



**2018 CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY DATES  
AND CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINES FOR BALLOT ACCESS**

(Data as of 3/12/2018)

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STATE		CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY DATE	CONGRESSIONAL RUNOFF DATE	FILING DEADLINE FOR PRIMARY BALLOT ACCESS	INDEPENDENT <sup>1</sup> FILING DEADLINE FOR GENERAL ELECTION
Alabama		6/5	7/17	2/9	6/5
Alaska		8/21		6/1	8/21
American Samoa		n/a		n/a	9/1
Arizona	S	8/28		5/30	5/30
Arkansas		5/22	6/19	3/1 Noon	3/1 Noon
California	S	6/5		3/9	n/a
Colorado		6/26		3/20	4/2 (Third/Minor) 7/12 (Independent)
Connecticut	S	8/14 <sup>2</sup>		6/12	8/8
Delaware	S	9/6		7/10	9/4 (Independent)
D.C.		6/19		3/21	8/8
Florida	S	8/28		5/4 Noon	4/2 Noon
Georgia		5/22	7/24	3/9 Noon	7/9
Guam		8/25		6/26	6/26
Hawaii	S	8/11		6/5	6/5
Idaho		5/15		3/9	3/9
Illinois		3/20		12/4/17	6/25
Indiana	S	5/8 <sup>3</sup>		2/9 Noon	7/2 Noon
Iowa		6/5		3/16	8/25
Kansas		8/7 <sup>4</sup>		6/1	6/1 (Third/Minor) 8/6 (Independent)
Kentucky		5/22		1/30 4pm	8/14 4pm
Louisiana		n/a <sup>5</sup>		n/a <sup>5</sup>	7/20 <sup>5</sup>
Maine	S	6/12		3/15	6/1 (Independent)
Maryland	S	6/26 <sup>6</sup>		2/27	8/6
Massachusetts	S	9/4		5/8	7/31
Michigan	S	8/7 <sup>7</sup>		4/24 4pm	7/19 4pm (Independent)
Minnesota	S	8/14 <sup>8</sup>		6/5	6/5
Mississippi	S	6/5	6/26	3/1	3/1 (Independent)
Missouri	S	8/7		3/27	7/30 (Independent)
Montana	S	6/5		3/12	5/29
Nebraska	S	5/15		2/15 (Incumbents) 3/1 (All Others)	9/4
Nevada	S	6/12		3/16	6/1
New Hampshire		9/11		6/15	9/5
New Jersey	S	6/5		4/2	6/5
New Mexico	S	6/5		3/13	6/28
New York	S	6/26		4/12	7/31 (Independent)
North Carolina		5/8	7/17	2/28	5/8 (Independent)
North Dakota	S	6/12		4/9 4pm	9/4 4pm
N. Mariana Islands		n/a		n/a	8/8
Ohio	S	5/8		2/7	5/7 (Independent)



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Oklahoma		6/26	8/28	4/13	4/13
Oregon		5/15 <sup>9</sup>		3/6	5/30
Pennsylvania	S	5/15		3/6 (U.S.Senate) 3/20 (U.S. House)	8/1
Puerto Rico		n/a <sup>10</sup>		n/a <sup>2</sup>	n/a <sup>2</sup>
Rhode Island	S	9/12		6/27	7/16
South Carolina		6/12 <sup>11</sup>	6/26	3/30 Noon	7/16 Noon (Independent)
South Dakota		6/5	8/14	3/27	3/27 (Third/Minor) 4/24 (Independent)
Tennessee	S	8/2		4/5 Noon	4/5 Noon
Texas	S	3/6 <sup>12</sup>	5/22	12/11/17	12/11/17 (Third/Minor) 6/21 (Independent)
Utah	S	6/26 <sup>13</sup>		3/15	3/15 (Independent)
Vermont	S	8/14		5/31	8/9
Virginia	S	6/12 <sup>14</sup>		3/29 5pm	6/12 7pm (Independent)
Virgin Islands		8/4		5/8	5/8
Washington	S	8/7		5/18	n/a
West Virginia	S	5/8 <sup>15</sup>		1/27	8/1
Wisconsin	S	8/14		6/1	6/1
Wyoming	S	8/21		6/1	8/20 (Third/Minor) 8/27 (Independent)

**Notes:**

- 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.
- In Connecticut, conventions are held by the Democratic and Republican Parties prior to the primary. The tentative Democratic convention date for U.S. Senate is 5/18/18, and the Democratic convention date for U.S. House districts is 5/14/18. The Republican convention date for U.S. Senate and the U.S. House districts is 5/11/18.
- In Indiana, the Libertarian Party convention date is 5/5/18.
- In Kansas, the Libertarian Party convention date is 4/22/18.
- In Louisiana, a Congressional primary election is not held. The election for candidates seeking Federal office is the General election scheduled for 11/6/18. If necessary, a Runoff Election will be held on 12/8/18. The filing deadline for ballot access is 7/20/18.
- In Maryland, the Libertarian Party state convention date is 3/10/18, and the Green Party's party-organized primary date is 4/30/18.
- In Michigan, the Green, Natural Law, U.S. Taxpayers and Working Class Parties may nominate by convention. Convention dates are pending.
- Minnesota has two U.S. Senate seats on the ballot in 2018. One is for an Unexpired Term.
- In Oregon, the Constitution, Libertarian, Pacific Green, Progressive and Working Families Parties may nominate by convention. Convention dates are pending.
- In Puerto Rico, the general election for Resident Commissioner to the U.S. House of Representatives is held every four years, coinciding with the U.S. Presidential election.
- In South Carolina, the American, Constitution, Green, Independence, Labor, Libertarian, United Citizens and Working Families Parties may nominate by convention. Convention dates are pending.
- In Texas, the Libertarian Party may nominate by convention. The convention dates are 3/17/18 for single county U.S. House Districts 2, 3, 7, 16, 18, 20, 29 and 30; 3/24/18 for multi-county U.S. House Districts 1, 4-6, 8-15, 17, 19, 21-28, 31-36. The state convention date for the Libertarian U.S. Senate nomination is 4/14/18.
- In Utah, conventions are held by the political parties prior to the primary. The Libertarian Party convention date is 4/14/18. The Republican, Green, and Independent American Party convention date is 4/21/18. The Democratic and United Utah Party convention date is 4/28/18. The Constitution Party convention date is pending.
- In Virginia, the Democratic and Republican parties may choose to nominate by convention rather than by primary election. The Democratic Party has scheduled a convention on 5/5/18 for U.S. House District 5. The Republican Party convention dates are 4/28/18 (U.S. House Districts 5 and 8), 5/5/18 (U.S. House Districts 3 and 7), and 5/19/18 (U.S. House District 6).
- In West Virginia, the Libertarian and Mountain parties may nominate by convention. Convention dates are pending.



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Texas	<b>S</b>	3/6	5/22
Illinois		3/20	
Indiana	<b>S</b>	5/8	
North Carolina		5/8	7/17
Ohio	<b>S</b>	5/8	
West Virginia	<b>S</b>	5/8	
Idaho		5/15	
Nebraska	<b>S</b>	5/15	
Oregon		5/15	
Pennsylvania	<b>S</b>	5/15	
Arkansas		5/22	6/19
Georgia		5/22	7/24
Kentucky		5/22	
Alabama		6/5	7/17
California	<b>S</b>	6/5	
Iowa		6/5	
Mississippi	<b>S</b>	6/5	6/26
Montana	<b>S</b>	6/5	
New Jersey	<b>S</b>	6/5	
New Mexico	<b>S</b>	6/5	
South Dakota		6/5	8/14
Maine	<b>S</b>	6/12	
Nevada	<b>S</b>	6/12	
North Dakota	<b>S</b>	6/12	
South Carolina		6/12	6/26
Virginia	<b>S</b>	6/12	

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D.C.		6/19	
Colorado		6/26	
Maryland	<b>S</b>	6/26	
New York	<b>S</b>	6/26	
Oklahoma		6/26	8/28
Utah	<b>S</b>	6/26	
Tennessee	<b>S</b>	8/2	
Virgin Islands		8/4	
Kansas		8/7	
Michigan	<b>S</b>	8/7	
Missouri	<b>S</b>	8/7	
Washington	<b>S</b>	8/7	
Hawaii	<b>S</b>	8/11	
Connecticut	<b>S</b>	8/14	
Minnesota	<b>S</b>	8/14	
Vermont	<b>S</b>	8/14	
Wisconsin	<b>S</b>	8/14	
Alaska		8/21	
Wyoming	<b>S</b>	8/21	
Guam		8/25	
Arizona	<b>S</b>	8/28	
Florida	<b>S</b>	8/28	
Massachusetts	<b>S</b>	9/4	
Delaware	<b>S</b>	9/6	
New Hampshire		9/11	
Rhode Island	<b>S</b>	9/12	

**Sources:** State Election Offices, State Parties and Statutes

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