

TOWN OF NATICK POLITICAL CALENDAR AUGUST 2019 – 2020

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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| Thursday, August 1, 2019 | Last day for ward and town committees to notify the SOC of number to be elected to each town committee. (<i>G.L. c. 52 §9</i>) |
| Tuesday, August 6, 2019 | Nomination papers available from the SOC for ward, town and state committee. (<i>G.L. c. 53 §47</i>) |
| Wednesday, August 7, 2019 | Last day to submit initiative petitions to Attorney General by 10 original signers. |
| 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, August 20, 2019 | Last day for a candidate running for ward, town or state committee to enroll in a party. (<i>G.L. c. 53 §48</i>) |
| Wednesday, September 4, 2019 | First day for 10 original signers to file initiative petitions with the SOC. |
| Wednesday, September 18, 2019 | Initiative petition forms are available from the SOC for those who filed on September 4 for collection of certified signers. (<i>G.L. c. 53 §22A</i>) |
| Tuesday, September 24, 2019 | Nomination papers available from SOC for presidential candidates in presidential primary. (<i>G.L. c. 53 §47</i>) |
| Tuesday, October 1, 2019 | Last day for state committees to file delegate selection plans for National Conventions with the SOC. (<i>G.L. c. 53 §70B</i>) |
| Tuesday, October 15, 2019 | Fall Annual Town Meeting 7:30 PM. Wilson Middle School. (<i>Town Charter Article 2, Section 12(a) and Town By-Laws Article 1, section 1</i>) |

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| Monday, November 4, 2019 | Last day to notify the SOC of change of or adoption of new voting equipment for the presidential primary. (<i>G.L. c. 54 §34</i>). |
| Friday, November 8, 2019 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit ward, town and state committee nomination papers to the Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §46</i>) |
| Friday, November 15, 2019 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures on nomination papers for ward, town and state committees. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §46</i>) |
| Tuesday, November 19, 2019 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to file ward, town and state committee nomination papers with the Office of the SOC Elections Division. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §48</i>) |
| Wednesday, November 20, 2019 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to file initiative petitions for certification of signatures with Registrars of Voters. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §7</i>) |
| Friday, November 22, 2019 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to file withdrawals or objections to ward, town and state committee nomination papers. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §11 & 13 and GL c 55B, §5</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. 5:00 PM Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures on initiative petitions (<i>G.L. c. 53, §7</i>) |
| Wednesday, December 4, 2019 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to file initiative petitions with the SOC, Elections Division |
| Friday, December 20, 2019 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit presidential nomination papers to the Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §46</i>) |
| Friday, December 27, 2019 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour for the Board of Registrars to complete certification of signatures on nomination papers for presidential candidates. (<i>G.L. c. 53 §46</i>) |

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| Thursday, January 2, 2020 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete review of non-certified signatures for presidential candidates. (<i>G.L. c. 55, §6</i>) |
| Friday, January 3, 2020 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to file presidential candidates nomination papers with the SOC. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §48</i>) |
| Friday, January 10, 2020 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour for presidential candidates to notify the SOC to remove their names from the presidential primary ballot. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §70E</i>). |
| Tuesday, January 14, 2020 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit nomination papers for town-wide offices with the Registrars of Voters. 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. (<i>Town Charter Article 3 Section 3-1 (d) (4) and G.L. c. 53, §61</i>) |
| Tuesday, January 21, 2020 | Close of business. Year-End Campaign Finance Reports due (reporting period April 16, 2019 through December 31, 2019) |
| Tuesday, January 28, 2020 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to file certified nomination papers for Town-wide office candidates with the Town Clerk (35 th day preceding the date of Preliminary Town Election). (<i>G.L. c. 53, §10, Town Charter Article, Section 3-1 (d) (4)</i>) |
| Thursday, January 30, 2020 | 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. (<i>G.L. c. 55B, §7</i>) |
| Tuesday, February 4, 2020 | 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) (<i>G.L. c. 53, §10</i>) Last day to designate health care facilities for supervised absentee voting (<i>G.L. c. 54 §91B</i>) Last day to send absentee ballot applications to all certified permanently disabled voters. (<i>G.L. c. 54 §86</i>) |

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| Tuesday, February 11, 2020 | <p>5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit nomination papers for NEW Town Meeting Members with the Registrars of Voters for certification. There must be a minimum of 10 signatures from voters in the candidate's precinct, submitted 49 days before the Annual Town Election, 14 days before filing with Town Clerk. (<i>Town Charter Article 2 Section 2-4b and G.L. c. 53, §7</i>)</p> <p>Nomination papers available from the SOC's office for candidates running for all offices. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §47</i>).</p> |
| Wednesday, February 12, 2020 | <p>8:00 PM. Last day and hour to register new voters or to change party affiliation for the Presidential Primary or for a Preliminary Town Election (if required). (<i>G.L. c. 51, §§ 26, 28</i>) The Town Clerk's office will remain open until 8:00 PM.</p> |
| Thursday, February 13, 2020 | <p>5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit Articles for the Spring Annual Town Meeting. (<i>Town Charter Article 2, Section 11(c)</i>)</p> |
| Tuesday, February 25, 2020 | <p>5:00 PM. Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to file certified nomination papers for New Town Meeting Members with Town Clerk, 35th day preceding date of Town Election. (<i>G. L. c. 53, §10, G.L. c. 50, §4</i>)</p> <p>5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit Ballot Questions to the Town Clerk to be placed on the Annual Town Election. (<i>G.L. c. 54, §42C</i>)</p> <p>5:00 PM. Last day and hour for a person running in a state primary to enroll or unenroll in a party, except for newly registered voters, for all offices except state-wide and Congress. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §48</i>)</p> |
| Thursday, February 27, 2020 | <p>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. (<i>G. L. c. 53, §§11, 13</i>)</p> |
| Monday, March 2, 2020 | <p>12:00 PM. Last day and hour to file an absentee ballot request for the Presidential primary and the Preliminary Town Election (if necessary).</p> |

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| Tuesday, March 3, 2020 | Presidential Primary. Polls will be open from 7AM-8PM. Preliminary Town Election for any Town-wide Offices if necessary. 5:00 PM. Last day and hour for a person running in a state primary to enroll or to unenroll in a party, except for newly registered voters, for state-wide and Congress only. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §48; G.L. c. 53, §48</i>) |
| Wednesday, March 11, 2020 | 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 23, 2020 | 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, 2020 through March 13, 2020. |
| Monday, March 30, 2020 | 12:00 PM. Last day and hour to file an absentee ballot request for the Annual Town Election. |
| Tuesday, March 31, 2020 | Annual Town Election – Polls open from 7 AM to 8 PM |
| Tuesday, April 14, 2020 | Spring Annual Town Meeting 7:30 PM, Wilson Middle School Auditorium. (<i>Town Charter Article 2, Section 12(a) and Town By-Laws Article 1, Section 1</i>). |
| Wednesday, April 15, 2020 | Last day to notify party chairs to submit a list of prospective election officers. (<i>G.L. c. 54, §12</i>) |
| Tuesday, April 28, 2020 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit nomination papers to the Board of Registrars for signatures for all offices except state-wide and Congress. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §§ 7, 46</i>) |
| Thursday, April 30, 2020 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit post-election Campaign Finance reports for Annual Town Election Candidates. Report all activity from March 14, 2020 through April 20, 2020. |
| Tuesday, May 4, 2020 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour for party candidates for state-wide and Congress to submit nomination papers to local Registrars of Voters. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §§ 7, 46</i>) |

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| Wednesday, May 6, 2020 | First day for filers to request initiative petitions for additional signatures from the SOC's office. |
| Monday, May 18, 2020 | Last day for the Board of Selectmen to vote to change or adopt new voting equipment for the State Primary. (<i>G.L. c. 54, §34</i>) |
| Tuesday, May 19, 2020 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour for Board of Registrars to complete certification of signatures on nomination papers for all offices except state-wide and Congress. (<i>G.L. c. 53, § 7</i>) |
| Tuesday, May 26, 2020 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to file nominations papers with the Secretary of the Commonwealth for all offices except state-wide and Congress. (<i>G.L. c. 53, § 7</i>) 5:00 PM. Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures on nomination papers for party candidates for state-wide and Congress. (<i>G.L. c. 53, § 7</i>) |
| Thursday, May 29, 2020 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to file withdrawals or objections to party nomination papers for all offices except state-wide and Congress. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §13, 25, 53A and c. 55 B, §5</i>) |
| Tuesday, June 2, 2020 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to file party nomination papers with the SOC for state-wide offices and Congress. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §48</i>) |
| Wednesday, June 17, 2020 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit additional initiative petitions for certification of signatures to Registrars of Voters. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §7</i>) |
| Monday, June 29, 2020 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour for Board of Registrars to complete certification of signatures on additional initiative petitions. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §7</i>) |
| Wednesday, July 1, 2020 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to file additional initiative petitions with SOC. |
| Wednesday, July 8, 2020 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit public policy petitions to Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §20</i>) |

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| Wednesday, July 29, 2020 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures on public policy petitions. (G.L. c. 53, §7) |
| Wednesday, August 5, 2020 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to notify the SOC of any Proposition 2½ override petitions to be placed on the state ballot; and to file public policy petitions with the SOC. (G.L. c. 59, §21C) |
| Thursday, August 20, 2020 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit Articles for the Fall Annual Town Meeting. (Town Charter Article 2, Section 11(c)) |
| Wednesday, August 26, 2020** | Last day to register to vote or change party affiliation for the State Primary. Town Clerk's office will be open until 8 PM. (G.L. c. 51, §26, 28) |
| Monday, September 14, 2020** | 12:00 PM. Last day and time to file an absentee ballot application for the 2020 State Primary. |
| Tuesday, September 15, 2020** | State Primary. Polls will be open from 7AM-8PM |
| Wednesday, October 14, 2020 | Last day to register to vote for the State election. Town Clerk's office will be open until 8 PM. (G.L. c. 51, §26, 28) |
| Tuesday, October 20, 2020 | Fall Annual Town Meeting 7:30 PM, Wilson Middle School Auditorium. (Town Charter Article 2, Section 12(a) and Town By-Laws Article 1, section1). |
| Tuesday, November 3, 2020 | State Election (Presidential Election) Polls will be open from 7AM-8PM |
| Tuesday, December 1, 2020 | Nomination papers will be available for all Town-wide positions and for Town Meeting from the Town Clerk's office for the 2021 Annual Town Election. |