

2010 Gubernatorial Election Calendar*

| Date | Time ^{1,2} | Event Name | Description | Computation | Legal Authority ³ |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Thursday, January 01, 2009 | | New Year's Day | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Monday, January 19, 2009 | | Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Tuesday, January 20, 2009 | 11:59 PM | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline to file annual campaign finance report. | 3rd Wednesday in January. | EL § 13-309(b)(2) |
| Monday, February 16, 2009 | | President's Day | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Friday, May 01, 2009 | COB | Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for 2009 Referendum Petition | Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to SBE a request for advance determination of sufficiency of a referendum petition format. | At least 30 days before the deadline to file the petition. | EL § 6-210(a)(1) |
| Wednesday, May 06, 2009 | COB | Determination of Referendum Petition Format Sufficiency | Deadline for SBE to determine sufficiency of a referendum petition format. | Within 5 days of receiving the request for advance determination. | EL § 6-210(a)(2) |
| Friday, May 08, 2009 | COB | Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination of a Referendum Petition | Deadline for SBE to notify petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of referendum petition format. | Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of referendum petition format. | EL § 6-210(b) |
| Monday, May 25, 2009 | | Memorial Day | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Sunday, May 31, 2009 | 11:59 PM | Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2009 General Assembly | Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State at least one-third of the referendum petition signatures. | Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State before the 1st day of June. The Secretary of State will be available to receive referendum petition signatures even though the deadline is a Sunday. | MD Const. Art. XVI, § 3(b) |
| Monday, June 22, 2009 | COB | Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition | Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the signatures on the referendum petition. | Within 20 days after the filing of the petition. | EL § 6-210(c) |
| Wednesday, June 24, 2009 | COB | Certification of Referendum Petition | Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the first submission of the required signatures. | Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending. | EL § 6-210(d) |
| Tuesday, June 30, 2009 | 11:59 PM | Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2009 General Assembly | Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State the balance of referendum petition signatures. | Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State by the 30th day of June. | MD Const. Art XVI, § 3(b) |
| Friday, July 03, 2009 | | Independence Day | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Monday, July 06, 2009 | COB | Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification | Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification of the first submission of the required signatures. | 10th day after certification of the first submission or 63rd day before the general election (August 31, 2010), whichever is earlier. | EL § 6-210(e) |
| Monday, July 06, 2009 | COB | Begin Candidate Filing | First day candidates for the 2010 election can file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> . | 1 year before the deadline to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> . | SBE Policy |
| Monday, July 20, 2009 | COB | Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition | Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the balance of the signatures on the referendum petition. | Within 20 days after the filing of the petition. | EL § 6-210(c) |
| Wednesday, July 22, 2009 | COB | Certification of Referendum Petition | Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the full referendum petition verification. | Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending. | EL § 6-210(d) |

* Dates may change as a result of legislation enacted during the 2009 or 2010 sessions of the Maryland General Assembly.

¹ Under Maryland law, if a deadline is a Saturday, Sunday or State holiday, the deadline is moved to the next regular business day. See EL § 1-301.

² COB means close of business. For SBE, the close of business is 5:00 p.m. Because the close of business varies by county, please contact the appropriate local board of elections to find out when the election office closes.

³ Most citations refer to the Election Law (EL) Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. COMAR refers to the Code of Maryland Regulations.

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| Monday, August 03, 2009 | COB | Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification | Deadline to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification. | 10th day after certification of the first submission or 63rd day before the general election (August 31, 2010), whichever is earlier. | EL § 6-210(e) |
| Monday, September 07, 2009 | | Labor Day | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Thursday, September 17, 2009 | | Constitution Day and Citizenship Day | Commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution and public schools to celebrate day to help instill students' knowledge of history, importance, and meaning of the U.S. Constitution and Maryland Constitution. | Anniversary of signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787. | Education Art., § 7-116 |
| Monday, October 12, 2009 | | Columbus Day | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Wednesday, November 11, 2009 | | Veteran's Day | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Thursday, November 26, 2009 | | Thanksgiving | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Friday, November 27, 2009 | | American Indian Heritage Day | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Friday, December 25, 2009 | | Christmas | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Friday, January 01, 2010 | | New Year's Day | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Monday, January 18, 2010 | | Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Wednesday, January 20, 2010 | 11:59 PM | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline to file annual campaign finance report. | 3rd Wednesday in January. | EL § 13-309(b)(2) |
| Monday, February 15, 2010 | | President's Day | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Monday, May 03, 2010 | COB | Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for 2010 Referendum Petition | Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to SBE a request for advance determination of sufficiency of a referendum petition format. | At least 30 days before the deadline to file the petition. | EL § 6-210(a)(1) |
| Monday, May 10, 2010 | COB | Determination of Referendum Petition Format Sufficiency | Deadline for SBE to determine sufficiency of a referendum petition format. | Within 5 days of receiving the request for advance determination. | EL § 6-210(a)(2) |
| Wednesday, May 12, 2010 | COB | Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination of a Referendum Petition | Deadline for SBE to notify petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of referendum petition format. | Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of referendum petition format. | EL § 6-210(b) |
| Monday, May 31, 2010 | | Memorial Day | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Monday, May 31, 2010 | 11:59 PM | Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2010 General Assembly | Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State at least one-third of the referendum petition signatures. | Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State before the 1st day of June. The Secretary of State will be available to receive referendum petition signatures even though the deadline is a State holiday. | MD Const. Art. XVI, § 3(b) |
| Tuesday, June 15, 2010 | COB | Polling Place Change | Deadline for the local boards to create or change a precinct boundary or polling place. | Beginning the Tuesday that is 13 weeks before the primary election. | EL § 2-303(b) |
| Monday, June 21, 2010 | COB | Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition | Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the signatures on the referendum petition. | Within 20 days after the filing of the petition. | EL § 6-210(c) |

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| Wednesday, June 23, 2010 | COB | Certification of Referendum Petition | Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the first submission of the required signatures. | Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending. | EL § 6-210(d) |
| Tuesday, June 22, 2010 | 9:00 PM | Party Affiliation Change | Deadline for voters to change party affiliation. | Monday that is 12 weeks before the primary election; until registration reopens after the primary election. | EL § 3-303(b)(1) |
| Wednesday, June 30, 2010 | 11:59 PM | Filing Referendum Petition on Acts of the 2010 General Assembly | Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to Secretary of State the balance of referendum petition signatures. | Petitions are filed with the Secretary of State by the 30th day of June. | MD Const. Art XVI, § 3(b) |
| Tuesday, July 06, 2010 | COB | Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification | Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification of the first submission of the required signatures. | 10th day after certification of the first submission or 63rd day before the general election (August 31, 2010), whichever is earlier. | EL § 6-210(e) |
| Monday, July 05, 2010 | | Independence Day | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Tuesday, July 06, 2010 | 9:00 PM | Certificate of Candidacy | Deadline to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i>. | Monday that is 10 weeks or 70 days before the primary election. | § 5-303(a) |
| Tuesday, July 06, 2010 | 9:00 PM | Declaration of Intent | Deadline to file a <i>Declaration of Intent</i> to seek nomination from party or by petition. | Date and time specified for candidate to file <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> . | EL § 5 -703(c)(3)(1) |
| Tuesday, July 06, 2010 | COB | Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for Candidacy or New Party Petition | Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to SBE or the appropriate local board a request for advance determination of sufficiency of a candidacy or new party petition format. | At least 30 days before the deadline to file the petition but not more than 2 years and one month before the deadline to file petition. | EL § 6-210(a)(1) |
| Monday, July 12, 2010 | COB | Determination of Candidacy or New Party Petition Format Sufficiency | Deadline for SBE or the appropriate local board to determine sufficiency of a candidacy or new party petition. | Within 5 days of reviewing request of advance determination. | EL § 6-210(a)(2) |
| Monday, July 12, 2010 | COB | Request for Advance Determination of Sufficiency for Charter Amendment Petition | Deadline for petition sponsor to submit to the appropriate local board a request for advance determination on the sufficiency of a charter amendment petition format. | At least 30 days before the deadline to file the petition but not more than 2 years and one month before the deadline to file petition. | EL § 6-210(a)(1) |
| Wednesday, July 14, 2010 | COB | Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination of a Candidacy or New Party Petition | Deadline for SBE or the appropriate local board to notify candidate or petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of candidacy or new party petition format. | Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of referendum petition format. | EL § 6-210(b) |
| Friday, July 16, 2010 | COB | Withdrawal of Candidacy | Deadline for a candidate to withdraw his or her candidacy before primary election. | Within 10 days after the deadline to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> . | EL § 5-502(a) |
| Monday, July 19, 2010 | COB | Determination of Charter Amendment Petition Format Sufficiency | Deadline for the local boards to determine sufficiency of a charter amendment petition format. | Within 5 days of reviewing request of advance determination. | EL § 6-210(a)(2) |
| Wednesday, July 21, 2010 | COB | Notification of Outcome of Advance Determination for Charter Amendment Petition | Deadline for the local boards to notify petition sponsor of the approval or deficiency of charter amendment petition format. | Within 2 business days after determining sufficiency of referendum petition format. | EL § 6-210(b) |
| Tuesday, July 20, 2010 | COB | Verification and Counting of Referendum Petition | Deadline for the local boards to verify and count the balance of the signatures on the referendum petition. | Within 20 days after the filing of the petition. | EL § 6-210(c) |
| Wednesday, July 21, 2010 | COB | Vacancy in Candidacy | Deadline for central committees to fill a vacancy for an office appearing on the primary election ballot. | 5th day after the date on which a candidate may withdraw. | EL § 5-901(e) |
| Thursday, July 22, 2010 | COB | Certification of Referendum Petition | Deadline for SBE to certify the results of the full referendum petition verification. | Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending. | EL § 6-210(d) |

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| Monday, July 26, 2010 | | Certification of Ballot | Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify content and arrangement of ballots for the primary election. | 50 days before primary election | EL § 9-207(a)(1) |
| Wednesday, July 28, 2010 | COB | Delivery of Ballot | Deadline for SBE to deliver to each local board a copy of the certified ballot content and arrangement for that jurisdiction. | Within 48 hours after certification of ballot. | EL § 9-207(c) |
| Monday, August 02, 2010 | | Display of Ballot | Deadline for the local boards to begin displaying the content and arrangement of all ballots in their jurisdiction. | Within 5 days of certification | EL § 9-207(d) |
| Monday, August 02, 2010 | COB | Judicial Review of Referendum Petition Certification | Deadline to seek judicial review of referendum petition certification. | 10th day after certification of the first submission or 63rd day before the general election (August 31, 2010), whichever is earlier. | EL § 6-210(e) |
| Monday, August 02, 2010 | COB | Filing New Party Petition | Deadline to file with SBE a new political party petition. | 1st Monday in August. | EL § 4-102(c)(2)(ii) |
| Monday, August 02, 2010 | COB | Filing Candidacy Petition & <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> | Deadline for general election petition candidate to file with SBE or the appropriate local board the <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> and candidacy petition. | 1st Monday in August. | EL § 5-703(d) & (f) |
| Monday, August 02, 2010 | COB | Filing <i>Certificates of Nomination and Candidacy</i> | Deadline for candidates seeking nomination from a political party that does not nominate by primary election to file with SBE or the appropriate local board the <i>Certificate of Nomination</i> and <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> . | 1st Monday in August. | EL § 5-703.1 |
| Thursday, August 05, 2010 | | Printing of Ballots | Printing of ballots may begin. | 3 days after public display of ballot and, with the approval of SBE, correction of any noted errors. | EL § 9-207(e) |
| Thursday, August 05, 2010 | COB | Judicial Review of Content and Arrangement of Ballot | Deadline for a registered voter to seek judicial review of the content and arrangement, or to correct any other error, on the ballot. | 3 days after public display of ballot. | EL § 9-209(a) |
| Monday, August 09, 2010 | COB | Filing Charter Amendment Petition | Deadline for petition sponsor to file with local government authority a charter amendment petition. | 2nd Monday in August. | EL § 7-104(b) |
| Monday, August 09, 2010 | | Certification of General Assembly Ballot Questions | Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify to the local boards ballot questions referred to voters of one county, or part of one county, by the General Assembly. | 2nd Monday in August. | EL § 7-103(c)(2) |
| Monday, August 16, 2010 | | Certification of Statewide Ballot Questions and Ballot Questions Petitioned to Referendum | Deadline for Secretary of State to certify to SBE statewide ballot questions and questions relating to Acts of the General Assembly petitioned to referendum. | 3rd Monday in August. | EL § 7-103(c)(1) |
| Monday, August 16, 2010 | | Certification of Local Ballot Questions | Deadline for County Attorney/City Solicitor to certify to the local boards each question to be voted on in the county or part of the county. | 3rd Monday in August. | EL § 7-103(c)(3) |
| Tuesday, August 17, 2010 | 11:59 PM | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline for Gubernatorial designated political committees to file first pre-primary report. | 4th Tuesday before the primary election. | EL § 13-309(a)(1) |
| Monday, August 23, 2010 | COB | Verification and Counting of Candidacy or New Party Petition | Deadline for the local boards to verify and count signatures on candidacy or new party petition. | Within 20 days after the filing of the petition. | EL § 6-210(c) |
| Monday, August 23, 2010 | | Certification of Local Ballot Questions | Deadline for Clerk of the Circuit Court to prepare and certify local ballot questions if the County Attorney/City Solicitor does not do so. | 4th Monday in August if County Attorney/City Solicitor has not timely certified the ballot questions. | EL § 7-103(c)(3)(ii) |

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| Tuesday, August 24, 2010 | 9:00 PM | Close of Registration | Deadline to register to vote for the primary election. | 21st day preceding the election. | EL § 3-302(a) |
| Tuesday, August 24, 2010 | | Voter Registration Lists | Deadline for a registered voter to request a voter registration list (New requests will not be taken until registration reopens). | On or before the registration deadline. | COMAR 33.03.02.05(B) |
| Tuesday, August 24, 2010 | 9:00 PM | Polling Place Reassignment | Deadline for elderly voters or voters with disabilities to submit a request to the local boards for reassignment to an accessible polling place. | No later than the close of registration before any election. | EL § 10-102(b)(1) |
| Wednesday, August 25, 2010 | COB | Certification of Candidacy or New Party Petition | Deadline for SBE or the appropriate local board to certify the results of the candidacy or new party petition verification. | Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending. | EL § 6-210(d) |
| Monday, August 30, 2010 | COB | Verification and Counting of Charter Amendment Petition | Deadline for the local boards to verify and count signatures on a charter amendment petition. | Within 20 days after the filing of the petition. | EL § 6-210(c) |
| Wednesday, September 01, 2010 | COB | Certification of Charter Amendment Petition | Deadline for the local boards to certify the results of the charter amendment petition verification. | Within 2 business days after verification and counting is completed; deadline is extended if judicial review is pending. | EL § 6-210(d) |
| Friday, September 03, 2010 | 11:59 PM | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline to file the pre-primary election campaign finance report. | 2nd Friday immediately preceding the election. | EL § 13-309(a)(2) |
| Friday, September 03, 2010 | COB | Voter Registration Lists | Deadline to prepare a voter registration list that includes registrants through the registration deadline. | Within 10 days of the voter registration deadline. | COMAR 33.03.02.05C(2) |
| Monday, September 06, 2010 | | Labor Day | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Tuesday, September 07, 2010 | COB | Judicial Review of Candidacy Petition Certification | Deadline for candidate to seek judicial review of candidacy petition certification. | 10th day after determination. | EL § 6-210(e)(2) |
| Tuesday, September 07, 2010 | COB | Judicial Review of New Party Petition Certification | Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of new party petition certification. | 10th day after determination. | EL § 6-210(e)(1) |
| Tuesday, September 07, 2010 | COB | Logic and Accuracy Testing | Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the entire voting system (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted after completion. Notice of the public demonstration must be given 10 days before demonstration.) | At least 10 days before the election. | COMAR 33.10.02.14,16 COMAR 33.10.11.15,16 |
| Tuesday, September 07, 2010 | COB | Judicial Review of any Ballot Printing Errors | Deadline to seek judicial review if an error is discovered after the ballots have been printed and the local boards fails to correct the error. | Not later than the 2nd Monday preceding the election. | EL § 9-209(c) |
| Tuesday, September 07, 2010 | | Notice of Election | Deadline for the local boards to provide notice of the primary election. | At least one week before the election. | EL § 8-102 |
| Tuesday, September 07, 2010 | 4:30 PM by mail or 11:59 PM by fax | Absentee Ballot Application Deadline | Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail or by fax. | Tuesday before the election. | EL § 9-305(b); COMAR 33.11.02.02D |
| Wednesday, September 08, 2010 | | Late Absentee Ballot Application | Beginning of period to request absentee ballot using the late absentee ballot application. | Starting Wednesday before the election through 8:00 PM on election day. | EL § 9-305(c); COMAR 33.11.02.04A |
| Monday, September 13, 2010 | COB | Judicial Review of Charter Amendment Petition Certification | Deadline for petition sponsor to seek judicial review of charter amendment petition certification. | 10th day after determination | EL § 6-210(e)(2) |

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| Tuesday, September 14, 2010 | 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM | Primary Election | Gubernatorial Primary Election - Polls open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM continuously (voters in line at 8:00 PM may vote). | 2nd Tuesday after the 1st Monday in September in the year in which the Governor is elected. | EL § 8-201(a)(2)(ii) |
| Tuesday, September 14, 2010 | 8:00 PM | Extended Voter Registration Deadline | Extended deadline for receipt of voter registration applications by mail for voting in primary election. | An application received by mail after the close of registration is timely if it is properly postmarked. | EL § 3-302(c); COMAR 33.05.04.01C, D |
| Tuesday, September 14, 2010 | 8:00 PM | Absentee Ballot Deadline | Deadline for the local boards to receive an absentee ballot. | An absentee ballot is timely received if it reaches the local boards before 8:00 PM on election day. | COMAR 33.11.03.08B(1) |
| Thursday, September 16, 2010 | 10:00 AM | Absentee Ballot Canvass 1 | Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 1st canvass of absentee ballots. | 10:00 AM on the Thursday after the election. | COMAR 33.11.04.03A(1) |
| Friday, September 17, 2010 | | Constitution Day and Citizenship Day | Commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution and public schools to celebrate day to help instill students' knowledge of history, importance, and meaning of the U.S. Constitution and Maryland Constitution. | Anniversary of signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787. | Education Art., § 7-116 |
| Monday, September 20, 2010 | 10:00 AM | Provisional Ballot Canvass | Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the canvass of provisional ballots. | 10:00 AM on the Monday after the election. | COMAR 33.16.04.03A |
| Wednesday, September 22, 2010 | 10:00 AM | Extended Absentee Ballot Deadline | Deadline for the local boards to receive absentee ballots by mail. | 10:00 AM on the 2nd Wednesday after the election provided there is a proper postmark or date on voter oath. | COMAR 33.11.03.08B(2) |
| Wednesday, September 22, 2010 | 10:00 AM | Absentee Ballot Canvass 2 | Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 2nd canvass of absentee ballots. | 10:00 AM on the 2nd Wednesday after the election. | COMAR 33.11.04.03A(2) |
| Wednesday, September 22, 2010 | | Post-Election Audit | Deadline for the local boards to conduct the post-election audit for 10% of precincts. | Before certifying the results of the election. | COMAR 33.10.02.38 COMAR 33.10.11.38 |
| Friday, September 24, 2010 | | Verification of Vote Count | Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to verify primary election vote count. | Within 10 days after the election and before certifying the results of the election. | EL § 11-308(a) |
| Friday, September 24, 2010 | | Certification of the Election | Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to certify results of primary election. | After the verification of vote count is completed. | EL § 11-308(b) |
| Friday, September 24, 2010 | | Transmittal of Results | Local boards of canvassers must transmit certified copies of election results to the Governor, SBE, and appropriate Clerk of the Circuit Court. | 2nd Friday after the election or if canvass is completed afterward, within 48 hours after completion. | EL § 11-401(c) |
| Monday, September 27, 2010 | COB | Declination of Nomination | Deadline for declination of nomination by county filed candidate before general election. | Within 2 days after the results from the primary election are certified. | EL § 5-801(b)(2)(i) |
| Monday, September 27, 2010 | | Statewide Certification of Results | SBE to convene to certify election results. | 2 days after official results received from the local boards. | EL § 11-501 |
| Monday, September 27, 2010 | | Voter Registration Reopens | Voter registration reopens. | 11th day after the election. | EL § 3-302(a) |
| Wednesday, September 29, 2010 | COB | Declination of Nomination | Deadline for declination of nomination by state filed candidate before general election. | Within 2 days after the results from the primary election are certified. | EL § 5-801(b)(2)(i) |
| Thursday, September 30, 2010 | COB | Petition for Recount | Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for an office or question on the ballot. | Within 3 days after the results of the election have been certified. | EL § 12-101(d) |
| Monday, October 04, 2010 | COB | Vacancy in Nomination | Deadline for central committee(s) to fill a vacancy in nomination for local filed candidate. | The later of the 40th day before the general election or the 5th day following the vacancy. | EL §§ 5-1002(b)(2), 5-1003(b)(4), 5-1004(b)(1) |
| Monday, October 04, 2010 | COB | Vacancy in Nomination | Deadline for central committee(s) to fill a vacancy in nomination for state filed candidate. | The later of the 40th day before the general election or the 5th day following the vacancy. | EL §§ 5-1002(b)(2), 5-1003(b)(4), 5-1004(b)(1) |
| Monday, October 04, 2010 | | Certification of Ballot | Deadline for SBE to prepare and certify content and arrangement of ballots for the general election. | Not more than 18 days after the primary election. | EL § 9-207(a)(2)(ii) |

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| Wednesday, October 06, 2010 | | Delivery of Ballot | Deadline for SBE to deliver to each local board a copy of the certified ballot content and arrangement for that jurisdiction. | Within 48 hours after certification of ballot. | EL §9-207(c) |
| Monday, October 11, 2010 | | Columbus Day | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Tuesday, October 12, 2010 | 9:00 PM | Close of Registration | Deadline to register to vote for the general election. | 21st day preceding the election. | EL § 3-302(a) |
| Tuesday, October 12, 2010 | COB | Voter Registration Lists | Deadline for a registered voter to request a voter registration list (New requests will not be taken until registration reopens). | On or before the registration deadline. | COMAR 33.03.02.05(B) |
| Tuesday, October 12, 2010 | 9:00 PM | Polling Place Reassignment | Deadline for elderly voters or voters with disabilities to submit a request to the local boards for reassignment to an accessible polling place. | No later than the close of registration before any election. | EL § 10-102(b)(1) |
| Tuesday, October 12, 2010 | | Display of Ballot | Deadline for the local boards to begin displaying the content and arrangement of all ballots in their jurisdiction. | Within 5 days of certification. | EL § 9-207(d) |
| Friday, October 15, 2010 | | Printing of Ballots | Printing of ballots may begin. | 3 days after public display of ballot. | EL § 9-207(e) |
| Friday, October 15, 2010 | COB | Judicial Review of Content and Arrangement of Ballot | Deadline for a registered voter to seek judicial review of the content and arrangement, or to correct any other error, on the ballot. | 3 days after public display of ballot. | EL § 9-209(a) |
| Friday, October 22, 2010 | 11:59 PM | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline for the pre-general election campaign finance report. | 2nd Friday immediately preceding the general election. | EL § 13-309(a)(2) |
| Friday, October 22, 2010 | COB | Voter Registration Lists | Deadline to prepare a voter registration list that includes registrants through the registration deadline. | Within 10 days of the voter registration deadline. | COMAR 33.03.02.05C(2) |
| Monday, October 25, 2010 | COB | Logic and Accuracy Testing | Deadline for the local boards to complete logic and accuracy testing of the entire voting system (Note: A public demonstration of the test must be conducted after completion. Notice of the public demonstration must be given 10 days before demonstration.) | At least 10 days before the election. | COMAR 33.10.02.14,16 COMAR 33.10.11.15,16 |
| Monday, October 25, 2010 | COB | Judicial Review of any Ballot Printing Errors | Deadline to seek judicial review if an error is discovered after the ballots have been printed and the local boards fails to correct the error. | Not later than the 2nd Monday preceding the election. | EL § 9-209(c) |
| Tuesday, October 26, 2010 | | Notice of Election | Deadline for the local boards to provide notice of the general election. | At least one week before the election. | EL § 8-102 |
| Tuesday, October 26, 2010 | 4:30 PM by mail or 11:59 PM by fax | Absentee Ballot Application Deadline | Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail or by fax. | Tuesday before the election. | EL § 9-305(b); COMAR 33.11.02.02D |
| Wednesday, October 27, 2010 | COB | Write-in Candidate | Deadline for write-in candidates to file a <i>Certificate of Candidacy</i> . Only filed write-in candidates will have their votes reported on the official canvass. | Wednesday preceding the election or within 7 days after expenditure of \$51 to promote candidacy. | EL § 5-303(c) |
| Wednesday, October 27, 2010 | | Late Absentee Ballot Application | Beginning of period to request an absentee ballot using the late absentee ballot application. | Starting Wednesday before the election through 8:00 PM on election day. | EL § 9-305(c); COMAR 33.11.02.04A |

2010 Gubernatorial Election Calendar*

| Date | Time ^{1,2} | Event Name | Description | Computation | Legal Authority ³ |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Tuesday, November 02, 2010 | 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM | General Election | Gubernatorial General Election - Polls open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM continuously (voters in line at 8:00 PM may vote). | Tuesday after 1st Monday in November | MD Const. Art . XV, § 7; EL §§ 10-301 |
| Tuesday, November 02, 2010 | 8:00 PM | Extended Voter Registration Deadline | Extended deadline for receipt of voter registration applications by mail for voting in primary election. | An application received by mail after the close of registration is timely if it is properly postmarked. | EL § 3-302(c); COMAR 33.05.04.01C, D |
| Tuesday, November 02, 2010 | 8:00 PM | Absentee Ballot Deadline | Deadline for the local boards to receive an absentee ballot. | An absentee ballot is timely received if it reaches the local boards before 8:00 PM on election day. | COMAR 33.11.03.08B(1) |
| Thursday, November 04, 2010 | 10:00 AM | Absentee Ballot Canvass 1 | Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 1st canvass of absentee ballots. | 10:00 AM on the Thursday after the election. | COMAR 33.11.04.03A(1) |
| Monday, November 08, 2010 | 10:00 AM | Provisional Ballot Canvass | Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the canvass of provisional ballots. | 10:00 AM on the Monday after the election. | COMAR 33.16.04.03A |
| Thursday, November 11, 2010 | | Veteran's Day | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Friday, November 12, 2010 | 10:00 AM | Extended Absentee Ballot Deadline | Deadline for the local boards to receive absentee ballots by mail. | 10:00 AM on the 2nd Friday after the election provided there is a proper postmark or date on voter oath. | COMAR 33.11.03.08B(2) |
| Friday, November 12, 2010 | 10:00 AM | Absentee Ballot Canvass 2 | Local boards of canvassers are required to begin the 2nd canvass of absentee ballots. | 10:00 AM on the 2nd Friday after the election. | COMAR 33.11.04.03A(2) |
| Friday, November 12, 2010 | | Post-Election Audit | Deadline for the local boards to conduct the post-election audit for 10% of precincts. | Before certifying the results of the election. | COMAR 33.10.02.38 COMAR 33.10.11.38 |
| Friday, November 12, 2010 | | Verification of Vote Count | Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to verify the general election vote count. | Within 10 days after the election and before certifying the results of the election. | EL § 11-308(a) |
| Friday, November 12, 2010 | | Certification of the Election | Deadline for the local boards of canvassers to certify the results of the general election. | After the verification of vote count is completed. | EL § 11-308(b) |
| Friday, November 12, 2010 | | Transmittal of Results | Local boards of canvassers must transmit certified copies of election results to the Governor, SBE, and appropriate Clerk of the Circuit Court. | 2nd Friday after the election or if canvass is completed afterward, within 48 hours after completion. | EL § 11-401(c) |
| Monday, November 15, 2010 | | Petition for Recount | Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for an office or question on the ballot. | Within 3 days after the results of the election have been certified. | EL § 12-101(d) |
| Monday, November 15, 2010 | | Voter Registration Reopens | Voter registration reopens. | 11th day after the election. | EL § 3-302(a) |
| Tuesday, November 23, 2010 | 11:59 PM | Campaign Finance Report | Deadline to file post-general election campaign finance report. | On or before the 3rd Tuesday after the general election. | EL 13-309(a)(4) |
| Thursday, November 25, 2010 | | Thanksgiving | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Friday, November 26, 2010 | | American Indian Heritage Day | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Tuesday, December 07, 2010 | COB | Statewide Certification of Results | Deadline for the State Board of Canvassers to convene to certify election results. | Within 35 days after general election. | EL § 11-503(a)(1)(ii) |
| Friday, December 10, 2010 | COB | Petition for Recount | Deadline to file a petition for a recount of the votes cast for an office or question on the ballot. | Within 3 days after the results of the election have been certified. | EL § 12-101(d) |
| Friday, December 24, 2010 | | Christmas | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |
| Friday, December 31, 2010 | | New Year's Day | State holiday. | | State Personnel & Pensions Art., § 9-201 |