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2008 Congressional Election Information

Election Day is November 4, 2008. Before then, states' parties will have held various kinds of conventions and many states will have held major-party primaries and perhaps even runoffs. In addition to candidacies and candidate fund-raising that commence in 2007, the earliest filing deadlines begin in December 2007 in Illinois, unless state law is changed.

Announcements of incumbent members' plans and of challengers can occur early. As of March 2007, two representatives and a senator had announced their retirements or resignations from Congress. In 2005–2006, thirty-nine representatives and senators retired or resigned from office or sought another office.

The methods by which major-party and independent- or third-party candidates get their names on the general-election ballot are different in each state. Minimally, registration dates will differ from state-to-state, and congressional primary dates in some states may be different in years in which the state holds a presidential primary than in the non-presidential election years. In addition, between each general election, some number of states amend their election laws.

The web sites of the secretaries of state's election divisions or the independent state election boards provide a variety of information: important dates for registration and primaries, links to state and federal laws, past election statistics, and candidate lists, among other election-related information and links. For the reader's convenience, a telephone number for each state's election authority is provided below, in addition to each state's election authority's web site. Information is also provided for the District of Columbia and the four territories' election authorities.

Alabama	334-242-7210	www.sos.state.al.us/election/index.cfm
Alaska	907-465-4611	www.elections.state.ak.us
American Samoa	684-633-4116	http://americansamoa.gov
Arizona	602-542-8683	www.azsos.gov/election
Arkansas	501-682-3419	www.arelections.org
California	916-657-2166	www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections.htm
Colorado	303-894-2200	www.elections.colorado.gov
Connecticut	800-540-3764	www.sots.ct.gov/ElectionsServices/ElectionIndex.html
Delaware	302-739-4277	http://elections.delaware.gov
District of Columbia	202-727-2525	www.dcboee.org
Florida	850-245-6200	http://election.dos.state.fl.us
Georgia	404-656-2871	www.sos.state.ga.us/elections
Guam	671-477-9791	www.guamelection.org
Hawaii	808-453-8683	www.hawaii.gov/elections
Idaho	208-334-2852	www.idsos.state.id.us/elect/eleindex.htm
Illinois	217-782-4141	www.elections.state.il.us
Indiana	317-232-3939	www.state.in.us/sos/elections
Iowa	515-281-0145	www.sos.state.ia.us/elections/index.html
Kansas	785-296-4561	www.kssos.org/elections/elections.html

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Kentucky	502-573-7100	http://sos.ky.gov/elections
Louisiana	225-922-0900	www.sec.state.la.us/elections/elections-index.htm
Maine	207-624-7736	www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec
Maryland	800-222-8683	www.elections.state.md.us
Massachusetts	800-462-8683	www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm
Michigan	517-373-2540	www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633- --,00.html
Minnesota	877-600-8683	www.sos.state.mn.us/home/index.asp?page=4
Mississippi	601-359-6359	www.sos.state.ms.us/elections/elections.asp
Missouri	573-751-2301	www.sos.mo.gov/elections
Montana	406-444-4732	http://sos.state.mt.us/ELB/index.asp
Nebraska	402-471-2555	www.sos.state.ne.us/elec
Nevada	775-684-5705	http://sos.state.nv.us/nvelection
New Hampshire	603-271-3242	www.sos.nh.gov/electionsnew.html
New Jersey	800-292-0039	www.state.nj.us/lps/elections/electionshome.html
New Mexico	505-827-3620	www.sos.state.nm.us/displayContent.asp?id=17
New York	518-474-8100	www.elections.state.ny.us
North Carolina	919-733-7173	www.sboe.state.nc.us
North Dakota	701-328-4146	www.state.nd.us/sos/electvote
Ohio	614-466-2585	www.sos.state.oh.us/sos/ElectionsVoter/ohioElections.aspx
Oklahoma	405-521-2391	www.state.ok.us/~elections
Oregon	503-986-1518	www.sos.state.or.us/elections
Pennsylvania	717-787-5280	www.dos.state.pa.us/bcel
Puerto Rico	787-777-8675	www.ceepur.org
Rhode Island	401-222-2345	www.elections.state.ri.us
South Carolina	803-734-9060	www.state.sc.us/scsec
South Dakota	605-773-3537	www.sdsos.gov/electionsvoteregistration/elections_voteregistration_overview.shtm
Tennessee	615-741-7956	www.state.tn.us/sos/election/index.htm
Texas	800-252-8683	www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml
Utah	801-538-1041	www.elections.utah.gov
Vermont	800-439-8683	www.vermont-elections.org/soshome.htm
Virginia	800-552-9745	www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms
Virgin Islands	340-773-1021	www.vivote.gov
Washington	800-448-4881	www.secstate.wa.gov/elections
West Virginia	866-767-8683	www.wvsos.org/elections/main.htm
Wisconsin	608-266-8005	http://elections.state.wi.us
Wyoming	307-777-7186	http://soswy.state.wy.us/election/election.htm

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