

Expedited Special Congressional Election Calendar
May 8, 2018 Primary & Special Congressional Primary Election Day
August 7, 2018 Special Congressional General Election Day
Nomination and Election for the U.S. Representative, 12th Ohio Congressional District
Unexpired Term ending January 3, 2019¹

- Jan. 28 Boards of elections must prepare and publish notice of May 8, 2018 Primary & Special Congressional Primary Election and provide notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (100 days before special primary)
- Feb. 7 Declaration of candidacy for partisan candidates must be filed with the Franklin County Board of Elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before special primary)
- Feb. 19 Franklin County Board of Elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of partisan candidates' petitions (78 days before special primary)
- Feb. 23 Protests against partisan candidacies must be filed with the Franklin County Board of Elections by 4 p.m. (74 days before special primary)
- Feb. 26* Declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for the May 8, 2018 Special Congressional Primary Election must be filed by 4 p.m. (72 days before special primary)
- Feb. 27 Franklin County Board of Elections must certify names of candidates for the May 8, 2018 Special Congressional Primary Election to the other county board of elections in the congressional district (70 days before the special primary)
- Mar. 2 Protests against write-in candidates must be filed with the Franklin County Board of Elections by 4 p.m. (67 days before the special primary)
- Mar. 24 Boards of elections must prepare and publish notice of the May 8, 2018 Primary & Special Congressional Primary Election by this date and provide the notice to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (45 days before special primary)
- UOCAVA absentee ballots for May 8, 2018 Primary & Special Congressional Primary Election must be ready (45 days before special primary)
- Mar. 27 Boards of elections must advertise in newspapers the places, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration. (6 weeks before special primary)
- Apr. 9* Deadline for voter registration for the May 8, 2018 Primary & Special Congressional Primary Election (30 days before special primary)
- Apr. 10 Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for May 8, 2018 Primary & Special Congressional Primary Election must be ready (first day after close of registration)

¹ U.S. Const. Amend. XX, Sec. 1.

- Apr. 24 Boards of Elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists for May 8, 2018 Primary & Special Congressional Primary Election (14 days before special primary)
- Apr. 27 Deadline for political parties and groups of candidates to file observer appointments with the boards of elections (11 days before special primary)
- Apr. 28 Boards of elections must give public notice of the election (10 days before special primary)
- Apr. 29 Boards of elections must prepare and publish notice of August 7, 2018 Special Congressional General Election and provide notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (100 days before special general)
- May 7 Nominating petitions for independent candidates must be filed with the Franklin County Board of Elections by 4 p.m. (day before special primary)
- May 8 Primary & Special Congressional Primary Election**
- May 18 Absentee ballots returned by U.S. mail must be postmarked no later than May 7, 2018 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after special primary).
- UOCAVA ballots must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after special primary)
- May 19 Boards may begin official canvass of election (11 days after special primary)
- May 29* Boards must complete and certify official canvass (21 days after special primary)
- Franklin County Board of Elections must certify results of Special Congressional Primary Election
- Declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for the August 7, 2018 Special Congressional General Election must be filed by 4 p.m. (72 days before special primary)
- June 1 Protests against write-in candidates must be filed with the Franklin County Board of Elections by 4 p.m. (67 days before the special general)
- June 4* Deadline to request a recount of the May 8, 2018 Special Congressional Primary Election (5 days after certification of results of special primary)
- June 23 UOCAVA absentee ballots for August 7, 2018 Special Congressional General Election must be ready (45 days before special primary)

- Boards of elections must prepare and publish notice of the August 7, 2018 Special Congressional General Election by this date and provide the notice to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (45 days before special primary)
- June 26 Boards of elections must advertise in newspapers the places, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration. (6 weeks before special general)
- July 9* Deadline for voter registration for the August 7, 2018 Special Congressional General Election (30 days before special general)
- July 10 Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for August 7, 2018 Special Congressional General Election must be ready (day after the close of registration for special general election)
- July 24 Boards of Elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists for August 7, 2018 Special Congressional General Election (14 days before special general)
- July 27 Deadline for political parties and groups of candidates to file observer appointments with the boards of elections (11 days before special general)
- July 28 Boards of elections must give public notice of the election (10 days before special general)
- Aug. 7 Special Congressional General Election**
- Aug. 17 Absentee ballots returned by U.S. mail must be postmarked no later than August 6, 2018 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after special general election).
- UOCAVA ballots must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after special primary general)
- Aug. 18 Boards may begin official canvass of election (11 days after special general)
- Aug. 20 Boards must begin official canvass of election (13 days after special general)
- Aug. 24 Boards must complete and certify official canvass (17 days after special general)
- Franklin County Board of Elections must certify results (17 days after special general)
- Aug. 27 Deadline to request a recount of the August 7, 2018 Special Congressional General Election (3 days after certification of results)

*Statutory deadline falls on day that boards of elections are closed. The deadline is extended, pursuant to R.C. 1.14, to the next succeeding day the board of elections are open.