

SPECIAL STATE ELECTION

Senator in Congress for Massachusetts

(to fill vacancy caused by the death of Senator Edward M. Kennedy)

Calendar of Events	Deadline Dates	
	Party Candidates	Non-Party Candidates
Last day for a person running in the state primary to enroll in a party or for a person running only in the state election to unenroll from a party, except for newly registered voters.	August 5, 2009	August 5, 2009
5:00 P.M. last day and hour for submitting nomination papers to local Registrars of Voters or Election Commissioners for the certification of signatures.	October 20, 2009	November 24, 2009
Certification of nomination papers must be completed.	October 29, 2009	December 3, 2009
5:00 P.M. last day and hour for filing nomination papers, including enrollment certificate, with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	November 3, 2009	December 8, 2009
5:00 P.M. last day and hour for filing withdrawals of or objections to all nomination papers and certificates of nomination with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	November 6, 2009	December 11, 2009
5:00 P.M. last day and hour for filling vacancies caused by withdrawals for primary candidates.	November 12, 2009	
<i>PLEASE NOTE: ALL DATES AND DEADLINES BELOW ARE THE SAME FOR ALL CANDIDATES</i>		
Last day to register voters for the state primary; registration hours 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. (except in towns under 1500 registered voters, registration hours 2:00- 4:00 P.M. and 7:00-8:00 P.M.).		November 18, 2009
State Primary		December 8, 2009
5:00 P.M. last day and hour for filing withdrawals of or objections to nominations made at the state primary and for filing written acceptances by write-in or sticker candidates who won in the state primary with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.		December 14, 2009
5:00 P.M. last day and hour for filling vacancies caused by withdrawals at the state primary.		December 17, 2009
Last day to register voters for the state election; registration hours 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. (except in towns under 1500 registered voters, registration hours 2:00- 4:00 P.M. and 7:00-8:00 P.M.).		December 30, 2009
State Election		January 19, 2010

10,000 certified signatures required for all candidates.

Please see "A Candidate's Guide to Special Elections" available from:
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