



# Key Dates for Candidates & Voters

## Timeline with critical dates for candidates and registered voters

The following timeline is offered as a guide to highlight important deadlines that must be observed in preparation for the upcoming November election.

DATE	ACTION/EVENT
August 3, 2011	<b>Nomination petitions</b> First day for nomination petitions to be circulated. No petition shall be circulated prior to this date.
August 26, 2011	<p><b>Nomination petition deadline</b> Last day for school director candidates to file with the secretary of the board of education a nomination petition with circulators' affidavits, a notarized acceptance of nomination and written notice of intent to be a candidate.</p> <p><b>Certification to Secretary of State</b> Within 10 days of becoming a candidate, the candidate shall certify to the Secretary of State that the candidate is familiar with the provisions of the FCPA.</p>
August 29, 2011	<b>Write-in candidates</b> Last day for school director write-in candidate to file affidavit of intent to be candidate.
August 30, 2011	<b>Cancellation deadline</b> Election may be canceled if there is no contest for any office, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be a write-in, and the candidates may be declared elected. The timeline for cancellation is between this date and Sept. 2.
October 17-28, 2011	<b>Early voting</b> Early voters' polling place shall be open for early voters.
October 3, 2011	<b>Registration deadline</b> Last day to register to vote.
November 1, 2011	<b>ELECTION DAY</b> Polls open 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Any eligible elector who is unable to go to the polls because of conditions arising after the closing date for mail-in ballot applications may apply for emergency mail-in ballot before 5 p.m. on election day. The emergency ballot must be returned by 7 p.m. on election day. All envelopes containing emergency mail-in ballots shall be in the hands of the county clerk no later than 7 p.m. on election day.
<b>Fair Campaign Practices Act</b>	Candidate reports must be filed on Oct. 11, Oct. 28 and Dec. 1.