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MAY 4, 2009 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CALENDAR

The following is a chronological summary of certain requirements for the **May 4, 2009** regular elections, 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.*

KEY DATES

Party endorsements:	January 12-20, 2009
Certification of endorsements:	January 20, 2009 (4:00 p.m.)
Primary and nominating petitions filed by:	February 3, 2009 (4:00 p.m.)
Primary (6:00 a.m. -- 8:00 p.m.):	March 9, 2009

NOVEMBER, 2008

<u>NOVEMBER 5, 2008</u> <u>(Wednesday)</u> <u>MUNICIPAL CLERK</u>	<u>LIST OF OFFICES -- FILING WITH SECRETARY OF THE STATE.</u> Last day for clerk to file with Secretary of the State list of offices to be filled, terms thereof and number of candidates for which each elector may vote. Secretary of the State, within 70 days after receipt, to return a copy. Clerk, within 10 days after receiving the copy, must mail a copy to each town chairman. (Sec. 9-254)
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<u>NOVEMBER 5, 2008 to</u> <u>FEBRUARY 15, 2009</u> <u>(Wednesday - Sunday)</u> <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))
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<u>NOVEMBER 12, 2008</u> <u>(Wednesday)</u> <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>January 12, 2009</u> . If endorsement is made on <u>January 20, 2009</u> , then <u>November 20, 2008</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)
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DECEMBER, 2008

<u>DECEMBER 8, 2008</u> <u>(Monday)</u> <u>REGISTRARS</u> <u>MUNICIPAL CLERK</u>	<u>POLLING PLACE -- ADJACENT DISTRICT -- PRIMARY.</u> Last day for registrars, when necessary, to designate to the municipal clerk a polling place in an adjacent voting district for municipal primary. Within 10 days after such filing, municipal clerk to publish notice. (Sec. 9-168b)
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DECEMBER 8, 2008
(Monday)
LEGISLATIVE BODY

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

DECEMBER 9, 2008
(Tuesday)
REGISTRARS

PARTY TRANSFER -- MUNICIPAL PRIMARY. Last day that an enrolled elector can transfer from one party to another and be eligible to vote in municipal primary of new party. (Sec. 9-59)

JANUARY, 2009

JANUARY 2, 2009
(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, 2009
(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, 2009
(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)

JANUARY 6, 2009
(Tuesday)
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 January 12, 2009. If caucus is held January 20, 2009, then January 13, 2009 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)

JANUARY 7, 2009
(Wednesday)
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 primary. (Sec. 9-168d)

JANUARY 12, 2009 to
JANUARY 20, 2009
(Monday - Tuesday)
POLITICAL PARTIES

PARTY ENDORSEMENT. Endorsement by major party for municipal office by town committee, caucus or convention between these days. (Secs. 9-390, 9-391 and 9-2)

Warning: Endorsements must be certified to municipal clerk by 4:00 p.m., January 20, 2009.

No party may endorse more candidates for municipal office than number for which an elector may vote. (Sec. 9-414). See also Sec. 9-204a re. Board of Education.

REGISTRARS

PRIMARY PETITIONS AVAILABLE. Petition forms for persons desiring to oppose party-endorsed candidates for municipal office must be available from the registrar of voters beginning on the day following the making of the party's endorsement of candidates for municipal office or beginning on the day following the final day for the making of such endorsements, whichever comes first. (Secs. 9-372(5) and 9-409)

JANUARY 20, 2009
(Tuesday)
4:00 p.m.
POLITICAL PARTIES
MUNICIPAL CLERK

PARTY ENDORSEMENTS -- CERTIFICATION. Last day for certification by a major political party to municipal clerk of party endorsement for municipal office. Each endorsement must be certified by both the chairman or presiding officer or the secretary of the town committees, 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)

FEBRUARY, 2009

FEBRUARY 1, 2009 to
FEBRUARY 7, 2009
(Sunday - Saturday)
MUNICIPAL CLERK

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. 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, 2009
(Monday)
REGISTRARS
MUNICIPAL CLERK

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

FEBRUARY 2, 2009
(Monday)
LEGISLATIVE BODY

VOTING DISTRICTS. Last day to make changes in the boundaries of voting districts for municipal election. (Sec. 9-169)

FEBRUARY 3, 2009
(Tuesday)
MUNICIPAL 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). 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 municipal clerk may so act on his own motion. (Sec. 9-153d)

FEBRUARY 3, 2009
(Tuesday)
WRITE-IN
CANDIDATES

WRITE-IN REGISTRATION. First day that write-in candidates for any office being contested at election, may register as write-in candidates with Secretary of the State. (Sec. 9-373a)

FEBRUARY 3, 2009
(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 this day.

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)

FAILURE TO ENDORSE: *Single-opening municipal office* -- opposing candidate is deemed nominated if no endorsement has been made and certified to municipal clerk and there is only one opposing candidacy. *Multiple-opening office* -- party-endorsed candidates and opposing candidates are all deemed nominated if there are an insufficient number of endorsements certified to the municipal clerk and no more opposing candidates than the number for which no endorsement is made. (Sec. 9-418)

REGISTRARS
MUNICIPAL CLERK

NOTICE OF PRIMARY. On filing of valid petition for municipal office, and after checking the same, registrar notifies municipal 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)

MUNICIPAL CLERK

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

MUNICIPAL CLERK

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

MUNICIPAL 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)).

MUNICIPAL 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 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. Municipal clerk also may so act on his own motion. (Sec. 9-153d)

FEBRUARY 3, 2009 NOMINATING PETITIONS. Last day for filing with town clerk or the Secretary of the State. 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)
(Tuesday)
4:00 p.m.
CANDIDATES
TOWN CLERK
Clerk must file each petition page with Secretary of the State within 2 weeks after receiving it. (Sec. 9-453n)

FEBRUARY 3, 2009 to SUPERVISED BALLOTING DESIGNATION. In order to have supervised absentee
MARCH 2, 2009 balloting in a nursing home or rest home, etc., with less than 20 electors a written
(Tuesday - Monday) designation must be made between these dates by either registrar of voters or the
INSTITUTIONAL administrator of the institution, for the municipal primary. These deadlines do not apply to
ADMINISTRATORS a nursing home or rest home, etc., with 20 or more electors because supervised voting is
AND REGISTRARS mandated at such institutions. (Secs. 9-159q and 9-159r)

FEBRUARY 5, 2009 POLLING PLACES -- PRIMARY. Last day to determine polling places for municipal
(Thursday) primary. Polling places may be changed within thirty-one day period only if municipal clerk
REGISTRARS 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)

FEBRUARY 8, 2009 to NOTICE OF 14TH DAY BEFORE PRIMARY DAY REGISTRATION SESSION. If
FEBRUARY 17, 2009 municipal primary will be held in your town and if your town's population is over 25,000,
(Sunday - Tuesday) notice of February 23, 2009 session of registrars of voters to be published at least once on
REGISTRARS or between any of these dates. This newspaper notice need not be a legal notice. (Sec.
9-16)

FEBRUARY 8, 2009 to NOTICE OF 14TH DAY BEFORE PRIMARY ENROLLMENT SESSION. If municipal
FEBRUARY 17, 2009 primary will be held, notice must be published at least once on or between any of these
(Sunday - Tuesday) dates of the enrollment session to be held on February 23, 2009; such notice shall state
REGISTRARS 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, 2009 CHANGE OF NAME. Candidates in the municipal primary must have changed their name
(Monday) on the registry list by this date in order to have that change reflected on the primary ballot
CANDIDATES label. (Sec. 9-42a)

FEBRUARY 13, 2009 ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Absentee ballots for municipal primary become available on this day. (Secs. 9-135 and 9-140(f))
(Friday)
MUNICIPAL CLERK

REGISTRARS Registrars of voters may direct municipal 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. Municipal clerk also may so act on his own motion. (Secs. 9-133f, 9-140(f) and 9-153d)

FEBRUARY 17, 2009 LIST OF MODERATORS. Last day for candidate to submit to registrar list of desired certified primary moderators. Registrar must notify all candidates of their right to submit a list of designees. (Sec. 9-436(f))
(Tuesday)
CANDIDATES

FEBRUARY 17, 2009 CENTRAL COUNTING -- ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Last day for registrars to designate in writing to the municipal clerk central location for the counting of absentee ballots for municipal primary. Such location shall be published by the municipal clerk in the notice for the primary. (Sec. 9-147a)
(Tuesday)
REGISTRARS

FEBRUARY 16, 2009 to REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION TO BE SENT
MARCH 4, 2009 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))
(Monday - Wednesday)
REGISTRARS

FEBRUARY 17, 2009 NOMINATING PETITIONS. Last day for town clerk to file nominating petition pages, received by clerk on February 3rd, with Secretary of the State. (Secs. 9-453i and 9-453n)
(Tuesday)
TOWN CLERK

FEBRUARY 23, 2009 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 primary. At least two consecutive hours required, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-51)
(Monday)
REGISTRARS

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 23, 2009 FOURTEENTH DAY BEFORE PRIMARY DAY REGISTRATION SESSION. If 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)
(Monday)
REGISTRARS

FEBRUARY 26, 2009 LISTS OF PRIMARY OFFICIALS. Last day for candidates to submit to registrar lists of desired primary day officials, except moderators. Registrar must notify all candidates of their right to submit a list of designees. (Sec. 9-436)
(Thursday)
REGISTRARS
CANDIDATES

MARCH, 2009

MARCH, 2009 NOTICE OF LOTTERY TO DETERMINE ORDER OF NAMES FOR MULTIPLE-OPENING OFFICE. After the nomination of candidates for a multiple-opening office by a major or minor party or nominating petition is finalized (see entry under "March 10, 2009 "STATEMENT OF ENDORSEMENT -- NOMINATING PETITION CANDIDATES), registrars hold public lottery to determine horizontal order of such names within a row on election ballot. Registrars must provide at least 5 days' public notice for ceremony. (Secs. 9-253 and 9-453r)
REGISTRARS

MARCH 2, 2009
(Monday)
REGISTRARS

ENROLLMENT LIST. Supplementary or updated enrollment list for use at 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)

MARCH 2, 2009
(Monday)
REGISTRARS

ABSENTEE BALLOT CHECK-OFF. 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 municipal clerk, the registrars may begin checking the absentee ballots on this day and each weekday before the 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, municipal clerk seals unopened ballots for delivery between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, primary day. (Sec. 9-140c)

MARCH 2, 2009
(Monday)
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 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)

MARCH 03, 2009
(Tuesday)
MINOR PARTIES

MINOR PARTY NOMINATIONS AND CERTIFICATION. All minor party nominations and certification for municipal office must be made by this date and delivered to the municipal clerk. (Sec. 9-452)

Written notice of date, time, location and purpose of nominating meeting for municipal office must be filed with municipal clerk, and published in a newspaper have general circulation in the town not later than five days before meeting. (Sec. 9-452a)

MARCH 4, 2009
(Wednesday)
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 election. (Sec. 9-168d)

MARCH 4, 2009
(Wednesday)
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT CUT-OFF (MAIL – IN). Deadline for registering and/or enrolling for voting in primary 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 6, 2009. (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 March 6, 2009. (Sec. 9-56)

MARCH 5, 2009 thru
MARCH 15, 2009
(Thursday - Sunday)
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 PRIMARY OR THE DAY APPLICATION IS APPROVED, WHICHEVER IS LATER. When a mail-in application hand-delivered by someone other than the applicant is received during this period in applicant's town (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 a notice of acceptance or rejection within 10 days of receipt of the application. Privileges of an elector shall not attach until March 10, 2009, or until the application is approved, whichever is later. (Sec. 9-23g(d)(2))

IMPORTANT EXCEPTION:

If an application of a new voter indicates that it was (1) received by March 4, 2009 by the DMV or a voter registration agency, or (2) postmarked by March 4, 2009, 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 March 5th through noon March 6th. Such persons whose applications are accepted by noon March 6th acquire privileges of an elector immediately and may vote in the primary. (Sec. 9-23g(c) & (d))

MARCH 6, 2009
(Friday)
REGISTRARS

ENROLLMENT LIST. Separate supplementary list compiled prior to 12 noon, 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 March 2, 2009. An updated list may be printed instead. (Sec. 9-55)

MARCH 6, 2009
(Friday)
REGISTRARS

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

MARCH 6, 2009
(Friday)
12:00 noon
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- PRIMARY. 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))

MARCH 6, 2009
(Friday)
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. 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 and before primary day. (Secs. 9-19e, 9-23a, 9-56 and 9-57)

MARCH 7, 2009
(Saturday)
6:00 a.m.
CANDIDATES

UNOFFICIAL CHECKERS FOR 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)

MARCH 7, 2009
(Saturday)
6:00 a.m.
MUNICIPAL CLERK

PRINTING OF SAMPLE BALLOTS. Municipal clerk prepares primary ballot labels for 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)

MARCH 7, 2009
(Saturday)
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 municipal 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, municipal clerk seals unopened ballots for delivery between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, primary day. Although checking may begin on March 2, 2009, it must be completed by this day. (Sec. 9-140c)

MARCH 8, 2009
(Sunday)
MUNICIPAL CLERK

ABSENTEE BALLOTS -- PRIMARY. DEADLINE TO ISSUE. Absentee ballots may not be issued on primary day, 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)

MARCH 8, 2009
(Sunday)
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 February 5, 2008--May 1, 2008 or between January 2, 2006--May 1, 2006 (or between January 2, 2007--May 1, 2007, or between January 2, 2005--May 1, 2005, in some boroughs and cities) 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 9, 2009
(Monday)
6:00 a.m. to
8:00 p.m.

PRIMARY. Primary, if valid petition or petitions have been filed. Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Sec. 9-423)

Voter's Bill of Rights and 3 Sample Ballot Labels -- to be posted in each polling place (Secs. 9-255 and 9-236(b))

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, (2) fills out a new voter registration card, (3) the card is approved by the registrar, and (4) the voter presents the required identification, pursuant to Connecticut's identification procedures. (9-23g(d)).

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 7, 2009 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 7, 2009 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 March 7, 2009 are to be delivered to the registrars at the close of the polls and not before. In municipalities which 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)

MARCH 10,2009
(Tuesday)
4:00 p.m.
NOMINATING
PETITION
PARTY DESIGNATIONS

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)

MARCH 10, 2009
(Tuesday)
CANDIDATES

CHANGE OF NAME. Last day for candidates for municipal office to change name on registry list and have name change reflected on the ballot label at the election. (Sec. 9-42a)

MARCH 10, 2009
(Tuesday)
MODERATOR

RETURN OF VOTES TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE. PRIMARY
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 primary day and then send such return to the Secretary of the State not later than three days later (Thursday, March 12, 2009) or 2) deliver immediately by hand to Secretary of the State not later than 6:00 p.m. of day after primary (March 10, 2009) 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 votes 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 March 12, 2009. (Secs. 9-314, 9-369a, and 9-440)

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)

MARCH 10, 2009
(Tuesday)
MUNICIPAL CLERK

PRINTING ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Immediately after the deadline for the certification of all candidates whose names are to appear on the ballot label, the municipal 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 municipal 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). Explanatory text and/or arguments re local questions, if any, should also be included. (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. Municipal clerk also may so act on his own motion. (Sec. 9-153d)

REGISTRARS

LOTTERY TO DETERMINE ORDER ON ELECTION BALLOT OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR MULTIPLE-OPENING OFFICE. After the nomination of candidates for a multiple-opening office by a major or minor party, or nominating petition is finalized, registrars hold public lottery to determine horizontal order of such names within a row on election ballot. Registrars must provide at least 5 days' public notice for ceremony. (Secs. 9-253 and 9-453r)

MARCH 12, 2009
(Thursday)
MODERATORS

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

MARCH 16, 2009
(Monday)
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)

MARCH 16, 2009
(Monday)
MUNICIPAL CLERK

LIST OF CANDIDATES. Last day for clerk to file list of candidates with Secretary of the State. (Sec. 9-461)

MARCH 16, 2009 thru
APRIL 13, 2009
(Monday - Monday)
REGISTRARS

REGISTRATION BY MAIL -- 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))

MARCH 19, 2009
(Thursday)
MUNICIPAL CLERK

ABSENTEE BALLOTS -- REPORT. Last day for municipal clerk to file with Secretary of the State statement accounting for number of absentee voting forms and challenged ballot forms used at primary. (Secs. 9-139c and 9-232e)

MARCH 19, 2009
(Thursday)
MUNICIPAL CLERK

QUESTIONS ON BALLOT. Last day for municipal 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)

MARCH 20, 2009 to
APRIL 27, 2009
(Friday - Monday)
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)

MARCH 23, 2009
(Monday)
CANDIDATES AND
ELECTORS

COMPLAINT. Last day for bringing complaint to the Superior Court contesting ruling of official or count of votes at primary. (Sec. 9-329a)

MARCH 23, 2009
(Monday)

VOTING MACHINES. Voting machines used at primary to remain locked through this date. (Sec. 9-447)

MARCH 25, 2009
(Wednesday)
REGISTRARS

NOTICE OF TUESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK BEFORE ELECTION CORRECTIONS SESSION TO COMPLETE PRELIMINARY REGISTRY LIST. Publication of newspaper notice and posting of notice of registrar's session of March 31, 2009 for completing preliminary registry list. This newspaper notice need not be a legal notice. Applicable to registrars of voters of ALL towns. (Sec. 9-35)

MARCH 30, 2009
(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)

MARCH 30, 2009
(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 April 4, 2009 and April 11, 2009. 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)

MARCH 31, 2009
(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 February 5, 2008--May 1, 2008 or between January 2, 2006--May 1, 2006 (or between January 2, 2007--May 1, 2007, or between January 2, 2005--May 1, 2005, in some boroughs and cities) 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)

APRIL, 2009

APRIL 2, 2009
(Thursday)
REGISTRARS

POLLING PLACES. Last day for determining polling places for the election. Polling places may be changed after this date only if municipal 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)

APRIL 3, 2009
(Friday)
REGISTRARS

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

APRIL 3, 2009
(Friday)
MUNICIPAL CLERK

ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Printed absentee ballots for the election become available to electors on this day. (Secs. 9-135 and 9-140(f)). 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. Municipal clerk also may so act on his own motion. (Secs. 9-140(f) and 9-153d)

APRIL 3, 2009 to
APRIL 13, 2009
(Friday - Monday)
REGISTRARS

NOTICE OF SATURDAY OF THIRD WEEK BEFORE ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION SESSION. Notice of April 18, 2009 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)

APRIL 4, 2009
(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)

APRIL 4, 2009 to
APRIL 11, 2009
(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)

APRIL 12, 2009 to
APRIL 21, 2009
(Sunday - Tuesday)
REGISTRARS

NOTICE OF SEVENTH DAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION SESSION. Notice of April 27, 2009 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)

APRIL 13, 2009
(Monday)
REGISTRARS

CENTRAL COUNTING -- ABSENTEE BALLOTS. Last day for registrars of voters to notify municipal 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)

APRIL 13, 2009
(Monday)
REGISTRARS

ELECTION OFFICIALS. Last day for registrars to appoint election officials. Registrars of voters, moderator and mechanic shall instruct election officials. (Sec. 9-249)

APRIL 14, 2009 thru
APRIL 20, 2009
(Tuesday - Monday)
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))

APRIL 16, 2009 to
APRIL 24, 2009
(Thursday - Friday)
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 May 1, 2009 limited session of registrars of voters of ALL towns. This newspaper notice need not be a legal notice. (Secs. 9-16 and 9-17)

APRIL 18, 2009
(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)

APRIL 19, 2009 to
APRIL 28, 2009
(Sunday - Tuesday)
MUNICIPAL CLERK

WARNING OF ELECTION. Municipal clerk or assistant municipal 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. 9-226)

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)

APRIL 20, 2009
(Monday)
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)

APRIL 20, 2009
(Monday)
4:00 p.m.
WRITE-IN
CANDIDATES

WRITE-IN REGISTRATION. Last day that write-in candidates for any office being contested at election may register with Secretary of the State. However, a write-in candidate for Representative Town Meeting (RTM) in a town which has 75 or more members on its RTM must register with the town clerk of such town not later than last business day before election. (Sec 9-373a)

APRIL 20, 2009
(Monday)
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 "April 20, 2009" and received on May 1, 2009, and if the applicant is otherwise qualified, the registrar approves the application on May 1, 2009, adds the new elector's name to the list and the new elector may vote in the election on May 4, 2009. 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))

April 21, 2009 thru
MAY 4, 2009
(Tuesday - Monday)
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 May 5, 2009, 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 April 20, 2009 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)

APRIL 23, 2009
(Thursday)
MUNICIPAL CLERK

SAMPLE BALLOT LABEL. Last day for clerk to file with Secretary of the State sample of completed ballot label. (Sec. 9-256)

APRIL 24, 2009
(Friday)
REGISTRARS

CORRECTED REGISTRY LIST. Day for registrars to file certified corrected final registry list in municipal clerk's office. (Sec. 9-38)

APRIL 27, 2009
(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)

APRIL 27, 2009
(Monday)
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 April 27, 2009. 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 5:00 p.m. May 1, 2009. (Sec. 9-31a)

APRIL 27, 2009
(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. as the absentee ballots are available from the municipal 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, municipal clerk seals unopened ballots for delivery between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, election day. (Sec. 9-140c(b))

APRIL 27, 2009
(Monday)
REGISTRARS

PRELIMINARY REGISTRY LIST. Last day for correction or revision of preliminary registry list by registrars. (Sec. 9-37)

APRIL 27, 2009
(Monday)
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)

APRIL 27, 2009
(Monday)
ALL VOTER
REGISTRATION
OFFICIALS

SEVENTH DAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION SESSION. In person cut-off in ALL towns. Last regular voter registration session. Applicants must appear in person. Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

APRIL 30, 2009
(Thursday)
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)

MAY, 2009

MAY 1, 2009
(Friday)
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)

MAY 1, 2009
(Friday)
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 April 27, 2009. (Sec. 9-31a(b)(2))

MAY 1, 2009
(Friday)
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)

Any application for voter registration from any serviceman and any person out of the country may be received until 5:00 p.m. of this day. (Secs. 9-25 and 9-26)

MAY 1, 2009
(Friday)
REGISTRARS

LIMITED REGISTRATION SESSION THE LAST WEEKDAY BEFORE ELECTION. Session of Registrars of Voters to admit those seeking to vote in election whose qualification as to age, citizenship or residence was attained since April 27, 2009. Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. (Sec. 9-17)

MAY 2, 2009
(Saturday)
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))

MAY 2, 2009
(Saturday)
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 municipal 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, municipal clerk seals unopened ballots for delivery between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon election day. Although checking may begin on April 27, 2009, it must be completed by this day. (Sec. 9-140c)

MAY 3, 2009
(Sunday)
MUNICIPAL CLERK

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

MAY 3, 2009
(Sunday)
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)

MAY 3, 2009
(Sunday)
MUNICIPAL CLERK

ABSENTEE BALLOTS. DEADLINE TO ISSUE. Absentee ballots may not be issued on election day, 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)

MAY 3, 2009
(Sunday)
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 February 5, 2008--May 1, 2008 or between January 2, 2006--May 1, 2006 (or between January 2, 2007--May 1, 2007, or between January 2, 2005--May 1, 2005, in some boroughs and towns) 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)

***MAY 4, 2009 ELECTION DAY ***

MAY 4, 2009
(Monday)
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)

VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS AND 3 SAMPLE BALLOT LABELS (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. 9-236b, 9-255, 9-369b)

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, (2) fills out a new voter registration card, (3) the card is approved by the registrar, and (4) the voter presents the required identification pursuant to Connecticut's voter identification procedures. (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)

ABSENTEE BALLOTS. In order to be cast at an election, 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 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)

MAY 4, 2009
(Monday)
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. 9-232e and 9-307)

Registrars at the respective polls must add their certificate to the check list. Moderator must seal duplicate copy of tabulator tape with ballots. (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))

MAY 4, 2009
(Monday)
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 (Thursday, May 7, 2009) 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 Thursday May 7, 2009. (Secs. 9-314 and 9-369a)

MAY 5, 2009
(Tuesday)
MODERATORS

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)

MAY 5, 2009
(Tuesday)
MODERATORS

CERTIFIED CHECK LIST to be deposited with Municipal 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.

MAY 5, 2009 thru
DECEMBER 31, 2009
(Tuesday – Thursday)
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))

MAY 7, 2009
(Thursday)
MODERATORS

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

MAY 8, 2009
(Friday)
MUNICIPAL CLERK

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

MAY 11, 2009
(Monday)
MUNICIPAL CLERK

PRIMARY FORMS. Municipal 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 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))

MAY 11, 2009
(Monday)
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)

MAY 14, 2009
(Thursday)
MUNICIPAL CLERK

ABSENTEE BALLOTS REPORT. Last day for municipal 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)

MAY 14, 2009
(Thursday)
MUNICIPAL CLERK

LIST OF ELECTED OFFICIALS. Municipal clerk to file with Secretary of the State by this date a statement of the name, post office address and term of each person elected to office. If an elected town clerk is registrar of vital statistics, ex officio, such return shall so indicate. (Sec. 9-320)

MAY 18, 2009
(Monday)
CANDIDATES AND
ELECTORS

ELECTION CONTEST. Last day for bringing any complaint contesting ruling of moderator or count of votes to superior court. (Sec. 9-328)

MAY 18, 2009
(Monday)
MUNICIPAL CLERK

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

MAY 19, 2009
(Tuesday)
MUNICIPAL CLERK

REPORT OF REFERENDUM. Municipal 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)

MAY 25, 2009
(Monday)
MUNICIPAL 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 municipal clerk. (Sec. 9-332)

JUNE, 2009

JUNE 3, 2009
(Wednesday)
MUNICIPAL 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))

JULY, 2009

JULY 6, 2009
(Monday)
MUNICIPAL CLERK

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

JULY 6, 2009
(Monday)
MUNICIPAL CLERK

ELECTION FORMS. Municipal clerk destroys, if no contest is pending and no subpoena has been issued by the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the following forms used at May 4, 2009 municipal election: 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 return their absentee ballots. (Secs. 9-140(e), 9-150a(f), 9-150b(f), (h) and (j), and 9-153c(c))

SEPTEMBER, 2009

SEPTEMBER 8, 2009
(Tuesday)
MUNICIPAL CLERK

PRIMARY FORMS. Municipal clerk destroys, if no contest is pending, and no subpoena has been issued by the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the following forms used at March 9, 2009 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 municipal 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)

NOVEMBER, 2009

NOVEMBER 2, 2009
(Monday)
MUNICIPAL CLERK

ELECTION FORMS. Municipal clerk destroys if no contest is pending, and no subpoena is issued by the State Elections Enforcement Commission, the following forms used at May 4, 2009 municipal 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 municipal 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. (Secs. 9-140c(a) and (j), 9-150a(m), 9-150b(f), (i) and (j), 9-232f, and 9-310)
