



## 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, 15<sup>th</sup> Ohio Congressional District  
Unexpired Term ending January 3, 2023

**April 26** Governor DeWine issued the writ of election to hold a Special Congressional Election for the 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Ohio.

As soon as practicable, but no later than April 30, 2021, Clinton, Fairfield, Hocking, Madison, Morgan, Perry, Pickaway, Vinton, Athens, Fayette, Franklin and Ross County Boards of Elections (collectively, "Boards") must prepare and publish notice of August 3, 2021 Special Congressional Primary Election and provide notices to federal write-in absentee voters upon request.

**May 17** Declaration of candidacy for partisan candidates must be filed with the Franklin County Board of Elections by 4 p.m. (78 days before special primary election).

**May 24** Franklin County Board of Elections must certify the validity and sufficiency of partisan candidates' petitions (71 days before special primary election).

**May 28** Protests against partisan candidacies must be filed with the Franklin County Board of Elections by 4 p.m. (67 days before special primary election).

Declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate for the August 3, 2021 Special Congressional Primary Election must be filed with the Franklin County Board of Elections by 4 p.m. (67 days before special primary election).

**June 1** Franklin County Board of Elections must certify names of candidates for the August 3, 2021 Special Congressional Primary Election to Clinton, Fairfield, Hocking, Madison, Morgan, Perry, Pickaway, Vinton, Athens,

Fayette, and Ross County Boards of Elections (63 days before special primary election).

**June 3** Protests against write-in candidates must be filed with the Franklin County Board of Elections by 4 p.m. (61 days before special primary election).

**June 18** Boards 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 (46 days before special primary election).

UOCAVA absentee ballots for August 3, 2021 Special Congressional Primary Election must be ready (46 days before special primary election).

**June 22** Boards 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** Boards 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 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 Franklin 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 Franklin 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 by this date to be counted (10 days after special primary election).
- UOCAVA ballots must be received by Boards 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 Franklin 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 Franklin 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 Franklin 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 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 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 must prepare precinct voter registration lists for Nov. 2, 2021 Special Congressional General Election (14 days before special general election).
- Oct. 22** Deadline for political parties and groups of candidates to file observer appointments (11 days before special general election).
- Oct. 23** Boards 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 by this date to be counted (10 days after special general election).
- UOCAVA ballots must be received by Boards 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 Franklin 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. Once set, the deadlines will be posted at <https://www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/dates-and-deadlines/>.