

# 2008 Democratic State Central Calendar

The following is a list of key dates for the 2008 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 8-15, 2008**

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 8<sup>th</sup>, caucus notice must be published any time from December 24<sup>th</sup> through January 3<sup>rd</sup> / If caucus is held January 15<sup>th</sup>, caucus notice must be published any time from December 31<sup>st</sup> through January 10<sup>th</sup>. Certifications are due at the Town Clerk's office by 4:00 p.m. on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

In towns where local party rules require direct primary, petitions for primary should be available at Registrar of Voters office beginning on the day after the Town Committee holds their caucus and are due back by 4:00 p.m. on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **National Convention District-Level Delegate/ Alternate Forms Due – February 18, 2008**

Statement of Candidacy Forms are Due to become an a "District Level" Delegate or Alternate

## **Party Rules Changes – January 25, 2008**

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 25, 2008. If endorsement is made on April 1, 2008, then February 1, 2008 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 (Applies only when new rules are adopted or existing rules are amended or rescinded.)

## **Presidential Preference Primary in Connecticut-February 5, 2008 \*\*\*\*NEW DATE\*\*\*\***

## **Town Committee Primary - March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

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

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

**Window for selection of Delegates to Conventions: March 25-April 1, 2008**

**Certification of endorsements: April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 (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. Party rules may require earlier notice. (Sec. 9-390)

## **National Convention District-Level Delegate Caucus (Organized by Congressional District) March 19, 2008 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 – March 26, 2008**

Election of "At-Large" Delegates and Alternates, "Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official" Delegates and Unpledged Add-On" Delegate will be held at State Democratic Headquarters at 179 Allyn Street, in Hartford.

## **Town Committee Officer Elections – March 5-April 16, 2008**

The Chair of the Town Committee in office, as of March 7, 2008 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 15<sup>th</sup> –April 25 (15-25 days before the State Convention)**

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.

**Jefferson-Jackson-Bailey Dinner – March/April, 2008**

The Keynote Speaker and date have not yet been determined. More detailed information including ticket price, pre-dinner reception and information will be sent in early February.

**All Conventions for Party Endorsements: May 6-27, 2008**

Certification of endorsements: 14<sup>th</sup> day after close of convention (4pm)

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

**State Convention –May 10, 2008**

The location for the State Convention has not been yet been finalized. Party endorsements of the Democratic National Committee Members and changes to the State Party Rules shall take place at the State Convention.

**Congressional Conventions – May 12, 2008**

The locations of the conventions to endorse candidates for the office of United States House of Representatives will be announced sometime in early 2008.

**State Senate Conventions – May 19, 2008**

The locations of the conventions to endorse candidates for the office of State Senate will be announced sometime in early 2008. *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 20, 2008**

The locations of the conventions to endorse candidates for multi-town districts for State Representative will be announced sometime in early 2008. *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.*

**Candidates for Municipal Office (including single-town State Representative, Justice of the Peace and Registrars of Voters) May 20-27, 2008**

**Certification of endorsements:** single town State Representative, Justice of the Peace and Registrar of Voters: 14<sup>th</sup> day after endorsement meeting (4pm)

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

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

**Primary (6am-8pm): August 12, 2008**

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

**Democratic National Convention – August 25-29, 2008**

The 2008 Democratic National Convention will be held at the Pepsi Center, Denver, Colorado.

**General Election – November 4, 2008 (6am-8pm)**

President, Vice President, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, and Registrar of Voters