

ABSENTEE/EARLY VOTING BY MAIL	
<b>PRIMARY ELECTION</b>	
<b>June 13</b>	Last day to receive application for ballot by mail or online portal for primary ballot.
<b>June 22</b>	Last day to apply in person for ballot.
<b>June 23</b>	Last day to postmark ballot. Must be received by the County Board no later than June 30. Last day to deliver in person at polls by 9 PM.
<b>MILITARY/SPECIAL FEDERAL/UOCAVA</b>	
<b>May 8</b>	Deadline to transmit ballots to eligible Military/Special Federal/UOCAVA Voters.
<b>June 13</b>	Last day for BOE to receive application for ballot if not previously registered.
<b>June 22</b>	Last day to apply personally for Military ballot for Primary, if previously registered.
<b>June 23</b>	Last day to postmark ballot. Must be received by the County Board no later than June 30.
<b>GENERAL ELECTION</b>	
<b>Oct. 24</b>	Last day for BOE to receive application for ballot by mail.
<b>Nov. 2</b>	Last day to apply in person for ballot.
<b>Nov. 3</b>	Last day to postmark ballot. Must be received by the County Board no later than Nov. 10.
<b>MILITARY/SPECIAL FEDERAL/UOCAVA</b>	
<b>Oct. 24</b>	Last day for BOE to receive application by mail for ballot if not previously registered
<b>Oct. 27</b>	Last day for BOE to receive application by mail for ballot if previously registered.
<b>Nov. 2</b>	Last day to apply personally if previously registered.
<b>Nov. 3</b>	Last day to postmark ballot. Must be received by the County Board no later than Nov. 16.
<p><b>Civilian Absentee Voting</b> – may qualify to vote by absentee ballot if they will be away from their county of residence; if they have a temporary or permanent disability or they are the primary caregiver for a person with a temporary or permanent disability on the day of any Primary, Special, or General Election. Applications for absentee ballots <u>to be mailed</u> to the voter must be received not later than ten 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 and early vote by mail ballot envelopes that are mailed back to the Board of Elections must be postmarked no later the day of the election.</p>	

CAMPAIGN FINANCE	
<a href="https://elections.ny.gov/campaign-finance">https://elections.ny.gov/campaign-finance</a>	
Candidates should file statements of expenses on the following dates:	
Periodic Reports	January 15 and July 15
Primary Election (contested only)	32 Day Pre-Primary: May 22 11 Day Pre-Primary: June 12 10 Day Post Primary: July 15 24 Hour Notice* - June 9 thru June 22
General Election	32 Day Pre-General: October 2 11 Day Pre-General: October 23 27 Day Post-General: November 30 24 Hour Notice*- Oct. 20 thru Nov. 2

\*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.

CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL PROPOSAL, PROPOSITION OR REFERENDUM 4-108 (1b)	
<b>Aug 3</b>	Last day for clerk of local subdivision to transmit certified copy of the text of proposal, proposition, or referendum to the Tompkins County Board of Elections in order to be placed on the November 3, 2026 General Election Ballot.

# 2026 POLITICAL CALENDAR

Tompkins County Board of Elections  
128 E Buffalo St., Ithaca, NY 14850  
[www.tompkinscountyny.gov/boe](http://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/boe)

Commissioners of Elections

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<b>PRIMARY ELECTION</b>	<b>GENERAL ELECTION</b>
<b>JUNE 23, 2026</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 3, 2026</b>
<b>6 A.M. TO 9 P.M.</b>	<b>6 A.M. TO 9 P.M.</b>

VOTER REGISTRATION	
<b>February 14</b>	A change of enrollment received by the BOE not later than Feb 14th, or after July 5th is effective immediately. Any change of enrollment received by BOE between Feb. 15th and July 5th shall be effective July 5th.
<b>June 13</b>	Last day application must be received by the Board of Elections to be eligible for the June 23, 2026 Primary Election. Last day to receive <b>change of address</b> to be processed for pollbooks.
<b>October 24</b>	<b>Voter Registration Deadline for General;</b> Last day application must be received by Board of Elections to be eligible to vote in the general election.
<b>October 19</b>	<b>Changes of address for the general election received by this date must be processed.</b>

**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, [www.tompkinscountyny.gov/boe](http://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/boe)

## 2026 OFFICES TO BE FILLED

At the **General Election** to be held Tuesday,

November 3, 2026, the following offices may be lawfully voted for:

<b>FEDERAL:</b>	
<b>NY District 19</b>	Representative in Congress - 2 Year Term
<b>STATE:</b>	
<b>NYS State</b>	Governor
	Attorney General
	Comptroller
<b>52nd District</b>	State Senator - 2 Year Term
<b>125th District</b>	Member of Assembly - 2 Year Term
<b>COUNTY:</b>	
Sheriff - 4 Year Term	
County Clerk - 4 Year Term	
<b>CITY AND TOWN OFFICES:</b>	
<b>City of Ithaca</b>	No offices to be filled in 2026
<b>Caroline</b>	Supervisor - 2 year term
<b>Danby</b>	Supervisor - 2 year term
	Town Clerk - 2 year term
	Highway Superintendent - 2 year term
<b>Dryden</b>	Supervisor - 2 year term
	Town Justice - 4 year term
<b>Enfield</b>	No offices to be filled in 2026

<b>CITY AND TOWN OFFICES: continued</b>	
<b>Groton</b>	Town Justice - 4 year term
<b>Ithaca Town</b>	Councilmember - 2 years to fill term
<b>Lansing</b>	No offices to be filled in 2026
<b>Newfield</b>	No offices to be filled in 2026
<b>Ulysses</b>	Councilmember - 2 years to fill term

### PETITIONS AND PARTY NOMINATIONS:

<b>DESIGNATING PETITIONS - STATE &amp; LOCAL PRIMARY</b>		
Date	Election Law	
<b>Feb 24 - April 2</b>	6-134 (4)	Dates for circulating designating petitions.
<b>March 30 - April 6</b>	6-158 (1)	Dates for filing designating petitions. <b>April 2</b> is the last day for signing.
<b>April 10</b>	6-120 (3)	Last day to authorize designations.
<b>April 10</b>	6-158 (2)	Last day to accept or decline a designation.
<b>April 14</b>	6-158 (3)	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination.
<b>April 20</b>	6-120 (3)	Last day to file authorization of substitution after a declination.

<b>OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT—STATE &amp; LOCAL PRIMARY</b>		
Date	Election Law	
<b>Mar 21</b>	6-164	First day for signing Opportunity to Ballot (OTB) Petitions.
<b>April 9</b>	6-158 (4)	Last day to file Opportunity to Ballot (OTB) Petitions.
<b>April 16</b>	6-158 (4)	Last day to file an OTB petition if there has been a declination by a designated candidate.

<b>INDEPENDENT PETITIONS—STATE &amp; LOCAL OFFICES</b>		
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 (2022) in such political subdivision.		
Date	Election Law	
<b>April 14</b>	6-138 (4)	First day for signing nominating petitions.
<b>May 19-26</b>	6-158 (9)	Dates for filing independent nominating petitions.
<b>May 29</b>	6-158 (11)	Last day to accept or decline an independent nomination.
<b>June 1</b>	6-158 (12)	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination.
<b>June 26</b>	6-158 (11)	Last day to decline after acceptance if nominee loses party primary.

<b>PARTY NOMINATIONS OTHER THAN PRIMARY</b>		
Date	Election Law	
<b>Feb 24</b>	6-108	First day to hold a town caucus.
<b>July 23</b>	6-116 (6)	Last day to file a certificate of nomination made at a town caucus, or by party cmte.
<b>July 27</b>	6-158 (7)	Last day to accept or decline nomination.
<b>July 27</b>	6-120 (3)	Last day to file authorization of nomination.
<b>July 31</b>	6-158 (8)	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination.