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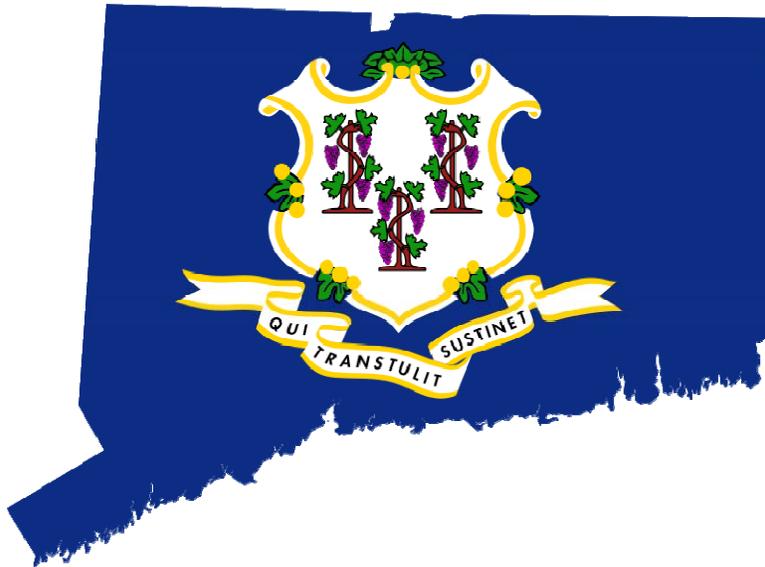
APRIL 28, 2020 CONNECTICUT PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY CALENDAR

- January 28, 2020
Tuesday **Deadline** for enrolled party members to *transfer enrollment from one party to the other*, for voting in their "new" party's presidential primary.
- February 14, 2020
Friday 10:00 am Announcement of "generally and seriously advocated or recognized" candidates placed on ballot by Secretary of the State. Such candidates notified by registered mail.
- February 14, 2020
Friday 12:00 noon Petitions become available for other candidates.
- March 6, 2020
Friday 4:00 pm Deadline for filing primary petition pages with town Registrars of Voters.
- March 10, 2020
Tuesday 4:00 pm Deadline for Registrars to forward verified petition pages to Secretary of the State.
- March 13, 2020
Friday Secretary of the State completes tabulation of petition signatures.
- March 23, 2020
Monday 12:00 noon Deadline for withdrawal of candidates placed on ballot by Secretary of the State. Withdrawal must be by letter signed by candidate, received by Secretary of the State by 12:00 noon this date. Petitioning candidates may not withdraw.

IF TWO OR MORE CANDIDATES HAVE QUALIFIED FOR A PARTY'S PRIMARY BALLOT:

- March 14, 2020
Saturday Absentee ballots for military and overseas voters become available (45 day ballot).
- March 24, 2020
Tuesday Secretary of the State determines order of candidates on ballot by lot in public ceremony ("Uncommitted" is listed last), and sends notice of primary to town clerks.
- April 7, 2020
Tuesday Absentee ballots become available.
- April 14, 2020
Tuesday Deadline for state party chairmen to certify to Secretary of the State: the number of national convention delegates from Connecticut; the formula, if any, prescribed by national party rules for apportioning delegates among candidates based on the primary vote; or, if applicable, the fact that such party rules provide "winner takes all".
- April 14, 2020
Tuesday Mandatory enrollment session for primary - all towns.
- April 23, 2020
Thursday **Deadline** for new voters, and for unaffiliated voters, to *enroll in a party* for voting in its primary. For new voters, mail-in applications must be *postmarked*, or received by Registrar of Voters or voter registration agency, by this date. For unaffiliated voters, the mail-in application must be received (not merely postmarked) by the Registrar of Voters by this deadline. (See exception below for *in-person* enrollment.)
- April 27, 2020
Monday 12:00 noon *In-person* enrollment deadline, for new voters and unaffiliated voters enrolling in a party *in person at Town Hall*, for voting in primary.
- April 28, 2020
Tuesday Presidential Preference Primary. Polls open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- April 29, 2020
Wednesday 2:00 pm Deadline for head moderators to deliver (using EMS) primary returns to Secretary of the State. Hard copy of such return must also be filed.

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For purposes of the Presidential Preference Primary, "party" means a political party having the largest or second largest enrollment in the state (C.G.S. §9-463).

With regard to qualification for a position on the ballot, please see C.G.S. Sec. 9-465 through 9-470. A candidate's name may be placed on a party's primary ballot in one of two alternative ways: (1) by the Secretary of the State, if in the Secretary's opinion the person's candidacy for the party's presidential nomination is **generally and seriously advocated or recognized according to reports in the national or state news media**; OR (2) by petition signed by at least **one per cent of the enrolled members of the party** in the state according to the most recent *active-list* enrollment records on file in this office. The minimum signature requirement will be calculated from enrollment figures to be compiled as of November 5, 2019. (*Estimated* using the November 5, 2018 enrollment compilation, the *approximate* requirements would be 7,926 Democrats or 4,632 Republicans.)

At 10:00 A.M. on Friday, February 14, 2020 the Secretary of the State will announce the candidates she is placing on the ballot directly (without petitions). The Secretary will then promptly notify each such candidate by registered mail that his name will be included on the ballot unless the Secretary receives, not later than 12:00 NOON, Monday, March 23, 2020 a written request, signed by the candidate, that his or her name be omitted. There will be no exceptions to this withdrawal deadline and procedure (C.G.S. Sec. 9-466). Beginning at 12:00 noon on Friday, February 14, 2020 petition forms will be issued, upon application properly made (see Sec. 9-467), for candidates not directly designated by the Secretary. Each petition page must be filed not later than 4:00 P.M. Friday, March 6, 2020 with the local Registrar of Voters of the appropriate party in the town in which the signers of the page are enrolled in such party. Petition signatures are verified by the local Registrars, and pages are then forwarded to this office for tabulation which is to be completed by Friday, March 13, 2020. Candidates timely filing sufficient verified petition signatures may not withdraw (Sec. 9-469).

If two or more candidates have qualified for a party's primary ballot, then on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 the Secretary will determine the order of all candidates on such ballot by lot in a public ceremony. The category "Uncommitted" will appear last on each party's ballot. (If fewer than two candidates have qualified for a party's ballot, that party's primary is cancelled.)

The presidential primary does not directly select actual delegates to the national party conventions. Rather, it determines the number of delegate positions allocated to each Presidential candidate, statewide and/or by Congressional District as the case may be. This apportionment of delegate seats "won" is done according to the applicable "proportional representation" formula, if any, prescribed by national party rules; or on a "winner takes all" basis if so authorized by such rules; or by the formula specified in the state law if the party rules provide neither a formula nor a winner-takes-all requirement. The Secretary of the State tabulates the primary returns, calculates the allocation of delegate positions to candidates, and certifies the results to the national and state parties and to the candidates. The procedure for actual selection of the delegates is governed by the rules of each party---provided that the party must select and certify the correct number of delegates committed to each candidate as so determined by the primary results. (See Secs. 9-473 and 9-482 through 9-486.)