

Important 2008 Election Dates

- January 1, 2008** Earliest day for June primary or independent candidates to circulate nominating petitions, including independent presidential candidates.
Earliest day for primary and independent candidates to file nominating petitions.
- February 1** Last day for statewide candidates, state office holders, ballot question committees, political party committees and political action committees to file year-end reports of receipts and expenditures for the period of 1-1-2007 through 12-31-2007.
- March 18** Last day for candidates to file for withdrawal from the primary election.
- March 25** Last day to file primary election nominating petitions.
Last day nominees for party precinct committeeman and committeewoman may file statement of candidacy with the county auditor.
Last day for a new political party to file petitions declaring organization with the Secretary of State.
Last day for presidential candidates to file on their behalf a statement of intent to be a candidate.
Last day for political parties to certify slates of national convention delegates to the secretary of state to participate in the presidential primary election.
Last day for sheriff candidates who filed a primary nominating petition to file a certificate of qualification.
- April 22** Deadline for primary election ballots to be printed and in the auditor's possession. Absentee voting may begin as soon as ballots are available.
- May 19** Deadline for voter registration for the primary election.
- May 23** Deadline for statewide candidate, legislative candidates, county candidates in populations greater than 5000, political action, and state party committees to file pre-primary campaign finance reports with the Secretary of State. Report covers January 1 through the fifteenth day prior to the election.
- June 3** **PRIMARY ELECTION DAY** - Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. legal time.
Last day for independent candidates to file nominating petitions with the Secretary of State or county auditor for all offices except president.
Last Day for independent sheriff candidates to file a certificate of qualifications.
- June 17** **SECONDARY ELECTION DAY** - Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. legal time.
- July 1** Last day to file conservation district director nominating petitions.
- July 5** Deadline for persons or committees working for or against the passage of a ballot question to file campaign finance reports of receipts and expenditures with the Secretary of State.
- August 5** Last day for independent candidates to file nominating petitions for president.
Last day for candidates to withdraw nominations.
- August 12** Last day for party central committees to fill vacancies created by candidates who withdrew their nominations.
- September 23** Deadline for all general election ballots to be printed and in the auditor's possession. Absentee voting may begin whenever ballots are available.
- October 20** Voter registration deadline for the general election.
- October 24** Deadline for statewide candidates, legislative candidates, county candidates in counties with population greater than five thousand, political action committees and political parties to file pre-general campaign finance reports of receipts and expenditures with the Secretary of State.
- November 4** **GENERAL ELECTION DAY** - Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. legal time.
- February 2, 2009** Last day for statewide, legislative candidates, county candidates in counties with population greater than five thousand, political action committees and political parties to file year-end reports of campaign finance receipts and expenditures with the Secretary of State. Report covers information from last report through the last day preceding the calendar year.