

Date	Time	Event Name	Description	Computation	Legal Authority
Wednesday, January 1, 2025		New Year's Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Wednesday, January 8, 2025		General Assembly Convenes	Lasts 90 days.	2nd Wednesday in January.	MD Const. Art. III, § 14
Wednesday, January 15, 2025	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, January 20, 2025		Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, February 17, 2025		President's Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, February 25, 2025	COB	Begin Candidate Filing	First day candidates for the 2026 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 7, 2025		General Assembly Ends	Lasts 90 days.	89 days after General Assembly convenes.	MD Const. Art. III, § 15
Thursday, May 1, 2025	COB	Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for 2025 Referendum Petition	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)
Tuesday, May 6, 2025	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)
Thursday, May 8, 2025	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 26, 2025		Memorial Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Saturday, May 31, 2025	11:59 pm	Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2025 General Assembly	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State 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)
Monday, June 2, 2025	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)
Monday, June 19, 2023		Juneteenth	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Friday, June 20, 2025	COB	Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the signatures on the referendum petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of a petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Tuesday, June 24, 2025	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 30, 2025		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)
Monday, June 30, 2025	11:59 pm	Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2025 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)
Friday, July 4, 2025		Independence Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, July 7, 2025	COB	Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification	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 (July 4, 2025) or 69th day before the general election (August 26, 2026), whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)
Monday, July 21, 2025	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 a petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Wednesday, July 23, 2025	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)
Monday, August 4, 2025	COB	Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification	Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification.	10th day following SBE's determination (August 2, 2025) or 69th day before the general election (August 26, 2026), whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)
Monday, September 1, 2025		Labor Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Wednesday, September 17, 2025		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 13, 2025		Columbus Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel &
Tuesday, October 28, 2025		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 3, 2025		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
Tuesday, November 11, 2025		Veteran's Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel &
Thursday, November 27, 2025		Thanksgiving	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel &
Friday, November 28, 2025		American Indian Heritage Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel &
Monday, December 1, 2025		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)
Monday, December 1, 2025	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)
Thursday, December 25, 2025		Christmas	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, December 30, 2025	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 30, 2025	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 its political party to vote in the primary election.	6 months prior to a primary election.	EL § 8-202(c)
Tuesday, December 30, 2025	COB	Polling Place Plan	Deadline for the local boards to submit to SBE a polling place plan	At least 6 months before an election.	EL § 2-303 1(a)
Tuesday, December 30, 2025	COB	Designation of Drop Box Locations	Deadline for local boards to submit proposed drop box locations to the State Administrator	6 months prior to a primary election	COMAR 33.11.01.04(c)(3)
Thursday, January 1, 2026		New Year's Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel &
Friday, January 2, 2026		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 14, 2026		General Assembly Convenes	Lasts 90 days.	2nd Wednesday in January.	MD Const. Art. III, § 14
Monday, January 19, 2026		Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Wednesday, January 21, 2026	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 16, 2026		President's Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, February 24, 2026	9 pm	Candidate Filing Deadline	Deadline to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i>.	Last Tuesday in February in the year in which	EL § 5-303(a)(1)
Thursday, February 26, 2026	COB	Withdrawal of Candidacy	Deadline for a candidate to withdraw his or her candidacy before the primary election.	Within 2 days after the deadline to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> .	EL § 5-502(a)
Thursday, February 26, 2026		Financial Disclosure Statement	Deadline for candidates that filed a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> in the previous 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)
Monday, March 2, 2026		Notice to Voters on Permanent Mail-In Ballot List	Deadline for SBE to send a pre-election notice to voters on the permanent mail-in ballot list with certain information about their ballot for the primary election.	Not less than 75 days before the day on which a local board begins to send mail-in ballots.	
Monday, March 2, 2026	COB	Vacancy in Candidacy	Deadline for central committees to fill a vacancy for an office appearing on the primary election ballot.	5 days after the deadline to file <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> .	EL § 5-901(e)
Thursday, March 5, 2026	COB	Challenge Residency of Candidate	Deadline for a registered voter to file in circuit court a petition challenging the residency of a candidate.	9 days after the deadline to file <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> or <i>Declaration of Intent</i> .	EL § 5-305(c)(1)
Friday, March 6, 2026		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)
Monday, March 30, 2026		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)
Monday, March 30, 2026		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 33.19.03.01C(2)
Tuesday, March 31, 2026		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, March 31, 2026	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)
Wednesday, April 1, 2026		Request to Waive Absentee Mailing Deadline	Deadline for SBE to submit a request to the Federal Voting Assistance Program for a waiver of the deadline to mail absentee ballots to certain voters.	At least 90 days before an election.	42 USC § 1973ff-1(g)(3)
Wednesday, April 1, 2026		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.	42 USC § 1973gg-6(c)(2)
Monday, April 6, 2026		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 33.19.03.01C(3)
Monday, April 13, 2026		General Assembly Ends	Lasts 90 days.	89 days after General Assembly convenes.	MD Const. Art. III, § 15
Tuesday, April 21, 2026	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)
Thursday, April 23, 2026		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
Friday, May 1, 2026	COB	Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for 2026 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)
Wednesday, May 6, 2026		Certification of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify content and arrangement of ballots for the primary election.	At least 55 days before the primary election.	EL § 9-207(a)(1)
Wednesday, May 6, 2026	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)
Thursday, May 7, 2026	COB	Display of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to display on its website the content and arrangement of each certified ballot.	Within 1 day of certifying the ballot.	EL § 9-207(c)
Friday, May 8, 2026	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, May 8, 2026	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 11, 2026		Printing of Ballots	SBE may begin printing ballots and correct noted errors.	After 2 days of public display of ballot.	EL § 9-207(e)
Monday, May 11, 2026		Voting Information to Correctional Facilities	Deadline to SBE to provide correctional facilities with voting information for distribution to eligible individuals.	No later than 30 days before the advanced deadline to register to vote.	EL § 1-303.2(c)(1) COMAR 33.01.07.02B(2)(b)
Saturday, May 16, 2026		Transmitting of Mail-In Ballots	Deadline for election officials to transmit absentee 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.	42 USC § 1973gg-1(a)(8)
Monday, May 18, 2026		Transmitting of Mail-In Ballots	Deadline for election officials to transmit ballots to domestic and civilian voters who requested a ballot at least 60 days before the election	No later than 43 days before an election	EL § 9-306(c)
Tuesday, May 19, 2026		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)
Friday, May 22, 2026		Waiver for Pre-Election Canvass	Deadline for the election director to submit a waiver request to the State Administrator to begin canvass prior to early voting	17 days before first canvass	COMAR 33.08.01.02(3)(a)(2)
Monday, May 25, 2026		Memorial Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, May 26, 2026		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, May 26, 2026	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)
Friday, May 29, 2026		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
Sunday, May 31, 2026	11:59 pm	Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2026 General Assembly	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State 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)
Monday, June 1, 2026	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)
Wednesday, June 3, 2026		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

Monday, June 8, 2026		Mail-In Ballot Canvass Begins	A local board shall begin processing absentee ballots.	No later than 8 days before the first day of early voting	EL § 11-302
Tuesday, June 9, 2026	5 pm	Close of Registration & Party Affiliation Deadline	Deadline to register to vote or change party affiliation for the primary election.	21st day preceding an election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Tuesday, June 9, 2026	9 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 9, 2026		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)
Thursday, June 11, 2026		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
Tuesday, June 16, 2026	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
Wednesday, June 17, 2026	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, June 18, 2026	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, June 19, 2026		Juneteenth	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, June 22, 2026	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)
Monday, June 22, 2026	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, June 22, 2026	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 33.10.02.14,16
Monday, June 22, 2026	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, June 22, 2026	COB	Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the signatures on the referendum petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of a petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Tuesday, June 23, 2026	8 pm (mail) or 11:59 pm (fax/email)	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered by Mail or Fax	Deadline for a registered voter to request a mailed or faxed absentee ballot.	Tuesday before an election.	EL § 9-305(b)(1); COMAR 33.11.02.02E
Wednesday, June 24, 2026	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)
Thursday, June 25, 2026	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, June 26, 2026	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, June 26, 2026	5 pm (mail) or 11:59 pm (email/fax)	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered via Internet	Deadline for a registered voter to request an electronic absentee ballot.	Friday before an election.	EL § 9-305(b)(2)

Monday, June 29, 2026	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, June 30, 2026	7 am to	Primary Election	Gubernatorial Primary Election Day.	Last Tuesday in June.	EL § 8-201(a)(2)(i)
Tuesday, June 30, 2026	8 pm	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Voter Picks Up Ballot	Deadline for a registered voter or voter's agent to request an absentee 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, June 30, 2026	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 § 3-302(c); COMAR 33.05.04.01C, D
Tuesday, June 30, 2026	8 pm	Absentee Ballot Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to receive an absentee ballot.	An absentee 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, June 30, 2026	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 33.08.05.03 (revised by SBE)
Tuesday, June 30, 2026	11:59 pm	Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2026 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)
Wednesday, July 1, 2026	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, July 2, 2026	10 am	Absentee Ballot Canvass	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 1st post-election canvass of absentee ballots.	10 am on the Thursday after an election.	COMAR 33.11.04.03A(1)
Friday, July 3, 2026		Independence Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, July 6, 2026		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 33.08.05.03B
Monday, July 6, 2026	5 pm	Declaration of Intent	Deadline for a candidate who seeks nomination by a recognized non-principal party to file a <i>Declaration of Intent</i> to seek nomination.	First Monday in July.	EL § 5-703(c)(3)(i)
Monday, July 6, 2026	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 <i>Declaration of Intent</i> to seek nomination.	First Monday in July.	EL § 5-703(c)(3)(i)
Monday, July 6, 2026	COB	Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification	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 (July 4, 2026) or 69th day before the general election (August 26, 2026), whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)
Monday, July 6, 2026	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)
Wednesday, July 8, 2026	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 10, 2026	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 33.11.03.08B(2)
Friday, July 10, 2026	10 am	Absentee Ballot Canvass	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the final canvass of absentee ballots.	10 am on the 2nd Friday after an election.	COMAR 33.11.04.03A(2)
Friday, July 10, 2026		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 10, 2026		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 10, 2026		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 10, 2026		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, July 13, 2026		Voter Registration Reopens	Voter registration reopens.	11th day after an election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Monday, July 13, 2026		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, July 13, 2026		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, July 13, 2026	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)
Monday, July 13, 2026	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)
Wednesday, July 15, 2026	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)
Thursday, July 16, 2026	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)
Monday, July 20, 2026	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)
Monday, July 20, 2026	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 a petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Wednesday, July 22, 2026	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)
Wednesday, July 22, 2026	COB	Certification of Referendum Petition	Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the full	Within 2 business days after verification and	EL § 6-210(d)
Monday, August 3, 2026	COB	Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification	Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification.	10th day following SBE's determination (August 1, 2026) or 69th day before a general election (August 26, 2026), whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)
Monday, August 3, 2026	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 3, 2026	5 pm	Filing Candidacy Petition & <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i>	Deadline for general election petition candidate to file with SBE or the appropriate local board the <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> and candidacy petition.	1st Monday in August.	EL § 5-703(d) & (f)
Monday, August 3, 2026	5 pm	Filing <i>Certificates of Nomination</i> and <i>Candidacy</i>	Deadline for candidates seeking nomination from a non-principal political party to file with SBE or the appropriate local board the <i>Certificate of Nomination</i> and <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> .	1st Monday in August.	EL § 5-703.1(d)
Monday, August 3, 2026		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 33.19.03.01C(2)
Wednesday, August 5, 2026		Request to Waive Absentee Mailing Deadline	Deadline for SBE to submit a request to the Federal Voting Assistance Program for a waiver of the deadline to transmit absentee ballots to certain voters.	At least 90 days before an election.	42 USC § 1973ff-1(g)(3)
Wednesday, August 5, 2026		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.	42 USC § 1973gg-6(c)(2)
Monday, August 10, 2026	COB	Filing Charter Amendment Petition	Deadline for petition sponsor to file with local government authority a charter amendment petition.	2nd Monday in August.	EL § 7-104(b)
Monday, August 10, 2026		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.	2nd Monday in August.	EL § 7-103(c)(2)
Monday, August 10, 2026		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 33.19.03.01C(3)
Monday, August 17, 2026		Certification of Statewide Ballot Questions and Ballot Questions Petitioned to Referendum	Deadline for Secretary of State to certify to SBE statewide ballot questions and questions relating to Acts of the General Assembly petitioned to referendum.	3rd Monday in August.	EL § 7-103(c)(1)
Monday, August 17, 2026		Certification of Local Ballot Questions	Deadline for County Attorney or Baltimore City Solicitor to certify to the local boards each question to be voted on in the county or part of the county.	3rd Monday in August.	EL § 7-103(c)(3)
Monday, August 24, 2026		Alternate Certification of Local Ballot Questions	Deadline for Clerk of the Circuit Court to prepare and certify local ballot questions if the County Attorney or Baltimore City Solicitor does not do so.	4th Monday in August if County Attorney or Baltimore City Solicitor has not timely certified the ballot questions.	EL § 7-103(c)(3)(ii)

Monday, August 24, 2026	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)
Tuesday, August 25, 2026	COB	Declination of Nomination	Deadline for declination of nomination by a filed candidate before general election.	By the 70th day preceding a general election.	EL § 5-801(b)(2)(i)
Tuesday, August 25, 2026	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 26, 2026	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)
Monday, August 31, 2026	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)
Monday, August 31, 2026		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.	On or before August 31.	EL § 5-301(f)(1)
Wednesday, September 2, 2026	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)
Friday, September 4, 2026	COB	Vacancy in Nomination	Deadline for central committees to fill a vacancy in nomination if the vacancy occurred on or before the 60th day before the election.	By the 60th day before a general election.	EL §§ 5-1002(b)(1), 5-1003(b)(4), & 5-1004(b)
Friday, September 4, 2026		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 an election.	COMAR 33.08.05.09C(1)
Monday, September 7, 2026		Labor Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, September 8, 2026	COB	Judicial Review of Candidacy Petition Certification	Deadline for candidate to seek judicial review of candidacy petition certification.	10th day following determination (September 5, 2026) or 69th day before a general election (August 26, 2026), whichever is earlier. Although the 69th day is earlier, this date is when the petition is certified (August 26, 2026).	EL § 6-210(e)(2)
Tuesday, September 8, 2026	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.	EL § 6-210(e)(1)
Wednesday, September 9, 2026		Certification of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify content and arrangement of ballots for the general election.	At least 55 days before an election.	EL § 9-207(a)(2)
Thursday, September 10, 2026		Display of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to display on its website the content and arrangement of each certified ballot.	Within 1 day of certifying the ballot.	EL § 9-207(d)
Friday, September 11, 2026	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)
Monday, September 14, 2026		Voting Information to Correctional Facilities	Deadline for SBE to provide correctional facilities with voting information for distribution to eligible individuals.	No later than 30 days before the advanced deadline to register to vote.	EL § 1-303.2(c)(1) COMAR 33.01.07.02B(2)(b)
Monday, September 14, 2026		Printing of Ballots	SBE may begin printing ballots and correct noted errors.	After 2 days of public display of ballot.	EL § 9-207(e)
Monday, September 14, 2026	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 (September 12, 2026) or 69th day before a general election (August 26, 2026), whichever is earlier. Although the 69th day is earlier, this date is before the petition is certified (September 2, 2026).	EL § 6-210(e)(2)
Thursday, September 17, 2026		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	Anniversary of signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787.	Education Art., § 7-116
Saturday, September 19, 2026		Transmitting of Mail-In Ballots	Deadline for the election officials to transmit absentee 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.	42 USC § 1973ff-1(a)(8)
Monday, September 21, 2026		Transmitting of Mail-In Ballots	Deadline for election officials to transmit ballots to domestic, civilian voters who requested a ballot at least 60 days before the election	No later than 43 days before an election.	EL § 9-306(c)
Tuesday, September 22, 2026		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)
Friday, September 25, 2026		Waiver for Pre-Election Canvass	Deadline for the election director to submit a waiver request to the State Administrator to begin canvass prior to early voting	17 days before first canvass	COMAR 33.08.01.02(3)(a)(2)

Friday, October 2, 2026		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
Wednesday, October 7, 2026		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 9, 2026	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)
Monday, October 12, 2026		Columbus Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, October 13, 2026		Mail-In Ballot Canvass Begins	A local board shall begin processing absentee ballots.	No later than 8 days before the first day of early voting	EL § 11-302
Tuesday, October 13, 2026	9 pm	Close of Registration	Deadline to register to vote for the general election.	21st day preceding an election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Tuesday, October 13, 2026	9 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 13, 2026	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 14, 2026		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 15, 2026	5 pm	Write-in Candidate	Deadline for write-in candidates to file a <i>Certificate of</i>	Earlier of 7th day preceding the start of early	EL § 5-303(c)
Monday, October 19, 2026		Select Contest and Early Voting Centers for Manual Audit	Deadline for the State Board to randomly select the contest and 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 20, 2026	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 33.10.02.14,16
Wednesday, October 21, 2026	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 22, 2026	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 23, 2026	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, October 23, 2026	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 26, 2026	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 33.10.02.14,16
Monday, October 26, 2026	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 fails to correct the error.	Not later than the 2nd Monday preceding an election.	EL § 9-209(c)
Monday, October 26, 2026		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
Tuesday, October 27, 2026	8 pm (mail) or 11:59 pm (fax/email)	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered by Mail or Fax	Deadline for a registered voter to request a mailed or faxed absentee ballot.	Tuesday before an election.	EL § 9-305(b)(1); COMAR 33.11.02.02E

Thursday, October 29, 2026	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, October 30, 2026	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, October 30, 2026	5 pm (mail) or 11:59 pm (email/fax)	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Ballot Delivered via Internet	Deadline for a registered voter to request an electronic absentee ballot.	Friday before an election.	EL § 9-305(b)(2)
Monday, November 2, 2026	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 3, 2026	7 am to	General Election	Gubernatorial General Election Day.	Tuesday after the first Monday in November.	MD Const. Art. XV, § 7;
Tuesday, November 3, 2026	8 pm	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Voter Picks Up Ballot	Deadline for a registered voter or voter's agent to request an absentee 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 3, 2026	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 § 3-302(c); COMAR 33.05.04.01C, D
Tuesday, November 3, 2026	8 pm	Absentee Ballot Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to receive an absentee ballot.	An absentee 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 3, 2026	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 4, 2026	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 5, 2026	10 am	Mail-In Ballot Canvass 1	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 1st canvass of absentee ballots.	10 am on the Thursday after an election.	COMAR 33.11.04.03A(1)
Friday, November 6, 2026		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 33.08.05.03B
Wednesday, November 11, 2026		Veteran's Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Thursday, November 12, 2026	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 13, 2026	10 am	Extended Mail-In 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 33.11.03.08B(2)
Friday, November 13, 2026	10 am	Mail-In Ballot Canvass 2	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 2nd canvass of absentee ballots.	10 am on the 2nd Friday after an election.	COMAR 33.11.04.03A(2)
Friday, November 13, 2026		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, November 13, 2026		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 13, 2026		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 13, 2026		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 13, 2026		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 16, 2026	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 16, 2026	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 16, 2026		Voter Registration Reopens	Voter registration reopens.	11th day after an election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Tuesday, November 17, 2026	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 18, 2026		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 the election.	COMAR 33.08.05.09C(2)(c)
Thursday, November 26, 2026		Thanksgiving	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Friday, November 27, 2026		American Indian Heritage Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, November 30, 2026	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 8, 2026	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 9, 2026		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 9, 2026		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 11, 2026	COB	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 11, 2026	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, December 25, 2026		Christmas	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Friday, January 1, 2027		New Year's Day	State holiday. SBE and most local boards will be closed.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Wednesday, March 3, 2027		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 17, 2027		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)

* This calendar includes dates affected by legislation enacted through the 2024 Legislative Session.

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.