

2023 Annual School Board Election Timeline

February

February 28

Publication of Notice of Mail-In Ballot Availability for April Annual School Elections by Municipal and/or County Clerks

(prior to the 55th day before election)

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

March

March 5 – April 3

Publication of Notice of April Annual School Elections by County Boards of Election

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

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

March 6 – 4 p.m.

Nomination Petition Filing Deadline for April Annual School Elections

(before 4:00 p.m. of the 50th day preceding the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-7

March 9

Deadline for Filing in Superior Court to Protect School Board Candidate's Rights

(before the 46th day prior to election)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-7

March 10 – 4 p.m.

Filing Deadline for Objections to Nominating Petitions for April Annual School Election Candidates

(46th day prior to election)

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

March 13

Deadline for Withdrawal of School Board Candidates

(before 44th day preceding election)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-7

March 13

Deadline for Determination of Petition Challenges By School Boards of Education

(44th day preceding election)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-7

March 13

Deadline for Amendments to Defective Petitions for School Board Candidates

(44th day preceding election)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-7

March 15

Drawing of Ballot Positions for School Board Candidates by School Board Secretary

(7 working days following the last day for filing petitions for election)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-8

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March 17

Deadline for Certification of Ballot Draw to the County Clerk by School Board Secretary
(within 2 days following the drawing of ballot position)
N.J.S.A. 19:60-8

April

April 4

Voter Registration Deadline for Annual School Elections
(21 days before election)
N.J.S.A. 19:31-6

April 7

10:00 a.m. Deadline to Submit Public Question Statements for Annual School Board Elections to the County Clerk by the School Board Secretary
(18th day preceding election)
N.J.S.A. 19:60-4

April 8

Deadline to Submit Official School Ballot to Printer by the County Clerk
(17th day preceding the annual school election)
N.J.S.A. 19:60-9

April 11

Deadline for Filing of Challenger Appointments for Annual School Board Elections
(second Tuesday preceding election)
N.J.S.A. 19:7-3

April 16 - April 22

Publication of Notice of Annual School Elections by County Boards of Election
(once during the calendar week prior to election)
N.J.S.A. 19:12-7

April 18

Publication of Challenge and Complaint Procedures for Annual School Board Elections by County Boards of Election
(7 days before election)
N.J.S.A. 19:12-9

April 18

Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for Annual School Board Elections
(not less than 7 days prior to election)
N.J.S.A. 19:63-3

April 19

Mailing of Sample Ballots for Annual 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)

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April 21

Deadline for Application to Receive Annual 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

April 24

Publication of Challenge and Complaint Procedures for Annual School Board Elections by County Boards of Election

(1 day before election)

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

April 24 – by 3:00 p.m.

Deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications for Annual School Board Elections

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

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

April 25

Annual School Board Elections

N.J.S.A. 19:60-1

(3rd Tuesday in April)

(N.J.S.A. 19:60-2 provides the Commissioner of Education the authority to change a special school election date when it coincides with a period of religious observance.)

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

April 25

Last Day for Testing of Electronic Scanning Equipment for Tabulation of Paper Ballots for Annual School Board Elections

(day of election)

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

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

April 25

Deadline for Post Office Receipt of Mail-In Ballots from the Annual School Board Election

April 25

Deadline for in Person Submission of Annual 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

April 25—May 12

Impoundment Period for Voting Machines Used in the Annual School Board Elections

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

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

April 27

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

May 1

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 6

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 8 – 12 p.m.

Meeting of County Board of Canvassers for Annual School Board Elections

(13 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

May 10

Deadline for Preparation of Emergency and Provisional Ballot Reports by Each County Board of Election for the Annual School Board 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 12

Deadline for Applications for Recheck of Voting Machines Used in the Annual School Board Elections

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

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

May 12

Deadline for Recount Applications for Annual School Board Elections

(within 17 days after election)

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

May 27

Deadline for Filing of Election Contest Petitions for Annual School Elections

(not later than 32 days after election)

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