

2020 Official Election Calendar - *Updated April 8, 2020*

State of Nebraska

Primary Election: May 12, 2020		General Election: November 3, 2020
Dates	Statutory Language	
<p><i>Due to COVID-19, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 20-16 (EO 20-16). Per EO 20-16, county election offices will be closed for the purposes of in-person voter registration and in-person early voting, with the exception that individuals who require the use of an ADA accessible ballot marking device in order to vote independently, privately, and securely, or voters who require an election official to physically assist in completion of their ballots, may schedule an appointment for in-person early voting with their local election office.</i></p> <p><i>EO 20-16 is effective immediately and continues through May 13, 2020. The full text of EO 20-16 is attached at the end of this calendar. The impacted calendar dates below have been updated accordingly in red.</i></p>		
2019		
November 2019		
1-Nov	Secretary of State shall publish the official calendar approved by the Attorney General. §32-206	By November 1
December 2019		
2-Dec	First day a person may file for office to have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate at the 2020 election. §32-606	December 1
	Last day for clerks and commissioners to notify subdivisions of filing deadlines for statewide primary election and to give notice of the certification deadline. §32-404	December 1
	Last day for state political parties to provide national political party rules regarding selection of delegates to the Secretary of State. §32-701	December 1
6-Dec	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
11-Dec	Last day a political subdivision may request the adjustment of election district boundaries. §32-552	At least 5 months prior to an election
19-Dec	Last day an ordinance may be adopted and effective providing for nomination and election on a partisan ballot for city, village and school offices, normally nonpartisan. §32-557	Not less than 60 days prior to the filing deadline
2020		
January 2020		
1-Jan	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
6-Jan	Last day for political subdivisions to certify to 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
13-Jan	First day to accept early voting ballot request for the primary election. §32-941	Not more than 120 days before any election
February		
2-Feb	Last day for election official to publish notice received from the January 5 certification for subdivisions, pertaining to: offices to be filled, terms , vacancies , votes to cast, and filing deadlines . §32-601	At least 15 days prior to the filing deadline for incumbents
3-Feb	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

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13-Feb	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
15-Feb	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 a prior filing deadline notice. §32-601	At least 15 days prior to the filing deadline for non-incumbents
18-Feb	Last day for incumbents (any current office holder) to file for office on the primary election ballot. §32-606	February 15
	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
24-Feb	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
25-Feb	Deadline to file an objection to a incumbent candidate filing. §32-624	Within 7 days after the incumbent filing deadline
March		
2-Mar	Last day for non-incumbents (new filers) to file for office for the primary election. §32-606	March 1
	Last day for a candidate, for the primary election, for an elective office specified in §49-1493, to file a statement of financial interests with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission for the preceding calendar year. §49-1494	March 1
	Last day for a candidate, whose filing deadlines are February 15 or March 1, to withdraw his or her 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 election 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
3-Mar	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
6-Mar	Last day for drafted non-incumbent candidate per §32-611 to decline the nomination by affidavit/petition. §32-622	March 6
9-Mar	A candidate, for the primary election, for an elective office specified in §49-1493, who fails to file a statement of financial interests with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission on or before this date shall not appear on the primary election ballot. §49-1494(5)	Within 5 days after the deadline
	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
	Deadline to file an objection to a non-incumbent candidate filing. §32-624	Within 7 days after non-incumbent filing deadline
10-Mar	Last day for a presidential candidate to file an affidavit with the Secretary of State to remove his or her name from the ballot and withdraw as a presidential candidate. §32-614	March 10

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12-Mar	Last day for political party to submit a letter to Secretary of State regarding non-affiliated voters voting in the primary election. §32-912	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) Note: <i>Federal & state law require 60 days.</i>	At least 60 days prior to an election
	Last day for partisan presidential candidates of recognized parties to file for the primary election by filing with the Secretary of State petitions signed by not less than 100 voters registered with the appropriate political party from each congressional district of the state. §32-613	Not less than 60 days before the primary election
20-Mar	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 election
27-Mar	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
30-Mar	Deadline for publishing and posting the Notice of Election. §32-802	Not later than 42 days prior to the election
	Deadline for sending the Notice of Election to the affected political subdivisions. §32-802	Not later than 42 days prior to the election
April		
1 Apr - 30 Jun	Blackout period for special elections. §32-405	April, May, June
6-Apr	Deadline for political subdivisions to notify county clerk or election commissioner of corrections to the ballot. §32-802	Within 5 days after mailing the notice
	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 election
7-Apr	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
	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
10-Apr	Last day for election commissioners to appoint judges, clerks and inspectors, if needed. §32-221	At least 30 days prior to the statewide primary election
11-Apr	First day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper for elections done entirely by mail. §32-803	Not less than 30 days before the election (2019 Update LB411)
12 Apr - 1 May	First day a satellite registration office may be open for at least 1 day in each incorporated city or village. §32-303 Note: <i>Publish registration sites per Secretary of State.</i>	Within the 30 days prior to the statewide primary election
13-Apr	Deadline to have early voting ballots ready to be voted in office <i>for voters who require the use of an ADA accessible ballot marking device or who require an election official to physically assist in completion of their ballots. Voters requesting these accommodations may schedule an appointment with their local election office.</i> §32-942 and EO 20-16	Not more than 30 days prior to the day of election <i>See EO 20-16</i>
16-Apr	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

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Beginning Week of 20-Apr	Publication of proposed constitutional amendments to be placed on the primary election ballot by the Secretary of State required once each week 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 election ballot publication.</i>	
23-Apr	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 members of appointment and training. §32-228	At least 15 days prior to the <i>required reporting date</i> for each statewide primary election
24-Apr	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 <i>See EO 20-16</i>
	Postmark deadline for mailed-in registrations. §32-321	3rd Friday before the next election
27-Apr	At 6 PM - last day for deputy registrars to register voters for an upcoming election. §32-306	3rd Friday preceding any election
	Prior to midnight, last day voter registrations can be completed online for the person to be registered to vote for the upcoming election. §32-304	Prior to midnight on 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
	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
	First day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper, except for elections done entirely by mail. §32-803	Not more than 15 days before the day of election
28-Apr	Last day to accept a mail-in registration with an illegible postmark. §32-321	2nd Tuesday before the next election
May		
1-May	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 <i>See EO 20-16</i>
	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

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4-May	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
6-May	Last day for acknowledgments to be sent to persons registered by deputy registrars. §32-306	At least 5 days prior to the next election
8-May	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
9-May	Last day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper. §32-803	Not less than 2 days before the day of election
11-May	Last day for early voting - in person - at the county clerk or election commissioner office, <i>for voters who require the use of an ADA accessible ballot marking device or who require an election official to physically assist in completion of their ballots. Voters requesting these accommodations may schedule an appointment with their local election office.</i> §32-942 and EO 20-16	<i>See EO 20-16</i>
	At noon - registration deadline for former federal employees. §32-940 <i>Voters who qualify under this statute may schedule an appointment with their local election office. EO 20-16</i>	The day before the election <i>See EO 20-16</i>
	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
12-May	Statewide Primary Election Day. §32-401	1st Tuesday after the 2nd Monday in May in even-numbered years
	8 AM CT (7 AM MT) - Polls open. §32-908	8 a.m. Central Time; 7 a.m. Mountain Time
	7 PM CT (6 PM MT) - Deadline for agent to pick up early voting ballot. §32-943	Before 1 hour prior to the closing of the polls <i>See EO 20-16</i>
	8 PM CT (7 PM MT) - 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 CT (7 PM MT) - Deadline for obtaining a replacement ballot in person. §32-949.01	By 8 p.m. on the day of the election
	8 PM CT (7 PM MT) - 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 CT (7 PM MT) - 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 CT (7 PM MT) - Polls close. §32-908	8 p.m. Central Time; 7 p.m. Mountain Time
	8 PM CT (7 PM MT) - 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 election

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13 May - 3 Nov	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
15-May	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
21-May	Deadline for verification and notification to the state system of provisional ballots status. §32-1002	Within 7 business days after the election (2019 Update LB411)
10 days after the canvassing board or Board of State Canvassers concludes	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 concludes (2019 Update LB411)
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
June		
1-Jun	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
2-Jun	Last day a political subdivision may request the adjustment of election district boundaries for offices not in the primary election. §32-552	At least 5 months prior to an election
8-Jun	Board of State Canvassers meets to certify the election results. §32-1037	4th Monday after each statewide primary election
10-Jun	At 9 AM - the time to conduct recounts for candidates who filed with the Secretary of State. §32-1119	5th Wednesday after the election
11-Jun	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	At least 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	At least 10 days before 40 days after the election
15-Jun	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 certify to 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
22-Jun	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

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22-Jun	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
29-Jun	Last day to publish notice of July 15 incumbent filing deadlines, if not contained in any prior filing deadline notice. §32-601	At least 15 days prior to the filing deadline for incumbents
July		
2-Jul	Deadline for filing initiative and referendum petitions. §32-1407	At least 4 months prior to the general election
	Last day for Executive Board of the Legislative Council to submit a statement in clear, concise language explaining the effect of a vote for and a vote against proposed constitutional amendments, if applicable. §49-202.01	At least 4 months prior to the general election
6-Jul	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 President, Vice President, US Senate, US House of Representatives, Legislature, Public Service Commission & Constitutional Officers due in the office of the Secretary of State. §32-1036	Within 8 weeks after the canvass of votes
15-Jul	Last day for incumbents (any current office holder) not on the primary election ballot to file. §32-606 <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; and village board of trustees.</i>	July 15
	Last day for an incumbent candidate, for the general election, for an elective office specified in §49-1493, to file a statement of financial interests with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission for the preceding calendar year. §49-1494	On or before the filing deadline for elective office
18-Jul	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
20-Jul	An incumbent candidate, for the general election, for an elective office specified in §49-1493, who fails to file a statement of financial interests with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission on or before this date shall not appear on the general election ballot. §49-1494(5)	Within 5 days after the deadline
22-Jul	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
August		
3-Aug	Last day for non-incumbents (new filers) to file for office. §32-606 <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; and village board of trustees.</i>	August 1

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3-Aug	Last day for a non-incumbent candidate, for the general election, for an elective office specified in §49-1493, to file a statement of financial interests with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission for the preceding calendar year. §49-1494	On or before the filing deadline for elective office
	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 nonpartisan presidential candidates to file for the general election by filing with the Secretary of State an application and a petition signed by not less than 2,500 registered voters. §32-620	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 his or her name and decline to be a candidate. §32-622	August 1
10-Aug	A non-incumbent candidate, for the general election, for an elective office specified in §49-1493, who fails to file a statement of financial interests with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission on or before this date shall not appear on the general election ballot. §49-1494(5)	Within 5 days after the deadline
	Deadline to file an objection to a non-incumbent candidate filing. §32-624	Within 7 days after non-incumbent filing deadline
13-Aug	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
24-Aug	Last day for submission of petitions to change political subdivision from district elections to at large; or from at large to district elections. §32-554	Not less than 70 days prior to the date of the general election
September		
1-Sep	Last day for each political party to hold a state convention. §32-710	September 1
	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 election 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
	Last day to file a petition for nomination to fill a vacancy for a nonpartisan office. §32-625	September 1
	Note: <i>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
3-Sep	Last day to issue and mail special absentee ballots to those registered voters with applications on file specifically requesting a "special absentee ballot." §32-939.02(4)	At least 60 days prior to an election
8-Sep	Last day for national political party convention officers to certify to the Secretary of State which candidates for President and Vice President of the United States are to be voted upon. §32-712	September 8

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11-Sep	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 election
18-Sep	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
21-Sep	Deadline for publishing and posting the Notice of Election. §32-802	Not later than 42 days prior to the election
	Deadline for sending the Notice of Election to the affected political subdivisions. §32-802	Not later than 42 days prior to the election
28-Sep	Deadline for political subdivisions to notify county clerk or election commissioner of corrections to the ballot. §32-802	Within 5 days after mailing the notice
	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 general election
29-Sep	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
	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
October		
1 Oct - 31 Dec	Blackout period for special elections. §32-405	October, November, December
2-Oct	Last day for election commissioners to appoint judges, clerks and inspectors, if needed. §32-221	At least 30 days prior to the election
	New or Former Resident Presidential ballots available to former residents. §32-933	Thirty days prior to the election
3-Oct	First day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper for elections done entirely by mail. §32-803	Not less than 30 days before the election (2019 Update LB411)
4 Oct - 23 Oct	First day a satellite registration office may be open for at least 1 day in each incorporated city of village. §32-303 Note: <i>Publish registration sites per Secretary of State</i>	Within the 30 days prior to the statewide general election
5-Oct	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
8-Oct	Deadline for clerks and commissioners using vote counting machines to submit a written plan to the Secretary of State outlining procedures that will be followed on election day. §32-1049	No later than 25 days before the election
Beginning Week of 12 Oct	Publication of proposed constitutional amendments to be placed on the general election ballot by the Secretary of State required once each week 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 general election ballot publication.</i>	
16-Oct	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 members of appointment and training. §32-228	At least 15 days prior to the <i>required reporting date</i> for each statewide general election
	First day clerks and commissioners may extend their office hours for purpose of voter registration. §32-302	7 days preceding voter registration deadline

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16-Oct	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
	Prior to midnight, last day voter registrations can be completed online for the person to be registered to vote for the upcoming election. §32-304	Prior to midnight on 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
	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
19-Oct	First day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper, except for elections done entirely by mail. §32-803	Not more than 15 days before the day of election
20-Oct	Last day to accept a mail-in registration with an illegible postmark. §32-321	2nd Tuesday before the next election
23-Oct	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
	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
26-Oct	New or Former Resident Presidential ballots available to new residents. §32-933	After voter registration closes
	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
28-Oct	Last day for acknowledgments to be sent to persons registered by deputy registrars. §32-306	At least 5 days prior to the next election
30-Oct	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
31-Oct	Last day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper. §32-803	Not less than 2 days before the day of election
November		
2-Nov	Last day for early voting - in person - at the county clerk or election commissioner office. §32-942	
	At noon - registration deadline for former federal employees. §32-940	The day before the election

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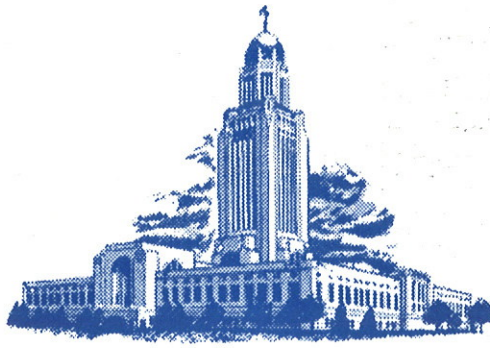
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2-Nov	Post notice of date, time and place the county canvassing board or Board of State Canvassers will meet - <i>at least 2 days prior to the time it will convene per Secretary of State directive.</i>	1 day before the election
	First day the Early 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
3-Nov	Statewide General Election Day. §32-403	1st Tuesday following the 1st Monday in November in each even-numbered year
	8 AM CT (7 AM MT) - Polls open. §32-908	8 a.m. Central Time; 7 a.m. Mountain Time
	7 PM CT (6 PM MT) - Deadline for agent to pick up early voting ballot. §32-943	Before 1 hour prior to the closing of the polls
	8 PM CT (7 PM MT) - 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 CT (7 PM MT) - Deadline for obtaining a replacement ballot in person. §32-949.01	By 8 p.m. on the day of the election
	8 PM CT (7 PM MT) - 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 CT (7 PM MT) - 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 CT (7 PM MT) - Deadline for new or former resident ballots to be returned. §32-933	Close of the polls on election day
	8 PM CT (7 PM MT) - Polls close. §32-908	8 p.m. Central Time; 7 p.m. Mountain Time
	8 PM CT (7 PM MT) - 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 election
13-Nov	Deadline for verification and notification to the state system of provisional ballots status. §32-1002	Within 7 business days after the election (2019 Update LB411)
10 days after the canvassing board or Board of State Canvassers concludes	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 concludes (2019 Update LB411)
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
23-Nov	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
30-Nov	Board of State Canvassers meets to certify the election results. §32-1037	4th Monday after each statewide general election
December		
2-Dec	At 9 AM - the time to conduct recounts for candidates who filed with the Secretary of State. §32-1119	5th Wednesday after the election

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3-Dec	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	At least 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	At least 10 days before 40 days after the election
14-Dec	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 President, Vice President, US Senate, US House of Representatives, Legislature, Public Service Commission & Constitutional Officers due in the office of the Secretary of State. §32-1036	Within 8 weeks after the canvass of votes



STATE *of* NEBRASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
LINCOLN

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 20-16
CORONAVIRUS — ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, a state of emergency was proclaimed in Nebraska on March 13, 2020, to control the spread of the coronavirus known as COVID-19;

WHEREAS, social distancing and deliberately increasing the physical space between people decreases the likelihood of transmitting COVID-19;

WHEREAS, most county offices, including county election offices, are closed to the public at this time;

WHEREAS, the reopening of these offices to the public on April 13, 2020, which is the scheduled date for the commencement of in-person early voting and registration, will increase a public health risk to both voters and to those officials who are required to mail out early voting ballots and to prepare for the opening of the polls on Election Day;

WHEREAS, all citizens can register to vote online or by mail; and

WHEREAS, all registered voters were mailed an application to request an early ballot and drop boxes were purchased for each county for the convenience of voters who can either mail their ballots to their county election office or drop the ballots in the drop boxes.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Nebraska, do hereby waive specific statutes pertaining to the Election Act for the purpose of conducting the primary election.

Pursuant to this declaration, I hereby order the following:

1. The provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 32-302 and § 32-311(1) are waived only to the extent that the statutes allow for in-person registration inside of county election offices; and
2. The provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 32-942 and § 32-943 are waived only to the extent that the statutes require county election offices to be open for individuals who do not require the use of an ADA accessible ballot marking device. All county election offices must continue to accommodate voters who require the use of an ADA accessible ballot marking device in order to independently, privately, and securely cast an early ballot, or voters who require an election official to physically assist in completion of their ballots. Voters requesting these accommodations may schedule an appointment with their local election office; and
3. The provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 32-940 are waived to the extent that those provisions require a county election office to be open for in-person business. Voters who qualify under this statute may schedule an appointment with their local election office; and
4. This waiver shall become effective immediately and shall remain in effect through May 13, 2020.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed on this 7th day of April, 2020.



Attest:

Pete Ricketts, Governor
State of Nebraska

Robert B. Evnen,
Secretary of State
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