



Who is my Congressman? What is my Congressional District?

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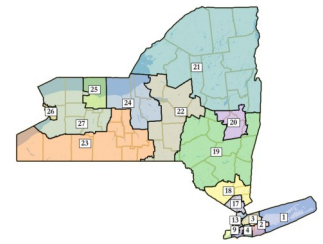
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Tioga County will conduct 4 Elections in 2012

A federal judge has set the fourth Tuesday in June for New York's congressional primary election to ensure that it allows enough time for absentee ballots to be sent to military and overseas voters. New York's previous primary date in early September would have kept it from complying with the deadline for sending out ballots 45 days before a federal general election, Sharpe wrote. The primary date will be June 26 this year - at least 35 days prior to the deadline for sending absentee ballots to military and overseas voters for the general election Nov. 6. "Nothing is more critical to a vibrant democratic society than citizen participation in government through the act of

voting," Sharpe wrote. "It is unconscionable to send men and women overseas to preserve our democracy while simultaneously disenfranchising them while they are gone. To some extent, that is precisely what New York has done. Having had ample opportunity to correct the problem, it has failed to find the political will to do so." The Election Commissioners Association and state Assembly backed the June date in order to reliably meet the deadlines. The state Senate proposed an August primary, arguing it would be the least disruptive to the current, longstanding September primary system, while a June primary comes at the end of their annual legislative session.



The early primary date can play havoc with candidates - especially challengers. This year's redistricting process to redraw election districts for state Senate and Assembly seats and for Congress faces several obstacles before candidates will even know what districts they run in. To read more: <http://www.newstimes.com/news/article/Federal-judge-sets-June-date-for-NY-primary-2753362.php>

REGISTRATION DATES:

You must be registered to vote by **June 1, 2012** to be eligible for voting in the Federal Primary held on June 26, 2012 12N-9PM

You must be registered to vote by **Aug. 17, 2012** to be eligible for voting in the State and Local Primary held on September 13, 2012 12N-9PM

You must be registered to vote by **October 12, 2012** to be eligible for voting in the General Election held on November 6, 2012 6AM-9PM

Congressional Re-Districting

Congressional changes are happening in Tioga County. The redistricting eliminates two seats in the US House as required. The plan redraws the outline of the 22nd Congressional district currently represented by Democrat Maurice Hinchey. He will retire at the end of this term and the draft essentially eliminates the current boundaries of that district. Tompkins and most of Tioga county would be included in a 23rd Congressional District. A smaller portion of Tioga County remains in the 22nd Congressional District which includes most of Nichols and a section of Owego. Please visit our website for specific information about the redistricting that has taken place in Tioga County.

<http://www.tiogacountyny.com/departments/board-of-elections.html>

The Tioga County Board of Elections needs YOU!

EXTRA!!!

\$160.00 for General Election Day

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\$110.00 for Primary Day

\$25.00 for attending the class training.

**ELECTION INSPECTORS
are needed for future
elections!**

Meet and greet your friends and neighbors, while performing a worthwhile service for your community.

You will be fully trained BEFORE Election Day.

Please contact the Tioga County Board of Elections for more information at 687-8261

*Visit our website for
upcoming inspector training
dates and times*

Election Dates to Remember



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| Federal Primary | June 26, 2012 | 12N-9PM |
| State and Local Primary | September 13, 2012 | 12N-9PM |
| General Election | November 6, 2012 | 6AM-9PM |

**SAMPLE BALLOTS FOR UPCOMING
ELECTIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR
WEBSITE:**

***[http://www.tiogacountyny.com/
departments/board-of-elections/voter-
information.html](http://www.tiogacountyny.com/departments/board-of-elections/voter-information.html)***

