

**OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK  
ARLINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

**2017 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
INFORMATION AND CALENDAR**

The Town Clerk shall not furnish blank forms for nomination of candidates for town office to any person other than a candidate seeking such nomination or a person presenting the signed authorization of a candidate to secure said forms on his behalf. Ch. 53, §17, G.L.

Each candidate shall file with the Town Clerk prior to obtaining blank nomination papers, a statement containing his name and address, and the office for which he intends to be a candidate. Ch. 53, §9A, G.L.

No candidate for town office shall receive more blank nomination papers than will contain the number of signatures required to place his name in nomination, multiplied by five. Ch. 53, §9A, G.L.

Every nomination paper shall be filed by a responsible person and must contain the written acceptance of the candidate. Ch. 53, §9, G.L.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9** 5:00 P.M. - **LAST DAY AND HOUR FOR OBTAINING BLANK NOMINATION PAPERS** (48 week day hours prior to the hour on which nomination papers are required to be submitted to the Registrars of Voters for certification) Ch. 53, § 9A, G.L.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6** \*\*5:00 P.M. - **LAST DAY AND HOUR FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBERS WHO ARE CANDIDATES FOR RE-ELECTION** to give written notice thereof to Town Clerk (21 days prior to last day and hour for filing nomination papers with Town Clerk) Ch. 43A, § 6, - Ch. 53, § 10, G.L. as amended by Ch. 477, §18, Acts of 1985 (If last day is a Sunday or holiday, deadline is following day, Ch. 50, § 4, G.L.)\*\*

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13** 5:00 P.M. - **LAST DAY AND HOUR FOR SUBMITTING ALL NOMINATION PAPERS TO THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS FOR CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURES** (14th day preceding on which they are to be filed with Town Clerk) Ch. 53, § 7, G.L. (If last day is a Sunday or holiday, deadline is following day, Ch. 50, § 4, G.L.)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27** 5:00 P.M. - **LAST DAY AND HOUR FOR SUBMITTING ALL NOMINATION PAPERS WITH TOWN CLERK** (35th day preceding the date of the election) Ch. 53, §10, Ch. 50, §4, G.L. (If last day is a Sunday or holiday, deadline is following day.)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Nomination papers must have been filed at least 14 days previously with the Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 1** \*\*5:00 P.M. - **LAST DAY AND HOUR FOR FILING WITHDRAWALS OF AND/OR OBJECTIONS TO ALL NOMINATION PAPERS** with Town Clerk (within two (2) working days of last day fixed for filing such nomination papers) Ch. 53, §§ '11 & 13, Ch. 55B, §' 7, G.L.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 10** 8:00 P.M. - **LAST DAY TO REGISTER VOTERS FOR TOWN ELECTION** (20th day preceding Annual Town Election (Annual Town Election is first Article of Annual Town Meeting) -- preceding day if final day falls on Sunday or holiday) \*\* Ch. 51, '§§ 26 & 31, G.L.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1** **ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION** (First Article of Annual Town Meeting -- all other business considered at Town Meeting held on 4th Monday in April) Title I, Art. 1, '§§ 1 & 3, Town By-Laws, and '§ 1 of Town Manager Act.

**(MONDAY, APRIL 24 - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BEGINS)**

**NUMBER OF SIGNATURES TO BE CERTIFIED**

**TOWN OFFICES --** except town meeting members -- nomination papers must be properly signed by at least **50 voters** (1% of the entire vote cast for governor at preceding State Election -- maximum number required 50). Registrars need not certify a greater number of names than are required to make a nomination, increased by two-fifths thereof -- or 70. Ch. 53, '§ § 6 & 7, G.L. (No more than 8 blank nomination papers issued)

**TOWN MEETING -- MEMBERS** properly signed by not less than **10 voters of the precinct** in which the candidate resides. Registrars need not certify a greater number of names than are required to make a nomination, increased by two-fifths thereof -- or 14. Ch. 43A, '§ 6 and Ch. 53, '§ 7, G.L. (No more than 1 blank nomination paper issued)

**\*\* G.L., Ch. 41, § '110A --** Public Offices may be closed on Saturdays; if Saturday is last day of time period it has same effect as legal holiday. (Accepted by Annual Town Meeting - May 20, 1947)

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 2** **5:30 P.M. -- DRAWING OF NAMES FOR POSITION ON BALLOT FOR ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION** (Ch. 31, Acts 1972)