

# SPECIAL STATE ELECTION

## Senator in Congress for Massachusetts

(to fill vacancy caused by the death of Senator Edward M. Kennedy)

Calendar of Events	Deadline Dates	
	Party Candidates	Non-Party Candidates
Last day for a person running in the state primary to enroll in a party or for a person running only in the state election to unenroll from a party, except for newly registered voters.	August 5, 2009	August 5, 2009
<b>5:00 P.M. last day and hour for submitting nomination papers to local Registrars of Voters or Election Commissioners for the certification of signatures.</b>	<b>October 20, 2009</b>	<b>November 24, 2009</b>
Certification of nomination papers must be completed.	October 29, 2009	December 3, 2009
<b>5:00 P.M. last day and hour for filing nomination papers, including enrollment certificate, with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.</b>	<b>November 3, 2009</b>	<b>December 8, 2009</b>
5:00 P.M. last day and hour for filing withdrawals of or objections to all nomination papers and certificates of nomination with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.	November 6, 2009	December 11, 2009
5:00 P.M. last day and hour for filling vacancies caused by withdrawals for primary candidates.	November 12, 2009	
<b><i>PLEASE NOTE: ALL DATES AND DEADLINES BELOW ARE THE SAME FOR ALL CANDIDATES</i></b>		
Last day to register voters for the state primary; registration hours 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. (except in towns under 1500 registered voters, registration hours 2:00- 4:00 P.M. and 7:00-8:00 P.M.).		November 18, 2009
<b>State Primary</b>		<b>December 8, 2009</b>
5:00 P.M. last day and hour for filing withdrawals of or objections to nominations made at the state primary and for filing written acceptances by write-in or sticker candidates who won in the state primary with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.		December 14, 2009
5:00 P.M. last day and hour for filling vacancies caused by withdrawals at the state primary.		December 17, 2009
Last day to register voters for the state election; registration hours 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. (except in towns under 1500 registered voters, registration hours 2:00- 4:00 P.M. and 7:00-8:00 P.M.).		December 30, 2009
<b>State Election</b>		<b>January 19, 2010</b>

**10,000 certified signatures required for all candidates.**

Please see "A Candidate's Guide to Special Elections" available from:  
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