

MODEL #2: KEEP PRIMARY & SCHOOL ELECTIONS SEPARATE AND MOVE EACH 2 WEEKS EARLIER

School Election: Tuesday, April 18, 2028 (3rd Tuesday in April)

Primary Election: Tuesday, May 23, 2028 (4th Tuesday in May)

School election dates in mauve boxes; Primary election dates in green boxes

NOVEMBER '27

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Legislative candidate must be state resident						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				School Trustees call for school election; Candidate filing opens		
28	29	30				
	Last day to file resolution for school election w/ EA					

DECEMBER '27

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
					Deadline for minor party petition	
26	27	28	29	30	31	

JANUARY '28

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Candidate filing opens	12	13	14	15
16	17 Deadline for precinct boundary change resolution	18	19	20	21 Deadline for verified new party petitions to SOS	22
23	24 Candidate filing closes; last day for candidate to withdraw	25	26 Candidate filing closes	27	28	29
30	31 Last day for candidate paperwork to COPP					

FEBRUARY '28

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 COPP to notify SOS of ineligible candidates	3	4 SOS & EAs to certify state & local ballots; EA to notify county if local election not needed	5
6	7	8 Deadline for amends. to election resolutions	9	10	11	12
13	14 Deadline for write-in candidates to file Declaration of Intent	15	16 End of regular voter list maintenance period (prohibited 90 days before election)	17	18 EAs to post mail ballot election plan, timetable, and instructions	19
20	21 Notice of close of regular registration	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Deadline for county governing bodies to call for a local election to be held on the primary	29				

MARCH '28

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 EA certifies ballot; Notice of election is posted (start)	10	11
12	13	14 Deadline for mail ballot amendments	15	16	17 Notice of election by acclamation & cancellation of election; Deadline to notify election judges of appt	18
19	20 Close of regular voter registration; EAs can do performance testing of voting machines	21 Start of late voter registration	22	23	24	25
26	27 EAs must publish notice re. registration (3 times in 4 weeks)	28	29 Absentee ballots available; EAs can send mail ballots (start)	30	31	

APRIL '28

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 EAs can send mail ballots (end)	4	5	6 Notices re. mail ballot counting & voting system testing (start)	7 UOCAVA ballots sent; election judge lists	8 Notice re. polling location accessibility (start); Notice of election is posted (end)
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Notices re. mail ballot counting & voting system testing (end); Notice re. polling location accessibility (end)	Deliver copies of voter lists to polling locations; Noon - Deadline for absentee ballot reqs	SCHOOL ELECTION				
23	24 Count of provisional ballots can begin Reg. registration closes; absentee ballots avail; public testing begins; polling place deadline	25 Late registration begins; Election judge training can begin; Post-election audit comm appts can begin	26	27 Deadline for postmarked registration forms	28 Absentee ballots mailed	29
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MAY '28

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Deadline for EAs to enter registration forms to online voter list	2 SOS can certify statewide voter list	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 12-day req notifications from EAs (start)	12 Deadline for Trustees' canvass	13 10-day req notifications from EAs (start)
14 Legislative candidate must be county resident	15	16 Deadline for independent & minor party candidates to submit signed petitions	17 Deadline to file petition for recount	18 Early absentee ballot prep can begin in some counties	19 10-day req notifications from EAs (end); Precinct register printing begins; 5pm - Start of period for special absentee ballot requests	20
21 12-day req notifications from EAs (end)	22 Deadline to convene School Recount Board Polling place voters can obtain one-time absentee ballot; No late reg proc'd; EAs can begin early prep for absentee ballots; Automatic tab of absentee ballots on a machine may begin; Deadline for independent & minor party candidates to file Dec of Intent	23 PRIMARY ELECTION Polls open 7am-8pm Noon - Late registration deadline; Tabulation using manual count begins; EAs must randomly test & certify 10% of machines	24 5pm - Deadline for provisional voters to provide proof of reg or req'd ID EAs may open a package containing a precinct register to resolve provisional ballots (start)	25	26 Deadline for candidates to file Oath of Office with County Superintendent	27

MAY '28 (continued)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29 EAs may open a package containing a precinct register to resolve provisional ballots (end) 3pm - FWAB deadline; UOCAVA & provisional ballot counting begins	30 State Board of Canvassers Meeting	31 County post-election audits begin			

JUNE '28

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Deadline for trustees to request EA to conduct school election the next year	2	3
4	5 County post-election audits end	6 Deadline for EAs to submit & post election results spreadsheet; EAs can issue certificates of nomination; EAs can send official canvass to SOS	7	8	9	10
11	12 Deadline for SOS to complete election result report for Leg; Deadline for unsuccessful candidates to contest nomination after canvass; Deadline for unsuccessful candidate to file for recount	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Deadline for successful primary write-in candidates to file Dec. of Acceptance State Canvass Board Meeting	20 SOS can issue certificates of nomination to successful candidates	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	REFERENCE/NOTES
NOVEMBER '27		
Sun, November 7, 2027	Date by which a candidate for a legislative position must be a resident of Montana	For at least one year preceding the general election <i>Article V, Part V, Sect. 4 MT Constitution</i>
Thursday, November 25	Trustees call for an election. The trustees do NOT have to set levy amounts at this time; however, they must be set in time for the clerk to certify the ballot (not less than 40 days before the election). The resolution must be delivered to the county election administrator within 3 days of passage, but it need NOT be posted. The trustees must also appoint three election judges per precinct. Request for a mail ballot election must be sent from trustees to the election administrator.	Not less than 145 days before election <i>13-19-202, 13-19-203, 20-9-422, 20-20-201, 20-20-203</i>
Thurs., November 25, 2027 - Mon., January 24, 2028	Trustee candidates file for election. A Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy must be filed with district clerk (regardless of who is running the election). NO CANDIDATE MAY APPEAR ON THE BALLOT UNLESS THE CANDIDATE MEETS THIS DEADLINE.	No earlier than 145 days, or later than 85 days before <i>13-10-201, 20-3-305</i>
Monday, November 29	Last day to file resolutions for school election with county election administrator. To assist with the provisions of late registration, include the name and best contact number for the district's election administrator with the resolution.	At least 142 days before (within 3 days of passage of the election resolution) <i>20-20-201(2)(a)</i>
DECEMBER '27		
Friday, December 24	Deadline for a new political party to submit a minor party petition to county EAs	No later than 4 weeks before the final date for filing the petition with the SOS <i>13-10-606(3)</i>

JANUARY '28

Tuesday, January 11, 2028	Candidate filing opens at 8:00 a.m.	No sooner than 105 days before the election <i>13-10-201(7), 13-1-403(1,2), 13-1-502(1,2), HB 207 (2025)</i>
Monday, January 17	Deadline for the county governing body to pass a resolution to change precinct boundaries	Not within 100 days before any primary or between a general and primary election <i>13-13-102</i>
Friday, January 21	Deadline for the SOS to receive verified new political party qualification petitions from county election administrators	At least 95 days before the primary <i>13-10-609(2)</i>
Monday, January 24	Last day trustee candidates may withdraw from the election. Any candidate that has already filed for election, but wishes to withdraw their name, may do so by sending a statement of withdrawal to the election administrator.	85 days before election <i>20-3-305(3)(a)</i>
Wednesday, January 26	Candidate filing closes - 5:00 p.m. deadline Candidate filing closes for write-in candidates for the primary - 5:00 p.m. deadline Last day for candidates to withdraw from the primary election - 5:00 p.m. deadline	No sooner than 90 days before the election <i>13-10-201(7), 13-1-403(1,2), 13-1-502(1,2), 13-10-211(1), HB 207 (2025)</i> A candidate may not withdraw after the filing deadline <i>13-10-325(1)(b)</i>
Within 5 days of filing for office	Candidates file appropriate campaign paperwork with the COPP	Within 5 days of filing for office <i>13-37-201(2)</i>

FEBRUARY '28		
Wednesday, February 2	Deadline for the COPP to notify the SOS and EAs of the names of any candidates whose names may not appear on the official ballot because they have not complied with the provisions of MCA Title 13, Chapter 37	2 calendar days before the certification deadline <i>13-37-126(5)(b)(i)</i>
Friday, February 4	Deadline for the SOS to certify for the ballot the names and designations of statewide and state district candidates to EAs to certify for the ballot the names of local candidates and local ballot issues	10 days after the close of candidate filing <i>13-10-208</i>
By Friday, February 4	<p>If an EA determines a local primary election is unnecessary, they shall notify the governing body in writing. The governing body may cancel the election by resolution.</p> <p>If the governing body decides that a local nonpartisan election must be held, they must require it by resolution.</p> <p>An EA may give notice that a party's precinct committee election will not be held in that precinct by this date</p>	<p><i>13-1-403(4)</i></p> <p>Not more than 10 days after the close of candidate filing <i>13-14-115(3)</i></p> <p><i>13-38-201(4)(a)</i></p>
Tuesday, February 8	Deadline for amendments to election resolutions. The trustees may amend an election resolution passed at least 145 days prior to the election. Financial considerations not indicated in the initial resolution may be included in an amendment.	At least 70 days before election <i>20-20-201</i>
Monday, February 14	Deadline for write-in candidate for a trustee position on a school board to file Declaration of Intent (must be filed with the district clerk, regardless of who is running the election).	Not later than 5pm the 65th day before the election <i>20-3-305(2)(b)</i>
Wednesday, February 16	End of regular voter list maintenance period	Prohibited within 90 days of an election per the NVRA
Friday, February 18	Election administrator posts mail ballot election plan/timetable/sample instructions.	At least 60 days before the election <i>13-19-205</i>
Monday, February 21	Notice of close of regular registration. The county election administrator publishes the notice of close of regular registration for school districts at least 3 times in the 4 weeks preceding the close of regular registration. Contact the county election administrator to coordinate that publication.	4 weeks preceding the close of regular registration <i>13-2-301</i>
Monday, February 28	Deadline for governing bodies to call for a local government election to be held on the date of the primary election	No sooner than 85 days after a resolution calling for an election <i>13-1-405</i>

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Thursday, March 9	<p>Election administrator certifies ballot. The election administrator prepares the final ballot form, listing all candidates and propositions to be voted upon. The ballot must then be delivered to the election administrator, if other than the clerk.</p> <p>Trustees must pass a resolution stating exact levy amounts by this date for the clerk to certify the ballot. This resolution must include the durational limit, if any, on the levy.</p>	<p>Not less than 40 days before the election <i>20-20-401</i></p>
Thurs., March 9 - Sat., April 8	<p>Notice of election is posted. The election notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the district if available, posted in at least three public places in the district AND posted on the district's website for the 10 days prior to the election, if the district has an active website. Notice using any other recognized media may be used to supplement the posting.</p>	<p>Not less than 10 days, or more than 40 days before <i>20-20-204</i></p>
Tuesday, March 14	<p>Deadline for mail ballot amendments. The plan may be amended by the election administrator at any time prior to the 35th day before election day by publishing in the same manner as the original mail ballot plan.</p>	<p>Not more than 35 days before <i>13-19-205</i></p>
Friday, March 17	<p>Election by Acclamation and Cancellation of Election - Notice. If the number of candidates filing a nomination petition or filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate is equal to or less than the number of open trustee positions to be elected, the trustees cancel the trustee election. They must then give notice that a trustee election will not be held. The trustee election may not be declared by acclamation until all candidate filing deadlines have passed. Send a copy to the county election administrator to aid with the provisions of late registration.</p>	<p>Not less than 30 days before <i>20-3-313</i></p>
	<p>Deadline to notify election judges of appointment.</p>	<p>No later than the 30th day before <i>13-4-101</i></p>
Monday, March 20	<p>Close of regular voter registration. Registration forms postmarked by this date and received within 3 days are accepted for regular registration. Late registration must be completed at the county election office.</p>	<p>30 days before any election <i>13-2-301</i></p>
	<p>Contact your county election administrator for the absentee ballot list.</p>	<p>Not more than 30 days before <i>13-13-212, 20-20-312</i></p>
	<p>Performance Testing and Certification of Voting System. The election administrator must publicly test and certify that the system is performing properly.</p>	<p>Not more than 30 days before election <i>13-17-212</i></p>

Tuesday, March 21	Start of Late Registration. Late voter registration starts and continues through election day. Late registration must be completed at the office of the county election administrator.	Day after Close of Regular Registration <i>13-2-304</i>
No earlier than Monday, March 27	EAs must publish or broadcast a notice specifying the day regular voter registration will close and the availability of late registration.	3 times in the 4 weeks preceding the close of regular registration <i>13-2-301(1)(b)</i>
Wednesday, March 29	Absentee ballots available. The election administrator prepares ballots for absentee voters.	At least 20 days before election <i>13-13-214, 20-20-401</i>
Wed. March 29 - Mon., April 3	Mail ballots mailed. If conducting a mail ballot election, all ballots must be mailed on the same day (the day noted in the district's mail ballot plan). If an inactive elector reactivates after the ballots are mailed, the elector should be provided with or mailed a ballot. If the elector reactivates after noon on the day before election day, the elector must come in on election day to receive a ballot.	Not before the 20th day or later than the 15th day <i>13-19-207</i>

APRIL '28

Thurs., April 6 - Sun., April 16	Absentee/Mail Ballot Counting Notice. Districts must publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the county a notice indicating the method that will be used for counting absentee/mail ballots and the place and time that the absentee/mail ballots will be counted on election day.	Not more than 12 days or less than 2 days before the election <i>13-15-105</i>
	Publication of Information Concerning Voting Systems. Districts shall broadcast on radio or television or publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the county a diagram showing the voting system to be used by voters and a sample ballot (newspaper only), a statement of location of where the voting system to be used is on public display, and instructions on how to vote.	Not more than 12 days or less than 2 days before <i>13-17-203</i>
Friday, April 7	EAs must send ballots to absent military and overseas electors as soon as the ballot is printed and no later than this date.	As soon as the ballot is printed but not later than 45 days in advance of the election. <i>13-35-205(2)</i> No later than the business day preceding the 45th day <i>13-21-224</i>
	County central committees of parties eligible to nominate candidates in the primary election submit to the EAs a list of electors to serve as election judges	At least 45 days before the election <i>13-4-102</i>
Sat., April 8 - Sun., April 16	Polling Location Accessibility Notice. Districts must publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the county a statement of the location of the polling places and whether each location is accessible or inaccessible. <i>This notice may be combined with the Absentee/Mail Ballot Counting Notice, the Publication of Information Concerning Voting Systems, and/ or with the Notice of Election if the notice is published on the 10th day prior to the election.</i>	Not more than 10 days or less than 2 days before <i>13-3-105, 13-3-207</i>
	By Noon - Deadline for absentee ballot requests. Voters who wish to vote absentee may request an absentee ballot in writing or in person until noon the day before the election.	Day before (By Noon) <i>13-13-211, 13-13-214</i>

Monday, April 17	Deliver certified copy of the lists of registered electors. Before the day of election, the county election administrator shall deliver a certified copy of the lists of registered electors for each voting location to the district. The district shall deliver them to the election judges prior to the opening of a voting location.	Day before 20-20-313
Tuesday, April 18 SCHOOL ELECTION	SCHOOL ELECTION DAY. The election administrator must prepare the polling places, printed ballots, ensure election judges are present, and conduct a fair and unbiased election. Notify election judges of the names of write-in candidates	Title 13 20-20-105 20-20-401 20-20-411
Monday, April 24	After 3p.m. - The first date that provisional ballots may be counted. Following the election, unresolved provisional ballots are sealed. These ballots may not be opened until after 3pm on the 6th day after election. The election judges convene, and a determination is made as to whether the ballots are counted. If there are provisional ballots in a school election, the canvass may not occur until after all provisional ballots are resolved.	No sooner than 3pm on the 6th day after the election <i>13-15-107</i>
	Close of regular voter registration (registration forms postmarked by this date and received within 3 days are accepted for regular registration)	For 30 days before any election <i>13-2-301</i>
	Absentee ballots must be available 30 days prior to election day for absentee voting in person	30 days prior to election day <i>13-13-205</i>
	Beginning of the period during which EAs publicly test and certify that each type of voting system used in an election is performing properly. Reminder: An EA shall test all central count vote tabulation machines to be used if automatic tabulation begins pursuant to 13-13-241(7)(a), the day before the election.	No more than 30 days prior to an election <i>13-17-212</i>
	Deadline for the county governing body to designate the polling place for each precinct and to appoint 3 or more election judges for each precinct, 1 of whom must be designated chief judge	No later than 30 days before a primary election <i>13-3-105, 13-4-101</i>
Prior to the primary election	Any judge serving in the 2028 elections must attend training and obtain a certificate of completion. A certificate is current if obtained prior to the primary election in an even-numbered year.	Before each election <i>13-4-203</i>
	The county governing body appoints at least 3 individuals to serve on the county post-election audit committee.	Prior to each federal election <i>13-17-504</i>

<p>Tuesday, April 25</p>	<p>Late registration begins - Primary Election</p> <p>During late registration, those wishing to register or change their voter information and vote in this federal election may only do so before 5:00 p.m. on Friday before the election, Saturday before the election, or before noon on Election Day.</p> <p>To vote in the election, late registrants must obtain their ballot in person from the location designated by the EA.</p>	<p>After the close of regular registration <i>13-2-304, SB 490 (2025)</i></p>
<p>Thursday, April 27</p>	<p>Registration forms postmarked by April 24 and received by this date are accepted for regular registration.</p>	<p>For 3 days after regular registration is closed <i>13-2-301(3)</i></p>
<p>Friday, April 28</p>	<p>Ballots are mailed to electors on the absentee list.</p>	<p>25 days prior to election day <i>13-13-205, 13-13-214</i></p>

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Monday, May 1	Deadline for EAs to enter into the statewide voter registration system all voter registration applications received by the regular registration deadline.	No later than 5 working days after the regular registration deadline <i>13-2-115</i>
After May 1	SOS certifies the official statewide voter registration list.	<i>13-2-115(2)</i>
Thurs., May 11-Sun., May 21	EAs must publish or broadcast: a diagram showing a voting system used by voters and a sample of the ballot layout (in newspaper only), a statement of the locations where voting systems to be used by voters are on public exhibition, and instructions on how to vote	Not more than 12 days or less than 2 days before an election <i>13-37-203, SB 115 (2025)</i>
	EAs must publish or broadcast a notice indicating the method that will be used for counting absentee ballots and the place and time that the absentee ballots will be counted on election day	Not more than 12 days or less than 2 days before an election <i>13-15-105, SB 115 (2025), 13-15-206, 13-15-207</i>
By Friday, May 12	Trustees canvass the votes, issue certificates of election, and publish results. Trustees review the tally sheets compiled by the election judges to ascertain their accuracy. Recounts are ordered, if necessary. If tally is complete and accurate, trustees issue certificates of election to successful candidates. The canvassed results shall be published immediately in a newspaper that will give notice to the largest number of people in the district.	Following receipt of the tally sheets from all polls and within 25 days after the election <i>20-20-415, 20-20-416</i>
	Deadline for trustees to hold organizational meeting to elect chair and appoint clerk.	Within 25 days of election <i>20-3-321</i>
Sat., May 13 - Fri., May 19	EAs must publish, or broadcast, locations of the precinct polling places, including accessibility designations for each polling place.	Not more than 10 days or less than 2 business days before an election <i>13-3-105(2), 13-3-207</i>
Sunday, May 14	Date by which legislative candidates must be a resident in the appropriate county, if it contains one or more districts, or a legislative district, if it contains all or parts of more than 1 county	For 6 months preceding the general election <i>Article V, Part V, Sect. 4, MT Constitution</i>
Tuesday, May 16	Deadline for independent and minor party candidates to submit signed petitions to county EAs	1 week before the deadline for filing <i>13-10-503(1)</i>

By Wednesday, May 17 (April 24 - May 17)	Deadline for filing a petition for recount. When a question submitted to a vote of the people is decided by a margin not exceeding ¼ of 1% of the total votes cast for and against the question, a petition for recount must be filed within 5 days after the official canvass.	Within 5 days after the official canvass <i>13-16-201</i>
Thursday, May 18	EAs in counties with 8,000 or more registered electors or 5,000 or more absentee electors, may, at their option, conduct any early preparation of absentee ballots	Not sooner than 3 business days before election day <i>13-13-241(7)</i>
Friday, May 19	Beginning of period for printing of primary election precinct register	Friday before each election <i>13-2-116</i>
	After 5:00 p.m. - Beginning of period for qualified electors who are prevented from voting at the polls as a result of illness or health emergency, occurring between 5:00 p.m. of the Friday before the election and before the close of polls on election day, to request to vote by special absentee ballot	Friday preceding the election and before the close of polls on election day <i>13-13-211(2), 13-13-212(2)</i>
Before Friday, May 19 (March 28 to May 19)	On these dates, electors may request or change their registration information and vote in this federal election if they obtain their ballot in person from the location designated by the county EA	Prior to the close of business on the Friday before the election <i>13-2-304, SB 490</i>
Saturday, May 20 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.		Saturday before the election <i>13-2-304, SB 490 (2025)</i>
Monday, May 22	Deadline for convening the School Recount Board. When a tie vote has been certified to the election administrator or conditions have been met for filing a recount petition, the board shall convene at its usual meeting place to perform a recount. The recount must be completed within 5 days of receipt of official canvass or recount petition.	Within 5 days of receipt of notice from the election administrator <i>13-16-204, 20-20-420</i>
	Polling place voters wishing to obtain a one-time absentee ballot must apply before noon on the day before the election and receive the ballot in person (except as provided in 13-13-211(2))	Before noon on the day before the election <i>13-13-211</i>
	EAs print supplemental precinct registers	Administrative Procedure
	EAs may opt to conduct early preparation of absentee ballots beginning at the time set in the public notice.	1 day before election day <i>13-13-241, ARM 44.3.2204</i>
	Automatic tabulation using a vote-counting machine of absentee ballots may begin. An EA shall test all central count vote tabulation machines to be used if automatic tabulation begins pursuant to 13-13-241(7)(a), the day before the election.	The day before the election <i>13-13-241, 13-15-104, 13-15-207, 13-17-212</i>
	Deadline for independent and minor party candidates to file Declaration of Intent for office; deadline for SOS to receive independent and minor party candidate petitions from EAs	Before the scheduled primary <i>13-10-503</i>

Tuesday, May 23 PRIMARY ELECTION	7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Polls are open.	Polling places must be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fewer than 400, from at least noon to 8 p.m. <i>13-1-106</i>
	At least noon to 8:00 p.m. - Polling places with less than a net of 400 registered voters (registered minus absentee) may open after 7:00 a.m. but must open no later than noon	
	Noon: Deadline to register or change voter information and vote in this election. Late registrants must obtain their ballot in person from the location designated by the county EA	Prior to noon on election day <i>13-2-304(3), SB 490 (2025)</i>
	EAs must randomly test and certify 10% of each type of voting system (a minimum of 1 per county) to validate the accuracy of voted paper ballots with the voting system results	On election day <i>ARM 44.3.1713</i>
	Tabulation using a manual count begins	Election day <i>13-13-241(7)</i>
	8:00 p.m. - End of period for qualified electors who are prevented from voting at the polls as a result of illness or health emergency, occurring between 5:00 p.m. of the Friday before the election and before the close of polls on election day, to request to vote by special absentee ballot.	Before the close of polls on election day <i>13-13-211(2), 13-13-212(2)</i>
	8:00 p.m. - Polls close.	Polling places must be open until 8 p.m. <i>13-1-106</i>
Wednesday, May 24	5:00 p.m. - Deadline for people who voted a provisional ballot to provide proof of registration or required identification. (Information may also be mailed to the county EA by the day after the election but must be received by 3 p.m. on the 6th day after the election.)	Until 5 p.m. the day after the election <i>13-15-107</i>
Wed., May 24 - Mon., May 29	Period during which election administrators may open a package containing a precinct register to resolve provisional ballots	<i>13-15-301(2)</i>
By Friday, May 26	Candidate completes and files Oath of Office with the County Superintendent. <i>*Newly elected trustees may not be seated until the oath is filed. The issuance and the oath may be administered at the organizational meeting (below) but must be completed within 15 days of issuance.</i> <i>**In the event of a recount, the deadline for a candidate to complete and file the oath is 15 days from receipt of the certificate of election.</i>	Within 15 days after receipt of certificate of election <i>20-3-307, 20-1-202, 1-6-101</i>
	3:00 p.m. – Counting of provisional ballots that are not resolved by the end of election day may not begin prior to this date and time.	The sixth day after the election <i>13-15-107(8)</i>

Monday, May 29	3:00 p.m. – Deadline for EAs to receive Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots (FWABs) sent by 8:00 p.m. on election day.	3 pm on the Monday following the election <i>13-21-206</i>
	3:00 p.m. – Counting of electronically submitted ballots that were sent by absent military and overseas electors by 8:00 p.m. on election day and received by 5:00 p.m. the day after the election.	Counted at the same time as provisional ballots are counted. <i>13-21-226(2)</i>
Tuesday, May 30	Meeting of the State Board of Canvassers to randomly choose races, ballot issues, and precincts to be audited for the post-election audit.	No sooner than 7 days and no later than 9 days after the election. <i>13-17-505</i>
Wed., May 31- Mon., June 5	Post-election audits are conducted by counties (after notification by the State Board of Canvassers of races, ballot issues, and precincts chosen).	After unofficial results are available to the public in a federal election, but before the official canvass <i>13-17-503</i> At least 1 day before the official canvass by the county board of canvassers.

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By June 1	Deadline for trustees to request county election administrator to conduct school elections for next year.	By June 1 20-20-417
Tuesday, June 6	<p>Deadline for the county EA to submit the reconciliation of election results spreadsheet required by SB 440 to the SOS.</p> <p>Deadline for the reconciliation spreadsheet to be posted to the county election website in a place accessible to all members of the public.</p>	No later than when the board of county canvassers meets as provided in 13-15-401. SB 440(4)(a) (2025), SB 440(2) (2025), 13-15-201(3), SB 57 (2025)
By June 6	County canvass completed – Canvass Board declares nominated the individuals having received the highest number of votes cast for each county-certified office and proclaims the adoption or rejection of county ballot issues.	Within 14 days after each election 13-15-401, 13-15-403, SB 57, 13-15-405
After the county canvass is complete	County EA issues certificates of nomination to successful local nominees after COPP informs county EAs of candidates’ compliance with applicable filing requirements.	13-37-127
When the county canvass is complete	EAs send an official canvass of election results to the SOS by certified mail (On the day of, or day after, the county canvass).	13-15-501
Monday, June 12	Deadline for the SOS to complete a comprehensive reconciliation report of election results. The report will be submitted to Legislative Services and posted on the SOS website as soon as it is available.	At least 7 days prior to the certification of the election results by the Board of State Canvassers. SB 440 (4)(b), SB 440(5)(a)(b)
By Monday, June 12	Deadline for unsuccessful primary election candidates to initiate contest of primary election nomination after the county or state canvass, as applicable.	13-36-102(1)
	Deadline for unsuccessful primary election candidates to apply for a recount, after the county or state canvass.	13-16-201, 13-16-211, 13-16-301
By Monday, June 19	Deadline for successful primary write-in nominees to file a written Declaration of Acceptance after county or state canvass, as applicable.	13-10-204

Monday, June 19	Meeting of the State Canvass Board—The Canvass Board declares nominated individuals having received the highest number of votes cast for each state-certified office and sends certified copies of the reports and results to the Governor.	Within 27 days of the election or sooner if returns are all received. <i>13-15-502, 13-15-507</i>
After state canvass is complete	SOS issues certificates of nomination to successful nominees after the COPP informs the SOS of candidates' compliance with applicable filing requirements.	<i>13-37-127</i>