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DEPARTMENT *of* ELECTIONS

Political Party Bulletin

For United States House of Representatives

Ballot Access Requirements for the
August 4, 2026, Primary Elections
and
November 3, 2026, General and Special Elections

2026 Election Calendar

Type of Election	Last Day to Submit Candidate Ballot Access Documents	Last Day to Register to Vote	Last Day to Apply for Absentee
Primary August 4, 2026	May 26, 2026, 5:00 pm	July 24, 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person: 5:00 pm • Online: 11:59 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online, Fax, Mail: July 24, 2026, 5:00 pm • Early Voting In Person: August 1, 2026, 5:00 pm
General and Special November 3, 2026	August 4, 2026, 7:00 pm	October 23, 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-person: 5:00 pm • Online: 11:59 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online, Fax, Mail: October 23, 2026, 5:00 pm • Early Voting In Person: October 31, 2026, 5:00 pm
Find in Va. Code §§: 24.2-503 and 24.2-507 24.2-416 24.2-701 and 24.2-701.1			

What, where, and when do political parties file?

What do I need to file?	Where do I file this form?	When does filing open?	What is the deadline to file?
Contact information for state, congressional district, legislative district, county, and city party chairs	With the Department of Elections (ELECT).	January, 2026	Updates should be provided, preferably the first week of June and first week of November.
Related Code: Va. Code § 24.2-516			
Party Notice of Nomination Method	With ELECT via online submission form.	February 11, 2026	March 3, 2026
Related Code: Va. Code § 24.2- 516			
Party Certification of Primary Candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> United States House of Representatives candidates: With ELECT. 	May 26, 2026, 5:01 pm <i>(After the candidate primary filing window closes.)</i>	May 27, 2026, 5:00 pm
Related Code: Va. Code § 24.2-527			
Reminder: deadlines to nominate non-primary candidates:	Nominations may begin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General: June 12, 2026 Special: When the election is ordered. 	Nominations must be completed by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General: August 4, 2026, 7:00 pm 	
Related Code: Va. Code § 24.2-510			
Party Certification of Non-Primary Candidate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> United States House of Representatives candidates: With ELECT. 	General: After party has nominated the candidate.	Nominations must be completed by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General: August 7, 2026
Related Code: Va. Code § 24.2-511			

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Additional information, including November Special Election information can be found in the Political Party Bulletin found on ELECT’s website: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/candidatepac-info/candidate-bulletins/>.

- A. **January, 2026**, file the following with the **Virginia Department of Elections (ELECT)**.*
**ELECT strongly encourages the party to submit updated lists the first week of June, and the first week of November.*
 - **Contact lists for all party chairs** (state, congressional district, legislative district, county, city).

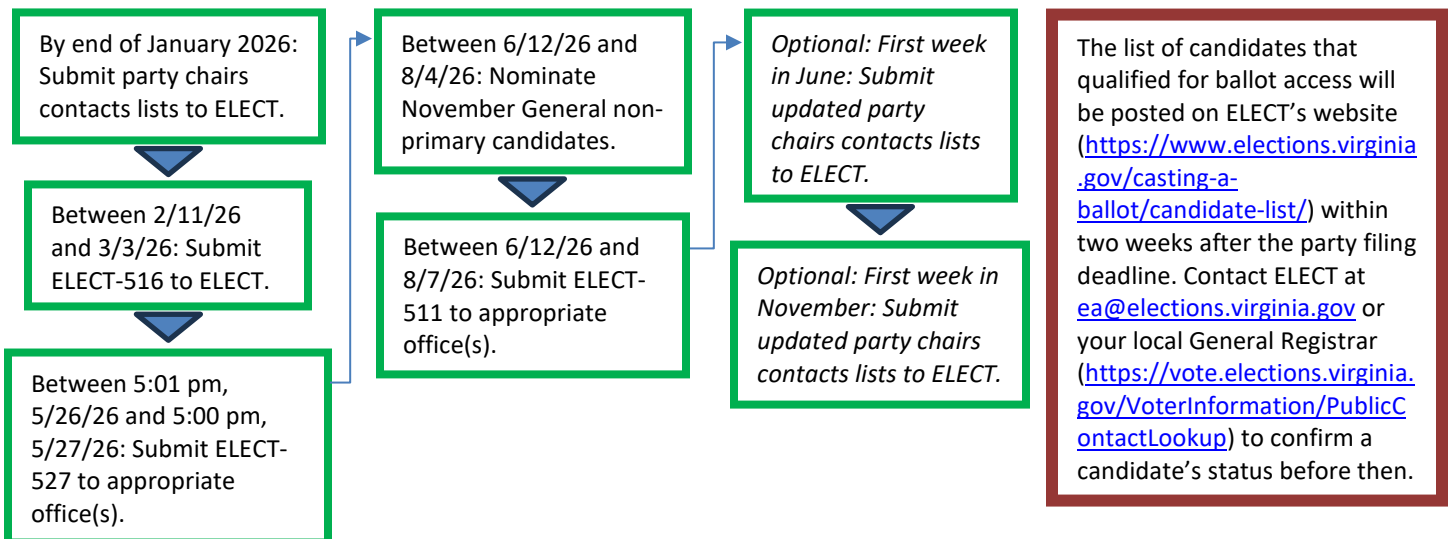
- B. **Between 2/11/26 and 3/3/26** file the following with **ELECT** for each office you are responsible for.
 - **ELECT-516 Party Notice of Nomination Method**
<https://fs28.formsite.com/vaelect/NominationMethod/index>

- C. **Between 5:01 pm, 5/26/26 and 5:00 pm, 5/27/26** file the following as follows for the U.S. House of Representatives District you are responsible for.
 - **ELECT-527 Party Certification of Primary Candidates**
<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/candidatepac-info/candidate-forms/>
 - For United States House of Representatives candidates, file with ELECT.

- D. Reminder: Parties may nominate non-primary U.S. House of Representatives November General candidates between 6/12/26 and 8/4/26.*
**See political party bulletin for November Special Election dates.*

- E. **Between 6/12/26* and 8/7/26**** file the following as follows for the U.S. House of Representatives District you are responsible for.
**After the party has nominated the candidate.*
***See political party bulletin for November Special Election dates.*
 - **ELECT-511 Party Certification of Non-Primary Candidates**
<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/candidatepac-info/candidate-forms/>
 - For United States House of Representatives candidates, file with ELECT.

Political Party Flow Chart



General Disclaimer

Political parties are responsible for complying with all current and applicable regulations, and local, state, and federal law. The purpose of this document is to provide political parties a brief overview regarding certain filings or information that must be submitted to the Department of Elections or general registrar throughout the year. This document does not purport to provide legal advice or binding statements of official policy. Applicable laws and regulations are subject to change in content and interpretation. Political parties should contact their legal representation for guidance and information regarding local election laws and regulations.