

IT'S ELECTION TIME...AGAIN

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- ARLINGTON, MASS. - As of this week, four individuals have taken out papers for the 23rd Middlesex Representative District seat representing parts of Arlington and Medford recently vacated by newly elected Senator James Marzilli.

Democrats include Jeffrey Thielman, Andrew O'Brien, and Judson Pierce, and one Republican, John L Worden III. Thielman is a current School Committee member, while Worden served as Town Moderator for more than 19 years and filled in this year while new Moderator John Leone was on leave.

Anyone interested in running in the special election for State Representative can pick up a manila envelope that includes paperwork and instructions at the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall. According to the Town Clerk's Office, if the packages are unavailable due to low supply, anyone can pick up the same package at the Town Clerk's Office in Medford, where Marzilli also represented, or in Boston with the secretary of the Commonwealth's Office.

Interested in running?

December 26, 2007, 5 p.m. — The last day and hour for filing nomination papers to local Registrars of Voters or Election Commissioners for the certification of signatures. All candidates are required to gather 150 signatures.

December 31, 2007 — Certification of nomination papers must be completed

January 2, 2008, 5 p.m. — The last day and hour for filing nomination papers, including enrollment certificate and State Ethics Commission receipt, with the Secretary of the Commonwealth

January 7, 2008, 5 p.m. — The last day and hour for filing withdrawals of or objections to all nomination papers and certificates of nomination with the Secretary of the Commonwealth

January 10, 2008, 5 p.m. — Last day and hour for filling vacancies caused by withdrawals for primary candidates

January 16, 2008 — Last day to register voters for the state primary; registration hours 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (except in towns under 1500 registered voters, registration hours 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.)

February 5, 2008 — State primary

February 11, 2008, 5 p.m. — Last day and hour for filing withdrawals of or objections to nominations made at the state primary and for filing written acceptances by write-in or sticker candidates who won in the state primary with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

February 13, 2008 — Last day to register voters for the state election; registration hours 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (except in towns under 1500 registered voters, registration hours 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.)

February 14, 2008, 5 p.m. — Last day and hour for filling vacancies caused by withdrawals at the state primary