

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS AND NOTARIES

**CALENDAR FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MARCH 17, 2020  
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE 8TH DISTRICT  
IN THE COUNTIES OF BUTLER AND MERCER**

1. Writ, prepared by presiding officer,  
served on the Secretary of the Commonwealth ..... January 7, 2020  
(*At least 60 days prior to the special election. 25 P.S. § 2778*)
2. First day for political parties and minor political parties to nominate  
candidates by filing nomination certificates ..... January 7, 2020  
(*25 P.S. § 2779*)
3. First day for political bodies to circulate and file nomination  
papers nominating candidates ..... January 7, 2020
4. Last day to file nomination certificates and  
nomination papers ..... January 27, 2020  
(*50 days prior to date of special election. 25 P.S. § 2779.*)
5. Last day to file objections: 3 days after the deadline for filing ..... January 30, 2020  
(*25 P.S. § 2782*)
6. Last day for Commonwealth Court to set a hearing  
on objections: 7 days after deadline for filing ..... February 3, 2020  
(*25 P.S. § 2782*)
7. Last day to withdraw: 7 days after the deadline for filing ..... February 3, 2020  
(*25 P.S. § 2783*)
8. Last day to file substituted nomination  
certificates: 7 days after the deadline for filing ..... February 3, 2020  
(*25 P.S. §2784(c)*)
9. Last day to file objections to substituted nominations:  
3 days after substituted nomination certificate is filed ..... Depends on filing date  
(*25 P.S. § 2785*)
10. Last day for Secretary of the Commonwealth to  
certify names and residence of all candidates ..... February 16, 2020  
(*30<sup>th</sup> day preceding the day fixed for the special election. 25 P.S. § 2786*)

11. Last day to register to vote before the election..... February 18, 2020  
*(30 days before the election. 25 Pa.C.S. § 1326(b))*  
*(Because February 16th falls on a Sunday, the date moves to the next business day, which is February 18<sup>th</sup> (as February 17<sup>th</sup> is Presidents Day). 25 P.S. § 2603).*
12. Last day before the election on which official applications for  
civilian absentee ballots may be received by the county board of  
elections ..... March 10, 2020  
*(Tuesday before election. 25 P.S. § 3146.2a(a))*
13. All absentee ballots must be received by the county board of elections  
not later than 5:00 P.M. on this day to be counted ..... March 13, 2020  
*(Friday before the election. 25 P.S. § 3146.6(a))*
14. Last day for county boards of elections to receive voted military and  
overseas absentee ballots ..... March 24, 2020  
*(By 5:00 P.M. on the 7<sup>th</sup> day following a primary or election and must be voted no later than 11:59pm on March 16th, 25 P.S. § 3146.8(g)(1) & 25 Pa.C.S. § 3511(a)).*

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- A. Political Parties file nomination certificates, nominating candidates in accordance with party rules.
- B. Candidates of political bodies file nomination papers, obtaining signatures equal to 2% of the largest vote cast for any elected officer in that district at the last preceding election or the number of signatures required on a nomination petition for a political party candidate, whichever is greater. Signers of such papers must be qualified, registered electors of the district. **The number of signatures required on nomination papers to be filed by candidates of political bodies for the Special Election for the 8th Legislative District is 325.** All nomination papers must be accompanied by a properly completed candidate's affidavit and a copy of the Statement of Financial Interests required to be filed with the State Ethics Commission. In addition, a filing fee of \$100.00 must be submitted with each set of nomination papers and must be paid by certified check or money order payable to the 'Commonwealth of Pennsylvania'.

*NOTE:* The Election Code provides that no person “who is a registered and enrolled member of a party (shall) be eligible to be the candidate of a political body for a special election.” 25 P.S. § 2911.1.

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING DEADLINES

| <i>Report</i>   | <i>Complete Up To<br/>And Including</i>                      | <i>Filing Deadline*</i> |
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| 2nd Friday Pre-Election<br><i>(Complete as of 15 days prior to the election. 25 P.S. § 3246(d)).</i>  | March 2, 2020  | March 6, 2020           |
| <b>24 Hour Reporting</b>  | <b>March 3, 2020 (begins) (ends/includes) March 17, 2020</b> |                         |
| 30 Day Post-Election<br><i>(Complete as of 10 days after the special election. 25 P.S. § 3246(e))</i> | March 27, 2020   | April 16, 2020          |

\*Postmarks are acceptable as proof of timely filing when reports are postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than the day before the filing deadline.

## ETHICS LAW INFORMATION

All candidates for the Special Election must file Statements of Financial Interests with the State Ethics Commission and a copy of the Statement of Financial Interests with their nomination certificates or nomination papers. For further information, please call the State Ethics Commission at (717) 783-1610.