



Washington County, MD

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

AGENDA

Washington County Board of Elections August 9, 2022

Board Meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at **3PM**. Meeting will be held in person but may also be attended virtually. Call in information is provided below.

Call Meeting to Order:

Record Those Present:

Minutes of the July 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting:

Request for Additions/Changes to Agenda:

Correspondence:

- I. Revised Election Calendar

Reports:

- I. Election Director
- II. Attorney

Old Business:

- I. Review of 2022 Primary Election
 - a. Pre-election Activities:
 - i. EW Training
 - ii. Drop Boxes around the county
 - iii. Mail-in Ballots
 - iv. Early Voting
 1. EV01: Election Center
 2. EV02: Library (need to promote location, free parking, signage).
 - v. Packing of supplies
 - vi. Delivery of Voting Equipment
 - vii. Supply Pick-up (enough helpers)
 - b. Election Day:
 - i. Polling Place Visits (signage at polling places)
 - ii. Election Workers (discuss in Executive Session)
 - iii. Equipment issues

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- iv. Food
- v. Election Night Activities (tasks, return process, enough helpers, etc.)
- c. Post-Election Activities:
 - i. Canvasses (MIB1, Provisional and MIB2)
 - ii. Audit and Certification Procedures
- II. Drop Boxes at Correctional Facilities
- III. MAEO Meeting, September 22, 2022

New Business:

- I. Washington County Free Library. Meet with Jay Kelsh after August 15 to discuss security for General Election.
- II. Recount Process
- III. Petition Candidate, Billy Williams, Sheriff
- IV. Election Worker Training Schedule
- V. Polling Places 2022 General:
 - a. 8-0: Return to Pleasant Valley Baptist Church
 - b. 21-2: North Hagerstown HS, complaints about the gym
- VI. Local Ballot Questions
- VII. Flags for outside facility
- VIII. Conference Room Phone
- IX. Christmas Party

Members Remarks:

Scheduling of Next Meeting:

Distributed Information:

- I. Revised Election Calendar

Future Events:

- I. August 19-25: CERA Graduation and Class, Barry Jackson and Teresa Morningstar
- II. August 24: Williamsport HS Back to School Event, Voter Registration: Tamara Derr and Cory Green

Executive Session:

Part of the meeting may be closed in accordance with Open Meeting Act Procedures.

Public Participation: Members of the public may address the Board. Pursuant to §3.2B of the Board's bylaws, public participation at a meeting must be pre-scheduled and pre-approved by the President. To request approval to speak at a board meeting, contact Kaye Robucci at 240.313.2053 or by Email no later than 5 pm the day before the meeting.

Call In Instructions for the Meeting:

Meeting ID

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Date	Time ^{1,2}	Event Name	Description	Computation	Legal Authority ³
Friday, January 1, 2021		New Year's Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Wednesday, January 13, 2021		General Assembly Convenes	Lasts 90 days.	2nd Wednesday in January.	MD Const. Art. III, § 14
Monday, January 18, 2021		Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Wednesday, January 20, 2021	11:59 pm	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file annual campaign finance report for all political committees.	3rd Wednesday in January.	EL § 13-309(b)(2)
Monday, February 15, 2021		President's Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, March 23, 2021	COB	Begin Candidate Filing	First day candidates for the 2022 election can file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> .	1 year before the deadline to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> .	SBE Policy
Monday, April 12, 2021		General Assembly Ends	Lasts 90 days.	90 days after General Assembly convenes.	MD Const. Art. III, § 15
Monday, May 3, 2021	COB	Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for 2021 Referendum Petition	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to SBE a request for advance determination of sufficiency of a referendum petition format.	At least 90 days before the deadline to file a petition.	EL § 6-210(a)(1)
Monday, May 10, 2021	COB	Determination of Referendum Petition Format Sufficiency	Deadline for SBE to determine sufficiency of a referendum petition format.	Within 5 days of receiving the request for advance determination.	EL § 6-210(a)(2)
Wednesday, May 12, 2021	COB	Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination of a Referendum Petition Format	Deadline for SBE to notify petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of referendum petition format.	Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of referendum petition format.	EL § 6-210(b)
Monday, May 31, 2021		Memorial Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, May 31, 2021	11:59 pm	Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2021 General Assembly	Deadline for petition sponsor to file petition with Secretary of State including at least one-third of the referendum petition signatures and a petition fund report.	Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State before the 1st day of June. (Date does not move to next business day because of holiday)	MD Const. Art. XVI, § 3(b)
Tuesday, June 1, 2021	11:59 pm	Title 14 Contribution Report	Deadline for disclosure of contributions by persons doing business with Maryland government and/or employing a lobbyist.	Report due every May 31 and November 30.	EL § 14-104(b)(2)(i)(2)
Friday, June 18, 2021		Juneteenth	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		Governor's Proclamation
Monday, June 21, 2021	COB	Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the first submission of the required signatures on the referendum petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of a petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Wednesday, June 23, 2021	COB	Certification of Referendum Petition	Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the first submission of the required signatures.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
Monday, June 28, 2021		Early Voting Center Approval Form	Deadline for SBE to provide the local boards with the form for a proposed early voting center.	At least one year before a primary election.	COMAR 33.17.02.02A(1)
Wednesday, June 30, 2021	11:59 pm	Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2021 General Assembly	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State the balance of referendum petition signatures and a petition fund report.	Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State by the 30th day of June.	MD Const. Art XVI, § 3(b)
Monday, July 5, 2021		Independence Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, July 6, 2021	COB	Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification - First Signature Submission	Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of the required signatures.	10th day following SBE's determination on the certification of the first submission of signatures.	EL § 6-210(e)
Tuesday, July 20, 2021	COB	Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the balance of the signatures on the referendum petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of the balance of the petition signatures.	EL § 6-210(c)
Thursday, July 22, 2021	COB	Certification of Referendum Petition	Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the full referendum petition verification.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting of the balance of petition signatures is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
Monday, August 2, 2021	COB	Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification - Balance of Signatures Submission	Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification.	10th day following SBE's determination on the certification of the balance of signatures.	EL § 6-210(e)
Monday, September 6, 2021		Labor Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Friday, September 17, 2021		Constitution Day and Citizenship Day	Commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution and require public schools to celebrate the day and instill in students knowledge of history, importance, and the meaning of the U.S. Constitution and Maryland Constitution.	Anniversary of signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787.	Education Art., § 7-116
Monday, October 11, 2021		Columbus Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201

Tuesday, October 26, 2021		Determination of Number of Registered Voters (Early Voting Centers)	Deadline for the State Administrator to determine the number of active registered voters for use when determining the number of early voting centers in each jurisdiction.	Tuesday that is 8 months before a primary election.	COMAR 33.17.02.01A(1)
Monday, November 1, 2021		Notice of Number of Early Voting Centers	Deadline for the State Administrator to provide the local boards with the number of early voting centers in each jurisdiction.	Within 5 days of determination of number of registered voters.	COMAR 33.17.02.01B
Thursday, November 11, 2021		Veteran's Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Thursday, November 25, 2021		Thanksgiving	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Friday, November 26, 2021		American Indian Heritage Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, November 29, 2021		Early Voting Center Approval Form	Deadline for the local boards to submit to SBE a form for each proposed early voting center.	At least 7 months before a primary election.	COMAR 33.17.02.02A(2)
Tuesday, November 30, 2021	11:59 pm	Title 14 Contribution Report	Deadline for disclosure of contributions by persons doing business with Maryland government and/or employing a lobbyist.	Report due every May 31 and November 30.	EL § 14-104(p)(2)(ii)(2)
Friday, December 24, 2021		Christmas	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, December 28, 2021	COB	Designation of Early Voting Centers	Deadline for SBE, in collaboration with the local boards, to designate early voting centers.	No later than 6 months before a primary election.	EL § 10-301.1(c) (2009 Laws of Maryland)
Tuesday, December 28, 2021	COB	Determination of Eligible Primary Election Voters	Deadline for the chairs of the principal political parties to notify SBE whether they will allow voters not affiliated with their political party to vote in the primary election.	6 months prior to a primary election.	EL § 8-202(c)
Friday, December 31, 2021		New Year's Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, January 3, 2022		Determination of Number of Registered Voters (Nomination Petition)	Deadline for SBE to determine the number of registered voters required to satisfy the requirement for a nomination by petition.	January 1st of the year of a primary election for which the nomination is sought.	EL § 5-703(e)(3)
Wednesday, January 12, 2022		General Assembly Convenes	Lasts 90 days.	2nd Wednesday in January.	MD Const. Art. III, § 14
Monday, January 17, 2022		Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Wednesday, January 19, 2022	11:59 pm	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file annual campaign finance report for all political committees.	3rd Wednesday in January.	EL § 13-309(b)(2)

* This calendar includes dates affected by legislation enacted through the 2020 Legislative Session. The calendar will be updated after the 2021 Legislative Session.

** Date is calculated on a deadline that may be performed ahead of a documented date. Verify with board of elections.

1 Under Maryland law, if a deadline is a Saturday, Sunday or State holiday, the deadline is moved to the next regular business day. See EL § 1-301.

2 COB means close of business. For SBE, the close of business is 5 pm. Because the close of business varies by county, please contact the appropriate local board of elections or circuit court to find out when the office closes.

3 Most citations refer to the Election Law (EL) Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. COMAR refers to the Code of Maryland Regulations. USC refers to the United States Code.

Monday, February 21, 2022		President's Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.	State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201	
Monday, April 11, 2022		General Assembly Ends	Lasts 90 days.	MD Const. Art. III, § 15	
Friday, April 15, 2022	9 pm	Candidate Filing Deadline	Deadline to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> .	90 days after General Assembly convenes.	Order by Court of Appeals
Monday, April 18, 2022	COB	Withdrawal of Candidacy	Deadline to withdraw candidacy.		Order by Court of Appeals
Monday, April 18, 2022		Financial Disclosure Statement	Deadline for candidates that filed a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> in the year to file a new financial disclosure statement. Failure to file may result in the candidate's removal from the ballot.	Last day for the withdrawal of a candidacy.	GP § 5-605(d)(2)(ii)
Tuesday, April 19, 2022		Alternate Early Voting Center	Deadline for the local boards to submit to SBE a form for each proposed alternate early voting center.	At least 3 months before a primary election.	COMAR 33.17.02.02G(4)(a)
Tuesday, April 19, 2022		Greater Election Judge Exemption Request	Deadline for the local boards to request an exemption to assign greater election judges at each early voting center.	No later than 3 months before an election.	COMAR 33.19.03.01D(2)
Tuesday, April 19, 2022		Appointment of Election Judges	Start of term of office for election judges.	Beginning the Tuesday that is 13 weeks before a primary election.	EL § 10-203(c)
Tuesday, April 19, 2022	COB	Polling Place Change	Deadline for the local boards to create or change a precinct boundary or polling place.	Tuesday that is 13 weeks before a primary election.	EL § 2-303(b)
Tuesday, April 19, 2022	11:59 pm	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file report for campaign finance entities not required to file annual campaign finance report.	3rd Tuesday in April.	EL § 13-309(a)(1)
Wednesday, April 20, 2022	**	Fill Vacancy	Deadline to fill vacancy due to death or disqualification of unopposed candidate.		Order by Court of Appeals
Wednesday, April 20, 2022		Fill Vacancy	Deadline to fill vacancy if: (1) no candidate for a political party files a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> ; or (2) an unopposed candidate withdraws.		Order by Court of Appeals
Wednesday, April 20, 2022		Request to Waive Mail-in Ballot Mailing Deadline	Deadline for SBE to submit a request to the Federal Voting Assistance Program for a waiver of the deadline to mail ballots to certain voters.	At least 90 days before an election.	52 USC § 20302(g)(3)(A)
Wednesday, April 20, 2022		NVRA Confirmation Mailing Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to send to voters confirmation mailings to make voters inactive, or to remove voters from the voter list (except at the request of the voter, due to the death of the voter, due to the incarceration following felony conviction of a voter, or due to the mental incapacity of a voter)	No later than 90 days before an election.	52 USC § 20507(c)(2)(A)
Thursday, April 21, 2022	COB	Challenge Residency of Candidate	Deadline for a registered voter to file in circuit court a petition challenging the residency of a candidate.		Order by Court of Appeals
Monday, April 25, 2022		Death or Disqualification of Candidate	Last day to remove a candidate's name from the ballot due to the candidate's death or disqualification.	Within 10 days after deadline for filing <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> .	EL § 5-504(b)
Tuesday, April 26, 2022		Greater Election Judge Exemption Determination	Deadline for the State Administrator to respond to a local board's request for an exemption to assign greater election judges at each early voting center.	Within 5 business days of a local board's request.	COMAR 33.19.03.01D(3)
Monday, May 2, 2022	COB	Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for 2022 Referendum Petition Format	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to SBE a request for advance determination of sufficiency of a referendum petition format.	At least 30 days before the deadline to file a petition.	EL § 6-210(a)(1)
Monday, May 9, 2022	COB	Determination of Referendum Petition Format Sufficiency	Deadline for SBE to determine sufficiency of a referendum petition format.	Within 5 days of receiving the request for advance determination.	EL § 6-210(a)(2)
Wednesday, May 11, 2022	COB	Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination of a Referendum Petition Format	Deadline for SBE to notify petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of referendum petition format.	Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of referendum petition format.	EL § 6-210(b)
Thursday, May 12, 2022		Security Plan for Early Voting Centers	Deadline for the local boards to submit to the State Administrator an early voting security plan.	At least 8 weeks before early voting begins.	COMAR 33.17.02.04A
Monday, May 16, 2022		Certification of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify content and arrangement of ballots for the primary election.	At least 64 days before the primary election.	EL § 9-207(a)(1)
Monday, May 16, 2022	COB	Display of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to display on its website the content and arrangement of each certified ballot.	At least 64 days before the primary election.	EL § 9-207(a)(1)
Wednesday, May 18, 2022	COB	Judicial Review of Content and Arrangement of Ballot	Deadline for a registered voter to seek judicial review of the content and arrangement or to correct any other error on the ballot.	Within 2 days of certifying the ballot.	EL § 9-209(a)
Thursday, May 19, 2022	**	Printing of Ballots	SBE may begin printing ballots and correct noted errors.	After 3 days of public display of ballot.	EL § 9-207(e)
Monday, May 30, 2022		Memorial Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, May 31, 2022	11:59 pm	Title 14 Contribution Report	Deadline for disclosure of contributions by persons doing business with Maryland government and/or employing a lobbyist.	Report due every May 31 and November 30.	EL § 14-104(b)(2)(ii)(2)

Tuesday, May 31, 2022	11:59 pm	Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2022 General Assembly	Deadline for petition sponsor to file petition with Secretary of State including at least one-third of the referendum petition signatures and a petition fund report.	Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State before the 1st day of June.	MD Const. Art. XVI, § 3(b)
Saturday, June 4, 2022		Transmitting Mail-in Ballots	Deadline for election officials to transmit mail-in ballots to certain voters unless the Federal Voting Assistance Program grants the State a waiver of the deadline.	No later than 45 days before an election unless the Federal Voting Assistance Program grants the State a waiver of the 45 day transmittal deadline.	52 USC § 20302(a)(8)(A)
Tuesday, June 7, 2022		Public Education for Early Voting	SBE and local boards start public education about early voting.	30 days before early voting for an election.	EL § 10-301.1(f)
Monday, June 13, 2022	**	Review of Early Voting Security Plan	Deadline for the State Administrator to review and provide feedback on a local board's early voting security plan.	Within 30 days of receipt of an early voting security plan.	COMAR 33.17.02.04C(2)
Tuesday, June 14, 2022	11:59 pm	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file first pre-primary report for political committees participating in the gubernatorial election.	5th Tuesday before a primary election.	EL § 13-309(a)(2)
Monday, June 20, 2022		June/teenth	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, June 21, 2022	COB	Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the first submission of the required signatures on the referendum petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of a petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Wednesday, June 22, 2022		Early Voting & Election Day Supply Verification	Deadline for the local boards to verify voting supplies according to the supply verification plan.	No later than 15 days before early voting starts.	SBE policy
Thursday, June 23, 2022	COB	Certification of Referendum Petition	Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the first submission of the required signatures.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
Tuesday, June 28, 2022	5 pm in office 11:59 pm on-line	Close of Registration & Party Affiliation Change Deadline	Deadline to register to vote, update registration or change party affiliation for the primary election.	21st day preceding an election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Tuesday, June 28, 2022	5:00 pm	Polling Place Reassignment	Deadline for elderly voters or voters with disabilities to submit a request to the local boards for reassignment to an accessible polling place.	No later than the close of registration before an election.	EL § 10-102(b)(1)
Tuesday, June 28, 2022	5:00 PM	Voter Registration Lists	Deadline for a registered voter to request a voter registration list. (New requests will not be taken until registration reopens).	On or before the registration deadline.	COMAR 33.03.02.05(B)(1)
Thursday, June 30, 2022		Notice of Election	Deadline for the local boards to provide notice of the election.	At least one week before any early voting period before an election.	EL § 8-102(a)(1)
Thursday, June 30, 2022	11:59 pm	Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2022 General Assembly	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State the balance of referendum petition signatures.	Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State by the 30th day of June.	MD Const. Art. XVI, § 3(b)
Monday, July 4, 2022		Independence Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, July 5, 2022	5 pm	Declaration of Intent	Deadline for a candidate who seeks nomination by a recognized non-principal party to file a Declaration of Intent to seek nomination.	First Monday in July.	EL § 5-703(c)(3)(i)
Tuesday, July 5, 2022	5 pm	Declaration of Intent	Deadline for an unaffiliated candidate or a candidate who is affiliated with a non-recognized political party who intends to seek nomination by petition to file a Declaration of Intent to seek nomination.	First Monday in July.	EL § 5-703(c)(3)(i)
Tuesday, July 5, 2022	COB	Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification - First Signature Submission	Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification of the first submission of the required signatures.	10th day following SBE's determination on the certification of the first submission of signatures or 68th day before the general election (August 31, 2022), whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)
Tuesday, July 5, 2022	COB	Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for Candidacy or New Party Petition Format	Deadline for candidate or petition sponsor to submit to SBE or the appropriate local board a request for advance determination of sufficiency of a candidacy or new party petition format.	At least 30 days before the deadline to file the petition but not more than 2 years and one month before the deadline to file petition.	EL § 6-210(a)(1)
Tuesday, July 5, 2022	COB	Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for Charter Amendment Petition Format	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to the appropriate local board a request for advance determination on the sufficiency of a charter amendment petition format.	At least 30 days before the deadline to file the petition but not more than 2 years and one month before the deadline to file petition.	EL § 6-210(a)(1)
Tuesday, July 5, 2022	COB	Logic and Accuracy Testing - Early Voting (Public Demonstration & Notice)	Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the voting units being used for early voting. (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted before any voting units are delivered to an early voting center. Notice of the public demonstration must be provided at least 10 days before the demonstration.)	At least 14 days before an election.	COMAR 33.10.01.14, 16

Wednesday, July 6, 2022	5 pm	Campaign Signs	Beginning of period when campaign signs must be allowed at early voting centers.	The day before early voting starts.	EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)
Thursday, July 7, 2022	7 am to 8 pm	Early Voting Begins	Early voting for the primary election begins.	2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election.	EL § 10-301.1
Friday, July 8, 2022	COB	Voter Registration Lists	Deadline for SBE and the local boards to prepare a voter registration list that includes registrants through the registration deadline.	Within 10 days of the voter registration deadline.	COMAR 33.03.02.05C(2)
Friday, July 8, 2022	11:59 pm	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file second pre-primary report for political committees participating in the gubernatorial election.	2nd Friday before a primary election.	EL § 13-309(a)(3)
Monday, July 11, 2022	COB	Logic and Accuracy Testing - Election Day	Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the election management system and voting units being used for election day voting and absentee and provisional voting. (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted before any voting units are delivered to an early voting center.)	At least 10 days before an election.	COMAR 33.10.01.14, 16
Monday, July 11, 2022		Notice of Canvass	Deadline for the local boards to provide notice of the absentee and provisional canvasses.	At least 10 days before the first absentee canvass.	COMAR 33.08.01.05-1(B)
Monday, July 11, 2022	COB	Judicial Review of any Ballot Printing Errors	Deadline for a registered voter to seek judicial review if an error is discovered after the ballots have been printed and the local boards fail to correct the error.	Not later than the 2nd Monday preceding an election.	EL § 9-209(c)
Monday, July 11, 2022	COB	Determination of Candidacy or New Party Petition Format Sufficiency	Deadline for SBE or the appropriate local board to determine sufficiency of a candidacy or new party petition.	Within 5 days of reviewing request of advance determination.	EL § 6-210(a)(2)
Monday, July 11, 2022	COB	Determination of Charter Amendment Petition Format Sufficiency	Deadline for the local boards to determine sufficiency of a charter amendment petition format.	Within 5 days of reviewing request of advance determination.	EL § 6-210(a)(2)
Tuesday, July 12, 2022	8 pm (mail) or 11:59 pm (fax/email)	Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered by Mail or Fax	Deadline for a registered voter to request a mailed or faxed mail-in ballot.	Tuesday before an election.	EL § 9-305(b)(1); COMAR 33.11.02.02E
Wednesday, July 13, 2022	COB	Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination of a Candidacy or New Party Petition Format	Deadline for SBE or the appropriate local board to notify candidate or petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of candidacy or new party petition format.	Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of a candidacy or new party petition format.	EL § 6-210(b)
Wednesday, July 13, 2022	COB	Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination for Charter Amendment Petition Format	Deadline for the local boards to notify petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of charter amendment petition format.	Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of charter amendment petition format.	EL § 6-210(b)
Thursday, July 14, 2022	7 am to 8 pm	Early Voting Ends	Early voting for the primary election ends.	2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election.	EL § 10-301.1
Friday, July 15, 2022	8 am	Campaign Signs	End of period when campaign signs must be allowed at early voting centers.	The day after early voting ends.	EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)
Friday, July 15, 2022	5 pm (mail) or 11:59 pm (email/fax)	Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered via Internet	Deadline for a registered voter to request an electronic mail-in ballot.	Friday before an election.	EL § 9-305(b)(2)
Monday, July 18, 2022	5 pm	Campaign Signs	Beginning of period when campaign signs must be allowed at polling places.	The day immediately preceding election day.	EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)
Tuesday, July 19, 2022	7 am to 8 pm	Primary Election	Gubernatorial Primary Election Day.	Order by Court of Appeals	Order by Court of Appeals
Tuesday, July 19, 2022	8 pm	Ballot Request Deadline: Voter Picks Up Ballot	Deadline for a registered voter or voter's agent to request a mail-in ballot in person at a local board.	No later than the close of the polls on election day.	EL § 9-305(b)(3); COMAR 33.11.02.04A
Tuesday, July 19, 2022	8 pm	Extended Voter Registration Deadline	Extended deadline for receipt of voter registration applications sent by mail for voting in the primary election.	An application received by mail after the close of registration is timely if it is properly postmarked.	EL § 9-302(c); COMAR 33.05.04.01C, D
Tuesday, July 19, 2022	8 pm	Mail-in Ballot Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to receive a-mail-in ballot.	A mail-in ballot is timely received if it is received by the local board before 8 pm on election day.	COMAR 33.11.03.08B(1)
Tuesday, July 19, 2022	8 pm	Precincts for Post-Election Verification & Audits	Deadline for local boards to select randomly the precincts for post-election verification and audits.	8 pm on election day.	COMAR 33.08.05.04
Wednesday, July 20, 2022	8 am	Campaign Signs	End of period when campaign signs must be allowed at polling places.	The day immediately after election day.	EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)
Wednesday, July 20, 2022	COB	Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the balance of the signatures on the referendum petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of the balance of the petition signatures.	EL § 6-210(c)
Thursday, July 21, 2022	10 am	Mail-in Ballot Canvass 1	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 1st canvass of mail-in ballots.	10 am on the Thursday after an election.	COMAR 33.11.04.03A(1)
Friday, July 22, 2022		Precincts for Post-Election Verification & Audits	Deadline for the local boards to submit to the State Administrator a list of the precincts selected for the post-election verification and audits.	Within 3 days of selecting the precincts.	COMAR 33.08.05.04
Friday, July 22, 2022	COB	Certification of Referendum Petition	Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the full referendum petition verification.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)

Tuesday, July 26, 2022			Certification of General Assembly Ballot Questions	Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify to the local boards ballot questions referred by the General Assembly to voters of one county or part of one county.	105th day before a general election.	EL § 7-103(c)(2)
Wednesday, July 27, 2022	10 am		Provisional Ballot Canvass	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the canvass of provisional ballots.	10 am on the 2nd Wednesday after an election.	COMAR 33.16.05.02
Friday, July 29, 2022	10 am		Extended Mail-in Ballot Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to receive mail-in ballots by mail.	10 am on the 2nd Friday after an election provided there is a proper postmark or date on voter's oath.	COMAR 33.11.03.08B(4)(a)
Friday, July 29, 2022	10 am		Mail-in Ballot Canvass 2	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 2nd canvass of mail-in ballots.	10 am on the 2nd Friday after an election.	COMAR 33.11.04.03A(2)
Friday, July 29, 2022			Post-Election Audit	Deadline for the local boards to conduct the post-election verification and audits.	Before certifying the results of an election.	COMAR 33.08.05.02A
Friday, July 29, 2022			Verification of Vote Count	Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to verify the primary election vote count.	Within 10 days after an election and before certifying the results of an election.	EL § 11-308(a)
Friday, July 29, 2022			Certification of the Election	Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to certify the results of primary election.	After the verification of vote count is completed.	EL § 11-308(b)
Friday, July 29, 2022			Transmittal of Results	Local boards of canvassers must transmit certified copies of election results to the Governor, SBE, and appropriate Clerk of the Circuit Court.	2nd Friday after an election or, if canvass is completed after that day, within 48 hours after completion.	EL § 11-401(c)
Monday, August 1, 2022			Voter Registration Reopens	Voter registration reopens.	11th day after an election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Monday, August 1, 2022			Statewide Certification of Results	Deadline for SBE to convene to certify election results.	2 days after official results are received from the local boards.	EL § 11-501(a)
Monday, August 1, 2022			Petition for Recount - Local Offices	Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a local office on the ballot.	Within 3 days after the results of an election have been certified by the local board.	EL § 12-101(d)
Monday, August 1, 2022	**	COB	Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification - Balance of Signatures Submission	Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification.	10th day following SBE's determination on the certification of the balance of signatures or 69th day before a general election (August 31, 2022), whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)
Monday, August 1, 2022		COB	Filing New Party Petition	Deadline for petition sponsor to file with SBE a new political party petition.	1st Monday in August.	EL § 4-102(c)(2)(ii)
Monday, August 1, 2022		5 pm	Filing Candidacy Petition & Certificate of Candidacy	Deadline for general election petition candidate to file with SBE or the appropriate local board the Certificate of Candidacy and candidacy petition.	1st Monday in August.	EL § 5-703(d) & (f)
Monday, August 1, 2022		5 pm	Filing Certificates of Nomination and Candidacy	Deadline for candidates seeking nomination from a non-principal political party to file with SBE or the appropriate local board the Certificate of Nomination and Certificate of Candidacy.	1st Monday in August.	EL § 5-703.1(d) & (e)
Monday, August 1, 2022			Filing of Appellate Judges	Deadline for Clerk of the Court of Appeals and Clerk of the Court of Special Appeals to provide notice to SBE of the names of judges to be placed on the ballot.	1st Monday in August.	EL § 5-301(f)
Monday, August 1, 2022		COB	Filing Charter Amendment Petition	Deadline for petition sponsor to file with local government authority a charter amendment petition.	99th day before an election.	EL § 7-104(b)
Tuesday, August 16, 2022		COB	Declination of Nomination	Deadline for declination of nomination by a filed candidate before general election.	The State Board altered to the first day following the Certification of the State results, Tuesday, August 16th.	EL § 5-801(b)(2)(ii) (Altered by State Board, See August 1, Emergency Meeting)
Thursday, August 4, 2022		COB	Petition for Recount - State Offices	Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a State office on the ballot.	Within 3 days after the results of an election have been certified.	EL § 12-101(d)
Friday, August 5, 2022			Certification of Statewide Ballot Questions and Questions Relating to an Enactment of the General Assembly Petitioned to Referendum	Deadline for Secretary of State to certify to SBE statewide ballot questions and questions relating to Acts of the General Assembly (except for questions referred to the voters of one county or a part of one county) petitioned to referendum.	95th day before a general election.	EL § 7-103(c)(1)
Friday, August 5, 2022			Certification of Ballot Question Language	Deadline for municipal attorney to certify the ballot question language for ballot questions for voters of that municipality.	95th day before a general election.	EL § 7-103(c)(4)
Friday, August 5, 2022			Certification of Local Ballot Questions	Deadline for County Attorney or Baltimore City Solicitor to certify to SBE each question to be voted on in the county or part of the county.	95th day before a general election.	EL § 7-103(c)(3)(i)
Friday, August 5, 2022			Alternate Certification of Local Ballot Questions	Deadline for Clerk of the Circuit Court to prepare and certify to SBE local ballot questions if the County Attorney or Baltimore City Solicitor does not do so.	1st Friday in August.	EL § 7-103(c)(3)(ii)
Monday, August 8, 2022			Greeter Election Judge Exemption Request	Deadline for the local boards to request an exemption to assign greeter election judges at each early voting center.	No later than 3 months before an election.	COMAR 33.19.03.01D(2)

Wednesday, August 10, 2022			Request to Waive Mail-in Ballot Mailing Deadline	Deadline for SBE to submit a request to the Federal Voting Assistance Program for a waiver of the deadline to transmit ballots to certain voters.	At least 90 days before an election.	52 USC § 20302(g)(3)(A)
Wednesday, August 10, 2022			NVRA Confirmation Mailing Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to send to voters confirmation mailings to verify addresses and make voters inactive.	No later than 90 days before an election.	52 USC § 20507(c)(2)(A)
Friday, August 12, 2022	COB		Vacancy by Declination of Nomination	For all offices except Governor and Lt. Governor, deadline for the appropriate central committee(s) to fill a vacancy caused by a candidate filing a declination of nomination.	88th day before a general election.	EL §§ 5-1002(b)(1), 5-1003(b)(4), & 5-1004(b)
Monday, August 15, 2022	**		Greeter Election Judge Exemption Determination	Deadline for the State Administrator to respond to a local board's request for an exemption to assign greeter election judges at each early voting center.	Within 5 business days of a local board's request.	COMAR 33.19.03.01D(3)
Tuesday, August 16, 2022			Death or Disqualification of Candidate	Last day to remove a candidate's name from the ballot due to the candidate's death or disqualification.	State Board altered date to Tuesday, August 16, to align with the deadline to decline the nomination.	EL § 5-801(d) (Altered by State Board, See August 1, Emergency Meeting)
Friday, August 19, 2022			Vacancy by Death or Disqualification	For all offices except Governor and Lt. Governor, deadline for the appropriate central committee(s) to fill a vacancy caused by the death or disqualification of a filed candidate.	State Board altered date to Friday, August 19, to align with the deadline to fill a vacancy due to death or disqualification.	EL §§ 5-1002(b)(1), 5-1003(b)(5), & 5-1004(b) (Altered by State Board, See August 1, Emergency Meeting)
Monday, August 22, 2022			Challenge Residency of Candidate	For all offices except Governor and Lt. Governor, deadline to file challenge to residency of the candidate selected by the appropriate central committee(s) to replace the candidate who died or was disqualified.	80th day before a general election.	EL § 5-305(c)
Monday, August 22, 2022	**	COB	Verification and Counting of Candidacy or New Party Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the signatures on a candidacy or new party petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of a petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Monday, August 22, 2022	**	COB	Verification and Counting of Charter Amendment Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the signatures on a charter amendment petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of a petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Wednesday, August 24, 2022	**	COB	Certification of Candidacy or New Party Petition	Deadline for SBE or the appropriate local board to certify the results of the candidacy or new party petition verification.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
Wednesday, August 24, 2022	**	COB	Certification of Charter Amendment Petition	Deadline for the local boards to certify the results of the charter amendment petition verification.	Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending.	EL § 6-210(d)
Tuesday, August 30, 2022	**	11:59 pm	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file the first pre-general report for political committees participating in the gubernatorial election.	Last Tuesday in August immediately preceding a general election.	EL § 13-309(a)(4)
Wednesday, August 31, 2022	**	COB	Judicial Review of Candidacy Petition Certification	Deadline for candidate to seek judicial review of candidacy petition certification.	10th day following determination on the certification of the petition or 69th day before a general election (August 31, 2022), whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)(2)
Wednesday, August 31, 2022	**	COB	Judicial Review of Charter Amendment Petition Certification	Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of charter amendment petition certification.	10th day following determination on the certification of the petition or 69th day before a general election (August 31, 2022), whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)(2)
Monday, September 5, 2022			Labor Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, September 6, 2022	**	COB	Judicial Review of New Party Petition Certification	Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of new party petition certification.	10th day after determination on the certification of the petition.	EL § 6-210(e)(1)
Tuesday, September 6, 2022			Certification of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify content and arrangement of ballots for the general election.	At least 64 days before an election.	EL § 9-207(a)(2)
Tuesday, September 6, 2022			Display of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to display on its website the content and arrangement of each certified ballot.	At least 64 days before an election.	EL § 9-207(c)
Wednesday, September 7, 2022			Judicial Review of any Ballot Printing Errors	Deadline for a registered voter to seek judicial review if an error is discovered after the ballots have been publicly displayed and the local board fails to correct the error.	Not later than the 62nd day preceding an election.	EL § 9-209(c)
Thursday, September 8, 2022	**	COB	Judicial Review of Content and Arrangement of Ballot	Deadline for a registered voter to seek judicial review of the content and arrangement or to correct any other error on the ballot.	Within 2 days of certifying the ballot.	EL § 9-209(a)
Friday, September 9, 2022	**		Printing of Ballots	SBE may begin printing ballots and correct noted errors.	After 3 days of public display of ballot.	EL § 9-207(e)
Friday, September 9, 2022			Number of Ballots for Manual Audit	Deadline to determine the number of early voting, mail-in, and provisional ballots each local board must count for the manual audit.	No later than 60 days before election day.	COMAR 33.08.05.09C(1)

Saturday, September 17, 2022		Constitution Day and Citizenship Day	Commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution and require public schools to celebrate the day and instill in students knowledge of history, importance, and meaning of the U.S. Constitution and Maryland Constitution.	Anniversary of signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787.	Education Art., § 7-116
Saturday, September 24, 2022		Transmitting Mail-in Ballots	Deadline for election officials to transmit ballots to certain voters unless the Federal Voting Assistance Program grants the State a waiver of the deadline.	No later than 45 days before an election unless the Federal Voting Assistance Program grants the State a waiver of the 45 day transmittal deadline.	52 USC § 20302(a)(8)(A)
Tuesday, September 27, 2022		Public Education for Early Voting	SBE and the local boards start public education about early voting.	30 days before early voting for an election.	EL § 10-301.1(f)
Monday, October 10, 2022		Columbus Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Wednesday, October 12, 2022		Early Voting & Election Day Supply Verification	Deadline for the local boards to verify voting supplies according to the supply verification plan.	No later than 15 days before early voting starts.	SBE policy
Friday, October 14, 2022	11:59 pm	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline for ballot issue committees to file pre-general report.	4th Friday before a general election.	EL § 13-309(a)(5)
Tuesday, October 18, 2022	5 pm in office 11:59 pm on-line	Close of Registration	Deadline to register to vote or update registration information for the general election.	21st day preceding an election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Tuesday, October 18, 2022	5 pm	Polling Place Reassignment	Deadline for elderly voters or voters with disabilities to submit a request to the local boards for reassignment to an accessible polling place.	No later than the close of registration before an election.	EL § 10-102(b)(1)
Tuesday, October 18, 2022	COB	Voter Registration Lists	Deadline for a registered voter to request a voter registration list (New requests will not be taken until registration reopens).	On or before the registration deadline.	COMAR 33.03.02.05(B)
Wednesday, October 19, 2022		Notice of Election	Deadline for the local boards to provide notice of the election.	At least one week before any early voting period before an election.	EL § 8-102
Thursday, October 20, 2022	5 pm	Write-in Candidate	Deadline for write-in candidates to file a Certificate of Candidacy. Only filed write-in candidates will have their votes reported on the official canvass.	Earlier of 7th day preceding the start of early voting (October 20, 2022) or within 7 days after expenditure of \$51 to promote candidacy.	EL § 5-303(c)
Monday, October 24, 2022		Select Early Voting Centers for Manual Audit	Deadline for the State Board to randomly select the early voting centers for the manual audit.	Within 3 days of the start of early voting.	COMAR 33.08.05.09C(2)(a)
Tuesday, October 25, 2022	COB	Logic and Accuracy Testing - Early Voting (Public Demonstration & Notice)	Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the voting units being used for early voting. (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted before any voting units are delivered to an early voting center.)	At least 14 days before an election.	COMAR 33.10.01.14.16
Wednesday, October 26, 2022	5 pm	Campaign Signs	Beginning of period when campaign signs must be allowed at early voting centers.	The day before early voting starts.	EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)
Thursday, October 27, 2022	7 am to 8 pm	Early Voting Begins	Early voting for the general election begins.	2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election.	EL § 10-301.1
Friday, October 28, 2022	COB	Voter Registration Lists	Deadline for SBE and the local boards to prepare a voter registration list that includes registrants through the registration deadline.	Within 10 days of the voter registration deadline.	COMAR 33.03.02.06C(2)
Friday, October 28, 2022	11:59 pm	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file the pre-general election campaign finance report for political committees participating in the gubernatorial election.	2nd Friday immediately preceding an election.	EL § 13-309(a)(6)
Monday, October 31, 2022	COB	Logic and Accuracy Testing - Election Day	Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the election management system and voting units being used for election day voting and absentee and provisional voting. (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted before any voting units are delivered to an early voting center.)	At least 10 days before an election.	COMAR 33.10.01.14.16
Monday, October 31, 2022		Notice of Canvass	Deadline for the local boards to provide notice of the absentee and provisional canvasses.	At least 10 days before the first absentee canvass.	COMAR 33.08.01.05-1(B)
Tuesday, November 1, 2022	8 pm (mail) or 11:59 pm (fax/email)	Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered by Mail or Fax	Deadline for a registered voter to request a mailed or faxed mail-in ballot.	Tuesday before an election.	EL § 9-305(b)(1); COMAR 33.11.02.02E
Thursday, November 3, 2022	7 am to 8 pm	Early Voting Ends	Early voting for the general election ends.	2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election.	EL § 10-301.1
Friday, November 4, 2022	8 am	Campaign Signs	End of period when campaign signs must be allowed at early voting centers.	The day after early voting ends.	EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)

Friday, November 4, 2022	5 pm (mail) or 11:59 pm (email/fax)	Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered via Internet	Deadline for a registered voter to request an electronic mail-in ballot.	Friday before an election.	EL § 9-305(b)(2)
Monday, November 7, 2022	5 pm	Campaign Signs	Beginning of period when campaign signs must be allowed at polling places.	The day immediately preceding election day.	EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)
Tuesday, November 8, 2022	7 am to 8 pm	General Election	Gubernatorial General Election Day.	Tuesday after the first Monday in November.	MD Const. Art. XV, § 7; EL § 10-301
Tuesday, November 8, 2022	8 pm	Ballot Request Deadline: Voter Picks Up Ballot	Deadline for a registered voter or voter's agent to request a mail-in ballot in person at a local board.	No later than the close of the polls on election day.	EL § 9-305(b)(3); COMAR 33.11.02.04A
Tuesday, November 8, 2022	8 pm	Extended Voter Registration Deadline	Extended deadline for receipt of voter registration applications sent by mail for voting in general election.	An application received by mail after the close of registration is timely if it is properly postmarked.	EL § 9-302(c); COMAR 33.05.04.01C, D
Tuesday, November 8, 2022	8 pm	Mail-in Ballot Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to receive a mail-in ballot.	A mail-in ballot is timely received if it is received by the local board before 8 pm on election day.	COMAR 33.11.03.08B(1)
Tuesday, November 8, 2022	8 pm	Precincts for Post-Election Verification & Audits	Deadline for local boards to select randomly the precincts for post-election verification and audits.	8 pm on election day.	COMAR 33.08.05.04
Wednesday, November 9, 2022	8 am	Campaign Signs	End of period when campaign signs must be allowed at polling places.	The day immediately after election day.	EL § 10-101(a)(3)(iii)(2)
Thursday, November 10, 2022	10 am	Mail-in Ballot Canvass 1	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 1st canvass of mail-in ballots.	10 am on the Thursday after an election.	COMAR 33.11.04.03A(1)
Friday, November 11, 2022		Veteran's Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, November 14, 2022	**	Precincts for Post-Election Verification & Audits	Deadline for the local boards to submit to the State Administrator a list of the precincts selected for the post-election verification and audits.	Within 3 days of selecting the precincts.	COMAR 33.08.05.04
Wednesday, November 16, 2022	10 am	Provisional Ballot Canvass	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the canvass of provisional ballots.	10 am on the 2nd Wednesday after an election.	COMAR 33.16.05.02
Friday, November 18, 2022	10 am	Extended Absentee Ballot Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to receive absentee ballots by mail.	10 am on the 2nd Friday after an election provided there is a proper postmark or date on voter's oath.	COMAR 33.11.03.06B(4)(a)
Friday, November 18, 2022	10 am	Extended Mail-in Ballot Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to receive mail-in ballots by mail.	10 am on the 2nd Friday after an election.	COMAR 33.11.04.03A(2)
Friday, November 18, 2022		Mail-in Ballot Canvass 2	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 2nd canvass of mail-in ballots.	Before certifying the results of an election.	COMAR 33.08.05.02A
Friday, November 18, 2022		Verification of Vote Count	Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to verify the general election vote count.	Within 10 days after an election and before certifying the results of an election.	EL § 11-308(a)
Friday, November 18, 2022		Post-Election Audit	Deadline for the local boards to complete various post-election audits on randomly selected precincts and any other identified precincts.	Before certifying the results of an election.	SBE policy
Friday, November 18, 2022		Certification of the Election	Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to certify the results of the general election.	After the verification of vote count is completed.	EL § 11-308(b)
Friday, November 18, 2022		Transmittal of Results	Local boards of canvassers must transmit certified copies of election results to the Governor, SBE, and appropriate Clerk of the Circuit Court.	2nd Friday after an election or if canvass is completed after that day, within 48 hours after completion.	EL § 11-401(c)
Monday, November 21, 2022	COB	Petition for Recount - Local Questions	Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a local question on the ballot.	Within 3 days after the results of an election have been certified.	EL § 12-103(d)
Monday, November 21, 2022	COB	Petition for Recount - Local Offices	Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a local office on the ballot.	Within 3 days after the results of an election have been certified.	EL § 12-101(d)
Monday, November 21, 2022		Voter Registration Reopens	Voter registration reopens.	11th day after an election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Tuesday, November 22, 2022	11:59 pm	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file the post-general election campaign finance report.	On or before the 2nd Tuesday after a general election.	EL § 13-309(a)(7)
Wednesday, November 23, 2022		Select Election Day Precincts for Manual Audit	Deadline for the State Board to randomly select the election day precincts for the manual audit.	Within 15 days of election day.	COMAR 33.08.05.09C(2)(b)
Thursday, November 24, 2022		Thanksgiving	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Friday, November 25, 2022		American Indian Heritage Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Wednesday, November 30, 2022	11:59 pm	Title 14 Contribution Report	Deadline for disclosure of contributions by persons doing business with Maryland government and/or employing a lobbyist.	Report due every May 31 and November 30.	EL § 14-104(b)(2)(ii)(2)
Tuesday, December 13, 2022	COB	Statewide Certification of Results	Deadline for the State Board of Canvassers to convene to certify election results.	Within 35 days after a general election.	EL § 11-503(a)(1)(ii)
Wednesday, December 14, 2022		Delivery of Election Results	SBE shall deliver to the winners of the general election a certified statement under its seal.	Prompt delivery.	EL § 11-603(b)

Wednesday, December 14, 2022		Certification of the Campaign Finance Reports	SBE shall certify to the official receiving the Commissions of Election that all campaign finance reports due have been filed.	Prior to the delivery of the Commissions of Election.	EL § 13-333(b)
Friday, December 16, 2022	**	Petition for Recount - State Questions	Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a State question on the ballot.	Within 3 days after the results of an election have been certified.	EL § 12-103(d)
Friday, December 16, 2022	**	Petition for Recount - State Offices	Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for a State office on the ballot.	Within 3 days after the results of an election have been certified.	EL § 12-101(d)
Monday, December 26, 2022		Christmas	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, January 2, 2023		New Year's Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Wednesday, March 8, 2023		Completion of Manual Audit	Deadline for the local boards to complete manual audit of sample of paper ballots cast in the general election.	Within 120 days after the general election.	EL § 11-309(d)(2)
Wednesday, March 22, 2023	**	Posting of Manual Audit Report	Deadline for SBE to post report of manual audit.	Within 14 days after completion of manual audit.	EL § 11-309(d)(4)



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Dear Administrators and Board Members of the State Board of Elections:

Since 2004, the ACLU of Maryland, Common Cause Maryland, and many of our partners in the Everyone Votes Maryland coalition have worked across the state and in collaboration with the Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE) to ensure every Marylander can exercise their fundamental right to vote. We write in the service of what Maryland voters and our democracy deserve: a well-resourced election system run by proactive, engaged elections administrators, board members that govern with passion about voting rights and with an understanding of the myriad barriers to voting that exist for some people, and a transparent process that promises clarity, equity, and accountability.

While this letter is intended to outline our organizations' concerns and recommendations following the 2022 Primary election, we want to applaud the SBE for maintaining an open line of communication with our organizations and working collaboratively with the Everyone Votes coalition, despite the turmoil of the pandemic and redistricting.

Many of these errors were the fault of local boards of election, in addition to vendors contracted by either SBE or local boards. The law is clear that the local boards and staff are accountable to the State Board of Elections. We recognize that the law does not provide specific accountability mechanisms for holding the local boards and their staff accountable; therefore, our call for accountability includes a call to elected officials to fix the culture of shrugging shoulders whenever vendors, local boards, or SBE make mistakes that impact voters.

We detail the specific, undisputed mistakes made below, but these mistakes are the consequence of broader systemic issues: 1) inadequate planning; 2) human error and a lack of systems to catch errors; 3) insufficient transparency and communication, and 4) lack of accountability. We learned of the errors listed below through various public sources, coalition partners, and our Election Protection hotlines. It should be no surprise to SBE staff that our organizations are concerned about process issues and mistakes that create confusion and mistrust. When it comes to voting, confusion and mistrust lead to voter disenfranchisement.

Serious Problems and Specific Recommendations

The following is a list of issues that were brought to our attention during the primary season:

- 1) **Mail-in ballot envelope printing error:** The mail-in ballot envelope reveals the voters' party information in a code visible in the window of the envelope.

Recommendation: Require staff and vendors run quality control proofs that stakeholders carefully review before printing and mailing in bulk. If not done already, SBE should work to secure a state-based vendor. Stakeholders should include staff of the state and local boards of elections and representatives of historically disenfranchised populations for equity, accessibility and accountability considerations. There should be thorough vetting, high standards, and accountability for vendors. We suggest designating a SBE staff member to be ultimately responsible for quality control for all printed and mailed materials.

- 2) **Baltimore City voters put in the wrong districts:** 150 voters in Districts 43A and 45 were assigned to the incorrect district. In a statement to the Baltimore Brew, SBE said the issue occurred because redistricting requires making manual changes in the database and four streets were not moved into the correct precinct. On Primary Day, at least two voters in 43A/45 reported getting the wrong ballot (the ballot for the other district) at their polling site, suggesting that this issue was never resolved. In District 41, 212 voters were initially sent correct ballots, then they received a notice that their ballots were incorrect and they received new ballots, then they received another notice explaining that the second ballots sent to them were actually incorrect (and the first ballots were, in fact, correct all along).

Recommendation: There must be accountability for these egregious mistakes. Create quality control processes to test and review voter rolls, district changes, and other voter registration files and databases. In redistricting years, there should be a comprehensive review process once voters have been reassigned to new districts conducted by a person or team other than those who did the reassignments. This U.S. Election Assistance Commission [Guide to Redistricting](#) is a helpful resource for best redistricting practices. The voters in the affected districts should be contacted and reassured that they have been assigned to the correct precinct before the General Election.

- 3) **Duplicate ballots sent to voters:** In early July, about 800 voters in Montgomery County were mailed duplicate ballots. SBE confirmed that 142 voters in 10 other counties were also mailed duplicate ballots.

Recommendation: Investigate how this happened and add layers of review to prevent duplicate ballots being mailed to voters. If it was the fault of the vendor, hold them accountable.

- 4) **Incorrect sample ballots sent:** In Prince George's County, about 10,000 voters received incorrect sample ballots as a result of a printing mistake. In Queen Anne's County, registered voters received Republican sample ballots regardless of their registered party affiliation. In Calvert County, the vendor made a coding error that caused 20,000 voters to receive the wrong party's sample ballot.

Recommendation: Carefully proof and review all mail from state and local boards of elections. Every mistake risks confusion and mistrust in our voting systems. Provide the highest quality production for every mailer and every mailing list.

- 5) **Wrong party ballots sent:** In Howard County, voters reported receiving a Republican mail-in ballot, even though they are registered Democrats. Those voters were able to go to the local board of elections to get replacement ballots, but we don't know how many voters were impacted.

Recommendation: Investigate how this happened and implement measures to ensure it doesn't happen again (in Howard Co. or anywhere else.).

- 6) **Voting machine issues:** In Montgomery County, the ballot marking devices split races with eight or more candidates into multiple pages, sometimes just leaving one candidate on the second page. The subsequent pages did not have information indicating which race the candidate was part of. While this issue was reported in Montgomery County, this is a statewide issue and races in other jurisdictions also impacted.

Recommendation: Similar to paper mail and ballots, proof and test electronic versions of ballots and forms, including the electronic ballots displayed in the ES&S Express Vote ballot marking devices. Conduct the review through an equity and accessibility lens, or engage stakeholders who can, in order to mitigate viewing as someone who is familiar with voting machines, voting systems, and what is on the ballot. A sample of the electronic ballot should also be made available to candidates and voters. This U.S. Election Assistance Commission [Guide to Designing Usable Ballots](#) contains additional recommendations such as giving candidates fair space on the ballot and ensuring the contest header on the ballot is more prominent than the candidates' names to ensure maximum voter comprehension.

Core Recommendations

It is crucial that comprehensive, layered systems are created to prevent mistakes; including quality assurance procedures, risk management measures, and staff accountability through clear roles and responsibilities for protecting voters from preventable mistakes.

When mistakes do occur, investigate their causes and ensure results are shared with and explained to the public, and hold those responsible accountable. Without these measures, the

public cannot be assured that the same or similar problems will not occur in the future. Maryland voters deserve a detailed explanation of the errors listed above (and any others), to include what happened, how it happened, and what will be done to prevent it from happening again. This report should be in writing or made verbally at a public SBE meeting, before the General Election. We also encourage including recommendations, if any, for specific local boards of election where greater oversight and accountability is necessary.

Finally, we are requesting that the State Board of Elections and all local boards of elections devise a comprehensive plan with layers of oversight, audits, emergency/contingency planning, logistics, and outreach for the November election. Contingency plans should be robust, anticipating all possible issues that might arise throughout the process. Errors, late openings, and long lines are problems every election year. We know there will always be challenges, but we must do better at anticipating and preventing issues to deliver a smooth, safe, accessible, and equitable election.

We are happy to schedule time to discuss the specifics of this letter and are committed to supporting these efforts where possible.

Sincerely,

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Marnie Leonard, Voting Rights Intern, ACLU of Maryland

CC: David Garreis, President, Maryland Association of Election Officials (MAEO)

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- A. Personnel: N/A
- B. Meetings:
 - 1. MAEO Meeting: August 12, 10am
 - 2. Director's Meeting: August 18, 10am
- C. Correspondence: N/A
- D. Trainings: CERA Conference & Class, August
- E. Legislative Update: N/A
- F. Voter Registration Activities and Statistics:
 - 1. Registration Statistics for July 2022
- G. Candidate Filings:
 - 1. Petition Candidate
- H. Voting System Activities:
 - 1. Post-Election Maintenance: Voting Booths & ADA Tables
 - 2. Clean out black carts to prepare for General Election
- I. Projects:
 - 1. Continue to recruit Election Workers (535)
 - 2. Election Worker Payroll
 - 3. Election Worker Training Schedule
 - 4. Process Petition Pages

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ADDITIONS TO COUNTY REGISTRATION

METHOD	DEM	REP	GRN	LIB	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL	EXACT	DUPES
Absentee Ballot Application	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	2	2
Ballot Drop Box	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Correction	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Election Day Provisional	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
In Person	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Motor Vehicle Administration	4	6	0	0	0	11	0	21	21	0
Online Mail In Request	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0
Online Voter Registration	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Provisional Ballot Change	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	0
Same Day Early Voting	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0
Same Day Election Day	3	12	0	0	0	0	0	15	15	0
Same Day Provisional	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Social Security Administration	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0
State Designated Agencies	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5
USPS Sticker	5	6	0	0	0	1	0	12	12	5
TOTAL	27	44	0	0	1	12	1	85	13	13

SUBTRACTIONS FROM COUNTY ACTIVE STATUS

REASON	DEM	REP	GRN	LIB	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
Criminal Conviction/Infamous Crime	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	5
Death Notice	46	39	0	0	0	13	2	100
Death Notices Other than DHMH	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
Moved Out of State	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Voter Request	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Duplicate/Merged	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	7
County Transfer Out	-4	-3	0	0	-1	-1	0	-9
TOTAL	64	50	0	0	1	17	2	134

AFFILIATION CHANGES

CHANGE	DEM	REP	GRN	LIB	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL

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From	6	2	0	0	1	3	1	13
To	3	6	0	1	0	2	1	13
TOTAL	-3	4	0	1	-1	-1	0	0

CURRENT ACTIVE REGISTRATION

ACTIVITY	DEM	REP	GRN	LIB	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
BEGINNING OF REPORT	31442	43722	159	615	110	22317	935	99300
ADDITIONS (+)	27	44	0	0	1	12	1	85
REINSTATED (+)	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
CANCELLED (-)	-53	-46	0	0	0	-16	-2	-117
COUNTY TRANSFER OUT (-)	-4	-3	0	0	-1	-1	0	-9
AFFILIATION CHANGES (+ OR -)	-3	4	0	1	-1	-1	0	0
* INACTIVATED (-)	-7	-1	0	0	0	0	0	-8
* REACTIVATED (+)	6	6	0	0	0	2	0	14
END OF REPORT TOTALS	31410	43728	159	616	109	22313	934	99269

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INACTIVE REGISTRATION SUBTRACTIONS FROM COUNTY INACTIVE STATUS

REASON	DEM	REP	GRN	LIB	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
Absentee Ballot Application	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Criminal Conviction/Infamous Crime	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Death Notice	7	3	0	0	0	1	0	11
Motor Vehicle Administration	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Moved Out of State	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
Online Mail In Request	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Provisional Ballot Change	3	3	0	0	0	2	0	8
Same Day Early Voting	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Duplicate/Merged	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
County Transfer Out	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-3
TOTAL	16	10	0	0	0	6	0	32

CURRENT INACTIVE REGISTRATION

ACTIVITY	DEM	REP	GRN	LIB	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
BEGINNING OF REPORT	3586	4033	27	120	8	2862	100	10736
* INACTIVATED (+)	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
* REACTIVATED (-)	-6	-5	0	0	0	-3	0	-14
COUNTY TRANSFER OUT (-)	-1	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-3
AFFILIATION CHANGES (+ OR -)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CANCELLED FROM INACTIVE (-)	-9	-4	0	0	0	-2	0	-15
PENDING FROM INACTIVE (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL INACTIVE	3577	4024	27	120	8	2856	100	10712

TOTAL REGISTRATION RECORDS ACTIVE AND INACTIVE REGISTRATION

ACTIVITY	DEM	REP	GRN	LIB	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
ACTIVE REGISTRATION	31410	43728	159	616	109	22313	934	99269
INACTIVE REGISTRATION	3577	4024	27	120	8	2856	100	10712
TOTAL RECORDS	34987	47752	186	736	117	25169	1034	109981

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Address Changes Within Jurisdiction	100	Confirmation Mailings Sent	0
Address Changes Statewide	9590	Confirmation Responses	0
Name Changes	204		

Number of current Statewide voter registration application on hand

Signature of person who prepared the report

Other = Those individuals designating affiliation with a party that is not established under Maryland Law.

Number of NVRA Agency voter registration Applications on hand

Date report completed

Unaffiliated = those individuals declining to affiliate with a party.