



SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS CALENDAR

FOR AUGUST 3, 2021 SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NOVEMBER 2, 2021 SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL GENERAL ELECTION

Nomination and Election for the U.S. Representative, 11th Ohio Congressional District
Unexpired Term ending January 3, 2023

- April 25** Cuyahoga and Summit County Boards of Elections must prepare and publish notice of August 3, 2021 Special Congressional Primary Election and provide notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (100 days before special primary election)
- May 5** Declaration of candidacy for partisan candidates must be filed with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections by 4 p.m. (90 days before special primary election)
- May 17** Cuyahoga County Board of Elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of partisan candidates' petitions (78 days before special primary election)
- May 21** Protests against partisan candidacies must be filed with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections by 4 p.m. (74 days before special primary election)
- May 24*** Declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for the August 3, 2021 Special Congressional Primary Election must be filed with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections by 4 p.m. (72 days before special primary election)
- May 25** Cuyahoga County Board of Elections must certify names of candidates for the August 3, 2021 Special Congressional Primary Election to Summit County Board of Elections (70 days before special primary election)
- May 28** Protests against write-in candidates must be filed with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections by 4 p.m. (67 days before special primary election)
- June 18** Cuyahoga and Summit County Boards of Elections must prepare and publish notice of the Aug. 3, 2021 Special Congressional Primary Election and provide the notice to federal write-in absentee voters upon request

- June 18** UOCAVA absentee ballots for August 3, 2021 Special Congressional Primary Election must be ready (46 days before special primary election)
- June 22** Cuyahoga and Summit County Boards of Elections must advertise in newspapers the places, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration (6 weeks before special primary election)
- July 6*** Voter registration deadline for August 3, 2021 Special Congressional Primary Election (30 days before special primary election)
- July 7** Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for August 3, 2021 Special Congressional Primary Election must be ready (first day after close of registration)
- July 20** Cuyahoga and Summit County Boards of Elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists for August 3, 2021 Special Congressional Primary Election (14 days before special primary election)
- July 23** Deadline for political parties and groups of candidates to file observer appointments (11 days before special primary election)
- July 24** Boards of elections must give public notice of the Special Congressional Primary Election (10 days before special primary election)
- Aug. 2** Independent candidates must file nominating petitions with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections by 4 p.m. (day before special primary election)
- Aug. 3** **Election Day for Special Congressional Primary Election**
- Aug. 9** Protests against independent candidates must be filed with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections by 4 p.m. (7 days after the filing deadline)
- Aug. 13** Absentee ballots returned by U.S. mail must be postmarked no later than Aug. 2, 2021 and received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after special primary election).
- UOCAVA ballots must be received by boards of elections by this date to be counted (10 days after special primary election)
- Aug. 14** Boards may begin official canvass of election (11 days after special primary)

- Aug. 18** Boards must begin official canvass of election (15 days after special primary)
- Aug. 23*** Write-in candidates must file declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for the Nov. 2, 2021 Special Congressional General Election with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections by 4 p.m. (72 days before special general election)
- Aug. 24** Boards must complete and certify official canvass for the Special Congressional Primary Election, and Cuyahoga County Board of Elections must certify results (21 days after special primary election)
- Aug. 27** Protests against write-in candidates must be filed with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections by 4 p.m. (67 days before special general election)
- Aug. 30*** Deadline to request a recount of the Aug. 3, 2021 Special Congressional Primary Election (5 days after certification of special primary election results)
- Sept. 17** UOCAVA absentee ballots for November 2, 2021 Special Congressional General Election must be ready (46 days before special general election)
- Boards of elections must prepare and publish notice of the November 2, 2021 Special Congressional General Election by this date and provide the notice to federal write-in absentee voters upon request (46 days before special general election)
- Sept. 21** Boards of elections must advertise in newspapers the places, times, qualifications, and methods for voter registration. (6 weeks before special general election)
- Oct. 4*** Voter registration deadline for the November 2, 2021 Special Congressional General Election (30 days before special general election)
- Oct. 5** Non-UOCAVA absentee ballots for November 2, 2021 Special Congressional General Election must be ready (day after the close of registration for special general election)
- Oct. 19** Boards of elections must prepare precinct voter registration lists for Nov. 2, 2021 Special Congressional General Election (14 days before special general)

- Oct. 22** Deadline for political parties and groups of candidates to file observer appointments (11 days before special general election)
- Oct. 23** Cuyahoga and Summit County Boards of Elections must give public notice of the election (10 days before special general election)
- Nov. 2** **Election Day for Special Congressional General Election**
- Nov. 12** Absentee ballots returned by U.S. mail must be postmarked no later than Nov. 1, 2021 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 general election)
- Nov. 13** Boards may begin official canvass of election (11 days after special general)
- Nov. 17** Boards must begin official canvass of election (15 days after special general)
- Nov. 23** Boards must complete official canvass, and Cuyahoga County Board of Elections must certify results (21 days after special general election)
- Nov. 29*** Deadline to request a recount of the November 2, 2021 Special Congressional General Election (5 days after certification of results)

*Asterisk indicates that the statutory deadline falls on a day that boards of elections are closed, which means the deadline is extended to the next succeeding day the board of elections are open, pursuant to R.C. 1.14. For example, if a deadline falls on a Saturday that the boards of elections are closed, the deadline is extended to Monday, when the boards of elections are open. The dates on this calendar are adjusted to indicate that.

The Federal Election Commission sets the federal campaign finance deadlines for the Special Congressional Election. Those deadlines are available at <https://www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/dates-and-deadlines/>.