Monday, July 16, 2012 (continued)
DEADLINE, by noon, for the Democratic, Libertarian and Republican Parties to file a certificate of nomination of candidates nominated at the state party conventions

DEADLINE, by noon, for independent or minor party candidate to file a declaration of candidacy and petition of nomination after verification of petition signatures

Wednesday, July 25, 2012
First day to file a petition of nomination and consent for a school board member chosen at the general election.

Friday, August 24, 2012
DEADLINE, by noon, to file a petition for a school board office elected at the general election.

Saturday, September 22, 2012
DEADLINE for the county election board to mail general election absentee ballots to voters who have already filed an application with the county election boards.

Monday, October 8, 2012
First day that a voter may vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board in the office of the circuit court clerk. (*If the clerk's office is closed for Columbus Day the first day to vote absentee in the clerk's office is Tuesday, October 9)*

Tuesday, October 9, 2012
DEADLINE, at county voter registration office's close of business for a voter to register or to transfer registration in the county voter registration office.

Friday, October 12, 2012
End of pre-election campaign finance reporting period. (except candidates for statewide office)

Friday, October 19, 2012
DEADLINE, by noon, to file pre-election campaign finance reports. (except candidates for statewide office)

Thursday, October 25, 2012
First day a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person at a private residence, or a voter with disabilities may vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's residence or place of confinement.

Saturday, October 27, 2012
Absentee voter board in the office of circuit court clerk must be open at least 7 hours to permit absentee voting. However, in a county with a population of less than 20,000, the county election board may reduce hours to a minimum of 4 on this date.

Monday, October 29, 2012
DEADLINE, by 11:59 p.m. (except for confined voters or voters caring for a confined person requesting delivery of a ballot by an absentee voter board), for the circuit court clerk to receive mailed, hand-delivered, or faxed absentee ballot applications requesting to vote absentee by mail..

Saturday, November 3, 2012
Absentee voter board in the office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours to permit absentee voting. However, in a county with a population of less than 20,000, the county election board may reduce hours to a minimum of 4 on this date.

Monday, November 5, 2012
DEADLINE, by noon, for the circuit court clerk to receive mailed, hand-delivered or faxed absentee ballot applications from confined voters or voters caring for a confined person requesting delivery of a ballot by an absentee voter board.

DEADLINE, by noon, for a voter to vote an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk.

DEADLINE for a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person, or a voter with disabilities to vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's place of confinement.

Tuesday, November 6, 2012
GENERAL ELECTION DAY
Polls are open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Tuesday, November 20, 2012
DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate to file a verified election recount or contest petition.

Monday, December 3, 2012
Voter Registration Opens

Monday, December 31, 2012
End of annual reporting period for 2012 for campaign finance reports.

Wednesday, January 16, 2013
DEADLINE, by noon, for all candidate committees, legislative caucus committees, and political action committees to file annual campaign finance reports for 2012.

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This condensed version of the official 2012 election calendar is intended for the use of the general public. Where your legal rights are involved, do not rely only on this calendar.

As used in this brochure, "circuit court clerk" refers to the director of the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration in that county.

As used in this brochure, "county election board' includes the office of the circuit court clerk, the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration and the Tippecanoe Board of Elections and Registration.

As used in this brochure, "county voter registration office" includes the office of the circuit court clerk, and the county board of voter registration in a county where a separate voter registration board has been created.

"Noon" refers to noon, local prevailing time, unless otherwise specified.

Thursday, December 1, 2011
First day the office of a circuit court clerk may receive absentee ballot applications from most voters for the 2012 primary.

Wednesday, January 11, 2012
First day a declaration of candidacy for major political party primary nomination (or as Republican Party precinct committeeman, or state convention delegate at the primary) may be filed.

First day a major party primary candidate for President, U.S. Senate, or Governor may file a petition of nomination with a county voter registration office for verification of petition signatures.

First day an independent or minor party candidate may file a petition of nomination for the general election.

First day to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate at the general election.

Wednesday, January 18, 2012
DEADLINE, by noon, for all candidate committees, legislative caucus committees, and political action committees to file annual campaign finance reports for 2011.

Tuesday, January 31, 2012
DEADLINE, by noon, for a major party presidential primary candidate to file a petition of nomination with a county voter registration office for verification of petition signatures.

Tuesday, February 7, 2012
DEADLINE, by noon, for a major party primary candidate for U.S. Senate or Governor to file a petition of nomination with a county voter registration office for verification of petition signatures.

Friday, February 10, 2012
DEADLINE, by noon, to file a declaration of candidacy for the primary

DEADLINE, by noon, Indianapolis time, for major party candidate for President, U.S. Senate or Governor to file a declaration of candidacy and petition for placement on the primary election ballot with the secretary of state following certification of petition signatures by county voter registration offices.

Monday, February 13, 2012
DEADLINE, by noon, to file a withdrawal of candidacy for the primary election.

Thursday, March 1, 2012
DEADLINE, by noon, for regular party committees to file 2011 annual campaign finance reports.

Saturday, March 24, 2012
DEADLINE for a county election board to mail primary election absentee ballots to voters who have already filed an application with the county election board.

Monday, April 9, 2012
First day a voter may vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board in the office of the circuit court clerk.

DEADLINE, at county voter registration office's close of business for a voter to register or to transfer registration in the county voter registration office.

Friday, April 13, 2012
End of pre-primary campaign finance reporting period for all candidates (except candidates for statewide office).

Friday, April 20, 2012
DEADLINE, by noon, for filing pre-primary campaign finance reports to be filed by all candidates (except candidates for statewide office).

Thursday, April 26, 2012
First day a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person at a private residence, or a voter with disabilities may vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's residence or place of confinement.

Saturday, April 28, 2012
Absentee board in office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours for absentee voting. However, in a county with a population of less than 20,000, the county election board may reduce hours to a minimum of 4 on this date.

Monday, April 30, 2012
DEADLINE, by 11:59 p.m. (except for confined voters or voters caring for a confined person requesting delivery of a ballot by an absentee voter board), for the circuit court clerk to receive mailed, hand-delivered, or faxed absentee ballot applications requesting to vote absentee by mail.

Saturday, May 5, 2012
Absentee board in office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours to permit absentee voting. However, in a county with a population of less than 20,000, the county election board may reduce hours to a minimum of 4 on this date.

Monday, May 7, 2012
DEADLINE, by noon, for the circuit court clerk to receive mailed, hand-delivered or faxed absentee ballot applications from confined voters or voters caring for a confined person requesting delivery of a ballot by an absentee voter board.

DEADLINE, by noon, for a voter to vote an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk.

DEADLINE for a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person, or a voter with disabilities to vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at voter's place of confinement.

Tuesday, May 8, 2012
PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
Polls are open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Tuesday, May 22, 2012
DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate to file a verified election recount or contest petition.

VOTER REGISTRATION OPENS

First day the circuit court clerk may receive absentee ballot applications from most voters for the general election.

Saturday, June 30, 2012
DEADLINE, by noon, for the Democratic or Republican Party to fill a vacancy on the general election ballot due to primary election ballot vacancy.

Monday, July 2, 2012

DEADLINE, by noon, for an independent or minor party candidate to file a petition of nomination with a county voter registration office for certification of petition signatures.

Tuesday, July 3, 2012
DEADLINE, by noon, for filing a certificate stating that a major party vacancy on the general election ballot resulting from a vacancy on the primary election ballot has been filled.

DEADLINE, by noon, to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate at the general election.

Monday, July 16, 2012
DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate nominated at the primary election, a candidate who has filled a vacancy, or a write-in candidate, to voluntarily withdraw.