

2010 Democratic State Central Calendar

The following is a list of key dates for the 2010 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 5-12, 2010

Notice of Caucus must be published in a town-wide publication no earlier than 15 days or later than 5 full days before the caucus. If caucus is held on January 5th, caucus notice must be published any time from December 21st through December 31st / If caucus is held January 12th, caucus notice must be published any time from December 28th through January 7th. Certifications are due at the Town Clerk's office by 4:00 p.m. on January 13th.

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 27th.

Party Rules Changes – January 22-29, 2010

Last day 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 made on March 23, 2010 then January 22nd is the last day. If endorsement is made on March 30, 2010, then January 29, 2010 is last day. At least sixty 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 (Applies only when new rules are adopted or existing rules are amended or rescinded.)

Town Committee Primary - March 2, 2010

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

First Meeting of the Democratic State Convention Pre-Convention Platform Committee – March 3, 2010

State Central Headquarters – 330 Main Street (Third Floor), Hartford, CT 06106, 7:00 p.m.

Delegates to State and District Conventions

Window for selection of Delegates to Conventions: March 23-March 30, 2010

Certification of endorsements: March 31, 2010 (4pm)

*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 five full days before the caucus. Local party rules may require earlier notice. (Sec. 9-390)

Jefferson-Jackson-Bailey Dinner –TBD, 2010

The keynote speaker and location are still being determined. For more information please call our office.

Town Committee Officer Elections – March 3 –April 2 , 2010

The Chair of the Town Committee in office, as of March 3, 2010 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 26 –May 6, 2010

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.

All Conventions for Party endorsements: May 4-25th

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

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

State Convention – May 21(evening)-22(all-day), 2010

The State Convention will be held in Hartford at the Connecticut Expo Center in Hartford. All party-endorsements for candidates for state wide office (U.S. Senate, Governor, Secretary of the State, State Treasurer, State Comptroller, and Attorney General) shall take place at the state convention.

Congressional Conventions – May 10, 2010

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 24, 2010

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 14th day after endorsement convention. Primary petitions filed by 4:00 pm, 14th day after endorsement meeting.*

State House of Representatives Conventions (Multi-Town Districts) – May 25, 2010

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 14th day after endorsement convention. Primary petitions filed by 4:00 pm, 14th day after endorsement meeting.*

Judge of Probate Conventions (Multi-Town Districts) – May 11, 2010

The times and locations of the conventions to endorse candidates for multi-town districts for Judge of Probate 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 14th day after endorsement convention. Primary petitions filed by 4:00 pm, 14th day after endorsement meeting.*

Candidates for Municipal Office (including single-town State Representative, Judge of Probate and Registrars of Voters) - May 18 – May 25 , 2010

Dates, times and locations determined by Democratic Town Committees

Certification of endorsements: single town State Representative Judge of Probate, and Registrar of Voters: 14th day after endorsement meeting (4pm)

Certification of Party Endorsed Candidates for single-town Judge of Probate and Registrar of Voters must be filed with Town Clerk by 4:00 pm 14th 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 14th day after endorsement meeting.

Primary petitions filed by 4:00 pm 14th day after endorsement meeting.

Primary (6am-8pm): August 10, 2010

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

General Election – November 2, 2010 (6am-8pm)

United States Senate, Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Constitutional Officers, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, Judge of Probate and Registrar of Voters