

2014 Election Calendar

2014 PRIMARIES AND GENERAL ELECTION

Revised: September 16, 2014

Calendar is based on current state and federal law. Efforts are made to ensure calendar complies with law. If calendar conflicts with state or federal law, those laws control. Calendar is subject to change. Statutes reference S.C. Code of Laws.

Date	Event	Statutes
January 1, 2014	Absentee precincts established for elections in 2014	7-5-330
January 11	First day 17 year-olds who turn 18 on or before November 4, 2014, may register to vote	7-5-180
February 28	Deadline for county election commissions to submit Election Information Forms to State Election Commission (SEC)	
March 2	Date on which notice of filing must be published in newspaper of general circulation by county election commission	7-13-45
March 16 12:00 noon	Filing opens for party primary and convention candidates for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governor - Lieutenant Governor - Secretary of State - State Treasurer - Attorney General - Comptroller General - State Superintendent of Education - Adjutant General - Commissioner of Agriculture - U.S. Senate - U.S. Senate (to fill unexpired term) - U.S. House of Representatives - State House of Representatives - multi-county district offices - Solicitor (circuits 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 15) - countywide and less than countywide offices Candidates file Statement of Intention of Candidacy/Party Pledge (SICPP) and any filing fees with appropriate election commission (county or state)	7-11-15 7-11-210 7-11-220
March 30 12:00 noon	Filing closes	7-11-15
March 31	Deadline for political parties to hold county conventions	7-9-70
April 7 12:00 noon	Deadline for political parties holding primaries to certify candidates to appropriate election commission	7-11-15 7-13-40
April 11	Deadline to publish first public notice of primary in newspaper of general circulation in county	7-13-35
April 25	Deadline to publish second public notice of primary (must be published two weeks after first notice)	7-13-35
April 25	Deadline for county election commission to provide copies of each primary absentee ballot style to SEC	7-13-320(F)

April 26	Deadline to mail absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act)	7-15-405
April 26	Deadline for political parties to submit list of prospective poll managers for primary to county election commission	7-13-72
May 10	Deadline to register to vote in June 10 Primaries	7-5-150
May 15	Deadline for political parties to hold state conventions	7-9-100
June 10	Primary Election Day. Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.	7-13-40 7-13-60
June 12 before 1:00 p.m.	Deadline for county election commission to hold provisional ballot hearing, canvass votes, and certify results. CEC should certify official results to SEC by 1:00 p.m., June 12.	7-17-510
June 14 before 12:00 noon	Board of State Canvassers meets to canvass votes and declare results of primaries for federal, state and multi-county offices	7-17-510
June 16 12:00 noon	Deadline for filing protest of primary with appropriate county or state party executive committee	7-17-520 7-17-560
June 19	Protest hearings held by appropriate party executive committee	7-17-530 7-17-570
June 20 3:00 p.m.	Deadline for notice of appeal to the state party executive committee from decisions by county party executive committee	7-17-540
June 21 12:00 noon	Deadline for state party executive committee to hear appeals	7-17-550
June 24	Primary Runoff (if required) NOTE: Certification and protest procedures for runoffs follow same time frame as above.	7-13-40
July 15, 12:00 noon	Deadline to submit petition to appropriate election official for name to be placed on General Election ballot	7-13-351
August 15, 12:00 noon	a) Deadline to check petitions and certify petition candidates b) Deadline to certify referendum questions to the county election commission to be placed on General Election ballot c) Deadline for political parties to certify candidates to appropriate election commission d) Deadline for nonpartisan candidates to file and be certified for General Election ballot (actual filing deadlines for some non-partisan offices could differ according to local legislation)	7-13-350 7-13-351 7-13-352 7-13-355
September 5	Deadline to publish first public notice of General Election in newspaper of general circulation in county	7-13-35
September 15	Deadline for county election commission to provide copies of general election absentee ballot styles to SEC	7-13-320(F)
September 19	Deadline to publish second public notice of General Election (must be published two weeks after first notice)	7-13-35
September 20	Deadline to mail absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act)	7-15-406
September 26	Deadline to mail notice of preparation of voting machines (should be mailed so that reasonable notice is given of the actual date(s) of preparation of all voting machines (ABS and election day) will begin, deadline is based on necessity to notify parties prior to preparation of in-office ABS machines)	7-13-1750

October 4	Deadline to test and prepare in-office ABS voting machines	7-13-1750
October 4	Deadline to register to vote in General Election	7-5-150
October 6	Deadline to open in-office ABS voting machines	
October 27	Deadline to post public notice of test of optical ballot scanners (at least five days prior to actual date of test)	7-13-1390
November 1	Deadline to test optical ballot scanners	7-13-1390
November 4	General Election Day	7-13-10 7-13-60
November 5 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for county election commissions to transmit unofficial results to SEC	7-13-1160
November 7 1:00 p.m.	Deadline for county election commissions to hold provisional ballot hearing, canvass votes, and certify results. County election commissions should transmit official results to SEC by 1:00 p.m.	7-17-10 7-17-20
November 12 12:00 noon	Deadline for filing protests of county-level offices with county election commissions	7-17-30
November 14	Deadline for State Board of Canvassers to certify General Election results	7-17-220
November 17	Protest hearings held by county election commissions for countywide or less than countywide elections	7-17-50
November 19 12:00 noon	Latest possible date for protests of federal, state or multi-county offices to be filed with the State Board of Canvassers. Actual deadline is noon on the fifth day following State Board certification.	7-17-260
November 24 12:00 noon	a) Deadline to file appeal of county board decision to State Board. b) Deadline to submit transcript of protest hearing to the State Board.	7-17-60 7-17-50
December 8 12:00 noon	a) Latest possible date for State Board to hear appeals. Appeals must be heard not later than noon, Monday following filing of appeal. b) Latest possible date for State Board to hear protests of federal, state or multi-county offices. Protests must be heard not earlier than the fifth nor later than the 25th day following filing of protest.	7-17-70 7-17-270