

# 2006 PRIMARY ELECTION CALENDAR

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*This calendar is intended only to be a SUMMARY of statutory deadlines for the convenience of election officers. In all cases the relevant sections of law should be consulted to verify dates and for a full statement of election officers' duties. Unless otherwise indicated, all references are to New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978 Compilation, principally Sections 1-1-1 through 1-21-14 including 2005 amendments.*

#### October 3, 2005 (Monday)

##### **PRIMARY ELECTION NOMINATING PETITIONS AVAILABLE**

Secretary of State shall provide samples of nominating petition forms to county clerks. County Clerks shall provide copies to any candidate upon request. (1-8-30D)

#### November 7, 2005 (Monday)

##### **CREATE OR DESIGNATE POLLING PLACE**

Last day county commission shall, by resolution, designate polling places of each precinct when shall provide individuals with physical mobility limitation an unobstructed access to at least one (1) voting machine. (1-3-2A.1) Last day county commission shall by resolution create additional polling places in existing precincts as necessary pursuant to 1-3-7.1 NMSA 1978 (1-3-2A)

##### **CREATE OR DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL PRECINCTS**

Last day county commission shall, by resolution create additional precincts to meet the requirements of Section 1-3-1 or upon petition pursuant to Section 4-38-21. (1-3-2A.2) Last day county commission shall by resolution divide any precincts as necessary to meet legal and constitutional requirements for redistricting boards of county commissioners. (1-3-2A.4)

#### January 1, 2006 (Sunday)

##### **FIRST DAY OF PROHIBITED PERIOD**

Beginning on this date and ending on the last day of the regular legislative session, no incumbent in or candidate for any legislative office (or any agent on behalf of either) may knowingly solicit a contribution for a political purpose. (1-19-34.1A)

Beginning on this date and ending on the twentieth day after adjournment of the regular legislative session, neither the Governor nor any agent on his behalf may knowingly solicit a contribution for a political purpose. (1-19-34.1B)

##### **SUBMISSION OF VOTING MACHINE SECURITY AFFIDAVIT**

The county clerk shall submit an affidavit to the secretary of state describing the method to be used in keeping the voting system keys secure. This affidavit shall be submitted to the secretary of state in January of each even-numbered year for the secretary of state's approval or disapproval. (1-9-12B)

## **January 30, 2006 (Monday)**

### **PRIMARY ELECTION PROCLAMATION**

Governor issues the Primary Election Proclamation. Governor issues the Primary Election Proclamation and files same with the Secretary of State. (1-8-12)

### **LAST DAY FOR CANDIDATE TO CHANGE PARTY AFFILIATION**

Last day before primary election for candidates to change or indicate party affiliation on an existing certificate of registration. (1-4-16B)

### **PUBLISHING OF PROCLAMATION**

Secretary of State shall publish proclamation for five (5) consecutive days in at least for (4) daily newspapers of general circulation in the state. (1-8-14A)

### **MAILING OF AUTHENTICATED PROCLAMATION TO COUNTY CLERKS**

Secretary of State shall send by certified mail an authenticated copy of the Primary Election Proclamation to each county clerk (1-8-14B)

### **COUNTY CLERKS PUBLISHING OF PROCLAMATION**

Upon receipt of authenticated copy of proclamation, the county clerk shall immediately specify the offices for which each major political party may nominate candidates and have the itemized proclamation published once each week for two consecutive weeks. If there is no newspaper of general circulation in the county, the proclamation shall be printed and posted in six (6) public places in the county. Such publication and posting shall be in Spanish and English. (1-8-15)

## **February 7, 2006 (Tuesday)**

### **LAST DAY TO CHANGE POLLING PLACE OR PRECINCT**

No precinct shall be created, divided, abolished or consolidated or the boundaries or polling place therein changed less than four months prior to each election, except by order of the district court. (1-3-5)

## **February 14, 2006 (Tuesday)**

### **LAST DAY TO AMEND PROCLAMATION STATE/US OFFICES**

Last day (until 9:00 a.m.) the governor may amend the Primary Election Proclamation with regard to those offices (all statewide offices and United States representative) for which a declaration of candidacy must be filed today, to include offices becoming vacant by removal, resignation or death, or to provide for any corrections or omissions. (1-8-16 & 1-8-26A)

### **FILING DAY FOR PREPRIMARY CONVENTION DESIGNATION & DECLARATION OF RETENTION**

Declarations of candidacy by preprimary convention designation for any statewide office or for the office of U.S. representative and declarations of retention for justice of the supreme court or judge of the court of appeals shall be filed with the proper filing officer beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. (1-8-26A)

### **DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY DAY AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS DUE BY CERTAIN CANDIDATES**

Financial Disclosure Statements are due on this day between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for Statewide Offices, Retention Justice of the Supreme Court and Judge of the Court of Appeals. (10-16A-3)

## **February 20, 2006 (Monday)**

### **LAST DAY TO CERTIFY PREPRIMARY CANDIDATES**

Secretary of State shall certify to the chairman of each state political party the names of that party's candidates for office of United States representative or for other statewide office who have filed their declarations of candidacy by convention designation. No person shall be placed in nomination at the convention unless he has been certified by the secretary of state. (1-8-39.1A & B)

## **February 21, 2006 (Tuesday)**

### **LAST DAY TO NOTIFY CANDIDATES REGARDING FILING**

Secretary of State shall notify candidates who filed on February 14, 2006 that the declaration of candidacy, the petition and the certificate of registration of the candidate on file are in proper order. (1-8-26D)

## **February 28, 2006 (Tuesday)**

### **LAST DAY VOTER MAY CHALLENGE PETITIONS**

Last day any voter may challenge a nominating petition filed by a candidate with a declaration of candidacy on February 14, 2006. Within ten (10) days after the filing of the action, the district court shall hear and render a decision on the matter. Such decision shall be appealable only to the supreme court and notice of appeal shall be filed within five (5) days after the decision of the district court. The supreme court shall hear and render a decision on the appeal forthwith. (1-8-35A)

## **March 13, 2006 (Monday)**

### **LAST DAY TO SUBMIT NAMES FOR PRECINCT BOARD**

Last day the county chairman of each of the major political parties may file with the county clerk the names of not more than four (4) voters for each precinct to be considered for appointment as a member of the precinct board. (1-2-8)

## **March 14, 2006 (Tuesday)**

### **WRITE-IN FILING CANDIDATES**

Write-in candidates are permitted in the Primary elections only for the office of United States representative, members of the legislature, district judges, district attorneys, public regulation commission, state board of education, magistrates and any office voted upon by all voters of the state. (1-8-36.1A)

Write-in candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy with the proper filing officer. Such declarations shall be filed before 5:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday in March. (1-8-36.1C)

## **March 15, 2006 (Wednesday)**

### **LAST DAY TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF PRECINCT BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date for appointing members of precinct boards, the county clerk shall publish a notice once in a newspaper of general circulation to the effect that precinct boards are to be appointed for the specified number of precincts, stating the number of persons composing each board and that applications for the standby list will be accepted at the county clerk's office. (1-2-9)

## **March 19, 2006 (Sunday)**

### **LAST DAY TO HOLD PREPRIMARY CONVENTION**

No state convention for designating candidates shall be held later than this date preceding the Primary election. (1-8-21.1B)

## **March 21, 2006 (Tuesday)**

### **FILING DAY FOR ALL OTHER OFFICES**

Declarations of candidacy and nominating petitions for legislative, retention district judge, district attorney, public regulation commission, state board of education and all county offices, shall be filed with the proper filing officer beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. (1-8-26B)

### **LAST POSSIBLE DAY TO SUBMIT CERTIFICATES OF DESIGNATION**

Every candidate receiving twenty percent (20%) or more of the vote of the duly elected delegates to the convention for the office to be voted upon at the ensuing Primary election shall be certified to the Secretary of State as a convention-designated nominee for that office by the political party. Certification shall take place no later than 5:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday succeeding the state convention. (1-8-21.1C)

### **DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY DAY AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS DUE BY CERTAIN CANDIDATES**

Financial Disclosure Statements are due on this day between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for legislative candidates. (10-16A-3)

## **March 28, 2006 (Tuesday)**

### **NOTIFY CANDIDATES FOR LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL DISTRICT AND COUNTY OFFICES OF BALLOT APPEARANCE**

The proper filing officer shall notify candidates for legislative, judicial district, state board of education, public regulation commission and all county offices whether the candidate's declaration of candidacy, the petition and the certificate of registration of the candidate on file are in proper order and that the candidate, based on such documents, is qualified to have his name placed on the ballot. The proper filing officer shall mail such notice no later than 5:00 p.m. (1-8-26D)

## **March 29, 2006 (Wednesday)**

### **LAST POSSIBLE FILING DAY FOR CANDIDATES THAT DID NOT RECEIVE PREPRIMARY CONVENTION DESIGNATION**

Any candidate who fails to receive the preprimary convention designation may file a new declaration of candidacy and additional nominating petitions with the Secretary of State either ten (10) days following the date of the preprimary convention at which he failed to receive the designation or the date all declarations of candidacy and nominating petitions are due, whichever is late. (1-8-33D & 1-8-21.1B)

## **April 4, 2006 (Tuesday)**

### **LAST DAY VOTER MAY CHALLENGE NOMINATING PETITIONS**

Last day any voter may challenge a nominating petition filed by a candidate with a declaration of candidacy on March 21, 2006. Within ten (10) days after the filing of the action, the district court shall hear and render a decision on the matter. Such decision shall be appealable only to the supreme court and notice of appeal shall

## **April 4, 2006 (Tuesday) continued**

be filed within five (5) days after the decision of the district court. The supreme court shall hear and render a decision on the appeal forthwith. (1-8-35A)

### **LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM PRIMARY ELECTION**

A candidate seeking to withdraw from a primary election shall withdraw no later than the first Tuesday in April before that primary election. (1-8-44)

### **LAST DAY TO FILE AS A NEW POLITICAL PARTY**

Any political party that desires to be qualified in New Mexico shall through its governing body shall adopt rules and regulations providing for the organization and government of that party and shall file the rules and regulations with the secretary of state along with petitions no later than this date. Uniform rules and regulations shall be adopted throughout the state by the county organization of the party, where a county organization exists, and shall be filed with the county clerk and pay the standard filing fee. (1-7-2 & 1-7-4)

## **April 7, 2006 (Friday)**

### **FIRST DAY TO DISTRIBUTE VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

Between sixty and forty days before each primary election, the county clerk shall send to each registered voter in the county a voter identification card indicating the voter's name, address and voting precinct; provided, however, that a registrant shall still be sent a voter identification card upon filing of the registrant's certificate of registration with the county clerk as provided in Section 1-4-12 NM 1978. (2005 N.M. Session Laws, Chapter 270, Section 9)

## **April 12, 2006 (Wednesday)**

### **SUGGESTED LAST DAY TO NOTIFY PARTY CHAIRMAN OF ABSENTEE VOTING MACHINE CERTIFICATION AND PREPARATION**

Suggested last day for county clerks to send written notice to county chairmen of political parties on the ballot of the times and places where the voting machines will be prepared and certified for absentee voting. (1-11-8A)

### **LAST DAY TO APPOINT PRECINCT BOARD FOR PRIMARY ELECTION**

Final day for county clerk to appoint precinct boards for each precinct. (1-2-6A)

### **POSTING OF PRECINCT BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Immediately after the appointment of the precinct board the county clerk shall make and certify a list of names of the appointees for each precinct, post the list in a conspicuous and accessible place in his office and keep it posted for five (5) days and send a copy of the list by mail to the county chairman of each major political party and to the secretary of state. (1-2-14A.1)

### **NOTIFY PRECINCT BOARD APPOINTEES**

Immediately after the appointment of the precinct board the county clerk shall notify the appointees by mail and request written acceptance and send a list to the county chairman of each major political party and to the secretary of state. (1-2-14A.2)

## **April 18, 2006 (Tuesday)**

### **LAST DAY TO CERTIFY THE CANDIDATES FOR BALLOT POSITION TO THE PRINTER**

Last day for county clerks to group all candidates for each party and prepare in writing a separate ballot for each party and certify the candidates for each ballot position to the printer. (1-10-4A)

## **April 20, 2006 (Thursday)**

### **SUGGESTED LAST DAY TO NOTIFY PARTY CHAIRMAN OF (ABSENTEE) AND EARLY (IN-PERSON) VOTING MACHINE CERTIFICATION AND PREPARATION**

Suggested last day for county clerks to send written notice to county chairmen of political parties on the ballot of the times and places where the voting machines will be prepared and certified for early voting. (1-11-8A)

## **April 22, 2006 (Saturday)**

### **DEADLINE FOR DELIVERY OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

Absentee ballots shall be printed and delivered to the county clerks by this date. (1-6-7)

## **April 25, 2006 (Tuesday)**

### **LAST DAY TO HOLD MUNICIPAL, SCHOOL AND SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION**

Last day a municipal, school or special district election may be held prior to the primary election. No election shall be held within forty-two (42) days prior to any statewide election. (1-4-10)

### **LAST DAY TO CHALLENGE QUALIFICATIONS OF REGISTERED PERSONS**

Last day for county chairman of major political parties, the Secretary of State or twenty (20) petitioners who are voters of the county to file and present to the district court a petition alleging that certain persons registered are not qualified electors in the precincts named in the petition. (1-4-22A)

## **April 26, 2006 (Wednesday)**

### **APPOINTMENT OF UNACCEPTED PRECINCT BOARD POSITIONS**

If any person appointed to a precinct board fails to accept the appointment within two (2) weeks after the notice was sent, the county clerk shall appoint another qualified person to the precinct board. (1-2-14B)

## **April 27, 2006 (Thursday)**

### **LAST DAY TO DISTRIBUTE VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

Between sixty and forty days before each primary election, the county clerk shall send to each registered voter in the county a voter identification card indicating the voter's name, address and voting precinct; provided, however, that a registrant shall still be sent a voter identification card upon filing of the registrant's certificate of registration with the county clerk as provided in Section 1-4-12 NM 1978. (2005 N.M. Session Laws, Chapter 270, Section 9)

## **May 2, 2006 (Tuesday)**

### **INSPECTION AND SEALING OF VOTING MACHINES FOR ABSENTEE VOTING**

Five (5) days before an electronic voting machine is issued for absentee voting, the county clerk may begin to prepare, inspect and seal the voting machine in accordance with the specifications for electronic voting machines adopted by the secretary of state. (1-6-9.2A)

## May 8, 2006 (Monday)

### **CERTIFY TO SECRETARY OF STATE AND COUNTY PARTY CHAIRMEN TYPE OF VOTING MACHINE TO BE USED**

One day before any electronic voting machine is to be used for absentee voting, the county clerk shall certify to the Secretary of State and all county party chairmen the type and serial number of each voting machine to be used. (1-6-9.2 B)

### **1ST CAMPAIGN REPORT OR STATEMENT OF EXCEPTION DUE**

All must file either a report of expenditures and contributions or a Statement of Exception by 5:00 p.m. Any individual with an open campaign bank account will file this annual report only. (1-19-27A)

### **CERTIFICATION AND PREPARATION OF VOTING MACHINES FOR PRIMARY ELECTION**

The county clerks shall certify to the secretary of state and all county party chairmen the type and serial number of each voting machine intended to be used in each precinct, by precinct number, and prepare, in the presence of those persons entitled to be present, the electronic voting machines for the primary election as required by 1-11-6.

Preparation, inspection and sealing shall continue until all voting machines are prepared, inspected and sealed. (1-11-5 & 1-11-6)

### **LAST DAY FOR DELIVERY OF BALLOT LABELS**

Last day for ballot labels for voting machines to be printed and delivered to county clerks. (1-10-5)

## May 9, 2006 (Tuesday)

### **VOTER REGISTRATION CLOSES FOR PRIMARY ELECTION**

Voter registration closes at 5:00 p.m. **The county clerk shall accept for filing any certificate of registration that is subscribed and dated on or before the twenty-eighth day preceding the election and received by the county clerk before 5:00 p.m. on the Friday immediately following the close of registration.** The county clerk shall accept for filing any mailed certificate of registration postmarked not less than twenty-eight (28) days prior to any election referred to in this section and received by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday immediately following the close of registration. The county clerk shall accept for filing any certificate of registration accepted at a state agency designated pursuant to Section 1-4-5.2 NMSA 1978 not later than twenty-eight (28) days prior to any election. (1-4-8A6)

NOTE: During the period when registration is closed, the county clerk shall receive certificates of registration and other documents pertaining thereto but shall not file the certificate of registration in the registration book until the Monday following the election, at which time a voter identification card shall be mailed to the registrant at the address shown on the certificate of registration. (1-4-8-A4)

### **ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS**

First day that a voter may cast a paper absentee ballot, or vote in person on an electronic voting machine, (1-6-9.1) in the county clerk's office during regular business hours from 8:00 a.m. on the twenty-eighth day preceding the election up until 6:00 p.m. on the Saturday immediately prior to the date of the election. (1-6-5E & F)

NOTE: The county clerk shall mail absentee ballots or rejections to persons whose applications have been received to date. (1-6-5C)

### **LAST DAY TO APPOINT TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL ELECTION CLERKS**

The county clerk shall appoint a temporary additional election clerk for each precinct in the county for any political party participating in that election when such temporary additional election clerk has been selected and

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his appointment requested in writing, signed by any group or groups of six candidates for such party's nomination for county offices in the county. (1-2-13)

### **SUGGESTED LAST DAY TO NOTIFY PARTY CHAIRMAN OF VOTING MACHINE CERTIFICATION AND PREPARATION FOR PRIMARY ELECTION**

Suggested last day for county clerks to send written notice to the county chairmen of political parties on the ballot of the times and places where the voting machines will be prepared and certified for Primary election. (1-11-8A)

### **PROVIDE 1ST COPY OF ABSENTEE REGISTER**

The county clerk shall transmit to the secretary of state and to the county chairman of each of the major political parties in the county a complete copy of the entries made in the absentee ballot register. (1-6-6E)

## **May 15, 2006 (Monday)**

### **INSPECTION AND SEALING OF VOTING MACHINES FOR EARLY IN PERSON VOTING**

Five (5) days before the absentee voting period commences, the county clerk may begin to prepare, inspect and seal the voting devices in accordance with the specifications for electronic voting machines adopted by the Secretary of State. (1-6-9.2A)

## **May 16, 2006 (Tuesday)**

### **PROVIDE 2ND COPY OF ABSENTEE REGISTER**

Mail absentee voter register sheets to the Secretary of State and county chairman of each major party. (1-6-6E)

## **May 17, 2006 (Wednesday)**

### **LAST DAY TO COMPARE CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION**

Last day for county clerks to certify the county voter file as representing the county register. (1-11-12A)

Earliest day that county clerk shall send certified alphabetical index, by precinct, of all voters, their party affiliation and their addresses to the Secretary of State and to the county chairmen of the major political parties. (1-11-13)

## **May 19, 2006 (Friday)**

### **CERTIFY TO SECRETARY OF STATE AND COUNTY PARTY CHAIRMEN TYPE OF VOTING MACHINE TO BE USED FOR EARLY-ABSENTEE VOTING**

One day before any electronic voting machine is to be used for early-absentee voting, the county clerk shall certify to the secretary of state and all county party chairmen the type and serial number of each voting machine to be used. (1-6-9.2B)

## **May 20, 2006 (Saturday)**

### **EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING BEGINS AT ALTERNATE SITES**

Absentee-early in-person voting may be done in person on an electronic voting machine at alternate sites from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday through the Saturday immediately prior to the election. (2005 N.M. Session Laws, Chapter 270 Section 40)

## **May 23, 2006 (Tuesday)**

### **PROVIDE 3RD COPY OF ABSENTEE REGISTER**

Absentee voter register sheets to be mailed to Secretary of State and to all county party chairmen of each major party. (1-6-6E)

## **May 25, 2006 (Thursday)**

### **NOTICE OF ELECTION BY PROCLAMATION**

County clerks shall give notice of election by proclamation not more than twelve (12) days prior to Primary election. (1-11-1)

### **FIRST DAY TO PUBLISH PRIMARY PROCLAMATION**

Earliest date county clerks may publish Primary Election Proclamation. (1-11-3A)

## **May 26, 2006 (Friday)**

### **LAST DAY TO SEND CERTIFIED VOTER INFORMATION INDEX**

Last day that county clerks shall send certified alphabetical index, by precinct, of all voters, their party affiliation and their addresses to the secretary of state and to the county chairmen of each of the major political parties. (1-11-13)

### **TEST PROGRAMS OF ALL ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES FOR PRIMARY ELECTION**

When electronic voting machines are to be used in an election, the county clerk shall publicly test all programs not later than ten (10) days prior to the election. (1-11-6.1A)

### **LAST DAY FOR NOTIFICATION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION**

Last day county clerks to notify precinct board members and alternates, by mail, of the primary election school of instruction, if it is held on Saturday, June 3, 2006.

NOTE: One school shall be held not less than seven (7) days before the primary election. Should the county clerk schedule the school of instruction for precinct board members on a date other than one week from this date then the notification deadline shall be adjusted accordingly. Notice must be mailed to precinct members at least seven (7) days prior to the school, and notice of the school shall be given to the public press at least four (4) days before the school is to be held. (1-2-17B & D)

## **May 30, 2006 (Tuesday)**

### **LAST DAY TO HOLD SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION**

Last day for county clerks to hold Primary election school of instruction for precinct board members, alternates and other interested persons. (1-2-17B)

## **May 30, 2006 (Tuesday) continued**

### **LAST DAY TO PUBLISH PRIMARY PROCLAMATION**

Last day for county clerks to publish Primary Election Proclamation. (1-11-3A)

### **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS**

In addition to regular electronic reports of expenditures and contributions supplemental electronic reports are required within 24 hours of receipt if, after 5:00 p.m. May 30, 2006, any candidate for statewide office receives a pledge or contribution of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or more and any candidate for legislative or non-statewide judicial office receives a pledge or contribution of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more. (1-19-29B2)

## **May 31, 2006 (Wednesday)**

### **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS**

In addition to regular electronic reports of expenditures and contributions supplemental electronic reports are required within 24 hours of receipt if, after 5:00 p.m. May 30, 2006, any candidate for statewide office receives a pledge or contribution of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or more and any candidate for legislative or non-statewide judicial office receives a pledge or contribution of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more. (1-19-29B2)

## **June 1, 2006 (Thursday)**

### **DELIVERY OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO ABSENT VOTER PRECINCTS**

Beginning this day, the county clerk may deliver to the special deputy county clerk for delivery to the absent voter precinct board the absentee ballots received prior to the delivery day. (2005 N.M. Session Laws, Chapter 270, Section 50)

### **2ND CAMPAIGN REPORT DUE**

**ALL MUST FILE, except** for the following candidates: Unopposed candidates in the Primary election and those candidates who filed a Statement of Exception on May 8, 2006. (1-19-29)

### **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS**

In addition to regular electronic reports of expenditures and contributions supplemental electronic reports are required within 24 hours of receipt if, after 5:00 p.m. May 30, 2006, any candidate for statewide office receives a pledge or contribution of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or more and any candidate for legislative or non-statewide judicial office receives a pledge or contribution of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more. (1-19-29B2)

## **June 2, 2006 (Friday)**

### **LAST DAY COUNTY CLERK MAY MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT**

No absentee ballot shall be mailed after this date. (1-6-5G)

### **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS**

In addition to regular electronic reports of expenditures and contributions supplemental electronic reports are required within 24 hours of receipt if, after 5:00 p.m. May 30, 2006, any candidate for statewide office receives a pledge or contribution of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or more and any candidate for legislative or non-statewide judicial office receives a pledge or contribution of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more. (1-19-29B2)

## **June 2, 2006 (Friday) continued**

### **LAST DAY FOR COUNTY CLERK TO ACCEPT FEDERAL QUALIFIED ELECTORS AND OVERSEAS VOTERS CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION**

Last day the county clerk shall accept a certificate of registration by electronic transmission from a voter qualified to apply for and vote by absentee ballot in the county if the transmission is received before 5:00 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the election. (1-4-8B)

## **June 3, 2006 (Saturday)**

### **ABSENTEE AND EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING ENDS (1-6-5F)**

### **LAST DAY TO DELIVER VOTING MACHINES TO POLLS**

Last day voting machines shall be delivered to all assigned precinct polling places. (1-11-11A)

### **LAST DAY TO CERTIFY MACHINE DELIVERY AND INSPECTION**

Last day for county clerk for any county to certify to the Secretary of State, on forms provided by the secretary of state, that he has inspected each voting machine after delivery but before the date of the election and has found each machine to have been correctly labeled, that there has been no obvious external damage in delivery and that each machine has been delivered to the proper polling place in each precinct. (1-11-11A & B)

### **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS**

In addition to regular electronic reports of expenditures and contributions supplemental electronic reports are required within 24 hours of receipt if, after 5:00 p.m. May 30, 2006, any candidate for statewide office receives a pledge or contribution of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or more and any candidate for legislative or non-statewide judicial office receives a pledge or contribution of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more. (1-19-29B2)

## **June 4, 2006 (Sunday)**

### **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS**

In addition to regular electronic reports of expenditures and contributions supplemental electronic reports are required within 24 hours of receipt if, after 5:00 p.m. May 30, 2006, any candidate for statewide office receives a pledge or contribution of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or more and any candidate for legislative or non-statewide judicial office receives a pledge or contribution of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more. (1-19-29B2)

## **June 5, 2006 (Monday)**

### **LAST DAY TO CAST A REPLACEMENT ABSENTEE BALLOT**

At any time prior to 5:00 p.m. on the June 5, 2006, any person whose absentee ballot application has been accepted and who was mailed an absentee ballot, but who has not received the absentee ballot, may execute, in the office of the county clerk of the county where he is registered, a sworn affidavit stating that he did not receive or vote his absentee ballot. Upon receipt of the sworn affidavit, the county clerk shall issue the voter a replacement absentee ballot. (1-6-16B)

### **DESTROY ALL UNUSED ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

County clerk shall record the number of all unused absentee ballots and shall publicly destroy them at 5:00 p.m. A copy of the certificate of destruction shall be sent to the secretary of state. (1-6-10C)

## **June 5, 2006 (Monday) continued**

### **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS**

In addition to regular electronic reports of expenditures and contributions supplemental electronic reports are required within 24 hours of receipt if, after 5:00 p.m. May 30, 2006, any candidate for statewide office receives a pledge or contribution of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or more and any candidate for legislative or non-statewide judicial office receives a pledge or contribution of five hundred dollars (\$500) or more. (1-19-29B2)

## **June 6, 2006 (Tuesday)**

### **PRIMARY ELECTION DAY (1-8-11)**

#### **PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS ARRIVE AT POLLING PLACE**

Precinct board members shall be present at polling place no later than 6:00 a.m. (1-12-2)

#### **DELIVERY OF ELECTION SUPPLIES AND MACHINE KEYS**

Election supplies and keys to the voting machines shall be delivered to the presiding judge no later than 6:00 a.m. (1-11-11A)

#### **HOURS POLLS ARE OPEN**

Polls shall be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. (1-12-1)

#### **LAST DAY TO ACCEPT ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

The county clerk and election judge shall accept completed mailing envelopes containing absentee ballots until 7:00 p.m. and then immediately deliver them to the absentee voter precinct boards. (1-6-10B, 1-6-11 & 2005 N.M. Session Laws Chapter 270 Section 60)

#### **ABSENTEE VOTING PRECINCT POLLING PLACES OPEN**

Absent voting precinct polling places shall be open for delivery and counting of ballots during the hours set by the county clerk. (1-6-23)

#### **ABSENTEE BALLOT -- WHEN NOT TIMELY RECEIVED**

Any applicant for an absentee ballot who has not received the absentee ballot by mail as of the date of the election may present himself at his assigned precinct polling place and, after executing an affidavit of nonreceipt of absentee ballot, shall be permitted to vote on an emergency paper ballot. (1-6-16.1A)

#### **EXTENDED HOURS FOR COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE**

County clerk's office to remain open continuously for twenty-four (24) hours after the closing of the polls, (7:00 pm. - June 7), to receive ballot boxes, election returns and materials. If all such items have been received from each precinct in the county before the expiration of the twenty-four (24) hour period, the office of the county clerk may be closed, except during regular office hours. (1-12-33)

#### **COMPLETE TALLYING AND REPORT UNOFFICIAL TOTALS**

County clerk's office shall complete tallying of results and report unofficial totals to the office of the secretary of state no later than ten (10) hours (5:00 a.m., June 7) following the closing of the polls. (1-12-30D)

## **June 9, 2006 (Friday)**

### **LAST DAY COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD MEETS TO BEGIN CANVASS**

Last day county canvassing board shall meet to begin canvass of the returns of the Primary election. (1-13-3)

## **June 10, 2006 (Saturday)**

### **FINAL COPY OF ENTRIES MADE IN ABSENTEE REGISTER**

Final copy of entries made in the absentee ballot register to be transmitted to the Secretary of State and to the county chairmen of the major political parties. (1-6-6E)

## **June 12, 2006 (Monday)**

### **VOTER REGISTRATION REOPENS FOLLOWING PRIMARY**

Voter registration reopens. (1-4-8A2)

## **June 16, 2006 (Friday)**

### **LAST DAY FOR COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD TO DECLARE RESULTS**

Last day for county canvassing board to complete the canvass of returns and declare the results. (1-13-13A)

### **SECURE MISSING RETURNS BY MESSENGER**

If the secretary of state has not received the Primary election returns of any precinct by this date, the secretary of state may send a special messenger to the county and precinct to secure and convey missing returns. (1-13-2B)

## **June 27, 2006 (Tuesday)**

### **STATE CANVASSING BOARD MEETS TO CANVASS RESULTS**

State Canvassing Board shall meet and proceed to canvass and declare results of the Primary election. (1-13-15)

## **July 6, 2006 (Thursday)**

### **3RD CAMPAIGN REPORT DUE**

**ALL MUST FILE**, (including unopposed candidates) a report of expenditures and contributions **EXCEPT** those candidates who filed a Statement of Exception on May 8, 2006. (1-19-29)

## **July 7, 2006 (Friday)**

### **STATE CANVASSING BOARD ISSUES CERTIFICATES OF NOMINATION**

The state canvassing board shall issue certificates of nomination to those successful candidates entitled by law. (1-13-16B)

**NOTE:** Any candidate who fails or refuses to file a report of expenditures and contributions or statement of exception or to pay a penalty imposed by the Secretary of State as required by the Campaign Reporting Act shall not be issued a certificate of nomination or election, if the violation occurs after the final date for withdrawal of candidates or after the election, until the candidate satisfies all reporting requirements of the Campaign Reporting Act and pay all penalties owed. (1-19-35E2)

## **July 7, 2006 (Friday) continued**

### **LAST DAY FOR COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF NOMINATION**

The county canvassing board shall issue certificates of nomination to all successful candidates for county offices, magistrates and to members of the legislature elected from districts wholly within the county. (1-13-13B)

NOTE: Any candidate who fails or refuses to file a report of expenditures and contributions or statement of exception or to pay a penalty imposed by the Secretary of State as required by the Campaign Reporting Act shall not be issued a certificate of nomination or election, if the violation occurs after the final date for withdrawal of candidates or after the election, until the candidate satisfies all reporting requirements of the Campaign Reporting Act and pay all penalties owed. (1-19-35E2)

## **July 21, 2006 (Friday)**

### **RETENTION OF TEST CARDS FOR ELECTRONIC MACHINES**

Notwithstanding Section 1-11-6.1, test cards for electronic voting machines must be retained for a period of forty-five (45) days after the Primary election. Under 42 U.S.C. Section 1974, voting documentation in elections where federal candidates are voted upon shall be retained and preserved for a period of twenty-two (22) months from the election date.

### **DESTRUCTION OF BALLOT BOX CONTENTS**

Notwithstanding Section 1-12-69A, county clerks shall destroy the contents of ballot boxes on this date (or on alternate date boxes are opened). (See 42 U.S.C. Section 1974)

## **July 24, 2006 (Thursday)**

### **LAST DAY TO NOTIFY PARTY CHAIRS OF MACHINE OPENING**

Last day for county clerks to notify the county chairmen of the political parties participating in the election of the time, place and date of the opening and clearing of the voting machines.

NOTE: Date subject to change if the State Canvassing Board does not adjourn as planned. Notice must be given three (3) days prior to the opening and clearing of the voting machine. (1-13-21C)

### **OPENING AND CLEARING OF VOTING MACHINES**

Thirty (30) days after adjournment of the State Canvassing Board meeting, each county clerk, in the presence of the district judge or his designated representative, shall open all voting machines of the precincts for which he has received no notice by registered mail of contest or no judicial inquiry, and shall clear such machines of all votes cast thereon. (1-13-21A)

NOTE: Date subject to change if board does not adjourn as scheduled. When voting machines are opened and cleared, the county clerks shall retain the voting machine ballot (strips) in accordance with 42 U.S.C. Section 1974. Although the exact scope of the federal statute is unclear, the Secretary of State recommends that the county clerks apply the federal retention requirement.

## **August 4, 2006 (Friday)**

### **LAST DAY TO CONTEST ELECTION**

Any action to contest an election shall be commenced by filing a verified complaint in the district court of the county where either of the parties resides. Such complaint shall be filed no later than thirty (30) days from issuance of the certificate of nomination or issuance of the certificate of election to the successful candidate.

NOTE: Date subject to change if state and county election results are not official as scheduled and certificates of nomination are not issued as scheduled. (1-14-3)

## **August 9, 2006 (Wednesday)**

### **LAST DAY TO NOTIFY PARTY CHAIRS OF BALLOT BOX OPENING**

Last day for county clerks to notify the county chairmen of the political parties participating in the election of the time, place, and date of the opening of ballot boxes if such is to take place as scheduled. This date subject to change if State Canvassing Board does not adjourn as planned. (1-12-69A &C)

NOTE: Notwithstanding Section 1-12-69C, county clerks shall not destroy the contents of the ballot boxes as scheduled (or an alternative date boxes are opened). Under 42 U.S.C. Section 1974, voting documentation in elections where federal candidates are voted upon shall be retained and preserved for a period of twenty-two (22) months from the election date.

## **August 14, 2006 (Monday)**

### **DESTRUCTION OF BALLOT BOX CONTENTS**

Notwithstanding Section 1-12-69A, county clerks shall not destroy the contents of ballot boxes on this date (or on alternate date boxes are opened). See 42 U.S.C. Section 1974.