

2020 Election Calendar

This calendar is intended to be a reference to significant dates in the election year. Efforts were made to ensure calendar complies with applicable law. If in any case the calendar conflicts with state or federal law, applicable laws control. For complete information regarding dates and deadlines, be sure to consult applicable law. Calendar is subject to change.

Date	Event	Statutes
September 25, 2019	First day persons who will turn 18-years-old on or before November 3, 2020, may register to vote.	7-5-180
January 15, 2020	Deadline to mail PPP absentee ballots to military and overseas citizens.	7-15-405
January 30	Deadline to register to vote for PPP. By mail applications must be postmarked by this date.	7-5-150
January 30	Deadline for county boards to have in-office absentee precinct fully operational for PPP.	7-13-320(F)
February 22	Last Saturday prior to PPP. SEC recommends holding absentee voting hours from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Particularly, if local volume is high.	
February 25 5:00 p.m.	Deadline to return absentee by mail application for PPP. Warning: voters should apply at least one week prior to election day to allow adequate mail time. Applying late puts voters at risk of being unable to return ballots by the deadline of 7:00 p.m. on election day.	7-15-330
February 28 5:00 p.m.	Deadline to vote absentee in person for PPP.	7-15-330
February 29	Democratic PPP. Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	7-11-20
February 29 After 7:00 p.m.	Results available at scVOTES.org .	
March 4 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for military and overseas citizens by mail ballot return. Ballot must be mailed no later than 7:00 p.m. on February 29 th .	7-15-700
March 5 before 1:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to hold provisional ballot hearing, canvass votes, and certify results for PPP.	7-17-510
March 6 10:00 a.m.	State Board of Canvassers meets to canvass votes and declare results of PPP.	7-17-510
March 10	Latest possible date for political parties to publish first notice of county conventions (must be published three weeks prior to convention).	7-9-70
March 16 12:00 noon	Filing opens for all candidates seeking a political party nomination for the following offices in the 2020 General Election: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - U.S. Senate - U.S. House of Representatives - State Senate - State House of Representatives - multi-county district offices - Solicitor (Circuits 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16) - countywide and less than countywide offices 	7-11-15 7-11-210 7-11-220
March 17	Latest possible date for political parties to publish second notice of county conventions (must be published two weeks prior to convention).	7-9-70
March 30 12:00 noon	Deadline for sheriff and coroner candidates to file affidavit with the county party executive committee.	17-5-130 23-11-110

March 30 12:00 noon	Candidate filing closes.	7-11-15
March 31	Deadline for political parties to hold county conventions.	7-9-70
April 1 12:00 noon	Deadline for SEC and county boards to provide SICPP forms, filing fee receipts and filing fee checks to the appropriate state or county party executive committee.	7-11-15
April 6 12:00 noon	Deadline for political parties holding primaries to certify candidates to SEC/county boards of voter registration and elections.	7-11-15 7-13-40
April 9 12:00 noon	Deadline for county parties to file sheriff and coroner affidavits with county boards.	23-11-110
April 25	Deadline to mail Primary absentee ballots to military and overseas citizens.	7-15-650 7-15-680
April 25	Deadline for political parties to submit list of prospective poll managers for Primaries to county boards.	7-13-72
May 5	Latest possible date for parties to publicly announce date of state convention (must be publicly announced at least 10 day prior to state convention).	7-9-100
May 8 5:00 p.m.	Deadline to register to vote in person for Primaries (unless county board holds weekend hours).	7-5-150
May 10 11:59 p.m.	Deadline to register to vote online or by fax or email for Primaries.	7-5-155 7-5-185
May 11	Deadline to register to vote by mail for Primaries (must be postmarked by this date).	7-5-155
May 11	Deadline for county boards to have in-office absentee precinct fully operational for Primaries.	7-13-320(F)
May 15	Deadline for political parties to hold state conventions.	7-9-100
June 5 5:00 p.m.	Deadline to apply for absentee by mail ballot for Primaries. Warning: voters should apply at least one week prior to election day to allow adequate mail time. Applying late puts voters at risk of being unable to return ballots by the deadline of 7:00 p.m. on election day.	7-15-330
June 6	Last Saturday prior to Primaries. County boards must hold absentee voting hours from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	
June 8 5:00 p.m.	Deadline to vote absentee in person for Primaries.	7-15-330
June 9	Statewide Primaries. Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.	7-13-40 7-13-60
June 9 After 7:00 p.m.	Results available at scVOTES.org.	
June 10 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for military and overseas citizens by mail ballot return. Ballot must be mailed no later than 7:00 p.m. on June 9th.	7-15-700
June 11 1:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold provisional ballot hearing. • Canvass votes. • Certify results. • Order any necessary runoffs and recounts for county-level offices. 	7-17-510 7-17-610 7-17-280
June 12 10:00 a.m.	State Board of Canvassers meets to canvass votes, certify results and order any necessary runoffs and recounts for state-level offices.	7-17-510 7-17-610 7-17-280

June 12 After SEC cert.	County boards may begin transmitting absentee by mail ballots for Runoff.	7-15-370
June 15 12:00 noon	Deadline for filing protest of Primary with appropriate county or state party executive committee.	7-17-520 7-17-560
June 18	Protest hearings held by appropriate party executive committee	7-17-530 7-17-570
June 19 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 20 12:00 noon	Deadline for state party executive committee to hear appeals	7-17-550
June 23	Primary Runoffs. Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.	7-13-40
June 23 After 7:00 p.m.	Results available at scVOTES.org.	
June 24 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for military and overseas citizens by mail ballot return. Ballot must be mailed no later than 7:00 p.m. on June 23rd.	7-15-700
June 25 1:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold provisional ballot hearing • Canvass votes • Certify results • Order any necessary recounts for county-level offices 	7-17-510 7-17-280
June 26 10:00 a.m.	State Board of Canvassers meets to canvass votes, certify results and order any necessary recounts for state-level offices.	7-17-510 7-17-280
June 26	Deadline for Sheriff candidates to make fingerprints available to SLED for search of local, state, and federal files for any criminal record	23-11-110
June 29 12:00 noon	Deadline for filing protest of Runoff with appropriate county or state party executive committee	7-17-520 7-17-560
July 2	Protest hearings held by appropriate party executive committee	7-17-530 7-17-570
July 3 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
July 4 12:00 noon	Deadline for state party executive committee to hear appeals	7-17-550
July 6	Date on which number of signatures required for candidate petitions is determined.	7-11-70
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 17 12:00 noon	a) Deadline to check petitions and certify petition candidates. b) Deadline to certify referendum questions to the county election board to be placed on General Election ballot. c) Deadline for political parties to certify candidates to appropriate election office. 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 8 12:00 noon	Deadline for political parties to certify candidates for President and Vice President.	7-13-350(B)

September 19	Deadline to mail General Election absentee ballots to military and overseas citizens.	7-15-406
September 28	County boards must have in-office absentee voting machines available for General Election.	7-13-320(F)
October 2 5:00 p.m.	Deadline to register to vote in person for General Election (unless county board holds weekend hours).	7-5-150
October 4 11:59 p.m.	Deadline to register to vote online or by fax or email for General Election.	7-5-155 7-5-185
October 5	Deadline to register to vote by mail for General Election (must be postmarked by this date).	7-5-155
October 30 5:00 p.m.	Deadline to apply for absentee by mail ballot for General Election. Warning: voters should apply at least one week prior to election day to allow adequate mail time. Applying late puts voters at risk of being unable to return ballots by the deadline of 7:00 p.m. on election day.	7-15-330
October 31	Last Saturday prior to General Election. County boards must hold absentee voting hours from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	
November 2 5:00 p.m.	Deadline to vote absentee in person for General Election.	7-15-330
November 3	General Election. Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.	7-13-10 7-13-60
November 3 After 7:00 p.m.	Results available at scVOTES.org.	
November 5 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for military and overseas citizens by mail ballot return. Ballot must be mailed no later than 7:00 p.m. on November 3rd.	7-15-700
November 6 1:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold provisional ballot hearing. • Canvass votes. • Certify results. Order any necessary recounts for county-level offices.	7-17-10 7-17-280
November 10 10:00 a.m.	State Board of Canvassers meets to canvass votes, certify results and order any necessary recounts for state-level offices.	7-17-220 7-17-280
November 11 12:00 noon	Deadline for filing protests of county-level offices with county boards.	7-17-30
November 15 12:00 noon	Deadline to file protests of federal, state or multi-county offices with the State Board of Canvassers.	7-17-260
November 16	Protest hearings held by county boards for countywide or less than countywide elections.	7-17-50
November 23 12:00 noon	a) Deadline to file appeal of county board decision to State Board of Canvassers. b) Deadline for county board to submit transcript of protest hearing to the State Board of Canvassers.	7-17-50 7-17-60
December 7 12:00 noon	Latest possible date for State Board to hear appeals. Appeals must be heard not later than noon, 14 days following filing of appeal.	7-17-70
December 10	Latest possible date for State Board to hear a protest of a federal, state or multi-county office. Protests must be heard not earlier than the fifth nor later than the 25 th day following filing of the protest.	7-17-270