

**TOWN OF NATICK
POLITICAL CALENDAR
JULY 2018 – 2019**

The Town Clerk shall not furnish blank forms for nomination of candidates for town office to any person other than a candidate seeking such nomination or a person presenting the signed authorization of a candidate to secure said forms on his behalf. (*G.L. c. 53, §17*)

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| Tuesday, July 3, 2018 | 5:00 PM, last day and hour to file additional initiative petitions with the SOC. |
| Thursday, July 5, 2018 | 5:00 PM, last day and hour to submit public policy petitions to the Board of Registrars for certification of signatures (<i>G. L. c. 53 §20</i>) |
| Wednesday, July 25, 2018 | 5:00 PM, last day and hour for Board of Registrars to complete certification of signatures on public policy petitions. (<i>G. L. c53, §7</i>) |
| Tuesday, July 31, 2018 | 5:00 PM, last day and hour for non-party candidates for statewide offices and Congress to submit nomination papers to local Board of Registrars for certification of signatures. (<i>G.L. c 53, § 7</i>) |
| Wednesday, August 1, 2018 | 5:00 PM, last day and hour to notify the SOC of any Proposition 2 ½ override questions to be placed on the state ballot. (<i>G. L. c. 53 § 21; G. L. c. 59 §21C</i>) |
| Wednesday, August 15, 2018 | 8:00 PM, last day and hour to register to vote or change party affiliation for State Primaries (<i>G.L. c. 51, §§ 26, 28</i>). The Town Clerk’s office will remain open until 8:00 PM. |
| Thursday, August 16, 2018 | 5:00 PM, last day and hour for submitting Articles for the Fall Annual Town Meeting. (<i>Town Charter Article 2, Section 11(c)</i>) |
| Tuesday, August 21, 2018 | 5:00 PM, last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures on nomination papers for non-party candidates for state-wide and Congress (<i>G. L. c 53, §7</i>) |
| Friday, August 31, 2018 | 5:00 PM, last day and hour for filing withdrawal of, or objections to, non-party candidates for statewide and federal offices. (<i>G.L. c.53, §§11, 13 55B, §§5, 7</i>) |
| Tuesday, September 4, 2018 | State Primary--Polls open from 7AM-8PM |

- Thursday, September 6, 2018 5:00 PM, last day and hour to fill vacancies caused by withdrawals for non-party candidates for statewide or Congress (*G.L. c 54 §14*)
- Friday, September 7, 2018 5:00 PM, last day and hour to submit written notice of questions to be placed on the state ballot election to the *SOC (G.L. c 54, §42C)*
- Tuesday, October 16, 2018 **Fall Annual Town Meeting** 7:30 PM. Natick High School Auditorium. (*Town Charter Article 2, Section 12(a) and Town By-Laws Article 1, section1*)
- Wednesday, October 17, 2018 8:00 PM, last day and hour to register to vote for the State Election (*G.L. c. 51, §§ 26, 28*). The Town Clerk's office will remain open until 8:00 PM.
- Tuesday, November 6, 2018 State Election--Polls open from 7AM-8PM**
- Monday, November 26, 2018 Nomination papers will be available for all Town wide positions and for Town Meeting from the Town Clerk's office for the 2019 Annual Town Election.
- Tuesday, January 8, 2019 5:00 PM, **last day and hour for submitting nomination papers for the Town Election with the Registrars of Voters for certification for Town-wide Office Candidates.** Minimum of 25 signatures - 49 days before preliminary election date and 14 days preceding date on which they are to be filed with Town Clerk. (*Town Charter Article 3 Section 3-1 (d) (4) and G.L. c. 53, §61*)
- Tuesday, January 22, 2019 Close of business. Year-End Campaign Finance Reports due (reporting period April 17, 2018 through December 31, 2018)
- 5:00 PM, last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to file certified nomination papers for Town wide Office Candidates with Town Clerk (35th day preceding the date of Preliminary Town Election) (*G.L. c. 53, §10, Town Charter Article 3 Section 3-1 (d) (4)*)
- Thursday, January 24, 2019 5:00 PM, last day and hour for filing withdrawal of, or objections to, nomination papers for Preliminary Town Election with Town Clerk. Must be in writing and notarized. (*G.L. c. 55B, §7*)

- Tuesday, January 29, 2019 5:00 PM, last day and hour for **Incumbent Town Meeting Members** to give written notice to Town Clerk for re-election at the Annual Town Election. (21 days before filing date of New Town Meeting Members with Town Clerk) (*G.L. c. § 53, 10*)
- Tuesday, February 5, 2019 5:00 PM, last day and hour for submitting with the Registrars of Voters for certification of **NEW Town Meeting Members** nomination papers. There must be a minimum of 10 signatures from voters in the precinct from which the candidate seeks to be elected, submitted 49 days before the Annual Town Election, 14 days before filing with Town Clerk. (*Town Charter Article 2 Section 2-4b and G.L. c. 53, §7*)
- Wednesday, February 6, 2019 8:00 PM Last day and hour to register new voters for a Preliminary Town Election. (*G.L. c. 51, §§ 26, 28*). The Town Clerk's office will remain open until 8:00 PM. **This is only required if there is a Preliminary Town Election.**
- Thursday, February 7, 2019 5:00 PM, last day and hour for submitting Articles for the Spring Annual Town Meeting. (*Town Charter Article 2, Section 11(c)*)
- Tuesday, February 19, 2019 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit Preliminary Campaign Finance reports for Preliminary candidates only. Report all activity from January 1, 2019 through February 8, 2019. **This is only required if there is a Preliminary Town Election.**
- Tuesday, February 19, 2019 5:00 PM, Last day and hour to submit Ballot Questions to the Town Clerk to be placed on the Annual Town Election (*G.L. c 54, §42C*)
- 5:00 PM, last day and hour for Board of Registrars to file certified nomination papers for **New Town Meeting Members** with Town Clerk, 35th day preceding date of Town Election. (*G. L. c. 53, §10, G.L. c. 50, §4*)
- Thursday, February 21, 2019 5:00 PM, last day and hour for filing withdrawals of and/or objections to New Town Meeting Members nomination papers for the Annual Town Election with Town (*G. L. c. 53, §§11, 13*)
- Monday, February 25, 2019 12:00 PM last day and hour to file an absentee ballot request for the Preliminary Town Election if one is necessary.

Tuesday, February 26, 2019	Preliminary Town Election for any Town wide Offices if necessary. Polls will be open from 7AM-8PM if required.
Wednesday, March 6, 2019	8:00 PM last day and hour to register new voters for the Annual Town Election. (<i>G.L. c. 51, §§ 26, 28</i>). The Town Clerk's office will remain open until 8:00 PM.
Monday, March 18, 2019	5:00 PM, last day and hour to submit pre-election Campaign Finance Reports due for Annual Town Election Candidates. Report all activity from January 1, 2019 through March 8, 2019.
Monday, March 25, 2019	12 PM – Last day and hour to file an absentee ballot request for the Annual Town Election.
Tuesday, March 26, 2019	Annual Town Election – Polls open from 7 AM to 8 PM
Tuesday, April 9, 2019	Spring Annual Town Meeting 7:30 PM. Natick High School Auditorium. (<i>Town Charter Article 2, Section 12(a) and Town By-Laws Article 1, Section 1</i>)
Thursday, April 25, 2019	5:00 PM, last day and hour to submit post-election Campaign Finance reports for Annual Town Election Candidates. Report all activity from March 9, 2019 through April 15, 2019.
Thursday, August 15, 2019	5:00 PM, last day and hour for submitting Articles for the Fall Annual Town Meeting. (<i>Town Charter Article 2, Section 11(c)</i>)
Tuesday, October 15, 2019	Fall Annual Town Meeting 7:30 PM. Natick High School Auditorium. (<i>Town Charter Article 2, Section 12(a) and Town By-Laws Article 1, section1</i>)
Monday, December 2, 2019	Nomination papers will be available for all Town wide positions and for Town Meeting from the Town Clerk's office for the 2020 Annual Town Election.