



**2006 U.S. CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY DATES
AND CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINES FOR BALLOT ACCESS**

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STATE		CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY DATE	CONGRESSIONAL RUNOFF DATE	FILING DEADLINE FOR PRIMARY BALLOT ACCESS	INDEPENDENT ¹ FILING DEADLINE FOR GENERAL ELECTION
Alabama		6/6	7/18	4/7	6/6
Alaska		8/22		6/1	6/1
American Samoa		11/7	11/21	9/1	9/1
Arizona	S	9/12		6/14	6/14
Arkansas		5/23	6/13	4/4 Noon	5/1
California	S	6/6		3/10	8/11
Colorado		8/8		5/25	6/20 3pm
Connecticut	S	8/8 ²		14 th Day after Convention ²	8/9
Delaware	S	9/12		7/28 Noon	9/1
District of Columbia		9/12		7/5	8/30
Florida	S	9/5		5/12	4/10
Georgia		7/18	8/8	4/28	7/11
Guam		9/2		7/5	9/1 Independent
Hawaii	S	9/23		7/25	7/25
Idaho		5/23		3/17	3/17
Illinois		3/21		12/19/05	12/19/05 Independent 6/26/06 Third/Minor
Indiana	S	5/2 ³		2/17 Noon	7/17 Noon
Iowa		6/6		3/17	8/18
Kansas		8/1 ⁴		6/12 Noon	7/31 Noon Independent 6/12 Noon Third/Minor
Kentucky		5/16		1/31 4pm	8/8 4pm
Louisiana		n/a ⁵		8/11	8/11
Maine	S	6/13		3/15	6/1
Maryland	S	9/12 ⁶		7/3	8/7
Massachusetts	S	9/19		6/6	8/29
Michigan	S	8/8 ⁷		5/16 4pm	7/20 4pm Independent
Minnesota	S	9/12		7/18	7/18
Mississippi	S	6/6	6/27	3/1	3/1
Missouri	S	8/8		3/28	7/31
Montana	S	6/6		3/23	5/26
Nebraska	S	5/9		2/15 Incumbents 3/1 All Others	9/1 Independent
Nevada	S	8/15 ⁸		5/12	4/7
New Hampshire		9/12		6/16	9/6
New Jersey	S	6/6		4/10	6/6
New Mexico	S	6/6		3/29	6/7
New York	S	9/12		7/13	8/22 Independent
North Carolina		5/2	5/30	2/28 Noon	6/30 Noon Independent 6/1 Noon Third/Minor
North Dakota	S	6/13		4/17	9/8
Ohio	S	5/2		2/16	5/1 Independent



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Oklahoma		7/25	8/22	6/7	6/7 Independent
Oregon		5/16 ⁹		3/7	8/29
Pennsylvania	S	5/16		3/7	8/1
Puerto Rico		n/a ¹⁰			
Rhode Island	S	9/12		6/28	6/28
South Carolina		6/13 ¹¹	6/27	3/30 Noon	7/17 Noon
South Dakota		6/6	6/20	4/4	6/6 Independent
Tennessee	S	8/3		4/6 Noon	4/6 Noon
Texas	S	3/7 ¹²	4/11	1/2	5/11 Independent 5/30 Third/Minor
Utah	S	6/27 ¹³		3/17	3/17
Vermont	S	9/12		7/17	9/15
Virgin Islands		9/9		8/7	8/7
Virginia	S	6/13 ¹⁴		4/14 5pm	6/13 7pm Independent
Washington	S	9/19		7/28	7/28
West Virginia	S	5/9 ¹⁵		1/28	4/9
Wisconsin	S	9/12		7/11	7/11
Wyoming	S	8/22		6/2	8/28 Independent 8/21 Third/Minor

Notes:

- The Independent Filing Deadline column shows the date for the filing of petitions by independent and/or third and minor party candidates. This is a general reference date for use by the public and voters. Candidates and others seeking specific information should contact the states for other deadlines that may need to be met. For example, the petitions may have to be checked by officials prior to this date. A declaration of candidacy may be due before the petitions are due. New parties may have different deadlines.
- In Connecticut, conventions are held by the Democratic and Republican parties prior to the primary. The Democratic convention dates are 5/20/06 for U.S. Senate, and 5/15/06 for Congressional Districts 1 through 5. The Republican convention dates are 5/20/06 for U.S. Senate, 5/10/06 for Congressional District 1, 5/13/06 for Congressional Districts 3 and 5, 5/15/06 for Congressional District 4, and 5/21/06 for Congressional District 2.
- In Indiana, the Libertarian party convention date is 4/29/06.
- In Kansas, the Libertarian party convention date is 4/29/06, and the Reform party convention date is 6/3/06.
- In Louisiana, a Congressional primary election is not held. The election for candidates seeking federal office is the General Election scheduled for 11/7/06. If necessary, a Runoff Election will be held on 12/9/06.
- In Maryland, the Libertarian party convention date is 4/1/06, and the Green party convention date is 6/3/06.
- In Michigan, the Libertarian party convention date is 5/13/06, the U.S. Taxpayers party convention date is 7/29/06, and the Green party convention date is 8/6/06.
- In Nevada, the Libertarian party convention date is 2/18/06, and the Independent American party convention date is 4/29/06.
- In Oregon, the convention date for the Constitution and Libertarian parties is 6/3/06. The Pacific Green party convention date is 6/17/06.
- In Puerto Rico, the general election for Resident Commissioner to the U.S. House of Representatives is held every four years, coinciding with the U.S. Presidential election.
- In South Carolina, the United Citizens Party convention date is 3/25/2006, the Constitution party convention date is 4/20/06, the Green party convention date is 4/22/06, and the Libertarian party convention date is 4/29/06.
- In Texas, the Green and Libertarian party convention dates are 6/10/06 for U.S. Senate nominations and 3/18/06 for U.S. House Districts 7, 16, 18, 20, 29, 30 and 32. The convention date is 3/25/06 for U.S. House Districts 1-6, 8-15, 17, 19, 21-28 and 31.
- In Utah, nominating conventions are held by the political parties prior to the primary. The Desert Greens party convention date is 3/21/06. The Libertarian party convention date is 4/29/06. The convention date for the Democratic, Republican and Personal Choice parties is 5/13/06. The Constitution party convention date is 5/20/06.
- In Virginia, parties may choose to nominate candidates by convention rather than by primary election and the deadline to notify the State Board of Elections is 3/15/06. Democrats: Conventions will be held on 5/13/06 for Congressional District 1, 3 and 7, on 5/20/06 for Districts 5 and 6, and on 6/10/06 for Districts 4 and 9. Republicans: Conventions will be held on 5/20/06 for Congressional District 3, and on 5/13/06 for District 9. U.S. Senate nominations and all other Congressional District nominations will be made by primary election.
- In West Virginia, the Mountain Party convention date is 4/22/06.



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Indiana	S	5/2 ¹	
North Carolina		5/2	5/30
Ohio	S	5/2	
Nebraska	S	5/9	
West Virginia	S	5/9 ¹	
Kentucky		5/16	
Oregon		5/16 ¹	
Pennsylvania	S	5/16	
Arkansas		5/23	6/13
Idaho		5/23	
Alabama		6/6	7/18
California	S	6/6	
Iowa		6/6	
Mississippi	S	6/6	6/27
Montana	S	6/6	
New Jersey	S	6/6	
New Mexico	S	6/6	
South Dakota		6/6	6/20
Maine	S	6/13	
North Dakota	S	6/13	
South Carolina		6/13 ¹	6/27
Virginia	S	6/13 ¹	
Utah	S	6/27 ¹	
Georgia		7/18	8/8
Oklahoma		7/25	8/22
Kansas		8/1 ¹	
Tennessee	S	8/3	
Colorado		8/8	
Connecticut	S	8/8 ¹	
Michigan	S	8/8 ¹	
Missouri	S	8/8	
Nevada	S	8/15	
Alaska		8/22	
Wyoming	S	8/22	
Guam		9/2	
Florida	S	9/5	
Virgin Islands		9/9	

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District of Columbia		9/12	
Maryland	S	9/12 ¹	
Minnesota	S	9/12	
New Hampshire		9/12	
New York	S	9/12	
Rhode Island	S	9/12	
Vermont	S	9/12	
Wisconsin	S	9/12	
Massachusetts	S	9/19	
Washington	S	9/19	
Hawaii	S	9/23	
American Samoa		11/7	11/21
Louisiana		n/a ²	

Notes:

1. In Connecticut and Utah, conventions are held by the political parties prior to the primary. In Virginia, parties may choose to nominate by convention rather than by primary election and the notification to request a primary must be made to the State Board of Elections by 3/15/06. In other states, such as Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Nevada, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas and West Virginia, minor parties may hold conventions to nominate candidates.
2. In Louisiana, a Congressional primary election is not held. The election for candidates seeking federal office is the General Election scheduled for 11/7/06. If necessary, a Runoff Election will be held on 12/9/06.

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