



**Election Dates
and Activities Calendar
2025 – 2026
(Highlights Only for 2026)**

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2025 Election Activity Dates

Date 2025	Event	Legal Reference
Annually	Election offices to review records against Retention Schedule for Election Records (GS-3) and internal office retention schedule and identify and schedule disposition of records that have met retention	Chapter 119, FS; GS-3 Election Records Retention Schedule
Annually	Supervisors of Elections must conduct, at a minimum, annual review of voter registration records to identify registrations in which a voter is registered at an address that may not be an address of legal residence for the voter and proceed under sections 98.75(6)-(7), F.S.	§98.065(6); Rule 1S-2.041, F.A.C. – At least annually
Bi-ennially	Odd-numbered year review by Department of State of county minimum security procedures	§101.015(4), F.S. – Review of county minimum security procedures in each odd-numbered year
Bi-ennially	Odd numbered year review of rule by Department of State governing voting system standards and certification	§101.015(2), F.S. – Review of rule governing standards and procedures in each odd-numbered year
January 1 (Wed)	Deadline for voting systems vendors to file a written disclosure with the Department of State identifying any known defect in their voting systems or the fact there is no known defect, the effect of any known defect on the operation and use of the system, and any known corrective measures to cure the defect	§101.56065, F.S. – On January 1 of every odd-numbered year
January 6 (Mon)	Congress meets in joint session to count the electoral votes (unless Congress passes a law to change the date from a Saturday or Sunday).	12th Amendment, U.S. Constitution

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January 7 (Tue)	Beginning 4-year term of Supervisors of Elections elected in 2024 General Election	§98.015(1), F.S. – 4-year term commencing on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January succeeding his or her election
January 18 (Sat)	Deadline for Department of State to submit 2024 General Election Recap report (voter registration and voting history information) to the Florida Legislature	§98.0981, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.053, F.A.C. – Within 60 days after Elections Canvassing Commission's certification of official election results
January 20 (Mon)	Inauguration Day for President and Vice-President	20th Amendment, US Constitution
January 31 (Fri)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify to the Division of Elections address and registration list maintenance activities conducted in prior six months	§§98.065 and 98.075, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.041, F.A.C. – No later than January 31 of each year
February 1 (Sat)	Deadline for Department of State and Supervisors of Elections to finalize and submit initial responses to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission for the 2024 Election Administration and Voting Survey	National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) (52 U.S.C. §20508), Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) (52 U.S.C. §20302), and Help America Vote Act (HAVA) 52 U.S.C. §§ 20901–21145)
February 15 (Sat)	Deadline for Department of State to submit statewide consolidated report to Governor and the Legislature on the overvotes and undervotes for President and Vice-President race, the post-election voting system audit reports, and the conduct of elections for the 2024 General Election	§§101.591, 101.595, 102.141, F.S. – On February 15 of each year following a General Election

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March 1 (Sat)	Deadline for Department of State and Supervisors of Elections to submit final responses to U.S. Election Assistance Commission's 2024 Election Administration and Voting Survey	National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) (52 U.S.C. §20508), Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) (52 U.S.C. §20302), and Help America Vote Act (HAVA) (52 U.S.C. §§ 20901–21145)
March 4 (Tue)	First day of regular Legislative Session	Art. III, §3(b), Fla. Const. – Regular session of the legislature shall convene on the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in March of each odd-numbered year
March 31 (Mon)	Copy of public audits conduct at end of prior calendar year by state executive committees and county executive committees are due to the Department of State and the Supervisor of Elections, respectively	§103.121, F.S. – Before April 1 of the ensuing year after audit
April 1 (Tue)	Deadline by when Supervisors of Elections must begin to conduct general address list maintenance program to be completed no later than 90 days prior to the date of any federal election	§98.065(3); Rule 1S-2.041, F.A.C. – At least once annually; see s. 8, chapter 2022-73, Laws of Florida
April 20 (Sun)	365 -day party affiliation deadline for candidates to change party affiliation to run as party nominee or without party affiliation, as may be applicable - Candidates in 1st qualifying period in 2026: federal (US Senators and US Senator), state attorney (20th Judicial Circuit only) and public defender (20th Judicial Circuit only), circuit court judges, county court judges, and retention of Florida Supreme Court Justices and Appellate Court judges	§99.021, F.S. – 365 days before the beginning of applicable qualifying period (1st qualifying period is April 20 - 24, 2026)

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May 2 (Fri)	Last day of regular Legislative Session	Art III, §3(d), Fla. Const. – Regular session not to extend beyond 60 days
June 8 (Sun)	365 -day party affiliation deadline for candidates to change party affiliation to run as party nominee or without party affiliation, as may be applicable - Candidates in 2nd qualifying period in 2026: 2026: Governor, Cabinet offices, State Senator(s), State Representative(s), and Multi-County Special Districts	§99.021, F.S. – 365 days before the beginning of applicable qualifying period (2nd qualifying period is June 8 - 12, 2026)
July 31 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify to the the Department of State address and registration list maintenance activities for prior six months	§§98.065 and 98.075, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.041, F.A.C. – No later than July 31 of each year
December 1 (Mon)	Start of weekly (in lieu of monthly) online petition activity for statewide initiatives seeking to make 2026 General Election ballot (i.e., the aggregate number of verified valid signatures and the distribution of such signatures by congressional district for each proposed amendment proposed by initiative, along with the following information specific to the reporting period: the total number of signed petition forms received, the total number of signatures verified, the distribution of verified valid signatures by congressional district, and the total number of verified petition forms forwarded to the Secretary of State)	§100.371 (11), F.S. – On the last day of each month, or on the last day of each week from December 1 of an odd-numbered year through February 1 of the following year
December 3 (Wed)	Start of period in which Supervisors of Elections required to verify initiative petitions promptly within 30 days (in lieu of 60 days) from date of receipt	§100.371, F.S. – Petitions submitted less than 60 days before February 1 of an even-numbered year must be promptly verified within 30 days after receipt of the form and payment of the fee for signature verification

2026 Election Date Highlights

Candidate Qualifying Period 2026	
Federal (U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress), State Attorney (Judicial Circuit 20th only), Public Defender (Judicial Circuit 20th only) 1 - 19), Judicial Offices (i.e., Justice(s) of the Supreme Court, District Court of Appeal Judges, Circuit Court Judges, and County Court Judges*) *Candidates for county court judges qualify with their respective county Supervisor of Elections. All other judicial candidates file with the Division of Elections as the filing officer.	Noon, April 20, 2026 - Noon, April 24, 2026 (Pre-qualifying period begins 2 weeks before)
Governor, Cabinet Offices (Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture and Chief Financial Officer, State Senators, State Representatives, County Office and Special Districts	Noon, June 8, 2026 - Noon, June 12, 2026 (Pre-qualifying period begins 2 weeks before)
Primary Election 2026	
Vote-by-Mail Ballot Send Deadline - UOCAVA Voters (Absent Stateside and Overseas Uniformed and Civilian Voters)(45 days before election) for requests already on file	July 4, 2026
Vote-by-Mail Ballot Send Deadline - Domestic Voters (7-day window) for requests already on file	July 9 - 16, 2026
Voter Registration Deadline (book closing)	July 20, 2026
Early Voting - Optional Days (A county may offer one or more of these early voting days)	August 3 - 7, 2026 and/or August 16, 2026
Deadline to Request that Ballot Be Mailed	August 6, 2026
Early Voting - Mandatory (8-day period)	August 8 -15, 2026
Primary Election Day	August 18, 2026
General Election 2026	
Vote-by-Mail Ballot Send Deadline - UOCAVA Voters (Absent Stateside and Overseas Uniformed and Civilian Voters)(no later than 45 days before election) for requests already on file	September 19, 2026
Vote-by-Mail Ballot Send Deadline - Domestic Voters (7-day window) for requests already on file	September 24 - October 1, 2026
Voter Registration Deadline (book closing)	October 5, 2026
Early Voting - Optional Days (A county may offer one or more of these early voting days)	October 19 - 23, 2026 and/or November 1, 2026
Deadline to Request that Ballot Be Mailed	October 22, 2026
Early Voting - Mandatory (8-day period)	October 24, 2026
General Election Day	November 3, 2026



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