

# Official Election Calendar State of Nebraska

| Primary Election: May 15, 2018   |  | General Election: November 6, 2018                                |
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| <i>December 5, 2018 was declared a state holiday to mourn the death of President George H.W. Bush. Per §32-206, the new deadline for conducting recounts for candidates who filed with the Secretary of State is at 9 AM on the next business day, December 6.</i> |  |   |
| <b>2017</b>  |  |   |
| <b>November 2017</b>   |  |   |
| <b>1-Nov</b>   | Secretary of State shall publish the official calendar approved by the Attorney General. §32-206   | By November 1   |
| <b>December 2017</b>   |  |   |
| <b>1-Dec</b>   | First day a person may file for office to have their name placed on the ballot as a candidate at the 2018 election. §32-606  | December 1  |
|  | Last day for clerks and commissioners to notify subdivisions of filing deadlines for statewide primary and to give notice of the certification deadline. §32-404   | December 1  |
|  | Last day to change party affiliation to meet member of party requirement on candidate filings. §32-612   | 1st Friday in December prior to the statewide primary election    |
| <b>14-Dec</b>  | Last day a political subdivision may request the adjustment of election district boundaries. §32-552   | At least 5 months prior to an election                            |
| <b>15-Dec</b>  | 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 nonpartisan. §32-557  | Not less than 60 days prior to the filing deadline                |
| <b>2018</b>  |  |   |
| <b>January 2018</b>  |  |   |
| <b>1-Jan</b>   | First 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   | Calendar year   |
| <b>5-Jan</b>   | Last day for political subdivisions to notify the Secretary of State, county clerks or election commissioners of offices to be filled, terms, vacancies, votes to cast, and filing deadlines for each office. §32-404, §32-601                                       | January 5   |
| <b>14-Jan</b>  | First day to accept early voting ballot request for the primary election. §32-941  | Not more than 120 days before any election                        |
| <b>30-Jan</b>  | Last day for election official to publish notice received from the January 5 certification for subdivisions, pertaining to: <b>offices</b> to be filled, <b>terms</b> , <b>vacancies</b> , <b>votes</b> to cast, and <b>filing deadlines</b> . §32-601               | At least 15 days prior to the filing deadline for incumbents      |
| <b>February</b>  |  |   |
| <b>1-Feb</b>   | Last day for a new political party to submit petitions with the Secretary of State to qualify for the upcoming primary election. §32-716   | February 1  |
|  | Last day for County Central Committee chairpersons to submit names of poll workers to counties 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  |
| <b>12-Feb</b>  | Deadline for Secretary of State to determine if sufficient signatures are on the petition for a new party. §32-717   | Within 10 days after the 'petition for new party' filing deadline |
| <b>13-Feb</b>  | Last day for election officials to publish information from the §32-404 notice of the <u>non-incumbent filing deadline</u> , if not included in the January 30 notice. §32-601   | At least 15 days prior to the filing deadline for non-incumbents  |
| <b>15-Feb</b>  | Last day for incumbents ( <b>any current office holder</b> ) to file for office on the primary ballot. §32-606   | February 15   |

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|                                | Last day for political party to file an affidavit/petition to draft an incumbent partisan candidate. §32-611   | Filed in the same manner and with the same filing officer as provided for candidate filing forms |
| <b>20-Feb</b>                  | Last day for a drafted incumbent partisan candidate to submit a filing form. §32-611   | Within 5 days from the date of the filing of the affidavit                                       |
| <b>22-Feb</b>                  | Deadline to file an objection to a incumbent candidate filing. §32-624   | Within 7 days after the incumbent filing deadline  |
| <b>March</b>                   |  |  |
| <b>1-Mar</b>                   | Last day for non-incumbents ( <b>new filers</b> ) to file for office for the primary election. §32-606   | March 1  |
|                                | Last day for a candidate, whose filing deadlines are February 15 or March 1, to withdraw their name and decline to be a candidate. §32-622   | March 1  |
|                                | Last day for a political subdivision to certify a special issue for inclusion on the primary ballot. §32-559   | March 1  |
|                                | Last day for political party to file an affidavit/petition to draft a non-incumbent partisan candidate. §32-611  | Filed in the same manner and with the same filing officer as provided for candidate filing forms |
| <b>5-Mar</b>                   | Last day to file a notarized affidavit and filing fee to pursue a write-in campaign for a county office that would otherwise auto-advance to the general election. §32-615   | March 3  |
| <b>6-Mar</b>                   | Last day for drafted non-incumbant candidate per §32-611 to decline the nomination by affidavit/petition. §32-622  | March 6  |
|                                | Last day for a drafted non-incumbent partisan candidate to submit a filing form. §32-611   | Within 5 days from the date of the filing of the affidavit                                       |
| <b>8-Mar</b>                   | Deadline to file an objection to a non-incumbent candidate filing. §32-624   | Within 7 days after non- incumbent filing deadline   |
| <b>15-Mar</b>                  | Last day for political party to submit a letter to Secretary of State regarding non-affiliated voters voting in the primary election. §32-912  | At least 60 days before the primary election   |
|                                | Last day to issue and mail special absentee ballots to those registered voters with applications on file specifically requesting a "special absentee ballot." §32-939.02(4) <b>Note:</b> <i>Federal &amp; state law require 60 days.</i> | At least 60 days prior to an election  |
| <b>23-Mar</b>                  | Last day for Secretary of State to certify candidates, offices and issues to be placed on the statewide ballot. §32-801  | At least 50 days before any statewide primary  |
| <b>30-Mar</b>                  | Deadline to have early voting ballots ready and sent to UOCAVA voters with requests on file. §32-939.02(1)   | At least 45 days prior to any election   |
| <b>April</b>                   |  |  |
| <b>Apr 1 - Jun 30</b>          | Blackout period for special elections. §32-405   | April, May, June   |
| <b>2-Apr</b>                   | Deadline for publishing and posting the Notice of Election. §32-802  | Not later than 42 days prior to the election (LAW CHANGE 2017)                                   |
|                                | Deadline for sending the Notice of Election to the affected political subdivisions. §32-802  | Not later than 42 days prior to the election (LAW CHANGE 2017)                                   |
| <b>9-Apr</b>                   | Deadline for political subdivisions to notify county clerk or election commissioner of corrections to the ballot.  | Within 5 days after mailing the notice (LAW CHANGE 2017)   |
|                                | 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  | No later than 35 days prior to the statewide primary   |

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|                                 | 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 voters generally. §32-804                              | Not more than 35 days before the election   |
|                                 | Deadline to have early voting ballots ready for delivery by mail. Publication of application required after ballots are available. §32-808  | At least 35 days prior to each statewide primary  |
| <b>10-Apr</b>                   | The last day ballots may be required to be corrected except as ordered by the Court. §32-819(3)   | 35th day prior to the election  |
| <b>13-Apr</b>                   | Last day for election commissioners to appoint judges, clerks and inspectors, if needed. §32-221  | At least 30 days prior to the statewide primary   |
| <b>Apr 14 - May 4</b>           | First day a satellite registration office may be open for at least one day in each incorporated city or village. §32-303 <b>Note:</b> <i>Publish registration sites per Secretary of State.</i>                           | Within the 30 days prior to the statewide primary                                       |
| <b>16-Apr</b>                   | Deadline to have early voting ballots ready to be voted in office. §32-942  | Not more than 30 days prior to the day of election                                      |
| <b>19-Apr</b>                   | Deadline for county clerks and election 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                | No later than 25 days before the election   |
| <b>Beginning Week of Apr 23</b> | 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   | 3 weeks before the election   |
|                                 | <i>Note: Election officials are required to include any constitutional amendments on the ballot in their sample primary ballot publication.</i>   |   |
| <b>26-Apr</b>                   | Last day to notify election workers of appointments and fill vacancies of judges and clerks of election, district inspectors and canvassing board members to be filled by the county clerk. §32-235, §32-239              | At least 15 days prior to any election  |
|                                 | Last day for election commissioners to notify by mail judges, clerks, inspectors, counting board and canvassing board of appointment and training. §32-228  | At least 15 days prior to the <i>required reporting date</i> for each statewide primary |
| <b>29-Apr</b>                   | First day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper. §32-803   | Not more than 15 days before the day of election  |
| <b>30-Apr</b>                   | Postmark deadline for mailed-in registrations. §32-321  | 3rd Friday before the next election   |
|                                 | At 6 PM - last day for deputy registrars to register voters for an upcoming election. §32-306   | 3rd Friday preceding any election   |
|                                 | Last day voter registrations can be completed online for the person to be registered to vote for the upcoming election. §32-304   | 3rd Friday before the election  |
|                                 | At close of business, last day voter registrations can be completed at DMV for the person to be registered to vote in an upcoming election. §32-308   | 3rd Friday preceding any 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 any election   |
|                                 | Last day for voter registration form to be <u>delivered</u> 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. §32-321, 32-325 | 3rd Friday preceding an election  |
|                                 | First day clerks and election commissioners may extend their office hours for purpose of voter registration. §32-302  | Any of the 7 days immediately preceding deadline for registration                       |

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|                                | Last day to mail an early voting ballot with a mail-in registration application form to a person not registered to vote. §32-941, §32-945   | 3rd Friday preceding the election  |
| <b>May</b>                     |   |  |
| <b>1-May</b>                   | Last day to accept a mail-in registration with an illegible postmark. §32-321   | 2nd Tuesday before the next election   |
| <b>4-May</b>                   | Deadline to post the sample ballots in the office of the clerk or commissioner. §32-805   | Not later than 10 days prior to the election                                 |
| <b>4-May</b>                   | Last day for write-in candidate to file notarized affidavit and filing fee with the filing officer. §32-615   | No later than the 2nd Friday prior to the election                           |
|                                | At 6 PM - last day for in person voter registration. §32-302  | Ending at 6 p.m. on the 2nd Friday preceding any election                    |
|                                | At 6 PM - last day to receive an application for early voting ballots to be mailed out to a specific address. §32-941   | Close of business on the 2nd Friday preceding the election (LAW CHANGE 2016) |
| <b>7-May</b>                   | First day the Early Voting Counting Board can convene to check envelopes with signatures and prepare ballots for counting. §32-1027   | Not earlier than the 2nd Monday before the election                          |
| <b>9-May</b>                   | Last day for acknowledgments to be sent to persons registered by deputy registrar. §32-306  | At least 5 days prior to the next election                                   |
| <b>11-May</b>                  | 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 voters generally. §32-804         | Not less than 3 days before the election                                     |
| <b>12-May</b>                  | Last day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper. §32-803  | Not less than 2 days before the day of election                              |
| <b>14-May</b>                  | 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   | The day before the election  |
|                                | Post notice of date, time and place the county canvassing board or Board of State Canvassers will meet - <i>at least 2 days prior to the time it will convene per Secretary of State directive.</i> | 1 day before the election  |
|                                | First day the Early Voting Counting Board may convene to begin counting early voting ballots. §32-1027(6)   | no earlier than 24 hours prior to the opening of the polls                   |
| <b>15-May</b>                  | <b>Statewide Primary Election Day. §32-401</b>  | 1st Tuesday after the 2nd Monday in May in even-numbered years               |
|                                | 8 AM CDT (7 AM MDT) - Polls open. §32-908   | 8 a.m. Central Daylight Time; 7 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time                  |
|                                | 7 PM CDT (6 PM MDT)- Deadline for agent to pick up early voting ballot. §32-943   | Before 1 hour prior to the closing of the polls                              |
|                                | 8 PM CDT (7 PM MDT) - Deadline for return of voter registration form with an early voting ballot - in person. §32-941   | Not later than the closing of the polls                                      |
|                                | 8 PM CDT (7 PM MDT) - Deadline for obtaining a replacement ballot in person. §32-949.01   | by 8 p.m. on the day of the election   |
|                                | 8 PM CDT (7 PM MDT) - Deadline for return of early voting ballot - in person. §32-950   | Not later than the hour established for the closing of the polls             |
|                                | 8 PM CDT (7 PM MDT) - Deadline for an early voting ballot received by mail to be in the possession of the clerk or commissioner. §32-950  | Not later than the hour established for the closing of the polls             |
|                                | 8 PM CDT (7 PM MDT) - Polls close. §32-908  | 8 p.m. Central Daylight Time; 7 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time                  |

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|  | 8 PM CDT (7 PM MDT) - The first time any returns or partial returns may be released. §32-1009  | May be released after the polls close  |
|  | Upon the completion of early voting ballot counting and verification for provisional ballot counting, the canvassing board may convene. §32-1031, §32-1002   | After the primary  |
| <b>May 16 - Nov 6</b>  | No changes shall be made to precinct boundaries or polling places without approval from the Secretary of State. §32-904  | Shall not be changed between the statewide primary and general elections                     |
| <b>16-May</b>  | 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 nonpartisan. §32-557  | Not less than 60 days prior to the filing deadline   |
| <b>22-May</b>  | Deadline for verification and notification to the state system of provisional ballots status. §32-1002   | Within 7 days after the election   |
| 10 days after the canvassing board or Board of State Canvassers convenes | Deadline for losing candidate to request a recount. §32-1121   | Not later than the 10th day after the canvassing board or Board of State Canvassers 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   | Within 10 days after the canvass of votes  |
| <b>June</b>  |  |  |
| <b>4-Jun</b>   | Abstract of votes due in the office of the Secretary of State. §32-1035  | 3rd Monday after the day of election   |
| 20 days after votes officially canvassed                                 | Last day a notice can be filed with a person whose election is being contested. §32-1109   | Within 20 days after the votes have been officially canvassed                                |
| <b>5-Jun</b>   | Last day a political subdivision may request the adjustment of election district boundaries for offices not in primary. §32-552  | At least 5 months prior to an election   |
| <b>11-Jun</b>  | Board of State Canvassers meets to certify the election results. §32-1037  | 4th Monday after each statewide primary  |
| <b>13-Jun</b>  | At 9 AM - the time to conduct recounts for candidates who filed with the Secretary of State. §32-1119  | 5th Wednesday after the election   |
| <b>14-Jun</b>  | Date by which to have Primary Election Voter History completed. §32-330  | 30 days after the election   |
|  | 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, and members of the 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  |
| <b>15-Jun</b>  | Deadline for governing boards of reclamation districts, county weed districts, counties under township organization, villages, 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 | June 15 (LAW CHANGE 2017)  |

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| <b>25-Jun</b>                  | Last day for petition to be filed in Lancaster County district court contesting the election of Constitutional Officers, and members of the Public Service Commission, Board of Regents and State Board of Education. §32-1102   | Within 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   | Within 40 days after such election                               |
|                                | Last day to deliver certificates of nomination or certificates of election. §32-1033   | Within 40 days after the election                                |
| <b>30-Jun</b>                  | Last day to publish notice of July 15 incumbent filing deadlines, if not contained in January notice. §32-601  | At least 15 days prior to the filing deadline for incumbents     |
| <b>July</b>                    |  |  |
| <b>5-Jul</b>                   | Deadline for filing initiative and referendum petitions. §32-1407  | At least 4 months prior to the general election                  |
| <b>8-Jul</b>                   | First day to accept early voting ballot request for the general election. §32-941  | Not more than 120 days before any election                       |
| 8 weeks after canvass of votes | Precinct results for US Senate, US House of Representatives, Legislature, Public Service Commissioners & Constitutional Officers due in the office of the Secretary of State. §32-1036   | Within 8 weeks after the canvass of votes                        |
| <b>16-Jul</b>                  | Last day for incumbents ( <b>any current office holder</b> ) not on the primary ballot to file. §32-606<br><i>Candidates for public power district board of directors (grossing less than 40 million dollars); reclamation district board of directors; educational service unit board; county weed district board; township officers; village board of trustees; and Class II school board.</i> | July 15  |
|                                | Last day to publish notice of August 1 non-incumbent filing deadlines, if not contained in any prior filing deadline notice. §32-601   | At least 15 days prior to the filing deadline for non-incumbents |
| <b>23-Jul</b>                  | Last day for an objection to an incumbent candidate filing. Objections must be made within 7 days of the filing deadline. §32-624  | Within 7 days after the incumbent filing deadline                |
| <b>August</b>                  |  |  |
| <b>1-Aug</b>                   | Last day for a new political party to submit petitions with the Secretary of State to qualify for the upcoming general election. §32-716   | August 1   |
|                                | Last day for non-incumbents ( <b>new filers</b> ) to file for office. §32-606<br><i>Candidates for public power district board of directors (grossing less than 40 million dollars); reclamation district board of directors; educational service unit board; county weed district board; township officers; village board of trustees; and Class II school board.</i>                           | August 1   |
|                                | Filing deadline for judicial office holders to place their name on the general election ballot for retention. §24-814  | August 1   |
|                                | Last day for a candidate, whose filing deadlines are July 15 or August 1, to withdraw their name and decline to be a candidate. §32-622  | August 1   |
| <b>8-Aug</b>                   | Deadline to file an objection to a non-incumbent candidate filing. §32-624   | Within 7 days after non- incumbent filing deadline               |
| <b>13-Aug</b>                  | Deadline for Secretary of State to determine if sufficient signatures were turned in to form a new party. §32-717  | Within 10 days after political party petitions are submitted     |

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| <b>27-Aug</b>                  | 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                                    | Not less than 70 days prior to the date of the general election |
| <b>September</b>               |  |   |
| <b>1-Sep</b>                   | Last day for each political party to hold a state convention. §32-710  | September 1   |
| <b>4-Sep</b>                   | Last day for filing for office by petition. §32-617  | September 1   |
|                                | Last day for a political subdivision to certify a special issue for inclusion on the general ballot. §32-559   | September 1   |
|                                | Deadline for candidate of a new political party to file for general election ballot status and file a petition of nomination to be on the general election ballot. §32-621                   | September 1   |
| <b>4-Sep</b>                   | Last day to file a petition for nomination to fill a vacancy for a nonpartisan office. §32-625   | September 1   |
|                                | <i>Note: Upon receipt of petition, filing officer shall issue receipt of the number of petition pages (with purported signatures). §32-631(1)</i>  |   |
|                                | <i>Note: Filing officer has 3 days after petition has been verified to notify candidate. Candidate has 5 days after receiving notification to file acceptance of nomination. §32-617(2)</i>  |   |
|                                | Last day for a candidate nominated at the primary election to decline the nomination. §32-623  | September 1   |
| <b>6-Sep</b>                   | Last day to issue and mail special absentee ballots to those registered voters with applications on file specifically requesting a "special absentee ballot." §32-939.02(4)                  | At least 60 days prior to an election                           |
| <b>14-Sep</b>                  | Last day for Secretary of State to certify candidates, offices and issues to be placed on the statewide ballot. §32-801  | At least 50 days before any statewide general                   |
| <b>21-Sep</b>                  | Deadline to have early voting ballots ready and sent to UOCAVA voters with requests on file. §32-939.02(1)   | At least 45 days prior to any election                          |
| <b>24-Sep</b>                  | Deadline for publishing and posting the Notice of Election. §32-802  | Not later than 42 days prior to the election (LAW CHANGE 2017)  |
|                                | Deadline for sending the Notice of Election to the affected political subdivisions. §32-802  | Not later than 42 days prior to the election (LAW CHANGE 2017)  |
| <b>October</b>                 |  |   |
| <b>Oct 1 - Dec 31</b>          | Blackout period for special elections. §32-405   | October, November, December                                     |
| <b>1-Oct</b>                   | Deadline for political subdivisions to notify county clerk or election commissioner of corrections to the ballot.  | Within 5 days after mailing the notice (LAW CHANGE 2017)        |
|                                | 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  | No later than 35 days prior the statewide general               |
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| <b>2-Oct</b>                   | The last day ballots may be required to be corrected except as ordered by the Court. §32-819(3)  | 35th day prior to the election                                  |
| <b>5-Oct</b>                   | Last day for election commissioners to appoint judges, clerks and inspectors, if needed. §32-221   | At least 30 days prior to the election                          |

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| <b>9-Oct</b>                        | Deadline to have early voting ballots ready to be voted in office. §32-942  | Not more than 30 days prior to the day of election                                      |
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| <b>Beginning week of October 15</b> | Publication of proposed constitutional amendments to be placed on the general election ballot by the Secretary of State required for three weeks before election, if applicable. §49-202                            | 3 weeks before the election   |
|                                     | <i><b>Note:</b> Election officials are required to include any constitutional amendments on the ballot in their sample general ballot publication.</i>  |   |
| <b>19-Oct</b>                       | Postmark deadline for mailed-in registrations. §32-321  | 3rd Friday before the next election   |
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|                                     | Last day to mail an early voting ballot with a mail-in registration application form to a person not registered to vote. §32-941, §32-945   | 3rd Friday preceding the election   |
|                                     | Last day to notify election workers of appointments and fill vacancies of judges and clerks of election, district inspectors and canvassing board members to be filled by the county clerk. §32-235, §32-239        | At least 15 days prior to any election  |
|                                     | Last day for election commissioners to notify by mail judges, clerks, inspectors, counting board and canvassing board of appointment and training. §32-228  | At least 15 days prior to the <i>required reporting date</i> for each statewide general |
| <b>21-Oct</b>                       | First day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper. §32-803   | Not more than 15 days before the day of election  |
| <b>23-Oct</b>                       | Last day to accept a mail-in registration with an illegible postmark. §32-321   | 2nd Tuesday before the next election  |
| <b>26-Oct</b>                       | Deadline to post the sample ballots in the office of the clerk or commissioner. §32-805   | Not later than 10 days prior to the election  |
|                                     | Last day for write-in candidate to file notarized affidavit and filing fee with the filing officer. §32-615   | No later than the 2nd Friday prior to the election                                      |
|                                     | At 6 PM - last day for in person voter registration. §32-302  | Ending at 6 p.m. on the 2nd Friday preceding any election                               |



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|  | At 6 PM - last day to receive an application for early voting ballots to be mailed out to a specific address. §32-941   | Close of business on 2nd Friday preceding the election (LAW CHANGE 2016)                     |
| <b>29-Oct</b>  | First day the Early Voting Counting Board can convene to check envelopes with signatures and prepare ballots for counting. §32-1027   | Not earlier than the 2nd Monday before the election  |
| <b>31-Oct</b>  | Last day for acknowledgments to be sent to persons registered by deputy registrar. §32-306  | At least 5 days prior to the next election   |
| <b>November</b>  |   |  |
| <b>2-Nov</b>   | 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 voters generally. §32-804         | Not less than 3 days before the election   |
| <b>3-Nov</b>   | Last day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper. §32-803  | Not less than 2 days before the day of election  |
| <b>5-Nov</b>   | 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   | The day before the election  |
|  | Post notice of date, time and place the county canvassing board or Board of State Canvassers will meet - <i>at least 2 days prior to the time it will convene per Secretary of State directive.</i> | 1 day before the election  |
|  | First day the Early Voting Counting Board may convene to begin counting early voting ballots. §32-1027(6)   | no earlier than 24 hours prior to the opening of the polls                                   |
| <b>6-Nov</b>   | <b>Statewide General Election Day. §32-403</b>  | 1st Tuesday following the 1st Monday in November in each even-numbered year                  |
|  | 8 AM CST (7 AM MST) - Polls open. §32-908   | 8 a.m. Central Standard Time; 7 a.m. Mountain Standard Time                                  |
|  | 7 PM CST (6 PM MST) - Deadline for agent to pick up early voting ballot. §32-943  | Before 1 hour prior to the closing of the polls  |
|  | 8 PM CST (7 PM MST) - Deadline for return of voter registration form with an early voting ballot - in person. §32-941   | Not later than the closing of the polls  |
|  | 8 PM CST (7 PM MST) - Deadline for obtaining a replacement ballot in person. §32-949.01   | by 8 p.m. on the day of the election   |
|  | 8 PM CST (7 PM MST) - Deadline for an early voting ballot received by mail to be in the possession of the clerk or commissioner. §32-950  | Not later than the hour established for the closing of the polls                             |
|  | 8 PM CST (7 PM MST) - Deadline for return of early voting ballot - in person. §32-950   | Not later than the hour established for the closing of the polls                             |
|  | 8 PM CST (7 PM MST) - Polls close. §32-908  | 8 p.m. Central Daylight Time; 7 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time                                  |
|  | 8 PM CST (7 PM MST) - The first time any returns or partial returns may be released. §32-1009   | May be released after the polls close  |
|  | Upon the completion of early voting ballot counting and verification for provisional ballot counting, the canvassing board may convene. §32-1031, §32-1002  | After the general  |
| <b>13-Nov</b>  | Deadline for verification and notification to the state system of provisional ballots status. §32-1002  | Within 7 days after the election   |
| 10 days after the canvassing board or Board of State Canvassers convenes | Deadline for losing candidate to request a recount. §32-1121  | Not later than the 10th day after the canvassing board or Board of State Canvassers convenes |

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| 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 elected. §32-608  | Within 10 days after the canvass of votes                        |
| <b>26-Nov</b>                            | Abstract of votes due in the office of the Secretary of State. §32-1035   | 3rd Monday after the day of election                             |
| 20 days after votes officially canvassed | Last day a notice can be filed with a person whose election is being contested. §32-1109  | Within 20 days after the votes have been officially canvassed    |
| <b>December</b>                          |   |  |
| <b>3-Dec</b>                             | Board of State Canvassers meets to certify the election results. §32-1037   | 4th Monday after each statewide general                          |
| <b>5-Dec</b>                             | <del>At 9 AM - the time to conduct recounts for candidates who filed with the Secretary of State. §32-1119</del> <i>December 5, 2018 was declared a state holiday to mourn the death of President George H.W. Bush. Per §32-206, the new deadline for conducting recounts for candidates who filed with the Secretary of State is at 9 AM on the next business day, December 6.</i> | 5th Wednesday after the election                                 |
| <b>6-Dec</b>                             | <i>At 9 AM - the time to conduct recounts for candidates who filed with the Secretary of State. §32-1119</i>  | 5th Wednesday after the election - Next business day per §32-206 |
| <b>6-Dec</b>                             | Date by which to have General Election Voter History completed. §32-330   | 30 days after the election                                       |
|  | 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, and members of the 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                        |
| <b>17-Dec</b>                            | Last day for petition to be filed in Lancaster County district court contesting the election of Constitutional Officers, and members of the Public Service Commission, Board of Regents and State Board of Education. §32-1102  | Within 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  | Within 40 days after such election                               |
|  | Last day to deliver certificates of nomination or certificates of election. §32-1033  | Within 40 days after the election                                |
| 8 weeks after canvass of votes           | Precinct results for US Senate, US House of Representatives, Legislature, Public Service Commissioners & Constitutional Officers due in the office of the Secretary of State. §32-1036  | Within 8 weeks after the canvass of votes                        |