

Official Election Calendar

State of Nebraska

Primary Election May 13th, 2008		General Election November 4th, 2008
Dates		Statutory language
December		
1-Dec-07	Last day for clerks and commissioners to notify subdivisions of filing deadlines for statewide primary. (32-404)	December 1
7-Dec	Last day to change party affiliation to meet member of party requirement on candidate filings. (32-612)	First Friday in December
12-Dec	Last day a political subdivision may request the adjustment of election district boundaries (32-552)	At least 5 months prior to the election
16-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 non-partisan (32-557)	Not less than 60 days prior to the filing deadline
January		
1-Jan-08	1st day of an election year a person may simultaneously register to vote and make application for early voting ballots through the use of the FPCA or personal letter (32-939)	January 1
7-Jan	Last day for political subdivisions to notify the Secretary of State, clerks or commissioners of office to be filled, terms, vacancies, votes to cast, and filing deadlines for each office. (32-404 and 32-601) Note: Clerks and commissioners are required to publish this information <u>at least</u> 15 days prior to the filing deadline.	January 5
13-Jan	First day to accept early voting ballot request for the primary election (32-941)	120 days prior to Primary
30-Jan	Last day for publication notice to publish information, from the Jan 5th notice to subdivisions, on offices to be filled, terms, vacancies, votes to cast, and filing deadlines. (32-601)	15 days prior to the filing deadline
February		
1-Feb	Last day for political party to file a petition with the Secretary of State to qualify for the upcoming primary election (32-716)	February 1
	Last day for political parties to fix precinct representation to county conventions, if notice is not received, the default number is two per precinct. (32-708)	February 1
	Last day for County Central Committee chairpersons to submit names of poll workers to 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
11-Feb	Deadline for Secretary of State to determine if sufficient signatures are on the petition for a new party. (32-717)	10 days after the 'petition for new party' filing deadline
15-Feb	Last day for incumbents (any current office holder) to file for office on the primary ballot. (32-606)	February 15
15-Feb	Last day for political party to file an affidavit/petition to draft an incumbent partisan candidate. (32-611)	February 15
16-Feb	Last day for publication notice to publish information from the Jan 5th notice of the March 3rd filing deadline, if not included in the January 30th notice. (32-601)	15 days prior to the filing deadline for non-incumbents
20-Feb	Last day for drafted incumbent partisan candidate to submit a filing form (32-611)	5 days after the Incumbent filing deadline
22-Feb	Last day for an objection to an incumbent candidate filing. (32-624) Objections must be made within 7 days of the filing deadline.	7 days after the Incumbent filing deadline
March		
3-Mar	Last day for non-incumbents (new filers) to file for office on primary. (32-606)	March 1
	Last day to withdraw a filing for office (32-622)	March 1
	Last day for a subdivision to certify a special issue for inclusion on the primary ballot. (32-559)	March 1

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3-Mar	Last day for political party to file an affidavit/petition to draft a non-incumbent partisan candidate. (32-611)	March 1	
6-Mar	Last day for drafted candidate to decline the nomination by affidavit/petition (32-622)	March 6	
7-Mar	Last day for a drafted non-incumbent partisan candidate to submit a filing form (32-611)	5 days after non-incumbent filing deadline	
10-Mar	Deadline to file objection to a non-incumbent candidate filing (32-624)	7 days after non-incumbent filing deadline	
13-Mar	Last day for political party to submit a letter to Secretary of State regarding non-affiliated voters voting in the primary election (32-912)	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" (32-808) Note: Federal & state law require 60 days	60 days before the election	
21-Mar	Last day for Secretary of State to certify candidates, offices and issues to be placed on the statewide ballot. (32-801)	50 days before the election	
28-Mar	Deadline to have Early Voting ballots ready and sent to UOCAVA voters with requests on file. (32-808 32-939)	45 days before the election	
April			
Apr 1 thru Jun 30	Blackout period for special elections. (32-405)	April, May, June	
2-Apr	Deadline for publishing and posting the Notice of Election (32-802)	40 days before the election	
	Deadline for sending the Notice of Election to the affected political subdivisions (32-802)	40 days before the election	
7-Apr	Deadline to have Early Voting ballots ready to be voted in office. Publication of application required after ballots are available (32-808)	35 days before the election	
	Last day to make the voter registration lists available to the state and county parties. List is available upon request and free of charge (32-330)	35 days before the election	
	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 entities. (32-804)	35 days before the election	
	The last day a judge may require by court order the ballots be corrected. (32-819)	35 days before the election	
12-Apr	Last day for Election Commissioners to appoint judges, clerks and inspectors, if needed. (32-221)	30 days before the statewide primary	
Apr 12 thru May 2	First day a satellite registration office may be open for at least 1 day in each incorporated city of village. Note: Publication of the registration sites is required. (32-303 and 32-304)	30 days before the election	
17-Apr	Deadline for clerks and commissioners using vote counting machines to submit a written plan to the Secretary of State outlining procedures that will be followed on election day. (32-1049)	25 days prior	
Week of Apr 22	Publication of proposed constitutional amendments to be placed on the primary ballot by the Secretary of State required for three weeks before election, if applicable (49-202)	Three weeks before the election	
25-Apr	Postmark deadline for mailed in registrations (32-321)	3rd Friday preceding the election	
	At 6 p.m., last day for deputy registrars to register voters for an upcoming election. (32-306)	3rd Friday preceding the election	
	At close of business, last day voter registrations can be completed at DMV or County Treasurers for the person to be registered to vote in an upcoming election. (32-308)	3rd Friday preceding the election	
	At close of business, last day voter registrations can be completed at or returned to State Agencies or Departments for the person to be registered to vote in an upcoming election. (32-310)	3rd Friday preceding the election	

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25-Apr	Last day for voter registration form to be <u>delivered</u> to the election office by someone other than the person registering, for the person to be registered to vote in an upcoming election. (32-325, 32-321)	3rd Friday preceding the election	
	Last day to mail an Early Voting ballot with a mail-in registration application form to a person not registered to vote. (32-945)	3rd Friday preceding the election	
	1st day Clerks and Election Commissioners may extend their office hours for purpose of voter registration (32-302)	Seven days preceding voter registration deadline	
27-Apr	Last day to notify election workers of appointments and fill vacancies of judges and clerks of election, district inspections and canvas board members to be filled by the County Clerk (32-235, 32-239)	15 days before the election	
	Last day for Election Commissioners to notify by mail judges, clerks, inspectors, counting board and canvassing board of appointment and training (32-228)	15 days before the election	
	First day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper. (32-803)	15 days before the election	
29-Apr	Last day to accept a mail-in registration with an illegible postmark. (32-321)	2nd Tuesday before the election	
May			
2-May	Last day for write-in candidate to file notarized affidavit and filing fee with the filing officer. (32-615)	No later than 10 days prior to the election	
	Deadline to post the sample ballots in the office of the clerk or commissioner. (32-805)	Not later than 10 days prior the election	
	At 6 p.m. last day for in person voter registration. (32-302)	2nd Friday preceding the election	
5-May	First day the Early Voting Counting Board can convene to check envelopes with signatures and prepare ballots for counting. (32-1027)	Monday before the Election	
6-May	Last day for the party to notify the clerk or election commissioner of the date, time, and location of the post primary convention. (32-707)	No later than 1st Tuesday in May	
	Note: If caucus system is used, notification by the party to the clerk or commissioner must take place at least 10 days prior to the caucus date. (32-709)		
7-May	At 4 p.m. is the last day to receive an application for Early Voting ballots to be mailed out to a specific address. (32-941)	Wednesday before the Election	
	Last day for acknowledgments to be sent to persons registered by deputy registrar. (32-306)	5 days prior to Election	
9-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 entities. (32-804)	3 days before the Election	
10-May	Last day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper (32-803)	2 days before the Election	
12-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)	1 day before the Election	
	Post Notice of date, time and place Canvass Board will meet - (at least 2 days prior to the time they will convene per Secretary of State directive)		
	The Early Voting Counting Board may convene no earlier than to count early voting ballots. (32-1027)	Day before Election Day	
13-May	Statewide Primary Election Day (32-401)	1st Tuesday after the 2nd Monday in May	
	Polls open (32-908) 8 a.m. CDT 7 a.m. MDT	8:00 AM CDT (7:00 AM MDT) Election Day	
	7 p.m. CDT 6 p.m. MDT Deadline for agent to pickup Early Voting ballot (32-943)	7:00 PM CDT (6:00 PM MDT) Election Day	

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13-May	No later than the closing of the polls - deadline for return of voter registration form with an early voting ballot - in person (32-941)	8:00 PM CDT (7:00 PM MDT) Election Day
	No later than the closing of the polls - deadline for return of early voting ballot - in person (32-950)	8:00 PM CDT (7:00 PM MDT) Election Day
	At the time of the closing of the polls is the first any returns or partial returns may be released. (32-1009)	8:00 PM CDT (7:00 PM MDT) Election Day
	At the time of the closing of the polls is the deadline for an early voting ballot received by mail to be in the possession of the clerk or commissioner (32-950)	8:00 PM CDT (7:00 PM MDT) Election Day
May 13 thru Nov 4	No changes shall be made to precinct boundaries or polling places without approval from the Secretary of State. (32-904)	Primary through the General Election
	Upon the completion of Early Voting ballot counting and verification for provisional ballot counting, the Canvassing Board may convene. (32-1031 and 32-1002)	
15-May	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 non-partisan (32-557)	Not less than 60 days prior to the filing deadline
20-May	Deadline for verification and notification to the state system of provisional ballots status (32-1002)	7 days after the Primary
10 days after convening of Canvas Board	Deadline for losing candidate to request a recount. (32-1121)	10 days after the Canvassing Board convenes
10 days after canvass of the votes	Deadline for filing fee to be paid, if needed, by an undeclared write-in candidate who has been nominated. (32-608)	10 days after canvass of the votes
June		
1-Jun	1st day County post-primary convention may be held. Meet any time during first 10 days in June. (32-707)	1st ten days in June
2-Jun	Abstract of votes due in the office of the Secretary of State (32-1035)	3rd Monday after the Election
20 days after canvass of the votes	Last day a notice can be filed with a person whose election is being contested. (32-1109)	20 days after canvass of the votes
4-Jun	Last day a political subdivision may request the adjustment of election district boundaries for offices not in primary (32-552)	5 months prior to the General Election
9-Jun	Board of State Canvassers meets to certify the election results. (32-1037)	4th Monday after the Primary
	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, Public Service Commission, Board of Regents and State Board of Education (32-1102)	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)	10 days before 40 days after the Election
11-Jun	The prescribed day to conduct recounts for candidates who filed with the Secretary of State at 9:00 A.M. (32-1119)	5th Wednesday after the Primary
20-Jun	Last day for petition to be filed in Lancaster County district court contesting the election of Constitutional Officers, Public Service Commission, Board of Regents and State Board of Education (32-1102)	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)	40 days after the Election
22-Jun	Last day to deliver certificates of nomination or certificates of election (32-1033)	40 days after the Election
29-Jun	Last day to publish notice of July 15th and August 1st filing deadlines, if not contained in January notice (32-601)	15 days prior to July filing deadline for incumbents

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July		
1-Jul	Deadline for governing boards of reclamation districts, counties under township organization, public power districts grossing annual revenues of less than 40 million	No later than July 1
8 weeks after the canvass of votes	Precinct results for US Congress, Legislature, Public Service Commissioners due in the office of the Secretary of State. (32-1036)	8 weeks after the canvass of votes
4-Jul	Deadline for filing statewide initiative and referendum petitions (32-1407)	4 months prior to the General Election
6-Jul	First day to accept Early Voting ballot request for the general election (32-941)	120 days prior to General
12-Jul	Date to have Primary Election Voter History completed by. (32-330)	60 days after the Election
15-Jul	Last day for incumbents (any current office holder) not on the Primary Ballot to file. (32-606) Public Power Districts (grossing less than 40 million) Board Members; Reclamation Districts; Education Service Unit Board Members; County Weed Boards; Township Officers; Village Board of Trustees; and Class II Schools.	July 15th
22-Jul	Last day for an objection to an incumbent candidate filing. (32-624) Objections must be made within 7 days of the filing deadline.	7 days after the Incumbent filing deadline
August		
1-Aug	Last day for new political party to submit petitions with the Secretary of State to qualify for the General Election. (32-716)	August 1st
	Last day for non-incumbents (new filers) to file for office. (32-606) Public Power Districts (grossing less than 40 million) Board Members; Reclamation Districts; Education Service Unit Board Members; County Weed Boards; Township Officers; Village Board of Trustees; and Class II Schools.	August 1st
	Filing deadline for judicial office holders to place their name on the General Election ballot for retention (24-814)	August 1st
	Last day for a candidate to withdraw their name and decline to be a candidate for those whose filing deadlines are July 15th and August 1st. (32-622)	August 1st
8-Aug	Deadline to file objection to a non-incumbent candidate filing (32-624)	7 days after non-incumbent filing deadline
11-Aug	Deadline for Secretary of State to determine if sufficient signatures were turned in for a new party (32-717)	Within 10 days after political party petitions are submitted.
25-Aug	Last day for submission of petitions to change political subdivision from district elections to at large; or from at large to district elections. (32-554)	70 days prior to General
September		
2-Sep	Last day for filing for office by petition. (32-617)	September 1
	Last day for political subdivision to submit a special issue for the general ballot. (32-559)	September 1
	Deadline for candidate of a new political party to file for General Election ballot status to file petition of nomination to be on the General Election ballot (32-621)	September 1
	Note: Filing officer has 24 hours after petition has been filed to notify candidate. Candidate has 5 days to file acceptance of nomination (32-617 subsection 2)	
	Last day for a candidate nominated at the primary election to decline the nomination (32-623)	September 1
	Last day to file a petition to fill a vacancy for a non-partisan office (32-625)	September 1
	Last day to hold the state post-primary convention. (32-710)	September 1
	Last day to hold a congressional post-primary convention. (32-711)	September 1
4-Sep	Last day to issue and mail special absentee ballots to those registered voters with applications on file specifically requesting a "special absentee ballot" (32-808)	60 days before the election

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12-Sep	Last day for Secretary of State to certify candidates, offices and issues to be placed on the statewide ballot. (32-801)	50 days before the election
19-Sep	Deadline to have Early Voting ballots ready and sent to UOCAVA voters with requests on file. (32-808 32-939)	45 days before the election
24-Sep	Deadline for publishing and posting the Notice of Election (32-802)	40 days before the election
	Deadline for sending the Notice of Election to the affected political subdivisions (32-802)	40 days before the election
29-Sep	Deadline to have Early Voting ballots ready to be voted in office. Publication of application required after ballots are available (32-808)	35 days before the election
	Last day to make the voter registration lists available to the state and county parties. List is available upon request and free of charge (32-330)	35 days before the election
29-Sep	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 entities. (32-804)	35 days before the election
	New or Former Resident Presidential ballots available to <u>Former Residents</u> (§32-933)	35 days before the election
	The last day a judge may require by court order the ballots be corrected. (32-819)	35 days before the election
October		
Oct 1 thru Dec 31	Blackout period for special elections. (32-405)	Oct, Nov, Dec
4-Oct	Last day for Election Commissioners to appoint judges, clerks and inspectors, if needed. (32-221)	30 days before the statewide general
Oct 4 thru Oct 24	First day a satellite registration office may be open for at least 1 day in each incorporated city of village. Note: Publication of the registration sites is required. (32-303 and 32-304)	30 days before the election
9-Oct	Deadline for clerks and commissioners using vote counting machines to submit a written plan to the Secretary of State outlining procedures that will be followed on election day.	25 days prior
week of Oct 14th	Publication of proposed constitutional amendments to be placed on the general ballot by the Secretary of State required for three weeks before election, if applicable. (49-202)	Three weeks before the election
17-Oct	Postmark deadline for mailed in registrations (32-321)	3rd Friday preceding the election
	At 6 p.m., last day for deputy registrars to register voters for an upcoming election. (32-306)	3rd Friday preceding the election
	At close of business, last day voter registrations can be completed at DMV or County Treasurers for the person to be registered to vote in an upcoming election. (32-308)	3rd Friday preceding the election
	At close of business, last day voter registrations can be completed at or returned to State Agencies or Departments for the person to be registered to vote in an upcoming election. (32-310)	3rd Friday preceding the 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. (32-325, 32-321)	3rd Friday preceding the election
	Last day to mail an early voting ballot with a mail-in registration application form to a person not registered to vote. (32-941 and 32-945)	3rd Friday preceding the election
	1st day Clerks and commissioners may extend <u>their</u> office hours for purpose of voter registration (32-302)	Seven days preceding voter registration deadline
19-Oct	Last day to notify election workers of appointments and fill vacancies of judges and clerks of election, district inspections and canvas board members to be filled by the County Clerk (32-235, 32-239)	15 days before the election
19-Oct	Last day for Election Commissioners to notify by mail judges, clerks, inspectors, counting board and canvassing board of appointment and training (32-228)	15 days before the election

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21-Oct	Last day to accept a mail-in registration with an illegible postmark. (32-321)	2nd Tuesday before the election
24-Oct	Last day for write-in candidate to file notarized affidavit and filing fee with the filing officer. (32-615) Deadline to post the sample ballots in the office of the clerk or commissioner.. (32-805)	No later than 10 days before the election Not later than 10 days before the election
	At 6 p.m. last day for in person voter registration. (32-302)	2nd Friday preceding the election
25-Oct	New of Former Resident Presidential ballots available to <u>New Residents</u> (§32-933)	After close of voter registration through close of polls Election Day
27-Oct	First day the Early Voting Counting Board can convene to check envelopes with signatures and prepare ballots for counting. (32-1027)	Monday before the Election
29-Oct	At 4 p.m. is the last day to receive an application for Early Voting ballots to be mailed out to a specific address. (32-941) Last day for acknowledgments to be sent to persons registered by deputy registrar. (32-306)	Wednesday before the Election 5 days prior to Election
31-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 entities. (32-804)	3 days before the Election
November		
1-Nov	Last day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper (32-803)	2 days before the Election
3-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) Post Notice of date, time and place Canvass Board will meet - (at least 2 days prior to the time they will convene per Secretary of State directive) The Early Voting Counting Board may convene no earlier than to count early voting ballots. (32-1027)	1 day before the Election Monday before Election Day
4-Nov	Statewide General Election Day - even numbered years- (32-403) Polls open (32-908) 8 a.m. CST 7 a.m. MST 7 p.m. CST 6 p.m. MST Deadline for agent to pickup Early Voting ballot (32-943) No later than the closing of the polls - deadline for return of voter registration form with an early voting ballot - in person (32-941) No later than the closing of the polls - deadline for return of early voting ballot - in person (32-950) At the time of the closing of the polls is the first any returns or partial returns may be released. (32-1009) At the time of the closing of the polls is the deadline for an early voting ballot received by mail to be in the possession of the clerk or commissioner (32-950) Upon the completion of early voting ballot counting and verification for provisional ballot counting, the Canvassing Board may convene. (32-1031 and 32-1002)	1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November 8:00 AM CST (7:00 AM MST) Election Day 7:00 PM CST (6:00 PM MST) Election Day 8:00 PM CST (7:00 PM MST) Election Day 8:00 PM CST (7:00 PM MST) Election Day 8:00 PM CST (7:00 PM MST) Election Day 8:00 PM CST (7:00 PM MST) Election Day
11-Nov	Deadline for verification and notification to the state system of provisional ballots status (32-1002) 10 days after convening of Canvas Board Deadline for losing candidate to request a recount. (32-1121)	7 days after the General 10 days after the Canvass Board convenes

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24-Nov	Abstract of votes due in the office of the Secretary of State (32-1035)	3rd Monday after the Election
20 days after canvass of the votes	Last day a notice can be filed with a person whose election is being contested. (32-1109)	20 days after canvass of the votes
December		
1-Dec	Board of State Canvassers meets to certify the election results. (32-1037)	4th Monday after the General
	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, Public Service Commission, Board of Regents and State Board of Education (32-1102)	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)	10 days before 40 days after the election
3-Dec	The prescribed day to conduct recounts for candidates who filed with the Secretary of State at 9:00 A.M. (32-1119)	5th Wednesday after the General
12-Dec	Last day for petition to be filed in Lancaster County district court contesting the election of Constitutional Officers, Public Service Commission, Board of Regents and State Board of Education (32-1102)	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)	40 days after the Election
14-Dec	Last day to deliver certificates of nomination or certificates of election (32-1033)	40 days after the Election
8 weeks after canvass of votes	Precinct results for Senator, US Congress, Legislature, Public Service Commissioners due in the office of the Secretary of State. (32-1036)	8 weeks after canvass of votes
1-Jan-09	Date to have General Election Voter History completed by. (32-330)	60 days after the Election