

Election Dates and Activities Calendar

2026 Election Cycle



2026 Election Date Highlights

Candidate Qualifying Period 2026	
U.S. Senator, 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.	April 20 - 24, 2026
	<i>(Pre-qualifying period starts April 6, 2026)</i>
U.S. Representatives in Congress*, Governor, Cabinet Offices (Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture and Chief Financial Officer, State Senators (even-numbered districts), State Representatives, County Office and Special Districts (*Special session called for April 20-24 for mid-term reapportionment/redistricting; Year of apportionment)	June 8 - 12, 2026
	<i>(Pre-qualifying period starts May 25, 2026)</i>
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
Deadline to Request that Ballot Be Mailed	August 6, 2026
Early Voting - Mandatory (8-day period) (A county may offer up to 6 more days of voting days)	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, 2026 - October 1, 2026
Voter Registration Deadline (book closing)	October 5, 2026
Deadline to Request that Ballot Be Mailed	October 22, 2026
Early Voting - Mandatory (8-day period) (A county may offer up to 6 more days of voting days)	October 24 - 31, 2026
General Election Day	November 3, 2026

Date	Event	Legal Reference
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
January 13, 2026 (Tue)	First day of regular Legislative Session	Art. III, §3(b), Fla. Const. - Regular session of the legislature shall convene on the 2nd Tuesday after the 1st Monday in January of each even-numbered year
January 31, 2026 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify to the Division of Elections address and eligibility list maintenance activities for the 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, 2026 (Sun)	Deadline for initiative petitions to meet signature verification threshold and make ballot position for 2026 General Election verification cycle begins to make 2028 General Election ballot;	Art. XI, §5, Fla. Const. and §100.371(1), F.S. – No later than February 1 of the year in which the General Election is held; §100.371(14)(a), F.S.
February 2, 2026 (Mon)	Start of new 2-year cycle for: 1. sponsoring political committees to circulate statewide initiate petition to make ballot for 2028 General Election; and 2. Supervisors of Elections to verify signature and report monthly signature verification activity to the State, and 3. Supervisors of Elections to notify voters of verified signatures, and 4. Supervisors to report late and misfiled statewide initiative petitions	§100.371, F.S. - On the last day of each month, or on the last day of each week from December 1 on an odd-numbered year through February 1 of the following year
March 1, 2026 (Sun)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit to State costs for signature verification for statewide initiatives, and to post signature verification cost for each county on website	§100.371(14), F.S. - On March 1 of each even-numbered year

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March 13, 2026 (Fri)	Last day of regular Legislative Session	Art III, §3(d), Fla. Const. – Regular session not to extend beyond 60 days
March 15, 2026 (Sun)	Deadline to submit all timely submitted physical petitions forms from past ballot initiative cycle to the Division of Elections as soon as practicable following their processing	§100.371(14)(d) F.S. - As soon as practicable after February 1, but no later than March 15
March 21, 2026 (Sat)	Publish (online) Notice of General Election in each county twice in 30-day period before the start of the 1st qualifying period	§100.021, F.S. – During the 30 days prior to the 1st day of qualifying (1st qualifying begins April 22, 2024)(In lieu of newspaper publication, notice may be provided on the division’s website, on the county’s website as provided in s. 50.0311, or on the supervisor’s website, as deemed appropriate by the Supervisors of Elections)
March 23, 2026 (Mon)	Deadline for candidates for U.S. Senator, State Attorney (20th Judicial Circuit Only), and Public Defender (20th Judicial Circuit only), and Judicial Offices (i.e., Justice(s) of the Supreme Court, District Court of Appeal Judges, Circuit Court Judges, and County Court Judges*) seeking to qualify by petition to submit their signed petitions to Supervisors of Elections	§§99.095 and 105.035, F.S. - Before noon of the 28th day preceding the 1st day of the qualifying period for the office sought (* Year of apportionment declared for Congressional seats due to Executive Proclamation issued January 7, 2026) -For US Representatives; see 2nd qualifying period)
April 1, 2026 (Wed)	Deadline for state and county executive committees to file copy of public audits conducted by end of prior calendar year with 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, 2026 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to initiate annual address list maintenance program	§98.065 - Supervisors of Elections to begin address list maintenance program no later than April 1 annually but complete no later than 90 days before federal election
April 6, 2026 (Mon)	14-day pre-qualifying period for qualifying officers to accept qualifying papers for candidates for U.S. Senator, State Attorney (20th Judicial Circuit Only), and Public Defender (20th Judicial Circuit only), and Judicial Offices (i.e., Justice(s) of the Supreme Court, District Court of Appeal Judges, Circuit Court Judges, and County Court Judges)	§§99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – Not earlier than 14 days prior to the beginning of the applicable qualifying period

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April 10, 2026 (Fri)	Deadline to submit resignation for officers seeking to qualifying as candidates for U.S. Senator, State Attorney (20th Judicial Circuit Only), and Public Defender (20th Judicial Circuit only), and Judicial Offices (i.e., Justice(s) of the Supreme Court, District Court of Appeal Judges, Circuit Court Judges, and County Court Judges*) IF the terms of the offices, or any part thereof, run concurrently with each other	§99.012, F.S. - At least 10 days prior to the 1st day of the applicable qualifying period
April 13, 2026 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify the number of valid signatures for candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method for U.S. Senator, State Attorney (20th Judicial Circuit Only), and Public Defender (20th Judicial Circuit only), and Judicial Offices (i.e., Justice(s) of the Supreme Court, District Court of Appeal Judges, Circuit Court Judges, and County Court Judges*)	§§99.095, 105.035, and 105.035 (4)(b) F.S.– No later than the 7th day before the 1st day of the qualifying period
April 20, 2026 (Mon)	Qualifying period begins for candidates for candidates for U.S. Senator, State Attorney (20th Judicial Circuit Only), and Public Defender (20th Judicial Circuit only), and Judicial Offices (i.e., Justice(s) of the Supreme Court, District Court of Appeal Judges, Circuit Court Judges, and County Court Judges*)	§§99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – Noon of the 120th day prior to the date of the Primary Election
April 24, 2026 (Fri)	Qualifying period ends for candidates for U.S. Senator, State Attorney (20th Judicial Circuit only), Public Defender (20th Judicial Circuit only), Judicial Offices (i.e., Justice(s) of the Supreme Court, District Court of Appeal Judges, Circuit Court Judges, and County Court Judges*)	§§99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – No later than noon of the 116th day prior to the date of the Primary Election
April 25, 2026 (Sat)	Supervisors of Elections to submit to the Department of State a list containing the names, party affiliations, and addresses of all candidates who have qualified with them, and the offices for which persons qualified	§99.092, F.S. – Immediately after the last day for qualifying
April 28, 2026 (Tue)	Florida Legislature "to convene for Special Session for sole and exclusive purpose of considering legislation relating to the drawing of congressional districts for the State of Florida and any legal challenges thereto, including the appropriation of adding funding for such litigation." (Update: Originally scheduled to begin April 20, 2026)	§§99.061, 99.095, 99.09651, F.S. (Executive Proclamation issued January 7, 2026) for 5-day Special Session in April)
April 30, 2026 (Thu)	Deadline for Department of State to certify to the Supervisors of Elections the names of all duly qualified candidates for U.S. Senator, State Attorney (20th Judicial Circuit Only), and Public Defender (20th Judicial Circuit only), and Judicial Offices (i.e., Justice(s) of the Supreme Court, District Court of Appeal Judges, Circuit Court Judges	§99.061, F.S. – Within 7 days after close of qualifying

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May 7, 2026 (Thu)	Earliest date that Supervisors of Elections to provide state write-in vote-by-mail ballots for the General Election to overseas voters requesting such ballot	§101.6951, F.S. – 180 - 90 day period before the General Election in which state write-in ballot may be made available to overseas voters based on military or other contingencies that may preclude normal mail delivery for General Election
May 11, 2026 (Mon)	Deadline for candidates for U.S. Representative in Congress, Governor, Cabinet office (Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Chief Financial Officer), state senator, state representative, and multicounty, county and special district office seeking to qualify by the petition method to submit their signed petitions to Supervisors of Elections	§99.095, F.S. – Before noon of the 28th day preceding the 1st day of the qualifying period for the office sought (* Year of apportionment declared for candidates for U.S. Representative in Congress due to Executive Proclamation issued January 7, 2026 for special April session)
May 14, 2026 (Thu)	Department of State to remit to the respective state executive committees of political parties their share of filing fees and party assessments from candidates for US Senator, state attorney (20th judicial circuit only, and public defender (20th judicial circuit)	§99.103, F.S. – No later than 20 days after the close of qualifying
May 20, 2026 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to notify overseas voters of upcoming Primary Election	§100.025, F.S. – At least 90 days prior to the election
May 20, 2026 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to complete any programmatic address list maintenance activities begun since the last federal election	§98.065, F.S. - Not later than 90 days prior to the date of a federal election to complete address list maintenance programs
May 25, 2026 (Mon)	14-day pre-qualifying period begins for qualifying officers to accept qualifying papers for candidates for U.S. Representative in Congress, Governor, Cabinet Office (Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Chief Financial Officer), state senator, state representative, and multicounty, county and special district office to be processed and filed during the qualifying period	§99.061, F.S. – No earlier than 14 days prior to the 1st day of qualifying (* Year of apportionment declared for Congressional seats due to Executive Proclamation issued January 7, 2026) -For US Representatives; see 2nd qualifying period)
May 29, 2026 (Fri)	Written resignations due for officers qualifying as a candidate for U.S. Representative in Congress, Governor, Cabinet Office (Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Chief Financial Officer), state senator, state representative, and multicounty, county and special district office if the terms of the offices, or any part thereof, run concurrently with each other	§99.012, F.S. – At least 10 days prior to the 1st day of qualifying (* Year of apportionment declared for Congressional seats due to Executive Proclamation issued January 7, 2026) - For US Representatives; see 2nd qualifying period)

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June 1, 2026 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify the number of valid signatures for candidates for U.S. Representative in Congress, Governor, Cabinet office (Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Chief Financial Officer), state senator, state representative, and multicounty, county and special district office seeking to qualify by the petition method	§99.095, F.S. – No later than the 7th day before the first day of qualifying.
June 8, 2026 (Mon)	Qualifying begins for all candidates for U.S. Representative in Congress, Governor, Cabinet (Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Chief Financial Officer), state senator, state representative, and multicounty, county and special district office (2nd qualifying period)	§99.061, F.S. – Noon of the 71st day prior to the date of the Primary Election
June 12, 2026 (Fri)	Qualifying ends for all candidates for U.S. Representative in Congress, Governor, Cabinet (Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Chief Financial Officer), state senator, state representative, and multicounty, county and special district office; Last day for gubernatorial candidate to designate candidate for lieutenant governor and to qualify to have name placed on primary ballot	§99.061, F.S. – No later than noon of the 67th day prior to the date of the Primary Election
June 13, 2026 (Sat)	Supervisors of Elections to submit to the Department of State a list containing the names, party affiliations, and addresses of all candidates who have qualified with them, and the offices for which persons qualified	§99.092, F.S. – Immediately after the last day for qualifying
June 19, 2026 (Fri)	Deadline for Department of State to certify to the Supervisors of Elections the names of all duly qualified or all candidates for U.S. Representative in Congress, Governor, Cabinet Office (Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Chief Financial Officer), state senator, state representative, and multicounty, county and special district office	§99.061, F.S. – Within 7 days after qualifying period ends
June 19, 2026 (Fri)	First day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of vote-by-mail ballot request information to the Department of State for the Primary Election	§101.62, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – 60 days prior to the Primary Election on a daily basis by 8 a.m. and continuously until 15 days after the General Election
June 24, 2026 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit any revisions to county security procedures to the Department of State to take effect in the Primary Election (date based on start of mandatory early voting - specific date may be earlier if county schedules optional days of early voting)	§101.015, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.015, F.A.C. – At least 45 days before early voting begins

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July 2, 2026 (Thu)	Deadline for Department of State to remit to the respective state executive committees of political parties their share of filing fees and party assessments from candidates from 2nd qualifying period who qualified with State	§99.103, F.S. – No later than 20 days after qualifying period ends
July 4, 2026 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to send vote-by-mail ballots to absent stateside and overseas military and civilians who requested ballots for the Primary Election	§101.62, F.S.; 52 USC § 20302(a), (UOCAVA) 45 days before the applicable federal election
July 6, 2026 (Mon)	Division of Elections to submit to the U.S. Department of Justice information on county compliance with 45-day UOCAVA vote-by-mail ballot send-out for the Primary Election	43 days before the applicable election
July 9, 2026 (Thu)	Start of mandatory window for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots to all domestic (non-UOCAVA) voters who requested ballots for the Primary Election	§101.62, F.S. – Between 40th and 33rd day before the election
July 9, 2026 (Thu)	Deadline by when Supervisors of Elections must mail notice of time and location of logic and accuracy test (L&A test) for Primary Election to county party chairs and candidates who did not receive notice at qualifying (date based on start of mandatory early voting - specific date may be earlier if county schedules optional days of early voting)	§101.5612, F.S. – At least 30 days before early voting is scheduled to start in the county
July 12, 2026 (Sun)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to remit filing fees to the state executive committee of the political parties of the candidates qualifying with the Supervisors of Elections	§99.061, F.S. – Within 30 days after qualifying period ends
July 14, 2026 (Tue)	Earliest date that pre-election logic and accuracy (L&A) testing for Primary Election may be conducted (date based on start of mandatory early voting - specific date may be earlier if county schedules optional days of early voting)	§101.5612, F.S. – No more than 25 days before early voting starts

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July 14, 2026 (Tue)	Earliest date that canvassing of vote-by-mail ballots may be begin after pre-election logic and accuracy (L&A) testing is completed for Primary Election	§101.68, F.S. - As soon after pre-election logic and accuracy testing is completed
July 16, 2026 (Thu)	End of mandatory window for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots to all domestic (non-UOCAVA) voters who requested vote-by-mail ballots for the Primary Election	§101.62, F.S. – Between 40th and 33rd day before the election
July 19, 2026 (Sun)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to designate and report to State early voting sites and secure ballot intake stations for Primary Election (including locations, dates, and hours)	§§101.657, 101.69(2), F.S. – No later than the 30th day before an election
July 19, 2026 (Sun)	First day a registered voter or poll watcher may file a voter challenge in the same county for the Primary Election	§101.111, F.S. – No sooner than 30 days before an election
July 20, 2026 (Mon)	Deadline to register to vote (book closing) for the Primary Election	§97.055, F.S. – On the 29th day before each election. If the 29th day falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, the registration books must be closed on the next day that is not a Sunday or a legal holiday
July 25, 2026 (Sat)	Deadline to submit poll watcher designations for early voting sites for Primary Election (date based on start of mandatory early voting - specific date may be earlier if county schedules optional days of early voting)	§101.131, F.S. – Before noon at least 14 days before early voting begins
July 29, 2026 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to appoint poll workers for the Primary Election	§102.012, F.S. – At least 20 days prior to any election

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July 31, 2026 (Fri)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify to the Division of Elections address and registration list maintenance activities for the 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
August 1, 2026 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification badges for early voting sites for the Primary Election (Date based on start of mandatory early voting - specific date may be earlier if county schedules optional days of early voting)	§101.131, F.S. – No later than 7 days before early voting begins
August 3, 2026 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to post election preparation report for the General Election on official website	§100.032, F.S. – At least 3 months before a general election
August 3, 2026 (Mon) - August 7, 2026 (Friday)	Optional days of early voting for Primary Election (earliest date if offered in the county)	§101.657, F.S. - County may schedule optional days of early voting on the 15th, 14th, 13th, 12th, or 11th day and/or 2nd day before an election
August 4, 2026 (Tue)	Deadline to submit poll watcher designations for election day for the Primary Election	§101.131, F.S. – Prior to noon of the 2nd Tuesday preceding the election
August 5, 2026 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to provide state write-in vote-by-mail ballots for the General Election to overseas voters requesting such ballot	§101.6951, F.S. – 180 - 90 day period before the General Election in which state write-in ballot may be made available to overseas voters based on military or other contingencies that may preclude normal mail delivery for General Election
August 5, 2026 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to notify overseas voters of upcoming General Election	§100.025, F.S. – At least 90 days prior to election

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August 6, 2026 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to receive requests for vote-by-mail ballots to be mailed to voters for the Primary Election	§101.62, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 12th day before the election
August 8, 2026 (Sat)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots requested for the Primary Election	§101.62, F.S. – No later than 10 days before the election
August 8, 2026 (Sat)	Start of 10-day period up to 7 p.m. (local time) on Election Day in which emergency affidavit required for personal delivery of vote-by-mail ballot for the Primary Election	§101.62(3), F.S. – Except as provided in s. 101.655, all vote-by-mail ballots may only be provided upon execution of emergency affidavit from start of mandatory early voting through 7 p.m. (local time) on Election Day
August 8, 2026 (Sat)	Start of 8-day mandatory early voting period for Primary Election	§101.657, F.S. – On the 10th day before an election
August 9, 2026 (Sun)	Start of daily reporting for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of early voting summary and details for the Primary Election to the Department of State (specific date may be earlier if county scheduled optional day(s) of early voting)	§101.657, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities
August 11, 2026 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification badges for the Primary Election	§101.131, F.S. – On or before the Tuesday before the election
August 11, 2026 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to mail or email sample ballots to voters for the Primary Election	§101.20, F.S. – At least 7 days prior to any election

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August 14, 2026 (Fri)	Deadline for late registration for specified subcategory of UOCAVA individuals for Primary Election	§97.0555, F.S. – 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election. Subcategory: An individual or accompanying family member who has been discharged or separated from the uniformed services or the United States Merchant Marine, has returned from a military deployment or activation, or has separated from employment outside the territorial limits of the United States
August 15, 2026 (Sat)	Last day of 8-day mandatory early voting period for the Primary Election	§101.657, F.S. – On the 3rd day before an election
August 16, 2026 (Sun)	End of daily reporting for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of early voting summary and details for the Primary Election to the Department of State (specific date may be one day later if county scheduled optional day of early voting)	§101.657, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C.– No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities.
August 16, 2026 (Sun)	Last optional day of early voting for the Primary Election (latest date if offered by county)	§101.657, F.S. - On the 2nd day before an election.
August 17, 2026 (Mon)	Deadline to publish sample ballot for the Primary Election in newspaper of general circulation in the county(if not otherwise emailed or mailed to the voter 7 days prior to election)	§101.20, F.S. – Before the day of the election
August 17, 2026 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to upload into county election management system the results of all early voting and vote-by-mail ballots that have been canvassed and tabulated by the end of the early voting period	§102.141 (4), F.S. – By 7 p.m. (local time) on the day before the election

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August 18, 2026 (Tue)	Primary Election	§100.061, F.S. – On the Tuesday 11 weeks prior to the General Election
August 18, 2026 (Tue)	Supervisors of Elections required to report hourly online live voter turnout data and transmit data concurrently to the Division of Elections	§98.0981(4), F.S. - Report live voter turnout data on Election Day (7 a.m. - 7 p.m. (local time))
August 18, 2026 (Tue)	Deadline for receipt of vote-by-mail ballots for the Primary Election	§101.67, F.S. – All vote-by-mail ballots must be received by 7 p.m.(local time) on Election Day
August 18, 2026 (Tue)	Supervisors of Elections required to report hourly online after polls close the number of vote-by-mail ballots received and uncounted for Primary Election	§102.072, F.S. –Begin reporting vote-by-mail hourly count of received and uncounted vote-by-mail ballots on Election Day starting at 7 p.m. (local time)
August 18, 2026 (Tue)	County canvassing boards to report to Department of State within 30 minutes after polls close the results of all early voting and vote-by-mail ballot tabulated to date and then provide updated preliminary unofficial election results for Primary Election	§102.141, F.S. – Within 30 minutes after the polls close and at least every 45 minutes until all results reported for the election
August 18, 2026 (Tue)	Department of State to remit remainder of filing fees and party assessments to the respective political party state executive committees	§99.103, F.S. – No later than the date of the Primary Election
August 19, 2026 (Wed)	Deadline for all precinct election returns for Primary Election from polling places to be submitted to the county canvassing board	§102.141, F.S. – On or before 2 a.m. of the day following any election

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August 20, 2026 (Thu)	Deadline for voter to submit an affidavit to cure a signature deficiency (missing or mismatched) on a vote-by-mail ballot for the Primary Election	§101.68(4), F.S. – Until 5 p.m. (local time) on the 2nd day after the election
August 20, 2026 (Thu)	Deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide evidence (written or other) of eligibility to Supervisor of Elections or to submit an affidavit to cure a signature deficiency (missing or mismatched) on a provisional ballot for the Primary Election	§101.048, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.037, F.A.C. – No later than 5 p.m. (local time) on the 2nd day following the election
August 21, 2026 (Fri)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to file First Unofficial Results of the Primary Election with the Department of State	§102.141, F.S. – No later than noon (local time) of the 3rd day after any primary election
August 23, 2026 (Sun)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to file Second Unofficial Results for the Primary Election, only if machine recount was conducted	§102.141, F.S. – No later than 3 p.m. (local time) of the 5th day after any primary election
August 24, 2026 (Mon)	Start of 10th week in which Department of State publishes notice of proposed constitutional amendments in a newspaper of general circulation in each county	Art XI, §5(d), Fla. Const. - Once in the 10th week, and once in the 6th week immediately preceding the week in which the election is held
August 26, 2026 (Wed)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to submit county Official Results to the Department of State for the Primary Election	§102.112, F.S. – Noon (local time) on the 8th day following any primary election
August 26, 2026 (Wed)	Deadline for supervisor to file with the Department of State a copy of, or an export file from, the results database of the county's voting system for the Primary Election	§102.141(10), F.S. & 1S-2.053, F.A.C. - At the same time as the official results are certified

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August 26, 2026 (Wed)	County canvassing boards to begin publicly noticed audit of the voting system for the Primary Election unless manual recount undertaken pursuant to §102.166, F.S.	§101.591, F.S., and Rule 1S-2.056, F.A.C – Immediately after the county canvassing board certifies county election results
August 27, 2026 (Thu)	Elections Canvassing Commission meets to certify statewide Official Results for the Primary Election	§102.111, F.S. – 8 a.m. on the 9th day after a primary election
September 2, 2026 (Wed)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to complete the voting system audit for the Primary Election and for the results to be made public unless manual recount undertaken pursuant to §102.166, F.S.	§101.591, F.S.; Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – No later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7th day after the county canvassing board certifies county election results
September 2, 2026 (Wed)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of vote-by-mail ballot request information to the Department of State for the Primary Election	§101.62, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – 60 days prior to the Primary Election on a daily basis by 8 a.m. and until 15 days after the Primary Election
September 4, 2026 (Fri)	First day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of vote-by-mail ballot request information to the Department of State for the General Election	§101.62, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – 60 days prior to the General Election on a daily basis by 8 a.m. and until 15 days after the General Election
September 9, 2026 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit any revisions to county security procedures to the Department of State to take effect in the General Election (date based on start of mandatory early voting - specific date may be earlier if county schedules optional days of early voting)	§101.015, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.015, F.A.C. – At least 45 days before early voting begins
September 11, 2026 (Fri)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit to the Division of Elections the following post-Primary Election reports/files: updated official voting history, precinct-level election results, reconciliation report of voting history and precinct-level election results, and precinct boundaries (GIS map)	§98.0981, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.053, F.A.C. – Within 10 business days after Elections Canvassing Commission certifies election results

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September 17, 2026 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to give provisional ballot voters free access to information regarding outcome of their provisional ballot cast in the Primary Election	§101.048, F.S. - No later than 30 days following the election
September 19, 2026 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots to absent stateside and overseas military and civilians who requested ballots for the General Election	§101.62, F.S.; 52 USC § 20302(a), (UOCAVA) 45 days before the applicable federal election
September 21, 2026 (Mon)	Deadline for Division of Elections to submit to the U.S. Department of Justice information on county compliance with 45-day UOCAVA vote-by-mail ballot send-out for the General Election	43 days before the General Election
September 21, 2026 (Mon)	Start of 2nd period in which Department of State publishes notice of proposed constitutional amendments in a newspaper of general circulation in each county	Art XI, §5(d), Fla. Const. - Once in the 10th week, and once in the 6th week immediately preceding the week in which the election is held, the proposed amendment shall be published in one newspaper of general circulation in each county
September 24, 2026 (Thu)	Start of mandatory window for Supervisors of Elections to send vote-by-mail ballots to all domestic (non-UOCAVA) voters who requested vote-by-mail ballots for the General Election	§101.62, F.S. – Between 40th and 33rd day before the election
September 24, 2026 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to mail notice of time and location of logic and accuracy test (L&A test) to county party chairs and candidates who did not receive notice at qualifying for General Election (date based on start of mandatory early voting - specific date may be earlier if county schedules optional days of early voting)	§101.5612, F.S. – At least 30 days prior to start of early voting
September 25, 2026 (Fri)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit post-election reports on the conduct of the Primary Election to the Division of Elections	§102.141, F.S. – No later than 20 business days after Elections Canvassing Commission certifies elections results

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September 29, 2026 (Tue)	Earliest date that pre-election logic and accuracy (L&A) testing for General Election may be conducted (date based on start of mandatory early voting - specific date may be earlier if county schedules optional days of early voting)	§101.5612, F.S. – No more than 25 days before early voting starts
September 29, 2026 (Tue)	Earliest date that vote-by-mail ballots can be canvassed (after pre-election logic and accuracy (L&A) testing is completed for General Election)	§101.68, F.S. Canvassing may begin after L&A test is completed
October 1, 2026 (Thu)	End of mandatory window for Supervisors of Elections to send vote-by-mail ballots to all domestic (non-UOCAVA) voters who requested vote-by-mail ballots for the General Election	§101.62, F.S. – Between 40th and 33rd day before the election
October 4, 2026 (Sun)	First day a registered voter or poll watcher may file a voter challenge in the same county for the General Election	§101.111, F.S. – No sooner than 30 days before an election
October 4, 2026 (Sun)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to designate and report to State early voting sites and secure ballot intake stations for General Election (including locations, dates, and hours)	§§101.657, 101.69(2), F.S. – No later than the 30th day before an election
October 5, 2026 (Mon)	Deadline to register to vote (book closing) for the General Election	§97.055, F.S. – On the 29th day before each election. If the 29th day falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, the registration books must be closed on the next day that is not a Sunday or a legal holiday
October 10, 2026 (Sat)	Deadline to submit poll watcher designations for early voting sites for General Election (date based on start of mandatory early voting - specific date may be earlier if county schedules optional days of early voting)	§101.131, F.S. – Before noon at least 14 days before early voting begins

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October 14, 2026 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to appoint poll workers for the General Election	§102.012, F.S. – At least 20 days prior to any election
October 17, 2026 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification badges for early voting sites for the General Election (date based on start of mandatory early voting - specific date may be earlier if county schedules optional days of early voting)	§101.131, F.S. – No later than 7 days before early voting begins
October 19, 2026 (Monday) - October 23, 2026 (Friday)	Start of optional days of early voting for General Election (earliest date if offered in county)	§101.657, F.S. - County may schedule optional days of early voting on the 15th, 14th, 13th, 12th, or 11th day and/or 2nd day before an election
October 20, 2026 (Tue)	Deadline to submit poll watcher designations for election day for the General Election	§101.131, F.S. – Before noon on the 2nd Tuesday preceding the election
October 22, 2026 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to receive requests for vote-by-mail ballots to be mailed to voters for the General Election	§101.62, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 12th day before the election
October 24, 2026 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots requested for the General Election	§101.62, F.S. – No later than 10 days before the election
October 24, 2026 (Sat)	Start of 10-day period up to 7 p.m. (local time) on Election Day in which emergency affidavit required for vote-by-mail ballot delivery for General Election	§101.62(3), F.S. – Except as provided in s. 101.655, all vote-by-mail ballots may only be provided upon execution of emergency affidavit from this day through election day

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October 24, 2026 (Sat)	Start of 8-day mandatory early voting period for the General Election	§101.657, F.S. – On the 10th day before an election
October 25, 2026 (Sun)	First day after mandatory early voting period begins for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily prior day's early voting activity (summary and details) to the Department of State	§101.657, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities
October 26, 2026 (Mon)	Deadline for Department of State to report to the Florida Legislature voter registration and voting history information for the Primary Election	§98.0981, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.053, F.A.C. – Within 60 days after Elections Canvassing Commission certifies election results
October 27, 2026 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification and badges for the General Election	§101.131, F.S. – On or before the Tuesday before the election
October 27, 2026 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to mail or email sample ballots to voters for the General Election	§101.20, F.S. – At least 7 days prior to any election
October 30, 2026 (Fri)	Deadline for late registration for specified subcategory of UOCAVA individuals	§97.0555, F.S. – 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election (Subcategory: An individual or accompanying family member who has been discharged or separated from the uniformed services or the United States Merchant Marine, has returned from a military deployment or activation, or has separated from employment outside the territorial limits of the United States)

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October 31, 2026 (Sat)	Last day of 8-day mandatory early voting period for the General Election	§101.657, F.S. – On the 3rd day before an election
November 1, 2026 (Sun)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of early voting activity (summary and details) to the Department of State (based on mandatory early voting period) (specific date may be one day later if optional day of early voting offered on Sunday)	§101.657, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities
November 1, 2026 (Sun)	Last day for optional early voting for the General Election (if offered in county)	§101.657, F.S. – County may schedule optional day of early voting on the 2nd day before an election
November 2, 2026 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to publish sample ballot in newspaper of general circulation in the county for the General Election if not otherwise emailed or mailed to the voter	§101.20, F.S. – Before election day
November 2, 2026 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to upload into county election management system the results of all early voting and vote-by-mail ballots that have been canvassed and tabulated by the end of the early voting period	§102.141 (4), F.S. - By 7 p.m. (local time) before election day
November 3, 2026 (Tue)	General Election	§100.031, F.S. – On the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November of each even numbered year
November 3, 2026 (Tue)	Supervisors of Elections required to report hourly online live voter turnout data and transmit data concurrently to the Division of Elections	§98.0981(4), F.S. - Report live voter turnout data on Election Day 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. (local time) on election day

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November 3, 2026 (Tue)	Deadline for receipt of vote-by-mail ballots for the General Election (exception for overseas ballots)	§101.67, F.S., – Received by Supervisor of Elections Office no later than 7 p.m. (local time) on election day
November 3, 2026 (Tue)	Supervisors of Elections to report hourly online after polls close the number of vote-by-mail ballots received and uncounted for General Election	§102.072, F.S. –Begin reporting vote-by-mail hourly count of received and uncounted vote-by-mail ballots on election day starting at 7 p.m. (local time)
November 3, 2026 (Tue)	County canvassing boards to report to Department of State within 30 minutes after polls close the results of all early voting and vote-by-mail ballot tabulated to date and then provide updated preliminary unofficial election results for General Election	§102.141, F.S. – Within 30 minutes after the polls close and at least every 45 minutes until all results reported for the election
November 4, 2026 (Wed)	Deadline for all precinct election returns to be submitted from polling places to the county canvassing board for General Election	§102.141, F.S. – On or before 2 a.m. (local time) of the day following any election
November 5, 2026 (Thu)	Deadline for voter to submit vote-by-mail ballot cure affidavit for the General Election	§101.68(4), F.S. – Until 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after the election
November 5, 2026 (Thu)	Deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide evidence (written or other) of eligibility to Supervisor of Elections or to submit an affidavit to cure a signature deficiency (missing or mismatched) on a provisional ballot for the General Election	§101.048, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.037, F.A.C. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day following the election
November 7, 2026 (Sat)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to file First Unofficial Results of the General Election with the Department of State	§102.141, F.S. – No later than noon of the 4th day after a general election

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November 12, 2026 (Thu)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to file Second Unofficial Results of the General Election with the Department of State, only if machine recount was conducted	§102.141, F.S. – No later than 3 p.m. of the 9th day after the election
November 13, 2026 (Fri)	Deadline for receipt of overseas ballots returned by mail for General Election	§101.6952(5), F.S. - Ballot must be postmarked or signed and dated no later than the date of the election and received no later than 10 days from the date of the election
November 16, 2026 (Mon)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to submit county Official Results for the General Election to the Department of State	§102.112, F.S. – By noon on the 13th day following the election
November 16, 2026 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to file with the Department of State a copy of, or an export file from, the results database of the county's voting system	§102.141(10), F.S. & 1S-2.053, F.A.C - At the same time the county official results are certified
November 16, 2026 (Mon)	County canvassing boards to begin publicly noticed audit of the voting system for the General Election unless manual recount undertaken pursuant to §102.166, F.S. (specific date may be earlier if county official results certified earlier)	§101.591, F.S.; Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – Immediately after canvassing board certifies county official election results
November 17, 2026 (Tue)	Elections Canvassing Commission meets to certify statewide Official Results for federal, state, and multicounty offices	§102.111, F.S. – By 8 a.m. on the 14th day following the election
November 18, 2026 (Wed)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of vote-by-mail ballot request information to the Department of State for the General Election	§101.62, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – Beginning 60 days prior to the General Election on a daily basis by 8 a.m. and until 15 days after the General Election

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November 23, 2026 (Mon)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to complete the voting system audit for the General Election and for the results to be made public unless manual recount undertaken pursuant to §102.166, F.S.	§101.591, F.S.; Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – No later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7th day following certification of the election by the county canvassing board
December 1, 2026 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit reimbursement request to Department of State for reimbursement from the Chief Financial Officer for petition signatures verified at no charge for a candidate or committee based on undue burden affidavit	§99.097, F.S. – No later than December 1 of the general election year
December 3, 2026 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to give provisional ballot voters free access to information regarding outcome of their provisional ballot cast in the General Election	§101.048, F.S. - No later than 30 days following the election
December 3, 2026 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit to the Division of Elections the following post-General Election reports/files: updated official voting history, precinct-level election results, reconciliation report of voting history and precinct-level election results, and precinct boundaries (GIS map)	§98.0981, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.053, F.A.C. – Within 10 business days after Elections Canvassing Commission certifies election results
December 15, 2026 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections on behalf of canvassing board to submit report to Division of Elections results of post-election certification voting system audit for General Election done (or that no audit done if manual recount undertaken pursuant to §102.166, F.S.)	§101.591, F.S.; Rule 1S-5.026 F.A.C – By December 15 of each general election year
December 15, 2026 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit reports on the total number of overvotes and undervotes in the President and Vice President race to the Department of State	§101.595, F.S. – No later than December 15 of each general election year
December 15, 2026 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit reports on voter education programs to the Department of State	§98.255, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.033, F.A.C. - By December 15 of each general election year

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December 17, 2026 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit post-election reports on the conduct of the General Election to the Division of Elections	§102.141, F.S. – No later than 20 business days after Elections Canvassing Commission certifies elections results
December 31, 2026 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to remove all voters from the rolls who have been designated as inactive and who have not voted or attempted to vote, requested a vote-by-mail ballot, or updated their voter registration record in two general elections since they were first designated as inactive	§98.065(4)(c), F.S.; Rule 1S-2.041(2), F.A.C.; and 52 U.S.C. §2057 National Voter Registration Act (NVRA). - No later than December 31 in the same year of the second federal election
December 31, 2026 (Thu)	All still login accounts for access to statewide vote-by-mail ballot request information/files automatically expire	Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. - At the end of each general election year

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