

2008 ELECTION CALENDARS

Primary Activity

2007

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

Candidate May Obtain and Commence Circulation of Nominating Petitions. *(1-8-30(D) NMSA 1978)*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

Last day a political party shall notify the Office of The Secretary of State that it chooses not to participate in the Presidential Primary. *(1-8-54.1 NMSA 1978)*

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MONDAY, JANUARY 28

Governor Issues Primary Election Proclamation - Last day candidate may change party affiliation.
(1-8-12 & 1-4-16B NMSA 1978)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

FILING DAY for Preprimary Convention Designation - Nominating petition, declaration of candidacy by preprimary convention designation for any statewide or federal office or for the office of U.S. representative.

Declaration of candidacy for retention of a justice of the supreme court or judge of the court of appeals shall be filed with the proper filing officer from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. *(1-8-26A NMSA 1978)*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Last Possible Day for Presidential Nominating Committee to Meet. *(1-8-56 NMSA 1978)*
(If the Major Political Parties choose not to participate in the Presidential Primary, the nominating committee does not meet).

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Last Day to Certify Preprimary Candidates - Secretary of State shall certify to the chair of each state political party the names of that party's candidates for statewide, or federal office who have filed their declaration of candidacy. *(1-8-26D NMSA 1978)*

NOTIFICATION OF CANDIDACY BY FILING OFFICER:

No candidate's name shall be placed on the ballot until the candidate has been notified in writing by the proper filing officer that the declaration of candidacy, the petition and the certificate of registration of the candidate on file are in proper order and that the candidate, based on such documents, is qualified to have his/her name placed on the ballot. The proper filing officer shall mail such notice not later than 5:00 PM on the Tuesday following the filing date. *(1-8-26D NMSA 1978)*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

DEADLINE FOR CHALLENGING NOMINATING PETITIONS:

Any voter filing any court action challenging a nominating petition shall do so within ten (10) days after the last day for filing the declaration of candidacy with which the nominating petition was filed. *(1-8-35 NMSA 1978)*

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

FILING DAY for Write-in Candidates - Declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for the primary election shall be filed with the proper filing officer for write-in candidates for the legislature, district judges, district attorneys, public regulation commission, public education commission, magistrate, and any statewide or federal office. *(1-8-36.1C NMSA 1978)*

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

Last Day to hold Pre-Primary Convention. *(1-8-21.1B NMSA 1978)*

MONDAY, MARCH 17

Last Possible Filing Day for President of the United States - No later than 5:00 PM on the thirtieth (30th) day following the nominations by committee, any person seeking the endorsement by the national political party for the office of president of the United States, or any group organized in this state on behalf of, and with the consent of, such person may submit to the Secretary of State a petition on a form prescribed and furnished by the Secretary of State to have such candidate's name printed on the presidential primary ballot. *(1-8-57 NMSA 1978)*

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

FILING DAY For All Other Offices - Nominating petition and declaration of candidacy for legislative, district judge, magistrate judge, district attorney, public regulation commission, public education commission and all county offices shall be filed with the proper filing officer from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. *(1-8-26B NMSA 1978)*

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

NOTIFICATION OF CANDIDACY BY FILING OFFICER:

No candidate's name shall be placed on the ballot until the candidate has been notified in writing by the proper filing officer that the declaration of candidacy, the petition and the certificate of registration of the candidate on file are in proper order and that the candidate, based on such documents, is qualified to have his/her name placed on the ballot. The proper filing officer shall mail such notice not later than 5:00 PM on the Tuesday following the filing date. *(1-8-26D NMSA 1978)*

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

DEADLINE FOR CHALLENGING NOMINATING PETITIONS:

Any voter filing any court action challenging a nominating petition shall do so within ten (10) days after the last day for filing the declaration of candidacy with which the nominating petition was filed. *(1-8-35 NMSA 1978)*

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

FILING DAY - New Political Parties - Last day for any new political party to file rules, regulations and petition (2,796) to participate in the general election. *(1-7-2 & 1-7-4 NMSA 1978)*

TUESDAY, APRIL 1 (CONTINUED)

CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL FROM PRIMARY ELECTION - A candidate seeking to withdraw shall withdraw no later than the first Tuesday in April before that primary election. *(1-8-44 NMSA 1978)*

TUESDAY, MAY 6

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR PRIMARY ELECTION BEGINS *(1-6-5E NMSA 1978)*

VOTER REGISTRATION CLOSES - Voter Registration for the primary election closes at 5:00 PM. *(1-4-8A NMSA 1978)*

MONDAY, MAY 12

1ST CAMPAIGN REPORT OR STATEMENT OF EXCEPTION DUE - All reporting individuals shall file an electronic report by 5:00 PM of all expenditures made and contributions received through May 5, and not previously reported. *(1-19-29A NMSA 1978)*

SATURDAY, MAY 17

EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING FOR PRIMARY ELECTION. An early voter may vote in person at an alternate voting location established by the county clerk. Alternate locations are available in certain counties. *(1-6-5.7 NMSA 1978)* Please contact your county clerk for availability of alternate locations in your county. **County clerk information can be found on page 18.**

THURSDAY, MAY 29

2ND CAMPAIGN REPORT DUE OR STATEMENT OF NO ACTIVITY - All reporting individuals shall file an electronic report by 5:00 PM of all expenditures made and contributions received through May 27th, and not previously reported. *(1-19-29B(2) NMSA 1978)* **For supplemental filing information please refer to the 2008 Filing Schedule on page 33.**

SATURDAY, MAY 31

EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING ENDS *(1-6-5.7.A NMSA 1978)*

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY - Polls open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. County clerk shall accept completed official mailing envelopes containing absentee ballots until 7:00 PM *(1-8-11 & 1-6-10B NMSA 1978)*

MONDAY, JUNE 9

Voter Registration re-opens. *(1-4-8A(2) NMSA 1978)*

THURSDAY, JULY 3

3RD CAMPAIGN REPORT DUE OR STATEMENT OF NO ACTIVITY - All reporting individuals shall file a report by July 3, 2008 at 5:00 PM with the proper filing officer of all expenditures made and contributions received through June 28 and not previously reported. *(1-19-29C NMSA 1978)*