



BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

CITY OF SOMERVILLE

CITY OF SOMERVILLE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION CALENDAR

2026

Monday - November 16th
9:00am to 4:00pm

Nomination Papers are available from the Elections Department for the Offices of Ward Councilor. Ward Councilor candidates will be issued 10 nomination papers and are required to obtain 50 signatures from registered voters in their ward. (M.C. Part 1 Div II Art VI Sec 3)

Monday- December 7th
8:30am to **5:00pm**

Last day and hour for Municipal Candidates for Ward Councilor to request nomination papers from the Elections Department. (Charter Div 2, Art. VI § 3 / MGL c. 53 s 7A)

Wednesday- December 9th
5:00pm

Submission Deadline all nomination papers must be submitted to the Elections Department no later than **5:00 p.m.** for certification. (MGL 53:7A)

Ethics forms must be submitted by all candidates to the Elections Department to file with the Ethics Commission by 5:00pm (M.C. ch 15- sec 37)

Wednesday-December 16th
5:00pm

Certification of nomination papers to be completed and filed by the Board of Election Commissioners **by 5pm.** (Charter Div 2, Art. VI § 7)

Thursday-December 17th

Names and Addresses of certified candidates to be posted by the Board of Election Commissioners. (Charter Div 2, Art. VI § 8)

Friday-December 18th
5:00pm

Names and Addresses of certified candidates to be sent to the Somerville City Clerk- Must be 45 days prior to the Preliminary (Charter Div 7:2)

Monday-December 21st
8:30am to **5:00pm**

Last day and hours for municipal candidates to file notices of withdrawals with the Elections Department and/ or objections made to nomination papers. (MGL c. 53 s 11 / c. 55B s 7)



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Tuesday-December 22nd
10 am at City Hall

Drawing for places on the preliminary ballot (if more than 2 candidates) (Charter 7-2(c)) Can not be less than 40 days between the drawing and the Preliminary Election.

Thursday- December 31st

All Absentee and Vote by Mail Applications filed in the Calendar year 2026 expire. (MGL 54:25B)

Friday- January 1st

Absentee and Vote by Mail applications may begin to be accepted and entered into the State Voter Registration System. (The application shall also allow a voter to request an early voting ballot for: (A) the remaining state primary or election in the calendar year) (MGL 54:25B) Not later than twenty-eight days before every primary, preliminary election or election, the city or town clerk shall send to each voter whose name appears on the permanently disabled voters' list an application for an absent voting ballot, which application said clerk shall complete so far as possible except for the voter's signature.

Friday - January 22nd
8:30am to 5:00pm

Voter registration deadline for the preliminary election by mail or in person by 5:00pm or online until midnight.
(www.registertovotema.com) (MGL 51:26)

Campaign finance reports should be filed with the appropriate authority. Candidates Ward Councilor must file their reports with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance. (MGL 55:18)

Tuesday - January 26th
8:30am to 5:00pm

Deadline to submit applications for an Early voting by mail or Absentee ballot by mail for the Preliminary Election.
(MGL 54:25B)

Monday-February 1st
Ends at 12:00pm Noon

Last day and hour to request an in person absentee ballot.
(For voters who qualify legally) (MGL 54:89 & 54:86)

Tuesday- February 2, 2027
7:00am to 8:00pm

Preliminary Election

9 Polling locations will be open from 7:00am - 8:00pm
A special election to fill a vacancy shall be conducted, not less than 35 days before the date established for the special election.

Monday- February 8th
8:30am - 5:00pm

Last Day and hour for candidates to decline their nomination for election to the Ward Councilor seat, to file Recount Petitions, and for Write-In candidates who were nominated for an office during the preliminary to submit their written acceptance to the Elections Commission.
(MGL 53:13 & MGL 4:135)



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Monday- February 8th

Certification of Preliminary Results by Elections Commission.

Tuesday-February 9th
10 am at City Hall

Drawing for places on the general election day ballot.
(Charter 7-4) (44 Days until the general Election on March 25th)

Friday- March 12th
8:30am - 5:00pm

Voter registration deadline for the general Election by mail or in person by 5:00pm or online until midnight
(www.registertovotema.com) (MGL 51:26)

Wednesday March 17th
8:30am - 5:00pm

Deadline to submit applications for an Early voting by mail or Absentee Ballot by mail.
(MGL 54:25B)

Tuesday-March 23rd
Ends at Noon

Last day and hour to request an in person absentee ballot.
(For voters who qualify legally) (MGL 54:89 & 54:86)

Wednesday-March 24th
7:00am - 8:00pm

Municipal Election
9 Polling locations will be open from 7:00am to 8:00pm
(MGL 54:64)

Monday-April 5th
8:30am - 5:00pm

Last Day hour to submit completed recount petitions.
(MGL 54:135)