

2006 ELECTIONS CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2006

October 3 (Tuesday)

Town clerks receive at least five copies of the warning and notice for each polling place in the town (at least five days before they must be posted). Blanks should be filled in on each warning by the town clerk, listing the polling place, address and the time polls open in each town. 17 V.S.A. § 2521(b)

October 8 (Sunday)

Last day to post the warning and notice for the general election (30 days before the election). 17 V.S.A. § 2521(a) The checklist must also be posted in two or more public places in the town in addition to being posted at the town clerk's office in towns with over 5,000 population. In towns with less than 5,000 population, the checklist must only be posted one place in addition to the clerk's office. 17 V.S.A. §§ 2141, 2521(a) In towns that divide their checklist, that portion of the checklist that applies to the district should be posted.

October 10 (Tuesday)

Town clerks will receive general election ballots by this date (not later than 30 days before the election). Clerks should store the ballots, except those used for sample ballots and early or absentees, in a secure location until the date of the election. 17 V.S.A. §§ 2479, 2103(13)

October 15 (Sunday)

Last day for U.S. Congressional candidates to file FEC quarterly reports for the October quarter (Aug. 25-Sept. 30). 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(2)

October 18 (Wednesday)

Last day for town clerks to post sample ballots (for the general election) in the same places that have previously posted copies of the warning, notice, and checklist. 17 V.S.A. §2522(a)

October 25 (Wednesday)

Candidates for state office, state senator, state representative, political parties, and political committees who have made expenditures or received contributions of \$500.00 or more must file campaign finance reports with the secretary of state by 5:00 p.m. 17 V.S.A. § 2811(a)(1) Candidates for the state senator or state representative must also file such reports with the clerk of the candidates' respective senate or house district (the same clerk where the candidate files nominating petitions). 17 V.S.A. § 2811(e)

OCTOBER 2006 (cont.)

October 26 (Thursday)

Last day for U.S. Congressional candidates to file FEC 12-day pre-general election reports (Oct. 1-Oct. 19), 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(2)

October 30 (Monday)

Last day, until noon, to apply for addition to the checklist in order to vote in the general election. Clerks' offices must be kept open from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon to receive applications. 17 V.S.A. § 2144(a)

Last day, until noon, for people who are not eligible to register by this date but who will be by election to file a written notice of intent to apply with the town clerk. 17 V.S.A. § 2144(b) and (c)

Last day for town clerks to receive a request for an application for addition to the checklist accompanying an early or absentee ballot request. 17 V.S.A. § 2532(b) and (c)

Candidates for county office (probate judge, assistant judge, state's attorney, sheriff, high bailiff and justice of the peace) who have raised or expended \$500 or more must file a ten-day pre-general campaign finance report with the county clerk. If a filing deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the deadline shall be extended to the next business day. 17 V.S.A. §§ 2821(a)(2) and 2103(13) Copies of these reports must be forwarded by the county clerk to the secretary of state within five days of receipt. 17 V.S.A. § 2821(c)

During the 8 days preceding the election and on election day, the clerk shall divide the list of ill and physically disabled voters into as many equal parts as there are pairs of designated justices, and deliver those lists to the justices, together with early or absentee ballots and envelopes. 17 V.S.A. § 2538(b)

NOVEMBER 2006

November 2 (Thursday)

Last day for Town Clerk to forward to the Board of Civil Authority a list of voters added to the checklist (at least five days before election). 17 V.S.A. § 2144b(d)

November 4 (Saturday)

Last day for the board of civil authority to designate pairs of justices of the peace, assuring political balance in each pair, to deliver early or absentee ballots to ill and physically disabled voters (not later than three days before the election). 17 V.S.A. § 2538(a)

NOVEMBER 2006 (cont.)

November 6 (Monday)

Voters, family members, authorized persons, or health care providers may request early or absentee ballots until 5:00 p.m. or the closing of the town clerk's office. 17 V.S.A. § 2531(a)
Clerks must make a list of early or absentee voters available upon request in their offices.
17 V.S.A. § 2534

The presiding officer of each polling place must also post a copy of the warning and notice, sample ballots and the current checklist in a conspicuous place in each polling place before the polls open on election day. 17 V.S.A. § 2523(a)

The presiding officer shall also ensure that signs informing voters of procedures for depositing ballots are placed on or near the ballot boxes before the polls open on election day.
17 V.S.A. § 2523(b)

**November 7 (Tuesday)
GENERAL ELECTION DAY**

Clerks must make a copy of all early or absentee voters available at their office and in each polling place as soon as it opens. 17 V.S.A. § 2534

November 9 (Thursday)

In a manner prescribed by the Secretary of State and within 48 hours of the close of polls, the town clerk shall deliver one certified copy of the official return of vote to the secretary of state, representative district clerk, senatorial district clerk and county clerk. 17 V.S.A. § 2588

**PLEASE OVERNIGHT YOUR OFFICIAL RETURNS (ORV) TO THE OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY OF STATE, 26 Terrace Street, Montpelier, VT 05609-1101.**

November 14 (Tuesday)

At 10:00 a.m. all canvassing committees (statewide, county, senatorial, and representative) must meet to tally returns. 17 V.S.A. § 2592(g) and (h) The committee shall prepare certificates of election and send or deliver these to the candidates elected, except the statewide committee shall prepare the certificates but not sign them. Each canvassing committee shall also file a canvassing report of its findings with the Secretary of State. 17 V.S.A. § 2592 (m)

November 17 (Friday)

Last day for a losing candidate to request a recount (within 10 days after the election).
17 V.S.A. § 2602(b)

NOVEMBER 2006 (cont.)

November 17 (Friday) (cont.)

Deadline for filing ten-day post election campaign finance reports by candidates for local office who have expended or received \$500.00 or more. Local candidates shall file these reports with the town clerk. 17 V.S.A. § 2822

Candidates for state office, state senator, state representative, political parties, and political committees who have made expenditures or received contributions of \$500.00 or more must file campaign finance reports with the secretary of state by 5:00 p.m. 17 V.S.A. § 2811(a)(1) Candidates for the state senator or state representative must also file such reports with the clerk of the candidates' respective senate or house district (the same clerk where the candidate files nominating petitions). 17 V.S.A. § 2811(e)

Last day for statewide and general assembly candidates who have NOT made expenditures and received contributions of \$500.00 or less to file statement with the Secretary of State's office that candidate has not made expenditures or received contributions of more than \$500.00.

November 22 (Wednesday)

Last day that a legal voter may contest the results of the general election (within 15 days after the election). 17 V.S.A. § 2603(c)

DECEMBER 2006

December 7 (Thursday)

Last day for U.S. Congressional candidates to file FEC 30-day post-general reports (Oct. 20-Nov. 28), 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(2)

December 18 (Monday)

Deadline for filing forty-day post election campaign finance reports with the Secretary of State by candidates for statewide office, state senator, state representative, political committees, and political parties who have expended or received \$500.00 or more. Also deadline for filing forty-day post election campaign finance reports by county office candidates who have made expenditures or received contributions of \$500.00 or more. County candidates (probate judge, assistant judge, state's attorney, sheriff, high bailiff and justice of the peace) shall file with the county clerk with whom his or her nomination papers were filed. Copies of these reports must be forwarded by the county clerks to the secretary of state within five days of receipt. 17 V.S.A. §§ 2811, 2821(c), 2831 If a filing deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the deadline shall be extended to the next business day. 17 V.S.A. § 2103(13) Candidates for the state senator or state representative must also file such reports with the clerk of the candidates' respective senate or house district (the same clerk where the candidate files nominating petitions). 17 V.S.A. § 2811(e)