

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOU AS A CANDIDATE TO FOLLOW

January 24	First day to circulate and file nomination petitions
January 31	County Board of Elections shall publish Primary Election Proclamation
February 14	Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions (NOTE: Petitions must be filed in the Voter Registration Office by 4:00 P.M.)
February 15	First day to circulate and file nomination papers
February 22	Casting of lots for position on the ballot – 10:00 A.M.
February 29	Last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination petitions
March 5	First day before the Primary Election to receive absentee ballot applications
March 26	Last day to REGISTER before the primary
April 17	Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot by 5:00 pm
April 20	Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots by 5:00pm
April 24	GENERAL PRIMARY (Polls to remain open continuously between the hours of 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M.)
April 27	County Return Board meets at 9 o'clock A.M. to compute and canvass the returns of the Primary.

THE FOLLOWING DATES APPLY ONLY TO THE FILING OF THE CAMPAIGN EXPENSE REPORTS EXPENSE REPORT FILING DATES FOR 2012

<u>TYPE REPORT</u>	<u>COMPLETE AS OF</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
2011 Annual Report	December 31, 2011	January 31, 2012
Sixth Tuesday Pre-Primary*	March 5, 2012	March 13, 2012
Second Friday Pre-Primary	April 9, 2012	April 13, 2012
Thirty Day Post-Primary	May 14, 2012	May 24, 2012
Sixth Tuesday Pre-Election*	September 17, 2012	September 25, 2012
Second Friday Pre-Election	October 22, 2012	October 26, 2012
Thirty Day Post-Election	November 26, 2012	December 6, 2012
2012 Annual Report	December 31, 2012	January 31, 2013

* **Only statewide candidates and committees supporting statewide candidates are required to file these reports.**

** **Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing when report is postmarked by the U. S. Postal Service no later than the day prior to the filing deadline.**

PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BACK OF THE PETITION FOR INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED, FILING FEE AND THE DEPARTMENT IN WHICH TO FILE THE PETITION.