



Senate Bills 205, 216 and 238 of the 130th General Assembly changed several aspects of Ohio election law, effective June 1, 2014.

These changes are reflected below.

2014		Reference
June 6	Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before special election)	R.C. 3501.27
June 12	Last day for local option petitioners to send street listing to Division of Liquor Control (55 days before August 6 deadline for filing petitions for Nov. 4 general election)	
June 15	Board of elections of most populous county of a district located in more than one county must transmit petitions of independent candidates to other boards of elections.	
June 21	UOCAVA absentee ballots for Aug. 5 special election must be ready (45 days before special election)	<u>R.C. 3511.04</u>
	(no later than 45 days before special election)	R.C. 3511.16
June 24	Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before special election)	R.C. 3503.12
July 2	Constitutional amendments or statutes proposed by initiative petitions submitted directly to the voters must be filed with Secretary of State (125 days before general election)	OH Const II 881a-1h
July 6	May 6 primary election ballots may be discarded, except for federal office, unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after primary election)	
July 7*	Deadline for voter registration for Aug. 5 special election (30 days before special election)	·
	Election Administration Plans for Nov. 4 general election must be submitted to Secretary of State's office (120 days before general election)	WV Settlement Agreement
July 8	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for Aug. 5 special election must be ready (day after the close of voter registration)	
July 15	Boards of elections must certify petitions of independent candidates	
July 16	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before special election)	
	Deadline for an elector to challenge qualification of another elector (20 days before special election)	
July 22	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists (14 days before special election)	
July 25	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before special election)	
July 26	Boards of elections must give public notice of special election (10 days before special election)	<u>R.C. 3501.03</u>
July 27	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the Nov. 4 general election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before general election)	D C 3511 16
July 30	Protests against independent candidates nominated by petition must be filed by 4 p.m.	
Aug. 2	Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for Aug. 5 special election must be received by noon (3 days before special election)	
Aug. 4	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before special election)	R.C. 3505.21
	Boards of elections must submit verification forms of handicapped accessible parking and handicapped accessible polling locations to the Secretary of State's office (no later than day before special election)	D C 3E01 20
Aug. 5	Special Elections may be held. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	
Augio	If voter, or voter's minor child, is hospitalized because of accident or medical emergency, voter may apply for an absentee ballot until 3 p.m.	·
	Absentee ballots, returned in person or via a method other than U.S. Mail, must be received by the boards of elections by close of polls	
Aug. 6	Constitutional amendments proposed by joint resolution of the General Assembly must be filed with Secretary of State (90 days before general election)	OH Const. XVI, §1
	Nominating petitions of candidates in nonpartisan races must be filed by 4 p.m. (90 days before general election)	<u>C. 1907.13, 3513.259, .263</u>
	Local questions and issues for general election, including local option petitions, must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before general election)	331 333 334 4305 14
Aug. 11*	Political party or independent candidate nominating committees must certify name of person to fill vacancy on ballot caused by withdrawal or disqualification of candidate	
J	(86 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.31
Aug. 12	Deadline for provisional voter to provide additional information that is required to be provided to determine person's eligibility (7 days after special election)	
Aug. 15	Deadline for absentee voter whose identification envelope is incomplete or incorrect to provide the necessary information to the board of elections (7 days after special e Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than Aug. 4 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted	ection) <u>R.C. 3509.06</u>
riagi 15	(10 days after special election)	R.C. 3509.05, 3511.11
	UOCAVA absentee ballots for Aug. 5 special election must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after special election)	
Aug. 16	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of Aug. 5 special election ballots (11 days after special election)	
Aug. 18	Boards of elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of candidates' petitions in nonpartisan races (78 days before general election)	
Aug. 20	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of Aug. 5 special election ballots no later than this date (15 days after special election)	
Aug. 22	Protests against candidates for nonpartisan office must be filed by this date (74 days before general election)	
_	Protests against local option petitions must be filed by 4 p.m. (74 days before general election)	<u>, .332, .333, .334, 4305.14</u>
Aug. 25*	Write-in candidates must file declarations of intent by 4 p.m. (72 days before general election)	
Aug. 26	Boards of elections must complete canvass of Aug. 5 special election ballots no later than this date (21 days after special election)	
	Form of official general election ballots must be certified by Secretary of State to boards of elections (70 days before general election)	<u>R.C. 3505.01</u>
	Board of elections of most populous county in a multi-county subdivision must certify names of all candidates for general election ballot to other boards of elections (70 days before general election)	R.C. 3505.01
Aug. 29	Protests against write-in candidates must be filed by 4 p.m. (67 days before general election)	
Sep. 5	Boards of elections must schedule a program for instruction of precinct election officials (within 60 days before general election)	<u>R.C. 3501.27</u>
Sep. 15	Deadline for boards of election to appoint precinct election officials	
Sep. 20	UOCAVA absentee ballots for Nov. 4 general election must be ready (45 days before general election)	R.C. 3511.04
	Boards of elections must update and publish notices of Nov. 4 general election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 45 days before general election)	<u>R.</u> C. 3511.16
Sep. 23	Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before general election)	
Oct. 5	Aug. 5 special election ballots may be discarded, unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State (61 days after special election)	<u>R.C. 3505.31</u>
Oct. 6*	Deadline for voter registration for Nov. 4 general election (30 days before general election)	
Oct. 7	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for Nov. 4 general election must be ready (day after the close of voter registration)	
Oct. 15	Deadline to file corrections and challenges to precinct registration lists (20 days before general election).	
	Deadline for an elector to challenge qualification of another elector (20 days before general election)	
Oct. 21	Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists (14 days before general election)	
Oct. 24	Deadline for political parties, groups of candidates and issue committees to file notice of observer appointments (11 days before general election)	
Oct. 25	Boards of elections must give public notice of Nov. 4 general election (10 days before general election)	R.C. 3501.03
Oct. 26	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of Feb. 3, 2015 special election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (no later than 100 days before special election)	R C 3511 16
Oct. 27*	Certificate to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of candidate nominated at primary election whose name is on ballot in more than one county must be filed by 4 p.m.	
04.30	(10 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.31
Oct. 30	(5 days before general election)	R.C. 3513.31
	Certificate to fill vacancy on ballot caused by death of candidate nominated at primary election whose name is on ballot in only one county must be filed by 4 p.m.	
	(5 days before general election)	D C 3E13 31



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Nov. 3	Amendments to observer appointments must be filed by 4 p.m. (day before general election)	
NOV. 3	Boards of elections must submit verification forms of handicapped accessible parking and handicapped accessible polling locations to the Secretary of State's office	
	(no later than day before general election)	
Nov. 4	General Election Day. Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m	
	If voter, or voter's minor child, is hospitalized because of accident or medical emergency, voter may apply for absentee ballot until 3 p.m	
	Absentee ballots, returned in person or via a method other than U.S. Mail, must be received by the boards of elections by close of polls	
Nov. 5	Local questions and issues for Feb. 3, 2015 special election must be certified to or filed with boards of elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before special election)	
Nov. 12*	Deadline for provisional voter to provide additional information that is required to be provided to determine person's eligibility (7 days after general election)	
11011 12	Deadline for absentee voter whose identification envelope is incomplete or incorrect to provide the necessary information to the board of elections (7 days after general election)	
Nov. 14	Absentee ballots returned by U.S. Mail must be postmarked no later than Nov. 3 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted	
	(10 days after general election)	
	UOCAVA absentee ballots must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after general election)	
Nov. 15	Boards of elections may begin official canvass of Nov. 4 general election ballots (11 days after general election)	
Nov. 19	Boards of elections must begin official canvass of Nov. 4 general election ballots no later than this date (15 days after general election)	
Nov. 25	Boards of elections must complete canvass of Nov. 4 general election ballots no later than this date (21 days after general election)	
Dec. 11	Last day for local option petitioners to send street listing to Division of Liquor Control	
	(55 days before Feb. 4, 2015 deadline for filing petitions for May 5, 2015 primary election)	
Dec. 20	UOCAVA absentee ballots for Feb. 3, 2015 special election must be ready (45 days before special election)	
	Boards of elections must update and publish notices of February 3, 2015 special election by this date and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request	
D 00	(no later than 45 days before special election)	
Dec. 23	Boards of elections must advertise in newspaper(s) the places, dates, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before special election)	
2015	Reference	
Jan. 1	Applications for absentee ballots for 2015 elections may be accepted (first day of the year)	
Jan. 4	Nov. 4, 2014 general election ballots may be discarded, except for federal office, unless ordered held by a court or the Secretary of State	
	(61 days after general election)	
Jan. 5*	Deadline for voter registration for Feb. 3, 2015 special election (30 days before special election)	
Jan. 6	Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for Feb. 3 special election must be ready (day after the close of voter registration)	
Jan. 25	Boards of elections must prepare and publish notices of the May 5, 2015 primary/special election and provide the notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request	
	(no later than 100 days before primary/special election)	