

2021 Election Calendar

| January, 2021 | | |
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| 4 -January (Monday) | Last day for county clerk and recorder 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 1-1-106(4) |
| 11 -January (Monday) | Last day for state office holders/appointees to file personal financial disclosures, or update form. | 24-6-202(4) 1-1-106(4) |
| 13-January (Wednesday) | General Assembly Convenes. | H.J.R. 18-1021 |
| February, 2021 | | |
| 1 -February (Monday) | Deadline for the county clerk and recorder to provide the county chairpersons of the major political parties with a list of records cancelled under the NVRA. (No later than 90 days after the general election) | 1-2-605(8) |
| March, 2021 | | |
| 1 - March (Monday) | Deadline for the Secretary of State to distribute a free list of who voted in the 2020 general election to each major and minor political party (No later than March 1 following the general election) | 1-2-305(4) |
| | 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 2.20 |
| April, 2021 | | |
| 9-April (Friday) | Last day to submit a draft to the Secretary of State of a 2021 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) |
| 21-April (Wednesday) | Last Title Board Hearing for measures that will appear on the 2021 Coordinated Election ballot. (No later than third Wednesday in April) | 1-40-106(1) |
| May, 2021 | | |
| 13-May (Thursday) | The General Assembly must adjourn no later than this date. (Regular sessions must not exceed 120 calendar days) | Art. V, Sect. 7 H.J.R. 18-1021 |
| June, 2021 | | |
| 1-June (Tuesday) | Last day for the Secretary of State to notify county clerks of qualified political organizations' loss of qualified status. (No later than June 1 of each odd-numbered year) | Rule 3.7 1-1-106(5) |
| July, 2021 | | |
| 15-July (Thursday) | Preferred date for county clerk to designate drop-off locations and Voter Service and Polling Centers for the November 2nd Coordinated Election . Before designation, clerks must also complete an accessibility survey for all locations. (110 days before the coordinated election) | Rule 7.10 |
| | Preferred date for county clerk to submit an election plan to the Secretary of State for the November 2nd Coordinated Election . (110 days before the coordinated election) | 1-7.5-105(1) Rule 7.1.1 |
| 23 -July (Friday) | If a political subdivision has taken formal action to participate in the Coordinated Election, it must notify the county clerk in writing. (100 days before the election, if the governing body has taken formal action) | 1-7-116(5) |
| | Last day for a local government who wants to conduct a ranked voting election in a Coordinated Election to give the county clerk notice. (No later than 100 days before election) | 1-1-106(5) |
| | Last day for the Secretary of State to prepare an election notice for the Coordinated Election to be used in conjunction with a federal write-in absentee ballot. (At least 100 days before a regularly scheduled election) | Rule 26.3 1-8.3-116 1-1-106(5) |
| August, 2021 | | |
| 2-August (Monday) | Last day to file an initiative petition with the Secretary of State for the 2021 Coordinated Election. (No later than 3:00 PM, at least 3 months before the election) | Art. V, Sect. 1(2) 1-40-108 |
| | Last day to file an addendum to a previously filed initiative petition that was deemed insufficient. (Within 15 days after determination of insufficiency, but no later than 3:00pm at least 3 months before the election) | Art. V, Sect. 1(2); 1-40-117(3)(b) |
| 4-August (Wednesday) | Last day for the county clerk to submit a watcher accommodation plan for the November 2nd Coordinated Election to the Secretary of State. (No later than 90 days before an election) | Rule 8.7 |
| | First day a candidate for the office of school district director may circulate a nomination petition. (No sooner than 90 days before the election) | 1-4-803(1)(b) |
| 24-August (Tuesday) | Deadline for the county clerk and coordinating political subdivisions to sign intergovernmental agreements for the 2021 Coordinated Election. (No later than 70 days before the election) | 1-7-116(2) |
| 27-August (Friday) | Last day for candidates for the office of school district director to file a nomination petition. (No later than 67 days before the election) | 1-4-803(2) |

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| 30-August (Monday) | Last day to file an affidavit of intent to run as a write-in candidate for a non-partisan coordinated election. (By close of business on the 64th day before the election) | 1-4-1102(2) |
| September, 2021 | | |
| 1-September (Wednesday) | Last day for the Secretary of State to issue statements of sufficiency or insufficiency for initiative petitions filed on August 2nd. (No more than 30 calendar days after the petition is filed) | 1-40-116(2) |
| 3-September (Friday) | Last day for major political parties to provide an adequate list of election judges to the county clerk. If an adequate list is not provided, the county clerk must report this to the Secretary of State (No later than 60 days before the election) | Rule 6.1.3 |
| | Last day for the designated election official from each political subdivision that intends to conduct an election to certify the ballot content. If the election will be coordinated with the county, the certification must be delivered to the county clerk and recorder of each county that has territory within the political subdivision. (No later than 60 days before the election) | 1-5-203(3)(a) |
| | Deadline for the county clerk to file security and contingency plans with the Secretary of State. (No later than 60 days prior to the first election where the procedures will be used) | 1-5-616(5)(b) |
| | Deadline for the county clerk to begin video surveillance of designated areas for the Coordinated Election. (At least 60 days before the election) | Rule 20.9.2 |
| | First day that the county clerk may hold election judge training. (Not more than 60 days prior to the election) | 1-6-101(5) |
| | Last day for the Secretary of State to send notice and certification of the Coordinated Election ballot to the county clerks. (No later than the 57th day before the Coordinated Election) | 1-5-203(1) 1-1-106(5) |
| 17-September (Friday) | Last day to file pro/con comments pertaining to 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) | 1-7-901(4) |
| | Last day for petition representatives to submit summarized comments in favor of their petition. (No later than 44 days before the election) | 1-7-903 (3) 1-1-106(5) |
| 18-September (Saturday) | Deadline to send mail ballots to military and overseas electors. (No later than 45 days before the election) | 1-8.3-110(1) |
| | First day a county clerk may issue a mail ballot to a voter who requests one in person at the county clerk's office or the other office designated in the county's mail ballot plan. (No sooner than 45 days before the election) | 1-7.5-107 (2.7) |
| 20-September (Monday) | Last day for the designated election official to deliver ballot issue notices to the county clerk. (No later than 43 days before the election) | 1-7-904 |
| 23-September (Thursday) | Last day for the designated election official to order registration and property owner records for use by election judges in a local election that is not coordinated with the county. (No later than the 40th day before the election) | 1-5-303(1) 1-5-304(1), (2) |
| 28-September (Tuesday) | Last day for county clerks to provide a list of election judges, including political party affiliations, if known, to each appointing party. (No later than 35 days before election day) | Rule 6.1.4 |
| | 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. (No later than 35 days before the election) | Rule 11.9.2 |
| October, 2021 | | |
| 1-October (Friday) | Last day for the Department of Higher Education to provide enrollment data for the 2020 Fall Semester to the Secretary of State. (On or before October 1, 2021) | 1-5-102.9 (1)(b.5)(I)(B)(V) |
| | 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) |
| | Last day to mail notice of election for ballot issues. (At least 30 days before a ballot issue election) | Art. X, Sect. 20(3)(b) 1-1-106(5) |
| | The Secretary of State will establish and publish on the Audit Center the risk limit that will apply in RLAs for that election. (No later than 32 days before election day) | Rule 25.2.2 (a) |
| | First day a county must be able to issue a mail ballot to a voter who requests one in person at the county clerk's office or the other office designated in the county's mail ballot plan. (32 days before the election) | 1-7.5-107(2.7) |

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| 8-October (Friday) | Deadline to complete changes in the boundaries or division of precincts for nonpartisan elections. (No later than 25 days prior to the election) | 1-5-104(1) |
| | First day mail ballots may be sent to voters, except for UOCAVA voters. (No sooner than 22 days before the Election, or Friday immediately preceding the 22nd day, if the 22nd day falls on a state or federal holiday) | 1-7.5-107(3)(a)(II) |
| 11-October (Monday) | First day that the county clerk may not run or schedule to run SCORE reports or exports that include voter or election detail during regular business hours without written authorization by the Secretary of State. (Beginning 22 days before election day) | Rule 2.15.4 |
| 12-October (Tuesday) | Last day to submit an application to register to vote through a voter registration drive for the Coordinated Election. (No later than 22 days before the election, or day after if 22 days falls on state or federal holiday) | 1-2-201(3)(b)(I) |
| | 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 11.9.3 |
| 13-October (Wednesday) | Last day for the designated or coordinated election official to publish notice of the Coordinated Election. (No later than 20 days before the election) | 1-1-104(34) 1-5-205(1) |
| | Deadline for the designated election official to mail a copy of the notice of election to the county clerk of each county in which the political subdivision is located if the election is not coordinated by the county. (No later than 20 days before the election) | 1-5-205(2) |
| | Last day to post Voter Service and Polling Center, Polling Location, and Drop-off signs for the Coordinated Election. (At least 20 days before the election) | 1-5-106 |
| 15-October (Friday) | Deadline for the county clerk to send mail ballot packets to each active eligible elector for the Coordinated Election. (No later than 18 days before the Election) | 1-7.5-107(3)(a)(I) |
| 18-October (Monday) | Last day to appoint board of canvassers for a nonpartisan election that is not coordinated by the county. (At least 15 days before any nonpartisan election) | 1-10-201(1) |
| | Last day for county chairpersons of major political parties to certify appointment of registered electors to serve as members of canvass board for statewide ballot measure in the Coordinated Election; members of canvass board for other ballot content will be appointed in accordance with intergovernmental agreement. (At least 15 days before election) | Rule 4.3.3 1-10-101 1-10-202 |
| | 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(b) |
| | 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 |
| 22-October (Friday) | Equipment inventory lists due to the Secretary of State. (No later than 10 days before the election) | Rule 11.2.3 1-1-106(5) |
| | The election notice must be posted in the designated election official's office. (At least 10 days before the election and until 2 days after the election) | 1-5-205(1.3) 1-1-106(5) |
| 25-October (Monday) | Last day to submit an application to register to vote through the mail, a voter registration agency, a local driver's license examination facility, or online to receive a mail ballot for the Coordinated 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) |
| 25-October to 2-November | The minimum number of required voter service and polling centers must be open for the November 2nd Coordinated Election . (Beginning at least 8 days before and on election day, except Sundays) | 1-7.5-107 (4.5)(a)(III),(c) Rule 7.9.1 |
| 26-October (Tuesday) | Elections Setup Records are due to the Secretary of State for the Coordinated Election. (No later than 5:00pm on the 7th day before the election) | Rule 11.4 |
| | First day the minimum number of required Drop Boxes must be open for the November 2nd Coordinated Election . (Beginning at least 7 days before an election, including Saturdays and Sundays) | 1-7.5-107(4.3)(b) |
| November, 2021 | | |
| 2-November (Tuesday) | Coordinated Election (Polls open 7:00am to 7:00pm. First Tuesday in November) | Art. X, Sect. 20(3)(a) 1-1-104(6.5) 1-7-101 1-41-102(1) |
| | 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) |
| 4-November (Thursday) | Deadline for the county clerk to send missing signature, signature verification, and missing ID letters and emails for mail and provisional ballots. (Within 3 days from signature/ID verification but no later than 2 days after election day) | 1-7.5-107(3.5)(d) 1-7.5-107.3(2)(a) 1-8.5-105(3)(a) |

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| 5-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 (i) |
| | Deadline for the Secretary of State to give public notice of the meeting to establish the random seed for the RLA Tool. (At least 7 calendar days before the meeting to be held on the 10th day after the election) | Rule 25.2.2(h) |
| 10-November (Wednesday) | Last day for ballots cast by military and overseas electors to be received by the county clerk in order to be counted. (No later than the 8th day after election day) | 1-8.3-113(2) |
| | Last day for an elector to cure signature discrepancy or missing signature, or to provide missing ID. (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 7.6.1 Rule 7.7.5 |
| 12-November (Friday) | Last day for verification and counting of provisional ballots. (Within 9 days after election day) | 1-8.5-105 (5) 1-1-106(4) |
| | County must finish tabulating all in-person and accepted mail ballots cast by voters registered in the county. Immediately after completing this tabulating, 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 9th day after election day) | Rule 25.2.2 (d) 1-1-106(4) |
| | 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 5:00 PM MT on the 9th day after election day) | Rule 25.2.2 (f) 1-1-106(4) |
| | Deadline for county conducting a ballot polling audit to upload: -verified and hashed ballot manifest and the ballot manifest hashed value by email to the Secretary of State's Office -cumulative tabulation report, by email to the Secretary of State's Office -RLA tabulation results export to the Secretary of State's Election Night Reporting system. (No later than 5:00 PM MT on the 9th day after election day) | Rule 25.2.2 (g) 1-1-106(4) |
| | Deadline for Secretary of State to establish a random seed for use with the RLA Tool. (On the 10th day after election day) | Rule 25.2.2 (h) |
| | Deadline for Secretary of State to notify the counties of the ballots selected to be audited. (No later than 11:59 p.m. MT on the 10th day after election day) | Rule 25.2.2 (k) |
| 23-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. (No later than 5:00 p.m. MT on business day before the canvass deadline) | Rule 25.2.3(d) |
| 24-November (Wednesday) | Last day to complete the canvass and submit official abstract of votes cast for the Coordinated Election to the Secretary of State. (No later than the 22nd day after the election) | 1-10-102(1) 1-10-103 (1) |
| 26-November (Friday) | Deadline to upload the final canvass results to the ENR system. (By close of business on the first business day after the statutory deadline for completing the canvass) | Rule 11.9.6 |
| | Last day for political subdivision that referred a ballot issue or question that failed, 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 (4) |
| 29-November (Monday) | Last day for the Secretary of State to compile and total returns from all counties and order appropriate recounts, if any. (No later than the 27th day after the Coordinated Election) | 1-10-103(2) |
| 30-November (Tuesday) | Last day for an interested party to request a recount of the results of the Coordinated Election at their own expense. (Within 28 days after the Coordinated Election) | 1-10.5-106 (2) |
| December, 2021 | | |
| 2-December (Thursday) | First day the county clerk may stop video surveillance of designated areas for the Coordinated Election. (Through at least 30 days after the election, unless there is a recount) | Rule 20.9.2 |
| | Last day for a county over 50,000 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 Coordinated Election) | Rule 7.9.8 |

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| 3-December (Friday) | Last day for county that conducted a comparison risk-limiting audit 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 |
| 7-December (Tuesday) | Last day to complete a statutory recount of any race in the Coordinated Election. (No later than the 35th day after the Coordinated Election) | 1-10.5-102(2) 1-10.5-103 |
| 9-December (Thursday) | Last day to complete a recount requested by an interested party. (No later than the 37th day after the Coordinated Election) | 1-10.5-106(2) |
| 30-December (Thursday) | 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 7.8.13 |
| 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 <i>and</i> completion of the act involves a filing <i>or</i> other action during business hours, the period is extended to include <u>the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.</u> | 1-1-106(4) |
| | 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) |
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