

# WEST VIRGINIA -ELECTION CONNECTION-

*Your source for Election News from Secretary of State Natalie E. Tennant*

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## **26 Weeks Until the May Primary!**

On Tuesday, November 8 there will be exactly 26 weeks until the May Primary! The Secretary of State's Office has distributed our calendars for the 2012 election. It has dozens of deadlines, requirements, and procedures listed. If you need more calendars, please feel free to contact us and we will get them to you as soon as possible.

## **Live Webcasting of January Candidate Filing Period**

The Secretary of State's Office plans to conduct live webcasts during the first and last day of candidate filing that takes place here at the State Capitol. The candidate filing period begins on January 9 and ends on January 28. There will be live webcasts on the first and last day of candidate filing. Just like in 2010, the Secretary of State's Office will conduct live webcasts throughout the day on January 28 until the midnight deadline. The schedule of live webcasts is still to be determined, but they will be available on the Secretary of State's website.

## **Secretary of State's Office Files Response to Redistricting Lawsuits**

The Secretary of State's Office has filed its response to several lawsuits that challenged the House of Delegates redistricting plan. The entire response can be read in PDF format on the Secretary of State's website at [www.wvsos.com](http://www.wvsos.com). The Secretary of State's Office has requested that the State Supreme Court of Appeals rule on this case by December 1, 2011 because of pressing deadlines faced by the counties. If you have any questions regarding redistricting or our response, please contact the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office at (304) 558-6000.

## **Tomblin To Take Office November 13**

On Sunday, November 13 at 3:00 in the afternoon Governor-Election Earl Ray Tomblin will take the oath of office as West Virginia's 35<sup>th</sup> Governor. There will be a special session of the State Legislature at noon on that day. That is when Secretary Tennant will present the certificates of election results to a joint session of the Legislature. Remember that certified election results can be seen on the Secretary of State's website at [www.wvsos.com](http://www.wvsos.com).

### **Running For Office 2012 Handbook Available Now**

We've had several requests for the Running for Office in West Virginia 2012 Handbook. All dates, deadlines, offices on the ballot, filing fees, salaries, and legislative districts have been updated to reflect the 2012 election season. If you haven't already, please contact the Elections Division at (304)558-6000 or [dnichols@wvsos.com](mailto:dnichols@wvsos.com) to let them know how many you will need.

### **Election Connection Online!**

You can see back issues of the Election Connection newsletter on the Secretary of State's website at [www.wvsos.com](http://www.wvsos.com). To view them, click on "Election Connection" under the "Secretary's Desk" heading on the front page. The issues can be seen in PDF format. If your computer cannot open a PDF file, please email Jake Glance at [jglance@wvsos.com](mailto:jglance@wvsos.com) and he will be able to email you a plain text version.

### **Have an idea?**

Is there something that you want to see addressed in the Election Connection? The goal of this newsletter is to keep everyone up to date about challenges facing election officials in West Virginia and to inform everyone about best practices that are being put into place. If you have an idea for a topic, have a question, or if you think there is a subject that election officials around the state would be interested in, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary of State's Office. You can contact the Elections Division by email at [elections@wvsos.com](mailto:elections@wvsos.com) or (304) 558-6000 or Jake Glance directly at [jglance@wvsos.com](mailto:jglance@wvsos.com). Your input is appreciated!