

2026 MINNESOTA TOWNS WITH MARCH ELECTIONS CALENDAR

NOTES ON THE CALENDAR

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This calendar lists important election dates related to Minnesota Elections. Date entries include citations to Minnesota Statutes or Minnesota Rules. Minnesota Statutes and Rules are available online at the [Office of the Revisor of Statutes](https://www.revisor.mn.gov) webpage (https://www.revisor.mn.gov). In all matters, Minnesota Election Law is the final authority, not this calendar. Changes to Minnesota Election Law enacted by the Minnesota State Legislature in 2026 may alter dates or other information on this calendar. For the most current version of this document please check the [Secretary of State's Election Calendar](https://www.sos.mn.gov/election-administration-campaigns/election-administration/election-calendars/) webpage (https://www.sos.mn.gov/election-administration-campaigns/election-administration/election-calendars/).

This calendar is not intended to provide legal advice and should not be used as a substitute for legal guidance. Readers should consult with an attorney for advice concerning specific situations.

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 2026 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.

- 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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Begin Date	End Date	Description of Activity	Statute or Rule	Affected Group	Activity Type
Monday, December 1, 2025	Monday, December 1, 2025	Any precinct boundary change must be adopted no later than December 1 in the year prior to the year of the state general election.	204B.14, subd 4	Towns with March Elections	Boundaries
Tuesday, December 30, 2025	Tuesday, January 13, 2026	Time period for Town March Elections candidate filings. Filing offices <i>must</i> be open for filing from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the last day of filing. The official receiving the filing shall notify the official responsible for preparing the ballot of the names of the candidates placed on the ballot, any changes to candidates, or other information necessary to prepare the ballot. The notification must be made within one business day of receiving the filing or change or immediately following the close of the filing period, whichever is sooner, unless the clerk and official agree to an alternative notification timeline – 70 to 56 days before the election.	204B.09, subd. 2(b); 205.13, subd. 1a	Towns with March Elections	Filing
Wednesday, December 31, 2025	Wednesday, December 31, 2025	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)	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Thursday, January 1, 2026	Thursday, January 1, 2026	New Year's Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Thursday, January 1, 2026	Thursday, December 31, 2026	Candidate or committee <i>Initial Campaign Financial Report</i> due with 14 days of raising or spending more than \$750 for a <i>new</i> 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)	Towns with March Elections	Filing

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Thursday, January 1, 2026	Thursday, December 31, 2026	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	Towns with March Elections	Filing
Friday, January 2, 2026	Friday, January 2, 2026	If a town has chosen to have drop boxes for Absentee voting for the March Town elections, the town and OSS publishes locations on their websites - at least 35 days before the Absentee voting period begins (30 days for March Town elections) for regularly scheduled primary and general elections.	203B.082, subd. 3(a)	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Thursday, January 8, 2026	Thursday, January 8, 2026	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." The OSS prepares a report to the county auditor containing the names of all registrants whose status was changed to "inactive."	201.171	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Friday, January 9, 2026	Friday, January 9, 2026	Because of the Annual List Maintenance (ALM), if a jurisdiction has sent any Absentee Ballots for February special elections or March town elections 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	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot

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Friday, January 9, 2026	Friday, January 9, 2026	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>March Town</i> elections.	135A.17; 201.061, subd. 3a(b); 8200.5100, subp. 3	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Friday, January 9, 2026	Friday, January 9, 2026	OSS must send Example Ballot to March township clerks (usually sent in December) - 30 days before absentee ballots must be made available.	205.17, subd. 7	Towns with March Elections	Ballots
Friday, January 9, 2026	Friday, January 9, 2026	Last day for towns with March elections to disseminate information to the public about the use of a <i>new</i> voting system – at least 60 days prior to the election.	206.58, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Equipment
Tuesday, January 13, 2026	Tuesday, January 13, 2026	Candidate filing closes for March Town elections - 56 days before the election. The municipal clerk's office <i>must</i> be open for filing from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the filing period.	205.13, subd. 1a	Towns with March Elections	Filing
Wednesday, January 14, 2026	Wednesday, January 14, 2026	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	Towns with March Elections	Caucus
Thursday, January 15, 2026	Thursday, January 15, 2026	Candidates for March township election may withdraw until 5:00 p.m. – within two days after filing closes.	205.13, subd. 6	Towns with March Elections	Filing
Monday, January 19, 2026	Monday, January 19, 2026	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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Monday, January 19, 2026	Monday, January 19, 2026	If a town has chosen to have drop boxes for Absentee voting for the March Town 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 (30 days for March Town elections) for regularly scheduled primary and general elections.	203B.082, subd. 3(b)	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Thursday, January 22, 2026	Thursday, January 22, 2026	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 46 days before the March Township elections takes effect at that election - more than 46 days before the election.	204B.14, subd. 4a	Towns with March Elections	Boundaries
Thursday, January 22, 2026	Thursday, February 5, 2026	Must appoint <i>March Town election 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	Towns with March Elections	Absentee and Mail Ballot
Friday, January 23, 2026	Friday, January 23, 2026	Last day to post on county and town websites the location, days, and times of absentee/early voting locations for the <i>March Town</i> elections. If town does not have a website, notice is published - at least 14 days before the first day of absentee voting (begins 30 days before March Town elections).	203B.081, subd. 7	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, January 23, 2026	Friday, January 23, 2026	An updated master list for each precinct must be available for absentee voting 46 days before the election. Absentee voting for a town general election held in March may begin 30 days before that election - as opposed to 46 days for all other elections.	201.091, subd. 2; 204B.35, subd. 4	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration

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Friday, January 23, 2026	Tuesday, February 10, 2026	March Town mail ballot shall be mailed by nonforwardable mail to all registered voters in mail ballot precincts identified for local elections. If a mail ballot envelope is rejected at least 5 days before the election, the ballot in the envelope must be considered spoiled and the auditor or clerk shall provide the voter with a replacement ballot. Send Non-registered Mail Ballot notice to Challenged/See ID identified voters (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) - Not more than 46 days nor later than 28 days before any election [March Town elections' absentee ballots might not be available until 30 days before].	204B.45, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Mail Ballot
Friday, January 23, 2026	Monday, March 9, 2026	The county auditor is to transmit UOCAVA ballots for March town residents with UOCAVA applications on file for that calendar year. March town clerk to provide ballots to auditor's office - at least 46 days before the election.	203B.22	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, January 23, 2026	Tuesday, March 10, 2026	The County Auditor must establish UOCAVA absentee ballot board for March Township 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	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot

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Friday, January 23, 2026	Tuesday, March 10, 2026	An agent returning another's Absentee Ballot or Mail Ballot must show ID with name and signature. March Town election administrators record agent's name/address, voter's name/address, and has agent sign the log. An agent may deliver no more than three other voters' ballots in any election. Ballot packets returned by agents are to be reviewed for tampering.	203B.08, subd. 1; 8210.2200, subp. 3	Towns with March Elections	Absentee and Mail Ballot
Friday, January 23, 2026	Tuesday, March 10, 2026	All March Town election administrators date, stamp or initial and record returned voted ballot envelopes (if SVRS being used, mark as received in SVRS) and place in secure location for ballot board review.	203B.08, subd. 3; 8210.2300; 8210.2400	Towns with March Elections	Absentee and Mail Ballot
Friday, January 23, 2026	Wednesday, March 11, 2026	<i>March Town</i> Absentee and Mail ballot boards review voted returned ballot envelopes for "acceptance" or "rejection." Within 5 days after receipt for voted ballots returned from beginning of Absentee voting period through the 15th day before the election. Beginning the 14th day before the election, voted ballots must be reviewed within 3 days - beginning of Absentee voting period (at least 46 days before election) until no later than 24 hours after the end of voting.	203B.08, subd. 3; 203B.121, subd. 5(c); 204B.45, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Absentee and Mail Ballot
Saturday, January 24, 2026	Saturday, January 24, 2026	If a town has chosen to have drop boxes for Absentee voting for the March town 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 (March town elections have a 30 day absentee voting period).	203B.082, subd. 3(b)	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Saturday, January 24, 2026	Saturday, January 24, 2026	County auditor shall make caucus information available (OSS caucus finder) - at least 10 days before caucuses.	202A.14, subd. 3	Towns with March Elections	Caucus

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Saturday, January 24, 2026	Saturday, January 24, 2026	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	Towns with March Elections	Caucus
Saturday, January 24, 2026	Tuesday, March 10, 2026	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 (March Town Elections) which includes the affected residence.	201.11, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Tuesday, January 27, 2026	Monday, March 9, 2026	Provide for instruction of voters with a demonstration voting system in a public place for the six weeks immediately prior to the first election (March Town) at which the <i>new</i> voting system will be used.	206.58, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Equipment
Wednesday, January 28, 2026	Wednesday, January 28, 2026	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	Towns with March Elections	Caucus
Friday, January 30, 2026	Friday, January 30, 2026	Annual Campaign Finance Reports due if a final report has not been submitted —January 31 of each year.	211A.02, subd. 1(c)	Towns with March Elections	Filing
Tuesday, February 3, 2026	Tuesday, February 3, 2026	PRECINCT CAUCUSES: This date is statutorily provided for precinct caucuses for the Major Political Parties (2026 major parties are Democratic-Farmer-Labor and Republican) - at 7:00 p.m. on a date chosen by the parties before March 1 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	Towns with March Elections	Caucus

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Tuesday, February 3, 2026	Tuesday, February 3, 2026	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, 3, 5 and 6	Towns with March Elections	Caucus
Tuesday, February 3, 2026	Tuesday, February 3, 2026	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	Towns with March Elections	Caucus
Tuesday, February 3, 2026	Monday, March 9, 2026	Time period to deliver Health Care Facility 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, Health Care Facility 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 March Town elections (Health Care Facility Outreach).	203B.11, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Thursday, February 5, 2026	Thursday, February 5, 2026	Must appoint <i>March Town elections absentee ballot board members</i> by the time they are to examine the voted ballots <i>return</i> envelopes and mark them "accepted" or "rejected" - before voted absentee (30 days for March Town election) ballots are returned.	203B.121, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, February 6, 2026	Friday, February 6, 2026	Absentee Ballots ready for March Township Elections - at least 30 days before March township elections.	203B.121, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot

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Friday, February 6, 2026	Friday, February 6, 2026	Last day to certify to OSS that the electronic rosters (e-pollbooks) being used at <i>March Town</i> election meet all of the requirements of M.S. 201.225 - at least 30 days before each election.	201.225, subd. 6(b)	Towns with March Elections	Equipment
Friday, February 6, 2026	Friday, February 6, 2026	Last day to send <i>March Town</i> elections absentee ballots to voters on permanent absentee ballot list. Not to be sent to voters in mail ballot precincts. Obtain list from County - at least 30 days before March Town elections	203B.04, subd. 5; 203B.06, subd. 3; 8210.0200, subp. 4	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, February 6, 2026	Monday, March 9, 2026	Period of time for Absentee Voting for March Town elections. Towns required to have assistive voting device at the election day polling location must also have an assist voting device available during their Absentee Ballot voting period at the Absentee Ballot voting location - at least 30 days before election.	203B.081, subd. 2; 204B.35, subd. 4	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, February 6, 2026	Monday, March 9, 2026	Recording process for March town election absentee ballots received by hand delivery by an agent that includes the agent's name and address, the name and address of the absent voter whose ballot the agent is delivering, and agent's signature. Agent shall show identification which contains the agent's name and signature.	8210.2200, subp. 3	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Tuesday, February 10, 2026	Tuesday, February 10, 2026	Last day to send either the first or subsequent mail ballots to registered voters for the March Township Elections - no later than 28 days before the election.	204B.45, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Mail Elections
Friday, February 13, 2026	Friday, February 13, 2026	Last day to appoint election judges for March Township Elections – at least 25 days before election.	204B.21, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges
Friday, February 13, 2026	Friday, February 13, 2026	Last day to notify affected voters of a March town election polling place change – at least 25 days before election.	204B.16, subd. 1a(a)	Towns with March Elections	Polling Place

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Friday, February 13, 2026	Friday, February 13, 2026	Secretary of State shall prepare the master list for each county auditor - by February 15 of each year.	201.091, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Monday, February 16, 2026	Monday, February 16, 2026	Presidents' Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Tuesday, February 17, 2026	Tuesday, February 17, 2026	Last day to pre-register for March Town Election – 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	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Wednesday, February 18, 2026	Wednesday, February 18, 2026	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 March Town elections.	204B.195	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges
Wednesday, February 18, 2026	Monday, March 9, 2026	Counties produce polling place rosters for <i>March Town</i> elections after completing all registration-related tasks. <i>Paper</i> VRAs received by OSS by 5:00 p.m. on the 21st day before will be forwarded to appropriate counties as soon as possible. Also all " <i>online</i> " VRAs received up until 11:59 p.m. on the 21st day <i>must be</i> processed. Counties might not receive queued records until a couple days later (security checks). If the OSS is printing rosters, there are deadlines for "locking" the rosters.	204B.28, subd. 2; 204C.10; 8200.9115	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Wednesday, February 18, 2026	Monday, March 9, 2026	Counties continue to mail incomplete and deficient registration letters. Mail late registration letters to those who missed pre-registration deadline for <i>March Town</i> elections.	8200.2900; 8200.3100; 8200.3110	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration

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Thursday, February 19, 2026	Thursday, February 19, 2026	After the close of business on the 19th day before the March Town elections, Absentee Ballot and Mail Ballot return envelopes marked as "accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed, initialed, and deposited in ballot box.	203B.121, subds. 2(b)(6), 3(a) and 4; 204B.45, subd. 2; 204B.46; 8210.2450, subp. 6	Towns with March Elections	Absentee and Mail Ballot
Friday, February 20, 2026	Monday, March 9, 2026	Period of time when counties or municipalities can choose to make available a ballot counter and ballot box for the use of March Town elections "in person" Absentee Ballot voters (direct balloting). If alternate procedure is made available, Absentee Ballot voter must be given choice to use envelopes as per M.S. 203B.08, subd. 1 or place a voted ballot directly into a ballot counter. Absentee Ballot application and signature of a certification statement are still required. If SVRS being used, the "accepted" Absentee Ballot must be immediately recorded in SVRS. This alternative procedure is not available for mail ballots - during the 18 days before the election.	203B.081, subd. 3	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Tuesday, February 24, 2026	Tuesday, February 24, 2026	Last day to publish <i>March Town municipal election Notice to Voters</i> (replaces sample ballot) pursuant to M.S. 204D.16(c) (Optional for *non-metro towns) – at least two weeks before municipal election.	204D.16(c); 205.16, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Tuesday, February 24, 2026	Tuesday, February 24, 2026	Last day for town clerk to publish first of 2 notices of March Town election. Optional for *non-metro towns – 2 weeks' published notice.	205.16, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Tuesday, February 24, 2026	Tuesday, February 24, 2026	A municipal <i>March Town sample ballot</i> shall be posted and <i>made available for public inspection</i> in the clerk's office (and posted in <i>each</i> polling place on election day) - at least 2 weeks before the election.	205.16, subd. 3	Towns with March Elections	Notice

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Friday, February 27, 2026	Friday, February 27, 2026	Last day to post notice of March Town municipal election and annual meeting, including bad weather alternate date – at least 10 days before election. (Optional for 1st, 2nd and 3rd class cities and *metro towns; mandatory for 4th class cities and *non-metro towns that dispensed with published notices).	205.105; 205.16, subd. 1; 365.51, subd. 2; 373.50	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Saturday, February 28, 2026	Saturday, February 28, 2026	Last day for a March town election judge to submit written notice of serving voluntarily without pay – no later than 10 days before the election.	204B.31, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges
Saturday, February 28, 2026	Saturday, February 28, 2026	Campaign finance reports due (If more than \$750 raised or spent and an initial report has been filed) - 10 days before the March Township election.	211A.02, subd. 1(b)(2)	Towns with March Elections	Filing
Tuesday, March 3, 2026	Tuesday, March 3, 2026	Final corrected master list available for March Township Elections – 7 days before Election.	201.091, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Tuesday, March 3, 2026	Tuesday, March 3, 2026	Last day for *metro-town clerk to publish second of 2 notices of March Town election - 1 week before election. (Optional for non-metro towns)	205.16, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Tuesday, March 3, 2026	Tuesday, March 10, 2026	Period of time for agent delivery of March Town Absentee Ballots to a voter who would have difficulty getting to the polls because: 1) of incapacitating health reasons, 2) of disability, 3) is a patient of a health care facility, 4) is a resident of a facility providing assisted living services, 5) is a participant in a residential program for adults or, 6) is a resident of a shelter for battered women. The agent must have a preexisting relationship with the voter - during the 7 days preceding an election and until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.	203B.11, subd. 4	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot

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Thursday, March 5, 2026	Monday, March 9, 2026	If an Absentee Ballot or Mail Ballot returned ballot envelope is rejected within 5 days of the March Town elections, the envelopes must remain sealed and the administrator must attempt to contact the voter to notify them of the rejection. Attempts to contact must be documented.	203B.121, subd. 2(c)(3); 204B.45, subd. 2; 204B.46	Towns with March Elections	Absentee and Mail Ballot
Saturday, March 7, 2026	Saturday, March 7, 2026	Last day to do public accuracy test of <i>March Town</i> voting equipment of tabulator and/or assistive voting devices - at least 3 days before use. Publish <i>notice</i> at least 5 days before test.	206.83	Towns with March Elections	Equipment
Saturday, March 7, 2026	Saturday, March 7, 2026	Town clerk's office open at least 10:00 a.m. to Noon for March Town Absentee Ballot voting. If county administers Absentee Ballot voting, the county office must remain open at least 10:00 a.m. to Noon for acceptance of Absentee Ballot applications and casting of Absentee Ballots – Saturday before election.	203B.085, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Monday, March 9, 2026	Monday, March 9, 2026	Last day to secure election materials from auditor – 1 days before March town elections.	204B.28, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Monday, March 9, 2026	Monday, March 9, 2026	March Town elections Absentee Ballot voting offices open until 5:00 p.m. for acceptance of Absentee Ballot applications and casting of Absentee Ballots - until 5:00 p.m. on the day immediately preceding election.	203B.085, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Monday, March 9, 2026	Monday, March 9, 2026	Last day for election judges to secure <i>March Town</i> election supplies from clerk – no later than 9:00 p.m. the day before the election.	204B.29, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges

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Monday, March 9, 2026	Monday, March 9, 2026	Last day to apply for March Town Absentee Ballots. Exceptions for some residents/patients in health care/residential facilities, hospitals and shelters (M.S. 203B.04, subd. 2 and 203B.11, subds. 3 and 4) and Mail Ballot and Mail Election eligible voters not registered at the time ballots were mailed (M.S. 204B.45, subd. 2 and 204B.46) - Absentee Ballot applications may be submitted at any time not less than 1 day before the day of that election.	203B.04; subds. 1 and 2; 203B.11, subds. 3 and 4; 204B.45, subd. 2; 204B.46	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Tuesday, March 10, 2026	Tuesday, March 10, 2026	March Town Election Day: 2nd Tuesday in March.	205.075, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Tuesday, March 10, 2026	Tuesday, March 10, 2026	March Town Election Day: No public meetings (when <i>an</i> election is being held within jurisdiction) or school events (when a <i>regularly</i> scheduled election is being held within jurisdiction) between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.	204C.03	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Tuesday, March 10, 2026	Tuesday, March 10, 2026	March Town Election Day: Metro Area: Minimum voting hours 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (*Metro Area includes the following Counties: Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington, and Wright).	205.175; subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Tuesday, March 10, 2026	Tuesday, March 10, 2026	March Town Election Day: Non-Metro Area: Minimum voting hours 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (*Metro area includes the following Counties: Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington, and Wright). Longer hours can be approved by resolution or petition of voters. See M.S. 205.175, subd. 3 for details.	205.175, subd. 1 and 3	Towns with March Elections	Election Day

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Tuesday, March 10, 2026	Tuesday, March 10, 2026	March Town Election Day: 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 - During the 7 days preceding an election and until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.	203B.11, subd. 4	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Tuesday, March 10, 2026	Tuesday, March 10, 2026	March Town Election Day: Returned Absentee Ballots can be returned, in person, by the voter or agent until 5:00 p.m. If delivered by mail or a package delivery service, by 8:00 p.m. If agent delivery-and-return type of absentee ballot (<i>Minn. Stat.</i> 203B.11, subd. 4), by 8:00 p.m. Absentee Ballots must be returned to county or local clerk's office listed in the return address of the Absentee Ballot return envelope. Absentee Ballots are NOT to be returned to the polling place.	203B.08, subds. 1 and 3; 203B.11, subd. 4	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Tuesday, March 10, 2026	Wednesday, March 11, 2026	After polls close on March Town Election Day, at least 2 members of the ballot boards must "count" (may "run" tapes/reports) the Absentee and Mail Ballots providing for vote totals for each candidate and question for each precinct. The Absentee Ballot count for a precinct must be recorded on its own summary statement. May have up to 24 hours to complete Absentee Ballot and Mail Ballot processing and counting tasks as per M.S. 203B.121, subd. 5(c). In all elections, Absentee Ballot and polling place totals for each precinct shall be combined before reported.	203B.121, subd. 5	Towns with March Elections	After the Election

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Tuesday, March 10, 2026	Wednesday, March 11, 2026	Election Judges <i>must</i> return <i>March Town</i> election materials to clerk's office – within 24 hours of the end of the hours for voting.	204C.27	Towns with March Elections	After the Election
Wednesday, March 11, 2026	Tuesday, April 21, 2026	If an Absentee Ballot or Mail Ballot returned ballot envelope is rejected within 5 days of the March Town elections, the envelopes must remain sealed and the administrator must attempt to contact the voter to notify them of the rejection. Attempts to contact must be documented.	203B.121, subd. 2(c)(3); 204B.45, subd. 2; 204B.46	Towns with March Elections	Absentee and Mail Ballot
Wednesday, March 11, 2026	Tuesday, April 21, 2026	Counties post voter history from March Town elections. Give history to late Absentee Ballot and Mail Ballot (town clerks notify auditor of received late Absentee Ballots and Mail Ballots). Roster history must be done - within 6 weeks after the election.	201.171	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Thursday, March 12, 2026	Thursday, March 12, 2026	Last day for town board to canvass <i>March Town</i> election results. Town sends certified official results to county – within 2 days of election.	205.185, subd. 3(a) and (c)	Towns with March Elections	After the Election
Thursday, March 12, 2026	Thursday, March 12, 2026	Township sends official canvassed March Town Election results to auditor	Administrative	Towns with March Elections	After the Election
Thursday, March 12, 2026	Thursday, March 12, 2026	Last day to return March Town election polling place rosters and completed voter registration cards to county auditor. A county auditor must receive these materials. If not delivered by deadline, county is responsible to coordinate arrangements to gather materials as soon as possible – within 48 hours after voting ends.	204C.27	Towns with March Elections	After the Election
Tuesday, March 17, 2026	Tuesday, March 17, 2026	Last day for all <i>March Town</i> candidates/committees to file <i>Campaign Financial Report Certification of Filing</i> . A town clerk who issues a certificate of election to a candidate who has not certified that all reports required have been filed is guilty of a misdemeanor – no later than 7 days after the general or special election.	211A.05, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Filing

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Tuesday, March 17, 2026	Tuesday, March 17, 2026	Bad weather alternate date for <i>March Town</i> election and annual town meeting – third Tuesday in March.	365.51, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Tuesday, March 17, 2026	Thursday, March 19, 2026	Last day for March Town election candidate to request a recount and/or provide a notice of contest of results. If there is a recount, the contest notification deadline is within 7 days of the recount-canvass meeting – by 5:00 p.m. (recount request has time deadline) on the seventh day of the canvass of special or general election.	204C.36; 209.021, subds. 1 and 3	Towns with March Elections	After the Election
Wednesday, March 18, 2026	Friday, March 20, 2026	First day to issue <i>March Town</i> certificates of elections – after the time for contesting elections has passed. <i>M.S. 205.185, subd. 3(b)</i> . (Clerk issues certificate of election to winning candidates if: 1) Candidate has submitted a <i>Campaign Financial Report Certification of Filing</i> form. <i>M.S. 211A.05, subd. 1</i> ; 2) The losing candidate has not requested a recount. <i>M.S. 204C.36; 205.185, subd. 4</i> ; 3) A notice of contest has not been filed.)	205.185; 204C.36; 209.021; 211A.05, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	After the Election
Wednesday, March 18, 2026	Monday, March 30, 2026	Elected <i>March Town</i> officers to file oath of office - within 10 days of receiving certificate of election.	365.27, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	After the Election
Wednesday, March 18, 2026	Monday, March 30, 2026	New municipal clerk elected at <i>March Town</i> elections must successfully complete an initial municipal clerk election administration training course and must remain <i>certified</i> to administer <i>any</i> election. Certification of municipal clerks is managed and documented by the <i>county</i> .	204B.25, subd. 4; 204B.27, subd. 10; 8240.0200, subp. 2; 8240.2700, subp. 1	Towns with March Elections	Administrative

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Thursday, April 9, 2026	Thursday, April 9, 2026	Campaign Finance Report due - 30 days after the March Town election (IF initial report filed and final report not filed). If a required subsequent report is not filed by its due date, the filing officer shall immediately notify the candidate/committee of the failure to file. If report is not filed within 10 days after the notification is mailed, the filing officer shall file a complaint with Office of Administrative Hearings as per M.S. 211B.32.	211A.02, subd. 1(b)(3); 211A.05; 211B.32	Towns with March Elections	Filing
Tuesday, April 21, 2026	Tuesday, April 21, 2026	Last day for counties to enter March Town roster voting history (including "received too late" Absentee and Mail Ballots) and EDRs into SVRS. EDR data entry can be extended if county notifies OSS before deadline. Upon receipt of extension request, the OSS must extend deadline by an additional 28 days - within 42 days of election.	201.121, subd. 1(a); 201.171	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Tuesday, April 21, 2026	Tuesday, May 19, 2026	Time period to send notice of Absentee Ballot rejection if the voter has not otherwise voted in the <i>March Town</i> elections - 6-10 weeks after election.	203B.121, subd. 2(d)	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Tuesday, April 21, 2026	Friday, May 1, 2026	County auditor notifies municipal clerks of federal, state, judicial and county offices to be voted at the state general election with time and place for filing. Municipal clerks promptly post a copy of the notice - within 10 days after OSS notifies county auditors.	204B.33 (a)	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Tuesday, April 21, 2026	Friday, April 24, 2026	County Elections Administration Training Conference. Beginning afternoon of Tuesday, April 21, 2026.	204B.25, subd. 4; 204B.27, subds. 2, 5 and 10; 8240.2900, subps. 1, 2, 3,4, 6, 7 and 9	Towns with March Elections	Conference

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Thursday, April 30, 2026	Thursday, April 30, 2026	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	Towns with March Elections	Equipment
Friday, May 1, 2026	Friday, May 1, 2026	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	Towns with March Elections	Ballots
Friday, May 1, 2026	Friday, May 1, 2026	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	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Friday, May 1, 2026	Friday, May 1, 2026	Each major political party shall prepare a list of eligible voters to act as election judges in each election precinct and furnish the lists electronically to the OSS - on May 1 in a year when there is an election for partisan political office.	204B.21, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	Tuesday, May 5, 2026	Auditor designates Absentee Ballot polling locations in addition to county auditor's office for State Primary. 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	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot

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Wednesday, May 13, 2026	Wednesday, May 13, 2026	Last day for OSS or County to determine the number of voting age residents who are members of a language minority and who lack sufficient skills in English to vote without assistance before the <i>State Primary</i> . If thresholds are met, there are various requirements to provide language assistance outlined in M.S. 204B.295, subd. 3 - no later than 90 days before a state or special state election. Note: The OSS will provide information in December to be used for elections the next calendar year.	204B.295, subd. 3(c)	Towns with March Elections	Polling Place
Friday, May 15, 2026	Friday, May 15, 2026	The OSS shall furnish electronically to the county auditor a list of the appropriate names for each election precinct in the jurisdiction of the appointing authority, noting the political party affiliation of each individual on the list. County auditor promptly forwards to appropriate municipal clerk - By May 15 in a year in which there is an election for a partisan political office.	204B.21, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges
Sunday, May 17, 2026	Sunday, May 17, 2026	If a jurisdiction has chosen to have drop boxes for absentee voting for the State Primary 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)	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Monday, May 18, 2026	Monday, May 18, 2026	Last day for 2026 Legislature to meet in regular session - first Monday following the third Saturday in May of any year.	Minn. Const. Article IV, Section 12	Legislature	Legislature
Tuesday, May 19, 2026	Tuesday, June 30, 2026	Time period to meet with local election officials (including SDs with even-year general elections) to review election procedures (can be earlier than May but we encourage counties to wait until after auditors conference and the legislative session) - at least 18 weeks before the general election.	204B.28, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Election Day

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Tuesday, May 19, 2026	Tuesday, May 19, 2026	Last day to provide written notice of <i>State Primary 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	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Friday, May 22, 2026	Friday, May 22, 2026	If a Jurisdiction has chosen to have drop boxes for Absentee voting for the State Primary 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)	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Monday, May 25, 2026	Monday, May 25, 2026	Memorial Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Monday, June 1, 2026	Monday, June 1, 2026	Suggestion: Counties could print and archive registration counts by jurisdiction (especially by town), because it can help towns to determine if their standalone election is exempt from AVD requirement as per M.S. 206.57, subd. 5a(a) - by June 1 of each year.	206.57, subd. 5a	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Tuesday, June 2, 2026	Tuesday, June 2, 2026	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 state primary.	204B.45, subd. 2; 8210.3000, subp. 3	Towns with March Elections	Mail Elections
Tuesday, June 2, 2026	Tuesday, June 2, 2026	Last day for OSS to prescribe form for an election summary statement and abstracts - no later than 10 weeks before the state primary.	204C.26, subd. 3	Towns with March Elections	Election Day

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Friday, June 5, 2026	Tuesday, June 30, 2026	Ballot layout begins (or is finalized) for the primaries. The official charged with the prep and distribution of primary 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. Suggest verifying ballot information against each notice of election.	204D.04, subd. 2; 206.82, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Ballots
Saturday, June 6, 2026	Saturday, June 6, 2026	If a jurisdiction has chosen to have drop boxes for Absentee voting for the State Primary, 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)	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Thursday, June 11, 2026	Thursday, June 11, 2026	If a jurisdiction has chosen to have drop boxes for Absentee voting for the State Primary 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)	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, June 12, 2026	Friday, June 12, 2026	Last day to post on OSS, county and municipal websites the location, days, and times of absentee/early voting locations for the <i>State Primary</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	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot

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Friday, June 12, 2026	Friday, June 12, 2026	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 State Primary elections.	135A.17; 201.061, subd. 3(a)(3)(i); 8200.5100, subp. 3	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Friday, June 12, 2026	Friday, June 12, 2026	County auditors/municipal clerks shall prepare a new 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 (state primary) at which the new electronic voting system is used.	206.82, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Equipment
Friday, June 12, 2026	Friday, June 12, 2026	Last day for municipalities to disseminate information to the public about the use of a <i>new</i> voting system (State Primary) - at least 60 days prior to the first-use election.	206.58, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Equipment
Friday, June 12, 2026	Saturday, October 31, 2026	Period of time during which election judge training course may be provided - not more than 60 days before the state primary election or fewer than 3 days before the November general elections.	204B.25, subds.1 and 2; 8240.1300, subp. 4	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges
Friday, June 19, 2026	Friday, June 19, 2026	Juneteenth Holiday: No public business shall be transacted except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Tuesday, June 23, 2026	Saturday, August 8, 2026	Period of time to do public accuracy test of <i>State Primary</i> voting equipment to include tabulator and/or assistive voting devices – at least 3 days before use. Publish notice at least five days <i>before</i> test.	206.83	Towns with March Elections	Equipment
Thursday, June 25, 2026	Thursday, June 25, 2026	Must appoint <i>State Primary 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	Towns with March Elections	Absentee and Mail Ballot

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Friday, June 26, 2026	Friday, June 26, 2026	County auditor shall prepare a sample ballot for each precinct for public inspection and transmit an electronic copy to the OSS. Also posted in auditor's office - 46 days before state primary.	204D.09, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Ballots
Friday, June 26, 2026	Friday, June 26, 2026	County auditor makes master list available for absentee voting - 46 days before state primary elections.	201.091, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Friday, June 26, 2026	Tuesday, July 14, 2026	Period of time to mail ballots to registered voters in mail precincts for State Primary 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 28 days prior to election.	204B.45, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Mail Elections
Friday, June 26, 2026	Monday, August 10, 2026	Absentee Ballot voting for state primary elections. County auditor's office and municipal clerk's office conducting Absentee Ballot voting must be open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. the Saturday and until 5:00 p.m. the Monday before state primary election - at least 46 days prior to the state primary election.	203B.05, subd. 1; 203B.085, subd 2; 204B.35, subd. 4	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot

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Friday, June 26, 2026	Tuesday, August 11, 2026	The County Auditor must establish <i>UOCAVA Absentee Ballot board</i> for state primary 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	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, June 26, 2026	Tuesday, August 11, 2026	County boards and municipalities with delegated Absentee Ballot administration duties 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	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, June 26, 2026	Tuesday, August 11, 2026	An <i>agent</i> returning another's State Primary 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	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, June 26, 2026	Tuesday, August 11, 2026	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	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, June 26, 2026	Friday, June 26, 2026	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 46 days before the primary elections takes effect at that election - more than 46 days before the state primary.	204B.14, subd. 4a	Towns with March Elections	Boundaries

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Friday, June 26, 2026	Friday, November 13, 2026	Period of time when all noncommercial signs of any size may be posted in any <i>number</i> - beginning 46 days before the state primary in a state general election year until 10 days following the state general.	211B.045	Towns with March Elections	Campaigns
Saturday, June 27, 2026	Tuesday, August 11, 2026	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 (State Primary).	201.11, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Tuesday, June 30, 2026	Monday, August 10, 2026	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 (State Primary Date).	206.58, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Equipment
Tuesday, June 30, 2026	Tuesday, June 30, 2026	Last day for county auditor to meet or otherwise communicate with local election officials to review election procedures (can be earlier) - at least 18 weeks before the general election.	204B.28, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Wednesday, July 1, 2026	Wednesday, July 1, 2026	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. Even-year volumes are electronic format only - on or before July 1 of every even-numbered year.	204B.27, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Wednesday, July 1, 2026	Wednesday, July 1, 2026	Date by which Major and Minor Political Parties need to qualify for inclusion on the income tax form and property tax refund return - must qualify as a Major or Minor Political Party by July 1 of the taxable year.	10A.31, subd. 3a(a)and(b)	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Friday, July 3, 2026	Friday, July 3, 2026	Independence Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday

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Tuesday, July 7, 2026	Monday, August 10, 2026	Time period to deliver Health Care Facility 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, Health Care Facility 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 State Primary date elections (Health Care Facility Outreach).	203B.11, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, July 10, 2026	Friday, July 10, 2026	Towns (if approved at annual town meeting) with less than 500 inhabitants (census) located outside metro area (7 metro counties) and unorganized territories (voter petition) may have shorter voting hours (starting no later than 10:00 a.m.). If town has approved change, must notify county auditor and post or publish notice of changed hours. County auditor posts or publishes, within the unorganized territory district(s), notice of changed hours - 30 days before the first election (state primary) after the change.	204C.05, subds. 1a and 1b	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Friday, July 10, 2026	Friday, July 10, 2026	Last day to certify to OSS that the electronic rosters (e-pollbooks) being used at State Primary <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)	Towns with March Elections	Equipment
Tuesday, July 14, 2026	Tuesday, July 14, 2026	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 a primary election who are registered to vote (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) - no later than 28 days before the election.	204B.45, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Mail Elections

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Tuesday, July 14, 2026	Tuesday, July 28, 2026	Hospital districts filing period. Candidates file affidavits of candidacy <i>with city or town clerk</i> of residence. Municipal clerks forward affidavits to hospital district clerk immediately. <i>Cities with primary elections and towns with March elections need to remember this filing period if a hospital district is present</i> - Not more than 112 days nor less than 98 days before general election.	447.32, subd. 4	Towns with March Elections	Filing
Friday, July 17, 2026	Friday, July 17, 2026	Last day to appoint election judges for primary elections - 25 days before the state primary.	204B.21, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges
Friday, July 17, 2026	Friday, July 17, 2026	Last day to notify affected voters of a <i>State Primary Date</i> election polling place change – at least 25 days before election.	204B.16, subd. 1a(a)	Towns with March Elections	Polling Place
Friday, July 17, 2026	Friday, July 17, 2026	Last day for OSS to prepare and furnish voter instruction posters printed in large type upon cards or heavy paper to county auditors. 2 per precinct - at least 25 days before every state primary.	204B.27, subd. 3	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Tuesday, July 21, 2026	Tuesday, July 21, 2026	Last day to pre-register for <i>State Primary 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	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Wednesday, July 22, 2026	Wednesday, July 22, 2026	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 State Primary Date elections.	204B.195	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges

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Wednesday, July 22, 2026	Monday, August 10, 2026	Counties produce polling place rosters for primary 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>online</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 7:00 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	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Wednesday, July 22, 2026	Monday, August 10, 2026	Counties continue to mail incomplete and deficient registration letters. Mail late registration letters to those who missed pre-registration deadline for State Primary elections.	8200.2900; 8200.3100; 8200.3110	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Thursday, July 23, 2026	Tuesday, August 11, 2026	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 State Primary.	203B.121, subds. 2(b)(6), 3(a) and 4; 204B.45, subd. 2; 204B.46; 8210.2450, subp. 6	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Monday, July 27, 2026	Monday, July 27, 2026	County auditor and Municipal clerks <i>post</i> notice stating the federal/state/judicial/county offices for which candidates to be nominated or elected, the location of each polling place in municipal/unorganized territory and hours for voting. Name of current justice/judge is noted. Municipal offices may be added. May be published in addition to being posted - at least 15 days before any state primary or general.	204B.34, subds. 1 and 3	Towns with March Elections	Notice

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Tuesday, July 28, 2026	Tuesday, July 28, 2026	Last day for County Auditor to designate location for Absentee Ballot voting for <i>November general elections</i> . The county auditor 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	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Thursday, July 30, 2026	Thursday, July 30, 2026	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 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	Towns with March Elections	Filing
Thursday, July 30, 2026	Thursday, July 30, 2026	Ballot layout begins (or is finalized) for the general 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. Suggest verifying ballot information against each notice of election.	204D.04, subd. 2; 206.82, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Ballots
Saturday, August 1, 2026	Saturday, August 1, 2026	Last day for a <i>State Primary 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	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges
Tuesday, August 4, 2026	Tuesday, August 4, 2026	County auditor makes updated master list available for absentee voting - 7 days before primary elections.	201.091, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration

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Tuesday, August 4, 2026	Tuesday, August 11, 2026	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 8:00 p.m. election day - During the 7 days preceding an election.	203B.11, subd. 4	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Wednesday, August 5, 2026	Wednesday, August 5, 2026	Last day for OSS or County to determine the number of voting age residents who are members of a language minority and who lack sufficient skills in English to vote without assistance before the <i>November General Election Date</i> elections. If thresholds are met, there are various requirements to provide language assistance outlined in M.S. 204B.295, subd. 3 - no later than 90 days before a state or special state election. Note: The OSS will provide information in December to be used for elections the next calendar year.	204B.295, subd. 3(c)	Towns with March Elections	Polling Place
Thursday, August 6, 2026	Tuesday, August 11, 2026	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; 204B.46	Towns with March Elections	Absentee and Mail Ballot
Saturday, August 8, 2026	Saturday, August 8, 2026	Last day to do public accuracy test of <i>State Primary Date</i> voting equipment of tabulator and/or assistive voting devices - at least 3 days before use. Publish <i>notice</i> at least 5 days before test.	206.83	Towns with March Elections	Equipment

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Saturday, August 8, 2026	Saturday, August 8, 2026	Absentee Ballot voting locations for the primary must be open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots - on the Saturday immediately preceding the election.	203B.085, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Sunday, August 9, 2026	Sunday, August 9, 2026	If a jurisdiction has chosen to have drop boxes for absentee voting for the State 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)	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Monday, August 10, 2026	Monday, August 10, 2026	Last day for County Auditor to complete the preparation of the election materials for Primary Election. Last day for clerks to secure election materials from County Auditor - at least 1 days before State Primary.	204B.28, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Monday, August 10, 2026	Monday, August 10, 2026	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	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Monday, August 10, 2026	Monday, August 10, 2026	Primary 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.	203B.085, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Monday, August 10, 2026	Monday, August 10, 2026	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	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges
Tuesday, August 11, 2026	Tuesday, August 11, 2026	STATE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: The second Tuesday in August. Minimum voting hours are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Except for non-metro towns with less than 500 inhabitants who have voted to open no later than 10:00 a.m. Except for unorganized territories whose residents have petitioned to open no later than 10:00 a.m.	204C.05; 204D.03, subd. 1; 205.065, subd. 1; 205A.03, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Election Day

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Tuesday, August 11, 2026	Tuesday, August 11, 2026	STATE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: <i>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 to return voted ballots is 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.</i>	203B.11, subd. 4	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Tuesday, August 11, 2026	Tuesday, August 11, 2026	STATE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: Returned Absentee Ballots can be returned, in person, by the voter or agent until 5:00 p.m. If delivered by mail or a package delivery service, by 8:00 p.m. If agent delivery-and-return type of absentee ballot (<i>Minn. Stat.</i> 203B.11, subd. 4), by 8:00 p.m. Absentee Ballots must be returned to county or local clerk's office listed in the return address of the Absentee Ballot return envelope. Absentee Ballots are NOT to be returned to the polling place.	203B.08, subds. 1 and 3	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Tuesday, August 11, 2026	Tuesday, August 11, 2026	STATE PRIMARY 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 primary election day.	204C.03	Towns with March Elections	Election Day

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Tuesday, August 11, 2026	Wednesday, August 12, 2026	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	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Tuesday, August 11, 2026	Tuesday, August 11, 2026	Last day for municipalities, school districts and hospital districts to notify (or to cancel) county auditor of elections to be held on general 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, 3a and 3b; 447.32, subd. 3	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Wednesday, August 12, 2026	Wednesday, August 12, 2026	Election Judges must return election material to Clerk's office - within 24 hours after the end of hours for voting.	204C.27	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges
Thursday, August 13, 2026	Thursday, August 13, 2026	Last day to return rosters and completed voter registration applications to county auditor - within 48 hours after voting hours end.	204C.27	Towns with March Elections	After the Election
Thursday, August 13, 2026	Friday, August 14, 2026	The county canvass board in each county must set the date, time, and place for the Post Election Equipment Review (PER) of the State General Election and sends that info to OSS upon completion of meeting. Do NOT select precincts at this time. Remember the dates to schedule PER are between the ninth and 14th day following the general election - at the county canvass of the state primary results.	206.89, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Post Election Review
Friday, August 14, 2026	Friday, August 14, 2026	If a Jurisdiction has chosen to have drop boxes for Absentee voting for the State General 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)	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot

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Tuesday, August 25, 2026	Tuesday, August 25, 2026	Last day to give notice of mail ballot procedures - 10 weeks before the general election.	204B.45, subd. 2; 8210.3000, subp. 3	Towns with March Elections	Mail Elections
Saturday, August 29, 2026	Saturday, August 29, 2026	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)	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Thursday, September 3, 2026	Thursday, September 3, 2026	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)	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Thursday, September 3, 2026	Thursday, September 3, 2026	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	Towns with March Elections	Equipment
Friday, September 4, 2026	Friday, September 4, 2026	Last day to post on OSS, county, and municipal websites the location, days, and times of absentee/early voting locations for the <i>November general 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	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot

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Friday, September 4, 2026	Friday, September 4, 2026	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 State General.	135A.17; 201.061, subd. 3(b); 8200.5100, subp. 3	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Friday, September 4, 2026	Friday, September 4, 2026	Last day for municipalities to disseminate information to the public about the use of a <i>new</i> voting system (State General) - at least 60 days prior to the first-use election.	206.58, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Equipment
Monday, September 7, 2026	Monday, September 7, 2026	Labor Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Tuesday, September 15, 2026	Saturday, October 31, 2026	Period of time to do public accuracy test of <i>November general elections</i> voting equipment to include tabulator and/or assistive voting devices – at least 3 days before use. Publish notice at least five days <i>before</i> test.	206.83	Towns with March Elections	Equipment
Thursday, September 17, 2026	Thursday, September 17, 2026	Must appoint <i>November general 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	Towns with March Elections	Absentee and Mail Ballot
Thursday, September 17, 2026	Thursday, September 17, 2026	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 46 days before the November general elections takes effect at that election - more than 46 days before the election.	204B.14, subd. 4a	Towns with March Elections	Boundaries
Friday, September 18, 2026	Friday, September 18, 2026	County auditor shall post sample ballots for each precinct in the auditor's office for public inspection and transmit an electronic copy to the OSS - at least 46 days before the state general election.	204D.16(a); 204D.09	Towns with March Elections	Notice

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Friday, September 18, 2026	Friday, September 18, 2026	County auditor makes master list available for absentee voting - 46 days before general elections.	201.091, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Friday, September 18, 2026	Tuesday, October 6, 2026	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 28 days prior to election.	204B.45, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Mail Elections
Friday, September 18, 2026	Monday, November 2, 2026	Voters on permanent Absentee voting list are sent November General Election Date ballots. 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; 8210.0200, subp. 4	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, September 18, 2026	Monday, November 2, 2026	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 State General Election. See M.S. 203B.085, subd. 1 for listing of extra hours - at least 46 days prior to the general election.	203B.05, subd. 1; 203B.085; 204B.35, subd. 4	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, September 18, 2026	Tuesday, November 3, 2026	County boards and municipalities with delegated Absentee Ballot administration duties 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	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot

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Friday, September 18, 2026	Tuesday, November 3, 2026	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	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, September 18, 2026	Tuesday, November 3, 2026	An <i>agent</i> returning another's November general 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	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, September 18, 2026	Tuesday, November 3, 2026	The County Auditor must establish UOCAVA absentee ballot board for the state general 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	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Saturday, September 19, 2026	Tuesday, November 3, 2026	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 General Election).	201.11, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Tuesday, September 22, 2026	Monday, November 2, 2026	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 (State General) at which the voting system will be used.	206.58, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Equipment

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Tuesday, September 29, 2026	Monday, November 2, 2026	Time period to deliver Health Care Facility 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, Health Care Facility 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 State General date elections (Health Care Facility Outreach).	203B.11, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, October 2, 2026	Friday, October 2, 2026	Last day to certify to OSS that the electronic rosters (e-pollbooks) being used at <i>November general 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)	Towns with March Elections	Equipment
Tuesday, October 6, 2026	Tuesday, October 6, 2026	If mail ballots <i>have not been sent yet</i> , last day to send general election mail ballots to those voters in a mail ballot precinct who are registered to vote (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) - no later than 28 days before the election.	204B.45, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Mail Elections
Friday, October 9, 2026	Friday, October 9, 2026	Last day to appoint election judges for November Election - at least 25 days before election.	204B.21, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges
Friday, October 9, 2026	Friday, October 9, 2026	Last day to notify affected voters of a <i>November General Election Date</i> election polling place change – at least 25 days before election.	204B.16, subd. 1a(a)	Towns with March Elections	Polling Place

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Monday, October 12, 2026	Monday, October 12, 2026	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
Tuesday, October 13, 2026	Tuesday, October 13, 2026	Last day to pre-register for November general 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	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Wednesday, October 14, 2026	Wednesday, October 14, 2026	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 General Election Date elections.	204B.195	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges
Wednesday, October 14, 2026	Saturday, October 24, 2026	Time period for county auditor to publish in at least one newspaper of general circulation the Notice to Voters pursuant to M.S. 204D.16(c) - No earlier than 20 days and no later than 10 days before the state general election.	204D.16(b) and (c)	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Wednesday, October 14, 2026	Monday, November 2, 2026	Counties produce polling place rosters for primary 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>online</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 7:00 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	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration

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Wednesday, October 14, 2026	Monday, November 2, 2026	Counties continue to mail incomplete and deficient registration letters. Mail late registration letters to those who missed pre-registration deadline for November general elections.	8200.2900; 8200.3100; 8200.3110	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Thursday, October 15, 2026	Thursday, October 15, 2026	After close of business on the 19th day, November general 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	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Monday, October 19, 2026	Monday, October 19, 2026	County auditor and Municipal clerks <i>post</i> notice stating the federal/state/judicial/county offices for which candidates to be nominated or elected, the location of each polling place in municipal/unorganized territory, and hours for voting. Name of current justice/judge is noted. Municipal offices may be added. May be published in addition to being posted - at least 15 days before any state primary or general.	204B.34, subds. 1 and 3	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Friday, October 23, 2026	Friday, October 23, 2026	Last day for an election judge to submit written notice of serving voluntarily without pay - no later than 10 days before the November general elections.	204B.31, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges
Saturday, October 24, 2026	Saturday, October 24, 2026	Absentee Ballot voting locations for the State General Election must be open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots - on the 2 Saturdays before the State General Election.	203B.085, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Tuesday, October 27, 2026	Tuesday, October 27, 2026	Final updated voter registration master list must be available – 7 days before election.	201.091, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration

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Tuesday, October 27, 2026	Tuesday, October 27, 2026	Absentee Ballot voting locations for the State General Election must be open until 7:00 p.m. for acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots -on the Tuesday before the State General Election.	203B.085, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Tuesday, October 27, 2026	Tuesday, November 3, 2026	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 8:00 p.m. election day - During the 7 days preceding an election.	203B.11, subd. 4	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Thursday, October 29, 2026	Tuesday, November 3, 2026	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; 204B.46	Towns with March Elections	Absentee and Mail Ballot
Saturday, October 31, 2026	Saturday, October 31, 2026	Absentee Ballot voting locations for the State General Election must be open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots - on the 2 Saturdays before the State General Election.	203B.085, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Saturday, October 31, 2026	Saturday, October 31, 2026	Last day to do public accuracy test of <i>November General Election Date</i> voting equipment of tabulator and/or assistive voting devices - at least 3 days before use. Publish <i>notice</i> at least 5 days before test.	206.83	Towns with March Elections	Equipment

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Sunday, November 1, 2026	Sunday, November 1, 2026	Absentee Ballot voting locations for the State General Election must be open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots - on the Sunday immediately before the State General Election.	203B.085, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Monday, November 2, 2026	Monday, November 2, 2026	Last day for municipal or school district clerk to secure election materials from County Auditor - at least 1 days before November general elections.	204B.28, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Monday, November 2, 2026	Monday, November 2, 2026	Last day to apply for absentee ballots. Must be open until 5:00 p.m. See M.S. 203B.04, subd. 2 and 203B.11, subds. 3 and 4 for exceptions.	203B.04, subd. 1; 203B.085, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Monday, November 2, 2026	Monday, November 2, 2026	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	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges
Tuesday, November 3, 2026	Tuesday, November 3, 2026	STATE GENERAL ELECTION DAY: First Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Minimum voting hours are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Except for non-metro towns with less than 500 inhabitants who have voted to open no later than 10:00 a.m. Except for unorganized territories whose residents have petitioned to open no later than 10:00 a.m.	103C.305, subd. 1; 204C.05; 204D.03, subd. 2; 205.07, subd. 1; 205A.04, subd. 1; 447.32, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Election Day

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Tuesday, November 3, 2026	Tuesday, November 3, 2026	STATE GENERAL ELECTION DAY: Returned Absentee Ballots can be returned, in person, by the voter or agent until 5:00 p.m. If delivered by mail or a package delivery service, by 8:00 p.m. If agent delivery-and-return type of absentee ballot (<i>Minn. Stat.</i> 203B.11, subd. 4), by 8:00 p.m. Absentee Ballots must be returned to county or local clerk's office listed in the return address of the Absentee Ballot return envelope. Absentee Ballots are NOT to be returned to the polling place.	203B.08, subds. 1 and 3	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Tuesday, November 3, 2026	Tuesday, November 3, 2026	STATE GENERAL ELECTION DAY: <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. May designate agent to deliver by 8:00 p.m. and voted ballots must be returned by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.	203B.11, subd. 4	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Tuesday, November 3, 2026	Tuesday, November 3, 2026	STATE GENERAL 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 general election day.	204C.03	Towns with March Elections	Election Day

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Tuesday, November 3, 2026	Wednesday, November 4, 2026	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	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Tuesday, November 3, 2026	Wednesday, November 4, 2026	Election Judges must return election material to Clerk's office - within 24 hours after the end of hours for voting.	204C.27	Towns with March Elections	Election Judges
Thursday, November 5, 2026	Thursday, November 5, 2026	Last day to return rosters and voter registration applications to county auditor - within 48 hours after voting hours end.	204C.27	Towns with March Elections	After the Election
Friday, November 6, 2026	Wednesday, November 11, 2026	At the county canvass board precincts to be reviewed (PER) must be selected by lot. Ballots to be reviewed include polling place and absentee ballots for the precinct. Offices include US Senator and US Rep in 2026. If county has fewer than 50,000 registered voters, a total of at least 2 precincts. If county has between 50,000 and 100,000 registered voters, a total of at least 3 precincts. If county has more than 100,000 registered voters, a total of at least 4 precincts or 3 percent, whichever is greater. At least 1 precinct selected in each county must have had more than 150 votes cast at the general election. County notifies municipalities and OSS immediately. Selected precincts must result in at least 4 precincts in each congressional district or the OSS will require counties to select by lot additional precincts to meet requirement. OSS posts this info on their website. Exception for an office that is recounted.	206.89, subd. 2	Towns with March Elections	Post Election Review
Friday, November 6, 2026	Thursday, November 12, 2026	County auditor may designate municipal clerk as the "Post Election Review Official" - within 24 hours after the county canvass of the State General Election.	206.89, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Post Election Review

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Wednesday, November 11, 2026	Wednesday, November 11, 2026	Veterans Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Thursday, November 12, 2026	Tuesday, November 17, 2026	PER Phase I: The post election review (PER) must not begin before the ninth day after the state general election and must be completed no later than the 14th day after the state general election. No review is required if the election for the office will be subject to a recount. Upon completion of the PER, results are submitted electronically or in writing to the OSS immediately. The OSS reports the results of the PER to the State Canvassing Board and changes are incorporated in the official results.	206.89, subds. 2-3 and 6-7	Towns with March Elections	Post Election Review
Thursday, November 12, 2026	Wednesday, November 18, 2026	PER Phase II: If necessary. If results of election voting system differ from the results of the manual count by more than the thresholds specified in M.S. 206.89, subd. 4 then a second level of review is necessary. At least 3 additional precincts must be reviewed. If the difference is more than the thresholds specified in M.S. 206.89, subd. 4 then a Phase III review is required - the additional Phase II review must be completed within 1 day after the initial PER is completed.	206.89, subd. 4 and 5	Towns with March Elections	Post Election Review

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Thursday, November 12, 2026	Tuesday, November 24, 2026	PER Phase III: If necessary. If Phase II results of the election voting system differ from the results of the manual hand count by more than the thresholds specified in M.S. 206.89, subd. 4, then a third level of review is necessary. A review must be conducted of the ballots from all the remaining precincts in the county. If the results of Phase III from 1 or more counties comprising in the aggregate more than 10 percent of the total number of persons voting in the election clearly indicate that an error in vote counting has occurred, then a Phase IV PER is required - the Phase III review must be completed and the results reported to the OSS within 6 days after Phase II was completed.	206.89, subd. 5	Towns with March Elections	Post Election Review
Thursday, November 12, 2026	Tuesday, December 1, 2026	PER Phase IV: If necessary. If the results of Phase III, the countywide review, from 1 or more counties comprising more than 10 percent of the total number of persons voting in the election clearly indicate that an error in vote counting has occurred, the OSS must notify the PER official of each county in the district that they must conduct manual recounts of all the ballots in the district - the Phase IV recount must be completed and the results reported to the appropriate canvassing board within 1 week after the PER official received notice from the OSS.	206.89, subd. 5	Towns with March Elections	Post Election Review
Friday, November 13, 2026	Friday, November 13, 2026	Last day of period of time when all noncommercial signs of any size may be posted in any number whether or not the municipal has an ordinance that regulates the size or number of noncommercial signs - from 46 days before the state primary until 10 days following the state general.	211B.045	Towns with March Elections	Campaigns

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Thursday, November 19, 2026	Thursday, November 19, 2026	The State Canvassing Board shall choose 4 precincts in each Congressional District for which the OSS shall monitor and evaluate election procedures in precincts subject to the PER audit in M.S. 206.89 - the precincts must be chosen by lot by the State Canvassing Board at its meeting to canvass the State General Election.	206.895,	Towns with March Elections	After the Election
Thursday, November 26, 2026	Thursday, November 26, 2026	Thanksgiving Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Friday, November 27, 2026	Friday, November 27, 2026	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
Tuesday, December 1, 2026	Tuesday, December 1, 2026	Last day to designate location for March Town elections Absentee Ballot voting. Towns required to have assistive voting device at the election day polling location must also have an assistive voting device available during their Absentee Ballot voting period at their Absentee Ballot voting location. Notice of days, times, and locations for absentee voting must be posted on the OSS, county, and town's website at least 14 days before Absentee voting begins (30 days pre town election day) - 14 weeks before election.	203B.05, subd. 2; 203B.081, subds. 6-8	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Wednesday, December 9, 2026	Wednesday, December 9, 2026	Last day for townships to change polling place location prior to <i>March Town</i> Elections except in a case when a polling place is not available – 90 days prior to election.	204B.16, subds. 1 and 3	Towns with March Elections	Polling Place

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Wednesday, December 9, 2026	Wednesday, December 9, 2026	Last day to notify OSS of a town use of electronic rosters (e-pollbooks) for the first time in the <i>March Town</i> election. Precincts are to be identified. Valid for those precincts for subsequent elections until revoked. If precincts are added later, a new notification is required - at least 90 days before the <i>first</i> election.	201.225, subd. 6(a)	Towns with March Elections	Equipment
Wednesday, December 9, 2026	Wednesday, December 9, 2026	Last day for Town with March Elections to authorize mail balloting by resolution (revocation of resolution has same deadline) for <i>March Town</i> elections - no later than 90 days prior to the first election at which mail balloting will be used.	204B.45, subd. 1; 8210.3000, subp. 2	Towns with March Elections	Mail Ballot
Tuesday, December 15, 2026	Tuesday, December 15, 2026	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)	Towns with March Elections	Administrative
Tuesday, December 15, 2026	Tuesday, December 15, 2026	Last day to <i>publish</i> notice of town offices to be elected at <i>March Town</i> election. Notice to include first and last dates to file for town office, and the closing time for filing (<i>municipal clerk's office must be open for filing from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the filing period</i>) – at least 2 weeks before the first day to file an Affidavit of Candidacy.	205.13, subds. 1a and 2	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Tuesday, December 15, 2026	Tuesday, December 15, 2026	Last day for County Auditor to meet or otherwise communicate with March township officials to review election procedures for <i>March Township Elections</i> - at least 12 weeks before the March town general election.	204B.28, subd. 1	Towns with March Elections	Election Day

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Tuesday, December 15, 2026	Tuesday, December 15, 2026	Last day for a town with March elections (no other jurisdiction can hold any type of special election on this date) to provide written notice of <i>March Town</i> general or special elections to auditor (if notice is not provided earlier than this date). Last day to provide notice of special election <i>cancellation</i> . Last day for county to notify OSS of election by making sure that the town's profile is correct and by adding any special election items to the election in SVRS – at least 84 days before election.	205.10, subd. 6; 205.16, subds. 4 and 5	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Tuesday, December 15, 2026	Tuesday, December 15, 2026	Last day for town board to cancel a special election scheduled for March Township Election Day that was ordered by the town board on its own motion - not less than 84 days before the election.	205.10, subd. 6	Towns with March Elections	Election Day
Tuesday, December 15, 2026	Tuesday, January 12, 2027	Time period to send notice of absentee rejection if the voter has not otherwise voted in the November General elections - 6 to 10 weeks after election.	203B.121, subd. 2(d)	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot
Friday, December 18, 2026	Friday, December 18, 2026	Last day for town clerk to post notice of filing period for March Election – including the closing time of 5:00 p.m. The municipal clerk's office must be open for filing from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the last day of filing (subd. 1a) - at least 10 days before first day to file affidavits.	205.13, subds. 1a and 2	Towns with March Elections	Notice
Friday, December 25, 2026	Friday, December 25, 2026	Christmas Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Tuesday, December 29, 2026	Tuesday, December 29, 2026	If a town has chosen to have drop boxes for absentee voting for the March Town elections, must provide to OSS a list of designated absentee ballot drop box locations - at least 40 days before the absentee voting period begins (30 days before for March Town elections) for regularly scheduled primary and general elections.	203B.082, subd. 3(a)	Towns with March Elections	Absentee Ballot

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Tuesday, December 29, 2026	Tuesday, December 29, 2026	Last day to change precinct boundary prior to March Township Election - at least 10 weeks before the date of the next election.	204B.14, subd. 4	Towns with March Elections	Boundaries
Tuesday, December 29, 2026	Tuesday, December 29, 2026	Last day to provide notice of election and the special mail procedure - at least 10 weeks prior to the election.	204B.45, subd. 2; 8210.3000, subp. 4a	Towns with March Elections	Mail Elections
Tuesday, December 29, 2026	Tuesday, December 29, 2026	If a town has chosen mail balloting for their March Town elections, last day to provide notice (post) of mail balloting and the special mail procedure. If first mail ballot election, an additional notice must be given by a different method - at least 10 weeks prior to the election.	204B.45, subd. 2; 8210.3000, subp. 4a	Towns with March Elections	Mail Ballot
Tuesday, December 29, 2026	Tuesday, January 12, 2027	Time period for Town March Elections candidate filings. Filing offices <i>must</i> be open for filing from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the last day of filing. The official receiving the filing shall notify the official responsible for preparing the ballot of the names of the candidates placed on the ballot, any changes to candidates, or other information necessary to prepare the ballot. The notification must be made within one business day of receiving the filing or change or immediately following the close of the filing period, whichever is sooner, unless the clerk and official agree to an alternative notification timeline – 70 to 56 days before the election.	204B.09, subd. 2(b); 205.13, subd. 1a	Towns with March Elections	Filing
Tuesday, December 29, 2026	Thursday, April 8, 2027	Filing officers for March Town elections who receive financial reports must post them on their public websites (if one is maintained) within 30 days of receipt of report. They are kept on website for 4 years. 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.	211A.02, subd. 6	Towns with March Elections	Filing

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Thursday, December 31, 2026	Thursday, December 31, 2026	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)	Towns with March Elections	Voter Registration
Thursday, December 31, 2026	Thursday, December 31, 2026	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	Towns with March Elections	Polling Place
Thursday, December 31, 2026	Thursday, December 31, 2026	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)	Towns with March Elections	Administrative