

2025 MINNESOTA POLITICAL PARTIES 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 2025 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.state.mn.us/election-administration-campaigns/election-administration/election-calendars/) webpage (https://www.sos.state.mn.us/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 2025 Minnesota Election Calendars are calculated in the following manner, pursuant to M.S. 331A.08, subds. 1-2; 645.13-.15; and .151: When counting the number of days before an election or other event, the day before the event is the first day counted. When counting the number of days after an election or other event, the day after the event is the first day counted. When the last day falls on a weekend or legal holiday, that day is usually omitted from the computation.

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

Relevant law on the calculation of dates

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

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

Special Elections Uniform Election Dates

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

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January 01, 2025 Wednesday	January 01, 2025 Wednesday	New Year's Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
January 01, 2025 Wednesday	December 31, 2025 Wednesday	Candidate or committee <i>Initial Campaign Financial Report</i> due with 14 days of raising or spending more than \$750 for a candidate or ballot question campaign <i>anytime</i> within the calendar year. M.S. 211A.02 identified financial reports are required to be submitted until the Final Report is filed for <i>that</i> candidate or ballot question campaign.	211A.02, subd. 1(a)	Political Parties	Filing
January 01, 2025 Wednesday	December 31, 2025 Wednesday	Filing officers who receive financial reports as per M.S. 211A.02 must post them on their public websites (if one is maintained) within 30 days of receipt of report. Officer must provide link to that webpage to the Campaign Finance Board. Does not apply to cities or towns with fewer than 400 registered voters as of January 1 of the year of the election. Reports are kept on website for 4 years.	211A.02, subd. 6	Political Parties	Filing
January 03, 2025 Friday	January 03, 2025 Friday	Terms begin for U.S. Representatives - January 3.	U.S. Constitution, Amendment XX, section 1	Political Parties	After the Election

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January 06, 2025 Monday	January 06, 2025 Monday	Terms begin for legislators, judges, county, soil and water conservation district, city, town, school district and hospital district officers elected at the November elections - 1st Monday in January of the year following their election.	103C.315, subd. 2; 123B.09, subd. 1; 204D.02, subd. 2; 367.03, subd. 4; 412.02, subd. 2; 447.32, subd. 1	Political Parties	After the Election
January 06, 2025 Monday	March 07, 2025 Friday	Legislators, judges, county commissioners and local officials of cities in metro area with population over 50,000 elected at November General Election file statement of economic interest within 60 days of accepting employment (taking office).	10A.01, subds. 22 and 24; 10A.09, subd. 1(1)and(2); 473.121, subd. 2	Political Parties	Filing
January 09, 2025 Thursday	January 09, 2025 Thursday	Annual List Maintenance (ALM). After the close of the calendar year, the OSS shall determine if any registrants have not voted during the preceding four years. Those records will be changed to the status of "inactive." The OSS prepares a report to the county auditor containing the names of all registrants whose status was changed to "inactive."	201.171	Political Parties	Voter Registration

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January 10, 2025 Friday	January 10, 2025 Friday	Because of the Annual List Maintenance (ALM), if a jurisdiction has sent any Absentee Ballots for February special elections, March town elections, or the Presidential Nomination Primary (in presidential election years) to <i>registered</i> voters before this date, they should contact the county elections office and verify that those names are not on the <i>inactivation</i> list. If so, the county will need to re-activate the voter's record because they have applied for an Absentee Ballot (completed an election activity that includes signing a certification statement) before the ALM process and, therefore, their record should remain active.	201.171	Political Parties	Absentee Ballot
January 14, 2025 Tuesday	January 14, 2025 Tuesday	Legislative Session Begins	Minn. Const. Article IV	Political Parties	Legislature
January 20, 2025 Monday	January 20, 2025 Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
January 31, 2025 Friday	January 31, 2025 Friday	Annual Campaign Finance Reports due if a final report has not been submitted —January 31 of each year.	211A.02, subd. 1	Political Parties	Filing
February 14, 2025 Friday	February 14, 2025 Friday	Secretary of State shall prepare the master list for each county auditor - by February 15 of each year.	201.091, subd. 2	Political Parties	Voter Registration
February 17, 2025 Monday	February 17, 2025 Monday	Presidents' Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
March 11, 2025 Tuesday	March 11, 2025 Tuesday	March Town Election Day: 2nd Tuesday in March.	205.075, subd. 1	Political Parties	Election Day

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May 01, 2025 Thursday	May 01, 2025 Thursday	Last day for OSS to supply example primary and general ballot to county auditors (no later than May 1). County auditors shall distribute copies of the example ballot to municipal and school district clerks in municipalities and school districts holding elections that year. The official ballot must conform in all respects to the example ballot.	204D.09, subd. 1	Political Parties	Ballots
May 01, 2025 Thursday	May 01, 2025 Thursday	Counties print registration counts by precinct and precinct SD split for ballot rotation programming - 8:00 a.m. on May 1 of the election year.	206.61, subd. 5; 8220.0825	Political Parties	Voter Registration
May 19, 2025 Monday	May 19, 2025 Monday	Last day for 2025 Legislature to meet in regular session - first Monday following the 3rd Saturday in May of any year.	Minn. Const. Article IV, Section 12	Legislature	Legislature
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May 20, 2025 Tuesday	June 03, 2025 Tuesday	Candidate filing period for jurisdictions with a primary (known as the early filing period) - opens 84 days before election and closes 70 days before election.	103C.305, subd. 2; 204B.09, subd. 1; 205.13, subd. 1a; 205A.06, subd. 1a	Political Parties	Filing
May 26, 2025 Monday	May 26, 2025 Monday	Memorial Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
June 19, 2025 Thursday	June 19, 2025 Thursday	Juneteenth Holiday: No public business shall be transacted except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday

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June 24, 2025 Tuesday	August 09, 2025 Saturday	Period of time to do public accuracy test of <i>August election date</i> voting equipment to include tabulator and/or assistive voting devices – at least 3 days before use. Publish notice at least two days <i>before</i> test.	206.83	Political Parties	Equipment
July 01, 2025 Tuesday	July 01, 2025 Tuesday	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)	Political Parties	Political Parties
July 01, 2025 Tuesday	July 01, 2025 Tuesday	OSS shall notify each political party, the commissioner of revenue, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board by July 1 of each year and following certification of the results of each general election of the political parties that qualify for inclusion on the income tax form and property tax refund return as provided in <i>Minn. Stat.</i> 10A.31, subd. 3.	10A.31, subd. 3a(d)	Political Parties	Political Parties
July 04, 2025 Friday	July 04, 2025 Friday	Independence Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday

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August 12, 2025 Tuesday	August 12, 2025 Tuesday	AUGUST ODD-NUMBERED YEAR ELECTION DAY: Between 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. No special taxing district, governing body, school board, county board of commissioners, city council or town board shall conduct a meeting. Except for regularly scheduled classes, no Minnesota state college or university shall schedule an event. Except for regularly scheduled classes, a public elementary or secondary school may not schedule a school sponsored event - between 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on an election day.	204C.03	Political Parties	Election Day
September 01, 2025 Monday	September 01, 2025 Monday	Labor Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
October 10, 2025 Friday	October 10, 2025 Friday	Last day to appoint election judges for November Elections - at least 25 days before election.	204B.21, subd. 2	Political Parties	Election Judges
October 13, 2025 Monday	October 13, 2025 Monday	Indigenous Peoples Holiday: Political subdivisions have the option of determining whether this shall be a holiday on which no business shall be transacted. Where it is determined that it is not a holiday, public business may be conducted.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
November 11, 2025 Tuesday	November 11, 2025 Tuesday	Veterans Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
November 27, 2025 Thursday	November 27, 2025 Thursday	Thanksgiving Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday

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November 28, 2025 Friday	November 28, 2025 Friday	Day After Thanksgiving Holiday: Political subdivisions have the option of determining whether Friday after Thanksgiving day shall be a holiday. Where it is determined that day after Thanksgiving is not a holiday, public business may be conducted.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
December 25, 2025 Thursday	December 25, 2025 Thursday	Christmas Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
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January 14, 2026 Wednesday	January 14, 2026 Wednesday	Last day for the chair of the county or legislative district executive committee (political parties) to issue call for caucus and to provide the county auditor and municipal clerk with the place, date and time of the caucus - at least 20 days before the precinct caucus.	202A.14, subds. 2 and 3	Political Parties	Caucus
January 19, 2026 Monday	January 19, 2026 Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
January 24, 2026 Saturday	January 24, 2026 Saturday	County auditor shall make caucus information available (OSS caucus finder) - at least 10 days before caucuses.	202A.14, subd. 3	Political Parties	Caucus
January 24, 2026 Saturday	January 24, 2026 Saturday	Last day for employee who is entitled to attend a major political party <i>precinct caucus</i> meetings to provide written notice to employer to be absent from work for the purpose of attending the caucus during the time for which the caucus is scheduled without penalty or deduction from salary or wages on account of the absence other than a deduction in salary for the time of absence from employment - at least 10 days' written notice.	202A.19, subd. 2	Political Parties	Caucus
January 28, 2026 Wednesday	January 28, 2026 Wednesday	Last day for Political Party County or Legislative District Chair to provide published notice of the holding of precinct caucus stating the place, date and time - at least 6 days published notice.	202A.14, subd. 3	Political Parties	Caucus
January 30, 2026 Friday	January 30, 2026 Friday	Annual campaign financial reports due - January 31st of each year.	211A.02, subd. 1	Political Parties	Filing

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February 03, 2026 Tuesday	February 03, 2026 Tuesday	PRECINCT CAUCUSES. This date is statutorily provided for precinct caucuses for the Major Political Parties - at 7:00 p.m. on a date chosen by the parties before March 1st of the previous odd-numbered year (major political parties control the proceedings of their caucus--all questions regarding process are directed to the parties themselves).	202A.14, subd. 1	Political Parties	Caucus
February 03, 2026 Tuesday	February 03, 2026 Tuesday	PRECINCT CAUCUSES. No special taxing district governing body, school board, county board of commissioners, town board or city council may conduct a public meeting or elementary or secondary school sponsored events can happen after 6:00 p.m. - on the day of major political party precinct caucus meetings.	202A.19, subds. 1 and 5	Political Parties	Caucus
February 03, 2026 Tuesday	February 03, 2026 Tuesday	PRECINCT CAUCUSES: Every employee who is entitled to attend a major political party precinct caucus is entitled, after giving the employer at least 10 days' written notice, to be absent from work for the purpose of attending during the time the caucus is scheduled without penalty or deduction from salary or wages, other than a deduction in salary for the time of absence from employment.	202A.19, subd. 2	Political Parties	Caucus
February 16, 2026 Monday	February 16, 2026 Monday	Presidents' Day Holiday: No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity.	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday