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1. The column Independent Filing Deadline shows the date for the filing of petitions by independent or third/minor party candidates. This is a general reference date for use by the public and voters. Candidates and others seeking specific information should contact the states for other deadlines that may need to be met. For example, the petitions may have to be checked by officials prior to this date. A declaration of candidacy may be due before the petitions are due. New parties may have different deadlines.

2. In Connecticut, conventions are held by the Democratic and Republican Parties prior to the primary. The Democratic convention date for U.S. Senate is 5/7/16, and the Democratic convention date for U.S. House districts is 5/9/16. The Republican convention date for U.S. Senate and U.S. House districts is 5/9/16.

3. In Indiana, the Libertarian Party convention date is 4/23/16:

4. In Kansas, the Libertarian Party convention date is 4/30/16.

5. In Louisiana, a Congressional primary election is not held. The election for candidates seeking Federal office is the General Election scheduled for 11/8/16. If necessary, a Runoff Election will be held on 12/10/16. The filing deadline for ballot access is 7/22/2016.

6. In Maryland, the Libertarian Party convention date is 3/12/16, and the Green Party's party-organized primary date is 5/1/16.

7. In Michigan, the Green Party convention date is 7/30/16, the Libertarian Party convention date is 5/14/16, and the U.S. Taxpayers Party convention date is 6/25/16. The convention date for the Natural Law Party is pending.

8. In Oregon, the Libertarian Party convention date is 5/27/16, and the Pacific Green Party convention date is 5/21/16. The convention dates for the Constitution, Progressive and Working Families Parties are pending.

9. In South Carolina, the convention date for the American and Constitution Parties is 5/14/16, the Green Party convention date is 4/30/16, and the Libertarian Party convention date is 5/7/16.

10. In Texas, the Green and Libertarian Parties may nominate by convention. The convention dates are 3/12/16 for single county U.S. House Districts 2, 3, 7, 16, 18, 20, 29 and 30; 3/19/16 for multi-county U.S. House Districts 1, 4-6, 8-15, 17, 19, 21-28, 31-36.


12. In Virginia, the Democratic and Republican parties may choose to nominate by convention rather than by primary election. The Democratic Party has scheduled conventions on 5/7/16 (Districts 5 & 7), 5/21/16 (Districts 1, 6 & 9) and a caucus on 6/13/16 (District 10). The Republican Party has scheduled conventions on 5/7/16 (Districts 3 & 8), 5/14/16 (Districts 5 & 11) and 5/21/16 (District 7).

13. In West Virginia, the Libertarian Party convention date is 5/7/16. The Mountain Party convention date is pending.
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