

Official Election Calendar State of Nebraska

Primary Election May 9th, 2006		General Election November 7th, 2006	Statutory language
Dates			
December			
1-Dec-05	Last day for clerks and commissioners to notify subdivisions of filing deadlines for statewide primary. (32-404)		December 1
2-Dec	Last day to change party affiliation to meet member of party requirement on candidate filings. (32-612)		First Friday in December
9-Dec	Last day a political subdivision may request the adjustment of election district boundaries (32-552)		At least 5 months prior to the election
16-Dec	Last day an ordinance may be adopted and effective providing for nomination and election on a partisan ballot for city, village and school offices, normally non-partisan (32-557)		Not less than 60 days prior to the filing deadline
January			
1-Jan-06	1st day of an election year a person may simultaneously register to vote and make application for early voting ballots through the use of the FPCA or personal letter (32-939)		January 1
5-Jan	Last day for political subdivisions to notify the Secretary of State, clerks or commissioners of office to be filled, terms, vacancies, votes to cast, and filing deadlines for each office. (32-404 and 32-601)		January 5
	Note: Clerks and commissioners are required to publish this information at least 15 days prior to the filing deadline.		
8-Jan	First day to accept early voting ballot request for the primary election (32-941)		120 days prior to Primary
30-Jan	Last day for publication notice to publish information, from the Jan 5th notice to subdivisions, on offices to be filled, terms, vacancies, votes to cast, and filing deadlines. (32-601)		15 days prior to the filing deadline
February			
1-Feb	Last day for political party to file a petition with the Secretary of State to qualify for the upcoming primary election (32-716)		February 1
	Last day for political parties to fix precinct representation to county conventions, if notice is not received, the default number is two per precinct. (32-708)		February 1
	Last day for County Central Committee chairpersons to submit names of poll workers to clerks (not election commissioners) for appointment. If chairperson does not submit names, the county clerk shall appoint the judges and clerks of elections. (32-230)		February 1
11-Feb	Deadline for Secretary of State to determine if sufficient signatures are on the petition for a new party. (32-717)		10 days after the petition for new party filing deadline
13-Feb	Last day for publication notice to publish information from the Jan 5th notice of the March 1st filing deadline, if not included in the January 31st notice. (32-601)		15 days prior to the filing deadline
15-Feb	Last day for incumbents (any current office holder) to file for office on the primary ballot. (32-606)		February 15
	Last day for political party to file an affidavit/petition to draft an incumbent partisan candidate. (32-611)		February 15
21-Feb	Last day for drafted incumbent partisan candidate to submit a filing form (32-611)		5 days after the Incumbent filing deadline

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22-Feb	Last day for an objection to an incumbent candidate filing. (32-624) Objections must be made within 7 days of the filing deadline.	
March		
1-Mar	Last day for non-incumbents (new filers) to file for office on primary. (32-606)	
	Last day to withdraw a filing for office (32-622)	
	Last day for a subdivision to certify a special issue for inclusion on the primary ballot. (32-559)	
	Last day for political party to file an affidavit/petition to draft a non-incumbent partisan candidate. (32-611)	
6-Mar	Last day for a drafted non-incumbent partisan candidate to submit a filing form (32-611)	
	Last day for drafted candidate to decline the nomination by affidavit/petition (32-622)	
8-Mar	Deadline to file objection to a non-incumbent candidate filing (32-624)	
9-Mar	Last day for political party to submit a letter to Secretary of State regarding non-affiliated voters voting in the primary election (32-912)	
	Last day to issue and mail special absentee ballots to those registered voters with applications on file specifically requesting a "special absentee ballot" (32-808) Note: Federal law says 60 days	
17-Mar	Last day for Secretary of State to certify candidates, offices and issues to be placed on the statewide ballot. (32-801)	
24-Mar	Deadline to have Early Voting ballots ready and sent to UOCAVA voters with requests on file. (32-808 32-939)	
29-Mar	Deadline for publishing and posting the Notice of Election (32-802)	
	Deadline for sending the Notice of Election to the affected political subdivisions (32-802)	
April		
1-Apr through 30-Jun	Blackout period for special elections. (32-405)	
3-Apr	Deadline to have Early Voting ballots ready to be voted in office. Publication of application required after ballots are available (32-808)	
	Last day to make the voter registration lists available to the state and county parties. List is available upon request and free of charge (32-330)	
	First day to distribute sample ballots to county, city or village not to exceed 10% of their votes cast in the previous election, IF publications do not reach the entities. (32-804)	
	The last day a judge may require by court order the ballots be corrected. (32-819)	

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8-Apr	Last day for Election Commissioners to appoint judges, clerks and inspectors, if needed. (32-221)	30 days before the statewide primary
8-Apr through 1-May	First day a satellite registration office may be open for at least 1 day in each incorporated city or village. Note: Publication of the registration sites is required. (32-303 and 32-304)	30 days before the election
13-Apr	Deadline for clerks and commissioners using vote counting machines to submit a written plan to the Secretary of State outlining procedures that will be followed on election day. (32-1049)	25 days prior
Week of April 18	Publication of proposed constitutional amendments to be placed on the primary ballot by the Secretary of State required for three weeks before election, if applicable (49-202)	Three weeks before the election
21-Apr	Postmark deadline for mailed in registrations (32-321)	3rd Friday preceding the election
	At 6 p.m., last day for deputy registrars to register voters for an upcoming election. (32-306)	3rd Friday preceding the election
	At close of business, last day voter registrations can be completed at DMV or County Treasurers for the person to be registered to vote in an upcoming election. (32-308)	3rd Friday preceding the election
	At close of business, last day voter registrations can be completed at or returned to State Agencies or Departments for the person to be registered to vote in an upcoming election. (32-310)	3rd Friday preceding the election
	Last day for voter registration form to be <u>delivered</u> to the election office by someone other than the person registering, for the person to be registered to vote in an upcoming election. (32-325, 32-321)	3rd Friday preceding the election
	Last day to mail an Early Voting ballot with a mail-in registration application form to a person not registered to vote. (32-945)	3rd Friday preceding the election
23-Apr	Last day to notify election workers of appointments and fill vacancies of judges and clerks of election, district inspections and canvas board members to be filled by the County Clerk (32-235, 32-239)	15 days before the election
	Last day for Election Commissioners to notify by mail judges, clerks, inspectors, counting board and canvassing board of appointment and training (32-228)	15 days before the election
	First day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper. (32-803)	15 days before the election
24-Apr	1st day Clerks and Election Commissioners may extend their office hours for purpose of voter registration (32-302)	Seven days preceding voter registration deadline
25-Apr	Last day to accept a mail-in registration with an illegible postmark. (32-321)	2nd Tuesday before the election
27-Apr	Last day for write-in candidate to file notarized affidavit and filing fee with the filing officer. (32-615)	No later than 10 days prior to the election
28-Apr	Deadline to post the sample ballots in the office of the clerk or commissioner. (32-805)	Not later than 10 days prior the election
May		
1-May	At 6 p.m. last day for in person voter registration. (32-302)	2nd Friday preceding the election

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2-May	<p>Last day for the party to notify the clerk or election commissioner of the date, time, and location of the post primary convention. (32-707)</p> <p>Note: If caucus system is used, notification by the party to the clerk or commissioner must take place at least 10 days prior to the caucus date. (32-709)</p>	No later than 1st Tuesday in May
3-May	<p>At 4 p.m. is the last day of Early Voting ballots to be mailed out to a specific address. (32-941)</p> <p>Last day for acknowledgments to be sent to persons registered by deputy registrar. (32-306)</p>	<p>Wednesday before the Election</p> <p>5 days prior to Election</p>
4-May	<p>First day the Early Voting Counting Board can convene to check envelopes with signatures and prepare ballots for counting. (32-1027)</p>	Thursday before the Election
5-May	<p>Last day to distribute sample ballots to county, city or village not to exceed 10% of their votes cast in the previous election, IF publications do not reach the entities. (32-804)</p>	3 days before the Election
6-May	<p>Last day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper (32-803)</p>	2 days before the Election
8-May	<p>Last day for Early Voting - in person - at the County Clerk or Election Commissioner office (32-942)</p> <p>At noon - registration deadline for former federal employees (32-940)</p> <p>Post Notice of date, time and place Canvass Board will meet - (at least 2 days prior to the time they will convene per Secretary of State directive)</p>	<p>1 day before the Election</p> <p>1 day before the Election</p>
9-May	<p>Statewide Primary Election Day (32-401)</p> <p>Polls open (32-908) 8 a.m. CDT 7 a.m. MDT</p> <p>The Early Voting Counting Board convenes to count early voting ballots. (32-1027)</p> <p>7 p.m. CDT 6 p.m. MDT Deadline for agent to pickup Early Voting ballot (32-943)</p> <p>No later than the closing of the polls - deadline for return of voter registration form with an early voting ballot - in person (32-941)</p> <p>No later than the closing of the polls - deadline for return of early voting ballot - in person (32-950)</p> <p>At the time of the closing of the polls is the first any returns or partial returns may be released. (32-1009)</p> <p>At the time of the closing of the polls is the deadline for an early voting ballot received by mail to be in the possession of the clerk or commissioner (32-950)</p>	<p>1st Tuesday after the 2nd Monday in May</p> <p>8:00 AM CDT (7:00 AM MDT) Election Day</p> <p>Election Day</p> <p>7:00 PM CDT (6:00 PM MDT) Election Day</p> <p>8:00 PM CDT (7:00 PM MDT) Election Day</p> <p>8:00 PM CDT (7:00 PM MDT) Election Day</p> <p>8:00 PM CDT (7:00 PM MDT) Election Day</p> <p>8:00 PM CDT (7:00 PM MDT) Election Day</p>
9-May through 7-Nov	<p>No changes shall be made to precinct boundaries or polling places without approval from the Secretary of State. (32-904)</p> <p>Upon the completion of Early Voting ballot counting and verification for provisional ballot counting, the Canvassing Board may convene. (32-1031 and 32-1002)</p>	<p>1 day after the Primary through the General Election</p> <p>1 day after the Primary</p>
15-May	<p>Last day an ordinance may be adopted and effective providing for nomination and election on a partisan ballot for city, village and school offices, normally non-partisan (32-557)</p>	Not less than 60 days prior to the filing deadline
16-May	<p>Deadline for verification and notification to the state system of provisional ballots status (32-1002)</p>	7 days after the Primary

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10 days from when the Canvass Board convenes	Deadline for losing candidate to request a recount. (32-1121)	10 days from when the Canvass Board convenes
10 days after the canvass of votes	Deadline for filing fee to be paid, if needed, by an undeclared write-in candidate who has been nominated. (32-608)	10 days after the canvass of votes
29-May	Abstract of votes due in the office of the Secretary of State (32-1035)	3rd Monday after the Election
20 days after the canvass of votes	Last day a notice can be filed with a person whose election is being contested. (32-1109)	20 days after the canvass of votes
June		
1-Jun through 10-Jun	1st day County post-primary convention may be held. Meet any time during first 10 days in June. (32-707)	1st ten days in June
5-Jun	Board of State Canvassers meets to certify the election results. (32-1037)	4th Monday after the Primary
	Last day the copy of a petition may be served on the person whose election is being contested when contesting the election of Constitutional Officers, Public Service Commission, Board of Regents and State Board of Education (32-1102)	10 days before 40 days after the Election
	Last day the copy of a petition may be served on the Secretary of State contesting the election of constitutional amendment or statutes by initiative or referendum (32-1108)	10 days before 40 days after the Election
7-Jun	Last day a political subdivision may request the adjustment of election district boundaries for offices not in primary (32-552)	5 months prior to the General Election
	The prescribed day to conduct recounts for candidates who filed with the Secretary of State at 9:00 A.M. (32-1119)	5th Wednesday after the Primary
16-Jun	Last day for petition to be filed in Lancaster County district court contesting the election of Constitutional Officers, Public Service Commission, Board of Regents and State Board of Education (32-1102)	40 days after the Election
	Last day for petition to be filed in Lancaster County district court contesting the election of constitutional amendment or statutes by initiative or referendum (32-1108)	40 days after the Election
	Last day to send certificates of nomination or certificates of election (32-1033)	40 days after the Election
29-Jun	Last day to publish notice of July 15th and August 1st filing deadlines, if not contained in January notice (32-601)	15 days prior to July filing deadline for incumbents
July		
1-Jul	Deadline for governing boards of reclamation districts, counties under township organization, public power districts grossing annual revenues of less than 40 million dollars, and educational service units to notify the Secretary of State, County Clerks or Election Commissioners of offices to be filled, terms, vacancies, votes cast and filing deadlines for each office (32-404, 32-601)	No later than July 1
8 weeks after the canvass of votes	Precinct results for US Congress, Legislature, Public Service Commissioners due in the office of the Secretary of State. (32-1036)	8 weeks after the canvass of votes

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7-Jul	Deadline for filing initiative and referendum petitions (32-1407)	4 months prior to the General Election
9-Jul	First day to accept Early Voting ballot request for the general election (32-941)	120 days prior to General
17-Jul	Last day for incumbents (any current office holder) not on the Primary Ballot to file. (32-606) Public Power Districts (grossing less than 40 million) Board Members; Reclamation Districts; Education Service Unit Board Members; County Weed Boards; Township Officers; Village Board of Trustees; and Class II Schools.	July 15th
24-Jul	Last day for an objection to an incumbent candidate filing. (32-624) Objections must be made within 7 days of the filing deadline.	7 days after the Incumbent filing deadline
August		
1-Aug	Last day for new political party to submit petitions with the Secretary of State to qualify for the General Election. (32-716)	August 1st
	Last day for non-incumbents (new filers) to file for office. (32-606) Public Power Districts (grossing less than 40 million) Board Members; Reclamation Districts; Education Service Unit Board Members; County Weed Boards; Township Officers; Village Board of Trustees; and Class II Schools.	August 1st
	Filing deadline for judicial office holders to place their name on the General Election ballot for retention (24-814)	August 1st
	Last day for a candidate to withdraw their name and decline to be a candidate for those whose filing deadlines are July 15th and August 1st. (32-622)	August 1st
8-Aug	Deadline to file objection to a non-incumbent candidate filing (32-624)	7 days after non-incumbent filing deadline
11-Aug	Deadline for Secretary of State to determine if sufficient signatures were turned in for a new party (32-717)	Within 10 days after political party petitions are submitted.
28-Aug	Last day for submission of petitions to change political subdivision from district elections to at large; or from at large to district elections. (32-554)	70 days prior to General
September		
1-Sep	Last day for filing for office by petition. (32-617)	September 1
	Last day for political subdivision to submit a special issue for the general ballot. (32-559)	September 1
	Deadline for candidate of a new political party to file for General Election ballot status to file petition of nomination to be on the General Election ballot (32-621)	September 1
	Note: Filing officer has 24 hours after petition has been filed to notify candidate. Candidate has 5 days to file acceptance of nomination (32-617 subsection 2)	
	Last day for a candidate nominated at the primary to decline the nomination (32-623)	September 1
	Last day to file a petition to fill a vacancy for a non-partisan office (32-625)	September 1
	Last day to hold the state post-primary convention. (32-710)	September 1
	Last day to hold a congressional post-primary convention. (32-711)	September 1

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7-Sep	Last day to issue and mail special absentee ballots to those registered voters with applications on file specifically requesting a "special absentee ballot" (32-808)	60 days before the election	
15-Sep	Last day for Secretary of State to certify candidates, offices and issues to be placed on the statewide ballot. (32-801)	50 days before the election	
22-Sep	Deadline to have Early Voting ballots ready and sent to UOCAVA voters with requests on file. (32-808 32-939)	45 days before the election	
27-Sep	Deadline for publishing and posting the Notice of Election (32-802)	40 days before the election	
	Deadline for sending the Notice of Election to the affected political subdivisions (32-802)	40 days before the election	
October			
Oct 1 through Dec 31	Blackout period for special elections. (32-405)	October 1 - December 31	
2-Oct	Deadline to have Early Voting ballots ready to be voted in office. Publication of application required after ballots are available (32-808)	35 days before the election	
	Last day to make the voter registration lists available to the state and county parties. List is available upon request and free of charge (32-330)	35 days before the election	
	First day to distribute sample ballots to county, city or village not to exceed 10% of their votes cast in the previous election, IF publications do not reach the entities. (32-804)	35 days before the election	
	The last day a judge may require by court order the ballots be corrected. (32-819)	35 days before the election	
7-Oct	Last day for Election Commissioners to appoint judges, clerks and inspectors, if needed. (32-221)	30 days before the statewide general	
7-Oct through 27-Oct	First day a satellite registration office may be open for at least 1 day in each incorporated city of village. Note: Publication of the registration sites is required. (32-303 and 32-304)	30 days before the election	
12-Oct	Deadline for clerks and commissioners using vote counting machines to submit a written plan to the Secretary of State outlining procedures that will be followed on election day. (32-1049)	25 days prior	
Week of Oct 17th	Publication of proposed constitutional amendments to be placed on the primary ballot by the Secretary of State required for three weeks before election. (49-202)	Three weeks before the election	
20-Oct	Postmark deadline for mailed in registrations (32-321)	3rd Friday preceding the election	
	At 6 p.m., last day for deputy registrars to register voters for an upcoming election. (32-306)	3rd Friday preceding the election	
	At close of business, last day voter registrations can be completed at DMV or County Treasurers for the person to be registered to vote in an upcoming election. (32-308)	3rd Friday preceding the election	
	At close of business, last day voter registrations can be completed at or returned to State Agencies or Departments for the person to be registered to vote in an upcoming election. (32-310)	3rd Friday preceding the election	
	Last day for voter registration form to be delivered to the election office by someone other than the person registering to vote, for the person to be registered to vote in an upcoming election. (32-325, 32-321)	3rd Friday preceding the election	

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20-Oct	1st day Clerks and commissioners may extend <u>their</u> office hours for purpose of voter registration (32-302)	Seven days preceding voter registration deadline
22-Oct	Last day to notify election workers of appointments and fill vacancies of judges and clerks of election, district inspections and canvas board members to be filled by the County Clerk (32-235, 32-239) Last day for Election Commissioners to notify by mail judges, clerks, inspectors, counting board and canvassing board of appointment and training (32-228) First day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper. (32-803)	15 days before the election 15 days before the election 15 days before the election
24-Oct	Last day to accept a mail-in registration with an illegible postmark. (32-321)	2nd Tuesday before the election
27-Oct	Last day for write-in candidate to file notarized affidavit and filing fee with the filing officer. (32-615) Deadline to post the sample ballots in the office of the clerk or commissioner.. (32-805) Last day to mail an early voting ballot with a mail-in registration application form to a person not registered to vote. (32-941 and 32-945) At 6 p.m. last day for in person voter registration. (32-302)	No later than 10 days before the election Not later than 10 days before the election 2nd Friday preceding the election 2nd Friday preceding the election

November

1-Nov	At 4 p.m. is the last day for Early Voting ballots to be mailed out to a specific address. (32-941) Last day for acknowledgments to be sent to persons registered by deputy registrar. (32-306)	Wednesday before the Election 5 days prior to Election
2-Nov	First day the Early Voting Counting Board can convene to check envelopes with signatures and prepare ballots for counting. (32-1027)	Thursday before the Election
3-Nov	Last day to distribute sample ballots to county, city or village not to exceed 10% of their votes cast in the previous election, IF publications do not reach the entities. (32-804)	3 days before the Election
4-Nov	Last day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper (32-803)	2 days before the Election
6-Nov	Last day for Early Voting- in person - at the County Clerk or Election Commissioner office (32-942) At noon - registration deadline for former federal employees (32-940) Post Notice of date, time and place Canvass Board will meet - (at least 2 days prior to the time they will convene per Secretary of State directive)	1 day before the Election 1 day before the Election
7-Nov	Statewide General Election Day - even numbered years- (32-403) Polls open (32-908) 8 a.m. CDT 7 a.m. MDT The Early Voting Counting Board convenes to count early voting ballots. (32-1027)	1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November 8:00 AM CDT (7:00 AM MDT) Election Day Election Day

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	7 p.m. CDT 6 p.m. MDT Deadline for agent to pickup Early Voting ballot (32-943)	7:00 PM CDT (6:00 PM MDT) Election Day	
	No later than the closing of the polls - deadline for return of voter registration form with an early voting ballot - in person (32-941)	8:00 PM CDT (7:00 PM MDT) Election Day	
	No later than the closing of the polls - deadline for return of early voting ballot - in person (32-950)	8:00 PM CDT (7:00 PM MDT) Election Day	
	At the time of the closing of the polls is the first any returns or partial returns may be released. (32-1009)	8:00 PM CDT (7:00 PM MDT) Election Day	
	At the time of the closing of the polls is the deadline for an early voting ballot received by mail to be in the possession of the clerk or commissioner (32-950)	8:00 PM CDT (7:00 PM MDT) Election Day	
8-Nov	Upon the completion of early voting ballot counting and verification for provisional ballot counting, the Canvassing Board may convene. (32-1031 and 32-1002)		
14-Nov	Deadline for verification and notification to the state system of provisional ballots status (32-1002)	7 days after the General	
10 days from when the Canvass Board convenes	Deadline for losing candidate to request a recount. (32-1121)	10 days from when the Canvass Board convenes	
10 days after the canvass of votes	Deadline for filing fee to be paid, if needed, by an undeclared write-in candidate who has been nominated. (32-608)	10 days after the canvass of votes	
27-Nov	Abstract of votes due in the office of the Secretary of State (32-1035)	3rd Monday after the Election	
20 days after the canvass of votes	Last day a notice can be filed with a person whose election is being contested. (32-1109)	20 days after the canvass of votes	
December			
4-Dec	Board of State Canvassers meets to certify the election results. (32-1037)	4th Monday after the General	
	Last day the copy of a petition may be served on the person whose election is being contested when contesting the election of Constitutional Officers, Public Service Commission, Board of Regents and State Board of Education (32-1102)	10 days before 40 days after the election	
	Last day the copy of a petition may be served on the Secretary of State contesting the election of constitutional amendment or statutes by initiative or referendum (32-1108)	10 days before 40 days after the election	
6-Dec	The prescribed day to conduct recounts for candidates who filed with the Secretary of State at 9:00 A.M. (32-1119)	5th Wednesday after the General	
15-Dec	Last day for petition to be filed in Lancaster County district court contesting the election of Constitutional Officers, Public Service Commission, Board of Regents and State Board of Education (32-1102)	40 days after the Election	
	Last day for petition to be filed in Lancaster County district court contesting the election of constitutional amendment or statutes by initiative or referendum (32-1108)	40 days after the Election	
	Last day to send certificates of nomination or certificates of election (32-1033)	40 days after the Election	
8 weeks after the canvass of votes	Precinct results for Senator, US Congress, Legislature, Public Service Commissioners due in the office of the Secretary of State. (32-1036)		