

# 2020 Annual School Board Election Timeline

## February

### **February 25**

**Publication of Notice of Mail-In Ballot Availability for April Annual School Elections by Municipal and/or County Clerks**

*(prior to the 55th day before election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:63-6**

## March

### **March 1 – March 30**

**Publication of Notice of April Annual School Elections by County Boards of Election**

*(within 30 days before the close of registration for election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:12-7**

### **March 2**

**Nomination Petition Filing Deadline for April Annual School Elections**

*(before 4:00 p.m. of the 50th day preceding the election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:60-7**

### **March 5**

**Deadline for Filing in Superior Court to Protect School Board Candidate's Rights**

*(before the 46th day prior to election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:60-7**

### **March 6**

**Filing Deadline for Objections to Nominating Petitions for April Annual School Election Candidates**

*(46th day prior to election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:13-10**

### **March 7**

**Deadline for Withdrawal of School Board Candidates**

*(before 44th day preceding election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:60-7**

### **March 9**

**Deadline for Determination of Petition Challenges By School Boards of Education**

*(44th day preceding election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:60-7**

### **March 9**

**Deadline for Amendments to Defective Petitions for School Board Candidates**

*(44th day preceding election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:60-7**

### **March 11**

**Drawing of Ballot Positions for School Board Candidates by School Board Secretary**

*(7 working days following the last day for filing petitions for election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:60-8**

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## March 13

**Deadline for Certification of Ballot Draw to the County Clerk by School Board Secretary**  
*(within 2 days following the drawing of ballot position)*  
N.J.S.A. 19:60-8

## March 31

**Voter Registration Deadline for Annual School Elections**  
*(21 days before election)*  
N.J.S.A. 19:31-6

## April

### April 3

**10:00 a.m. Deadline to Submit Public Question Statements for Annual School Board Elections to the County Clerk by the School Board Secretary**  
*(18th day preceding election)*  
N.J.S.A. 19:60-4

### April 4

**Deadline to Submit Official School Ballot to Printer by the County Clerk**  
*(17th day preceding the annual school election)*  
N.J.S.A. 19:60-9

### April 7

**Deadline for Filing of Challenger Appointments for Annual School Board Elections**  
*(second Tuesday preceding election)*  
N.J.S.A. 19:7-3, N.J.S.A. 19:12-7

### April 12 - April 18

**Publication of Notice of Annual School Elections by County Boards of Election**  
*(once during the calendar week prior to election)*  
N.J.S.A. 19:12-7

### April 14

**Publication of Challenge and Complaint Procedures for Annual School Board Elections by County Boards of Election**  
*(7 days before election)*  
N.J.S.A. 19:12-9

### April 14

**Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for Annual School Board Elections**  
*(not less than 7 days prior to election)*  
N.J.S.A. 19:63-3

### April 15

**Mailing of Sample Ballots for Annual School Board Elections**  
*(on or before 12 noon on Wednesday preceding election)*  
N.J.S.A. 19:14-25

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## April 17

**Deadline for Application to Receive Annual School Board Election Mail-In Ballots by Electronic Means for Qualified Overseas Civilian and Military Voters**

*(4th day before election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:59-4**

## April 20

**Publication of Challenge and Complaint Procedures for Annual School Board Elections by County Boards of Election**

*(1 day before election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:12-9**

## April 20 – by 3:00 p.m.

**Deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications for Annual School Board Elections**

*(up to 3:00 p.m. on the day before election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:63-3**

## April 21

**Annual School Board Elections**

**N.J.S.A. 19:60-1**

*(3rd Tuesday in April)*

*(The Commissioner of Education shall make any adjustments to the election calendar)*

## April 21

**Last Day for Testing of Electronic Scanning Equipment for Tabulation of Paper Ballots for Annual School Board Elections**

*(day of election)*

*(notice to be given 48 hours prior to the start of testing)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:53A-8**

## April 21

**Deadline for Post Office Receipt of Mail-In Ballots from the Annual School Board Election**

## April 21

**Deadline for in Person Submission of Annual School Board Election Mail-In Ballots to County Boards of Election**

*(by 8:00 p.m. on the day of election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:63-16, 19:15-2**

## April 22 – May 8

**Impoundment Period for Voting Machines Used in the Annual School Board Elections**

*(17 days following election) (to comply with P.L. 2018, c.72)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:52-6**

## April 23

**Deadline for Receipt of Timely Mailed Postmarked Mail-In Ballots to County Boards of Election**

*(no later than 48 hours after the time of the closing of the polls for the election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:63-16**

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## April 29

### Meeting of County Board of Canvassers for Annual School Board Elections

*(8 days after the election)*

N.J.S.A. 19:19-1, N.J.S.A. 19:19-4, N.J.S.A. 19:19-6

## May

### May 8

#### Deadline for Preparation of Emergency and Provisional Ballot Reports by Each County Board of Election for the Annual School Board Election

*(within 17 days after election or 3 days after the certification of the results of the election)*

N.J.S.A. 19:53B-21, N.J.S.A. 19:53C-21

### May 8

#### Deadline for Recount Applications for Annual School Board Elections

*(within 17 days after election)*

N.J.S.A. 19:28-1

### May 8

#### Deadline for Applications for Recheck of Voting Machines Used in the Annual School Board Elections

*(within 17 days after election) (to comply with P.L. 2018, c.72)*

N.J.S.A. 19:52-6

### May 23

#### Deadline for Filing of Election Contest Petitions for Annual School Elections

*(not later than 32 days after election)*

N.J.S.A. 19:29-3