

2026 Official Election Calendar State of Nebraska

Primary Election: May 12, 2026		General Election: November 3, 2026
Dates		Statutory Language
2025		November 2025
3-Nov	Secretary of State shall publish the official calendar approved by the Attorney General. §32-206	By November 1
		December 2025
1-Dec	Last day for the Secretary of State, county clerks, and election commissioners to notify subdivisions of filing deadlines for statewide primary election and to give notice of the certification deadline. §32-404	December 1
5-Dec	Last day to change party affiliation to meet member of party requirement on candidate filings. §32-612	1st Friday in December prior to the statewide primary election
11-Dec	At 5 PM - last day a political subdivision may request the adjustment of election district boundaries. §32-552	At least 5 months prior to an election
18-Dec	Last day an ordinance may be adopted and effective providing for nomination and election on a partisan ballot for city, village and school offices, normally nonpartisan. §32-557	Not less than 60 days prior to the filing deadline
2026		January 2026
1-Jan	First day of an election year a person may simultaneously register to vote and make application for early voting ballots through the use of the Federal Post Card Application or personal letter including the same information as on the FPCA. §32-939	Calendar year
5-Jan	First day a person may file for office to have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate for the 2026 election cycle. §32-606	January 5
	At 5 PM - last day for political subdivisions which will hold an election in conjunction with the statewide primary election to certify to the Secretary of State, county clerks or election commissioners the offices to be filled, terms, vacancies, filing deadlines, votes to cast, and number elected for each office. §32-404, §32-601	January 5
12-Jan	First day to accept early voting ballot request for the primary election. §32-941	Not more than 120 days before any election
15-Jan	At 5 PM - last day for a new political party to submit petitions with the Secretary of State to qualify for the upcoming primary election. §32-716	January 15
		February
1-Feb	Last day for election official to publish notice received from the January 5 certifications received from political subdivisions pertaining to offices to be filled, terms, vacancies, filing deadlines, votes to cast, and number elected. §32-601	At least 15 days prior to the filing deadline for incumbents
2-Feb	At 5 PM - last day for County Central Committee chairpersons to submit names of poll workers to county clerks (not election commissioners) for appointment. If chairperson does not submit names, the county clerk shall appoint the judges and clerks of elections. §32-230	February 1
13-Feb	Deadline for Secretary of State to determine if sufficient signatures were submitted to form a new party. §32-717	Within 20 business days after political party petitions are filed
17-Feb	At 5 PM - last day for incumbents (any current office holder) to file for office on the primary election ballot. §32-606	February 15
	At 5 PM - last day for registered voters of the same political party to file an affidavit/petition to draft an incumbent partisan candidate. §32-611	Filed in the same manner and with the same filing officer as provided for candidate filing forms
23-Feb	At 5 PM - last day for a drafted incumbent partisan candidate to submit a filing form. §32-611	Within 5 days from the date of the filing of the affidavit

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24-Feb	At 5 PM - deadline to file an objection to an incumbent candidate filing. §32-624	Within 7 days after the incumbent filing deadline
March		
1 Mar - 30 Jun	Blackout period for special elections. §32-405	March, April, May, June (2025 Update - LB521)
2-Mar	At 5 PM - last day for non-incumbents (new filers) to file for office for the primary election. §32-606	March 1
	Last day for a candidate, for the primary election, for an elective office specified in §49-1493, to file a statement of financial interests with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission for the preceding calendar year. §49-1494	March 1
	At 5 PM - last day for a candidate, whose filing deadlines are February 17 or March 2, to withdraw his or her name and decline to be a candidate. §32-622	March 1
	At 5 PM - last day for a political subdivision to certify a special issue for inclusion on the primary election ballot or to withdraw a previously certified issue from being included on the primary election ballot. §32-559	March 1
	At 5 PM - last day for registered voters of the same political party to file an affidavit/petition to draft a non-incumbent partisan candidate. §32-611	Filed in the same manner and with the same filing officer as provided for candidate filing forms
3-Mar	At 5 PM - last day to file a notarized affidavit and filing fee to pursue a write-in campaign for a county office in the primary election that would have otherwise auto-advanced to the general election. §32-615	March 3
6-Mar	At 5 PM - last day for drafted non-incumbent candidate per §32-611 to decline the nomination by affidavit/petition. §32-622	March 6
9-Mar	Last day to notify candidates with identical first and last names who filed for the same office that their names will be differentiated on the ballot. §32-622.02	Within 5 days after the non-incumbent filing deadline (2025 Update - LB521)
	A candidate, for the primary election, for an elective office specified in §49-1493, who fails to file a statement of financial interests with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission on or before this date shall not appear on the primary election ballot. §49-1494	Within 5 days after the deadline
	At 5 PM - last day for a drafted non-incumbent partisan candidate to submit a filing form. §32-611	Within 5 days from the date of the filing of the affidavit
	At 5 PM - deadline to file an objection to a non-incumbent candidate filing. §32-624	Within 7 days after the non-incumbent filing deadline
12-Mar	At 5 PM - last day for political party to submit a letter and copy of adopted rule to Secretary of State regarding non-affiliated voters voting in the primary election for candidates of that party. §32-912	At least 60 days before the primary election
	Last day to issue and mail special absentee ballots to those registered voters with applications on file specifically requesting a "special absentee ballot." §32-939.02	At least 60 days prior to an election
20-Mar	Last day for Secretary of State to certify candidates, offices and issues to be placed on the statewide ballot. §32-801	At least 50 days before any statewide primary election
27-Mar	Deadline to have early voting ballots ready and sent to UOCAVA voters with requests on file. §32-939.02	At least 45 days prior to any election
30-Mar	Deadline for publishing and posting the Notice of Election as well as providing a copy of the notice to the political subdivisions appearing on the notice. §32-802	No later than 42 days prior to the election

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30-Mar	Deadline for county clerks and election commissioners using secure drop-boxes to inform the Secretary of State of each secure drop-box's location. §32-950.01	No later than 42 days prior to any statewide primary election
April		
3-Apr	Deadline for county clerks and election commissioners using secure drop-boxes to open each drop-box, which shall remain accessible to voters until the deadline for receipt of ballots. §32-950.01	6th Friday prior to any statewide primary election
6-Apr	At 5 PM - deadline for political subdivisions to notify county clerk or election commissioner of corrections to the ballot. §32-802	Within 5 days after mailing the notice
	Deadline to have early voting ballots ready for delivery by mail, and publication of application required after ballots are available. This requirement does not pertain to elections held entirely by mail. §32-808	At least 35 days prior to each statewide primary election
7-Apr	First day to distribute sample ballots to county, city or village not to exceed 10% of their votes cast in the previous election, if publications do not reach the voters generally. §32-804	Not more than 35 days before the election
	At 5 PM - last day ballots may be required to be corrected except as otherwise ordered by the court. §32-819(3)	35th day prior to the election
10-Apr	Last day for election commissioners to appoint judges, clerks and inspectors, if needed. §32-221	At least 30 days prior to the statewide primary election
11-Apr	Last day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper for elections done entirely by mail. §32-803	Not less than 30 days before the election
12-Apr	First day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper, except for elections done entirely by mail. §32-803	Not more than 30 days before the day of election (2025 Update - LB521)
12 Apr - 1 May	First day a satellite registration office may be open for at least 1 day in each incorporated city or village. §32-303 <i>Note: Publish registration sites per Secretary of State.</i>	Within the 30 days prior to the statewide primary election
13-Apr	First day for early voting - in person - at the county clerk or election commissioner office. Deadline to have early voting ballots ready to be voted in office. §32-942	Not more than 30 days prior to the day of election
16-Apr	Deadline for county clerks and election commissioners using vote counting machines to submit a written plan to the Secretary of State outlining procedures that will be followed before, during, and after election day. §32-1049	No later than 25 days before the election (2025 Update - LB521)
Beginning Week of 20-Apr	Publication by the Secretary of State required once each week for three weeks before election for constitutional amendments proposed by the Legislature to be placed on the primary election ballot, if applicable. §49-202	3 weeks before the election
	<i>Note: Election officials are required to include any constitutional amendments on the ballot in their sample primary election ballot publication.</i>	
23-Apr	Last day for county clerks to notify election workers of appointments and fill vacancies of judges and clerks of election, district inspectors and canvassing board members. §32-235, §32-239	At least 15 days prior to any election
	Last day for election commissioners to notify by mail judges, clerks, inspectors, counting board and canvassing board members of appointment and training. §32-228	At least 15 days prior to the required reporting date for each statewide primary election
24-Apr	First day county clerks and election commissioners may extend their office hours for purpose of voter registration. §32-302	Any of the 7 days immediately preceding the deadline for registration

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27-Apr	Postmark deadline for mailed-in voter registrations. §32-321	3rd Friday before the next election
	At 6 PM - last day for deputy registrars to register voters for an upcoming election. §32-306	6 p.m. on the 3rd Friday preceding any election
	Prior to midnight, last day voter registrations can be completed online for the person to be registered to vote for the upcoming election. §32-304	Prior to midnight on the 3rd Friday before the election
	At close of business, last day voter registrations can be completed at DMV for the person to be registered to vote in an upcoming election. §32-308	3rd Friday preceding any election
	At close of business, last day voter registrations can be completed at or returned to the Departments of Education and Health and Human Services for the person to be registered to vote in an upcoming election. §32-310	3rd Friday preceding any election
	Last day for voter registration form to be <u>delivered</u> to the election office by someone other than the person registering to vote, for the person to be registered to vote in an upcoming election. §32-321, §32-325	3rd Friday preceding an election
	Last day to mail an early voting ballot with a mail-in registration application form to a person who has requested an early voting ballot but is not registered to vote. §32-941, §32-945	3rd Friday preceding the election
28-Apr	Last day to accept a mail-in voter registration with an illegible postmark. §32-321	2nd Tuesday before the next election
May		
1-May	Deadline to post one set of sample ballots in the office of the county clerk or commissioner. §32-805	Not later than 10 days prior to the election
	At 5 PM - last day for write-in candidate to file notarized affidavit and filing fee with the filing officer or to withdraw a previously filed write-in affidavit. §32-615	No later than the 2nd Friday prior to the election (2025 Update - LB521)
	At 6 PM - last day for in-person voter registration. §32-302	Ending at 6 p.m. on the 2nd Friday preceding any election
	At 6 PM - last day to receive an application for early voting ballots to be mailed out to a specific address. §32-941	Close of business on the 2nd Friday preceding the election
	At 6 PM - last day to submit a request for a replacement ballot to be mailed. §32-949.01	Received by 6 p.m. on the 2nd Friday preceding the election
	At 6 PM - last day for a voter with a religious objection to being photographed to notify the county clerk or election commissioner to add a notation to the poll book indicating such religious objection. §32-912.01	Not later than 6 p.m. on the 2nd Friday preceding the election
	First day the Early Voting Counting Board can convene to check envelopes with signatures and prepare ballots for counting. §32-1027	Not earlier than the 2nd Friday before the election
6-May	Last day for acknowledgments to be sent to persons registered by deputy registrars. §32-306	At least 5 days prior to the next election
	Deadline for any political party in Nebraska, a candidate for election in Nebraska not affiliated with a political party, an organization of persons interested in a question on the ballot, or a nonpartisan organization interested in Nebraska's elections and the elective process intending to appoint poll watchers to provide written notification of the list of appointed poll watchers and a list of precincts that the poll watchers intend to observe to the county clerk or election commissioner where the poll watchers will be active. §32-961	Close of business on the Wednesday prior to election day

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6-May	Deadline for any national or international election monitoring organization intending to appoint poll watchers to provide written notification of the list of appointed poll watchers and a list of the counties and precincts to be observed to the Secretary of State. §32-961	Close of business on the Wednesday prior to election day
8-May	Last day to distribute sample ballots to county, city or village not to exceed 10% of their votes cast in the previous election, if publications do not reach the voters generally. §32-804	Not less than 3 days before the election
9-May	Last day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper, except for elections done entirely by mail. §32-803	Not less than 2 days before the day of election
11-May	Last day for early voting - in person - at the county clerk or election commissioner office. §32-942	
	At noon - registration deadline for former federal employees. §32-940	The day before the election
	First day the Early Voting Counting Board may convene to begin counting early voting ballots. §32-1027(6)	No earlier than 24 hours prior to the opening of the polls
12-May	Statewide Primary Election Day. §32-401	1st Tuesday after the 2nd Monday in May in even-numbered years
	8 AM CT (7 AM MT) - Polls open. §32-908	8 a.m. Central Time; 7 a.m. Mountain Time
	At noon - deadline for a registered voter serving as an emergency response provider outside of the voter's county to request a ballot. §32-939.03	Not later than noon on election day
	1 PM - Deadline to post notice in a conspicuous place in the county election office of the day and hour the county canvassing board will convene. The board can convene no earlier than 24 hours after the notice is posted. §32-1031	Prior to 1 PM on election day
	7 PM CT (6 PM MT) - Deadline for agent to pick up early voting ballot. §32-943	Before 1 hour prior to the closing of the polls
	7 PM CT (6 PM MT) - Deadline for a person who becomes a naturalized citizen after the close of voter registration to register to vote and subsequently vote. §32-942.01	Before 1 hour prior to the closing of the polls
	8 PM CT (7 PM MT) - Deadline for return of voter registration form with an early voting ballot. §32-941	Not later than the closing of the polls
	8 PM CT (7 PM MT) - Deadline for obtaining a replacement ballot in person. §32-949.01, §32-908	8 p.m. Central Time; 7 p.m. Mountain Time
	8 PM CT (7 PM MT) - Deadline for return of early voting ballot - in person, agent, or secure ballot drop-box. §32-950, §32-943, §32-950.01, §32-908	Not later than the hour established for the closing of the polls
	8 PM CT (7 PM MT) - Deadline for an early voting ballot returned by mail to be in the possession of the county clerk or election commissioner. §32-950, §32-908	Not later than the hour established for the closing of the polls
	8 PM CT (7 PM MT) - Polls close. §32-908	8 p.m. Central Time; 7 p.m. Mountain Time
	8 PM CT (7 PM MT) - The first time any returns or partial returns may be released. §32-1009	May be released after the polls close
	Upon the completion of early voting ballot counting and verification for provisional ballot counting, and no earlier than 24 hours after the county canvassing board meeting notice is posted, the canvassing board may convene. §32-1031, §32-1002	No earlier than 24 hours after the notice is posted

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13 May - 3 Nov	No changes shall be made to precinct boundaries or polling places without approval from the Secretary of State. §32-903, §32-904	Shall not be changed between the statewide primary and general elections
5 days after the canvassing board or Board of State Canvassers concludes	At 5 PM - deadline for losing candidate to request a recount. §32-1121	Not later than the 5th day after the county canvassing board or Board of State Canvassers concludes
19-May	Deadline to present valid photographic identification to the election commissioner or county clerk by a voter without a reasonable impediment who failed to present valid photographic identification at the time of voting. §32-1002.01	On or before the Tuesday after the election
21-May	Deadline for verification and notification to the state system of ballot status for provisional ballots and provisional voter identification verification ballots. §32-1002, §32-1002.01	Within 7 business days after the election
June		
1-Jun	Abstract of votes due in the office of the Secretary of State. §32-1035	3rd Monday after the day of election
20 days after votes officially canvassed	Last day a notice can be filed with a person whose election is being contested. §32-1109	Within 20 days after the votes have been officially canvassed
2-Jun	At 5 PM - last day a political subdivision may request the adjustment of election district boundaries for offices not in the primary election. §32-552	At least 5 months prior to an election
8-Jun	Board of State Canvassers meets to certify the election results. §32-1037	4th Monday after each statewide primary election
10-Jun	At 9 AM - the time to conduct recounts for candidates who filed with the Secretary of State. §32-1119	5th Wednesday after the election
11-Jun	Primary Election Voter History must be completed. §32-330	30 days after the election
	Last day the copy of a petition may be served on the person whose election is being contested when contesting the election of Constitutional Officers, and members of the Public Service Commission, Board of Regents and State Board of Education. §32-1102	At least 10 days before 40 days after the election
	Last day the copy of a petition may be served on the Secretary of State contesting the election of constitutional amendment or statutes by initiative or referendum. §32-1108	At least 10 days before 40 days after the election
15-Jun	At 5 PM - deadline for governing boards of reclamation districts, county weed districts, villages, counties under township organization, public power districts grossing annual revenues of less than 40 million dollars, and educational service units to certify to the Secretary of State, county clerks or election commissioners of the offices to be filled, terms, vacancies, filing deadlines, votes to cast, and number elected for each office. §32-404, §32-601	June 15
22-Jun	Last day for petition to be filed in Lancaster County District Court contesting the election of Constitutional Officers, and members of the Public Service Commission, Board of Regents and State Board of Education. §32-1102	Within 40 days after the election
	Last day for petition to be filed in Lancaster County District Court contesting the election of constitutional amendment or statutes by initiative or referendum. §32-1108	Within 40 days after such election
	Last day to deliver certificates of nomination or certificates of election. §32-1033	6th Monday after the election

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29-Jun	Last day for election official to publish notice received from the June 15 certifications received from political subdivisions pertaining to offices to be filled, terms, vacancies, filing deadlines, votes to cast, and number elected. §32-601	At least 15 days prior to the filing deadline for incumbents
July		
2-Jul	At 5 PM - deadline for filing initiative petitions. §32-1407	At least 4 months prior to the general election
	Last day for the Executive Board of the Legislative Council to submit a statement in clear, concise language explaining the effect of a vote for and a vote against proposed constitutional amendments, if applicable. §49-202.01	At least 4 months prior to the general election
6-Jul	First day to accept early voting ballot request for the general election. §32-941	Not more than 120 days before any election
8 weeks after canvass of votes	Precinct results for US Senate, US House of Representatives, Legislature, Public Service Commission, and Constitutional Officers due in the office of the Secretary of State. §32-1036	Within 8 weeks after the canvass of votes
15-Jul	At 5 PM - last day for incumbents (any current office holder) not on the primary election ballot to file. §32-606 <i>Candidates for public power district board of directors (grossing less than 40 million dollars); reclamation district board of directors; educational service unit board; county weed district board; township officers; and village board of trustees.</i>	July 15
	Last day for an incumbent candidate, for the general election, for an elective office specified in §49-1493, to file a statement of financial interests with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission for the preceding calendar year. §49-1494	On or before the filing deadline for elective office
	At 5 PM - last day for a new political party to submit petitions with the Secretary of State to qualify for the upcoming general election. §32-716	July 15
20-Jul	An incumbent candidate, for the general election, for an elective office specified in §49-1493, who fails to file a statement of financial interests with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission on or before this date shall not appear on the general election ballot. §49-1494	Within 5 days after the deadline
22-Jul	At 5 PM - last day for an objection to an incumbent candidate filing. §32-624	Within 7 days after the incumbent filing deadline
August		
1 Aug - 31 Dec	Blackout period for special elections, except to fill a vacancy in the US House of Representatives, exceed an applicable allowable growth percentage , or exceed a property tax levy limit in the months of August or September . §32-405	August , September, October, November, December (2025 Update - LB521)
3-Aug	At 5 PM - Last day for non-incumbents (new filers) not on the primary election ballot to file. §32-606 <i>Candidates for public power district board of directors (grossing less than 40 million dollars); reclamation district board of directors; educational service unit board; county weed district board; township officers; and village board of trustees.</i>	August 1
	At 5 PM - last day for filing for partisan office by petition. §32-617	August 1 (2025 Update - LB521)
	Note: Filing officer has 3 days after petition has been verified to notify candidate. Candidate has 5 days after receiving notification to file acceptance of nomination. §32-617(2)	

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	Filing deadline for judicial officeholders to place their name on the general election ballot for retention. §24-814	August 1
	At 5 PM - last day for a candidate, whose filing deadlines are July 15 or August 3, to withdraw his or her name and decline to be a candidate. §32-622	August 1
	At 5 PM - last day for a candidate nominated at the primary election, or nominated by a political party convention or committee, to decline the nomination. §32-623	August 1
10-Aug	Last day to notify candidates with identical first and last names who filed for the same office that their names will be differentiated on the ballot. §32-622.02	Within 5 days after the non-incumbent filing deadline (2025 Update - LB521)
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12-Aug	Deadline for Secretary of State to determine if sufficient signatures were submitted to form a new party. §32-717	Within 20 business days after political party petitions are filed
24-Aug	At 5 PM - last day for submission of petitions to change cities, villages, counties, or school districts from district elections to at large; or from at large to district elections. §32-554	Not less than 70 days prior to the date of the general election
September		
1-Sep	Last day for each political party to hold a state convention. §32-710	September 1
	At 5 PM - last day for a political subdivision to certify a special issue for inclusion on the general election ballot or to withdraw a previously certified issue from being included on the general election ballot. §32-559	September 1
	At 5 PM - deadline for candidate of a new political party to file for general election ballot status and file a petition of nomination to be on the general election ballot. §32-621	September 1
	At 5 PM - last day to file a petition for nomination to fill a vacancy for a nonpartisan office. §32-625	September 1
	At 5 PM - last day for filing for nonpartisan office by petition. §32-617	September 1 (2025 Update - LB521)
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	Last day to mail an early voting ballot with a mail-in registration application form to a person who has requested an early voting ballot but is not registered to vote. §32-941, §32-945	3rd Friday preceding the election
20-Oct	Last day to accept a mail-in voter registration with an illegible postmark. §32-321	2nd Tuesday before the next election
23-Oct	At 6 PM - last day to submit a request for a replacement ballot to be mailed. §32-949.01	Close of business on the 2nd Friday preceding the election
	Deadline to post one set of sample ballots in the office of the county clerk or commissioner. §32-805	Not later than 10 days prior to the election
	At 5 PM - last day for write-in candidate to file notarized affidavit and filing fee with the filing officer or to withdraw a previously filed write-in affidavit. §32-615	No later than the 2nd Friday prior to the election (2025 Update - LB521)
	At 6 PM - last day for in-person voter registration. §32-302	Ending at 6 p.m. on the 2nd Friday preceding any election
	At 6 PM - last day to receive an application for early voting ballots to be mailed out to a specific address. §32-941	Close of business on the 2nd Friday preceding the election
	At 6 PM - last day for a voter with a religious objection to being photographed to notify the county clerk or election commissioner to add a notation to the poll book indicating such religious objection. §32-912.01	Not later than 6 p.m. on the 2nd Friday preceding the election
	First day the Early Voting Counting Board can convene to check envelopes with signatures and prepare ballots for counting. §32-1027	Not earlier than the 2nd Friday before the election
28-Oct	Last day for acknowledgments to be sent to persons registered by deputy registrars. §32-306	At least 5 days prior to the next election

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28-Oct	Deadline for any political party in Nebraska, a candidate for election in Nebraska not affiliated with a political party, an organization of persons interested in a question on the ballot, or a nonpartisan organization interested in Nebraska's elections and the elective process intending to appoint poll watchers to provide written notification of the list of appointed poll watchers and a list of precincts that the poll watchers intend to observe to the county clerk or election commissioner where the poll watchers will be active. §32-961	Close of business on the Wednesday prior to election day
	Deadline for any national or international election monitoring organization intending to appoint poll watchers to provide written notification of the list of appointed poll watchers and a list of the counties and precincts to be observed to the Secretary of State. §32-961	Close of business on the Wednesday prior to election day
30-Oct	Last day to distribute sample ballots to county, city or village not to exceed 10% of their votes cast in the previous election, if publications do not reach the voters generally. §32-804	Not less than 3 days before the election
31-Oct	Last day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper, except for elections done entirely by mail. §32-803	Not less than 2 days before the day of election
November		
2-Nov	Last day for early voting - in person - at the county clerk or election commissioner office. §32-942	
	At noon - registration deadline for former federal employees. §32-940	The day before the election
	First day the Early Voting Counting Board may convene to begin counting early voting ballots. §32-1027(6)	No earlier than 24 hours prior to the opening of the polls
3-Nov	Statewide General Election Day. §32-403	1st Tuesday following the 1st Monday in November in each even-numbered year
	8 AM CT (7 AM MT) - Polls open. §32-908	8 a.m. Central Time; 7 a.m. Mountain Time
	At noon - deadline for a registered voter serving as an emergency response provider outside of the voter's county to request a ballot. §32-939.03	Not later than noon on election day
	1 PM - Deadline to post notice in a conspicuous place in the county election office of the day and hour the county canvassing board will convene. The board can convene no earlier than 24 hours after the notice is posted. §32-1031	Prior to 1 PM on election day
	7 PM CT (6 PM MT) - Deadline for agent to pick up early voting ballot. §32-943	Before 1 hour prior to the closing of the polls
	7 PM CT (6 PM MT) - Deadline for a person who becomes a naturalized citizen after the close of voter registration to register to vote and subsequently vote. §32-942.01	Before 1 hour prior to the closing of the polls
	8 PM CT (7 PM MT) - Deadline for return of voter registration form with an early voting ballot. §32-941	Not later than the closing of the polls
	8 PM CT (7 PM MT) - Deadline for obtaining a replacement ballot in person. §32-949.01, §32-908	By 8 p.m. Central Time; 7 p.m. Mountain Time
	8 PM CT (7 PM MT) - Deadline for return of early voting ballot - in person, agent, or secure ballot drop-box. §32-950, §32-943, §32-950.01, §32-908	Not later than the hour established for the closing of the polls
	8 PM CT (7 PM MT) - Deadline for an early voting ballot returned by mail to be in the possession of the county clerk or election commissioner. §32-950, §32-908	Not later than the hour established for the closing of the polls

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	8 PM CT (7 PM MT) - The first time any returns or partial returns may be released. §32-1009	May be released after the polls close
	Upon the completion of early voting ballot counting and verification for provisional ballot counting, and no earlier than 24 hours after the county canvassing board meeting notice is posted, the canvassing board may convene. §32-1031, §32-1002	No earlier than 24 hours after the notice is posted
5 days after the canvassing board or Board of State Canvassers concludes	At 5 PM - deadline for losing candidate to request a recount. §32-1121	Not later than the 5th day after the county canvassing board or Board of State Canvassers concludes
10-Nov	Deadline to present valid photographic identification to the election commissioner or county clerk by a voter without a reasonable impediment who failed to present valid photographic identification at the time of voting. §32-1002.01	On or before the Tuesday after the election
13-Nov	Deadline for verification and notification to the state system of ballot status for provisional ballots and provisional voter identification verification ballots. §32-1002, §32-1002.01	Within 7 business days after the election
23-Nov	Abstract of votes due in the office of the Secretary of State. §32-1035	3rd Monday after the day of election
20 days after votes officially canvassed	Last day a notice can be filed with a person whose election is being contested. §32-1109	Within 20 days after the votes have been officially canvassed
30-Nov	Board of State Canvassers meets to certify the election results. §32-1037	4th Monday after each statewide general election
December		
2-Dec	At 9 AM - the time to conduct recounts for candidates who filed with the Secretary of State. §32-1119	5th Wednesday after the election
3-Dec	General Election Voter History must be completed. §32-330	30 days after the election
	Last day the copy of a petition may be served on the person whose election is being contested when contesting the election of Constitutional Officers, and members of the Public Service Commission, Board of Regents and State Board of Education. §32-1102	At least 10 days before 40 days after the election
	Last day the copy of a petition may be served on the Secretary of State contesting the election of constitutional amendment or statutes by initiative or referendum. §32-1108	At least 10 days before 40 days after the election
14-Dec	Last day for petition to be filed in Lancaster County District Court contesting the election of Constitutional Officers, and members of the Public Service Commission, Board of Regents and State Board of Education. §32-1102	Within 40 days after the election
	Last day for petition to be filed in Lancaster County District Court contesting the election of constitutional amendment or statutes by initiative or referendum. §32-1108	Within 40 days after such election
	Last day to deliver certificates of nomination or certificates of election. §32-1033	6th Monday after the election
8 weeks after canvass of votes	Precinct results for US Senate, US House of Representatives, Legislature, Public Service Commission, and Constitutional Officers due in the office of the Secretary of State. §32-1036	Within 8 weeks after the canvass of votes