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## FEC PUBLISHES UPDATED 1996 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DATES AND FILING DEADLINES FOR BALLOT ACCESS

WASHINGTON -- An updated list of 1996 presidential primary dates and candidate filing deadlines for ballot access arranged alphabetically by state has been compiled by the Public Records Office of the Federal Election Commission. Also included is a second chart which lists the primary dates in chronological order.

Information for the listing was obtained from data supplied by state election offices. The dates listed are still subject to change by state legislatures or court challenges. As changes occur, the list will be updated.

This information may also be obtained by calling FlashFAX 202/501-3413 (document #650).

### 1996 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DATES AND CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINES FOR BALLOT ACCESS

(Data as of 10/13/95)

Note: Dates subject to change / General Election date 11/5/96

STATE	PRIMARY DATE	FILING DEADLINE FOR PRIMARY BALLOT ACCESS	INDEPENDENT FILING* <sup>1</sup> DEADLINE FOR GENERAL ELECTION
Alabama	6/4	3/15	8/31 Independent
Alaska	*2	n/a	7/1 Third/Minor
Arizona	2/27 *3	1/18	8/7
Arkansas	5/21	Noon 4/2	6/27
California	3/26	1/11 Democrats 1/12 All Others	5/1 8/9
Colorado	3/5	1/2	7/16
Connecticut	3/5	1/19	8/7 Independent/Third 9/11 Minor
Delaware	2/24	12/15/95	9/3
D.C.	5/7	3/8	8/20
Florida	3/12	1/11	7/15
Georgia	3/5	n/a	7/9
Hawaii	*2	n/a	9/6
Idaho	5/28	4/29	8/24
Illinois	3/19	12/18/95	8/5
Indiana	5/7	Noon 3/8	Noon 8/1
Iowa	*2	n/a	8/16
Kansas	4/2	Noon 2/12	Noon 8/5 Independent Noon 6/10 Third/Minor
Kentucky	5/28	4:00pm 1/30	8/6
Louisiana	3/12	1/12	5:00pm 9/3
Maine	3/5	12/1/95	6/1

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STATE	PRIMARY DATE	FILING DEADLINE FOR PRIMARY BALLOT ACCESS	INDEPENDENT FILING* <sup>1</sup> DEADLINE FOR GENERAL ELECTION
Maryland	3/5	12/26/95 1/9 Republicans Democrats	8/5
Massachusetts	3/5	12/22/95	7/30
Michigan	3/19 *4	4:00pm 1/12	4:00pm 7/18 Independent 9/6 Third/Minor
Minnesota	*2	n/a	9/10
Mississippi	3/12	1/15	9/5
Missouri	*2	n/a	8/5
Montana	6/4	3/21	8/7
Nebraska	5/14	3/15	8/30
Nevada	3/26 *5	1/9	8/9 Independent 9/2 Third/Minor
New Hampshire	2/20	12/15/95	8/21
New Jersey	6/4	4/11	4/11
New Mexico	6/4	3/16	9/10 Independent 7/9 Third/Minor
New York	3/7	1/4	8/20
North Carolina	5/7	2/6	6/28 Independent
North Dakota	2/27 Republicans *2 Democrats	12/29/95	9/6
Ohio	3/19	1/19	8/22 Independent 1/19 Third/Minor
Oklahoma	3/12	1/10	7/15
Oregon	3/12	1/2	8/27
Pennsylvania	4/23	2/13	8/1
Puerto Rico	3/3 Republicans 3/10 Democrats	1/4 Republicans 1/14 Democrats	*6
Rhode Island	3/5	11/30/95	6/26
South Carolina	3/2 Republicans *2 Democrats	12/31/95	Noon 8/1 Independent Noon 9/2 Third/Minor
South Dakota	2/27	12/26/95	8/6
Tennessee	3/12	1/2	8/15
Texas	3/12	1/2	5/13
Utah	*2	n/a	8/15
Vermont	3/5	5:00pm 1/15	9/19
Virginia	*2	n/a	Noon 8/23
Washington	3/26	1/18	7/1
West Virginia	5/14	2/3	8/1
Wisconsin	3/19	1/30	9/3
Wyoming	*2	n/a	8/27 Independent 8/20 Third/Minor

1 The column Independent Filing Deadline shows the date for the filing of petitions by independent or third/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.

2 Caucus is held instead of a primary election. Other states may use a combination of both caucuses and primaries for delegate selection.

3 The Democratic state party will hold a primary on March 9 in accordance with national Democratic party rules.

4 The Democratic state party will hold a primary on March 16. Candidates may also participate in the March 19 state primary, but only the March 16 party primary will bind delegates to the national convention.

5 The parties must notify the state of their intention to hold a Presidential preference primary by November 1, 1995.

6 Puerto Rico does not hold a presidential general election as Puerto Ricans do not have the right to vote in presidential general elections.

1996 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DATES IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

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STATE	PRIMARY DATE
New Hampshire	2/20
Delaware	2/24
Arizona	2/27
North Dakota	2/27 Republicans
South Dakota	2/27
South Carolina	3/2 Republicans
Puerto Rico	3/3 Republicans
Colorado	3/5
Connecticut	3/5
Georgia	3/5
Maine	3/5
Maryland	3/5
Massachusetts	3/5
Rhode Island	3/5
Vermont	3/5
New York	3/7
Puerto Rico	3/10 Democrats
Florida	3/12
Louisiana	3/12
Mississippi	3/12
Oklahoma	3/12
Oregon	3/12
Tennessee	3/12
Texas	3/12
Illinois	3/19
Michigan	3/19
Ohio	3/19
Wisconsin	3/19
California	3/26
Nevada	3/26
Washington	3/26
Kansas	4/2
Pennsylvania	4/23
D.C.	5/7
Indiana	5/7
North Carolina	5/7
Nebraska	5/14
West Virginia	5/14
Arkansas	5/21
Idaho	5/28
Kentucky	5/28
Alabama	6/4
Montana	6/4
New Jersey	6/4
New Mexico	6/4

NOTE: No presidential primary is being held in Alaska, Hawaii, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota (Democrats), South Carolina (Democrats), Utah, Virginia, Wyoming.

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