

Important 2026 Election Dates

These dates are subject to changes from the 2025 legislative session Longer calendars are on the <u>Conducting Your Elections</u> pages when available.	
Tuesday, March 3, 2026 - Primary Election	
First day to file for a place on the Primary ballot for precinct chair candidates.	Tuesday, September 9, 2025
First day to file for all other candidates for offices that are regularly scheduled to be on the Primary ballot; first day for independent candidates to file declaration of intent.	Saturday, November 8, 2025
Filing deadline for primary candidates; filing deadline for independent candidates to file declaration of intent.	Monday, December 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM
First day to apply for a ballot by mail using Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM) or Federal Postcard Application (FPCA).	Thursday, January 1, 2026* *First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2026 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, February 2, 2026
First Day of Early Voting	Tuesday, February 17, 2026* *First business day after President's Day
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received , not Postmarked)	Friday, February 20, 2026
Last Day of Early Voting	Friday, February 27, 2026
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, March 3, 2026 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is not postmarked, OR Wednesday, March 4, 2026 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply) ⁴
Saturday, May 2, 2026 – Uniform Election Date (Limited)	
Authority Conducting Elections	Local Non-County Political Subdivisions (County-ordered elections may not be held on this date. County Election Official may, but is not required to, contract to provide election services to political subdivisions holding elections on this date.)
Deadline to post candidate requirements ⁵ <u>Form 1-20</u>	Friday, May 2, 2025
Deadline to Post Notice of Candidate Filing Deadline (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only) ¹	Monday, December 15, 2025

First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Thursday, January 1, 2026* <i>*First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2026 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.</i>
Last Day for Candidates Planning to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only) to Register to Vote or Update Voter Registration	Tuesday, January 13, 2026
First Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only) ¹	Wednesday, January 14, 2026
Last Day to Order General Election or Special Election on a Measure	Friday, February 13, 2026
Last Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only) ²	Friday, February 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. See note below relating to four-year terms ³
Last Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only)	Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
Last Day to Register to Vote	Thursday, April 2, 2026
First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Monday, April 20, 2026
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Monday, April 20, 2026 (deadline falls on San Jacinto Day, moves to preceding business day)
Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Saturday, May 2, 2026 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is not postmarked, OR Monday, May 4, 2026 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply) ⁴
Tuesday, May 26, 2026 – Primary Runoff Election	
First day to apply for a ballot by mail using Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM) or Federal Postcard Application (FPCA)	Thursday, January 1, 2026* <i>*First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2026 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.</i>
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, April 27, 2026
Last Day to Apply by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Friday, May 15, 2026

First Day of Early Voting	Monday, May 18, 2026
Last Day of Early Voting	Friday, May 22, 2026
Last Day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, May 26, 2026 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is not postmarked, OR Wednesday, May 27, 2026 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply) ⁴
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 - Uniform Election Date	
Deadline to post candidate requirements ⁵ <u>Form 1-20</u>	Monday, November 3, 2025
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Thursday, January 1, 2026* <i>*First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2026 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.</i>
Deadline to Post Notice of Candidate Filing Deadline (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only)	Thursday, June 18, 2026 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates ¹
Last Day for Candidates Planning to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only) to Register to Vote or Update Voter Registration	Friday, July 17, 2026
First Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only) ¹	Saturday, July 18, 2026
First Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (General Election for State and County Officers)	Monday, July 20, 2026
Last Day to Order General Election or Special Election on a Measure	Monday, August 17, 2026
Last Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only) ²	Monday, August 17, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. See note below relating to four-year terms ³
Last Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (General Election for State and County Officers)	Monday, August 17, 2026
Last Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only)	Friday, August 21, 2026
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, October 5, 2026
First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Monday, October 19, 2026

Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Friday, October 23, 2026
Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Friday, October 30, 2026
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, November 3, 2026 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is not postmarked, OR Wednesday, November 4, 2026 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply) ⁴