

Election Dates and Activities Calendar



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2018 Highlights

Candidate Qualifying Period	
U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, Judicial, State Attorney (20th Circuit Only) and Public Defender (20th Circuit Only)	Noon, April 30 - Noon, May 4, 2018
Governor and Cabinet, State Senator, State Representative, County Office and Special Districts	Noon, June 18 - Noon, June 22, 2018
Voter Registration "Book Closing" Deadline	
Primary Election	July 30, 2018
General Election	October 9, 2018
Vote-by-Mail Ballot "Send" Deadline	
<i>For absent stateside and overseas uniformed and civilian voters ("UOCAVA voters") (45-day deadline before election):</i>	
Primary Election	July 14, 2018
General Election	September 22, 2018
<i>For domestic voters (7-day mailing window):</i>	
Primary Election	July 24 - July 31, 2018
General Election	October 2 - October 9, 2018
Early Voting Period	
<i>A minimum of 8 days of early voting must be held beginning on the 10th day and ending on the 3rd day before Election Day. Each county Supervisor of Elections may offer additional days of early voting on any or more of the following days: the 15th, 14th, 13th, 12th or 11th day and the last Sunday before Election Day.</i>	
Primary Election	August 18 - 25, 2018
General Election	October 27 - November 3, 2018
Election Day	
<i>For information about county or municipal election dates, please contact the county Supervisor of Elections office or the city clerk's office, respectively.</i>	
Primary Election	August 28, 2018
General Election	November 6, 2018

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January 1 (Sun)	Deadline for voting systems vendors to file a written disclosure with the Department of State identifying any known defect in their voting systems or the fact there is no known defect, the effect of any known defect on the operation and use of the system, and any known corrective measures to cure the defect.	Section 101.56065, F.S. – On January 1 of every odd-numbered year.
January 6 (Fri)	Deadline for Department of State to report to the Florida Legislature updated voting and voter information history information for the General Election.	Section 98.0981, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.041, F.A.C. – Within 45 days after certification of election results for General Election.
January 31 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify to the Division of Elections address and registration list maintenance activities for prior six months.	Sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.041, F.A.C. – No later than January 31 of each year.
January 31 (Tue)	Deadline for Department of State to submit to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives a report regarding overvotes and undervotes cast in the "President and Vice President" race.	Section 101.595, F.S. – On January 31 of each year following a General Election.
February 1 (Wed)	Deadline for Department of State and Supervisors of Elections to submit initial responses to U.S. Election Assistance Commission's 2016 Election Administration and Voting Survey.	National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) (52 U.S.C. § 20508), Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) (52 U.S.C. § 20302), and Help America Vote Act (HAVA) (42 U.S.C. §§ 15301-15545).
February 5 (Sun) - March 7(Tue)	Period in which the Constitution Revision Commission is established.	Art. XI, §2(a), Fla. Const. (Every 20 years).
March 1 (Wed)	Deadline for Department of State and Supervisors of Elections to submit final responses to U.S. Election Assistance Commission's 2016 Election Administration and Voting Survey.	National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) (52 U.S.C. § 20508), Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) (52 U.S.C. § 20302), and Help America Vote Act (HAVA) (42 U.S.C. §§ 15301-15545).
March 7 (Tue)	First day of regular Legislative Session.	Art. III, §3(b), Fla. Const.
April 30 (Sun)	Deadline for U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, State Attorney, and Public Defender candidates to change party affiliation.	Section 99.021, F.S. – 365 days before the beginning of applicable qualifying preceding the General Election (Qualifying begins noon, Monday, April 30, 2018).
May 5 (Fri)	Last day of regular Legislative Session.	Art III, Sec 3(d), Fla. Const. – Regular session not to extend beyond 60 days.

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June 18 (Sun)	Deadline for Governor and Cabinet, State Senator, State Representative, County Office and Special District candidates to change party affiliation.	Section 99.021, F.S. – 365 days before the beginning of applicable qualifying preceding the General Election (Qualifying begins noon, Monday, June 18, 2018).
July 1 (Sat)	Deadline for Secretary of State to submit report containing the recommendations of the Military and Overseas Voting Assistance Task Force.	Chapter 2016-242, Section 9, Laws of Florida.
July 31 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisor of Elections to submit HAVA “Balance” Report (i.e., remaining balance of HAVA funds as of June 30, 2017).	Chapter 2016-66, Section 6, Laws of Florida; Help America Vote Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 15301-15545.
July 31 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify to the Division of Elections address and registration list maintenance activities for prior six months.	Sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.041, F.A.C. – No later than July 31 of each year.
July 31 (Mon)	Deadline for Division of Elections to certify the total number of registered voters in Florida as of June 30, 2017 for purposes of the State Public Campaign Match Funds Program for 2018 election cycle.	Section 106.34(3), F.S.
October 1 (Sun)	Deadline to implement Online Voter Registration System (RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov).	Section 97.0525, F.S.
December 31 (Sun)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit to the Department of State their HAVA Funds Expenditure Reports for use of funds relating to voter education, poll worker training, federal election activities, voting systems assistance, optical scan and ballot-on-demand for the reporting period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.	Help America Vote Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 15301-15545.
December 31 (Sun)	Election administrators to review records against Records Retention Schedule for Election Records (GS-3) and internal office retention schedule, and identify and schedule disposition of records that have met retention.	Florida Public Records Law.

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January 9 (Tue)	First day of regular Legislative Session.	Ch. 2016-218, Laws of Florida.
January 31 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify to the Division of Elections address and registration list maintenance activities for prior six months.	Sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S.; Rule 15-2.041 F.A.C – No later than January 31 of each year.
February 1 (Thu)	Initiative petition signature certification deadline.	Art. XI, §5, Fla. Const. – No later than February 1 of the General Election year; Section 100.371(1), F.S.
March 9 (Fri)	Last day of regular Legislative Session.	Art III, Sec 3(d), Fla. Const. – Regular session not to extend beyond 60 days.
March 31 (Sat)	Department of State to publish Notice of General Election in a newspaper of general circulation in each county twice before beginning of the specified qualifying period.	Section 100.021, F.S. – During the 30 days prior to the first day of qualifying (Qualifying begins April 30, 2018).
April 2 (Mon)	Deadline for candidates for U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, judge, state attorney, and public defender seeking to qualify by the petition method to submit signed petitions to Supervisors of Elections.	Section 99.095, F.S. - Before noon of the 28th day preceding the first day of the qualifying period.
April 16 (Mon)	14-day period begins allowing qualifying officers to accept and hold qualifying papers for U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates to be processed and filed during the qualifying period.	Sections 99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – No earlier than 14 days prior to the first day of the applicable qualifying period.
April 20 (Fri)	Written resignations due for officers qualifying as a candidate for judicial, state attorney or public defender office if the terms of the offices, or any part thereof, run concurrently with each other.	Section 99.012, F.S. – At least 10 days prior to the first day of qualifying.
April 23 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify the number of valid signatures for U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method.	Sections 99.095, 105.035, and 105.035 (4) (b) F.S.– No later than the seventh day before the first day of qualifying.
April 30 (Mon)	Qualifying period begins for U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates.	Sections 99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – At any time after noon of the 120th day prior to the Primary Election.
May 4 (Fri)	Qualifying period ends for U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates.	Sections 99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – No later than noon of the 116th day prior to the date of the Primary Election.
May 10 (Thu)	First day state write-in absentee ballots made available to overseas voters.	Section 101.6951, F.S. – 180 days prior to the General Election.
May 10 (Thu)	Deadline for Constitution Revision Commission to file with the Secretary of State its proposed revisions to the Florida Constitution.	Art. XI, §2(c), Fla. Const.

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May 11 (Fri)	Deadline for Department of State to certify to the Supervisors of Elections the names of all duly qualified U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates who have qualified with the Department.	Section 99.061, F.S. – Within seven days after close of qualifying.
May 21 (Mon)	Deadline for statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates (other than judicial, state attorney or public defender candidates) seeking to qualify by the petition method to submit their signed petitions to Supervisors of Elections.	Section 99.095, F.S. – Before noon of the 28th day preceding the first day of the qualifying period for the office sought.
May 24 (Thu)	Department of State to remit to the respective state executive committees of political parties, 95% of their entitled filing fees and party assessments from U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, state attorney, and public defender candidates.	Section 99.103, F.S. – No later than 20 days after the close of qualifying.
May 30 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to notify overseas voters of upcoming Primary Election.	Section 100.025, F.S. – At least 90 days prior to regular primary and general elections.
May 30 (Wed)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to complete any address list maintenance program activities including removal of “inactive” registered voters who have not voted, requested a vote-by-mail ballot, or updated their voter registration records after two general federal elections since the voters were first made inactive.	Section: 98.065, F.S.; National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) (52 U.S.C. B20507) (Note: 90-day moratorium on removal does not apply to voters ineligible for reasons such as felony conviction, mental incapacity, death, etc.).
June 4 (Mon)	14-day period begins for qualifying officers to accept qualifying papers for statewide, multi-county, county, and district candidates (other than judicial, state attorney, and public defender candidates) to be processed and filed during the qualifying period.	Section 99.061, F.S. – No earlier than 14 days prior to the first day of qualifying.
June 8 (Fri)	Written resignations due for officers qualifying as a candidate for statewide, multi-county, county, or district office (other than judicial, state attorney, and public defender candidates) if the terms of the offices, or any part thereof, run concurrently with each other.	Section 99.012, F.S. – At least 10 days prior to the first day of qualifying.
June 11 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify the number of valid signatures for statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method.	Section 99.095, F.S. – No later than the seventh day before the first day of qualifying.
June 18 (Mon)	Qualifying begins for all statewide, multi-county, county, and district candidates (other than judicial, state attorney, and public defender candidates).	Section 99.061, F.S. – Noon of the 71st day prior to the Primary Election.
June 22 (Fri)	Qualifying ends for all statewide, multi-county, county, and district candidates (other than, judicial, state attorney, and public defender candidates).	Section 99.061, F.S. – No later than noon of the 67th day prior to the Primary Election.

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June 23 (Sat)	Supervisors of Elections to submit to the Department of State a list containing the names, party affiliations, and addresses of all candidates who have qualified with them, and the offices for which persons qualified.	Section 99.092, F.S. – Immediately after the last day for qualifying.
June 29 (Fri)	First day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of vote-by-mail ballot request information and to the Department of State for the Primary Election and General Election.	Section 101.62, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – 60 days prior to the Primary Election on a daily basis by 8 a.m. and continuously until 15 days after the General Election.
June 29 (Fri)	Deadline for Department of State to certify to the Supervisors of Elections the names of all duly qualified statewide, multi-county, county, and district candidates who have qualified with the Department.	Section 99.061, F.S. – Within seven days after the closing date for qualifying.
June 29 (Fri) - July 4 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit any revisions to county security procedures to the Department of State.	Section 101.015, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.015, F.A.C. – At least 45 days before early voting begins, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting.
July 12 (Thu)	Department of State to remit to the respective state executive committees of political parties, 95% of their entitled filing fees and party assessments from statewide, multicounty, county, and district candidates.	Section 99.103, F.S. – No later than 20 days after the close of qualifying.
July 14 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to send vote-by-mail ballots to absent stateside uniformed and overseas voters (UOCAVA) for the Primary Election.	Section 101.62, F.S. – No fewer than 45 days before the Primary Election.
July 16 (Mon)	Division of Elections to submit to the U.S. Department of Justice information on county compliance with 45-day UOCAVA vote-by-mail ballot send-out for the Primary Election.	43 days before the Primary Election.
July 22 (Sun)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to remit filing fees to the state executive committee of the political party of the candidates.	Section 99.061, F.S. – Within 30 days after the close of qualifying.
July 23 (Mon)	Deadline to submit HAVA “Balance” Report (i.e., remaining balance of HAVA funds as of June 30, 2016).	Help America Vote Act of 2002.
July 24 (Tue) – July 31 (Tue)	Mandatory seven day window for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots to all domestic (non-UOCAVA) voters who requested vote-by-mail ballots.	Section 101.62, F.S. – Between 35th and 28th day before the election.

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July 29 (Sun)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to designate early voting sites for the Primary Election and to provide the Division of Elections with addresses, dates and hours for early voting sites.	Section 101.657, F.S. – No later than the 30th day prior to the election.
July 29 (Sun)	First day a registered voter or poll watcher may file a voter challenge in the same county for the Primary Election.	Section 101.111, F.S. – No sooner than 30 days before an election.
July 29 (Sun) - August 3 (Fri)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to mail notice of time and location of logic and accuracy test (L&A test) to county party chairs and candidates who did not receive notice at qualifying.	Section 101.5612, F.S. – At least 15 days prior to the beginning of early voting, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting.
July 30 (Mon)	Deadline to register to vote (book closing) for the Primary Election.	Section 97.055, F.S. – On the 29th day before each election. If the 29th day falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, the registration books must be closed on the next day that is not a Sunday or a legal holiday.
July 30 (Mon) - August 4 (Sat)	Deadline to submit poll watcher designations for early voting sites for Primary Election.	Section 101.131, F.S. – Before noon at least 14 days before early voting begins, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting.
July 31 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify to the Division of Elections address and registration list maintenance activities for the prior six months.	Sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.041, F.A.C. – No later than July 31 of each year.
August 3 (Fri) – August 17 (Fri)	Period in which logic and accuracy (L&A) test for Primary Election may be conducted (Specific L&A date during this period will depend on when each county begins early voting).	Section 101.5612, F.S. – Not more than 10 days prior to beginning of early voting.
August 6 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to post election preparation report on official website.	Section 100.032, F.S. – At least three months before a General Election.
August 6 (Mon) – August 11 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification badges for early voting sites for the Primary Election.	Section 101.131, F.S. – No later than seven days before early voting begins, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting.
August 8 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to appoint poll workers for the Primary Election.	Section 102.012, F.S. – At least 20 days prior to any election.
August 8 (Wed)	Last day state write-in ballot is made available to overseas voters.	Section 101.6951, F.S. – 90 days prior to a General Election.
August 8 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to notify overseas voters of upcoming General Election.	Section 100.025, F.S. – At least 90 days prior to regular Primary and General Elections.

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August 13 (Mon)	Canvassing board may begin canvassing vote-by-mail ballots for the Primary Election (the earliest start date).	Section 101.68, F.S. – 7 a.m. on the 15th day before the election.
August 13 (Mon)	Early voting may begin prior to the mandatory early voting period, at the discretion of the Supervisor of Elections.	Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting may be offered at the discretion of the Supervisor of Elections on the 15th, 14th, 13th, 12th, 11th, and/or 2nd day before an election.
August 14 (Tue)	Deadline to submit poll watcher designations for election day for the Primary Election.	Section 101.131, F.S. – Prior to noon of the second Tuesday preceding the election.
August 14 (Tue)	If early voting begins on August 13, first day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details to the Department of State.	Section 101.657, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day’s activities.
August 18 (Sat)	Mandatory early voting begins for the Primary Election.	Section 101.657, F.S.– Early voting shall begin on the 10th day before an election.
August 19 (Sun)	First day after start of mandatory early voting period for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details to the Division of Elections.	Section 101.657, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day’s activities.
August 21 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification badges for the Primary Election.	Section 101.131, F.S. – On or before the Tuesday before the election.
August 21 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to mail or email sample ballots to voters for the Primary Election.	Section 101.20, F.S. – At least seven days prior to any election.
August 22 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to receive requests for vote-by-mail ballots to be mailed to voters for the Primary Election.	Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the sixth day before the election.
August 23 (Thu)	First day that a voter designee can pick-up a vote-by-mail ballot for the Primary Election.	Section 101.62, F.S. – Up to five days prior to the election.
August 24 (Fri)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots requested for the Primary Election.	Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than four days before the election.

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August 24 (Fri)	Deadline for late registration for specified subcategory of UOCAVA individuals: any uniformed services or Merchant Marine member discharged or separated, or returned from military deployment or activation after 29-day registration deadline; or for any overseas U.S. citizen who left employment after 29-day registration deadline, and any family member accompanying them.	Section 97.0555, F.S.
August 25 (Sat)	Mandatory early voting period ends for the Primary Election.	Section 101.657, F.S. – Mandatory early voting shall end on the third day before an election.
August 26 (Sun)	Optional extension of early voting period ends for the Primary Election.	Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting may also be offered at the discretion of the supervisor of elections on the second day before an election.
August 26 (Sun) - September 1 (Sat)	First period in which proposed constitutional amendments are advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in each county.	Art XI, Sec 5(d), Fla. Const. - Once in the tenth week, and once in the sixth week immediately preceding the week in which the election is held, the proposed amendment shall be published in one newspaper of general circulation in each county.
August 27 (Mon)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details to the Department of State.	Section 101.657, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C.– No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities.
August 27 (Mon)	Last day to publish sample ballot in newspaper of general circulation in the county for the Primary Election.	Section 101.20, F.S. – Prior to the day of the election.
August 27 (Mon)	Last day for Supervisor of Elections to deliver "no excuse" vote-by-mail ballot to voter or for designee to pick up "no excuse" vote-by-mail ballot.	Section 101.62, F.S.
August 27 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to upload into county election management system the results of all early voting and vote-by-mail ballots that have been canvassed and tabulated by the end of the early voting period.	Section 102.141 (4)(a), F.S. – By 7 p.m. on the day before the election.
August 28 (Tue)	PRIMARY ELECTION	Section 100.061, F.S. – On the Tuesday 10 weeks prior to the General Election.

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August 28 (Tue)	"Emergency excuse" affidavit required for delivery of vote-by-mail ballot on election day. Supervisors of Elections may not deliver vote-by-mail ballots to electors or electors' immediate family members on election day unless voters affirm in an affidavit that an emergency that keeps them from being able to go to their polling places.	Section 101.62, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.052, F.A.C. - Exception exists for supervised voting in assisted living facilities as provided in s. 101.655.
August 28 (Tue)	Deadline for receipt of vote-by-mail ballots for the Primary Election.	Section 101.67, F.S. – All vote-by-mail ballots must be received by 7 p.m. election day.
August 28 (Tue)	County canvassing boards to file preliminary election results with the Department of State within 30 minutes after polls close and report updates in 45-minute increments thereafter until all results for election day ballots, early voting ballots, and vote-by-mail ballots are completely reported.	Section 102.141, F.S. – All election day ballots cast, early voting ballots, and for vote-by-mail ballots, those that are canvassed and tabulated by each reporting increment.
August 28 (Tue)	Department of State to remit remainder of filing fees and party assessments to the respective political parties.	Section 99.103, F.S. – No later than the date of the Primary Election.
August 29 (Wed)	Deadline for all polling place returns to be submitted to county canvassing boards.	Section 102.141, F.S. – On or before 2 a.m. of the day following any election.
August 30 (Thu)	Deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide evidence of eligibility to Supervisors of Elections.	Section 101.048, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.037, F.A.C.– No later than 5 p.m. on the second day following the election.
August 31 (Fri)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to file First Unofficial Results of the Primary Election with the Department of State.	Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than noon of the third day after a Primary Election.
September 2 (Sun)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to file Second Unofficial Results for the Primary Election, only if recount was conducted.	Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than 3 p.m. of the fifth day after a Primary Election.
September 4 (Tue)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to submit Official Results to the Department of State for the Primary Election.	Section 102.112, F.S. – 5 p.m. on the seventh day following a primary.
September 4 (Tue)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to submit Conduct of Election reports on Primary Election to the Division of Elections.	Section 102.141, F.S. – At the same time that the results of an election are certified.
September 5 (Wed)	County canvassing boards to begin publicly noticed audit of the voting system for the Primary Election.	Section 101.591, F.S.; Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – Immediately following the certification of the election by the county canvassing board.
September 6 (Thu)	Elections Canvassing Commission meets to certify Official Results for federal, state, and multicounty offices.	Section 102.111, F.S. – 9 a.m. on the ninth day after a Primary Election.

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September 7 (Fri) - September 12 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit any revisions to county security procedures to the Department of State.	Section 101.015, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.015, F.A.C. – At least 45 days before early voting begins, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting.
September 11 (Tue)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to complete the voting system audit and for the results to be made public.	Section 101.591, F.S.; Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – No later than 11:59 p.m. on the seventh day following certification of the election by the county canvassing board.
September 22 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to send vote-by-mail ballots to absent stateside uniformed and overseas voters (UOCAVA) for the General Election.	Section 101.62, F.S. – Not less than 45 days before the General Election.
September 23 (Sun) - September 29 (Sat)	Second period in which proposed constitutional amendments are advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in each county.	Art XI, Sec 5(d), Fla. Const. - Once in the tenth week, and once in the sixth week immediately preceding the week in which the election is held, the proposed amendment shall be published in one newspaper of general circulation in each county.
September 24 (Mon)	Division of Elections to submit to the U.S. Department of Justice information on county compliance with 45-day UOCAVA vote-by-mail ballot send-out for the General Election.	43 days before General Election.
September 26 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit reports on post-election certification voting system audit to Division of Elections.	Section 101.591, F.S.; Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – Within 15 days after completion of the audit.
September 27 (Thu)	Last day by when Supervisor of Elections must make information about provisional ballot available to individual voters on free access system for the Primary Election.	Section 101.048, F.S. – No later than 30 days following the election.
October 2 (Tue) - October 9 (Tue)	Mandatory seven-day window for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots to all domestic (non-UOCAVA) voters who requested vote-by-mail ballots.	Section 101.62, F.S. – Between 35th and 28th day before the election.
October 6 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to update official voting history for Primary Election.	Section 98.0981, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – Within 30 days after certification of election results by Elections Canvassing Commission for Primary Election.

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October 6 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to file with the Division of Elections precinct-level election results of the Primary Election and a reconciliation of voting history and precinct-level election results.	Section 98.0981, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – Within 30 days after certification of election results by Elections Canvassing Commission for Primary Election.
October 7 (Sun)	First day a registered voter or poll watcher may file a voter challenge in the same county for the General Election.	Section 101.111, F.S. – No sooner than 30 days before an election.
October 7 (Sun) - October 12 (Fri)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to mail notice of time and location of logic and accuracy (L&A) test to county party chairs and candidates, who did not receive notice at qualifying.	Section 101.5612, F.S. – At least 15 days prior to the beginning of early voting, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting.
October 8 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to designate early voting sites for the General Election and to provide the Division of Elections with addresses, dates and hours for early voting sites.	Section 101.657, F.S. – No later than the 30th day prior to the election.
October 8 (Mon) - October 13 (Sat)	Deadline to submit poll watcher designations for early voting sites for General Election.	Section 101.131, F.S. – Before noon at least 14 days before early voting begins, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting.
October 9 (Tue)	Deadline to register to vote (book closing) for the General Election.	Section 97.055, F.S. – On the 29th day before each election. If the 29th day falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, the registration books must be closed on the next day that is not a Sunday or a legal holiday.
October 12 (Fri) - October 26 (Fri)	Period in which logic and accuracy (L&A) test for General Election may be conducted. (Specific L&A date during this period will depend on when the county begins early voting).	Section 101.5612, F.S. – Not more than 10 days prior to beginning of early voting.
October 15 (Mon) October 20 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification badges for early voting sites for the General Election.	Section 101.131, F.S. – No later than seven days before early voting begins, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting.
October 17 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to appoint poll workers for the General Election.	Section 102.012, F.S. – At least 20 days prior to any election.
October 21 (Sun)	Deadline for Department of State to report to the Florida Legislature voter registration and voting history information for the Primary Election.	Section 98.0981, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.053, F.A.C. – Within 45 days after certification of election results for Primary Election.

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October 22 (Mon)	County canvassing board may begin canvassing vote-by-mail ballots for the General Election (the earliest start date).	Section 101.68, F.S. – 7 a.m. on the 15th day before the election.
October 22 (Mon)	Early voting may begin prior to the mandatory early voting period, at the discretion of the Supervisor of Elections.	Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting may be offered at the discretion of the supervisor of elections on the 15th, 14th, 13th, 12th, 11th, and/or 2nd day before an election.
October 23 (Tue)	Deadline to submit poll watcher designations for election day for the General Election.	Section 101.131, F.S. – Prior to noon of the second Tuesday preceding the election.
October 23 (Tue)	If early voting begins on October 22, first day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details to the Department of State.	Section 101.657, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day’s activities.
October 27 (Sat)	Mandatory early voting period begins for the General Election.	Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting shall begin on the 10th day before an election.
October 28 (Sun)	First day after mandatory early voting period begins for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details to the Department of State.	Section 101.657, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C.– No later than noon of each day for the previous day’s activities.
October 30 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification and badges for the General Election.	Section 101.131, F.S. – On or before the Tuesday before the election.
October 30 (Tue)	Deadline to mail or email sample ballots to voters for the General Election.	Section 101.20, F.S. – At least seven days prior to any election.
October 31 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to receive requests for vote-by-mail ballots to be mailed to voters for the General Election.	Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the sixth day before the election.
November 1 (Thu)	First day that a voter designee can pick up a vote-by-mail ballot for the General Election.	Section 101.62, F.S. – Up to five days prior to the election.
November 2 (Fri)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots requested for the General Election.	Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than four days before the election.
November 2 (Fri)	Deadline for late registration for specified subcategory of UOCAVA individuals: any uniformed services or Merchant Marine member discharged or separated, or returned from military deployment or activation after 29-day registration deadline; or for any overseas U.S. citizen who left employment after 29-day registration deadline, and any family member accompanying them.	Section 97.0555, F.S. – 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election.

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November 3 (Sat)	Mandatory early voting period ends for the General Election.	Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting shall end on the third day before an election.
November 4 (Sun)	Optional extension of early voting period ends for the General Election.	Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting may also be offered at the discretion of the supervisor of elections on the second day before an election.
November 5 (Mon)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details to the Department of State.	Section 101.657, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day’s activities.
November 5 (Mon)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to publish sample ballot in newspaper of general circulation in the county for the General Election.	Section 101.20, F.S. – Prior to the day of the election.
November 5 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to upload into county election management system the results of all early voting and vote-by-mail ballots that have been canvassed and tabulated by the end of the early voting period.	Section 102.141 (4)(a) - By 7 p.m. on the day before the election.
November 5 (Mon)	Last day for Supervisor of Elections to deliver ‘no excuse’ vote-by-mail ballot to voter or designee to pick up vote-by-mail ballot.	Section 101.62, F.S.
November 6 (Tue)	GENERAL ELECTION	Section 100.031, F.S. – On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even numbered year.
November 6 (Tue)	“Emergency excuse” affidavit required for delivery of vote-by-mail ballot on election day. Supervisors of Elections may not deliver vote-by-mail ballots to electors or electors' immediate family members on election day unless voters affirm in an affidavit that an emergency that keeps them from being able to go to their polling places.	Section 101.62, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.052, F.A.C. - Exception exists for supervised voting in assisted living facilities as provided in s. 101.655.
November 6 (Tue)	Deadline for receipt of vote-by-mail ballots for the General Election.	Section 101.67, F.S. – Except for 10-day extension for overseas vote-by-mail ballots as provided in s. 101.6952, F.S., all vote-by-mail ballots must be received by 7 p.m. on election day.

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November 6 (Tue)	County canvassing boards to file preliminary election results with the Department of State within 30 minutes after polls close and report updates in 45-minute increments thereafter until all results for election day ballots, early voting ballots, and vote-by-mail ballots (except for overseas ballots) are completely reported.	Section 102.141, F.S. – All election day ballots cast, early voting ballots, and for vote-by-mail ballots, those that are canvassed and tabulated by each reporting increment.
November 7 (Wed)	Deadline for all polling place returns to be submitted to county canvassing boards.	Section 102.141, F.S. – On or before 2 a.m. of the day following any election.
November 8 (Thu)	Deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide evidence of eligibility to Supervisors of Elections.	Section 101.048, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.037, F.A.C. – No later than 5 p.m. on the second day following the election.
November 10 (Sat)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to file First Unofficial Results of General Election with the Department of State.	Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than noon of the fourth day after a General Election.
November 15 (Thu)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to file Second Unofficial Results of General Election with the Department of State, only if recount was conducted.	Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than 3 p.m. of the ninth day after the election.
November 16 (Fri)	Deadline for receipt of overseas ballots for General Election. Ballot must be postmarked or signed and dated no later than the date of the election and received no later than 10 days from the date of the General Election.	Section 101.6952(5), F.S.
November 18 (Sun)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to submit Official Results to the Department of State for the General Election.	Section 102.112, F.S. – Noon on the 12th day following the election.
November 18 (Sun)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to submit Conduct of Election reports on General Election to the Division of Elections.	Section 102.141, F.S., – At the same time that the results of an election are certified.
November 19 (Mon)	County canvassing boards to begin publicly noticed audit of the voting system for the General Election.	Section 101.591, F.S.; Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – Immediately following the certification of the election by the county canvassing board.
November 20 (Tue)	Elections Canvassing Commission meets to certify Official Results for federal, state, and multicounty offices.	Section 102.111, F.S. – 9 a.m. on the 14th day after a General Election.
November 21 (Wed)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of vote-by-mail ballot request information to the Department of State for the Primary Election and General Election.	Section 101.62, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – Beginning 60 days prior to the Primary Election on a daily basis by 8 a.m. until 15 days after the General Election.

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November 25 (Sun)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to complete the voting system audit and for the results to be made public.	Section 101.591, F.S.; Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – No later than 11:59 p.m. on the seventh day following certification of the election by the county canvassing board.
December 1 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit request to Chief Financial Officer for reimbursement regarding petition signatures verified at no charge to a candidate or committee based on undue burden affidavit.	Section 99.097, F.S. – No later than December 1 of the General Election year.
December 6 (Thu)	Last day by when Supervisor of Elections must make information about provisional ballots available to individual voters on free access system for the General Election.	Section 101.048, F.S. – No later than 30 days following the election.
December 10 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit reports on post-election certification voting system audit to Division of Elections.	Section 101.591, F.S.; Rule 1S-5.026 F.A.C – Within 15 days after completion of the audit.
December 15 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit reports on voter education programs to the Department of State.	Section 98.255, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.033, F.A.C. – By December 15 of each General Election year.
December 15 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit reports on the total number of overvotes and undervotes in the Governor and Lieutenant Governor race to the Department of State.	Section 101.595, F.S. – No later than December 15 of each General Election year.
December 20 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to update official voting history for General Election.	Section 98.0981, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.053, F.A.C. – Within 30 days after certification of election results by Elections Canvassing Commission for General Election.
December 20 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to file with the Division of Elections precinct-level election results of the General Election and a reconciliation of voting history and precinct-level election results.	Section 98.0981, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.053, F.A.C. – Within 30 days after certification of election results by Elections Canvassing Commission for General Election.
December 31 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit to the Department of State HAVA Funds Expenditure Reports for use of funds relating to voter education, poll worker training, federal election activities, voting systems assistance, optical scan and ballot-on-demand for the reporting period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.	Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. §§ 15301-15545).

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December 31 (Mon)	Supervisors of Elections shall remove post-election all designated inactive voters who have not voted or attempted to vote, requested a vote-by-mail ballot, or updated their voter registration record in two general elections since they were first made inactive.	Section 98.065(4)(c), F.S.; Rule 1S-2.041(2), F.A.C.; and 52 U.S.C. § 2057 National Voter Registration Act (NVRA).
December 31 (Mon)	All user IDs and passwords issued by the state during prior year for access to statewide vote-by-mail ballot request information expire.	Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C.
December 31 (Mon)	Election administrators to review records against Records Retention Schedule for Election Records (GS-3) and internal office retention schedule and identify and schedule disposition of records that have met retention.	Florida Public Records Law.

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Date	Event	Legal Reference
January 1 (Tue)	Deadline for voting systems vendors to file a written disclosure with the Department of State identifying any known defect in their voting systems or the fact there is no known defect, the effect of any known defect on the operation and use of the system, and any known corrective measures to cure the defect.	Section 101.56065, F.S. – On January 1 of every odd-numbered year.
January 4 (Fri)	Deadline for Department of State to report to the Florida Legislature voter registration and voter history information for the General Election.	Section 98.0981, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.053, F.A.C. – Within 45 days after certification of election results for General Election.
January 31 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify to the Division of Elections address and registration list maintenance activities for prior six months.	Sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.041, F.A.C. – No later than January 31 of each year.
January 31 (Tue)	Deadline for Department of State to report to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives a report regarding overvotes and undervotes cast in the Governor and Lieutenant Governor race.	Section 101.595, F.S. – On January 31 of each year following a General Election.
February 1 (Fri)	Deadline for Department of State and Supervisors of Elections to submit initial responses to U.S. Election Assistance Commission’s 2018 Election Administration and Voting Survey.	National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) (52 U.S.C. § 20508), Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) (52 U.S.C. § 20302), and Help America Vote Act (HAVA) (42 U.S.C. §§ 15301-15545).
March 1 (Fri)	Deadline for Department of State and Supervisors of Elections to submit final responses to U.S. Election Assistance Commission’s 2018 Election Administration and Voting Survey.	National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) (52 U.S.C. § 20508), Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) (52 U.S.C. § 20302), and Help America Vote Act (HAVA) (42 U.S.C. §§ 15301-15545).
March 5 (Tue)	First day of regular Legislative Session.	Art. III, §3(b), Fla. Const.
April 28 (Sun)	Deadline for U.S. Representative, State Attorney, and Public Defender candidates to change party affiliation.	Section 99.021, F.S. – 365 days before the beginning of applicable qualifying preceding the General Election (Qualifying begins noon, April 27, 2020).
May 3 (Fri)	Last day of regular Legislative Session.	Art III, Sec 3(d), Fla. Const. – Regular session not to extend beyond 60 days.

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June 16 (Sun)	Deadline for State Senator, State Representative, County Office and Special District candidates to change party affiliation.	Section 99.021, F.S. – 365 days before the beginning of applicable qualifying preceding the General Election (Qualifying begins noon, June 15, 2020).
July 31 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisor of Elections to submit HAVA “Balance” Report (i.e., remaining balance of HAVA funds as of June 30, 2019).	Help America Vote Act (HAVA)(U.S.C. §§ 15301-15545); S.6, Chapter 2017-70, Laws of Florida.
July 31 (Wed)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to certify to the Division of Elections address and registration list maintenance activities for prior six months.	Sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S.; Rule 15-2.041, F.A.C. – No later than July 31 of each year.
December 31 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit to the Department of State their HAVA Funds Expenditure Reports for use of funds relating to voter education, poll worker training, federal election activities, voting systems assistance, optical scan and ballot-on-demand for the reporting period October 1, 2018 through September 30 2019.	Help America Vote Act (HAVA)(42 U.S.C. §§ 15301-15545).
December 31 (Tue)	Election administrators to review records against Records Retention Schedule for Election Records (GS-3) and internal office retention schedule and identify and schedule disposition of records that have met retention.	Florida Public Records Law.



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