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1996 CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY DATES, BALLOT ACCESS FILING DEADLINES PUBLISHED

WASHINGTON -- A list of 1996 congressional 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 #345).

1996 U.S. CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY DATES AND CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINES FOR BALLOT ACCESS (Data as of 10/13/95)

Note: Dates subject to change / S indicates Senate election / General Election date 11/5/96

STATE	PRIMARY DATE	RUNOFF DATE	FILING DEADLINE FOR PRIMARY BALLOT ACCESS	INDEPENDENT FILING* ¹ DEADLINE FOR GENERAL ELECTION
Alabama	S 6/4	6/25	4/5	7/1
Alaska	S 8/27	n/a	6/1	6/1
American Samoa	11/5	11/19	9/1	9/1
Arizona	9/10	n/a	6/27	6/27
Arkansas	S 5/21	6/11	Noon 4/2	5/1
California	3/26	n/a	12/29/95	8/9
Colorado	S 8/13	n/a	6/7	7/16
Connecticut	9/10	n/a	*2	8/7 Independent/Third 9/11 Minor
Delaware	S 9/7	n/a	7/27	9/3
D.C.	5/7	n/a	2/28	8/28
Florida	9/3	10/1	Noon 5/10	7/19 Independent 7/15 Minor
Georgia	S 7/16	8/6	4/26	7/9
Guam	9/7	n/a	7/9	9/6
Hawaii	9/21	n/a	7/23	7/23
Idaho	S 5/28	n/a	5:00pm 4/5	4/5
Illinois	S 3/19	n/a	12/18/95	8/5
Indiana	5/7	n/a	Noon 2/23	8/1
Iowa	S 6/4	n/a	3/15	8/16
Kansas	S 8/6	n/a	Noon 6/10	Noon 8/5 Independent Noon 6/10 Third/Minor

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STATE	PRIMARY DATE	RUNOFF DATE	FILING DEADLINE FOR PRIMARY BALLOT ACCESS	INDEPENDENT FILING ¹ DEADLINE FOR GENERAL ELECTION
Kentucky	S 5/28	n/a	4:00pm 1/30	8/6
Louisiana	S 9/21	11/5	7/19	7/19
Maine	S 6/11	n/a	3/15	6/1
Maryland	3/5	n/a	12/26/95	8/5
Massachusetts	S 9/17	n/a	6/7	7/30
Michigan	S 8/6	n/a	4:00pm 5/14	4:00pm 7/18 Independent 8/7 Third/Minor
Minnesota	S 9/10	n/a	7/16	7/16
Mississippi	S 3/12	4/2	1/15	3/1
Missouri	8/6	n/a	3/26	8/5
Montana	S 6/4	n/a	3/21	6/3
Nebraska	S 5/14	n/a	2/15 Incumbent 3/1 Challenger	8/30
Nevada	9/2	n/a	6/4	8/9 Independent 6/28 Third/Minor
New Hampshire	S 9/10	n/a	6/14	8/21
New Jersey	S 6/4	n/a	4/11	4/11
New Mexico	S 6/4	n/a	3/27	9/10 Independent 7/9 Third/Minor
New York	9/10	n/a	7/11	8/20 Independent 7/11 Third/Minor
North Carolina	S 5/7	6/4	2/5	6/28 Independent 7/1 Third
North Dakota	6/11	n/a	4/12	9/6
Ohio	3/19	n/a	1/19	3/18 Independent 1/19 Third/Minor
Oklahoma	S 8/27	9/17	7/10	7/10
Oregon	S 5/21	n/a	3/12	8/27
Pennsylvania	4/23	n/a	2/13	8/1
Puerto Rico	3/3 Republicans 3/10 Democrats	n/a	1/4 Republicans 1/14 Democrats	9/1/95 Third
Rhode Island	S 9/10	n/a	6/26	6/26
South Carolina	S 6/11	6/25	Noon 4/30	Noon 8/1 Independent Noon 9/2 Third/Minor
South Dakota	S 6/4	6/18	4/2	8/6
Tennessee	S 8/1	n/a	5/16	5/16
Texas	S 3/12	4/9	1/2	5/9 Independent 1/2 Third/Minor
Utah	6/25 *3	n/a	3/18	3/18
Vermont	9/10	n/a	7/15	9/19
Virginia	S 6/11 *4	n/a	5:00pm 4/12	7:00pm 6/11
Virgin Islands	9/10	9/24	9/3	8/5
Washington	9/17	n/a	7/26	7/26
West Virginia	S 5/14	n/a	2/3	5/13
Wisconsin	9/10	n/a	7/9	7/9
Wyoming	S 8/20	n/a	6/7	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 Filing deadlines are 14 days after the conventions of each party. Convention dates for the Democratic Party, the Republican Party and A Connecticut Party are still pending.

3 Nominating conventions are held by the state parties prior to the primary. Convention dates are still pending.

4 Political parties may choose to nominate candidates by convention rather than by primary.

Notification of adoption of a primary must be made to the Board of Elections by March 13, 1996.

1996 U.S. CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY DATES IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

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STATE	PRIMARY DATE	RUNOFF DATE
Puerto Rico	3/3 Republicans	n/a
Maryland	3/5	n/a
Puerto Rico	3/10 Democrats	n/a
Mississippi	S 3/12	4/2
Texas	S 3/12	4/9
Illinois	S 3/19	n/a
Ohio	3/19	n/a
California	3/26	n/a
Pennsylvania	4/23	n/a
D.C.	5/7	n/a
Indiana	5/7	n/a
North Carolina	S 5/7	6/4
Nebraska	S 5/14	n/a
West Virginia	S 5/14	n/a
Arkansas	S 5/21	6/11
Oregon	S 5/21	n/a
Idaho	S 5/28	n/a
Kentucky	S 5/28	n/a
Alabama	S 6/4	6/25
Iowa	S 6/4	n/a
Montana	S 6/4	n/a
New Jersey	S 6/4	n/a
New Mexico	S 6/4	n/a
South Dakota	S 6/4	6/18
Maine	S 6/11	n/a
North Dakota	6/11	n/a
South Carolina	S 6/11	6/25
Virginia	S 6/11	n/a
Utah	6/25	n/a
Georgia	S 7/16	8/6
Tennessee	S 8/1	n/a
Kansas	S 8/6	n/a
Michigan	S 8/6	n/a
Missouri	8/6	n/a
Colorado	S 8/13	n/a
Wyoming	S 8/20	n/a
Alaska	S 8/27	n/a
Oklahoma	S 8/27	9/17
Nevada	9/2	n/a
Florida	9/3	10/1
Delaware	S 9/7	n/a
Guam	9/7	n/a
Arizona	9/10	n/a
Connecticut	9/10	n/a
Minnesota	S 9/10	n/a
New Hampshire	S 9/10	n/a
New York	9/10	n/a
Rhode Island	S 9/10	n/a
Vermont	9/10	n/a
Virgin Islands	9/10	9/24
Wisconsin	9/10	n/a
Massachusetts	S 9/17	n/a
Washington	9/17	n/a
Hawaii	9/21	n/a
Louisiana	S 9/21	11/5
American Samoa	11/5	11/19