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## **2009 POLITICAL CALENDAR**

### **For Tompkins County**

**PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**SEPTEMBER 15, NOON TO 9 P.M.**

**GENERAL ELECTION**  
**NOVEMBER 3, 6 A.M. TO 9 P.M.**

#### **2009 OFFICES TO BE FILLED**

At the **General Election** to be held Tuesday, November 3, 2009, the following offices may be lawfully voted for:

**FEDERAL OFFICES:** none

**STATE OFFICES:** none

**COUNTY OFFICES:** Legislators (15), District Attorney

**TOWN and CITY OFFICES:**

**City of Ithaca:** Alderperson (5)

**Caroline:** Town Supervisor, Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Town Board (2), Justice (2)

**Danby:** Town Supervisor, Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Councilperson (2)

**Dryden:** Town Supervisor, Highway Superintendent, Councilperson (2)

**Enfield:** Town Supervisor, Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Councilperson (2), Justice

**Groton:** Town Supervisor, Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Councilperson (2)

**Town of Ithaca:** Town Councilperson (3), Justice

**Lansing:** Town Councilperson (2), Justice

**Newfield:** Town Supervisor, Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Councilperson (2), Justice

**Ulysses:** Town Supervisor, Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Councilperson (2)

## **PETITIONS AND PARTY NOMINATIONS**

### **DESIGNATING PETITIONS**

### **Election Law**

<b>June 9</b>	First day to sign designating petitions	6-134
<b>July 13-16</b>	Dates for filing designating petitions	6-158
<b>July 20</b>	Last day to authorize designations	6-120
<b>July 20</b>	Last day to accept or decline a designation	6-158
<b>July 24</b>	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination	6-158
<b>July 28</b>	Last day to file authorization of substitution	6-120

### **OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT**

<b>June 30</b>	First day for signing Opportunity to Ballot Petitions	6-164
<b>July 23</b>	Last day to file Opportunity to Ballot petitions	6-158
<b>July 30</b>	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 (2006) in such political sub-division.

<b>July 7</b>	First day for signing nominating petitions	6-138
<b>Aug. 11-18</b>	Dates for filing independent nominating petitions	6-158
<b>Aug. 21</b>	Last day to accept or decline an independent nomination	6-158
<b>Aug. 24</b>	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination	6-158
<b>Sept. 18</b>	Last day to decline after acceptance if nominee loses party primary	6-158

### **PARTY NOMINATIONS OTHER THAN PRIMARY**

<b>June 9</b>	First day for holding a town caucus	6-108
<b>Sept. 22</b>	Last day to file a certificate of nomination made at a town caucus	6-158
<b>Sept. 25</b>	Last day to accept or decline nomination	6-158
<b>Sept. 28</b>	Last day to file authorization of nomination	6-120, 1-106
<b>Sept. 29</b>	Last day to fill a vacancy after a declination	6-158

## REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE VOTING

### VOTER REGISTRATION

**Aug. 21** Last day to register and enroll in person at the Board of Elections or by mail for the 2009 Primary Election. Completed form **must be postmarked not later than August 21 and received at the Board of Elections no later than August 26.**

**Oct. 9** Last day to register and enroll in person at the Board of Elections or by mail for the 2009 November General Election. Completed form **must be postmarked not later than October 9 and received at the Board of Elections no later than October 14 .**

**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](http://votetompkins.com).

### ABSENTEE VOTING

#### **For Primary:**

**Sept. 8** Last day to postmark application for ballot.  
**Sept. 14** Last day to apply in person for ballot.  
**Sept. 14** Last day to postmark ballot. Must be received no later than Sept. 22.  
**Sept. 15** Last day to deliver ballot in person to BOE.

#### **For General:**

**Oct. 27** Last day to postmark application.  
**Nov. 2** Last day to apply in person for ballot.  
**Nov. 2** Last day to postmark ballot. Must be received no later than Nov. 10.  
**Nov. 3** Last day to deliver ballot in person to BOE.

#### **Military Voters for Primary:**

**Aug. 21** Last day for BOE to receive application for ballot if not previously registered.  
**Sept. 8** Last day for BOE to receive application for ballot if previously registered.  
**Sept. 14** Last day to apply personally if previously registered.

#### **Military Voters for General:**

**Oct. 23** Last day for BOE to receive application for ballot if not previously registered.  
**Oct. 27** Last day for BOE to receive application for ballot if previously registered.  
**Nov. 2** 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 than 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 14 11 day – Sept. 4 10 day post – Sept. 25 24 hr Notice* start - Sept 1
General Election	32 day - October 2 11 day - October 23 27 day post – Nov. 30 24 hr Notice* start – Oct. 20

\*Contributions in excess of one thousand dollars received within 14 days preceding an election are required to be reported within 24 hours of receipt.