

2026 Election Calendar

January, 2026		
1-January (Thursday)	New Year's Day	
2-January (Friday)	Last day to affiliate with a major or minor party in order to run as a party candidate in the primary either through nomination by petition or nomination by assembly (unless otherwise provided by party rules). (No later than first business day in January)	1-4-601(4)(a) 1-4-801(3) 1-4-802(1)(g)(II) 1-4-1304(2)(b)
	Last day for county clerk to generate a list of electors within the county who submitted more than one ballot for the election. (Not later than 60 days after a state election)	1-2-305(1) 1-1-106(5)
	Last day for state central committees to notify the Secretary of State and the clerk and recorder of each county of the date decided upon to hold its precinct caucus. (Precinct caucuses must be held on a date no earlier than the first Tuesday in March and no later than the first Saturday after the first Tuesday in March)	1-3-102(1)(a)(I)
	Last day to register as unaffiliated, in order to be placed in nomination (by petition) as an unaffiliated candidate. (No later than first business day in January)	1-4-802(1)(g)(II)
	First day to circulate major party candidate petitions. (First business day in January)	1-4-801(5)
	First day to circulate minor party candidate petitions. (First business day in January)	1-4-802(1)(d)(II)
5-January (Monday)	Deadline for the Secretary of State to notify the county clerk of counties that are required to provide a minority language sample ballot and post the counties on the Secretary's website. The Secretary shall provide an in-person minority language ballot. (On or before January 5 of each even year)	1-5-905(2) 1-5-906 1-5-907
9-January (Friday)	Last day to submit a petition to qualify as a minor political party. (Must be signed by at least 10,000 registered electors and submitted to the Secretary of State). (No later than second Friday in January)	1-4-1302(1)
14-January (Wednesday)	General Assembly convenes, estimated. (Second Wednesday in January, unless different date decided by joint resolution)	Art. V, Sect. 7
19-January (Monday)	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
30-January (Friday)	Last day for the Secretary of State to issue a notice of sufficiency/insufficiency of a petition to qualify as a minor political party. (21 days after receipt of the petition)	1-4-1302(4)(b)
February, 2026		
2-February (Monday)	Last day for state central committees to file or amend party bylaws or rules with the Secretary of State. (No bylaw or rule may be filed or amended after the first Monday in February)	1-3-103(9)(a)
	Last day to change precinct boundaries or create new precincts before the March Party Precinct Caucuses . (No later than 29 days before the first Tuesday in March)	1-5-103(1)
	Last day to submit completed reimbursement request to Secretary of State for 2025 Coordinated Election . (No later than 90 days after Election Day).	Rule 7.14.1
9-February (Monday) to 13-February (Friday)	Last day to affiliate with the Republican Party or Democratic Party in order to vote in the March Party Precinct Caucuses . (22 days before the precinct caucuses, contingent on precinct caucus date)	1-3-101(1)

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10-February (Tuesday) to 14-February (Saturday)	Last day for county clerks to furnish the Republican and Democratic Parties with a list of registered electors in the county who are affiliated with the Party. (No later than 21 days before the March Party Precinct Caucuses, contingent on precinct caucus date)	1-3-101(3)(a)
16-February (Monday)	Washington's Birthday/President's Day	
19-February (Thursday) to 23-February (Tuesday)	Last day to post signs for the March Party Precinct Caucuses . (No later than 12 days before the precinct caucuses, contingent on precinct caucus date)	1-4-602(4)(a) 1-1-106(5)
26-February (Thursday)	First day that county must begin accepting comments from the public regarding the designation of VSPCs for the 2026 General Election . (250 days before a general election)	1-5-102.9(1)(c)(II)
27-February (Friday)	Deadline for county clerk and recorder to send the county's precinct files or maps to the Secretary of State. (No later than March 1)	Rule 2.15 1-1-106(5)
March, 2026		
2-March (Monday)	Last day for county clerk to designate drop-off, drop box, and Voter Service and Polling Center locations for the June 30th Primary Election . Before designation, clerks must also complete an accessibility survey for all locations. (No later than 120 days before the Primary Election)	Rule 7.9
	Last day for county clerk to submit an election plan to the Secretary of State for the June 30th Primary Election . (No later than 120 days before the Primary Election)	1-7.5-105(1.3) Rule 7.1.1
3- March (Tuesday) to 7-March (Saturday)	First Day Republican Party and Democratic Party Can Hold precinct caucuses (In each even-numbered year, political parties hold their precinct caucus on a date no earlier than the first Tuesday in March and no later than the first Saturday after the first Tuesday in March)	1-3-102(1)(a)(I)
	Last Day Republican Party and Democratic Party Can Hold Precinct Caucuses (In each even-numbered year, political parties hold their precinct caucus on a date no earlier than the first Tuesday in March and no later than the first Saturday after the first Tuesday in March)	1-3-102(1)(a)(I)
17-March (Tuesday)	Last day for county who previously failed to meet 45-day ballot transmission deadline to submit plan to Secretary of State for complying with the deadline for the June 30th Primary Election . (No later than 60 days before the 45 day transmission deadline)	Rule 16.1.8
18-March (Wednesday)	Last day to file major party candidate petitions. (No later than the close of business on the third Tuesday in March or on the 75th day after the first business day in January, whichever is later.)	1-4-801(5)(a)
	Last day to file minor party candidate petitions. (No later than the close of business on the third Tuesday in March or on the 75th day after the first business day in January, whichever is later.)	1-4-802(1)(f)(II)
20-March (Friday)	Last day for the Secretary of State to prepare an election notice for the June 30th Primary Election to be used in conjunction with a federal write-in absentee ballot. (At least 100 days before a regularly scheduled election)	1-8.3-116(1) 1-1-106(5)

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24-March (Tuesday) through 28-March (Saturday)	Last day to hold Republican Party and Democratic Party county assemblies . Contingent upon date of precinct caucus. (No later than 21 days after precinct caucuses)	1-4-602(1)(a)(I)
*	County candidates' designations and acceptances must be filed no later than 4 days after the adjournment of the county assembly. If faxed, the original must also be filed and postmarked no later than 10 days after the adjournment of the assembly.	1-4-601(3)(a) 1-4-604(3)
April, 2026		
1-April (Wednesday)	Last day for the county clerk to submit a watcher accommodation plan to the Secretary of State. (No later than 90 days before an election)	Rule 8.7
3-April (Friday)	Last day to submit a draft to the Secretary of State of a 2026 proposed initiative to be heard by the Title Board if the initiative is to be voted on in November. (By 3:00pm, 12 days before the last Title Board Hearing)	1-40-106(1)
7-April (Tuesday)	Last day for a major party county chairperson to certify names and addresses of recommended election judges to the county clerk. (No later than the first Tuesday of April)	1-6-103(1)(a)
15-April (Wednesday)	Last Title Board Hearing for measures that will appear on the 2026 General Election ballot. (No later than third Wednesday in April)	1-40-106(1)
16-April (Thursday)	Last day for any minor party to notify Secretary of State that it is prohibiting unaffiliated electors from voting in its primary. (Not less than 75 days prior to the Primary Election)	1-4-1304(1.5)(c)
18-April (Saturday)	Last day to hold major/minor party assemblies. (No later than 73 days before the Primary Election)	1-4-601(1)(a) 1-4-1304(1.5)(b)(I)
*	For major parties, designation and acceptance forms must be filed no later than 4 days after adjournment of the party assembly.	1-4-601(3)(a) 1-4-604(6)(a)
*	For minor parties, designation forms must be filed no later than 67 days before the Primary Election. Acceptance forms must be received by the DEO no later than 4 business days after the filing of the certificate of designation.	1-4-1304(3), (4)
*	Objections to nominations, designations, or petitions must be filed with the district court within 5 days after the election official's sufficiency statement was issued or after the certificate of designation was filed with the designated election official.	1-4-909(1)
21-April (Tuesday)	Petitions for the nomination of unaffiliated candidates for congressional vacancy elections must be filed by 5 p.m. (By the 10th day before the deadline for the Secretary of State to certify the ballot content for the Primary Election)	1-4-403(2)
22-April (Wednesday)	Last day for the state central committee of each political party to file with the Secretary of State a compilation of the certificates of designation of each assembly that nominated candidates for any national or state office or for member of the general assembly, district attorney, or district office greater than a county office. (4 days after assembly; 10 days after adjournment originals must be postmarked to Secretary of State, April 28)	1-4-604(6)(a)
23-April (Thursday)	Last day for party assembly vacancy committee to fill a vacancy in party designation which occurs after party assembly. (No later than 68 days before the Primary Election)	1-4-1002(2)
24-April (Friday)	Last day for a political party to hold a convention. (No later than 5 days prior to the deadline for the Secretary of State to certify ballot content for the election)	1-4-402(1)(c)
	Last day a write-in candidate may file an Affidavit of Intent for the June 30th Primary Election . (By the close of business on the 67th day before the Primary Election)	1-4-1102(1)

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27-April (Monday)	Last day that county must accept comments from the public regarding the designation of VSPCs for the 2026 General Election . (Through the 190th day before a General Election)	1-5-102.9(1)(c)(II)
May, 2026		
1-May (Friday)	Last day for the Secretary of State to deliver the Primary Election ballot order and content to county clerks. (No later than 60 days before the June 30th Primary Election)	1-5-203(1)(a)
	The designated election official may cancel the June 30th Primary Election if there are no contested races. (By the close of business on the 60th day before the Primary Election)	1-4-104.5(1)
	Last day for designated election officials to submit security and contingency plans to the Secretary of State for the June 30th Primary Election . (No later than 60 days before the first election in which the procedures will be used. Secretary of State will notify DEO of approval/disapproval of plan no later than 15 days after receiving the submission.)	1-5-616(5)(b) Rule 20.1
	Last day an unaffiliated voter may give notice in writing to the county clerk that he or she wishes to serve as an election judge for the June 30th Primary Election . (No later than 60 days before Primary Election)	1-6-103.7
	Last day a county chairperson of a minor political party may certify to the county clerk and recorder an initial list of registered electors recommended to serve as election judges for the June 30th Primary Election . (No later than 60 days before Primary Election)	1-6-103.5
	First day that a county clerk or designated election official may hold election judge training for the June 30th Primary Election . (Not more than 60 days before the Primary Election)	1-6-101(5)
4-May (Monday)	First day for judicial candidates to file a declaration of intent to run for another term. (Not more than 6 months, but not less than 3 months before the 2026 General Election)	Art. VI, Sect. 25 1-1-106(4)
7-May (Thursday)	Last day for the Tribal Council of an Indian Tribe located on a Federal Reservation to request that a VSPC be located within the boundaries of the reservation for the 2026 General Election . (No later than 180 days before the date of the General Election)	1-5-102.9(1)(b.7)
14-May (Thursday)	The General Assembly must adjourn no later than this date, <i>if estimated convene date is January 14, 2026</i> . (Regular sessions must not exceed 120 calendar days)	Art. V, Sect. 7
	First day an unaffiliated candidate may circulate or obtain signatures on a petition for nomination for the General Election. (No earlier than 173 days before the General Election)	1-4-802(1)(d)(I)
16-May (Saturday)	First day a county clerk may begin issuing a mail ballot to any eligible elector who requests one in person at the the county clerk's office. (No sooner than 45 days before Primary Election)	1-7.5-107(2.7)
	Deadline for county clerk to transmit a primary election ballot to military and overseas voters for the June 30th Primary Election . (No later than 45 days before the Primary Election)	1-8.3-110(1) Rule 16
	The county clerk must report to the Secretary of State the number of ballots transmitted to military and overseas electors by the 45-day deadline. (No later than 45 days before the Primary Election)	Rule 16.1.7
22-May (Friday)	Last day that the county clerk must post to the county clerk and recorder's website the proposed locations for VSPCs and Drop-Boxes for public comment for the 2026 General Election . (On or before the 55th day before the deadline to submit an election plan for the 2026 General Election)	1-7.5-105(1)(b)
25-May (Monday)	Memorial Day	
26-May (Tuesday)	Last day for the county clerk to provide a list of election judges, including political party affiliations and assignments, if known, to each appointing party. (No later than 35 days before an election)	Rule 6.1.5
	Last day for counties to submit zero result files (data entry counties) or a document listing all ballot content (manual entry counties) to the Secretary of State for Election Night Reporting (ENR) for the June 30th Primary Election (No later than 35 days before the Primary Election)	Rule 11.9.3

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26-May Tuesday	Last day for counties to begin video surveillance recordings of areas specified in Rule 20.4.2 for the June 30th Primary Election (Beginning at least 35 days before the election and continuing through at least 30 days after the election)	Rule 20.4.2
29-May (Friday)	County clerk must begin issuing mail ballots for the June 30th Primary Election to any eligible elector who requests one in person at the county clerk's office. (No later than 32 days before election)	1-7.5-107(2.7)
	Last day for Secretary of State to publish on the Audit Center the risk limits that apply in RLAs for the June 30th Primary Election . (No later than 32 days before the Primary Election)	Rule 25.2.2(a)
June, 2026		
1-June (Monday)	First day that mail ballots for the June 30th Primary Election may be mailed to voters, except for UOCAVA voters. (Not sooner than 29 days before the Primary Election, now applies to unaffiliated voters)	1-7.5-107(3)(a)(I) 1-12-114(2)(b) Rule 7.2.3
5-June (Friday)	Last day to send out initial mail ballots for the June 30th Primary Election . (No later than 25 days before the Primary Election)	1-7.5-107(3)(a)(I)
8-June (Monday)	Last day to receive public comments for VSPC and Drop-box locations for 2026 General Election . (On or before 40 days prior to submitting election plan for 2026 General Election.)	1-7.5-105(1)(b) 1-1-106(4)
	Last day for voters who are affiliated with a political party to change or withdraw their affiliation if they wish to vote in a different party's primary election. (Up to the 22nd day before the Primary Election or day after if 22nd day is a state or federal holiday)	1-2-219(1)
	Last day to submit an application to register to vote in the June 30th Primary Election through a voter registration drive. (No later than 22 days before the election)	1-2-201(3)(b)(I)
	Drop boxes must begin to accept mail ballots delivered by electors for the June 30th Primary Election . Drop boxes will continue to accept mail ballots through election day. (Beginning 22 days prior to and including election day).	1-5-102.9(5)(c)
	Last day for county clerks to run SCORE reports for the June 30th Primary Election that include voter or election details during regular business hours and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. (Starting 22 days before the election)	Rule 2.13.4
9-June (Tuesday)	Last day for the county clerk to conduct the public Logic and Accuracy Test for the June 30th Primary Election . (No later than the 21st day before election day)	Rule 11.3.2(a)
	Last day for a data entry county to upload the LAT results file to ENR for the June 30th Primary Election . (No later than 21 days before an election)	Rule 11.9.4
10-June (Wednesday)	Last day to post polling location signs for the June 30th Primary Election . (At least 20 days before the election)	1-5-106(1)
	Last day for the county clerk to publish notice of the June 30th Primary Election . (No later than 20 days before the election)	1-5-205(1)(a)-(d)
15-June (Monday)	Voter service and polling centers must open for the June 30th Primary Election . (At a minimum, for the 15 day period prior to and including the day of the election)	1-5-102.9(2)
	Last day for major political parties to appoint members to the county canvass board for the June 30th Primary Election . (At least 15 days before the Primary Election)	1-10-101(1)(a)
	First day to begin counting mail ballots received for the June 30th Primary Election . No results may be disclosed until after 7:00 p.m. on election day. (No earlier than 15 days before the election)	1-7.5-107.5

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15-June (Monday)	Institutions of higher education that use an electronic course registration must email each student with information about the location and hours of operation of each campus voter service and polling center, the ID requirement for voting, each drop-off location on campus, and how to access mail on campus for the June 30th Primary Election . (Both on the 15th day and the final day prior to the election)	1-2-213.5(d)(I) 1-2-213.5(d)(II)
	Last day for designated election official to appoint audit board to conduct RLA for the June 30th Primary Election . (No later than 15 days before election day)	Rule 25.2.2(c)
18-June (Thursday)	Deadline for county clerk to post a copy of the published notice of the June 30th Primary Election in a conspicuous place in the offices of the designated election official or the county clerk. (At least 10 days before the election and until 2 days after the election)	1-5-205(1.3) 1-1-106(5)
	Last day for the county clerk to file the voting system inventory with the Secretary of State for the June 30th Primary Election . (No later than 10 days before an election)	Rule 11.2.3 1-1-106(5)
19-June (Friday)	Juneteenth	
22-June (Monday) to 30-June (Tuesday)	The minimum number of required voter service and polling centers must be open for the June 30th Primary Election . (Beginning at least 8 days before and on election day, except Sundays)	1-7.5-107(4.5)(c) Rule 7.8.1
22-June (Monday)	Last day for an individual to submit a voter registration application and still receive a ballot in the mail for the June 30th Primary Election . (Through the 8th day before an election)	1-2-201(3)(b)(III)
	Last day to submit a voter registration application to receive a mail ballot for the June 30th Primary Election . (Through the 8th day prior to the election)	1-2-201(3)(b)(III) 1-2-201(4) 1-2-508(3)(a)(I)
	If the county clerk receives a voter registration application within the 8 days before the June 30th Primary Election , the clerk must process the application and inform the applicant that they will not receive a mail ballot. To receive a ballot, the applicant must visit a Voter Service and Polling Center.	1-2-201(4) 1-2-217.7(3.5) 1-2-508(3)(a)(I)
23-June (Tuesday)	Last day for the county clerk to submit election setup records for the June 30th Primary Election to the Secretary of State by regular mail to Colorado Secretary of State, Attn: Voting Systems, 1700 Broadway, Ste. 550, Denver, CO 80290. (No later than 5:00 PM on the 7th day before election day)	1-7-510(2) Rule 11.4.3
	First day the minimum number of required Drop Boxes must be open for the June 30th Primary Election . (Beginning at least 7 days before an election, including Saturdays and Sundays)	1-7.5-107(4.3)(b)
	Deadline to submit the designation and acceptance of a person to fill a vacancy in a major party. (No later than seven days from the date of the primary election). The vacancy must have occurred between the day after the earliest day to mail primary election ballots through Primary Election day.	1-4-1004(3)(c)(I)
*	Once the vacancy committee meets or the state chair appoints a person to the vacant nomination, the party has 3 days to submit the candidate's designation and acceptance.	1-4-1004(3)(c)(I)
29-June (Monday)	Deadline to submit the designation and acceptance of the person selected to fill a vacancy for a major party. (No later than the day before the date of the Primary Election). The vacancy must have occurred between the 67th day before the primary election and the earliest day to mail Primary Election ballots.	1-4-1003(c)(I)

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29-June (Monday)	Institutions of higher education that use an electronic course registration must email each student with information about the location and hours of operation of each campus voter service and polling center, the ID requirement for voting, each drop-off location, and how to access mail on campus.	1-2-213.5(1)(d)(I) 1-2-213.5(1)(d)(II)
30-June (Tuesday)	Primary Election (Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) All ballots must be received by the county clerk by 7:00 p.m.	1-4-101(1) 1-7-101(1) Rule 7.8.1(c) 1-7.5-107(4)(b)(II)
July, 2026		
1-July (Wednesday)	The Secretary of State must notify county clerks and the minor political party if any minor political party ceases to qualify as such a party. (No later than July 1)	1-4-1305(2)
1-July (Wednesday) to 15-July (Wednesday)	Date range to send notification of the time and place of party lot drawing. The drawing determines ballot positions of candidates to appear on the 2026 General Election ballot. (Between July 1 and July 15 of each election year)	1-5-404(2)
2-July (Thursday)	Deadline for the county clerk to send missing signature, signature verification, and missing ID letters and emails. (Within 3 days after receipt of ballot missing ID/confirmation of signature deficiency, but no later than 2 days after the June 30th Primary Election day)	1-7.5-107(3.5)(d) 1-7.5-107.3(2)(a) 1-8.5-105(3)(a) Rules 7.5.1 , 7.6.1
3-July (Friday)	Independence Day (Observed)	
6-July (Monday)	Last day for county clerk to designate drop-off, drop box, and Voter Service and Polling Center locations for the 2026 General Election . Clerks must also complete an accessibility survey for all locations annually before designation. (No later than 120 days before the election)	Rule 7.9
	Last day for the county clerk to submit an election plan for the 2026 General Election to the Secretary of State. (No later than 120 days before every election)	1-7.5-105(1)(a) Rule 7.1.1
	Last day to file a challenge of incorrect registration with the county clerk and reporter. Challenger must pay a protest fee of \$50 to the county clerk for adjudicating the challenge at the time that a protest is submitted.	1-9-101(1)(c)
	Deadline for the Secretary of State to give public notice of the meeting to establish the random seed for the RLA Tool. (At least seven calendar days before the meeting to be held on the thirteenth day after the June 30th Primary Election)	Rule 25.2.2(i)
	Deadline for the Secretary of State to select target contest(s) to be audited in the risk-limiting audit for the June 30th Primary Election . (No later than 5:00 p.m. MT on the Friday after election day)	Rule 25.2.2(j) 1-1-106(4)
8-July (Wednesday)	Last day for ballots cast by military and overseas electors to be received by the county clerk in order to be counted in the June 30th Primary Election . (No later than the 8th day after election day)	1-8.3-111 1-8.3-113(2) Rule 16.1.5
	Last day for an elector to cure a signature discrepancy or missing signature, or to provide missing ID for mail or provisional ballot to be counted in the June 30th Primary Election . (By 11:59 p.m. MT 8 days after election day)	1-7.5-107(3.5)(d)(I) 1-7.5-107.3(2)(a) 1-8.5-105(3)(a) Rule 7.6.1 Rule 7.6.5
9-July (Thursday)	Last day for the county clerk to complete verification and counting of provisional ballots for the June 30th Primary Election . (Within 9 days after the Primary Election)	1-8.5-105(5)

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9-July (Thursday)	Deadline for unaffiliated candidates running for partisan positions to file their petitions. (No later than 5:00 p.m. on the 117th day before the 2026 General Election)	1-4-802(1)(f)(l)
10-July (Friday)	First day that interested parties may request and file for a recount at their own expense for the June 30th Primary Election (No sooner than 10 days or later than 22 days after election.)	1-10.5-106(2)
	County must finish tabulating all in-person and accepted mail ballots cast by voters registered in the county for the June 30th Primary Election . Immediately after completing this tabulation, the county must also generate a summary results report, a results file export suitable for uploading to the Secretary of State's ENR system, and a CVR export. (Complete by 10th day after election day)	Rule 25.2.2 (e)
	Deadline for the Secretary of State to provide access to a complete and updated copy of the pertinent sections of the election laws of the state to the clerk and county recorder of each county. (No later than 60 days after each adjournment of the General Assembly)	1-1-108(1)
	Deadline for county conducting a comparison audit to upload: -verified and hashed ballot manifest, and the manifest' hash value to the Secretary of State's office -verified and hashed CVR export, and the CVR export's hash value to the Secretary of State's office -RLA tabulation results export to the Secretary of State's election night reporting system. (No later than 2:00 PM MT on the 10th day after the June 30th Primary Election)	Rule 25.2.2(g)
13-July (Monday)	Deadline for Secretary of State to establish a random seed for use with the RLA Tool. (On the 13th day after the June 30th Primary Election)	Rule 25.2.2(i)
	Deadline to notify the counties of the ballots selected to be audited. (No later than 11:59 p.m. MT on the 13th day after the June 30th Primary Election)	Rule 25.2.2(l)
16-July (Thursday)	Last day for a write-in candidate to file an Affidavit of Intent for the 2026 General Election . (By the close of business on the 110th day before the General Election)	1-4-1102(1)
21-July (Tuesday)	Deadline for County audit board to sign, date, and submit to the Secretary of State a report of the results of the risk limiting audit for the June 30th Primary Election . (No later than 5:00 p.m. MT on business day before the canvass deadline)	Rule 25.2.3(d)
	Last day for county who previously failed to meet 45-day ballot transmission deadline to submit plan to Secretary of State for complying with the deadline for the 2026 General Election . (No later than 60 days before the 45 day transmission deadline)	Rule 16.1.8
22-July (Wednesday)	Last day to complete the canvass and submit official abstract of votes cast for the June 30th Primary Election to the Secretary of State. (No later than the 22nd day after the election)	1-10-102(1) 1-10-103(1)
	Last day that interested parties may request and file for a recount at their own expense for the June 30th Primary Election (No sooner than 10 days or later than 22 days after election.)	1-10.5-106(2)
*	County clerk must determine the cost of the recount within 4 days of receiving the request to recount, but no later than 24 days following the election.	1-10.5-106(2)
23-July (Thursday)	Deadline to upload the final canvass results for the June 30th Primary Election to the ENR system. (By COB on the first business day after the statutory deadline for completing the canvass)	Rule 11.9.6

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23-July (Thursday)	Last day for political subdivision that referred a ballot issue or question that failed for the June 30th Primary Election , to waive an automatic recount of that issue or question by giving written notice to clerk and recorder. (Within 23 days after election)	1-10.5-103
24-July (Friday)	Last day for the Secretary of State to compile the returns and order appropriate recounts of the June 30th Primary Election (No later than the 24th day after the election)	1-10.5-102(1)
	Last day for the Secretary of State to prepare an election notice for the 2026 General Election to be used in conjunction with a federal write-in absentee ballot. (At least 100 days before a regularly scheduled election)	1-8.3-116(1) 1-1-106(5)
	Last day for a political subdivision to notify the county clerk in writing that it has taken formal action to participate in the 2026 General Election . (100 days before the General Election)	1-7-116(5) 1-1-106(5)
	Last day for a local government who wants to conduct a ranked voting election to give the county clerk notice. (No later than 100 days before the election, if the governing body has taken formal action)	Rule 26.2 1-1-106(5)
30-July (Thursday)	Last day for county that conducted a comparison risk-limiting audit for the June 30th Primary Election to review its CVR file and redact CVRs corresponding to any ballot card susceptible of being personally identified with an individual voter if no recount was required or requested. (no later than the third business day following the deadline to request a recount)	Rule 25.2.4
	Last day for the designated election official to provide a notice of sufficiency/insufficiency regarding unaffiliated candidate nomination petitions for the 2026 General Election . (No later than 96 days before the General Election)	1-4-908(3)
31-July (Friday)	Last day to complete a statutory recount of any race in the June 30th Primary Election . (No later than the 31st day after the election)	1-10.5-102(2) 1-10.5-103
August, 2026		
3-August (Monday)	Last day to file an initiative petition with the Secretary of State for the 2026 General Election , no later than 3:00 p.m. (At least 3 months before the election)	Art V, Sect. 1(2)
	Last day for judicial candidates to file a Declaration of Intent to run for another term. (Not less than 3 months before the 2026 General Election)	Art. VI, Sect. 25
4-August (Tuesday)	Last day to complete a recount of the June 30th Primary Election requested by an interested party. (No later than the 35th day after the Primary Election)	1-10.5-106(2)
5-August (Wednesday)	Last day for the county clerk to submit a watcher accommodation plan for the 2026 General Election to the Secretary of State. (No later than 90 days before an election)	Rule 8.7
	Last day for county clerk who failed to follow the procedures for a risk limiting audit during the June 30th Primary Election to submit a written remediation plan to the Secretary of State. (No later than 90 days before the 2026 General Election)	Rule 25.2.5
	Last day for major party to provide updated list of election judges available to work upcoming General Election.	Rule 6.1.1
7-August (Friday)	Last day for county that conducted a comparison risk-limiting audit for the June 30th Primary Election to review its CVR file and redact CVRs corresponding to any ballot card susceptible of being personally identified with an individual voter if recount was required or requested. (no later than the third business day following the deadline to complete recount)	Rule 25.2.4
20-August (Thursday)	Last day for a political party nominating candidates by party assembly/convention to make nominations public. (No later than 75th day before the General Election)	1-4-702(2)
25-August (Tuesday)	Last day for intergovernmental agreements to be signed by county clerks and political subdivisions. (No later than 70 days before the General Election)	1-7-116(2)

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31-August (Monday)	Deadline to submit the designation and acceptance of the person selected to fill a nomination vacancy for an unaffiliated or minor party. (No later than the 64th day before the date of the General Election). Vacancy must have occurred in the period between the filing of the petition for nomination of the original candidate and 70 days before the General Election.	1-4-1007 1-4-1008
September, 2026		
2-September (Wednesday)	Last day for the Secretary of State to issue statements of sufficiency or insufficiency for initiative petitions. (No more than 60 calendar days after the petition is filed and no later than 62 days before the election)	1-40-116(2)
	Last day for the Secretary of State to issue statements in response to a protest against an initiative petition. The Secretary must state whether the petition issue or question will appear on the ballot. (No later than 62 days before the election).	1-40-118(1)
4-September (Friday)	Last day for the designated election official of each political subdivision to certify the ballot order and content for the 2026 General Election . Each DEO must also deliver the certification to the county clerk for the 2026 General Election . (No later than 60 days before the election)	1-5-203(3)(a)
	Last day for designated election officials to submit security and contingency plans to the Secretary of State, if not previously submitted. (No later than 60 days before the first election in which the procedures will be used. The Secretary of State will notify DEO of approval/disapproval of plan no later than 15 days after receiving the submission)	1-5-616(5)(b) Rule 20.1
	First day the county clerk or designated election official may hold election judge training for the 2026 General Election . (Not more than 60 days before the election)	1-6-101(5)
	Last day a county chairperson of a minor political party may certify to the county clerk and recorder an initial list of registered electors recommended to serve as election judges for the 2026 General Election . (No later than 60 days before the election)	1-6-103.5
	Last day for designated representatives of an initiative petition to withdraw the petition from consideration by filing a withdrawal letter with Secretary of State. (No later than 60 days before petition is to be voted upon)	1-40-134
	Last day an unaffiliated voter may give notice in writing to the county clerk that he or she wishes to serve as an election judge for the 2026 General Election . (No later than 60 days before the election)	1-6-103.7
	Last day for the Secretary of State to deliver the certification of ballot order and content to each county for the 2026 General Election . (No later than 57 days before the General Election)	1-5-203(1)(a) 1-1-106(5)
7-September (Monday)	Labor Day	
18-September (Friday)	Last day to file written comments concerning local ballot issues with the designated election official in order to be included in the ballot issue notice. (By noon the Friday before the 45th day before the election)	Art. X, Sect. 20(3)(b)(v) 1-7-901(4)
	Last day for a petition's representatives to submit a summary of favorable comments for the ballot issue notice. Comments must be submitted to the designated election official. (No later than 44 days before the election)	1-7-903(3) 1-1-106(5)
19-September (Saturday)	Last day to transmit ballots and ballot materials to overseas military voters for the 2026 General Election . (No later than 45 days before the election)	1-8.3-110(1) Rule 16
	Deadline for clerk to report to the Secretary of State the number of ballots transmitted to military and overseas electors for the 2026 General Election by the 45-day deadline.	Rule 16.1.7
	First day a county clerk may issue mail ballots for the 2026 General Election to any eligible elector who requests one in person at the county clerk's office. (No sooner than 45 days before election)	1-7.5-107(2.7)
21-September (Monday)	Last day for the designated election official to deliver the full text of any required ballot issue notices to the county clerk. (No later than 43 days before the 2026 General Election)	1-7-904

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28-September (Monday)	Last day to submit completed reimbursement request to Secretary of State for the 2026 Primary Election . (No later than 90 days after Election Day).	Rule 7.14.1
29-September (Tuesday)	Last day for counties to submit zero result files (data entry counties) or a document listing all ballot content (manual entry counties) to the Secretary of State for Election Night Reporting (ENR) for the 2026 General Election. (No later than 35 days before the election)	Rule 11.9.3
	Last day for the county clerk to provide a list of election judges, including political party affiliations and assignments, if known, to each appointing party for the 2026 General Election . (No later than 35 days before an election)	Rule 6.1.5
October, 2026		
2-October (Friday)	First day that mail ballots for the 2026 General Election may be mailed to voters, except for UOCAVA voters. (Not sooner than 29 days before the election or the previous Friday if the 29 day before the election falls on a state or federal holiday)	1-7.5-107(3)(a)(I) 1-7.5-107(3)(a)(II) Rule 7.2.3
	Deadline for county clerks to issue mail ballots for the 2026 General Election to any eligible elector who requests one in person at the county clerk's office. (No later than 32 days before the election)	1-7.5-107(2.7)
	Last day to mail notice of a ballot issue election at least cost. (At least 30 days before a ballot issue election)	Art. X, Sect. 20(3)(b) 1-7-907 1-1-106(5)
	Last day for Secretary of State to publish on the Audit Center the risk limits that apply in RLAs for the 2026 General Election . (Not later than 32 days before election)	Rule 25.2.2(a)
	Last day for the Legislative Council staff to print and distribute the ballot information booklet for statewide measures to active registered voters. (At least 30 days before the election)	Art. V, Sect. 1(7.5)(b) 1-1-106(5)
5-October (Monday)	Frances Xavier Cabrini Day. (State Holiday)	
9-October (Friday)	Deadline for the county clerk to send mail ballot packets to each active eligible elector for the 2026 General Election . (No later than 25 days before the election)	1-7.5-107(3)(a)(I) 1-12-114(2)(b)
12-October (Monday)	Drop boxes must begin to accept mail ballots delivered by electors for the 2026 General Election. Drop boxes will continue to accept mail ballots through election day. (Beginning 22 days prior to and including election day).	1-5-102.9(5)(c)
	Columbus Day. (Federal Holiday)	
13-October (Tuesday)	Last day to submit an application to register to vote in the 2026 General Election through a voter registration drive. (No later than 22 days before the election or the following business day if the deadline falls on a state or federal holiday.)	1-2-201(3)(b)(I)
	Last day for county clerks to run SCORE reports for the 2026 General Election that include voter or election details during regular business hours and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. (Starting 22 days before election)	Rule 2.13.4 1-1-106(4)
	Last day for the county clerk to conduct the public Logic and Accuracy Test. (No later than the 21st day before election day)	Rule 11.3.2(a)
	A data entry county must upload LAT results file to ENR. (No later than 21 days before the election)	Rule 11.9.4
14-October (Wednesday)	Last day to post polling location signs for the 2026 General Election . (At least 20 days before the election)	1-5-106(1)
	Last day to publish statutory notice of election (No later than 20 days before election)	1-5-205(1)(a-d)
	Counties may begin practice conducting the risk limiting audit. (20 days before the election)	Rule 25.2.2(b)
19-October Monday	Last day for major political parties to appoint members to the county canvass board for the 2026 General Election . (At least 15 days before the election)	1-10-101(1)(a)

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19-October Monday	Last day for the designated election official to appoint an audit board to conduct the risk-limiting audit. (No later than 15 days before Election Day)	Rule 25.2.2(c)
	First day that drop-off location located on federal reservation at the request of the Tribal Council must be open to accept mail ballots for the 2026 General Election . (15 days before the General Election and through Election Day)	1-5-102.9(5)(e)
	Institutions of higher education that use an electronic course registration must email each student with information about the location and hours of operation of each campus voter service and polling center, the ID requirement for voting, each drop-off location, and how to access mail on campus.	1-2-213.5(1)(d)(I) 1-2-213.5(1)(d)(II)
	First day that in-person voting may be held at county jails or detention centers for the 2026 General Election . (Between the 15th day and 2nd day before the election)	1-7.5-113.5(4)(a)(I)
	Counting of mail ballots may begin. No results may be disclosed until after 7:00pm on Election Day. (Beginning 15 days prior to the election)	1-7.5-107.5
19-October (Monday) to 3-November (Tuesday)	The minimum number of required Voter Service and Polling Centers must be open for the 2026 General Election . (Beginning at least 15 days before and continuing through Election Day, except Sundays and the first Saturday of this period)	1-5-102.9(2) Rule 7.8.1(a)
23-October (Friday)	Last day for county clerks to post copy of published notice of election in conspicuous place in their offices. (No later than 10 days before election)	1-5-205(1.3) 1-1-106(5)
	Last day for the county clerk to file the voting system inventory with the Secretary of State for the 2026 General Election . (No later than 10 days before an election)	Rule 11.2.3 1-1-106(5)
26-October (Monday)	Last day for an individual to submit a voter registration application and still receive a ballot in the mail for the 2026 General Election . (Through the 8th day before an election)	1-2-201(3)(b)(III) 1-2-201(4) 1-2-508(3)(a)(I)
27-October (Tuesday)	If the county clerk receives a voter registration application 7 days or less before the 2026 General Election , the clerk must process the application and inform the applicant that they will not receive a mail ballot. To receive a ballot, the applicant must visit a Voter Service and Polling Center.	1-2-201(4) 1-2-508(3)(a)(I)
	Last day for the county clerk to submit election setup records for the 2026 General Election to the Secretary of State by regular mail to Colorado Secretary of State, Attn: Voting Systems, 1700 Broadway, Ste. 550, Denver, CO 80290. (No later than 5:00 PM on the 7th day before Election Day)	1-7-510(2) Rule 11.4.3
November, 2026		
1-November (Sunday)	Last day to provide in-person voting at county jails or detention centers for the 2026 General Election. (Between the 15th day and 2nd day before Election Day)	1-7.5-113.5
2-November (Monday)	Last day to submit to the designated election official the designation and acceptance of person filling a vacancy in a major party nomination occurring after the primary election. (No later than the day before the date of the General Election)	1-4-1005(3)(c)(I)
	Institutions of higher education that use an electronic course registration must email each student with information about the location and hours of operation of each campus voter service and polling center, the ID requirement for voting, each drop-off location, and how to access mail on campus.	1-2-213.5(1)(d)(I) 1-2-213.5(1)(d)(II)
3-November (Tuesday)	General Election (Polls open 7:00am to 7:00pm)	1-1-104(17) 1-4-201 Rule 7.8.1(c)
	All ballots must be in the hands of the county clerk by 7:00pm on election day in order to be counted. Ballots cast by military and overseas voters must be sent no later than 7:00pm on Election Day and received by the close of business on the 8th day after the election.	1-7.5-107(4)(b)(II) 1-8.3-111 1-8.3-113 (1), (2)
5-November (Thursday)	Deadline for the county clerk to send missing signature, signature verification, and missing ID letters and emails. (Within 3 days after receipt of ballot missing ID/confirmation of signature deficiency, but no later than 2 days after the 2026 General Election day)	1-7.5-107(3.5)(d)(I) 1-7.5-107.3(2)(a) 1-8.5-105(3)(a) Rules 7.5.1 , 7.6.1

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6-November (Friday)	Deadline for the Secretary of State to select target contest(s) to be audited in the risk-limiting audit. (No later than 5:00 PM MT on the Friday after Election Day)	Rule 25.2.2 (j)
9-November (Monday)	Deadline for the Secretary of State to give public notice of the meeting to establish the random seed for the RLA Tool. (At least seven calendar days before the meeting to be held on the thirteenth day after the 2026 General Election)	Rule 25.2.2(i)
11-November (Wednesday)	Veterans Day/Armistice Day	
12-November (Thursday)	Last day for an elector to cure a signature discrepancy or missing signature, or to provide missing ID for mail or provisional ballot to be counted in the 2026 General Election . (By 11:59 p.m. MT 8 days after Election Day)	1-7.5-107(3.5)(d) 1-7.5-107.3(2)(a) 1-8.5-105(3)(a) Rule 7.5.1 Rule 7.6.5 1-1-106(4)
	Last day for the county clerk to complete verification and counting of provisional ballots for the 2026 General Election . (Within 9 days after the election)	1-8.5-105(5)
	Last day for ballots cast by military and overseas electors to be received by the county clerk in order to be counted in the 2026 General Election . (No later than the 8th day after Election Day)	1-8.3-111 1-8.3-113(2) Rule 16.1.5 1-1-106(4)
13-November (Friday)	County must finish tabulating all in-person and accepted mail ballots cast by voters registered in the county for the November 3 General Election . Immediately after completing this tabulation, the county must also generate a summary results report, a results file export suitable for uploading to the Secretary of State's ENR system, and a CVR export. (Complete by 10th day after Election Day)	Rule 25.2.2 (e)
	Deadline for county conducting a comparison audit to upload: -verified and hashed ballot manifest, and the manifest' hash value to the Secretary of State's office -verified and hashed CVR export, and the CVR export's hash value to the Secretary of State's office -RLA tabulation results export to the Secretary of State's election night reporting system. (No later than 2:00 PM MT on the 10th day after the General Election)	Rule 25.2.2(g)
	First day that interested parties may request and file for a recount at their own expense for the 2026 General Election (No sooner than 10 days or later than 22 days after election.)	1-10.5-106(2)
16-November (Monday)	Deadline for Secretary of State to establish a random seed for use with the RLA Tool. (On the 13th day after the November 3 General Election)	Rule 25.2.2(i)
	Deadline to notify the counties of the ballots selected to be audited. (No later than 11:59 p.m. MT on the 13th day after the November 3 General Election)	Rule 25.2.2(l)
24-November (Tuesday)	Deadline for County audit board to sign, date, and submit to the Secretary of State a report of the results of the risk limiting audit for the 2026 General Election . (No later than 5:00 p.m. MT on business day before the canvass deadline)	Rule 25.2.3(d)
25-November (Wednesday)	Last day to complete the canvass and submit official abstract of votes cast for the 2026 General Election to the Secretary of State. (No later than the 22nd day after the election)	1-10-102(1) 1-10-103 (1)
	Last day for political subdivision that referred a ballot issue or question that failed for the 2026 General Election , to waive an automatic recount of that issue or question by giving written notice to clerk and recorder. (Within 23 days after election)	1-10.5-103 1-1-106(5)

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25-November (Wednesday)	Last day that interested parties may request and file for a recount at their own expense for the 2026 General Election (No sooner than 10 days or later than 22 days after election.)	1-10.5-106(2)
*	County clerk must determine the cost of the recount within 4 days of receiving the request to recount, but no later than 24 days following the election.	1-10.5-106(2)
26-November (Thursday)	Thanksgiving Day	
27-November (Friday)	Deadline to upload the final canvass results for the 2026 General Election to the ENR system. (By COB on the first business day after the statutory deadline for completing the canvass)	Rule 11.9.7
	Last day for the Secretary of State to compile the returns and order appropriate recounts of the 2026 General Election (No later than the 24th day after the election)	1-10.5-102(1)
	December, 2026	
1-December (Tuesday)	Last day for the Department of Higher Education to provide enrollment data for the 2026 Fall Semester to the Secretary of State. (On or before December 1st of each General Election year)	1-5-102.9 (1)(b.5)(I)(B)(V)(A)
3-December (Thursday)	Last day for a county to report its wait times at each of its voter service and polling centers in accordance with the Secretary of State's written wait time policy document. (No later than 30 days after the election)	1-7-120(b) Rule 7.8.9
	First day the county clerk may stop video surveillance of designated areas for the 2026 General Election . (Through at least 30 days after the election, unless there is a recount)	Rule 20.4.2
	Last day for county that conducted a comparison risk-limiting audit for the 2026 General Election to review its CVR file and redact CVRs corresponding to any ballot card susceptible of being personally identified with an individual voter if no recount was required or requested. (no later than the third business day following the deadline to request a recount)	Rule 25.2.4
4-December (Friday)	Last day to complete a statutory recount of any race in the 2026 General Election . (No later than the 31st day after the election)	1-10.5-102(2) 1-10.5-103
8-December (Tuesday)	Last day to complete a recount of the 2026 General Election requested by an interested party. (No later than the 35th day after the election)	1-10.5-106(2)
11-December (Friday)	Last day for county that conducted a comparison risk-limiting audit for the 2026 General Election to review its CVR file and redact CVRs corresponding to any ballot card susceptible of being personally identified with an individual voter if a recount was required or requested. (no later than the third business day following the deadline to complete recount)	Rule 25.2.4
NOTE	Following the election, the county clerk must report to the Secretary of State in writing the number of ballot return envelopes with discrepant signatures that the clerk forwarded to the district attorney for investigation.	Rule 7.7.13
	Note on Computation of Time	
NOTE	If the last day for any act to be done or the last day of any period is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday and completion of the act involves a filing or other action during business hours, the period is extended to include the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.	1-1-106(4)

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	If a statute or rule requires doing an act in "not less than" or "no later than" or "at least" a certain number of days or "prior to" a certain number of days or a certain number of months before the date of an election, the period is shortened to and ends on the <i>prior business day</i> that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.	1-1-106(5)
	** Precinct caucus dates to be determined by political parties and may occur between Tuesday, March 3rd and Saturday, March 7th. Dates associated with Precinct Caucus day in calendar are tentative and contingent on date/dates set by political party in each county.	