

# 2012 Democratic State Central Calendar

The following is a list of key dates for the 2012 Election Year. Section references are to the General Statutes of Connecticut. All entries and references are subject to legislative revision. All dates have been chosen based on the General Statutes of Connecticut and State Democratic Party Rules.

## **Town Committee Member Party Endorsement Caucus -- January 10 to 17, 2012**

Notice of Caucus must be published in a town-wide publication no earlier than 15 full days before or later than 5 full days before the caucus. If caucus is held on January 10, the caucus notice must be published any time from December 26, 2011, through January 5, 2012. If caucus is held January 17, the caucus notice must be published any time from January 2 through January 12, 2012. Certifications are due at the town clerk's office by 4:00 p.m. on January 18.

In towns where local party rules require primary, petitions for primary should be available at Registrar of Voters office beginning on the day following the making of the party's endorsement of candidates for Town Committee or beginning on the day following the final day for making of such endorsements, whichever comes first. Primary petitions for opposition candidates for Town Committee must be submitted to respective registrars by 4:00 p.m. on January 18.

## **Party Rules Changes – January 27 to February 3, 2012**

Deadline to file with the Secretary of the State change in party rules regarding the method of party selection for candidates to be selected as delegates. If selection is to be made on March 27, 2012, then January 27 is the last day. If endorsement is to be made on April 3, 2012, then February 3 is the last day. At least 60 days before the selection, one copy of party rules governing such selection must be filed with the Secretary of the State. One copy of revised local party rules (and any amendments thereto) must also be filed forthwith with town clerk and state central committee. (*Applies only when new rules are adopted or existing rules are amended or rescinded.*)

## **Delegate Forms Available for National Convention -- February 1, 2012**

Statement of Candidate and pledge forms available for prospective national convention delegates.

## **Town Committee Primary -- March 6, 2012**

Primaries, where applicable, for town committee membership shall be held from 6:00 am - 8:00 pm.

## **Delegates to State and District Conventions**

**Window for selection of Delegates to Conventions: March 27 to April 3, 2012**

**Certification of endorsements: April 4, 2012**

\*If a caucus is the selecting authority for delegates according to your town or city party rules, public notice must be published in a town-wide publication at least 5 full days before the caucus. Local party rules may require earlier notice. (Sec. 9-390)

## **Town Committee Officer Elections – March 7 to April 5, 2012**

The Chair of the Town Committee in office, as of March 6, 2012, shall call a meeting of the newly elected Town Committee for the purpose of electing such officers of the Town Committee as are prescribed in local party rules.

## **State Central Member Elections – April 17 to 27, 2012**

The State Convention delegates from each senatorial district shall meet at least 15 days but not more than 25 days prior to the first session of each State Convention, at a time and place to be designated by the State Central Committee members from the district.

## **Presidential Preference Primary in Connecticut --April 24, 2012**

## **Jefferson-Jackson-Bailey Dinner – Spring, 2012**

The keynote speaker and location are still being determined. For more information please call the DSCC office at 860-560-1775.

### **DNC District Level Delegate & Alternate Forms Due – May 1, 2012**

Deadline to submit Statement of Candidacy Forms to become a “District Level” Delegate or Alternate for the Democratic National Convention taking place in September 2012.

### **All Conventions for Party endorsements -- May 8 to 29, 2012**

Certification of endorsements: 14 day after close of convention (4:00 pm)

“15% candidate” to primary certificates filed by: 14<sup>th</sup> day after close of convention (4:00 pm)

### **State Convention – May 12, 2012**

Location **TBD**. The party-endorsement for the candidate for U.S. Senate and the election of DNC members as well as changes to the party rules shall take place at the state convention.

### **Congressional Conventions – May 14, 2012**

The times locations of the conventions to endorse candidates for the office of United States House of Representatives will be announced once the delegate selection process takes place.

### **State Senate Conventions – May 21, 2012**

The times locations of the conventions to endorse candidates for the office of State Senate will be announced once the delegate selection process takes place. *Certification of Party Endorsed Candidate must be filed with Secretary of the State by 4:00 pm, 14<sup>th</sup> day after endorsement convention. Primary petitions filed by 4:00 pm, 14<sup>th</sup> day after endorsement meeting.*

### **State House of Representatives Conventions (Multi-Town Districts) – May 22, 2012**

The times locations of the conventions to endorse candidates for multi-town districts for State Representative will be announced once the delegate selection process takes place. *Certification of Party Endorsed Candidate must be filed with Secretary of the State by 4:00 pm, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day after endorsement convention. Primary petitions filed by 4:00 pm, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day after endorsement meeting.*

### **Candidates for Municipal Office (including single-town State Representative and Registrars of Voters) -- May 22 to May 29, 2012**

#### **Dates, times and locations determined by Democratic Town Committees**

Certification of endorsements: single-town State Representative and Registrar of Voters: 14<sup>th</sup> day after endorsement meeting (4:00 pm)

*Certification of Party Endorsed Candidates for Registrar of Voters must be filed with Town Clerk by 4:00 pm, 14<sup>th</sup> day after endorsement meeting. Certification of Party Endorsed Candidates for single-town State Representative must file with the Secretary of the State's office by 4:00 pm, 14<sup>th</sup> day after endorsement meeting.*

*Primary petitions filed by 4:00 pm, 14<sup>th</sup> day after endorsement meeting.*

### **National Convention District-Level Delegate Caucus (Organized by Congressional District) May 30, 2012**

District Caucuses to Elect “District Level” Delegates and Alternates

### **National Convention “At-Large” Delegates and Alternates, “Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official” Delegates and Unpledged Add-On” Delegate Caucus – June 6, 2012**

Election of “At-Large” Delegates and Alternates and “Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official” Delegates will be held at State Democratic Headquarters at 330 Main St, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl, Hartford, CT.

### **Primary (6:00 am-8:00 pm) -- August 14, 2012**

Primary for State and District Offices including: United States Senate, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative and Registrar of Voters.

### **Democratic National Convention – September 3 to 6, 2012**

The 2012 Democratic National Convention will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina.

### **General Election – November 6, 2012 (6:00 am - 8:00 pm)**

United States Senate, Representative in Congress, State Senator and State Representative