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TOMPKINS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
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2007 POLITICAL CALENDAR

For Tompkins County

PRIMARY ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 18, NOON TO 9 P.M.

GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6, 6 A.M. TO 9 P.M.

2007 OFFICES TO BE FILLED

At the **General Election** to be held Tuesday, November 6, 2007, the following offices may be lawfully voted for:

FEDERAL OFFICES:

None

STATE OFFICES:

Three (3) New York State Supreme Court Justices, 6th Judicial District

COUNTY OFFICES:

None

TOWN OFFICES:

City of Ithaca - Mayor, 1st – 5th Ward Alderpersons

Caroline - Supervisor, Highway Superintendent, Town Councilmen (2), Town Clerk

Danby - Supervisor, Highway Superintendent, Town Justice (2), Town Councilmen (2) , Town Clerk

Dryden - Supervisor, Town Justice, Town Councilmen (2) , Town Clerk

Enfield - Supervisor, Highway Superintendent, Town Justice, Town Councilmen (2) , Town Clerk

Groton - Town Justice, Town Councilmen (2)

Town of Ithaca - Supervisor, Town Councilmen (3)

Lansing - Supervisor, Highway Superintendent, Town Justice, Town Councilmen (2), Town Clerk

Newfield - Town Councilmen (2)

Ulysses - Town Justice, Town Councilmen (2)

PETITIONS AND PARTY NOMINATIONS

DESIGNATING PETITIONS

Election Law

June 12	First day to sign designating petitions	6-134
July 16-19	Dates for filing designating petitions	6-158
July 23	Last day to authorize designations	6-120
July 23	Last day to accept or decline a designation	6-158
July 27	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination	6-158
July 31	Last day to file authorization of substitution	6-120

OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT

July 3	First day for signing Opportunity to Ballot Petitions	6-164
July 26	Last day to file Opportunity to Ballot petitions	6-158
August 2	Last day to file an OTB petition if there has been a declination by a designated candidate	6-158

INDEPENDENT PETITIONS

To nominate independently, signatures must be obtained of 5 per cent (5%) of the total number of votes cast for Governor, excluding blank and void votes, at the last gubernatorial election (2002) in such political sub-division.

July 10	First day for signing nominating petitions	6-138
Aug. 14-21	Dates for filing independent nominating petitions	6-158
Aug. 24	Last day to accept or decline an independent nomination	6-158
Aug. 27	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination	6-158
Sept. 21	Last day to decline after acceptance if nominee loses party primary	6-158

PARTY NOMINATIONS OTHER THAN PRIMARY

June 12	First day for holding a town caucus	6-108
Sept. 25	Last day to file a certificate of nomination made at a town caucus	6-158
Sept. 28	Last day to accept or decline nomination	6-158
Oct. 1	Last day to file authorization of nomination	6-120, 1-106
Oct. 2	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination	6-158

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE VOTING

VOTER REGISTRATION

Aug. 24 Last day to register and enroll in person at the Board of Elections or by mail for the 2007 Primary Election. Completed form **must be postmarked not later than August 24th and received at the Board of Elections no later than August 29th.**

Oct. 12 Last day to register and enroll in person at the Board of Elections or by mail for the 2007 November General Election. Completed form **must be postmarked not later than October 12th and received at the Board of Elections no later than October 17th.**

Registration by Mail – Forms for registration by mail may be obtained at the following offices: Board of Elections, Town Clerk, Village Clerk, City School, Chamber of Commerce, Party Chairpersons, Department of Motor Vehicles, and other State Agencies providing services to the public. Forms may also be printed from Board's web site, votetompkins.com.

ABSENTEE VOTING

For Primary:

Sept. 11 Last day to postmark application for ballot.
Sept. 17 Last day to apply in person for ballot.
Sept. 17 Last day to postmark ballot. Must be received no later than Sept. 25.

For General:

Oct. 30 Last day to postmark application.
Nov. 5 Last day to apply in person for ballot.
Nov. 5 Last day to postmark ballot. Must be received no later than Nov. 14.

Military Voters for Primary:

Aug. 24 Last day for BOE to receive application for ballot if not previously registered.
Sept. 11 Last day for BOE to receive application for ballot if previously registered.
Sept. 17 Last day to apply personally if previously registered.

Military Voters for General:

Oct. 26 Last day for BOE to receive application for ballot if not previously registered.
Oct. 30 Last day for BOE to receive application for ballot if previously registered.
Nov. 5 Last day to apply personally if previously registered.

Absentee Voting – Civilians may qualify to vote by absentee ballot if their duties, occupation, or business requires them to be away from their county of residence, or if they are on vacation on the day of any Primary, Special, or General Election. (Including spouse, parent or child accompanying such person.)

Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed to the voter must be received by the Board of Elections not later than seven days before the General Election. If the applicant or his agent delivers the application to the Board of Elections in person, such application must be received not later than the day before the election. All absentee ballot envelopes must be postmarked no later the day before the election.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Candidates should file statements of expenses as follows:

- Candidates in districts greater than a county, with the State Board of Elections, Albany, N.Y.
- Candidates for County, Town, City Offices, with the County Board of Elections.
- County committee statements of expenses, with the County Board of Elections

FILING DATES:

Periodic Reports	January 15 and July 15
Primary Election (contested only)	32 day - August 17 11 day - September 7 * Sept . 4 thru Sept. 17, 2007 10 day post - September 28
General Election	32 day - October 5 11 day - October 26 * Oct. 23 thru Nov. 5, 2007 27 day post - December 3

*During this time period, any contribution or loan, which exceeds \$1,000.00, must be reported within 24 hours of receipt. This same contribution or loan must also be reported in the Post-Election report.

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