

2023

May Municipal Non-Partisan Election Timeline

March

March 6 – 4 p.m.

Nomination Petition Filing Deadline for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(On or before 64th day prior to election)

N.J.S.A. 40:45-8

March 7 - March 16*

Publication of Candidates' Names for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections by Municipal Clerk

(within 10 days after filing deadline)

N.J.S.A. 40:45-13

March 9

Deadline for Amendments to Defective Petitions for Municipal Non-Partisan Candidates

(no later than 61 days before election)

N.J.S.A. 40:45-9

March 10 – 4 p.m.

Filing Deadline for Objections to Nomination Petitions for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(no later than 4 days after filing deadline)

N.J.S.A. 19:13-10

March 14

Publication of Notice of Mail-In Ballot Availability for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections by Municipal Clerks

(prior to the 55th day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-6

March 15

Deadline for Determination of Petition Challenges for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(9 days after the last day for filing nomination petitions)

N.J.S.A. 19:13-11

March 19 - April 17

Publication of Notice of Municipal Non-Partisan Election by Municipal Clerks

(within 30 days before the close of registration for election)

(N.J.S.A. 19:12-7)

March 25

Commencement of Mailing of Mail-In Ballots for Municipal Non-Partisan Election

(45 days before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-5, N.J.S.A. 19:63-9

**Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:45-13 within 10 days after the expiration of the time for filing certificates, statements and petitions for candidates, and the drawing for position, the municipal clerk shall cause the names of the candidates as they are to appear upon the ballots to be published in proper form once in each of the two newspapers having circulation in the municipality and published in this State.*

*** Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:45-12 there is no specific deadline in the statute for ballot draw, but the clerk must give at least a two day notice by certified mail to the candidates. N.J.S.A. 40:45-13 also provides that within 10 days after the petition deadline and the ballot draw, the municipal clerk is to publish once in each of two newspapers having circulation in the municipality and the state, the names of the candidates as they are to appear on the ballot.*

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April 18

Voter Registration Deadline for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(21 days before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:31-6

April 18

Mandated Evening Voter Registration Available for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections in Offices of County Commissioners of Registration

(optional for municipal clerks) (21 days before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:31-2

April 25

Deadline for Filing of Challenger Appointments for Municipal Non-Partisan Election

(second Tuesday preceding election)

N.J.S.A. 19:7-3

April 23 – April 29

Publication of Notice of Municipal Non-Partisan Elections by Municipal Clerks

(once during the calendar week prior to the week in which Early Voting could occur)

N.J.S.A. 19:12-7

May

May 2

Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(not less than 7 days prior to election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-3

May 2

Publication of Challenge and Complaint Procedures for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections by County Boards of Election

(7 days before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:12-9

May 3

Mailing of Sample Ballots for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(on or before 12 noon on Wednesday preceding the start of the early voting period for the municipal non-partisan election)

N.J.S.A. 19:14-25

May 5 – May 7

Early Voting Period

(start on the 4th calendar day before the regular municipal election and end on the second calendar day before that regular municipal election)

N.J.S.A. 19:15A-1

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May 5

Deadline for Application to Receive Municipal Non-Partisan Election Mail-In Ballots by Electronic Means for Qualified Overseas Civilian and Military Voters

(4th day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:59-4

May 8 – by 3:00 p.m.

Deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications for Municipal Non-Partisan Election

(up to 3:00 p.m. on the day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-3

May 8

Publication of Challenge and Complaint Procedures for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections by County Boards of Election

(1 day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:12-9

May 9

Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(second Tuesday in May)

N.J.S.A. 40:45-7, N.J.S.A. 40:45-16

May 9

Last Day for Testing of Electronic Scanning Equipment for Tabulation of Paper Ballots for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(day of election)

(notice to be given 48 hours prior to the start of testing)

N.J.S.A. 19:53A-8

May 9

Deadline for Post Office Receipt of Mail-In Ballots from the Municipal Non-Partisan Election

May 9

Deadline for in Person Submission of Municipal Non-Partisan Election Mail-In Ballots to County Boards of Election or to Authorized Ballot Drop Boxes

(by 8:00 p.m. on the day of election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-16; N.J.S.A. 19:63-16.1e

May 9 - May 26

Impoundment Period for Voting Machines Used in the Non-Partisan Elections

(17 days following the closure and locking of the voting machines to comply with P.L. 2018, c.72)

N.J.S.A. 19:52-6

May 11

Deadline for Receipt by County Boards of Elections of Mail-In Ballots by delivery of the United States Postal Service that DO NOT Bear a Postmark of Delivery

(no later than 48 hours (2 days) after the time of the closing of the polls for the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-22

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May 15

Deadline for Receipt of Timely Mailed Postmarked Mail-In Ballots to County Boards of Election

(no later than 144 hours (6 days) after the time of the closing of the polls for the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-22

May 16

Deadline for Receipt of Cure Form to County Boards of Election

(no later than 48 hours (2 days) prior to the final certification of the results of the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-17

May 18

Canvass by Municipal Clerks of Votes Cast in Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(to comply with P.L. 2020, c.71; N.J.S.A. 19:63-22; N.J.S.A. 40:45-16)

May 24

Deadline for Preparation of Emergency and Provisional Ballot Reports by Each County Board of Election for the Municipal Non-Partisan Election

(within 15 days after election or 3 days after the certification of the results of the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:53B-21; N.J.S.A. 19:53C-21

May 26

Deadline for Applications for Recheck of Voting Machines Used in the Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(within 17 days after election to comply with P.L. 2018, c.72)

N.J.S.A. 19:52-6

May 26

Deadline for Recount Applications for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(within 17 days after election)

N.J.S.A. 19:28-1

June

June 10

Deadline for Filing of Election Contest Petitions for Municipal Non-Partisan Elections

(not later than 32 days after election)

N.J.S.A. 19:29-3

June 13

Municipal Non-Partisan Run-Off Election

(4th Tuesday next following municipal election, unless in any year that Tuesday shall be the date upon which a primary election shall be held, in which case the run-off election shall be held on the 5th Tuesday next following the municipal election)

N.J.S.A. 40:45-19