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# **March Special School Board Election Timeline**

## **January**

### **January 9**

**Written Notice of March Special School Board Elections by Board of Education to Municipal Clerks and County Board of Election**

*(no less than 60 days prior to election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:60-2**

### **January 9**

**Secretary of the Board of Education Forwards Certified Statement Designating the Public Question to be Voted Upon to County Clerk**

*(By 10 a.m., 60 days preceding a special school election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:60-4**

### **January 13**

**Publication of Notice of Mail-In Ballot Availability for March Special School Board Elections by County Clerks**

*(prior to the 55th day before election)*

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

### **January 18 - February 16**

**Publication of Notice of March Special School Board Elections by County Boards of Election**

*(once during the 30 days next preceding the voter registration deadline)*

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

## **February**

### **February 17**

**Voter Registration Deadline for March Special School Board Elections**

*(21 days before election)*

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

### **February 17**

**Deadline for Filing Challenger Appointments for Special School Election**

*(Third Tuesday preceding election)*

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

## **March**

### **March 1 - March 7**

**Publication of Notice of March Special School Board Elections by County Boards of Election**

*(once during the calendar week prior to election)*

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

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## **March 3**

**Publication of Challenge and Complaint Procedures for March Special School Board Elections by County Boards of Election**

*(7 days before election)*

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

## **March 3**

**Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for March Special School Board Elections**

*(not less than 7 days prior to election)*

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

## **March 4**

**Mailing of Sample Ballots for March Special School Board Elections**

*(on or before 12 noon on Wednesday preceding election)*

*(Consistent with requirements prior to the implementation of early voting which does not apply to school elections)*

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

## **March 5**

**Last Day for Testing of Electronic Scanning Equipment for Tabulation of Paper Ballots for March Special School Board Elections**

*(A county board of elections may begin opening the inner envelopes for each mail-in ballot and canvassing each mail-in ballot from the inner envelope no earlier than five days prior to the day of the election-March 10)*

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

**N.J.S.A. 19:53A-8; 19:63-22 (b)**

## **March 6**

**Deadline for Application to Receive March Special School Board 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**

## **March 9 - by 3:00 p.m.**

**Deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications for March Special School Board Election**

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

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

## **March 9**

**Publication of Challenge and Complaint Procedures for March Special School Board Elections by County Boards of Election**

*(1 day before election)*

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

## **March 10**

**March Special School Board Elections**

*(2nd Tuesday in March)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:60-2**

## **March 10**

**Deadline for Post Office Receipt of Mail-In Ballots from the March Special School Board Election**

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## **March 10**

**Deadline for in Person Submission of March Special School Board 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; NJSA 19:63-16.1e**

## **March 12**

**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**

## **March 16**

**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**

## **March 23**

**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**

## **March 25– 12 p.m.**

**Meeting of County Board of Canvassers for March Special School Board Elections**

*(15 days after the election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:19-1, N.J.S.A. 19:19-4, N.J.S.A. 19:19-6**

## **March 28**

**Deadline for Preparation of Emergency and Provisional Ballot Reports by Each County Board of Election for the March Special School Board Election**

*(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**

## **March 28**

**Deadline for Recount Applications for March Special School Board Elections**

*(within 3 days after the certification of the results of the election)*

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

## **April**

## **April 11**

**Deadline for Filing of Election Contest Petitions for March Special School Board Elections**

*(not later than 32 days after election)*

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