

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF COMMISSIONS, ELECTIONS AND LEGISLATION

**CALENDAR FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MARCH 13, 2018
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FOR THE 18TH DISTRICT
IN THE COUNTIES OF ALLEGHENY, GREENE, WASHINGTON AND
WESTMORELAND**

1. Writ, prepared by presiding officer,
served on the Secretary of the CommonwealthOctober 23, 2017
(At least 60 days prior to the special election. 25 P.S. § 2778)
2. First day for political parties and minor political parties to nominate
candidates by filing nomination certificatesOctober 23, 2017
(25 P.S. § 2779)
3. First day for political bodies to circulate and file nomination
papers nominating candidatesOctober 23, 2017
(25 P.S. § 2779)
4. Last day to file nomination certificates and
nomination papers January 22, 2018
(50 days prior to date of special election, 25 P.S. § 2779)
5. Last day to file objections: 3 days after the deadline for filing January 25, 2018
(25 P.S. § 2782)
6. Last day for Commonwealth Court to set a hearing
on objections: 7 days after deadline for filing January 29, 2018
(25 P.S. § 2782)
7. Last day to withdraw: 7 days after the deadline for filing January 29, 2018
(25 P.S. § 2783)
8. Last day to file substituted nomination
certificates: 7 days after the deadline for filing January 29, 2018
(25 P.S. §2784(c))
9. Last day to file objections to substituted nominations:
3 days after substituted nomination certificate is filed Depends on filing date
(25 P.S. § 2785)

10. Last day for Secretary of the Commonwealth to certify names and residence of all candidates February 12, 2018
*(30th day preceding the day fixed for the special election, 25 P.S. § 2786)
 (Because February 11th falls on a Sunday, the date moves to the next business day, which is February 12th, 25 P.S. § 2604.)*
11. Last day to register to vote before the election February 12, 2018
*(30 days before the election, 25 Pa.C.S. § 1326(b))
 (Because February 11th falls on a Sunday, the date moves to the next business day, which is February 12th, 25 P.S. § 2604.)*
12. Last day before the election on which official applications for civilian absentee ballots may be received by the county board of elections March 6, 2018
(Tuesday before election, 25 P.S. § 3146.2a(a))
13. All absentee ballots must be received by the county board of elections not later than 5:00 P.M. on this day to be counted March 9, 2018
(Friday before the election, 25 P.S. § 3146.6(a))
14. Last day for county boards of elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots March 20, 2018
(By 5:00 P.M. on the 7th day following a primary or election and must be voted no later than 11:59pm on March 12th, 25 P.S. § 3146.8(g)(1) & 25 Pa.C.S. § 3511(a))

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- A. Political Parties and Minor Political Parties file nomination certificates, nominating candidates in accordance with party rules.
- B. Candidates of political bodies file nomination papers, obtaining signatures equal to 2% of the largest vote cast for any elected officer in that district at the last preceding election or the number of signatures required on a nomination petition for a political party candidate, whichever is greater. Signers of such papers must be qualified, registered electors of the district. **The number of signatures required on nomination papers to be filed by candidates of political bodies for the Special Election for the 18th Congressional District is 5,874.** All nomination papers must be accompanied by a properly completed candidate's affidavit. In addition, a filing fee of \$150.00 must be submitted with each set of nomination papers and must be paid by cashier's check or money order payable to the 'Commonwealth of Pennsylvania'. **Please contact the Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation at 717-787-5280, Option 5 to answer questions regarding nomination papers.**

NOTE: The Election Code provides that no person “who is a registered and enrolled member

of a party (shall) be eligible to be the candidate of a political body for a special election. 25 P.S. 2911.1.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING DEADLINES

*Please refer to the Federal Election Commission website at <https://www.fec.gov/> for Campaign Finance reporting dates or call **1-800-424-9530, menu option 6** for more information.