of state, district or municipal primary, except overseas ballots and except electors who suddenly become ill within six days immediately preceding the close of the polls at the primary or who are patients in a hospital within such six-day period, may apply for and be issued an absentee ballot up to the close of the polls. (Secs. 9-140(h) and 9-150c)

AUGUST 9, 2004  
(Monday)  
REGISTRARS

SUPERVISED BALLOTING DEADLINE. Supervision of absentee balloting shall be not later than the last business day before the state, district or municipal primary. (Secs. 9-159q and 9-159r)

AUGUST 9, 2004  
(Monday)  
12:00 noon  
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- PRIMARY FOR STATE, DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL OFFICES. Deadline for the registrar of the mail-in applicant's town of residence to receive mail-in application (postmarked by fifth day before primary or received by DMV or voter registration agency by such fifth day) so that the applicant may be enrolled in time to vote in primary. (Secs. 9-23a, and 9-23g(c) and (d))

AUGUST 9, 2004  
(Monday)  
12:00 noon  
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT CUT-OFF IN PERSON. Deadline for registering in person with the registrar of voters or town clerk of the town of residence and deadline for enrolling in person with the registrar of voters for voting in primary for state, district or municipal office. Deadline for cross-town registrations to be received by registrar of town of residence.

Applications from servicemen and persons out of the country under Secs. 9-26 and 9-23a may be received throughout the day. (Secs. 9-19e, 9-23a, 9-56 and 9-57)

AUGUST 9, 2004  
(Monday)  
REGISTRARS

ENROLLMENT LIST. Last day before primary to remove electors from registry list (and enrollment list) who have died, become disfranchised or confirmed in writing that they have moved out of town. An elector is deemed to have confirmed in writing that he has moved out of town if (1) the registrars have received a cancellation form or (2) the elector has notified DMV of a change of address out of town concerning a driver's license. (DMV notifies the registrars, and the registrars send Notice of Removal.) The names of persons removed are not sent to the polls and such persons may be restored on primary day only if the registrar is contacted and consents to approve the applicant's request for restoration. (Secs. 9-32 and 9-35)

INACTIVE LIST. The registrars prepare an inactive list of (1) any person whose notice of approval of mail-in was returned undeliverable and who did not respond to a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice sent thirty days prior to this date, and (2) any person who was sent a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice between March 2, 2004--May 1, 2004, or between January 2, 2003--May 1, 2003, or between January 2, 2002--May 1, 2002, or between January 2, 2001--May 1, 2001, on the basis of the canvass and did not respond within thirty days after it was sent (and was not restored). The inactive list is sent to the polls. Electors on the inactive list may sign a restoration form at the polls and, if the registrar or assistant registrar of voters in the polls consents, such elector may vote. (Secs. 9-23g(c), 9-35 and 9-42(c))

REMOVE FROM INACTIVE LIST. Last day before primary to remove electors from inactive registry list (and enrollment list) who were sent a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice four years ago and did not respond within thirty days after it was sent (and were never restored to the active list). (Sec. 9-35)

AUGUST 10, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
6:00 a.m. to  
8:00 p.m.

PRIMARY. PRIMARY FOR STATE, DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL OFFICES if valid petition or petitions, or consent by 15% candidates have been filed. Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Secs. 9-376 and 9-423) (P.A. 03-241)

ABSENTEE BALLOTS. In order to be cast at a primary, the absentee ballot must be received by the municipal clerk (1) by the close of the polls if it is mailed or if it is returned by a member of the immediate family of the applicant in person or the qualified designee of an ill or physically disabled ballot applicant in person, or (2) by the day before the primary if it is returned in person by the applicant. (Sec. 9-140b)

All absentee ballots received before 11:00 a.m. of August 9, 2004 are to be delivered to the registrars of voters between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on primary day. If the registrars choose the optional 6:00 p.m. count, ballots received after 11:00 a.m. of August 9, 2004 and before 6:00 p.m. of primary day are to be delivered at 6:00 p.m. (except that some may be retained until the polls close, if desired, in order to ensure ballot secrecy); and all ballots timely received after 6:00 p.m. are to be delivered at the close of the polls. If the optional 6:00 p.m. count is not designated, then all ballots timely received after 11:00 a.m. of the day before the primary are to be delivered to the registrars at the close of the polls and not before. In municipalities that have central counting of absentee ballots, at close of polls, registrars or assistant registrars shall deliver official check list to moderator of central location for checking. When counting of absentee ballots is complete, moderator delivers check list and other information to head moderator. (Sec. 9-140c)

OVERSEAS BALLOTS. Overseas ballots may be issued up to the close of the polls. However, they must be received by town clerk by close of the polls on primary day in order to be cast. (Secs. 9-158c and 9-158g)

VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS & 3 SAMPLE BALLOTS. To be posted in each polling place (Sec. 9-236b).

VOTER REGISTRATION RECEIPT. On primary day, an applicant whose name is not on the check-list may vote if, at the polls, he (1) presents a voter registration receipt from the DMV or other prescribed voter registration agency that his application was received by the deadline, (3) fills out a new voter registration card, (3) the card is approved by the registrar, and (4) the voter presents the required identification. (Sec. 9-23g(d)).

AUGUST 11, 2004  
(Wednesday)  
MODERATOR

RETURN OF VOTES TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE. PRIMARY. Head moderator must either (1) fax one copy of the certificate of voters cast for candidates to the Secretary of the State by 12:00 midnight on primary day **and** then send such return to the Secretary of the State not later than 3 days later (Friday, August, 13, 2004) or (2) deliver immediately by hand to Secretary of the State not later than 6:00 p.m. of day after primary or to state police not later than 4:00 p.m. who shall deliver by hand to Secretary of the State before 6:00 p.m. one copy of duplicate certificate of votes cast for candidates. If Head moderator faxes return to Secretary of the State, he must also send (by hand delivery or mail) return by August 13, 2004.

Final date for moderator in each town to deliver to town clerk one copy of duplicate certificate of votes cast for candidates. (Secs. 9-314 and 9-440)

AUGUST 11, 2004 to  
AUGUST 13, 2004  
(Wednesday - Friday)  
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT WITHIN 10 DAYS. When an application for registration by mail is received during this period, registrar must send by first class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection within 10 days of receipt of application. The privileges as an elector attach immediately upon approval of the application, and the new elector's name is added to the registry list. If a notice of approval is later returned undelivered, registrars must proceed with confirmation of voting residence notice under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-35 or Sec. 9-43 and may challenge applicant at polls. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))

AUGUST 13, 2004  
(Friday)  
MODERATORS

DISCREPANCY -- RECOUNT. Last day for head moderator to order recount when there is a discrepancy in returns. (Secs. 9-310 and 9-311)

AUGUST 17, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
MODERATORS

CLOSE VOTE OR DISCREPANCY RECOUNT. Last day to conduct close vote or discrepancy recount . (Secs. 9-310, 9-311, 9-311a, 9-311b, 9-370a, 9-445 and 9-446)

- AUGUST 17, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
TOWN CLERK  
AUGUST 18, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
TOWN CLERK
  - AUGUST 20, 2004  
(Friday)  
TOWN CLERK
  - AUGUST 24, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
CANDIDATES AND ELECTORS
  - AUGUST 24, 2004  
(Tuesday)
  - AUGUST 31, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
TOWN CLERK
- LIST OF CANDIDATES. Last day for clerk to file list of candidates for municipal offices with Secretary of the State. (Sec. 9-461)
- NOMINATING PETITIONS. Last day for town clerk to file nominating petition pages, received by clerk on August 4th, with Secretary of the State. (Secs. 9-453i and 9-453n)
- ABSENTEE BALLOTS -- REPORT. Last day for town clerk to file with Secretary of the State statement accounting for number of absentee voting forms and challenged ballot forms used at state, district and municipal primary. (Secs. 9-139c and 9-232e)
- COMPLAINT. Last day for bringing complaint to the Superior Court contesting ruling of official or count of votes at state, district or municipal primary. (Sec. 9-329a)
- VOTING MACHINES. Voting machines used at state, district and municipal primary to remain locked through this date. (Sec. 9-447)
- PRIMARY FORMS. Town Clerk destroys if no contest is pending, and no subpoena has been issued by the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the following forms used at town committee primary, if any: sealed depository envelopes by district containing absentee ballots counted, and absentee ballot counters' notes, worksheets or written materials and record of votes cast by absentee ballot for each candidate; sealed depository envelope containing challenged ballots; affidavit of town clerk attesting to accuracy of endorsement of date and time of receipt of outer envelopes; and the affidavit(s) regarding municipal clerk's delivery and registrars receipt of ballots. (Secs. 9-140c(a) and (j), 9-150a(m), 9-150b(f), (i) and (j), and 9-232f)

*\*If a presidential preference primary was held, all of the above forms are to be retained until January 9, 2006. (42 U.S.C. 1974)*

SEPTEMBER, 2004

- SEPTEMBER 2, 2004  
(Thursday)  
TOWN CLERK
  - SEPTEMBER 2, 2004  
(Thursday)  
REGISTRARS
  - SEPTEMBER 8, 2004  
(Wednesday)  
4:00 p.m.  
NOMINATING PETITION PARTY DESIGNATIONS
  - SEPTEMBER 8, 2004  
(Wednesday)  
MINOR PARTIES
- QUESTIONS ON BALLOT. Last day for municipality to approve question to appear on ballot at state election, unless otherwise specifically provided by the general statutes. (Sec. 9-370)
- Town clerk must keep full text of question on file in his office open to public inspection from time question is approved for submission through election. (Sec. 9-369a)
- WAIVER OF ACCESSIBILITY OF POLLING PLACE. Last day that registrars may file with Secretary of the State a request for a waiver to provide accessible polling place for physically disabled for election. (Sec. 9-168d)
- STATEMENT OF ENDORSEMENT -- NOMINATING PETITION CANDIDATES. Last day that party designation committee or chairman or secretary of a minor party may file statement of endorsement of nominating petition candidate with a party designation with Secretary of the State. (Sec. 9-453o)
- MINOR PARTY NOMINATIONS AND CERTIFICATION. All minor party nominations and certification for state, district and municipal office (except justice of the peace) must be made and certified by this date. Certification for state and district office must be delivered to Secretary of the State, and for municipal office to town clerk. (Sec. 9-452)

SEPTEMBER 8, 2004  
(Wednesday)  
CANDIDATES

Written notice of date, time, location and purpose of nominating meeting for state and district office must be filed with Secretary of the State, and for municipal office with town clerk, not later than five days before meeting. (Sec. 11 of P.A. 99-276)

CHANGE OF NAME. Last day for candidates for the office of registrar of voters and other municipal offices (excluding the municipal offices of state senator and state representative) to change name on registry list and have name change reflected on the ballot label at the election. (Secs. 9-42a and 9-250)

SEPTEMBER 9, 2004  
(Thursday)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING DATE. Filing date, within 30 days of the primary, for committees of unsuccessful primary candidates. (Sec. 9-333j)

SEPTEMBER 14, 2004  
thru OCTOBER 12, 2004  
(Tuesday - Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- ELECTION -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT WITHIN 4 DAYS. When an application for registration by mail is received during the period beginning on the 49th day before election and ending on the 21st day before election, registrar must send by first class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection within four days of receipt of application. The privileges as an elector attach immediately upon approval of the application, and the new elector's name is added to the registry list. If a notice of approval is later returned undelivered, registrars must proceed with confirmation of voting residence notice under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-35 or Sec. 9-43 and may challenge applicant at polls. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))

SEPTEMBER 15, 2004  
(Wednesday)  
SECRETARY OF  
THE STATE;  
TOWN CLERK

LIST OF CANDIDATES. List of candidates for state and district offices is sent to town clerk by Secretary of the State on this date. (Sec. 9-462)

PRINTING ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Immediately after the deadline for the certification of all candidates whose names are to appear on the ballot label, the town clerk must begin making arrangements to have the absentee ballots for the election printed. (Sec. 9-135b(a))

SAMPLE ABSENTEE BALLOT AVAILABLE. A layout model of each different absentee ballot shall be available for public inspection at town clerk's office prior to printing. (Sec. 9-135b(b))

ABSENTEE BALLOTS -- FILING. Immediately upon receiving the printed absentee ballots, municipal clerk must file a printed absentee ballot for the town or for each different political subdivision, as the case may be, with Secretary of the State, and file an affidavit as to number of such ballots printed. (Sec. 135b(c))

BLANK BALLOTS TO ELECTORS TEMPORARILY LIVING (OR EXPECTING TO BE TRAVELING) OUTSIDE U.S. AND TO SERVICEMEN, SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS WHETHER LIVING WITHIN OR OUTSIDE U.S. Beginning as soon as possible after a complete list of candidates and questions is available, blank ballots (for all offices), together with a complete list of candidates and questions, should be sent to electors residing (or expecting to be traveling) outside the United States and to servicemen, spouses and dependents whether living within or outside the United States who have applied for an absentee ballot. (Sec. 9-153f) Constitutional Pamphlet. (Secs. 2-30a, 9-140(d)). Explanatory text and/or arguments re local questions (option). (Secs. 9-140(d) and 9-369b.)

REGISTRARS

Registrars may direct the clerk to mail such blank ballot set to a qualified elector or applicant for admission as an elector who (1) is living outside the U.S. or (2) is a member of the armed forces, spouse or dependent. Town clerk also may so act on his own motion. (Sec. 9-153d)

SEPTEMBER 17, 2004  
(Friday)  
TOWN CLERK

QUESTIONS ON BALLOT. Last day for town clerk to file with Secretary of the State a statement setting forth the designation of each question to be voted on as it will appear on the voting machine, the date upon which the submitting action was taken, and a reference to the law under which such action was taken. (Sec. 9-369a)

If questions are submitted within the period of forty-five days before election under specific authority of general statutes, such statement must be filed forthwith upon taking of such action. (Sec. 9-369a)

SEPTEMBER 18, 2004 to  
OCTOBER 26, 2004  
(Saturday - Tuesday)  
INSTITUTIONAL  
ADMINISTRATORS  
AND REGISTRARS

SUPERVISED BALLOTING DESIGNATION. In order to have supervised absentee balloting in a nursing home or rest home, etc., with less than 20 electors a written designation must be made between these dates by either registrar of voters or the administrator of the institution for the election. These deadlines do not apply to a nursing home or rest home, etc., with 20 or more electors because supervised voting is mandated at such institutions. (Secs. 9-159q and 9-159r)

SEPTEMBER 18, 2004  
(Saturday)  
TOWN CLERK

OVERSEAS BALLOT. Beginning this date, the election overseas ballot for the offices of Presidential Electors, U.S. Senator and Representative in Congress only is available from town clerk upon application properly made. (Sec. 9-158c)

REGISTRARS

Registrars may direct the clerk to mail such overseas ballot set to an eligible U.S. citizen, and the town clerk may also so act on his own motion, but such ballot shall not be counted unless a prescribed application is received by the town clerk prior to election day. (Sec. 9-153d)

SEPTEMBER 18, 2004  
(Saturday)  
TOWN CLERK

PRESIDENTIAL BALLOT. Beginning this date, presidential ballots are to be provided to "residents" upon application properly made. (Sec. 9-158c)

SEPTEMBER 22, 2004  
(Wednesday)  
REGISTRARS

NOTICE OF TUESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK BEFORE ELECTION CORRECTIONS SESSION TO COMPLETE PRELIMINARY REGISTRY LIST. Publication of newspaper legal notice and posting of notice of registrar's session of September 26, 2004 for completing preliminary registry list. Applicable to the registrars of voters of ALL towns. (Sec. 9-35)

SEPTEMBER 27, 2004  
(Monday)  
REGISTRARS

CHALLENGED REGISTRATION. Last day for registrars to mail challenge as to retention of name on registry list where registrars are unable to agree on erasure. (Sec. 9-43)

SEPTEMBER 27, 2004  
(Monday)  
REGISTRARS

NOTICE OF SESSION FOR REVISION OF PRELIMINARY REGISTRY LIST. Last day for publication of notice of one or more sessions of the registrars, for the revision and correction of the preliminary registry list, to be held during the period between October 2, 2004 and October 9, 2004. In municipalities of less than 5,000, notice must be posted. In municipalities of over 5,000, notice must be published and posted. This newspaper notice need not be a legal notice. The number of sessions shall be fixed by the registrars of each municipality. (Sec. 9-37)

SEPTMEBER 28, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS

TUESDAY OF FIFTH WEEK BEFORE ELECTION DAY REGISTRARS' SESSION TO COMPLETE PRELIMINARY REGISTRY LIST. Such session shall be held during such hours between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. as the registrars find necessary to complete preliminary registry list.

At this session (and on any day except election day or primary day), registrars remove electors from the registry list who have died, become disfranchised or confirmed in writing that they have moved out of town. An elector is deemed to have confirmed in writing that he has moved out of town if (1) the registrars have received a cancellation form or (2) the elector has notified the DMV of a change of address out of town concerning a driver's license. (DMV notifies the registrars, and the registrars send Notice of Removal.) The names of persons removed are not sent to the polls and such persons may be restored on election day only if both registrars are contacted and consent to approve the applicant's request for restoration. (Secs. 9-32 and 9-35)

Names removed from the registry list must also be removed from the enrollment list. Immediately after session, registrars must post names and addresses of electors removed from registry list and statement that list of remedies is available from registrars. (Secs. 9-35, 9-35a and 9-64a)

INACTIVE LIST. The registrars prepare an inactive list of (1) any person whose notice of approval of mail-in was returned undeliverable and who did not respond to a confirmation of voting residence notice sent thirty days prior to this date, and (2) any person who was sent a confirmation of voting residence notice between March 2, 2004--May 1, 2004 or between January 2, 2000--May 1, 2000 or between January 2, 2002--May 1, 2002 or between January 2, 2001--May 1, 2001 on the basis of the canvass and did not respond within thirty days after it was sent (and was not restored). The inactive list is sent to the polls. Electors on the inactive list may sign a restoration form at the polls and, if both registrars or both assistant registrars of voters in the polls consent, such elector may vote. (Secs. 9-23g(c), 9-35 and 9-42(c))

REMOVE FROM INACTIVE LIST. The registrars remove from the inactive list all electors who were sent a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice four years ago and did not respond within thirty days after it was sent (and were never restored to the active list). (Sec. 9-35)

OCTOBER, 2004

OCTOBER 1, 2004  
(Friday)  
TOWN CLERK

ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Printed absentee ballots for the election become available to electors on this day. (Secs. 9-135 and 9-140(f)). Constitutional Pamphlet. (Secs. 2-30a, 9-140(d)). Explanatory text and/or arguments re. local questions (option). (Secs. 9-140(d) and 9-369b.)

REGISTRARS

Registrars may direct the clerk to mail an absentee ballot set to an elector or an applicant for admission as an elector who (1) is living outside the U.S. or (2) is a member of the armed forces, or the spouse or dependent living where such member is stationed. Town clerk also may so act on his own motion. (Secs. 9-140(f) and 9-153d)

OCTOBER 1, 2004  
(Friday)  
REGISTRARS

POLLING PLACES. Last day for determining polling places for the election. Polling places may be changed after this date only if town clerk and registrars of voters unanimously find that polling place has been rendered unusable. If polling place found unusable, another polling place must be designated forthwith and adequate notice of such change published. (Secs. 9-168 and 9-169)

OCTOBER 1, 2004  
(Friday)

PRELIMINARY REGISTRY LIST. Last day to complete and deposit certified preliminary registry list in town clerk's office for public inspection. (Sec. 9-36)

- OCTOBER 1, 2004 to  
OCTOBER 11, 2004  
(Friday - Monday)  
REGISTRARS
- NOTICE OF SATURDAY OF THIRD WEEK BEFORE ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION SESSION. Notice of October 16, 2004 session of the Registrars of Voters of ALL towns to be published at least once on or between any of these dates. This newspaper notice need not be a legal notice. (Sec. 9-16)
- OCTOBER 2, 2004  
(Saturday)  
REGISTRARS
- REGISTRY LIST. In municipalities of more than 5,000 population, last day for producing and posting for public inspection the certified copy of preliminary registry list for each voting district. Copies of such list must be made available for distribution by the registrars. (Sec. 9-36)
- OCTOBER 2, 2004 to  
OCTOBER 9, 2004  
(Saturday - Saturday)  
REGISTRARS
- REGISTRARS' SESSIONS. Registrars must hold one or more sessions during period between Saturday of fifth week and Saturday of fourth week before election to revise and correct preliminary registry list. Number of sessions is to be fixed by registrars. In towns over 5,000 population required notice must be published in newspaper at least five days before first of such sessions but need not be legal notice. Registrars may hold additional sessions of which no notice need be given, except during period of six days before election. (Sec. 9-37)
- OCTOBER 3, 2004  
(Sunday)  
TOWN CLERK
- PRESIDENTIAL BALLOT. Beginning this date, presidential ballots are to be provided to "former residents" upon application properly made. (Secs. 9-158a (2), 9-158c and 9-158d(a))
- OCTOBER 5, 2004 to  
OCTOBER 13, 2004  
(Tuesday - Wednesday)  
REGISTRARS
- NOTICE OF FOURTEENTH DAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION SESSION. Notice of October 19, 2004, session of the Registrars of Voters of ALL towns, to be published at least once on or between any of these dates. This newspaper notice need not be a legal notice. (Sec. 9-16)
- OCTOBER 7, 2004  
(Thursday)
- CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING DATE. All committees, except state central committees. The period disclosed is July 1, 2004 through September 30, 2004, except that if the committee filed a statement on the seventh day preceding the August 10, 2004 primary, the period disclosed is from July 28, 2004 through September 30, 2004. (Secs. 9-333j)
- OCTOBER 12, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
TOWN CLERK  
REGISTRARS
- SPECIAL REGISTRATION SESSION -- APPLICATION. Last day that 25 or more persons who are employed by the same employer at the same place of employment in a town, or 25 or more persons who attend the same school, college or university, or who reside at the same hospital, residential care home, rest home, nursing home or convalescent home and believe themselves qualified to become electors in any Connecticut town, may sign and submit a request to the town clerk or either registrar of voters for an admitting official to go to such place of employment, school or residence in order to take and act upon applications for admission as electors. (Secs. 9-19c and 9-19d)
- OCTOBER 12, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS
- CENTRAL COUNTING -- ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Last day for registrars of voters to notify town clerk in writing if they decide to count absentee ballots at a central location, which location shall be published in the warning for the election. (Sec. 9-147a)
- OCTOBER 12, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS
- ELECTION OFFICIALS. Last day for registrars to appoint election officials. Town clerk, registrars of voters, moderator and mechanic shall instruct election officials. (Sec. 9-249)

OCTOBER 13, 2004 thru  
OCTOBER 19, 2004  
(Wednesday - Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT ON DAY OF RECEIPT. When an application for registration by mail is received during the period beginning on the 20th day before election and ending on the 14th day before election, registrar must send by first-class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection on day of receipt of application. The privileges as an elector attach immediately upon approval of the application, and the new elector's name is added to the registry list. If a notice of approval is later returned undelivered, registrars must proceed with confirmation of voting residence notice under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-35 or Sec. 9-43 and may challenge applicant at polls. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))

OCTOBER 16, 2004  
(Saturday)  
REGISTRARS

SATURDAY OF THIRD WEEK BEFORE ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION SESSION IN ALL TOWNS. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-17)

OCTOBER 17, 2004 to  
OCTOBER 27, 2004  
(Sunday - Wednesday)  
REGISTRARS

NOTICE OF LIMITED REGISTRATION SESSION TO BE HELD ON THE LAST WEEKDAY BEFORE ELECTION. Notice to be published at least once on or between these dates of November 1, 2004 limited session of registrars of voters of ALL towns. This newspaper notice need not be a legal notice. (Secs. 9-16 and 9-17)

OCTOBER 18, 2004 to  
OCTOBER 27, 2004  
(Monday - Wednesday)  
TOWN CLERK

WARNING OF ELECTION. Town clerk or assistant town clerk must publish once, on or between any of these dates, notice of election, which notice shall include the time and location of the polling places, and record each such warning. (Sec. 9-225)

If central counting of absentee ballots is timely designated by registrars of voters, the warning for the election shall include such central location. (Sec. 9-147a)

The warning must also include a statement concerning any question to be included on the ballot. (Secs. 9-369 and 9-369a)

OCTOBER 19, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
4:00 p.m.  
WRITE-IN  
CANDIDATES

WRITE-IN REGISTRATION -- ALL CANDIDATES. Last day that write-in candidates for any office being contested at election may register with Secretary of the State. (Secs. 9-175 and 9-373a)

OCTOBER 19, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
TOWN CLERK  
REGISTRARS

PHYSICALLY DISABLED -- VOTER REGISTRATION. Last day for receipt by town clerk or registrar of voters of mailed application for admission as elector on prescribed form of any such person who became 18 years of age, U.S. citizen, or resident of the municipality on or before October 19, 2004. Within ten days of proper application, voting official to arrange for voter-making at place of confinement. (Sec. 9-31a)

Such persons whose rights as to age, citizenship or residence mature after the above date may apply up to 9:00 a.m. November 1, 2004. (Sec. 9-31a)

OCTOBER 19, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
ALL VOTER  
REGISTRATION  
OFFICIALS

FOURTEENTH DAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION SESSION -- REGISTRATION CUT-OFF IN ALL TOWNS. This is the last regular session for admission of electors for those who become 18 years of age, U.S. citizens, or residents of the municipality on or before October 19, 2004. Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-17)

Those whose rights as to age, citizenship or residence mature after the above date may apply in the office on a daily basis until the opening of the limited session on November 1, 2004 or at such limited session. (Sec. 9-19b(d))

Persons who do not fall into a "matured rights" category may apply for admission in the office between the cut-off date and the opening of the matured rights session but such applications are not effective until the third day following the date of the election. (Sec. 9-19g)

Final date to apply for crosstown admission. Actual approval by town of residence may occur after this date. (Sec. 9-19e)

Last day for 25-name petition session to be held. (Sec. 9-19c)

Last day for an elector to make a signed written request to the registrars of voters for erasure of his name from the registry list. (Sec. 9-35b)

OCTOBER 19, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- ELECTION DEADLINE -- APPLICATION. Hand-delivered mail-in registration applications must be received by registrars in applicant's town of residence (or by DMV or a voter registration agency) and, mailed mail-in registration applications must be postmarked by this date, for the applicant to be entitled to vote in the election. Electoral privileges of applicants meeting this deadline attach immediately upon approval by the registrar. For example, if a mail-in application is postmarked "October 19, 2004" and received on November 1, 2004, and if the applicant is otherwise qualified, the registrar approves the application on November 1<sup>st</sup>, adds the new elector's name to the list and the new elector may vote in the election on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. If a notice of approval is later returned undelivered, registrars must proceed with confirmation of voting residence notice under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-35 or Sec. 9-43 and may challenge applicant at polls. (Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-23g(d)(2))

OCTOBER 19, 2004 to  
OCTOBER 26, 2004  
(Tuesday - Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION AND PARTY ENROLLMENT FIGURES. Registrars in each municipality must send written or faxed report to Secretary of the State. Hand-delivered or faxed reports must be received beginning October 20, 2004 and by 4:30 p.m. on October 26, 2004. Mailed reports must be postmarked beginning 8:00 p.m. on October 19, 2004 and by midnight October 26, 2004. (Sec. 9-65)

OCTOBER 20, 2004 thru  
NOVEMBER 2, 2004  
(Wednesday - Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT WITHIN 10 DAYS. PRIVILEGES OF AN ELECTOR SHALL NOT ATTACH UNTIL THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTION OR THE DAY APPLICATION IS APPROVED BY REGISTRAR, WHICHEVER IS LATER. When a hand-delivered mail-in application is received during this period by registrars in applicant's town of residence (or by the DMV or a voter registration agency), or a mailed mail-in application for registration is postmarked during this period, registrar must act on the application and send by first-class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection within 10 days of receipt of the application, but privileges of an elector shall not attach until November 3, 2004, or until the application is approved by registrar, whichever is later. (Sec. 9-23g(d)(2))

IMPORTANT EXCEPTION:

*If an application indicates that it was received by October 19, 2004 by the DMV or a voter registration agency (or a special assistant registrar or town clerk or a registrar of voters of another town), the registrar of voters of the town of residence shall mail a notice of acceptance or rejection on the day of receipt of such application during this period. Such persons whose applications are accepted acquire privileges of an elector immediately and may vote in the election. (Sec. 9-23g)*

- OCTOBER 21, 2004  
(Thursday)  
TOWN CLERK
- CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING DATE. State Central Committees. The period disclosed is July 1, 2004 through October 14, 2004. (Sec. 9-333j)
- OCTOBER 22, 2004  
(Friday)  
TOWN CLERK
- SAMPLE BALLOT LABEL. Last day for clerk to file with Secretary of the State sample of completed ballot label. (Sec. 9-256)
- OCTOBER 22, 2004  
(Friday)  
REGISTRARS
- CORRECTED REGISTRY LIST. Day for registrars to file certified corrected final registry list in town clerk's office. (Sec. 9-38)
- OCTOBER 25, 2004  
(Monday)  
REGISTRARS
- REGISTRY LIST -- ELECTOR'S CLAIMS. Last day for any elector whose residence has been challenged since the last regular election or primary to file written request for retention of registration. (Sec. 9-43)
- OCTOBER 26, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS
- ABSENTEE BALLOT CHECK-OFF. Whether central counting of absentee ballots has been designated or not, beginning as soon after 11:00 a.m. as the absentee ballots are available from the town clerk the registrars may begin checking the absentee ballots on this and each weekday before the election. The ballots shall be checked not later than the last weekday before the election. The registrars shall check, without opening the outer envelopes, the names of such absentee voters on the official check list to be used at such election by indicating "Absentee" or "A" preceding such name, and in the case of central counting shall also note such designation on a duplicate list. After checking is completed, town clerk seals unopened ballots for delivery between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, election day. (Sec. 9-140c(b))
- OCTOBER 26, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
REGISTRARS
- PRELIMINARY REGISTRY LIST. Last day for correction or revision of preliminary registry list by registrars. (Sec. 9-37)
- OCTOBER 26, 2004  
(Tuesday)
- CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING DATE. All committees, except state central committees (and except candidate committee whose candidate is not on the election ballot). The period disclosed is October 1, 2004 through October 19, 2004. (Secs. 9-333j)
- OCTOBER 26, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
INSTITUTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS AND REGISTRARS
- SUPERVISED BALLOTING DESIGNATION. Last day to request supervised absentee balloting in a nursing home or rest home, etc., with less than 20 electors. A written designation must be made by this date by either registrar of voters or the administrator of the institution for the election. (Sec. 9-159q)
- This deadline does not apply to a nursing home or rest home, etc., with 20 or more electors because supervised voting is mandated at such institutions. (Secs. 9-159q and 9-159r)
- OCTOBER 27, 2004  
(Wednesday)  
REGISTRARS
- REGISTRY LIST. Last day for registrars to file with town clerk supplementary or updated registry list containing names and addresses of electors transferred, restored or added to registry list prior to this date, provided in municipalities of under 25,000, such additional names may be inserted in writing in final list. (Sec. 9-38)
- OCTOBER 31, 2004  
(Sunday)  
6:00 a.m.  
REGISTRARS
- UNOFFICIAL CHECKERS. Deadline for Town Chairmen or candidates (if qualified) to designate unofficial checkers to the registrars of voters. Registrar, at request of his town chairman, shall change appointments up to close of polls. (Sec. 9-235)

In addition, any person (other than a candidate or election official) may serve as a runner. (Sec. 9-235b)

Unofficial Checkers for Questions: Registrars must notify (1) each committee and person on whose behalf a political committee statement of organization or a certificate of exemption has been filed for a question with the town clerk, and (2) each other group known to be for or against a referendum issue, of their right to submit designees to the registrars at least 48 hours before the opening of the polls, indicating their position on the question. (Sec. 9-235(e))

NOVEMBER, 2004

NOVEMBER 1, 2004  
(Monday)  
TOWN CLERK

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE. Last day for application to town clerk of persons who are not members of major parties. Town clerk may be required to hold lottery on or before the fifteenth business day of November and give five days' public notice. (See Sec. 9-184c)

NOVEMBER 1, 2004  
(Monday)  
9:00 a.m.  
REGISTRARS  
TOWN CLERK

PHYSICALLY DISABLED -- VOTER REGISTRATION. Deadline for receipt by town clerk or registrar of voters of mailed application for admission as elector on prescribed form of any such person whose qualification as to age, citizenship or residence was attained since October 19th. (Sec. 9-31a(b)(2))

NOVEMBER 1, 2004  
(Monday)  
5:00 p.m.  
ADMITTING  
OFFICIALS

SERVICEMEN -- SPECIAL SESSIONS. Admitting official, on written request received at any time prior to 5:00 p.m. on this date, may admit as electors members of armed forces and former members of armed forces discharged within the calendar year immediately preceding such request, if found qualified. (Sec. 9-25)

Applications from servicemen and persons out of the country may be received throughout the day. (Secs. 9-25 and 9-26)

NOVEMBER 1, 2004  
(Monday)  
REGISTRARS

LIMITED REGISTRATION SESSION THE LAST WEEKDAY BEFORE ELECTION. Session of Registrars of Voters of ALL towns to admit those seeking to vote in election whose qualification as to age, citizenship or residence was attained since October 19th. Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. (Sec. 9-17)

NOVEMBER 1, 2004  
(Monday)  
REGISTRARS

SUPERVISED BALLOTING DEADLINE. Supervision of absentee balloting shall be not later than the last business day before the election. (Secs. 9-159q and 9-159r)

NOVEMBER 1, 2004  
(Monday)  
TOWN CLERK

ELECTION MATERIALS. Town clerks to provide election materials to Moderators before 8:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-259)

NOVEMBER 1, 2004  
(Monday)  
REGISTRARS

VOTING MACHINES. Machines must be prepared and delivered to polling places with all necessary furniture and equipment by 6:00 p.m. (Secs. 9-238 and 9-247)

NOVEMBER 1, 2004  
(Monday)  
TOWN CLERK

ABSENTEE BALLOTS. DEADLINE TO ISSUE. Absentee ballots may not be issued on election day, except presidential or overseas ballots and except electors who suddenly become ill within six days immediately preceding the close of the polls at the election or who are patients in a hospital within such six-day period, may apply for and be issued an absentee ballot up to the close of the polls. (Secs. 9-140(h) and 9-150c)

NOVEMBER 1, 2004  
(Monday)  
REGISTRARS

ABSENTEE BALLOT CHECK-OFF. Whether central counting of absentee ballots has been designated or not, beginning as soon after 11:00 a.m. on this day as the absentee ballots are available from the town clerk, the registrars shall check without opening the outer envelopes, the names of such absentee voters on the official check list to be used at such election by indicating "Absentee" or "A" preceding such name, and shall in the case of central counting also note such designation on duplicate list. After checking is completed, town clerk seals unopened ballots for delivery between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon election day. Although checking may begin on October 26, 2004, it must be completed by this day. (Sec. 9-140c)

NOVEMBER 1, 2004  
(Monday)  
REGISTRARS

REGISTRY LIST. Last day before election to remove electors from registry list who have died, become disfranchised or confirmed in writing that they have moved out of town. An elector is deemed to have confirmed in writing that he has moved out of town if (1) the registrars have received a cancellation form or (2) the elector has notified DMV of a change of address out of town concerning a driver's license. (DMV notifies the registrars, and the registrars send Notice of Removal.) The names of persons removed are not sent to the polls and such persons may be restored on election day only if both registrars are contacted and consent to approve the applicant's request for restoration. (Secs. 9-32 and 9-35)

INACTIVE LIST. The registrars prepare an inactive list of (1) any person whose notice of approval of mail-in was returned undeliverable and who did not respond to a confirmation of voting residence notice sent thirty days prior to this date, and (2) any person who was sent a confirmation of voting residence notice between March 2, 2004--May 1, 2004 or between January 2, 2003--May 1, 2003 or between January 2, 2002--May 1, 2002 or between January 2, 2001--May 1, 2001 on the basis of the canvass and did not respond within thirty days after it was sent (and was not restored). The inactive list is sent to the polls. Electors on the inactive list may sign a restoration form at the polls and, if both registrars or both assistant registrars of voters in the polls consent, such elector may vote. (Secs. 9-23g(c), 9-35 and 9-42(c))

REMOVE FROM INACTIVE LIST. Last day before election to remove electors from inactive registry list who were sent a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice four years ago and did not respond within thirty days after it was sent (and were never restored to the active list). (Sec. 9-35)

\* ELECTION DAY \*

NOVEMBER 2, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
ALL ELECTION  
OFFICIALS

MEETING OF ELECTION OFFICIALS at polling places by 5:15 a.m. (Secs. 9-174 and 9-259)

MEETING OF MODERATOR AND ASSISTANTS by 5:40 a.m. to place distance markers. (Sec. 9-236)

DEMONSTRATOR VOTING MACHINE to be provided inside polling place. (Sec. 9-260)

3 SAMPLE BALLOT LABELS; 3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT POSTERS (If Applicable) and VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS POSTERS (and, if town so elects, 3 local question posters of explanatory text and/or arguments re local questions) to be posted in each polling place. (Secs. 9-255, 9-369b, 2-30a(b), and 9-236b)

VOTER REGISTRATION RECEIPT. On election day, an applicant whose name is not on the check-list may vote if, at the polls, he (1) presents a voter registration receipt from the DMV or other prescribed voter registration agency that his application was received by the deadline, (3) fills out a new voter registration card, (3) the card is approved by the registrar, and (4) the voter presents the required identification. (Sec. 9-23g(d)).

HOURS OF VOTING. Polls to be open 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Electors in line by 8:00 p.m. permitted to vote. (Sec. 9-174)

OVERSEAS BALLOTS. Overseas ballots may be issued up to the close of the polls. However, they must be received by town clerk by close of the polls on election day in order to be cast. (Secs. 9-158c and 9-158g)

PRESIDENTIAL BALLOTS. Presidential ballots for "residents" and for "former residents" may be issued up to the close of the polls. However, all presidential ballots must be received by town clerk by close of the polls on election day in order to be cast. (Secs. 9-158c and 9-158g)

ABSENTEE BALLOTS. In order to be cast at an election, the absentee ballot must be received by the town clerk (1) by the close of the polls if it is mailed or if it is returned by a member of the immediate family of the applicant in person or by the qualified designee of an ill or physically disabled ballot applicant in person, or (2) by the day before the election if it is returned in person by the applicant. (Sec. 9-140b)

ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Absentee ballots are to be delivered to the registrars of voters between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, at 6:00 p.m. (optional), and again, immediately after the close of the polls. Those ballots which are timely received after 11:00 a.m. of the last weekday before election are to be delivered to the registrars of voters at 6:00 p.m. and/or 8:00 p.m. In municipalities which have central counting of absentee ballots, at close of polls, registrars or assistant registrars shall deliver official check list to central counting moderator. When counting of absentee ballots is complete, central counting moderator delivers check list, duplicate check list and returns required by Sec. 9-150b to head moderator. (Secs. 9-140c)

NOVEMBER 2, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
MODERATORS

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSE OF POLLS. Immediately after close of polls, checkers must deliver to moderator a certificate in duplicate, stating whole number of names on registry list and number checked thereon as having voted. Names of persons requesting a challenged ballot are crossed off registry list and added at end of list. (Secs. 9-158j, 9-232e and 9-307)

Registrars at the respective polls must add their certificate to the check list. Moderator must lock duplicate copy of moderator's return in voting machine. (Secs. 9-307 and 9-309). In municipalities which have central counting of absentee ballots, the head moderator shall add the results from the voting machines (on each polling place moderator's returns) to the absentee count recorded on the central counting moderator's return for the corresponding voting district. (Sec. 9-150b(c))

NOVEMBER 3, 2004  
(Wednesday)  
MODERATOR

RETURN OF VOTES TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE. Head moderator must either 1) fax one copy of the certificate of votes cast for candidates to the Secretary of the State by 12:00 midnight on election day **and** then send such return to the Secretary of the State not later than three days later (Friday, November 5, 2004) or 2) deliver immediately by hand to Secretary of the State not later than 6:00 p.m. of day after election or to state police not later than 4:00 p.m. who shall deliver by hand to Secretary of the State before 6:00 p.m. one copy of duplicate certificate of votes cast for candidates and the result of the vote cast on each question, both state and local, appearing on the election ballot. If Head moderator faxes return to Secretary of the State, he must also send (by hand delivery or mail) return by November 5, 2004. (Secs. 9-314 and 9-369a)

Final date for head moderator in each town to deliver to Town Clerk one copy of duplicate certificate of votes cast for candidates. (Sec. 9-314)

NOVEMBER 3, 2004  
(Wednesday)  
MODERATORS

CERTIFIED CHECK LIST to be deposited with Town Clerk. (Sec. 9-307).  
TIE VOTE OR "CLOSE" VOTE -- RECOUNT. For provisions relating to automatic recanvass where tie vote or where plurality of winning candidate was within limits prescribed by statute, see Sections 9-310, 9-311a and 9-311b.

Recanvass of close question vote -- Sec. 9-370a.

NOVEMBER 3, 2004 thru  
DECEMBER 31, 2004  
(Wednesday - Friday)  
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT WITHIN 10 DAYS. When an application for registration by mail is received during this period registrar must send by first class mail a notice of acceptance or rejection within 10 days of receipt of application. The privileges as an elector attach immediately upon approval of the application, and the new elector's name is added to the registry list. If a notice of approval is later returned undelivered, registrars must proceed with confirmation of voting residence notice under Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 9-35 or Sec. 9-43 and may challenge applicant at polls. (Sec. 9-23g(c) and (d))

NOVEMBER 5, 2004  
(Friday)  
MODERATORS

DISCREPANCY -- RECOUNT. Last day for head moderator to order recount when there is a discrepancy in returns. (Secs. 9-310 and 9-311)

NOVEMBER 8, 2004  
(Monday)  
TOWN CLERK

PRIMARY FORMS. Town clerk destroys if no contest is pending, and no subpoena has been issued by the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the following forms used at the August 10, 2004 state, district or municipal primary: sealed depository envelopes by district containing inner and outer envelopes from which absentee ballots have been removed, together with the contents of serially-numbered outer envelopes marked "rejected"; all executed absentee ballot applications and direction by registrar forms; the numerical list of serially-numbered absentee envelopes issued; the list of applicants who have been issued more than one absentee ballot under Sec. 9-153c; all unused printed absentee ballots; absentee ballots received after the polls close; and list of absentee ballot applicants who returned their absentee ballots. (Secs. 9-140(e), 9-150a(f), 9-150b(f), (h) and (j), and 9-153c(c))

*\*If primary for U.S Senator or Representative in Congress is held, all of these forms (except unused printed absentee ballots for the U.S. Senatorial or Congressional primary) are to be retained until July 15, 2006. (42 U.S.C. 1974)*

NOVEMBER 8, 2004  
(Monday)  
TOWN CLERK

MACHINE REPORTS. Reports of machine mechanics and reports of registrars and party watchers provided for in Sections 9-244 and 9-246 from state, district or municipal primary to be kept by town clerk through this day. (Secs. 9-245 and 9-436)

NOVEMBER 8, 2004  
(Monday)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING DATE. Committees of unsuccessful candidates in state, district or municipal primary which reported and continued a deficit. (Sec. 9-333j)

Committees of unsuccessful candidates in a primary which reported a surplus must distribute their entire surplus by this date. (Sec. 9-333j)

NOVEMBER 9, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
MODERATORS

CLOSE VOTE OR DISCREPANCY RECOUNT. Last day to conduct close vote or discrepancy recount. (Secs. 9-310, 9-311, 9-311a, 9-311b, 9-370a)

NOVEMBER 12, 2004  
(Friday)  
TOWN CLERK

ABSENTEE BALLOTS REPORT. Last day for town clerk to file with Secretary of the State statement accounting for number of absentee ballot forms received from said Secretary for the election. (Secs. 9-139c and 9-232e)

NOVEMBER 15, 2004  
(Monday)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING DATE. Committees of unsuccessful candidates in state, district or municipal primary which reported a surplus.

The committee must distribute its entire surplus by November 8, 2004, and the manner of its distribution must be disclosed in this report. (Sec. 9-333j)

NOVEMBER 15, 2004  
(Monday)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING DATE. The campaign treasurer of any political committee formed by or on behalf of a lobbyist must biennially file a certification to that effect with the Secretary of the State on or before November 15th. (Sec. 9-333L(f))

NOVEMBER 16, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
CANDIDATES AND ELECTORS

ELECTION CONTEST. Last day for bringing any complaint contesting ruling of moderator or count of votes to the proper court. (Secs. 9-323, 9-324 and 9-328)

NOVEMBER 16, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
TOWN CLERK

VOTING MACHINES. Voting machines are to remain locked through this date. (Secs. 9-266 and 9-310)

NOVEMBER 17, 2004  
(Wednesday)  
TOWN CLERK

REPORT OF REFERENDUM. Town clerk to file with Secretary of the State result of a referendum (a) on charter or charter amendment, or (b) on the question of the acceptance of a special act, or (c) conducted in accordance with the provisions of a special act. (Sec. 9-371)

NOVEMBER 23, 2004  
(Tuesday)  
TOWN CLERK

RUN-OFF ELECTION. Run-off election for offices in which tie-vote resulted is to be held three weeks after election. At least three days' notice of such adjourned election must be published by town clerk. (Sec. 9-332)

DECEMBER, 2004

DECEMBER 2, 2004  
(Thursday)  
TOWN CLERK

COPIES OF CHARTERS. Last day for clerk to file with Secretary of the State three certified copies of any charter, charter amendments or home rule ordinance amendments approved at the election, with the effective date indicated and in the case of the approval of charter or home rule ordinance amendments, three certified copies of the complete charter or ordinance incorporating such amendments. (Sec. 7-191(h))

DECEMBER 2, 2004  
(Thursday)  
REGISTRARS

CERTIFICATE OF CANVASS COMPLETION. Last day for registrars of voters to file with Secretary of the State a certificate signed under penalties of false statement stating that the annual canvass of voters was completed. (Sec. 9-32)

JANUARY, 2005

JANUARY 3, 2005  
(Monday)  
TOWN CLERK

VOTING DISTRICT RETURNS. Last day that town clerk of towns divided into voting districts may file voting district returns in tabular or summary form. (Sec. 9-322a)

JANUARY 3, 2005  
(Monday)  
TOWN CLERK

ELECTION FORMS. Town clerk destroys, if no contest is pending and no subpoena has been issued by the State Elections Enforcement Commission, all unused printed absentee ballots for the state election. (Sec. 9-150b(h))

JANUARY 3, 2005  
(Monday)  
TOWN CLERK

MACHINE REPORTS. Reports of machine mechanics and reports of registrars and party watchers provided for in Sections 9-244 and 9-246 for state election to be kept by town clerk through this day. (Sec. 9-245)

JANUARY 7, 2005  
(Friday)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING DATE. Filing date, all committees except for State Central Committees, established for the election. (Sec. 9-333j)

A candidate or political committee organized for the election which has eliminated any deficit or distributed any surplus at this time, may terminate upon the filing of this statement. (Sec. 9-333j)

JANUARY 31, 2005  
(Monday)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING DATE. State Central Committees. The period disclosed is October 15, 2004 through December 31, 2004. (Sec. 9-333j)

FEBRUARY, 2005

FEBRUARY 7, 2005  
(Monday)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING DATE. Committees established for the November 2<sup>nd</sup> state election. Committees organized for the election which reported a surplus must distribute the same. (Sec. 9-333j)

MARCH, 2005

MARCH 7, 2005  
(Monday)  
TOWN CLERK

PRIMARY FORMS. Town clerk destroys, if no contest is pending, and no subpoena has been issued by the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the following forms used at August 10, 2004 state, district or municipal primary, if any: Sealed depository envelopes by district containing absentee ballots counted, and absentee ballot counters' notes, worksheets or written materials and record of votes cast by absentee ballot for each candidate; sealed depository envelope containing challenged ballots; affidavit of town clerk attesting to accuracy of endorsement of date and time of receipt of outer envelopes; and the affidavit(s) regarding municipal clerk's delivery and registrars' receipt of ballots. (Secs. 9-140c(a) and (j), 9-150a(m), 9-150b(f), (i) and (j), and 9-232f)

*\*If a primary for U.S. Senator or Representative in Congress is held, all of the above forms are to be retained until July 15, 2006. (42 U.S.C. 1974)*

JANUARY, 2006

JANUARY 9, 2006  
(Tuesday)  
TOWN CLERK

PRIMARY FORMS. Town clerk destroys, if no contest is pending and no subpoena has been issued by the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the following forms used at the presidential preference primary: Sealed depository envelopes by district containing absentee ballots counted, and absentee ballot counters' notes, worksheets or written materials and record of votes cast by absentee ballot for each candidate; sealed depository envelope containing challenged ballots; affidavit of town clerk attesting to accuracy of endorsement of date and time of receipt of outer envelopes; the affidavit(s) regarding town clerk's delivery and registrars' receipt of ballots; sealed depository envelopes by district containing inner and outer envelopes from which absentee ballots have been removed, together with the contents of serially-numbered outer envelopes marked "rejected"; all executed absentee ballot applications and direction by registrar forms; the numerical list of serially-numbered absentee envelopes issued; the list of applicants who have been issued more than one absentee ballot under Sec. 9-153c; absentee ballots received after the polls close; and list of absentee ballot applicants who returned their absentee ballots. (42 U.S.C. 1974)

SEPTEMBER, 2006

SEPTEMBER 5, 2006  
(Monday)  
TOWN CLERK

ELECTION FORMS. Town Clerk destroys if no contest is pending, and no subpoena is issued by the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the following forms used at November 2, 2004 state election: Sealed depository envelopes by district containing absentee ballots counted, and absentee ballot counters' notes, worksheets or written materials and record of votes cast by absentee ballot for each candidate; sealed depository envelope containing challenged ballots; affidavit of town clerk attesting to accuracy of endorsement of date and time of receipt of outer envelopes; the affidavit(s) regarding municipal clerk's delivery and registrars' receipt of ballots; sealed package containing write-in ballots (voting machine paper roll); sealed depository envelopes by district containing inner and outer envelopes from which absentee ballots have been removed, together with the contents of serially-numbered outer envelopes marked "rejected"; all executed absentee ballot applications and direction by registrar forms; the numerical list of serially-numbered absentee envelopes issued; the list of applicants who have been issued more than one absentee ballot under Sec. 9-153c; absentee ballots received after the polls close; and list of absentee ballot applicants who returned their absentee ballots; (42 U.S.C. 1974).

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