

ABSENTEE VOTING

For Primary:

Sept. 6	Last day to postmark application for ballot.
Sept. 12	Last day to apply in person for ballot.
Sept. 12	Last day to postmark ballot. Must be received no later than Sept. 20th.
Military	
Aug. 17	Last day for BOE to receive application for ballot if not previously registered.
Sept. 6	Last day for BOE to receive application for ballot if previously registered.
Sept. 12	Last day to apply personally if previously registered.

For General:

Oct. 30	Last day to postmark application for ballot.
Nov. 5	Last day to apply in person for ballot.
Nov. 5	Last day to postmark ballot. Must be received no later than Nov. 13.
Military	
Oct 27th	Last day for BOE to receive application for ballot if not previously registered.
Oct. 30	Last day for BOE to receive application for ballot if previously registered.
Nov. 5	Last day to apply personally if previously registered.

Absentee Voting – Civilians may qualify to vote by absentee ballot if their duties, occupation, or business requires them to be away from their county of residence, or if they are on vacation on the day of any Primary, Special, or General Election. (Including spouse, parent or child accompanying such person.) Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed to the voter must be received by the Board of Elections not later than seven days before the Election. If the applicant or his agent delivers the application to the Board of Elections in person, such application must be received not later than the day before the election. All absentee ballot envelopes must be postmarked no later the day before the election.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Candidates should file statements of expenses on the following dates:

Periodic Reports	January 15 and July 16
Primary Election (contested only)	32 Day Pre-Primary: August 13 11 Day Pre-Primary: September 4 10 Day Post Primary: September 24 24 Hour Notice* - Sept 1 thru Sept. 12
General Election	32 Day Pre-General: October 5 11 Day Pre-General: October 26 27 Day Post-General: Dec 3 24 Hour Notice*- Oct. 23 thru Nov. 5

*During this time period any contribution or loan which exceeds \$1,000.00 must be reported within 24 hours of receipt. This same contribution or loan must also be reported in the Post-Election report.

2012 POLITICAL CALENDAR

Tompkins County Board of Elections
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Commissioners of Elections

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**PRIMARY
ELECTION**
SEPTEMBER 13
NOON TO 9 P.M.

**GENERAL
ELECTION**
NOVEMBER 6
6 A.M. TO 9 P.M.

VOTER REGISTRATION

August 17	Last day to register and enroll in person at the Board of Elections or by mail for the 2012 Primary Election. Completed form must be postmarked not later than August 17th and received at the Board of Elections not later than August 24th.
October 12	Last day to register and enroll in person at the Board of Elections or by mail for the 2012 November General Election. Completed form must be postmarked not later than October 12th and received at the Board of Elections not later than October 17th.

Registration by Mail – Forms for registration by mail may be obtained at the following offices: Board of Elections, Town Clerks, Village Clerks, Schools, Post Offices, Department of Motor Vehicles, and other State Agencies providing services to the public. Forms may also be printed from the Board's web site, votetompkins.com.

2012 OFFICES TO BE FILLED

At the **General Election** to be held Tuesday, November 6, 2012, the following offices may be lawfully voted for:

FEDERAL:

23rd District	President/Vice President
	US Senator
	Representative in Congress

STATE:

5 1st District	State Senator
54th District	State Senator
58th District	State Senator
125th District	Member of Assembly

COUNTYWIDE: NONE

CITY AND TOWN OFFICES:

City of Ithaca	Aldersperson, 4th Ward (1 year to fill term)
Caroline	No Offices
Danby	No Offices
Dryden	Justice
Enfield	No Offices
Groton	No Offices
Town of Ithaca	Justice
Lansing	Councilperson (1 Year to fill term)
Newfield	Town Clerk (1 Year to fill term)
Ulysses	Justice

PETITIONS AND PARTY NOMINATIONS:

DESIGNATING PETITIONS

Date	Election Law	
June 5	6-134 (4)	First day to sign designating petitions.
July 9 - 12	6-158 (1)	Dates for filing designating petitions.
July 16	6-120 (3)	Last day to authorize designations.
July 16	6-158 (2)	Last day to accept or decline a designation.
July 20	6-158 (3)	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination.
July 24	6-120 (3)	Last day to file authorization of substitution.

OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT

Date	Election Law	
June 26	6-164	First day for signing Opportunity to Ballot Petitions.
July 19	6-158 (4)	Last day to file Opportunity to Ballot Petitions.
July 26	6-158 (4)	Last day to file an OTB petition if there has been a declination by a designated candidate.

INDEPENDENT PETITIONS

To nominate independently, signatures must be obtained of 5 per cent (5%) of the total number of votes cast for Governor, excluding blank and void votes, at the last gubernatorial election (2010) in such political subdivision.

Date	Election Law	
July 10	6-138 (4)	First day for signing nominating petitions.
Aug. 14-21	6-158 (9)	Dates for filing independent nominating petitions.
Aug. 24	6-158 (11)	Last day to accept or decline an independent nomination.
Aug. 27	6-158 (12)	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination.
Sept. 17	6-158 (11)	Last day to decline after acceptance if nominee loses party primary.

PARTY NOMINATIONS OTHER THAN PRIMARY

Date	Election Law	
June 5	6-108	First day for holding a town caucus.
Sept. 20	6-158 (6)	Last day to file a certificate of nomination made at a town caucus.
Sept. 24	6-158 (7)	Last day to accept or decline nomination.
Sept. 24	6-120, 1-106	Last day to file authorization of nomination.
Sept. 28	6-158 (8)	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination.