## **Important Dates (2016 General Election Schedule)**

## **Filing Period**

Last Day to Withdraw as a CandidateWednesday, December 16, 2015 (5:00 p.m.)		
Candidate Filing Period Ends Monday, December 21, 2015 (12:00 noon)		
Statewide Primary (Primary Moved to MARCH 2016)		
Absentee Voting by Mail BeginsMonday, January 25, 2016		
Voter Registration DeadlineFriday, February 19, 2016		
One-stop Voting Begins Thursday, March 3, 2016		
Last Day to Request an Absentee Ballot by Mail Tuesday, March 8, 2016		
One-stop Voting EndsSaturday, March 12, 2016 (1:00 pm)		
Last Day to Return an Absentee Ballot by Mail Tuesday, March 15, 2016 (5:00 pm)		
Primary Election Day Tuesday, March 15, 2016		
County CanvassTuesday, March 22, 2016		
Last Day to Request Second PrimaryThursday, March 24, 2016 (12:00 noon)		
Last Day to File an Election Protest* Thursday, March 24, 2016		

## Second Primary Election (if needed)

(Date is contingent upon whether any federal contest requires a second primary)

2nd Primary Election Day	Tuesday, May 3, 2016 (no federal contest involved)	
County Canvass	Tuesday, May 10, 2016	
2nd Primary Election Day	Tuesday, May 24, 2016 (federal contest involved)	
County Canvass	Tuesday, May 31, 2016	
Statewide General Election		
Absentee Voting by Mail Begins	Friday, September 9, 2016	
Voter Registration Deadline	Friday, October 14, 2016	
One-stop Voting Begins	Thursday, October 20, 2016 (Clinton BOE Office) Thursday, October 27, 2016 (Four Off-Sites) Tuesday, November 1, 2016	
Last Day to Request an Absentee Ballot by Mail		
One-stop Voting Ends	Saturday, November 5, 2016 (1:00 pm)	

Last Day to Return an Absentee Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, November 8, 2016 (5:00 pm)
Election Day	Tuesday, November 8, 2016
County Canvass Day	Wednesday, November 23, 2016
Last Day to File an Election Protest*	Thursday, November 22, 2016
State Canvass Day	Tuesday, November 29, 2016

\* If the election protest concerns the ballot count or election equipment, the protest must be received before the County Canvass. All election protests must be submitted on the official protest forms.