

# 2012 Elections

## **2012 Election Dates:**

The major parties in New York State choose their candidates in primary elections, if more than one candidate meets the party's requirements to be on the ballot.

Presidential Primary: Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Board of Education (School District) Election and Budget Vote: Tuesday, May 15, 2012

Federal Congressional Election Primary: Tuesday, June 26, 2012

State Election Primaries: September 13, 2012.

State and Federal General Election: Tuesday, November 6, 2012

## **Registration Deadlines:**

Before you can vote for the first time, it is necessary to register to vote.

To vote in a primary election, you must be registered as a member of the party holding the primary prior to the primary. A change of party enrollment received no later than 25 days before the general election shall be deposited in a sealed enrollment box and opened the first Tuesday following that general election and entered in the voter's registration record.

To vote in a general election, you must be registered to vote prior to the general election. See below for the current registration timelines for voting in 2012 elections. This may change because New York State may enact legislation to hold state and local primaries on the same day as the primary for national Congressional races. The information below complies with current state law. We will update this site if state law changes.

### Registration for Primary for Federal Congressional Elections

- In Person: Friday, June 1, 2012
- By Mail: Postmarked by Friday, June 1, 2012; received by Wednesday, June 6, 2012

### Registration for Primary for State and Local Elections:

- In Person: August 17, 2012
- By Mail: Postmarked by August 17<sup>th</sup> and received by August 24, 2012

### Registration for General Elections

- In Person: Friday, OCTOBER 12, 2012
- By Mail: Postmarked by Friday, OCTOBER 12, 2012; received by Wednesday, OCTOBER 17.

## **Absentee Ballot Deadlines:**

Absentee Ballot for Congressional Primary:

- To apply for ballot in person: Monday, June 25, 2012
- To apply for ballot by mail: postmarked by Tuesday, June 19, 2012
- To deliver ballot in person: Tuesday, June 26, 2012
- To deliver ballot by mail: postmarked by Monday, June 25, 2012; received by Tuesday, July 3, 2012

Absentee Ballot for State and Local Primary:

- To apply for ballot in person: Wednesday, September 12, 2012
- To apply for ballot by mail: postmarked by Thursday, September 6, 2012
- To deliver ballot in person: Thursday, September 13
- To deliver ballot by mail: postmarked by Thursday, September 12 and received by Thursday, September 20, 2012

Absentee Ballot for General Election:

- To apply for ballot in person: Monday, November 5, 2012
- To apply for ballot by mail: postmarked by Tuesday, October 30
- To deliver ballot in person: Tuesday, November 6, 2012
- To deliver ballot by mail: Monday, November 5, 2012; received by Tuesday, November 13, 2012.
- Military ballots to be received by Monday, November 19, 2012.