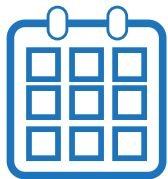
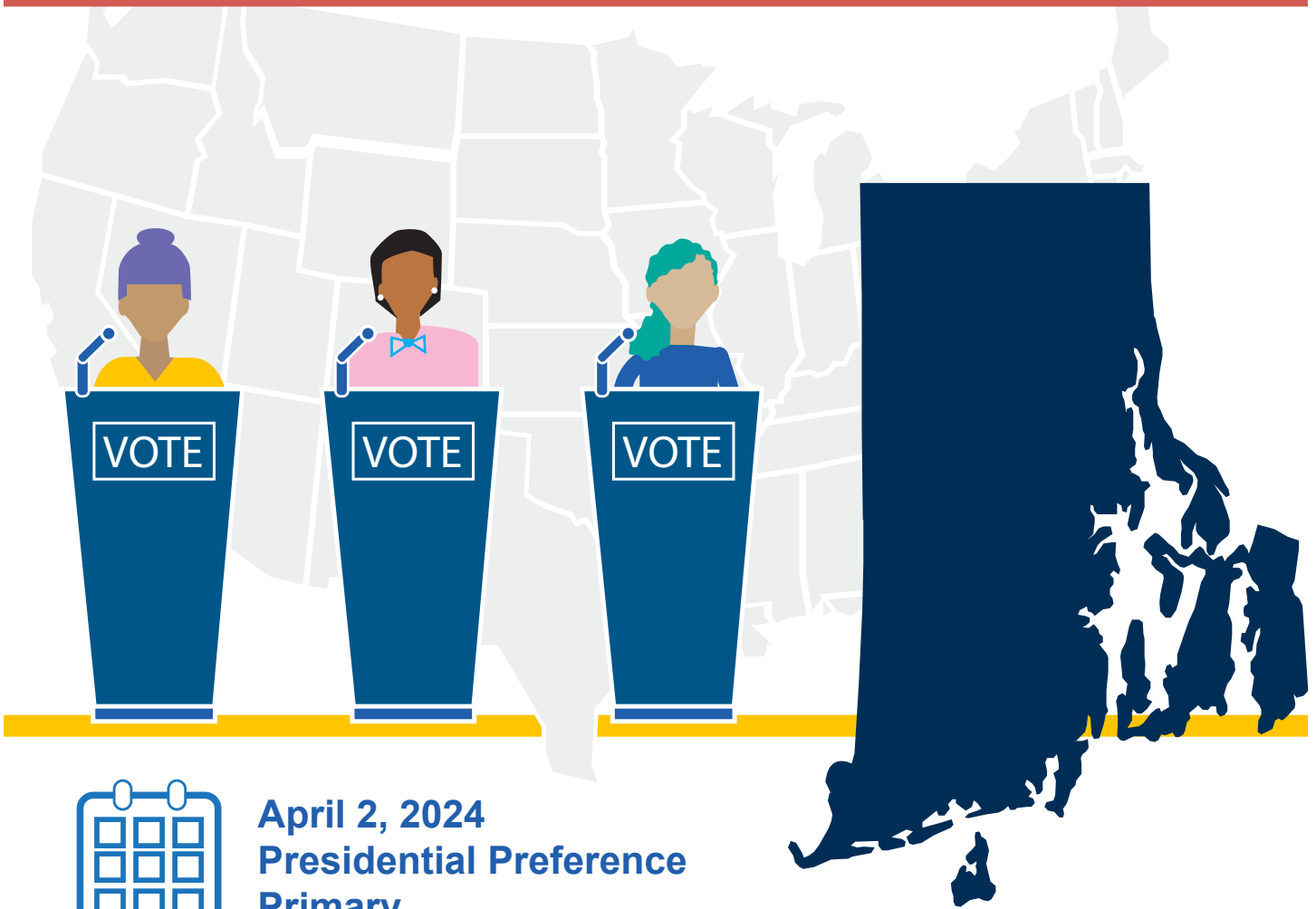


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Guide for candidates and delegates



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Gregg M. Amore
Secretary of State

Dear reader,

As Secretary of State, I am committed to strengthening our democracy through a commitment to civic engagement, secure elections, and empowering voters.

This guide outlines important information and key dates for presidential and delegate candidates, as well as administrative dates and processes for State and local election officials.

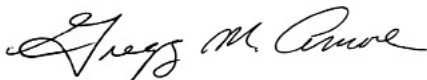
Some of the resources included in this guide are:

- › Filing dates for presidential and delegate candidates
- › Administrative deadlines for State and local election officials
- › Contact information for election officials

I am proud to work alongside other election officials to ensure our elections run smoothly for voters and candidates alike. I hope you will join me in spreading the word about upcoming elections and ensuring widespread voter participation.

While this guide is offered electronically to make it easier to share, please know that we are happy to provide a hard copy of the guide upon request. Additional resources for sharing and promoting voter-centered deadlines can be found on our website. If you need additional information or have questions, contact the Department of State Elections Division at elections@sos.ri.gov or 401-222-2340.

Thank you,



Gregg M. Amore
Secretary of State



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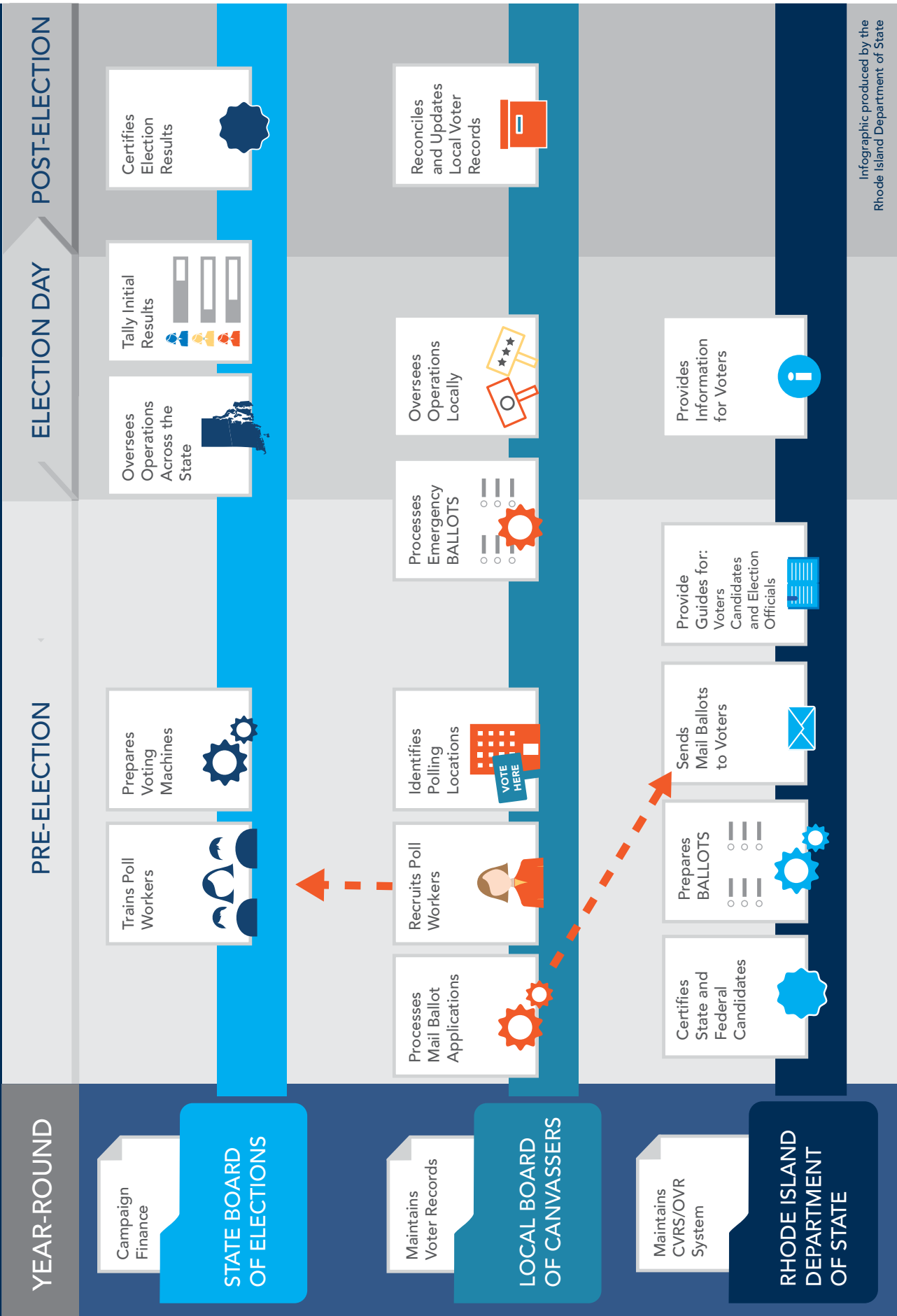
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Running for President in Rhode Island

In addition to meeting federal qualifications, presidential candidates must file a **Statement of Intent** and collect **1,000 signatures** in order to appear on Rhode Island's Presidential Preference Primary ballot.

1 File Statement of Intent:

Any presidential candidate seeking the endorsement of a national political party for which a primary is being held must file a [Statement of Intent form](#) with the Department of State's Elections Division between **December 28 - 30, 2023**.

2 Pick Up Nomination Papers:

The Department of State's Elections Division will prepare nomination papers for eligible presidential candidates on the same day the Statement of Intent is received.

3 Collect Signatures:

Presidential candidates must obtain the signatures of at least 1,000 eligible voters on the nomination papers in order to qualify for ballot placement. Persons signing nomination papers must be eligible voters at the time of signing. Presidential candidates must ensure that nomination papers are separated by city or town. Only registered voters in each city or town should sign the nomination papers for their city or town.

4 Submit Nomination Papers:

On or before **January 11, 2024**, presidential candidates must submit the signed nomination papers to the local board of canvassers of each city or town where the signers are registered to vote.

5 Qualified Presidential Candidates Announced:

The Department of State's Elections Division receives the certified nomination papers from the local boards of canvassers, totals the signatures, and announces the qualified presidential candidates.

Running as a Delegate in Rhode Island

1 File Declaration of Candidacy:

A voter* who wishes to be a delegate to their party's National Convention must file a [Declaration of Candidacy form](#) with the Department of State's Elections Division **on January 31 or February 1, 2024**.

** Must be registered to vote by January 1 or 2, 2024. Must disaffiliate from current party at least 90 days (November 2 - November 3, 2023) before declaring candidacy to run as a delegate candidate from a different party (See page 7).*

2 File Pledge of Support:

A delegate candidate must also complete a [Pledge of Support form](#) prepared by their political party and file that form with the [Declaration of Candidacy form](#). The forms are available at vote.ri.gov.

3 Pick Up Nomination Papers:

The Department of State's Elections Division will prepare nomination papers for eligible delegate candidates by 4 p.m. on the day after receiving their Declaration of Candidacy.

4 Collect Signatures:

Delegate candidates must obtain the signatures of at least 150 eligible voters in their congressional district. Republican at-large delegate candidates may obtain signatures statewide. Persons signing nomination papers must be eligible voters at the time of signing. Delegate candidates must ensure that nomination papers are separated by city or town. Only registered voters in each city or town should sign the nomination papers for their city or town.

5 Submit Nomination Papers:

On or before **February 6, 2024**, delegate candidates must submit the signed nomination papers to the local board of canvassers of each city or town where the signers are registered to vote.

6 Qualified Delegate Candidates Announced:

The Department of State's Elections Division receives the certified nomination papers from the local boards of canvassers, totals the signatures, and announces the qualified delegate candidates.

7 Documentation of Approval:

Delegate candidates may submit documentation of approval to the Department of State's Elections Division **no later than February 13, 2024** stating that the delegate candidate has the presidential candidate's approval to be identified on the primary ballot with the presidential candidate.

Party Rules:

The National Committee of each political party determines the number of delegates and alternates that are elected from each of Rhode Island's two congressional districts. The Republicans will also elect statewide delegates. The rules of each political party control the method of delegate selection.

In accordance with party rules, the Democrat and Republican parties in Rhode Island will apply the results of the April 2, 2024 Presidential Preference Primary in assigning their delegates to their respective 2024 National Conventions.

Copies of both parties' Delegate Selection Plans for the 2024 National Conventions will be available on our website at vote.ri.gov.

All required documents, unless noted otherwise, must be filed no later than 4 p.m. at:

Rhode Island Department of State
Elections Division
148 W. River Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02904

Presidential Candidates Important Dates and Deadlines

December 28 - 30, 2023

December 30:
Filings must be
received by 12 p.m.

File your Statement of Intent and pick up nomination papers

File Statement of Intent to seek a political party endorsement as its presidential candidate. Nomination papers for eligible presidential candidates can be picked up the same day. Persons other than candidates picking up nomination papers must have written authorization from the candidate. [RIGL §§[17-12.1-4\(a\)](#), [17-12.1-4\(b\)\(1\)](#)]

January 11, 2024

Deadline to submit nomination papers

Deadline to submit nomination papers to boards of canvassers in the city or town where signers are registered voters. Signers on a nomination paper must be from the city or town listed at the top of the nomination paper. Presidential candidates must obtain one thousand (1,000) signatures of eligible voters. [RIGL §[17-12.1-4\(b\)\(2\)](#)]

January 25, 2024

Deadline to file objections to nomination papers

Deadline to file objections to nomination papers of presidential candidates with the State Board of Elections. [RIGL §[17-12.1-4\(b\)\(2\)](#)]

January 30, 2024

Deadline for decisions on objections for eligibility of presidential candidates

Deadline for State Board of Elections to rule on eligibility of presidential candidates. [RIGL §[17-12.1-4\(c\)](#)]

January 30, 2024

Deadline to file affidavit of withdrawal

Deadline for presidential candidate to file affidavit of withdrawal. [RIGL §[17-12.1-4\(e\)](#)]

February 13, 2024

Deadline to file documentation of approval

Deadline to file documentation in writing from presidential candidate regarding which delegate candidates are affiliated with said presidential candidate. [RIGL §[17-12.1-7\(a\)](#)]

February 14, 2024 at 5 p.m.

Ballot placement lottery

Department of State to conduct a lottery to determine ballot order for presidential nominees and delegate candidates. Lottery to be conducted at the Elections Division at 148 West River St., Providence, Rhode Island. [RIGL §[17-12.1-11](#)]

April 2, 2024

Presidential Preference Primary

[RIGL §[17-12.1-1](#)]

April 3, 2024

Deadline to request recount of votes

Deadline to request a recount of votes or file a protest with the State Board of Elections. Recounts shall be conducted for a presidential candidate or a delegate candidate when there is a 200 vote or less difference between the losing candidate or delegate and the winner. [RIGL §§[17-12.1-14](#), [17-15-34](#)]

All required documents, unless noted otherwise, must be filed no later than 4 p.m. at:

Rhode Island Department of State
Elections Division
148 W. River Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02904

Delegate Candidates Important Dates and Deadlines

November 2 - 3, 2023

Deadline to file disaffiliation

If you are a delegate candidate affiliated with a political party other than the party in which you wish to run, you must disaffiliate by this time. Deadline depends on date you file your Declaration of Candidacy. [RIGL §[17-14-1.1](#)]

January 1- 2, 2024

Deadline to register to vote*

Deadline for delegate candidates to register to vote in order to be eligible to file a Declaration of Candidacy. Registration deadline depends on date you file your Declaration of Candidacy. [RIGL §[17-14-1.2](#)]

January 31 -
February 1, 2024

File Declaration of Candidacy and Pledge of Support form

Declaration of Candidacy filing period. At the same time as the Declaration of Candidacy is filed, you must file the appropriate Pledge of Support form. [RIGL §[17-12.1-3](#)]

February 2, 2024

Pick up nomination papers

Nomination papers can be picked up the day after filing your Declaration of Candidacy. Persons other than candidates picking up nomination papers must have written authorization from the candidate. [RIGL §[17-12.1-5](#)]

February 6, 2024

Deadline to submit nomination papers

Deadline to submit nomination papers to local boards of canvassers in the city or town where signers are registered voters. Signers on a nomination paper must be from the city or town listed at the top of the nomination paper. You must obtain the signatures of 150 eligible voters from your congressional district; however, Republican at-large delegate candidates may obtain signatures statewide. [RIGL §§[17-12.1-6](#), [17-12.1-7\(a\)](#)]

February 12, 2024

Deadline to file objections to nomination papers

Deadline to file objections to nomination papers of delegate candidates with the State Board of Elections. [RIGL §[17-12.1-7\(b\)](#)]

* Most local boards of canvassers will be closed on Monday, January 1 for the New Year's holiday, but will designate a location to drop off voter registration forms. Voters can update their voter registration record via the Voter Information Center at vote.ri.gov or contact their local board of canvassers for more information. See page 13 for contact information.

- February 13, 2024** **Deadline to file documentation of approval**
Deadline to file documentation in writing from presidential candidate regarding which delegate candidates are affiliated with said presidential candidate.
[RIGL §[17-12.1-7\(a\)](#)]
- February 13, 2024** **Deadline to file affidavit of withdrawal**
Deadline for delegate candidates to file affidavit of withdrawal. [RIGL §[17-12.1-3\(4\)](#)]
- February 14, 2024 at 5 p.m.** **Ballot placement lottery**
Department of State to conduct a lottery to determine ballot order for presidential nominees and delegate candidates. Lottery to be conducted at the Elections Division at 148 West River St., Providence, Rhode Island. [RIGL §[17-12.1-11](#)]
- February 15, 2024** **Deadline for decisions on objections for eligibility of delegate candidates**
Deadline for the State Board of Elections to rule on eligibility of delegate candidates.
[RIGL §[17-12.1-7\(c\)](#)]
- April 2, 2024** **Presidential Preference Primary**
[RIGL §[17-12.1-1](#)]
- April 3, 2024** **Deadline to request recount of votes**
Deadline to request a recount of votes or file a protest with the State Board of Elections. Recounts shall be conducted for a presidential candidate or a delegate candidate when there is a 200 vote or less difference between the losing candidate or delegate and the winner. [RIGL §§[17-12.1-14](#), [17-15-34](#)]

RI State Board of Elections

Important Dates and Deadlines

January 25, 2024	Deadline to receive objections to nomination papers – Presidential candidates Deadline to receive objections filed by an individual or organization to nomination papers of presidential candidates. [RIGL § 17-12.1-4(b)(2)]
January 30, 2024	Deadline for decisions on objections – Presidential candidates Render decisions on objections filed regarding presidential candidate nomination papers. [RIGL § 17-12.1-4(c)]
February 12, 2024	Deadline to receive objections to nomination papers – Delegate candidates Deadline to receive objections to delegate candidate nomination papers. [RIGL § 17-12.1-7(b)]
February 15, 2024	Deadline for decisions on objections – Delegate candidates Render decisions on objections filed regarding delegate candidate nomination papers. [RIGL § 17-12.1-7(c)]
April 2, 2024	Presidential Preference Primary [RIGL § 17-12.1-1]
April 3, 2024	Deadline to receive request for recount of votes Deadline to receive requests for recount of votes. [RIGL §§ 17-12.1-14 , 17-15-34]
April 4, 2024	File certified copies of certificates of nomination File certified copies of certificates of nomination with the Department of State's Elections Division. In the event of a protest, the State Board of Elections is allowed an additional 48 hours. [RIGL § 17-15-31]

Local Boards of Canvassers

Important Dates and Deadlines

November 2 - 3, 2023

Deadline to file disaffiliation – Delegate candidates

If voters wish to run as a delegate candidate and are affiliated with a political party other than the party in which they wish to run as a delegate candidate, they must disaffiliate by this time. Deadline depends on date delegate candidate files their Declaration of Candidacy. [RIGL §[17-14-1.1](#)]

January 1 - 2, 2024

Deadline to register to vote – Delegate candidates*

Deadline for delegate candidates to register to vote in order to be eligible to file a Declaration of Candidacy. Registration deadline depends on date delegate candidate files their Declaration of Candidacy. [RIGL §[17-14-1.2](#)]

January 11, 2024

Deadline to receive nomination papers – Presidential candidates

Deadline to receive nomination papers from presidential candidates. [RIGL §[17-12.1-4\(b\)\(2\)](#)]

January 24, 2024

Deadline to certify nomination papers – Presidential candidates

Deadline to certify presidential candidate nomination papers to the Department of State's Elections Division. [RIGL §[17-12.1-4\(b\)\(2\)](#)]

February 6, 2024

Deadline to receive nomination papers – Delegate candidates

Deadline to receive nomination papers from delegate candidates. [RIGL §[17-12.1-7\(a\)](#)]

February 9, 2024

Deadline to certify nomination papers – Delegate candidates

Deadline to certify delegate candidate nomination papers to the Department of State's Elections Division. [RIGL §[17-12.1-7\(a\)](#)]

March 3, 2024

Deadline to receive voter registrations

Deadline to register to vote in order to be eligible to vote in the Presidential Preference Primary. [RIGL §§[17-1-3](#), [17-1-7](#), [17-9.1-3](#)]

March 3, 2024

Deadline to receive voter disaffiliations

Deadline for voters to file disaffiliation, if necessary, in order to be eligible to vote in a different party's primary. [RIGL §[17-9.1-24](#)]

March 12, 2024

Deadline to receive mail ballot applications for the Presidential Preference Primary

Deadline to receive mail ballot applications. [RIGL §[17-20-2.1\(c\)](#)]

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- March 12, 2024** **Deadline to receive Braille or Tactile mail ballot applications for the Presidential Preference Primary**
Deadline for voters to apply for a Braille or Tactile mail ballot with their local board of canvassers. Voters who are blind or visually impaired may apply for a Braille or Tactile ballot to be voted as a mail ballot. [RIGL §[17-19-8.1\(b\)](#)]
- March 12, 2024** **Deadline to conduct Final Canvass**
Deadline to examine and correct list of qualified voters. [RIGL §[17-10-5](#)]
- March 15, 2024** **Deadline to certify mail ballot applications**
Deadline to certify mail ballot applications to the Department of State's Elections Division. [RIGL §[17-20-10\(c\)](#)]
- March 13 - April 1, 2024** **Early voting period**
Period for voters to vote early at a location designated by their city or town. Early voting period ends on April 1, 2024 at 4 p.m. [RIGL §[17-20-2.2](#)]
- March 13 - April 1, 2024** **Emergency mail ballot period**
Period for voters to apply for an emergency mail ballot if they need to request a mail ballot after the March 12, 2024 mail ballot application deadline. [RIGL §[17-20-2.2\(a\);\(b\)](#)]
- April 2, 2024** **Presidential Preference Primary**
[RIGL §[17-12.1-1](#)]

Political Parties and State Party Chairs

Important Dates and Deadlines

January 2, 2024	Deadline for filing certification of state party delegates Deadline to file certification of the number of delegates and alternates to be selected as determined by the national committee of each party, and the certification of party rules for national conventions. [RIGL § 17-12.1-2]
January 2, 2024	Deadline for filing party rules Deadline for state party chairs to file party rules with the Department of State's Elections Division. [RIGL § 17-12.1-15]
February 13, 2024	Deadline for documentation of approval Deadline for delegate candidates to submit documentation to the Department of State's Elections Division that the delegate candidate has approval to be identified with presidential candidate. [RIGL § 17-12.1-7(a)]
February 14, 2024 at 5 p.m.	Ballot placement lottery Department of State to conduct a lottery to determine ballot order for presidential nominees and delegate candidates. Lottery to be conducted at the Elections Division at 148 West River St., Providence, Rhode Island. [RIGL § 17-12.1-11]
April 2, 2024	Presidential Preference Primary [RIGL § 17-12.1-1]
April 4, 2024	Obtain certified copies of election results Obtain certified copies of election results from the State Board of Elections. Determine winning delegates pursuant to party rules filed with the Department of State's Elections Division. [RIGL §§ 17-12.1-9 , 17-15-31]

Local Boards of Canvassers

Contact Information

Barrington Town Hall

283 County Rd. 02806
247-1900 x301

Bristol Town Hall

10 Court St. 02809
253-7000

Burrillville Town Hall

105 Harrisville Main St.
Harrisville 02830
568-4300 x132

Central Falls City Hall

580 Broad St. 02863
727-7450

Charlestown Town Hall

4540 South County Trl. 02813
364-1200

Coventry Town Hall

1670 Flat River Rd. 02816
822-9150

Cranston City Hall

869 Park Ave. 02910
780-3121

Cumberland Town Hall

45 Broad St. 02864
728-2400

East Greenwich Town Hall

125 Main St.
P.O. Box 111 02818
886-8603

East Providence City Hall

145 Taunton Ave. 02914
435-7502

Exeter Town Hall

675 Ten Rod Rd. 02822
294-2287

Foster Town Hall

181 Howard Hill Rd. 02825
392-9200 x116

Glocester Town Hall

1145 Putnam Pike
P.O. Drawer B, Chepachet 02814
568-6206 x0

Hopkinton Town Hall

1 Town House Rd. 02833
377-7777

Jamestown Town Hall

93 Narragansett Ave. 02835
423-9804

Johnston Town Hall

1385 Hartford Ave. 02919
553-8856

Lincoln Town Hall

100 Old River Rd.
P.O. Box 100 02865
333-1140

Little Compton Town Hall

40 Commons
P.O. Box 226 02837
635-4400

Middletown Town Hall

350 East Main Rd. 02842
849-5540

Narragansett Town Hall

25 Fifth Ave. 02882
782-0625

Newport City Hall

43 Broadway 02840
845-5384

New Shoreham Town Hall

16 Old Town Rd.
P.O. Box 220 02807
466-3200

North Kingstown Town Hall

100 Fairway Dr. 02852
268-1552

North Providence Town Hall

2000 Smith St. 02911
232-0900 x1230

North Smithfield Town Hall

83 Greene St. 02896
767-2200 x326

Pawtucket City Hall

137 Roosevelt Ave. 02860
722-1637

Portsmouth Town Hall

2200 East Main Rd. 02871
683-3157

Providence City Hall

25 Dorrance St. Rm. 102 02903
421-0495

Richmond Town Hall

5 Richmond Townhouse Rd.
Wyoming 02898
539-9000 x9

Scituate Town Hall

195 Danielson Pike
P.O. Box 328, N. Scituate 02857
647-7466

Smithfield Town Hall

64 Farnum Pike, 02917
233-1000 x116

South Kingstown Town Hall

180 High St.
Wakefield 02879
789-9331 x1231

Tiverton Town Hall

343 Highland Rd. 02878
625-6703

Warren Town Hall

514 Main St. 02885
245-7340 x4

Warwick City Hall

3275 Post Rd. 02886
738-2010

West Greenwich Town Hall

280 Victory Hwy. 02817
392-3800 x100

West Warwick Town Hall

1170 Main St. 02893
822-9201

Westerly Town Hall

45 Broad St. 02891
348-2503

Woonsocket City Hall

169 Main St.
P.O. Box B 02895
767-9223

State Elections and Political Party Offices

Contact Information

› RI Department of State

Elections Division

148 W. River St., Providence, RI 02904 | vote.ri.gov | (401) 222-2340

› State Board of Elections

2000 Plainfield Pike, Cranston, RI 02921 | elections.ri.gov | (401) 222-2345

› Rhode Island Democratic Party

200 Metro Center Blvd., Suite 200, Warwick, RI 02886 | ridemocrats.org | (401) 272-3367

› Rhode Island Republican Party

1800 Post Rd., Suite 17-I, Warwick, RI 02886 | ri.gop | (401) 732-8282

Polling Place Hours on Election Day

All polling places open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m., with the exception of New Shoreham, which opens at noon.

Any person eligible to vote who is in line to vote at 8 p.m. will be allowed to cast their vote.

Rhode Island General Laws - [Chapter 17-12.1](#) Primaries for Election of Delegates to National Conventions and for Presidential Preference

[17-12.1-1.](#) Date of primaries for election of delegates to national conventions.

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