



# COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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## 2011 Petitions Calendar

### Designating, Opportunity to Ballot, and Independent Nominating

#### ▶▶▶ DESIGNATING Petitions:

First day to circulate Designating Petitions	Tues June 7	<u>Law §</u> 6-134(6)
Last day to circulate Designating Petitions	Thurs July 14	6-158(1)

#### Dates and Hours for Filing Designating Petitions:

Monday, July 11, 2011	9am to 4pm	6-158(1)
Tuesday, July 12, 2011	9am to 4pm	
Wednesday, July 13, 2011	9am to 4pm	
Thursday, July 14, 2011	9am to 5pm	

#### For Designating Petitions Filed on:

Monday, July 11, 2011	5pm Thurs July 14	6-154
Tuesday, July 12, 2011	5pm Fri July 15	6-154
Wednesday, July 13, 2011	5pm Mon July 18	1-106(1)
Thursday, July 14, 2011	5pm Mon July 18	1-106(1)

#### General Objections Must Be Received by:

#### For General Objections Filed on:

Thursday, July 14, 2011	5pm Wed July 20	6-154
Friday, July 15, 2011	5pm Thurs July 21	6-154
Monday, July 18, 2011	5pm Mon July 25	1-106(1)

#### Specifications Must Be Received by:

<b>Last day to file</b> Wilson-Pakula (authorization of petition designation)	5pm Mon July 18	6-120(3)
<b>Last day to file</b> Acceptance or Declination of petition designation	5pm Mon July 18	6-158(2)
<b>Last day to fill</b> Vacancy caused by declination of petition designation	5pm Fri July 22	6-158(3)
<b>Last day to institute</b> Judicial Proceedings re designating petitions	5pm Thurs July 28*	16-102(2)

\*or (3) business days after BOE determines petition is invalid

#### ▶▶▶ Petition for OPPORTUNITY TO BALLOT:

First day to circulate Petition for Opportunity to Ballot	Tues June 28	6-164
Last day to file Petition for Opportunity to Ballot	5pm July 21	6-158(4)
Last day to file general objections to Petition for Opportunity to Ballot is three days after the filing of the petition. <sup>1</sup>		6-154

Last day to file specifications of objections to Petition for Opportunity to Ballot is six days after the filing of general objections.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> If a Saturday or Sunday, then filed by 5pm the next business day, which is usually Monday.  
<sup>2</sup> If a Saturday or Sunday, then filed by 5pm the next business day, which is usually Monday.

**▶▶▶ INDEPENDENT NOMINATING Petitions:**

First day to circulate Nominating Petitions	Tues July 12	<b>Law §</b> 6-138(4)
Last day to circulate Nominating Petitions	Tues Aug 23	6-158(9)

**Dates and Hours for Filing Independent Nominating Petitions:**

Tuesday, Aug 16	9am to 4pm	6-158(9)
Wednesday, Aug 17	9am to 4pm	
Thursday, Aug 18	9am to 4pm	
Friday, Aug 19	9am to 4pm	
Monday, Aug 22	9am to 4pm	
Tuesday, Aug 23	9am to 5pm	

**For Independent Nominating Petitions Filed on:    General Objections Must Be Received by:**

Tuesday, Aug 16	5pm Fri Aug 19	6-154
Wednesday, Aug 17	5pm Mon Aug 22	1-106(1)
Thursday, Aug 18	5pm Mon Aug 22	1-106(1)
Friday, Aug 19	5pm Mon Aug 22	
Monday, Aug 22	5pm Thurs Aug 25	
Tuesday, Aug 23	5pm Fri Aug 26	

**For General Objections Filed on:    Specifications Must Be Received by:**

Friday, Aug 19	5pm Thurs Aug 25	6-154
Monday, Aug 22	5pm Mon Aug 29	1-106(1)
Thursday, Aug 25	5pm Wed Aug 31	
Friday, Aug 26	5pm Thurs Sept 1	

<b>Last day to file</b> Acceptance or Declination of nomination	5pm Fri Aug 26	6-158(11)
<b>Last day to fill</b> Vacancy caused by declination of nomination	5pm Mon Aug 29	6-158(12)
<b>Last day to institute</b> Judicial Proceedings re nominations	5pm Tues Sept 6*	6-102(2)
	*or (3) business days after BOE determines petition is invalid	
<b>Last day to file</b> Declination after acceptance if nominee loses primary	5pm Fri Sept 16	6-158(11)