

2021

April Annual School Board Election Timeline

February

February 23

Publication of Notice of Mail-In Ballot Availability for April Annual School Elections by Municipal and/or County Clerks

(prior to the 55th day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-6

February 28 – March 29

Publication of Notice of April Annual School Elections by County Boards of Election

(within 30 days before the close of registration for election)

N.J.S.A. 19:12-7

March

March 1

Nomination Petition Filing Deadline for April Annual School Elections

(before 4:00 p.m. of the 50th day preceding the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-7

March 4

Deadline for Filing in Superior Court to Protect School Board Candidate's Rights

(before the 46th day prior to election)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-7

March 5

Filing Deadline for Objections to Nominating Petitions for April Annual School Election Candidates

(46th day prior to election)

N.J.S.A. 19:13-10

March 6

Deadline for Withdrawal of School Board Candidates

(before 44th day preceding election)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-7

March 8

Deadline for Determination of Petition Challenges By School Boards of Education

(44th day preceding election)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-7

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Deadline for Amendments to Defective Petitions for School Board Candidates

(44th day preceding election)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-7

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March 10

Drawing of Ballot Positions for School Board Candidates by School Board Secretary

(7 working days following the last day for filing petitions for election)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-8

March 12

Deadline for Certification of Ballot Draw to the County Clerk by School Board Secretary

(within 2 days following the drawing of ballot position)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-8

March 30

Voter Registration Deadline for Annual School Elections

(21 days before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:31-6

April

April 2

10:00 a.m. Deadline to Submit Public Question Statements for Annual School Board Elections to the County Clerk by the School Board Secretary

(18th day preceding election)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-4

April 3

Deadline to Submit Official School Ballot to Printer by the County Clerk

(17th day preceding the annual school election)

N.J.S.A. 19:60-9

April 6

Deadline for Filing of Challenger Appointments for Annual School Board Elections

(second Tuesday preceding election)

N.J.S.A. 19:7-3, N.J.S.A. 19:12-7

April 11 - April 17

Publication of Notice of Annual School Elections by County Boards of Election

(once during the calendar week prior to election)

N.J.S.A. 19:12-7

April 13

Publication of Challenge and Complaint Procedures for Annual School Board Elections by County Boards of Election

(7 days before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:12-9

April 13

Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for Annual School Board Elections

(not less than 7 days prior to election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-3

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April 14

Mailing of Sample Ballots for Annual School Board Elections

(on or before 12 noon on Wednesday preceding election)

N.J.S.A. 19:14-25

April 16

Deadline for Application to Receive Annual School Board Election Mail-In Ballots by Electronic Means for Qualified Overseas Civilian and Military Voters

(4th day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:59-4

April 19

Publication of Challenge and Complaint Procedures for Annual School Board Elections by County Boards of Election

(1 day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:12-9

April 19 – by 3:00 p.m.

Deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications for Annual School Board Elections

(up to 3:00 p.m. on the day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-3

April 20

Annual School Board Elections

N.J.S.A. 19:60-1

(3rd Tuesday in April)

(The Commissioner of Education shall make any adjustments to the election calendar)

April 20

Last Day for Testing of Electronic Scanning Equipment for Tabulation of Paper Ballots for Annual School Board Elections

(day of election)

(notice to be given 48 hours prior to the start of testing)

N.J.S.A. 19:53A-8

April 20

Deadline for Post Office Receipt of Mail-In Ballots from the Annual School Board Election

April 20

Deadline for in Person Submission of Annual School Board Election Mail-In Ballots to County Boards of Election

(by 8:00 p.m. on the day of election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-16, 19:15-2

April 21 – May 7

Impoundment Period for Voting Machines Used in the Annual School Board Elections

(17 days following election) (to comply with P.L. 2018, c.72)

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April 26

Deadline for Receipt of Timely Mailed Postmarked Mail-In Ballots to County Boards of Election

(no later than 144 hours (6 days) after the time of the closing of the polls for the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-22

May

May 3

Meeting of County Board of Canvassers for Annual School Board Elections

(13 days after the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:19-1, N.J.S.A. 19:19-4, N.J.S.A. 19:19-6

May 7

Deadline for Preparation of Emergency and Provisional Ballot Reports by Each County Board of Election for the Annual School Board Election

(within 17 days after election or 3 days after the certification of the results of the election)

May 7

Deadline for Recount Applications for Annual School Board Elections

(within 17 days after election)

N.J.S.A. 19:28-1

May 7

Deadline for Applications for Recheck of Voting Machines Used in the Annual School Board Elections

(within 17 days after election) (to comply with P.L. 2018, c.72)

May 22

Deadline for Filing of Election Contest Petitions for Annual School Elections

(not later than 32 days after election)

N.J.S.A. 19:29-3