

2025 MINNESOTA CITIES WITH PRIMARY ELECTIONS CALENDAR

NOTES ON THE CALENDAR

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Geographic Definitions

- Metro Towns (M.S. 200.02, subd. 24): Towns located in Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington, and Wright Counties.
- Metropolitan area (M.S. 473.121, subd. 2): The area over which the Metropolitan Council has jurisdiction, including only the counties of Anoka; Carver; Dakota excluding the cities of Northfield and Cannon Falls; Hennepin excluding the cities of Hanover and Rockford; Ramsey; Scott excluding the city of New Prague; and Washington.

Calculation of Dates

Dates on the 2025 Minnesota Election Calendars are calculated in the following manner, pursuant to M.S. 331A.08, subds. 1-2; 645.13-.15; and .151: When counting the number of days before an election or other event, the day before the event is the first day counted. When counting the number of days after an election or other event, the day after the event is the first day counted. When the last day falls on a weekend or legal holiday, that day is usually omitted from the computation.

Note: When Minnesota Election Law requires that a jurisdiction's administrative action be taken on or before a date that falls on a weekend, this calendar usually uses the previous Friday date to ensure timely action.

Relevant law on the calculation of dates

- 645.13 Time; publication for successive weeks.
When the term "successive weeks" is used in any law providing for the publishing of notices, the word "weeks" shall be construed as calendar weeks. The publication upon any day of such weeks shall be sufficient publication for that week, but at least five days shall elapse between each publication. At least the number of weeks specified in "successive weeks" shall elapse between the first publication and the day for the happening of the event for which the publication is made.

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- 645.15 Computation of time.
Where the performance or doing of any act, duty, matter, payment, or thing is ordered or directed, and the period of time or duration for the performance or doing thereof is prescribed and fixed by law, the time, except as otherwise provided in sections 645.13 and 645.14, shall be computed so as to exclude the first and include the last day of the prescribed or fixed period or duration of time. When the last day of the period falls on Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, that day shall be omitted from the computation.
- 645.151 Timely delivery or filing.
When an application, payment, return, claim, statement or other document is to be delivered to or filed with a department, agency or instrumentality of this state or of a political subdivision on or before a prescribed date and the prescribed date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, it is timely delivered or filed if it is delivered or filed on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.
- 331A.08 Computation of time.
Subd. 1. Time for publication. The time for publication of public notices shall be computed to exclude the first day of publication and include the day on which the act or event, of which notice is given, is to happen or which completes the full period required for publication.
Subd. 2. Time for act or proceeding. The time within which an act is to be done or proceeding had or taken, as prescribed by the rules of procedure, shall be computed by excluding the first day and including the last. If the last day is Sunday or a legal holiday the party shall have the next secular day in which to do the act or take the proceeding.

Special Elections Uniform Election Dates

- There are only 5 uniform election dates on which counties, cities, towns, and school districts may hold special elections. These dates fall within the months of February, April, May, August, and November. Towns with March general elections may hold special elections for vacancies or questions on the March election date as well.
- Timelines for items such as candidate filing notices, candidate filing periods, canvass board meetings and contest/recount periods have been excluded from the February, April, and May uniform election dates because there are too many variables (jurisdiction holding the special election, the type of special election, and if the election "standalone" or held "in conjunction" with another jurisdiction).
- Special election timelines included in this calendar are universal to all types of jurisdictions holding any type of special election.

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January 01, 2025 Wednesday	January 01, 2025 Wednesday	New Year's Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
January 01, 2025 Wednesday	December 31, 2025 Wednesday	Candidate or committee <i>Initial Campaign Financial Report</i> due with 14 days of raising or spending more than \$750 for a candidate or ballot question campaign <i>anytime</i> within the calendar year. M.S. 211A.02 identified financial reports are required to be submitted until the Final Report is filed for <i>that</i> candidate or ballot question campaign.	211A.02, subd. 1(a)	Cities with a Primary	Filing
January 01, 2025 Wednesday	December 31, 2025 Wednesday	Filing officers who receive financial reports as per M.S. 211A.02 must post them on their public websites (if one is maintained) within 30 days of receipt of report. Officer must provide link to that webpage to the Campaign Finance Board. Does not apply to cities or towns with fewer than 400 registered voters as of January 1 of the year of the election. Reports are kept on website for 4 years.	211A.02, subd. 6	Cities with a Primary	Filing
January 06, 2025 Monday	January 06, 2025 Monday	Terms begin for legislators, judges, county, soil and water conversation district, city, town, school district and hospital district officers elected at the November elections - 1st Monday in January of the year following their election.	103C.315, subd. 2; 123B.09, subd. 1; 204D.02, subd. 2; 367.03, subd. 4; 412.02, subd. 2; 447.32, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	After the Election

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January 06, 2025 Monday	March 07, 2025 Friday	Legislators, judges, county commissioners and local officials of cities in metro area with population over 50,000 elected at November General Election file statement of economic interest within 60 days of accepting employment (taking office).	10A.01, subds. 22 and 24; 10A.09, subd. 1(1)and(2); 473.121, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Filing
January 09, 2025 Thursday	January 09, 2025 Thursday	Annual List Maintenance (ALM). After the close of the calendar year, the OSS shall determine if any registrants have not voted during the preceding four years. Those records will be changed to the status of "inactive." OSS prepares a report to the county auditor containing the names of all registrants whose status was changed to "inactive."	201.171	Cities with a Primary	Voter Registration
January 10, 2025 Friday	January 10, 2025 Friday	Because of the Annual List Maintenance (ALM), if a jurisdiction has sent any Absentee Ballots for February special elections, March town elections, or the Presidential Nomination Primary (in presidential election years) to <i>registered</i> voters before this date, they should contact the county elections office and verify that those names are not on the <i>inactivation</i> list. If so, the county will need to re-activate the voter's record because they have applied for an Absentee Ballot (completed an election activity that includes signing a certification statement) before the ALM process and, therefore, their record should remain active.	201.171	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
January 20, 2025 Monday	January 20, 2025 Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday

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January 27, 2025 Monday	January 27, 2025 Monday	<i>Local Officials</i> (cities of over 50,000 in metro area) and <i>Public Officials</i> (all county commissioners) as per 10A.01, subds. 22 and 35(27) file an annual statement of economic interest - by the last Monday in January of each year that the individual remains in office.	10A.01, subds. 22, 24 and 35(27); 10A.09, subd. 6; 473.121, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Filing
January 31, 2025 Friday	January 31, 2025 Friday	Annual Campaign Finance Reports due if a final report has not been submitted —January 31 of each year.	211A.02, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Filing
February 14, 2025 Friday	February 14, 2025 Friday	Secretary of State shall prepare the master list for each county auditor - by February 15 of each year.	201.091, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Voter Registration
February 17, 2025 Monday	February 17, 2025 Monday	Presidents' Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
April 30, 2025 Wednesday	April 30, 2025 Wednesday	Last day for municipalities and/or counties to submit changes made to previously filed <i>electronic voting plans</i> and for counties to submit changes in previously filed <i>counting center plans</i> - prior to May 1 of general election year.	206.82, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Equipment
May 01, 2025 Thursday	May 01, 2025 Thursday	Last day for OSS to supply example primary and general ballot to county auditors (no later than May 1). County auditors shall distribute copies of the example ballot to municipal and school district clerks in municipalities and school districts holding elections that year. The official ballot must conform in all respects to the example ballot.	204D.09, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Ballots
May 01, 2025 Thursday	May 01, 2025 Thursday	Counties print registration counts by precinct and precinct SD split for ballot rotation programming - 8:00 a.m. on May 1 of the election year.	206.61, subd. 5; 8220.0825	Cities with a Primary	Voter Registration

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May 06, 2025 Tuesday	May 06, 2025 Tuesday	Jurisdiction with August uniform special election date primaries or elections designates Absentee Ballot polling locations in addition to jurisdiction's office. Provides notice to OSS. There is to be at least 1 electronic ballot marker in each Absentee Ballot polling place - at least 14 weeks before the election.	203B.081, subds. 6 and 8	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
May 06, 2025 Tuesday	May 06, 2025 Tuesday	Last day for cities and school districts with a primary to <i>publish</i> notice of filing - at least two weeks before filing opens.	205.13, subd. 2; 205A.06, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Notice
May 09, 2025 Friday	May 09, 2025 Friday	Last day for cities and school districts with primaries to <i>post</i> notice of filing - at least 10 days before filing.	205.13, subd. 2; 205A.06, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Notice
May 18, 2025 Sunday	May 18, 2025 Sunday	If a jurisdiction has chosen to have drop boxes for absentee voting for an August election date election, must provide to OSS a list of designated absentee ballot drop box locations - at least 40 days before the absentee voting period begins for regularly scheduled primary and general elections.	203B.082, subd. 3(a)	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
May 19, 2025 Monday	May 19, 2025 Monday	Last day for 2025 Legislature to meet in regular session - first Monday following the 3rd Saturday in May of any year.	Minn. Const. Article IV, Section 12	Legislature	Legislature
May 20, 2025 Tuesday	May 20, 2025 Tuesday	Last day to provide written notice of <i>August Election Date</i> special primary or special election to county (if notice is not provided earlier than this date). Last day to provide notice of special election <i>cancellation</i> . Last day for auditor to notify OSS of elections by either confirming the jurisdiction's profile reflects primary-possible or scheduling special election in SVRS – at least 84 days before election.	205.10, subd. 6; 205.16, subds. 4 and 5; 205A.05, subd. 3; 205A.07, subds. 3 and 3b; 447.32, subd. 3	Cities with a Primary	Notice

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May 20, 2025 Tuesday	June 03, 2025 Tuesday	Candidate filing period for jurisdictions with a primary (known as the early filing period) - opens 84 days before election and closes 70 days before election.	103C.305, subd. 2; 204B.09, subd. 1; 205.13, subd. 1a; 205A.06, subd. 1a	Cities with a Primary	Filing
May 20, 2025 Tuesday	June 03, 2025 Tuesday	The city clerk (primary possible) must notify the Campaign Finance Board of the name and date filed of an individual required to file a statement of economic interest - Upon receiving an affidavit of candidacy or petition to appear on the ballot. (city office of 7-county metro area with population over 50,000).	10A.01, subds. 22 and 24; 10A.09, subd. 2; 473.121, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Filing
May 20, 2025 Tuesday	June 17, 2025 Tuesday	An individual must file a statement of economic interest with the board (the Campaign Finance Board) after filing an affidavit of candidacy or petition to appear on the ballot for a 7-county metro area with population over 50,000 city office - within 14 days of filing.	10A.01, subds. 22 and 24; 10A.09, subd. 1(3); 473.121, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Filing
May 20, 2025 Tuesday	July 01, 2025 Tuesday	Time period to meet with local election officials (including SDs with odd-year general elections) to review election procedures (can be earlier than May but we encourage counties to wait until after the legislative session) - at least 18 weeks before the general election.	204B.28, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Election Day
May 20, 2025 Tuesday	November 18, 2025 Tuesday	Candidate or Committee <i>Initial Campaign Financial Report</i> due within 14 days of raising or spending more than \$750 anytime within the calendar year.	211A.02, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Filing

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May 20, 2025 Tuesday	December 04, 2025 Thursday	Filing officers who receive financial reports must post them on their public websites (if one is maintained) within 30 days of receipt of report. Provides link to webpage to the Campaign Finance Board. Does not apply to cities or towns with fewer than 400 registered voters as of January 1 of the year of the election. They are kept on website for 4 years.	211A.02, subd. 6	Cities with a Primary	Filing
May 23, 2025 Friday	May 23, 2025 Friday	If a Jurisdiction has chosen to have drop boxes for absentee voting for their August election date elections, the jurisdiction and OSS publishes locations on their websites - at least 35 days before the absentee voting period begins for regularly scheduled primary and general elections.	203B.082, subd. 3(a)	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
May 26, 2025 Monday	May 26, 2025 Monday	Memorial Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
June 03, 2025 Tuesday	June 03, 2025 Tuesday	Candidate filing period <i>ends</i> for cities <i>with</i> a primary and school districts <i>with</i> a primary (known as the early filing period). Municipal clerk office must be open 1-5 p.m. At all locations for candidate filings, a notary or a person authorized to take oaths must be present - closes 70 days before election.	103C.305, subd. 2; 204B.09, subd. 1; 205.13, subd. 1a; 205A.06, subd. 1a	Cities with a Primary	Filing
June 03, 2025 Tuesday	June 03, 2025 Tuesday	Last day to give notice of mail ballot procedures. Usual practice is to include instructions for primary and general elections; therefore, meeting both deadlines - 10 weeks before the August election date.	204B.45, subd. 2; 8210.3000, subp. 3	Cities with a Primary	Mail Elections

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June 05, 2025 Thursday	June 05, 2025 Thursday	Last day for (early filing) candidates to withdraw. Candidates may withdraw until 5:00 p.m. by filing an Affidavit of Withdrawal - within 2 days after filing closes.	205.13, subd. 6	Cities with a Primary	Filing
June 06, 2025 Friday	July 01, 2025 Tuesday	Ballot layout begins (or is finalized) for the August election date. The official charged with the prep and distribution of ballots shall prepare instructions to the printer for rotation of the names of candidates and for layout of the ballot. The instructions <i>shall be approved by the legal advisor</i> of the official before delivery of instructions (usually means proofs) to the printer.	204D.04, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Ballots
June 07, 2025 Saturday	June 07, 2025 Saturday	If a jurisdiction has chosen to have drop boxes for absentee voting for the August election date, they provide updated list (if any changes from original list) of drop box locations to OSS - at least 20 days before the absentee voting period begins for regularly scheduled primary and general elections.	203B.082, subd. 3(b)	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
June 12, 2025 Thursday	June 12, 2025 Thursday	If a jurisdiction has chosen to have drop boxes for absentee voting for the August election date and there have been changes from the original list, the jurisdiction and OSS publishes updated locations on their websites - at least 15 days before the absentee voting period begins for regularly scheduled primary and general elections.	203B.082, subd. 3(b)	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
June 13, 2025 Friday	June 13, 2025 Friday	Last day to post on OSS, county and municipal websites the location, days and times of absentee/early voting locations for the <i>August election date elections</i> . If municipality does not have a website, notice is published - at least 14 days before the first day of absentee voting.	203B.081, subd. 7	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot

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June 13, 2025 Friday	June 13, 2025 Friday	Last day for postsecondary institutions to submit to county a written agreement that they will certify for use accurate updated <i>residential housing lists</i> under M.S. 135A.17. Agreement is effective for <i>all</i> subsequent elections held in <i>that</i> calendar year - no later than 60 days prior to the <i>August Election Date</i> elections.	135A.17; 201.061, subd. 3a(b)	Cities with a Primary	Voter Registration
June 13, 2025 Friday	June 13, 2025 Friday	County auditors/municipal clerks shall prepare a <i>new</i> electronic voting system plan for precincts and counting centers and submit signed and notarized to OSS (those with new voting systems) - more than 60 days before the first election (August election date) at which the new electronic voting system is used.	206.82, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Equipment
June 13, 2025 Friday	June 13, 2025 Friday	Last day for municipalities to disseminate information to the public about the use of a <i>new</i> voting system (August election date) - at least 60 days prior to the first-use election.	206.58, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Equipment
June 19, 2025 Thursday	June 19, 2025 Thursday	Juneteenth Holiday: No public business shall be transacted except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
June 24, 2025 Tuesday	August 09, 2025 Saturday	Period of time to do public accuracy test of <i>August election date</i> voting equipment to include tabulator and/or assistive voting devices – at least 3 days before use. Publish notice at least two days <i>before</i> test.	206.83	Cities with a Primary	Equipment
June 26, 2025 Thursday	June 26, 2025 Thursday	Must appoint <i>August election date absentee, mail and/or UOCAVA</i> (county appoints UOCAVA) ballot board members by the time they are to examine the voted ballot <i>return</i> envelopes and mark them "accepted" or "rejected" - before voted ballots are returned.	203B.23, subd 1; 204B.45, subd. 2; 204B.46	Cities with a Primary	Absentee and Mail Ballot

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June 27, 2025 Friday	June 27, 2025 Friday	County auditor makes master list available for absentee voting - 46 days before August election date.	201.091, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Voter Registration
June 27, 2025 Friday	July 29, 2025 Tuesday	Period of time to mail ballots to registered voters in mail precincts for August election date elections (<i>initial mailing</i>) (<i>Note: no later than 14 days before the election, the auditor must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters who register to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election</i>). If the mail ballot envelope is rejected at least 5 days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must be considered spoiled and the auditor or clerk shall provide the voter with a replacement ballot - no earlier than 46 days prior to election and no later than 14 days prior to election.	204B.45, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Mail Elections
June 27, 2025 Friday	August 11, 2025 Monday	Voters on permanent absentee voting list are sent August election date ballots (applications no longer sent). Administrators continue to send ballots to voters who choose to be on list through absentee voting period. Not to be sent to voters in mail ballot precincts - During absentee voting period.	203B.04, subd. 5; 203B.06, subd. 3	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
June 27, 2025 Friday	August 11, 2025 Monday	Absentee Ballot voting for August election date elections. County auditor's office and municipal clerk's office conducting Absentee Ballot voting must be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Saturday and until 5 p.m. the Monday before state primary election - at least 46 days prior to the state primary election.	203B.05, subd. 1; 203B.085; 204B.35, subd. 4	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot

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June 27, 2025 Friday	August 12, 2025 Tuesday	The County Auditor must establish <i>UOCAVA Absentee Ballot board</i> for August election date elections to examine all returned UOCAVA ballot envelopes and accept or reject the UOCAVA ballots. If an envelope has been rejected at least 5 days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must be considered spoiled and the official in charge of the Absentee Ballot board must provide the voter with a replacement absentee ballot and return envelope - during the 45 days before the election the board must <i>immediately</i> examine the return envelopes.	203B.23	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
June 27, 2025 Friday	August 12, 2025 Tuesday	Jurisdictions with August election date elections establish Absentee Ballot boards. Returned absentee ballots are presented to the absentee ballot board within 5 days of receipt up until the 14th day before the election, then every 3 days. They will be marked either "accepted" or "rejected."	203B.08, subd. 3; 203B.121, subds. 1 and 2	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
June 27, 2025 Friday	August 12, 2025 Tuesday	An <i>agent</i> returning another's August election date Absentee Ballot must show ID with name and signature. Absentee Ballot administrator records agent's name/address, voter's name/address and has agent sign the log.	203B.08, subd. 1; 8210.2200, subp. 3	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
June 27, 2025 Friday	August 12, 2025 Tuesday	All August election date Absentee Ballot administrators date, stamp or initial and record Absentee Ballot return envelopes (mark as received in SVRS) and place in secure location for ballot board review.	203B.08, subd. 3; 8210.2300	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot

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June 28, 2025 Saturday	August 12, 2025 Tuesday	Municipality must not make a change to <i>number or name of a street address</i> of existing residence effective during the 45 days prior to any election which includes the affected residence (August election date elections).	201.11, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Voter Registration
July 01, 2025 Tuesday	July 01, 2025 Tuesday	Last day for county auditor to meet or otherwise communicate with local election officials having odd-numbered year general elections to review election procedures (can be earlier) - at least 18 weeks before the general election.	204B.28, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Election Day
July 01, 2025 Tuesday	August 11, 2025 Monday	Jurisdictions provide for instruction of voters with a demonstration voting system in a public place for the 6 weeks immediately prior to the first election at which the new voting system will be used (<i>August election date</i>).	206.58, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Equipment
July 04, 2025 Friday	July 04, 2025 Friday	Independence Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
July 08, 2025 Tuesday	July 08, 2025 Tuesday	Deadline for Charter Commissions to submit proposed charter amendments - at least 17 weeks before the general election.	410.12, subd. 1	Charter Commissions	Charter Elections
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July 08, 2025 Tuesday	August 11, 2025 Monday	Time period to deliver HCF Absentee Ballots as per M.S. 203B.11, subd. 1 to voters who maintain residence at either a health care facility, hospital, or veterans home. At the discretion of Absentee administrator, HCF Absentee Ballots may also be delivered to a shelter for battered women and/or to an assisted living facility. Read M.S. 203B.11 for details – 35 days preceding August election date elections (Health Care Facility Outreach).	203B.11, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
July 11, 2025 Friday	July 11, 2025 Friday	Last day to certify to OSS that the electronic rosters (e-pollbooks) being used at August election date elections <i>meet all of the requirements</i> of M.S. 201.225 - at least 30 days before <i>each</i> election.	201.225, subd. 6(b)	Cities with a Primary	Equipment
July 18, 2025 Friday	July 18, 2025 Friday	Last day to appoint election judges for August election date elections - 25 days before.	204B.21, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Election Judges
July 18, 2025 Friday	July 18, 2025 Friday	Last day to notify affected voters of an August election date election polling place change – at least 25 days before election.	204B.16, subd. 1a	Cities with a Primary	Polling Place
July 22, 2025 Tuesday	July 22, 2025 Tuesday	A change in the boundary of an election precinct that has occurred as a result of a municipal boundary adjustment made under chapter 414 that is effective more than 21 days before the August election date elections takes effect at that election - more than 21 days before.	204B.14, subd. 4a	Cities with a Primary	Boundaries
July 22, 2025 Tuesday	July 22, 2025 Tuesday	Last day to pre-register for <i>August election date</i> elections. Paper applications received in person or by mail have a 5:00 p.m. deadline. Online voter registrations received through OSS secure website have an 11:59 p.m. deadline – closes 21 days before election.	201.061, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Voter Registration

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July 23, 2025 Wednesday	July 23, 2025 Wednesday	Last day for operator of a residential facility to provide to the county auditor a certified list of employees eligible to vouch for residents of the facility - no less than 20 days before August election date.	201.061, subd. 3(4)(b)	Cities with a Primary	Voter Registration
July 23, 2025 Wednesday	July 23, 2025 Wednesday	Last day for appointed election judges to provide written notice to employers with certification (appointment, hourly wage, hours of work) to be absent from work for serving on election day – at least 20 days before August election date elections.	204B.195	Cities with a Primary	Election Judges
July 23, 2025 Wednesday	August 08, 2025 Friday	Counties produce polling place rosters for August election date election <i>after</i> completing all registration-related tasks. <i>VRAs received by OSS</i> by 5:00 p.m. on the 21st day before will be forwarded to appropriate counties as soon as possible. Also, all <i>on-line</i> voter registrations received up until 11:59 p.m. on the 21st day must be processed. Counties might not receive these queued records until a couple days later (security checks). If the OSS is printing rosters, there are deadlines for "locking" the rosters. In order to have 7 a.m. numbers automatically placed into ERS, rosters must be "locked" at least by the Friday before the election.	204B.28, subd. 2; 204C.10; 8200.9115	Cities with a Primary	Voter Registration
July 23, 2025 Wednesday	August 11, 2025 Monday	Counties continue to mail incomplete and deficient registration letters. Mail late registration letters to those who missed pre-registration deadline for August election date elections.	8200.2900; 8200.3100; 8200.3110	Cities with a Primary	Voter Registration

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July 24, 2025 Thursday	August 12, 2025 Tuesday	After close of business on the 19th day, <i>absentee and mail ballot</i> return envelopes marked "accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed, initialed and deposited in ballot box - Begins the 19th day before August election date elections.	203B.121, subds. 2(b)(6), 3(a) and 4; 204B.45, subd. 2; 204B.46; 8210.2450, subp. 6	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
July 29, 2025 Tuesday	July 29, 2025 Tuesday	Last day for cities and school districts with primaries to publish 1st of 2 <i>notices of primary election</i> (exception for cities of the 4th class - may dispense with published notice but then <i>must</i> post notice) - 2 weeks' published notice.	205.16, subd. 1; 205A.07, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Notice
July 29, 2025 Tuesday	July 29, 2025 Tuesday	If mail ballots <i>have not been sent yet</i> , last day to send mail ballots to those voters in a mail ballot precinct with an August election date election who are registered to vote - no later than 14 days before the election.	204B.45, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Mail Elections
July 29, 2025 Tuesday	July 29, 2025 Tuesday	Last day for cities with a primary election to <i>publish Notice to Voters pursuant to M.S. 204D.16(c)</i> (optional for 4th class cities). All cities with primary shall prepare a sample ballot and make available for public inspection in clerk's office - at least 2 weeks before primary.	204D.16(c); 205.16, subds. 2 and 3	Cities with a Primary	Notice
July 29, 2025 Tuesday	July 29, 2025 Tuesday	Last day for County Auditor to designate location for Absentee Ballot voting for <i>November election date elections</i> . Absentee voting locations must make available at least 1 electronic ballot marker in each Absentee Ballot polling place - at least 14 weeks before election.	203B.081, subd. 6	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot

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August 01, 2025 Friday	August 01, 2025 Friday	The OSS shall prepare and publish a volume containing all state general laws relating to elections. The AG shall provide annotations to the OSS for this volume. Odd-year volumes are printed and delivered to counties - on or before August 1 of every odd-numbered year.	204B.27, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Election Day
August 01, 2025 Friday	August 01, 2025 Friday	Last day for cities and school districts with primaries to <i>post</i> notice of primary election (<i>Required for school districts and 4th class cities who dispensed with published notice</i>) - 10 days before election.	205.16, subd. 1; 205A.07, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Notice
August 01, 2025 Friday	August 01, 2025 Friday	Last day for an election judge to submit written notice of serving voluntarily without pay at August election date election - no later than 10 days before an election.	204B.31, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Election Judges
August 01, 2025 Friday	August 01, 2025 Friday	If initial report has been filed, campaign finance reports due - 10 days before primary.	211A.02	Cities with a Primary	Filing
August 02, 2025 Saturday	August 02, 2025 Saturday	Last day for a <i>August election date</i> election judge to submit written notice to clerk of serving voluntarily without pay – no later than 10 days before the election.	204B.31, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Election Judges
August 05, 2025 Tuesday	August 05, 2025 Tuesday	Last day for cities and school districts with primaries to publish 2nd of 2 notices of primary election (exception for cities of the 4th class - may dispense with published notice but then must post notice) - 2 weeks' published notice.	205.16, subd. 1; 205A.07, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Notice

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August 05, 2025 Tuesday	August 12, 2025 Tuesday	Period of time for agent delivery of Absentee Ballots to a voter who would have difficulty getting to the polls because of incapacitating health reasons, or who is disabled, or who is a patient of a health care facility, a resident of a facility providing assisted living services, a participant in a residential program for adults or a resident of a shelter for battered women. The agent must have a preexisting relationship with the voter. Deadline is 8 p.m. election day - During the 7 days preceding an election.	203B.11, subd. 4	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
August 07, 2025 Thursday	August 12, 2025 Tuesday	If an Absentee or Mail Ballot envelope is rejected within 5 days of the election, the envelope must remain sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter by telephone or e-mail to notify the voter of the rejected ballot. The official MUST document the attempts made to contact the voter - within 5 days of the election.	203B.121, subd. 2(c)(3); 204B.45, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Absentee and Mail Ballot
August 08, 2025 Friday	August 08, 2025 Friday	Last day for Election Official to complete the preparation of the election materials for August election date elections. Last day for clerks to secure election materials from County Auditor - at least 4 days before the election date.	204B.28, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Election Day
August 09, 2025 Saturday	August 09, 2025 Saturday	Last day to do public accuracy test of <i>August election date</i> elections voting equipment of tabulator and/or assistive voting devices - at least 3 days before use. Publish <i>notice</i> at least 2 days before test.	206.83	Cities with a Primary	Equipment

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August 09, 2025 Saturday	August 09, 2025 Saturday	Absentee Ballot voting locations for the August election date elections must be open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots. School districts administering their own absentee voting for a standalone election are exempt - on the Saturday immediately preceding the election.	203B.085	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
August 10, 2025 Sunday	August 10, 2025 Sunday	If a jurisdiction has chosen to have drop boxes for absentee voting for their November General elections, must provide to OSS a list of designated absentee ballot drop box locations - at least 40 days before the absentee voting period begins for regularly scheduled primary and general elections.	203B.082, subd. 3(a)	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
August 11, 2025 Monday	August 11, 2025 Monday	Last day to apply for absentee ballots. See M.S. 203B.04, subd. 2 and 203B.11, subds. 3 and 4 for exceptions.	203B.04, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
August 11, 2025 Monday	August 11, 2025 Monday	August Election Date Absentee Ballot voting locations open until 5:00 p.m. on the day immediately preceding the election for acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots. School Districts administering their own AB for their standalone election are exempt.	203B.085	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
August 11, 2025 Monday	August 11, 2025 Monday	Last day for election judges to secure election supplies from clerk - by 9:00 p.m. the day preceding the election.	204B.29, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Election Judges
August 12, 2025 Tuesday	August 12, 2025 Tuesday	AUGUST ODD-NUMBERED YEAR ELECTION DAY: The second Tuesday in August. Minimum voting hours varied based on type of election being held this date.	204D.03, subd. 1; 205.065, subd. 1; 205A.03, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Election Day

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August 12, 2025 Tuesday	August 12, 2025 Tuesday	AUGUST ODD-NUMBERED YEAR ELECTION DAY: <i>Agent delivery</i> of absentee ballots <i>to</i> a voter who would have difficulty getting to the polls because of incapacitating health reasons, or who is disabled, or who is a patient of a health care facility, a resident of a facility providing assisted living services, a participant in a residential program for adults or a resident of a shelter for battered women. The agent must have a preexisting relationship with the voter. Deadline to return voted ballots is 8 p.m. on Election Day.	203B.11, subd. 4	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
August 12, 2025 Tuesday	August 12, 2025 Tuesday	AUGUST ODD-NUMBERED YEAR ELECTION DAY: Returned voted Absentee Ballots must arrive by 8:00 p.m. to be counted.	203B.08, subds. 1 and 3	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
August 12, 2025 Tuesday	August 12, 2025 Tuesday	AUGUST ODD-NUMBERED YEAR ELECTION DAY: Between 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. No special taxing district, governing body, school board, county board of commissioners, city council or town board shall conduct a meeting. Except for regularly scheduled classes, no Minnesota state college or university shall schedule an event. Except for regularly scheduled classes, a public elementary or secondary school may not schedule a school sponsored event - between 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on an election day.	204C.03	Cities with a Primary	Election Day

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August 12, 2025 Tuesday	August 12, 2025 Tuesday	Last day to provide written notice of <i>November Election Date</i> special primary or special election to county (if notice is not provided earlier than this date). Last day to provide notice of special election <i>cancellation</i> . Last day for auditor to notify OSS of elections by scheduling special election in SVRS – at least 84 days before election.	205.10, subd. 6; 205.16, subds. 4 and 5; 205A.05, subd. 3; 205A.07, subds. 3 and 3b; 447.32, subd. 3	Cities with a Primary	Notice
August 12, 2025 Tuesday	August 12, 2025 Tuesday	Last day for municipalities, school districts and hospital districts (in even-numbered years) to notify (or to cancel) the county of general elections to be held on the November election day. Last day for county auditor to notify OSS – at least 84 days before election.	205.16, subds. 4 and 5; 205A.07, subds. 3 and 3b; 447.32, subd. 3	Cities with a Primary	Notice
August 12, 2025 Tuesday	August 13, 2025 Wednesday	After polls close on Election Day, at least two members of the ballot board must count the Absentee Ballots. Totals for each candidate/question in each precinct. The count must be recorded on a summary statement. May have up to 24 hours--see M.S. 203B.121, subd. 5 for greater details.	203B.121, subd. 5	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
August 13, 2025 Wednesday	August 13, 2025 Wednesday	Election Judges must return election material to Clerk's office - within 24 hours after the end of hours for voting.	204C.27	Cities with a Primary	Election Judges
August 14, 2025 Thursday	August 14, 2025 Thursday	Last day to return rosters and completed voter registration applications to county auditor - within 48 hours after voting hours end.	204C.27	Cities with a Primary	After the Election

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August 14, 2025 Thursday	August 14, 2025 Thursday	Last day for "late filing" candidates to withdraw. Candidates may withdraw until 5:00 p.m. by filing an Affidavit of Withdrawal. Hospital district candidates in even-numbered years withdraw at the hospital district clerk's office - no later than 5:00 p.m. 2 days after filing closes.	205.13, subd. 6; 205A.06, subd. 5; 447.32, subd. 4	Cities with a Primary	Filing
August 14, 2025 Thursday	August 14, 2025 Thursday	After 5:00 p.m. cities without a primary, towns with November elections, school districts without a primary and hospital districts (in even-numbered years) send candidate names, addresses and phone numbers to ballot preparer. Prefer that .pdf copies of the affidavits are sent to auditor.	Administrative	Cities with a Primary	Filing
August 14, 2025 Thursday	August 14, 2025 Thursday	Ballot layout begins (or is finalized) for the November elections. The official charged with the preparation and distribution of general ballots shall prepare instructions to the printer for rotation of the names of candidates and for layout of the ballot. The instructions <i>shall be approved by the legal advisor</i> of the official before delivery of instructions (usually means proofs) to the printer.	204D.04, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Ballots
August 14, 2025 Thursday	August 15, 2025 Friday	City and school district canvass of local August election date PRIMARY results. Municipal may hold their canvass on the 2nd or 3rd day after primary. When SD primary is held in conjunction with the state primary, the canvass MUST be conducted on the third day after the primary. Unless the county auditor of <i>each county</i> (SDs only) agrees to a canvass on the 2nd day.	205.065, subd. 5; 205A.03, subd. 4(a)(2) and (b)	Cities with a Primary	After the Election

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August 14, 2025 Thursday	August 20, 2025 Wednesday	Time period for county, city and school district primary offices/questions to request a recount. During the time of contest. Request is filed with the clerk of the jurisdiction - <i>by 5:00 p.m.</i> within 5 days of canvass.	204C.36, subd. 1(d); 209.021, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	After the Election
August 15, 2025 Friday	August 15, 2025 Friday	If a Jurisdiction has chosen to have drop boxes for absentee voting for the November election date elections, the jurisdiction and OSS publishes locations on their websites - at least 35 days before the absentee voting period begins.	203B.082, subd. 3(a)	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
August 22, 2025 Friday	August 22, 2025 Friday	Ballot layout and programming continues and suggest verifying ballot information against each notice of election.	206.82, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Ballots
August 26, 2025 Tuesday	August 26, 2025 Tuesday	Last day to give notice of mail ballot procedures - 10 weeks before the November election date.	204B.45, subd. 2; 8210.3000, subp. 3	Cities with a Primary	Mail Elections
August 30, 2025 Saturday	August 30, 2025 Saturday	If a jurisdiction has chosen to have drop boxes for absentee voting for the November general elections, they provide updated list (if any changes from original list) of drop box locations to OSS - at least 20 days before the absentee voting period begins for regularly scheduled primary and general elections.	203B.082, subd. 3(b)	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
September 01, 2025 Monday	September 01, 2025 Monday	Labor Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday

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September 04, 2025 Thursday	September 04, 2025 Thursday	If a jurisdiction has chosen to have drop boxes for absentee voting for the November general elections and there have been changes from the original list, the jurisdiction and OSS publishes updated locations on their websites - at least 15 days before the absentee voting period begins for regularly scheduled primary and general elections.	203B.082, subd. 3(b)	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
September 04, 2025 Thursday	September 04, 2025 Thursday	County auditors/municipal clerks shall prepare a <i>new</i> electronic voting system plan for precincts and counting centers and submit signed and notarized to OSS (those with new voting systems) - more than 60 days before the first election at which the new electronic voting system is used.	206.82, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Equipment
September 05, 2025 Friday	September 05, 2025 Friday	Last day to post on OSS, county and municipal websites the location, days and times of absentee/early voting locations for the <i>November elections</i> . If municipality does not have a website, notice is published - at least 14 days before the first day of absentee voting.	203B.081, subd. 7	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
September 05, 2025 Friday	September 05, 2025 Friday	Last day for postsecondary institutions to submit to county a written agreement that they will certify for use accurate updated <i>residential housing lists</i> under M.S. 135A.17. Agreement is effective for <i>all</i> subsequent elections held in <i>that</i> calendar year - no later than 60 days prior to the November election date.	135A.17; 201.061, subd. 3a(b)	Cities with a Primary	Voter Registration
September 05, 2025 Friday	September 05, 2025 Friday	Last day for municipalities to disseminate information to the public about the use of a <i>new</i> voting system (November election date) - at least 60 days prior to the first-use election.	206.58, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Equipment

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September 16, 2025 Tuesday	November 01, 2025 Saturday	Period of time to do public accuracy test of <i>November elections</i> voting equipment to include tabulator and/or assistive voting devices – at least 3 days before use. Publish notice at least two days <i>before</i> test.	206.83	Cities with a Primary	Equipment
September 18, 2025 Thursday	September 18, 2025 Thursday	Must appoint <i>November elections absentee, mail and/or UOCAVA</i> (county appoints UOCAVA) ballot board members by the time they are to examine the voted ballot <i>return</i> envelopes and mark them "accepted" or "rejected" - before voted ballots are returned.	203B.23, subd 1; 204B.45, subd. 2; 204B.46	Cities with a Primary	Absentee and Mail Ballot
September 19, 2025 Friday	September 19, 2025 Friday	County auditor makes master list available for absentee voting - 46 days before election day.	201.091, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Voter Registration
September 19, 2025 Friday	October 21, 2025 Tuesday	Period of time to mail ballots to registered voters in mail precincts (<i>initial mailing</i>) (<i>Note: no later than 14 days before the election, the auditor must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters who register to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election</i>). If an envelope is rejected at least 5 days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must be considered spoiled and the auditor or clerk shall provide the voter with a replacement ballot - no earlier than 46 days prior to election and no later than 14 days prior to election.	204B.45, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Mail Elections

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September 19, 2025 Friday	November 03, 2025 Monday	Voters on permanent absentee voting list are sent November Election Date ballots (applications no longer sent). Administrators continue to send ballots to voters who choose to be on list through absentee voting period. Not to be sent to voters in mail ballot precincts (some exceptions apply) - During absentee voting period.	203B.04, subd. 5; 203B.06, subd. 3	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
September 19, 2025 Friday	November 03, 2025 Monday	Absentee voting for general elections. County auditor's office and municipal clerk's office conducting Absentee Ballot voting must be open for extra hours before a November election date election. See M.S. 203B.085, subd. 2 for listing of extra hours - at least 46 days prior to the general election.	203B.05, subd. 2; 203B.085; 204B.35, subd. 4	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
September 19, 2025 Friday	November 04, 2025 Tuesday	Jurisdictions with November election date elections establish ballot boards. Returned absentee ballots are presented to the absentee ballot board within 5 days of receipt up until the 14th day before the election, then every 3 days. They will be marked either "accepted" or "rejected."	203B.08, subd. 3; 203B.121, subds. 1 and 2	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
September 19, 2025 Friday	November 04, 2025 Tuesday	All Absentee Ballot administrators date, stamp or initial and record Absentee Ballot return envelopes (mark as received in SVRS) and place in secure location for ballot board review.	203B.08, subd. 3; 8210.2300	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
September 19, 2025 Friday	November 04, 2025 Tuesday	An <i>agent</i> returning another's November election Absentee Ballot must show ID with name and signature. Absentee Ballot administrator records agent's name/address, voter's name/address and has agent sign the log.	203B.08, subd. 1; 8210.2200, subp. 3	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot

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September 19, 2025 Friday	November 04, 2025 Tuesday	The County Auditor must establish UOCAVA absentee ballot board for the November elections to examine all returned UOCAVA absentee ballot envelopes and accept or reject the absentee ballots. If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must be considered spoiled and the official in charge of the absentee ballot board must provide the voter with a replacement absentee ballot and return envelope - during the 45 days before the election the board must immediately examine the return envelopes.	203B.23	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
September 20, 2025 Saturday	November 04, 2025 Tuesday	Municipality must not make a change to <i>number or name of a street address</i> of existing residence effective during the 45 days prior to any election which includes the affected residence (November Elections).	201.11, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Voter Registration
September 23, 2025 Tuesday	November 03, 2025 Monday	Must provide instruction for voters on a <i>new</i> voting system that will be used for the first time, including a demonstration voting system in a public place – for six weeks immediately prior to the first election (November Elections) at which the voting system will be used.	206.58, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Equipment

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September 30, 2025 Tuesday	November 03, 2025 Monday	Time period to deliver HCF Absentee Ballots as per M.S. 203B.11, subd. 1 to voters who maintain residence at either a health care facility, hospital, or veterans home. At the discretion of Absentee administrator, HCF Absentee Ballots may also be delivered to a shelter for battered women and/or to an assisted living facility. Read M.S. 203B.11 for details. – 35 days preceding November elections (Health Care Facility Outreach).	203B.11, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
October 03, 2025 Friday	October 03, 2025 Friday	Last day to certify to OSS that the electronic rosters (e-pollbooks) being used at <i>November elections meet all of the requirements</i> of M.S. 201.225 - at least 30 days before <i>each</i> election.	201.225, subd. 6(b)	Cities with a Primary	Equipment
October 10, 2025 Friday	October 10, 2025 Friday	Last day to appoint election judges for November Elections - at least 25 days before election.	204B.21, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Election Judges
October 10, 2025 Friday	October 10, 2025 Friday	Last day to notify affected voters of an <i>November Election</i> polling place change – at least 25 days before election.	204B.16, subd. 1a	Cities with a Primary	Polling Place
October 13, 2025 Monday	October 13, 2025 Monday	Indigenous Peoples Holiday: Political subdivisions have the option of determining whether this shall be a holiday on which no business shall be transacted. Where it is determined that it is not a holiday, public business may be conducted.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
October 13, 2025 Monday	October 13, 2025 Monday	A change in the boundary of an election precinct that has occurred as a result of a municipal boundary adjustment made under chapter 414 that is effective more than 21 days before the November elections takes effect at that election - more than 21 days before the election.	204B.14, subd. 4a	Cities with a Primary	Boundaries

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October 14, 2025 Tuesday	October 14, 2025 Tuesday	Last day to pre-register for November elections – in-person drop off closes at 5:00 p.m. Online registration closes at 11:59 p.m. 21 days before election.	201.061, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Voter Registration
October 15, 2025 Wednesday	October 15, 2025 Wednesday	Last day for the operator of a residential facility to provide a certified list of employees eligible to vouch for residents of the facility - no less than 20 days before the November elections.	201.061, subd. 3(4)(b)	Cities with a Primary	Voter Registration
October 15, 2025 Wednesday	October 15, 2025 Wednesday	Last day for appointed election judges to provide written notice to employers with certification (appointment, hourly wage, hours of work) to be absent from work for serving on election day – at least 20 days before November Elections.	204B.195	Cities with a Primary	Election Judges
October 15, 2025 Wednesday	October 25, 2025 Saturday	Time period to publish in at least one newspaper of general circulation the Notice to Voters pursuant to M.S. 204D.16(c) (school districts exempt) - No earlier than 20 days and no later than 10 days before the November elections.	204D.16(b) and (c)	Cities with a Primary	Notice
October 15, 2025 Wednesday	October 31, 2025 Friday	Counties produce polling place rosters for November elections <i>after</i> completing all registration-related tasks. <i>VRAs received by OSS</i> by 5:00 p.m. on the 21st day before will be forwarded to appropriate counties as soon as possible. Also, all <i>on-line</i> voter registrations received up until 11:59 p.m. on the 21st day must be processed. Counties might not receive these queued records until a couple days later (security checks). If the OSS is printing rosters, there are deadlines for "locking" the rosters. In order to have 7 a.m. numbers automatically placed into ERS, rosters must be "locked" at least by the Friday before the election.	204B.28, subd. 2; 204C.10; 8200.9115	Cities with a Primary	Voter Registration

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October 15, 2025 Wednesday	November 03, 2025 Monday	Counties continue to mail incomplete and deficient registration letters. Mail late registration letters to those who missed pre-registration deadline for November elections.	8200.2900; 8200.3100; 8200.3110	Cities with a Primary	Voter Registration
October 16, 2025 Thursday	October 16, 2025 Thursday	After close of business on the 19th day, November elections <i>absentee and mail ballot</i> return envelopes marked "accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed, initialed and deposited in ballot box - Begins the 19th day before election.	203B.121, subds. 2(b)(6), 3(a) and 4; 204B.45, subd. 2; 204B.46; 8210.2450, subp. 6	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
October 21, 2025 Tuesday	October 21, 2025 Tuesday	Last day for municipalities and school districts with November general elections to publish 1st of 2 notices of general election (exception for cities of the 4th class and non-metro towns - may dispense with published notice but then must post notice) - 2 weeks' published notice.	205.16, subd. 1; 205A.07, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Notice
October 21, 2025 Tuesday	October 21, 2025 Tuesday	If mail ballots <i>have not been sent yet</i> , last day to send November elections mail ballots to those voters in a mail ballot precinct who are registered to vote - no later than 14 days before the election.	204B.45, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Mail Elections
October 21, 2025 Tuesday	October 21, 2025 Tuesday	Last day for municipalities with a November general election to publish Notice to Voters pursuant to M.S. 204D.16(c) (optional for 4th class cities and non-metro counties). All municipalities with general shall prepare a sample ballot and make available for public inspection in clerk's office - at least 2 weeks before general.	205.16, subds. 2 and 3	Cities with a Primary	Notice

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October 24, 2025 Friday	October 24, 2025 Friday	Last day for municipalities and school districts with November general elections to <i>post</i> notice of general election (<i>Required for school districts, 4th class cities who dispensed with published notice, and non-metro towns that dispensed with publication</i>) - 10 days before election.	205.16, subd. 1; 205A.07, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Notice
October 24, 2025 Friday	October 24, 2025 Friday	Last day for an election judge to submit written notice of serving voluntarily without pay - no later than 10 days before the November elections.	204B.31, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Election Judges
October 24, 2025 Friday	October 24, 2025 Friday	Campaign finance reports due - 10 days before the general election.	211A.02	Cities with a Primary	Filing
October 28, 2025 Tuesday	October 28, 2025 Tuesday	Last day for municipalities and school districts with general elections to publish 2nd of 2 notices of general election (exception for cities of the 4th class and non-metro towns - may dispense with published notice but then must post notice) - 2 weeks' published notice.	205.16, subd. 1; 205A.07, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Notice
October 28, 2025 Tuesday	October 28, 2025 Tuesday	Final updated voter registration master list must be available – 7 days before election.	201.091, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Voter Registration
October 28, 2025 Tuesday	November 04, 2025 Tuesday	Period of time for <i>agent delivery</i> of absentee ballots to a voter who would have difficulty getting to the polls because of incapacitating health reasons, or who is disabled, or who is a patient of a health care facility, a resident of a facility providing assisted living services, a participant in a residential program for adults or a resident of a shelter for battered women. The agent must have a preexisting relationship with the voter. Deadline is 8 p.m. election day - During the 7 days preceding an election.	203B.11, subd. 4	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot

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October 30, 2025 Thursday	November 04, 2025 Tuesday	If an Absentee or Mail Ballot envelope is rejected within 5 days of the election, the envelope must remain sealed and the official in charge of the ballot board must attempt to contact the voter by telephone or e-mail to notify the voter of the rejected ballot. The official MUST document the attempts made to contact the voter - within 5 days of the election.	203B.121, subd. 2(c)(3); 204B.45, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Absentee and Mail Ballot
October 31, 2025 Friday	October 31, 2025 Friday	Last day for municipal or school district clerk to secure election materials from County Auditor - at least 4 days before November elections.	204B.28, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Election Day
November 01, 2025 Saturday	November 01, 2025 Saturday	Absentee Ballot voting locations for the November Elections must be open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots (if school district administers their own absentee voting then exempt from this requirement) - on Saturday before.	203B.085, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
November 01, 2025 Saturday	November 01, 2025 Saturday	Last day to do public accuracy test of <i>November Election Date</i> voting equipment of tabulator and/or assistive voting devices - at least 3 days before use. Publish <i>notice</i> at least 2 days before test.	206.83	Cities with a Primary	Equipment
November 03, 2025 Monday	November 03, 2025 Monday	Last day to apply for absentee ballots. Must be open until 5 p.m. See M.S. 203B.04, subd. 2 and 203B.11, subds. 3 and 4 for exceptions.	203B.04, subd. 1; 204B.085, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
November 03, 2025 Monday	November 03, 2025 Monday	Last day for election judges to secure election supplies from clerk - by 9 p.m. the day preceding the election.	204B.29, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Election Judges

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November 04, 2025 Tuesday	November 04, 2025 Tuesday	NOVEMBER ELECTION DAY: First Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Minimum voting hours vary.	103C.305, subd. 1; 204C.05; 204D.03, subd. 2; 205.07, subd. 1; 205A.04, subd. 1; 447.32, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Election Day
November 04, 2025 Tuesday	November 04, 2025 Tuesday	NOVEMBER ELECTION DAY: Voted Absentee Ballots can be returned by the voter or agent, in person, until 8:00 p.m. If delivered by mail or a package delivery service, ballot must arrive by 8:00 p.m.	203B.08, subds. 1 and 3	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
November 04, 2025 Tuesday	November 04, 2025 Tuesday	NOVEMBER ELECTION DAY: No state agency, board, commission, department, or committee shall conduct a public meeting <i>on the day</i> of a general election.1265:1271	203B.11, subd. 4	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
November 04, 2025 Tuesday	November 04, 2025 Tuesday	NOVEMBER ELECTION DAY: Between 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. No special taxing district, governing body, school board, county board of commissioners, city council or town board shall conduct a meeting if any election is held within boundaries. Except for regularly scheduled classes, no Minnesota state college or university shall schedule an event. Except for regularly scheduled classes, a public elementary or secondary school may not schedule a school sponsored event if a regularly scheduled election is held within boundaries - between 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on election day.	204C.03, subds. 1-3	Cities with a Primary	Election Day

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November 04, 2025 Tuesday	November 05, 2025 Wednesday	After polls close on Election Day, at least two members of the ballot board must count the Absentee Ballots. Totals for each candidate/question in each precinct. The count must be recorded on a summary statement. May have up to 24 hours--see M.S. 203B.121, subd. 5 for greater details.	203B.121, subd. 5	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
November 04, 2025 Tuesday	November 05, 2025 Wednesday	Election Judges must return election material to Clerk's office - within 24 hours after the end of hours for voting.	204C.27	Cities with a Primary	Election Judges
November 06, 2025 Thursday	November 06, 2025 Thursday	Last day to return rosters and voter registration applications to county auditor - within 48 hours after voting hours end.	204C.27	Cities with a Primary	After the Election
November 07, 2025 Friday	November 14, 2025 Friday	Time period for Cities and School Districts to canvass results of general election - between the 3rd and 10th day following general election.	205.185, subd. 3; 205A.10, subd. 3; 447.32, subd. 4	Cities with a Primary	After the Election
November 11, 2025 Tuesday	November 11, 2025 Tuesday	Veterans Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
November 11, 2025 Tuesday	November 11, 2025 Tuesday	Last day for candidate to file <i>Campaign Financial Report Certification of Filing</i> form - within 7 days of general election.	211A.05	Cities with a Primary	Filing
November 14, 2025 Friday	November 21, 2025 Friday	Last day to request a recount in writing for county, municipal, and school district. And for ballot questions - within 7 days of canvass.	204C.36; 209.021, subd. 1; 447.32, subd. 3	Cities with a Primary	After the Election

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November 15, 2025 Saturday	November 21, 2025 Friday	First day to issue certificate of election for municipal and school districts - after the time for contesting elections has passed. Clerk issues certificate if the candidate has filed Certificate of Filing form and if the losing candidate has not requested a recount and/or provided a notice of contest.	204C.36; 205.185, subd. 3; 205A.10, subd. 3; 209.021, subd. 1; 211A.05, subd. 1; 447.32, subd. 4	Cities with a Primary	After the Election
November 27, 2025 Thursday	November 27, 2025 Thursday	Thanksgiving Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
November 28, 2025 Friday	November 28, 2025 Friday	Day After Thanksgiving Holiday: Political subdivisions have the option of determining whether Friday after Thanksgiving day shall be a holiday. Where it is determined that day after Thanksgiving is not a holiday, public business may be conducted.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
December 04, 2025 Thursday	December 04, 2025 Thursday	Campaign financial reports due - 30 days after November general election.	211A.02, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Filing
December 15, 2025 Monday	December 15, 2025 Monday	Cities and towns that received Voting Operations, Technology, and Election Resources Account funds provide an explanation of use of funds for previous fiscal year to county - by December 15 of each year	5.305, subd. 6(b)	Cities with a Primary	Administrative
December 16, 2025 Tuesday	January 13, 2026 Tuesday	Time period for to send notice of absentee rejection if the voter has not otherwise voted in the November elections - 6 to 10 weeks after election.	203B.121, subd. 2(d)	Cities with a Primary	Absentee Ballot
December 25, 2025 Thursday	December 25, 2025 Thursday	Christmas Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday

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December 31, 2025 Wednesday	December 31, 2025 Wednesday	Counties need jurisdiction voter registration numbers for decision if city or town has fewer than 400 registered voters for exemption of webpage display of candidate M.S. 211A.02 required financial statements - As of January 1 of the year in which the election is to be held.	211A.02, subd. 6(c)	Cities with a Primary	Voter Registration
December 31, 2025 Wednesday	December 31, 2025 Wednesday	Last day for cities/towns and counties (unorganized territory) to change by ordinance or resolution a polling place for each election precinct for the following calendar year - by December 31 of each year.	204B.16, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Polling Place
December 31, 2025 Wednesday	December 31, 2025 Wednesday	Counties distribute Voting Operations, Technology, and Elections Resources Account funds to cities and towns unless another agreement has been made - by December 31 each year.	5.305, subd. 4(a)	Cities with a Primary	Administrative
January 01, 2026 Thursday	January 01, 2026 Thursday	New Year's Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
January 01, 2026 Thursday	December 31, 2026 Thursday	Candidate or committee <i>Initial Campaign Financial Report</i> due with 14 days of raising or spending more than \$750 for a candidate or ballot question campaign <i>anytime</i> within the calendar year. M.S. 211A.02 identified financial reports are required to be submitted until the Final Report is filed for <i>that</i> candidate or ballot question campaign.	211A.02, subd. 1(a)	Cities with a Primary	Filing

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January 01, 2026 Thursday	December 31, 2026 Thursday	Filing officers who receive financial reports as per M.S. 211A.02 must post them on their public websites (if one is maintained) within 30 days of receipt of report. Officer must provide link to that webpage to the Campaign Finance Board. Does not apply to cities or towns with fewer than 400 registered voters as of January 1 of the year of the election. Reports are kept on website for 4 years.	211A.02, subd. 6	Cities with a Primary	Filing
January 05, 2026 Monday	January 05, 2026 Monday	Terms begin for city, town, and school district officers elected at the November 2025 General Election - first Monday in January.	123B.09, subd. 1; 367.03, subd. 4; 412.02, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	After the Election
January 05, 2026 Monday	March 06, 2026 Friday	<i>Local officials</i> (city in metro area with population over 50,000) elected at November 2025 General Election file statement of economic interest within 60 days of accepting employment (taking office).	10A.01, subds. 22 and 24; 10A.09, subd. 1(1); 473.121, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Filing
January 14, 2026 Wednesday	January 14, 2026 Wednesday	Last day for the chair of the county or legislative district executive committee (political parties) to issue call for caucus and to provide the county auditor and municipal clerk with the place, date and time of the caucus - at least 20 days before the precinct caucus.	202A.14, subds. 2 and 3	Cities with a Primary	Caucus
January 19, 2026 Monday	January 19, 2026 Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
January 24, 2026 Saturday	January 24, 2026 Saturday	County auditor shall make caucus information available (OSS caucus finder) - at least 10 days before caucuses.	202A.14, subd. 3	Cities with a Primary	Caucus

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January 24, 2026 Saturday	January 24, 2026 Saturday	Last day for employee who is entitled to attend a major political party <i>precinct caucus</i> meetings to provide written notice to employer to be absent from work for the purpose of attending the caucus during the time for which the caucus is scheduled without penalty or deduction from salary or wages on account of the absence other than a deduction in salary for the time of absence from employment - at least 10 days' written notice.	202A.19, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Caucus
January 28, 2026 Wednesday	January 28, 2026 Wednesday	Last day for Political Party County or Legislative District Chair to provide published notice of the holding of precinct caucus stating the place, date and time - at least 6 days published notice.	202A.14, subd. 3	Cities with a Primary	Caucus
January 30, 2026 Friday	January 30, 2026 Friday	Annual campaign financial reports due - January 31st of each year.	211A.02, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Filing
February 03, 2026 Tuesday	February 03, 2026 Tuesday	PRECINCT CAUCUSES. This date is statutorily provided for precinct caucuses for the Major Political Parties - at 7:00 p.m. on a date chosen by the parties before March 1st of the previous odd-numbered year (major political parties control the proceedings of their caucus--all questions regarding process are directed to the parties themselves).	202A.14, subd. 1	Cities with a Primary	Caucus
February 03, 2026 Tuesday	February 03, 2026 Tuesday	PRECINCT CAUCUSES. No special taxing district governing body, school board, county board of commissioners, town board or city council may conduct a public meeting or elementary or secondary school sponsored events can happen after 6:00 p.m. - on the day of major political party precinct caucus meetings.	202A.19, subds. 1 and 5	Cities with a Primary	Caucus

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February 03, 2026 Tuesday	February 03, 2026 Tuesday	PRECINCT CAUCUSES: Every employee who is entitled to attend a major political party precinct caucus is entitled, after giving the employer at least 10 days' written notice, to be absent from work for the purpose of attending during the time the caucus is scheduled without penalty or deduction from salary or wages, other than a deduction in salary for the time of absence from employment.	202A.19, subd. 2	Cities with a Primary	Caucus
February 16, 2026 Monday	February 16, 2026 Monday	Presidents' Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday