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## **PENNSYLVANIA AFL-CIO**

### **LABOR 2020 BULLETIN**



## **Election Reforms Including Vote by Mail**

In October 2019 Governor Wolf signed Act 77, making major changes to how elections will be conducted in Pennsylvania, starting with the elections in 2020. It will be our responsibility in the Union Movement to educate and organize our members, so that they are aware of these changes and can take full advantage of the expanded opportunity to participate in our elections in Pennsylvania.

### **➤ No Excuse Vote by Mail (50-day period)**

- The 50-day vote-by-mail period for the April 28 Primary Election will begin on March 9, 2020.
- This is the longest period of mail-in voting in the country!
- Voters can request their mail-in ballot through an online form.
- Voters can sign up for a permanent vote-by-mail list and receive ballots automatically for every election.
- We will have access to lists of who has requested, received, and returned mail-in ballots, enabling us to conduct targeted GOTV on members who received a ballot but have yet to return them.
- Voters may also appear in person to their County Board of Elections during regular business hours within this 50-day period to vote early in person.

### **➤ Extended Voter Registration Period**

- The deadline to register to vote (or to update registration) has been moved up from 30 to 15 days before an election.

### **➤ Straight Party Voting is Eliminated**

- In General Elections, there will no longer be an option to vote for an entire party ticket with a single button.

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**2020 PENNSYLVANIA ELECTIONS IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

First day to circulate and file nomination petitions.....	January 28
Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions.....	February 18
First day to circulate and file nomination papers.....	February 19
Last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination petitions .....	March 4
First day to apply for a mail-in ballot .....	March 9
Last day to REGISTER before the primary .....	April 13
Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot.....	April 21
Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00 P.M.).....	April 28
<b>GENERAL PRIMARY .....</b>	<b>April 28</b>
First day to REGISTER after primary .....	April 29
Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on April 27).....	May 5
Last day to circulate and file nomination papers .....	August 3
Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated by nomination papers.....	August 10
Last day for withdrawal by candidates nominated at the primary .....	August 10
<b>LABOR DAY.....</b>	<b>September 7</b>
First day to apply for a mail-in ballot .....	September 14
Last day to REGISTER before the November election .....	October 19
Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot.....	October 27
Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00 P.M.).....	November 3
<b>GENERAL ELECTION.....</b>	<b>November 3</b>
First day to REGISTER after November election .....	November 4
Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on November 2) .....	November 10

Note: All dates in this calendar are subject to change without notice.