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Date	Time[1,2]	Event Name	Description	Computation	Legal Authority[3]
Thursday, January 01, 2009		New Year's Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, January 19, 2009		Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, January 20, 2009	11:59 PM	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file annual campaign finance report.	3rd Wednesday in January.	EL § 13-309(b)(2)
Monday, February 16, 2009		President's Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Friday, May 01, 2009	COB	Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for 2009 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 the petition.	EL § 6-210(a)(1)
Wednesday, May 06, 2009	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)
Friday, May 08, 2009	COB	Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination of a Referendum Petition	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 25, 2009		Memorial Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Sunday, May 31, 2009	11:59 PM	Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2009 General Assembly	Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State at least one-third of the referendum petition signatures.	Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State before the 1st day of June. The Secretary of State will be available to receive referendum petition signatures even though the deadline is a Sunday.	MD Const. Art. XVI, § 3(b)
Monday, June 22, 2009	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 the petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Wednesday, June 24, 2009	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 30, 2009	11:59 PM	Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2009 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)
Friday, July 03, 2009		Independence Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Monday, July 06, 2009	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 or 63rd day before the general election (August 31, 2010), whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)
Monday, July 06, 2009	COB	Begin Candidate Filing	First day candidates for the 2010 election can file a *Certificate of Candidacy*.	1 year before the deadline to file a *Certificate of Candidacy*.	SBE Policy
Monday, July 20, 2009	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 petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Wednesday, July 22, 2009	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)

* Dates may change as a result of legislation enacted during the 2010 sessions of the Maryland General Assembly.

[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 5:00 p.m. Because the close of business varies by county, please contact the appropriate local board of elections to find out when the election 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.

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Friday, July 16, 2010	COB	Withdrawal of Candidacy	Deadline for a candidate to withdraw his or her candidacy before primary election.	Within 10 days after the deadline to file a *Certificate of Candidacy*.	EL § 5-502(a)
Monday, July 19, 2010	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)
Wednesday, July 21, 2010	COB	Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination for Charter Amendment Petition	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 referendum petition format.	EL § 6-210(b)
Tuesday, July 20, 2010	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 petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Wednesday, July 21, 2010	COB	Vacancy in Candidacy	Deadline for central committees to fill a vacancy for an office appearing on the primary election ballot.	5th day after the date on which a candidate may withdraw.	EL § 5-901(e)
Thursday, July 22, 2010	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, July 26, 2010		Certification of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify content and arrangement of ballots for the primary election.	50 days before primary election	EL § 9-207(a)(1)
Wednesday, July 28, 2010	COB	Delivery of Ballot	Deadline for SBE to deliver to each local board a copy of the certified ballot content and arrangement for that jurisdiction.	Within 48 hours after certification of ballot.	EL § 9-207(c)
Monday, August 02, 2010		Display of Ballot	Deadline for the local boards to begin displaying the content and arrangement of all ballots in their jurisdiction.	Within 5 days of certification	EL § 9-207(d)
Monday, August 02, 2010	COB	Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification	Deadline to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification.	10th day following SBE's determination or 63rd day before the general election (August 31, 2010), whichever is earlier.	EL § 6-210(e)
Monday, August 02, 2010	COB	Filing New Party Petition	Deadline to file with SBE a new political party petition.	1st Monday in August.	EL § 4-102(c)(2)(ii)
Monday, August 02, 2010	COB	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 02, 2010	COB	Filing *Certificates of Nomination and Candidacy*	Deadline for candidates seeking nomination from a political party that does not nominate by primary election 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
Wednesday, August 04, 2010		Public Education for Early Voting	SBE and local boards to start public education about early voting.	30 days before early voting for the primary election.	EL § 10-301.1(f)
Wednesday, August 04, 2010		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 the general election.	42 USC 1973ff-1(g)(3)
Thursday, August 05, 2010		Printing of Ballots	Printing of ballots may begin.	3 days after public display of ballot and, with the approval of SBE, correction of any noted errors.	EL § 9-207(e)
Thursday, August 05, 2010	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.	3 days after public display of ballot.	EL § 9-209(a)
Monday, August 09, 2010	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)

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Monday, August 09, 2010		Certification of General Assembly Ballot Questions	Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify to the local boards ballot questions referred to voters of one county, or part of one county, by the General Assembly.	2nd Monday in August.	EL § 7-103(c)(2)
Thursday, August 12, 2010		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)
Monday, August 16, 2010		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 16, 2010		Certification of Local Ballot Questions	Deadline for County Attorney/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)
Tuesday, August 17, 2010	11:59 PM	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline for Gubernatorial designated political committees to file first pre-primary report.	4th Tuesday before the primary election.	EL § 13-309(a)(1)
Monday, August 23, 2010	COB	Verification and Counting of Candidacy or New Party Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count signatures on candidacy or new party petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of the petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Monday, August 23, 2010		Certification of Local Ballot Questions	Deadline for Clerk of the Circuit Court to prepare and certify local ballot questions if the County Attorney/City Solicitor does not do so.	4th Monday in August if County Attorney/City Solicitor has not timely certified the ballot questions.	EL § 7-103(c)(3)(ii)
Tuesday, August 24, 2010	**9:00 PM**	**Close of Registration & Party Affiliation Deadline**	**Deadline to register to vote or change party affiliation for the primary election.**	**21st day preceding the election.**	**EL § 3-302(a)**
Tuesday, August 24, 2010		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)
Tuesday, August 24, 2010	9:00 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 any election.	EL § 10-102(b)(1)
Wednesday, August 25, 2010	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 30, 2010	COB	Verification and Counting of Charter Amendment Petition	Deadline for the local boards to verify and count signatures on a charter amendment petition.	Within 20 days after the filing of the petition.	EL § 6-210(c)
Tuesday, August 31, 2010	COB	Logic and Accuracy Testing - Early Voting	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 the election.	33.10.02.14,16
Wednesday, September 01, 2010	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 03, 2010	**10:00 AM to 8:00 PM**	**Early Voting Begins**	**Early voting for Primary Election begins - Polls open from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM continuously (voters in line at 8:00 PM may vote).**	**2nd Friday before election through the Thursday before the election, excluding Sunday**	**EL § 10-301.1 (2009 Laws of Maryland)**
Friday, September 03, 2010	11:59 PM	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file the pre-primary election campaign finance report.	2nd Friday immediately preceding the election.	EL § 13-309(a)(2)

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Thursday, October 28, 2010	**10:00 AM to 8:00 PM**	**Early Voting Ends**	**Early voting for General Election ends - Polls open from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM continuously (voters in line at 8:00 PM may vote).**	**2nd Friday before election through the Thursday before the election, excluding Sunday**	**EL § 10-301.1 (2009 Laws of Maryland)**
Tuesday, November 02, 2010	**7:00 AM to 8:00 PM**	**General Election**	**Gubernatorial General Election - Polls open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM continuously (voters in line at 8:00 PM may vote).**	**Tuesday after 1st Monday in November**	**MD Const. Art . XV, § 7; EL §§ 10-301**
Tuesday, November 02, 2010	8:00 PM	Extended Voter Registration Deadline	Extended deadline for receipt of voter registration applications 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 02, 2010	8:00 PM	Absentee Ballot Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to receive an absentee ballot.	An absentee ballot is timely received if it reaches the local boards before 8:00 PM on election day.	COMAR 33.11.03.08B(1)
Thursday, November 04, 2010	10:00 AM	Absentee Ballot Canvass 1	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 1st canvass of absentee ballots.	10:00 AM on the Thursday after the election.	COMAR 33.11.04.03A(1)
Wednesday, November 10, 2010	10:00 AM	Provisional Ballot Canvass	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the canvass of provisional ballots.	10:00 AM on the 2nd Wednesday after the election.	COMAR 33.16.04.03A
Thursday, November 11, 2010		Veteran's Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Friday, November 12, 2010	10:00 AM	Extended Absentee Ballot Deadline	Deadline for the local boards to receive absentee ballots by mail.	10:00 AM on the 2nd Friday after the election provided there is a proper postmark or date on voter oath.	COMAR 33.11.03.08B(2)
Friday, November 12, 2010	10:00 AM	Absentee Ballot Canvass 2	Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 2nd canvass of absentee ballots.	10:00 AM on the 2nd Friday after the election.	COMAR 33.11.04.03A(2)
Friday, November 12, 2010		Post-Election Audit	Deadline for the local boards to conduct the post-election audit for 10% of precincts.	Before certifying the results of the election.	COMAR 33.10.02.38 COMAR 33.10.11.38
Friday, November 12, 2010		Verification of Vote Count	Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to verify the general election vote count.	Within 10 days after the election and before certifying the results of the election.	EL § 11-308(a)
Friday, November 12, 2010		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 12, 2010		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 the election or if canvass is completed afterward, within 48 hours after completion.	EL § 11-401(c)
Monday, November 15, 2010		Petition for Recount	Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for an office or question on the ballot.	Within 3 days after the results of the election have been certified.	EL § 12-101(d)
Monday, November 15, 2010		Voter Registration Reopens	Voter registration reopens.	11th day after the election.	EL § 3-302(a)
Tuesday, November 23, 2010	11:59 PM	Campaign Finance Report	Deadline to file post-general election campaign finance report.	On or before the 3rd Tuesday after the general election.	EL 13-309(a)(4)
Thursday, November 25, 2010		Thanksgiving	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Friday, November 26, 2010		American Indian Heritage Day	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201
Tuesday, December 07, 2010	COB	Statewide Certification of Results	Deadline for the State Board of Canvassers to convene to certify election results.	Within 35 days after general election.	EL § 11-503(a)(1)(ii)
Friday, December 10, 2010	COB	Petition for Recount	Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for an office or question on the ballot.	Within 3 days after the results of the election have been certified.	EL § 12-101(d)
Friday, December 24, 2010		Christmas	State holiday.		State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201