

Massachusetts Public Finance Program

2018 Election - Important Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action/Event</u>	<u>Authority</u>
January 1, 2017 Sunday	Contributions received by statewide candidates from this date forward from individuals, deposited into the candidate's depository bank account that have been identified and itemized through OCPF's electronic filing system, may be considered as "qualifying contributions."	G.L. c.55C, s.1 OCPF M 97-01
June 5, 2018 Tuesday	Last day for enrolled party candidates to file statements indicating whether they plan to observe statutory spending limits for the primary and general election campaign periods (Form CPFA 20). OCPF provides a receipt (Form CPFA 20R) of filing for candidates to submit to the Secretary of the Commonwealth with their nomination papers.	G.L. c.55C, s.1A G.L. c.53, s.9
June 6, 2018 Wednesday	Primary election campaign expenditure period begins.	970 CMR 4.03
June 8, 2018 Friday	Last day for candidates who have not agreed to statutory spending limits <u>and</u> who are opposed in the primary by a candidate who has agreed to spending limits to file a statement of maximum primary expenditures (Form CPFA 21).	G.L. c.55C, s.1A G.L. c.53, s.53A G.L. c.55B, s.5
June 29, 2018 Friday	Last day for candidates for governor to file statements of qualifying contributions (Form CPFA 4-6) for consideration on July 10, 2018 for eligibility for public financing in the primary election.	G.L. c.55C, s.4
July 2, 2018 Monday	State Treasurer makes state election campaign funds available.	G.L. c.10, s.42
July 3, 2018 Tuesday	Secretary of the Commonwealth certifies statewide candidates who qualify for the primary ballot <u>and</u> who are opposed on the primary ballot.	G.L. c.55C, s.2
July 6, 2018 Friday	Last day for candidates for statewide office other than governor to file statements of qualifying contributions (Form CPFA 4-6) for consideration on July 10, 2018 for eligibility for public financing in the primary election.	G.L. c.55C, s.4

July 10, 2018 Tuesday	Last day for OCPF to certify candidates as eligible for primary election public financing. OCPF notifies State Treasurer of amounts that eligible candidates are eligible to potentially receive.	G.L. c.55C, s. 4
July 10, 2018 Tuesday	Last day to file Candidate's Request for Limited Public Financing (Form CPFA 2) and Candidate's Public Financing Bond (Form CPFA 3) for purposes of receiving public financing for the primary election campaign. Comptroller determines balance of SECF, divides SECF: 50% into the primary election account and 50% into the state election account. Comptroller further subdivides primary election account into certified primary candidate accounts.	G.L. c.10, s. 42A G.L. c. 55C, s. 4 G.L. c. 55C, s. 8
July 20, 2018 Friday	Last day for candidates who have been certified as eligible to submit additional qualifying contributions (Form CPFA 4-6) for consideration on July 24, 2018.	G.L. c.55C, s.5 970 CMR 4.02(4)
July 24, 2018 Tuesday	OCPF determines and certifies to the State Treasurer amounts which eligible candidates are entitled to receive.	G.L. c.55C, s. 5 970 CMR 4.02(4)
August 3, 2018 Friday	Last day for candidates who have been certified as eligible to submit additional qualifying contributions (Form CPFA 4-6) for consideration on August 7, 2018.	G.L. c.55C, s. 5 970 CMR 4.02(4)
August 7, 2018 Tuesday	OCPF determines and certifies to the State Treasurer amounts which eligible candidates are entitled to receive.	G.L. c.55C, s. 5 970 CMR 4.02(4)
August 17, 2018 Friday	Last day for candidates who have been certified as eligible to submit additional qualifying contributions (Form CPFA 4-6) for consideration on August 21, 2018.	G.L. c.55C, s. 5 970 CMR 4.02(4)
August 21, 2018 Tuesday	OCPF determines and certifies to the State Treasurer amounts which eligible candidates are entitled to receive.	G.L. c.55C, s. 5 970 CMR 4.02(4)
August 22, 2018 Wednesday	Comptroller transfers all undisbursed monies from eligible primary candidate accounts into the state election account of the SECF for distribution to eligible general election candidates.	G.L. c.10, s.42B
August 28, 2018 Tuesday	Last day for unenrolled candidates to file statement indicating whether they plan to observe statutory spending limits for the general election campaign period (Form CPFA 20). OCPF provides a receipt (Form CPFA 20R) for candidates to submit to the Secretary of the Commonwealth with their nomination papers.	G.L. c.55C, s.1A G.L. c. 53, s.10
August 29, 2018 Wednesday	General election campaign expenditure period begins for unenrolled candidates.	970 CMR 4.03

September 4, 2018 Tuesday	<u>Primary Election Day</u> Primary election campaign expenditure period ends.	G.L. c.53, s.28 970 CMR 4.03
September 5, 2018 Wednesday	General election campaign expenditure period begins for all candidates <i>except unenrolled candidates whose general election campaign period began August 29, 2018.</i>	970 CMR 4.03
September 18, 2018 Tuesday	Last day for candidates to file post primary balance statement (Form CPFA 10) if candidate received primary election financing. Any candidates disclosing a surplus balance must make refund payment to the SECF.	G.L. 55C, s.9 970 CMR 4.13(4)
September 18, 2018 Tuesday	Last day for candidates to file post primary expenditure report (Form CPFA 30) if candidate was subject to statutory or self-imposed campaign expenditure limits.	970 CMR 4.13(4)
September 24, 2018 Monday	Last day for candidates and candidate teams who have (1) <u>not</u> agreed to voluntary expenditure limits and (2) will appear on the state general election ballot and (3) are opposed by a candidate or candidate team who has agreed to voluntary expenditure limits to file a statement of maximum expenditures for the state election (Form CPFA 22 or A22T).	G.L. c.55C, s.1A(c) G.L. c.55B, s.5 970 CMR 4.04(2)
September 28, 2018 Friday	Last day for statewide candidates for governor and lt. governor to file statements of qualifying contributions (Form CPFA 4-6) for consideration on October 9, 2018 for eligibility to receive public financing from the SECF for the state election.	G.L. c.55C, s.6 970 CMR 4.02(4)
October 2, 2018 Tuesday	Secretary of the Commonwealth certifies to OCPF those statewide candidates who qualify for <u>and</u> are opposed on the general election ballot.	G.L. c.55C, s.2
October 5, 2018 Friday	Last day for statewide candidates other than governor and lt. governor to file statements of qualifying contributions (Form CPFA 4-6) for consideration on October 9, 2018 for eligibility to receive public financing from the SECF for the state election.	G.L. c.55C, s.6 970 CMR 4.02(4)
October 9, 2018 Tuesday	Last day for OCPF to certify candidates as eligible for public financing in the state election. OCPF determines and certifies to the State Treasurer the amounts eligible candidates are to receive.	G.L. c.55C, s.6 970 CMR 4.02(4)
October 9, 2018 Tuesday	Last day to file Candidate's Request for Limited Public Financing (Form CPFA 2) and Candidate's Public Financing Bond (Form CPFA 3) for purposes of receiving public financing for the general election campaign. Comptroller divides SECF state election account into state election candidate accounts.	G.L. c.10, s.42A G.L. c. 55C, s. 6 G.L. c. 55C, s. 8

October 19, 2018 Friday	Last day for candidates who have been certified as eligible to receive state election public financing to submit additional qualifying contributions (Form CPFA 4-6) for consideration on October 23, 2018	G.L. c.55C, s.7 970 CMR 4.02(4)
October 23, 2018 Tuesday	OCPF determines and certifies to the State Treasurer amounts which eligible candidates are entitled to receive.	G.L. c.55C, s. 7
October 24, 2018 Wednesday	Comptroller closes all eligible state election candidate accounts in the SECF and all unclaimed monies revert to the SECF.	G.L. c.10, s.42B
November 6, 2018 Tuesday	<u>State Election Day</u> General election campaign expenditure period ends.	G.L. c.54, s. 62 970 CMR 4.03
November 20, 2018 Tuesday	Candidates file post election balance statement (Form CPFA 11) if candidate received state election public financing. Candidates disclosing surplus balances on such statement must make refund payment to the SECF.	G.L. c.55C, s.9
November 20, 2018 Tuesday	Candidates file post election expenditure report (Form CPFA 31) if candidate was subject to statutory or self-imposed campaign expenditure limits.	970 CMR 4.13(4)
January 30, 2019 Wednesday	OCPF files with the clerks of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and Senate and the members of the Commission to Select the Director of OCPF a report on the public financing of the 2018 elections.	G.L. c.55C, s.3
April 1, 2019 Monday	State Auditor issues report on the SECF.	G.L. c.10, s.42C