

Official Election Calendar

State of Nebraska

Primary Election May 10, 2016		General Election November 8, 2016
Dates		Statutory language
Pursuant to LB 874 (2016), the deadline for receiving an early voting request for a ballot to be mailed has changed from 4 PM on the Wednesday before the election (November 2, 2016) to close of business on the second Friday before the election. See October 28, 2016 entry.		
2015	November 2015	
2-Nov	Secretary of State shall publish the official calendar approved by the Attorney General (32-206)	By Nov 1
	December 2015	
1-Dec	First day a person may file for office to have their name placed on the ballot as a candidate at the 2016 election. (32-606)	December 1
	Last day for clerks and commissioners to notify subdivisions of filing deadlines for statewide primary. (32-404)	December 1
4-Dec	Last day to change party affiliation to meet member of party requirement on candidate filings. (32-612)	First Friday in December
9-Dec	Last day a political subdivision may request the adjustment of election district boundaries (32-552)	At least 5 months prior to the election
17-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 non-partisan (32-557)	Not less than 60 days prior to the filing deadline
2016	January 2016	
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)	January 1
5-Jan	Last day for political subdivisions to notify the Secretary of State, County Clerks or Election Commissioners of offices to be filled, terms, vacancies, votes to cast, and filing deadlines for each office. (32-404 and 32-601)	January 5
	Note: County Clerks & Election Commissioners are required to publish this information <u>at least 15</u> days prior to the filing deadline.	
10-Jan	First day to accept early voting ballot request for the primary election (32-941)	Not more than 120 days prior to Primary
29-Jan	Last day for election official to publish notice received from the Jan 5th certification for subdivisions, pertaining to: offices to be filled, terms , vacancies, votes to cast, and filing deadlines . (32-601)	15 days prior to the filing deadline
	February	
1-Feb	Last day for political party to file a petition 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 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
11-Feb	Deadline for Secretary of State to determine if sufficient signatures are on the petition for a new party. (32-717)	10 days after the 'petition for new party' filing deadline
12-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 the 32-601 published notice of offices, years, terms and deadlines.	at least 15 days prior to the filing deadline for non-incumbents

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16-Feb	Last day for incumbents (any current office holder) to file for office on the primary ballot. (32-606)	Feb 15
	Last day for political party to file an affidavit/petition to draft an incumbent partisan candidate. (32-611)	
22-Feb	Last day for drafted incumbent partisan candidate to submit a filing form (32-611)	5 days after the Incumbent filing deadline
23-Feb	Last day for an objection to an incumbent candidate filing. (32-624) Objections must be made within 7 days of the filing deadline.	within 7 days after the Incumbent filing deadline
March		
1-Mar	Last day for non-incumbents (new filers) to file for office on primary election. (32-606)	March 1
	Last day to withdraw a filing for office (32-622)	March 1
	Last day for a subdivision to certify a special issue for inclusion on the primary ballot. (32-559)	March 1
	Last day for political party to file an affidavit/petition to draft a non-incumbent partisan candidate. (32-611)	Filing deadline
7-Mar	Last day for drafted candidate per 32-611 to decline the nomination by affidavit/petition (32-622)	March 6th - By statute
	Last day for a drafted non-incumbent partisan candidate to submit a filing form (32-611)	5 days after non-incumbent filing deadline
8-Mar	Deadline to file objection to a non-incumbent candidate filing (32-624)	7 days after non-incumbent filing deadline
10-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)	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: Federal & state law require 60 days	60 days before the election
18-Mar	Last day for Secretary of State to certify candidates, offices and issues to be placed on the statewide ballot. (32-801)	50 days before the election
25-Mar	Deadline to have Early Voting ballots ready and sent to UOCAVA voters with requests on file. (32-939.02)	45 days before the election
30-Mar	Deadline for publishing and posting the Notice of Election (32-802)	40 days before the election
	Deadline for sending the Notice of Election to the affected political subdivisions (32-802)	40 days before the election
April		
Apr 1 - Jun 30	Blackout period for special elections. (32-405)	April, May, June
4-Apr	Last day to make the voter registration lists available to the state and county parties. List is available upon request and free of charge (32-330)	35 days before the election

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4-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 entities. (32-804)	35 days before the election
	The last day ballots may be required to be corrected except as ordered by the Court. (32-819[3])	35 days before the election
	Deadline to have Early Voting ballots ready for delivery by mail. Publication of application required after ballots are available (32-808)	35 days before the election
8-Apr	Last day for Election Commissioners to appoint judges, clerks and inspectors, if needed. (32-221)	30 days before the statewide primary
Apr 10 - May 2	First day a satellite registration office may be open for at least one day in each incorporated city or village. (32-303) Note: Publish registration sites per Secretary of State.	within 30 days before the election
11-Apr	Deadline to have Early Voting ballots ready to be voted in office. (32-942)	30 days before the election
14-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)	25 days prior to the Election
Beginning Week of Apr 18th	Publication of proposed constitutional amendments to be placed on the primary ballot by the Secretary of State required for three weeks before election, if applicable (49-202)	Three weeks before the election
22-Apr	Postmark deadline for mailed-in registrations (32-321)	3rd Friday preceding the election
	At 6 p.m., last day for deputy registrars to register voters for an upcoming election. (32-306)	3rd Friday preceding the election
	At close of business, last day voter registrations can be completed Online, at DMV, or County Treasurers for the person to be registered to vote in an upcoming election. (32-308)	3rd Friday preceding the 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 the 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 the 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 and 32-945)	3rd Friday preceding the election
	First day Clerks and Election Commissioners may extend their office hours for purpose of voter registration (32-302)	7 days preceding voter registration deadline
	Last day to notify election workers of appointments and fill vacancies of judges and clerks of election, district inspections and canvas board members to be filled by the County Clerk (32-235, 32-239)	15 days prior to election

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22-Apr	Last day for Election Commissioners to notify by mail judges, clerks, inspectors, counting board and canvassing board of appointment and training (32-228)	15 days prior to election
	First day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper. (32-803)	15 days before the election
26-Apr	Last day to accept a mail-in registration with an illegible postmark. (32-321)	2nd Tuesday before the election
28-Apr	Deadline to post the sample ballots in the office of the clerk or commissioner. (32-805)	Not later than 10 days prior the election
May		
2-May	Last day for write-in candidate to file notarized affidavit and filing fee with the filing officer. (32-615)	No later than the second Friday prior to the election
	At 6 p.m. last day for in person voter registration. (32-302)	2nd Friday preceding the election
	First day the Early Voting Counting Board can convene to check envelopes with signatures and prepare ballots for counting. (32-1027)	2nd Monday preceding the election
4-May	At 4 p.m. is the last day to receive an application for Early Voting ballots to be mailed out to a specific address. (32-941)	Wednesday before the Election
	Last day for acknowledgments to be sent to persons registered by deputy registrar. (32-306)	5 days prior to Election
6-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 entities. (32-804)	3 days before the Election
7-May	Last day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper (32-803)	Not less than 2 days before the Election
9-May	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)	1 day before the Election
	Post Notice of date, time and place Canvass Board will meet - (at least 2 days prior to the time they will convene per Secretary of State directive)	1 day before the Election
	First day the Early Voting Counting Board may convene to begin counting early voting ballots. (32-1027)(6)	24 hours prior to the opening of the polls

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10-May	Statewide Primary Election Day (32-401)	1st Tuesday after the 2nd Monday in May
	Polls open (32-908) 8 a.m. Central Daylight Time; 7 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time	8:00 AM CDT (7:00 AM MDT) Election Day
	7 p.m. Central Daylight Time (6 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time) Deadline for agent to pick up Early Voting ballot (32-943)	7:00 PM CDT (6:00 PM MDT) Election Day
	No later than the closing of the polls - deadline for return of voter registration form with an early voting ballot - in person (32-941)	8:00 PM CDT (7:00 PM MDT) Election Day
	No later than the closing of the polls - deadline for return of early voting ballot - in person (32-950)	8:00 PM CDT (7:00 PM MDT) Election Day
	At the time of the closing of the polls is the first any returns or partial returns may be released. (32-1009)	8:00 PM CDT (7:00 PM MDT) Election Day
	At the time of the closing of the polls is the deadline for an early voting ballot received by mail to be in the possession of the clerk or commissioner (32-950)	8:00 PM CDT (7:00 PM MDT) Election Day
	Upon the completion of Early Voting ballot counting and verification for provisional ballot counting, the Canvassing Board may convene. (32-1031 and 32-1002)	After the Primary
May 11 thru Nov 8	No changes shall be made to precinct boundaries or polling places without approval from the Secretary of State. (32-904)	1 day after the Primary through the General Election
16-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 non-partisan (32-557)	Not less than 60 days prior to the filing deadline
17-May	Deadline for verification and notification to the state system of provisional ballots status (32-1002)	7 days after the Primary
10 days after the Canvass Board convenes	Deadline for losing candidate to request a recount. (32-1121)	10 days after the Canvass Board convenes
31-May	Abstract of votes due in the office of the Secretary of State (32-1035)	3rd Monday after the Election
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)	10 days after the canvass of votes
June		
20 days after votes officially canvassed	Last day a notice can be filed with a person whose election is being contested. (32-1109)	20 days after votes officially canvassed
6-Jun	Board of State Canvassers meets to certify the election results. (32-1037)	4th Monday after the Primary
7-Jun	Last day a political subdivision may request the adjustment of election district boundaries for offices not in primary (32-552)	5 months prior to the General Election

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8-Jun	The prescribed day to conduct recounts for candidates who filed with the Secretary of State at 9:00 A.M. (32-1119)	5th Wednesday after the Primary
9-Jun	Last day the copy of a petition may be served on the person whose election is being contested when contesting the election of Constitutional Officers, and members of the Public Service Commission, Board of Regents and State Board of Education (32-1102)	10 days before 40 days after the Election
	Date to have Primary Election Voter History completed by. (32-330)	30 days after the Election
	Last day the copy of a petition may be served on the Secretary of State contesting the election of constitutional amendment or statutes by initiative or referendum (32-1108)	10 days before 40 days after the Election
20-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)	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)	40 days after the Election
	Last day to deliver certificates of nomination or certificates of election (32-1033)	40 days after the Election
29-Jun	Last day to publish notice of July 15th and August 1st filing deadlines, if not contained in January notice (32-601)	15 days prior to July filing deadline for incumbents
July		
1-Jul	Deadline for governing boards of reclamation districts, counties under township organization, villages, public power districts grossing annual revenues of less than 40 million dollars, and educational service units to notify the Secretary of State, County Clerks or Election Commissioners of offices to be filled, terms, vacancies, votes cast and filing deadlines for each office (32-404, 32-601)	No later than July 1
7-Jul	Deadline for filing initiative and referendum petitions (32-1407)	4 months prior to the General Election
11-Jul	First day to accept Early Voting ballot request for the general election (32-941)	120 days prior to General
8 weeks after the canvass of votes	Precinct results for President, Senate, House of Representatives, Legislature, Public Service Commissioners due in the office of the Secretary of State. (32-1036)	8 weeks after the canvass of votes

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15-Jul	Last day for incumbents (any current office holder) not on the Primary Ballot to file. (32-606) Public Power Districts Board Members (grossing less than 40 million dollars); Reclamation Districts; Educational Service Unit Board Members; County Weed Boards; Township Officers; Village Board of Trustees; and Class II Schools.	July 15
22-Jul	Last day for an objection to an incumbent candidate filing. (32-624) Objections must be made within 7 days of the filing deadline.	7 days after the Incumbent filing deadline
August		
1-Aug	Last day for new political party to submit petitions with the Secretary of State to qualify for the General Election. (32-716)	August 1st
	Last day for non-incumbents (new filers) to file for office. (32-606) Public Power Districts Board Members (grossing less than 40 million dollars); Reclamation Districts; Educational Service Unit Board Members; County Weed Boards; Township Officers; Village Board of Trustees; and Class II Schools.	August 1st
	Filing deadline for judicial office holders to place their name on the General Election ballot for retention (24-814)	August 1st
	Last day for a candidate to withdraw their name and decline to be a candidate for those whose filing deadlines are July 15th and August 1st. (32-622)	August 1st
8-Aug	Deadline to file objection to a non-incumbent candidate filing (32-624)	7 days after non-incumbent filing deadline
11-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.
29-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)	70 days prior to General Election
September		
1-Sep	Last day to hold the state post-primary convention. (32-710)	September 1
	Last day for filing for office by petition. (32-617)	September 1
	Last day for political subdivision to submit a special issue for the general ballot. (32-559)	September 1
	Deadline for candidate of a new political party to file for General Election ballot status to file petition of nomination to be on the General Election ballot (32-621)	September 1
	Note: Filing officer has 3 days after petition has been verified to notify candidate. Candidate has 5 days to file acceptance of nomination (32-617(2))	
	Last day for a candidate nominated at the primary election to decline the nomination (32-623)	September 1
	Last day to file a petition to fill a vacancy for a non-partisan office (32-625)	September 1
8-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))	60 days before the election
16-Sep	Last day for Secretary of State to certify candidates, offices and issues to be placed on the statewide ballot. (32-801)	50 days before the election

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23-Sep	Deadline to have Early Voting ballots ready and sent to UOCAVA voters with requests on file. (32-939.02(1))	45 days before the election
28-Sep	Deadline for publishing and posting the Notice of Election (32-802)	40 days before the election
	Deadline for sending the Notice of Election to the affected political subdivisions (32-802)	40 days before the election
October		
Oct 1 thru Dec 31	Blackout period for special elections. (32-405)	Oct, Nov, Dec
3-Oct	Last day to make the voter registration lists available to the state and county parties. List is available upon request and free of charge (32-330)	35 days before the election
	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 entities. (32-804)	35 days before the election
	Deadline to have Early Voting ballots ready for delivery by mail. Publication of application required after ballots are available (32-808)	35 days before the election
	The last day ballots may be required to be corrected except as ordered by the Court. (32-819)	35 days before the election
7-Oct	New or Former Resident Presidential ballots available to <u>Former Residents</u> (32-933)	30 days before the election
	Last day for Election Commissioners to appoint judges, clerks and inspectors, if needed. (32-221)	30 days before the statewide general
Oct 9 thru Oct 28	First day a satellite registration office may be open for at least 1 day in each incorporated city or village. (32-303) Note: Publish registration sites per Secretary of State. Statellite registration offices shall close on the deadline for in person voter registration.	within 30 days before the election
10-Oct	Deadline to have Early Voting ballots ready to be voted in office. Publication of application required after ballots are available (32-942)	30 days before the election
13-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)	25 days prior to the election
Beginning Week of Oct. 17	Publication of proposed constitutional amendments to be placed on the general election ballot by the Secretary of State required for three weeks before election, if applicable. (49-202)	Three weeks before the election
21-Oct	Postmark deadline for mailed-in registrations (32-321)	3rd Friday preceding the election
	At 6 p.m., last day for deputy registrars to register voters for an upcoming election. (32-306)	3rd Friday preceding the election
	At close of business, last day voter registrations can be completed at DMV or County Treasurers for the person to be registered to vote in an upcoming election. (32-308)	3rd Friday preceding the election

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21-Oct	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 the 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. (32-325, 32-321)	3rd Friday preceding the 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 and 32-945)	3rd Friday preceding the election
	First day Clerks and commissioners may extend <u>their</u> office hours for purpose of voter registration (32-302)	Seven days preceding voter registration deadline
	Last day to notify election workers of appointments and fill vacancies of judges and clerks of election, district inspections and canvas board members to be filled by the County Clerk (32-235, 32-239)	15 days before the election
	Last day for Election Commissioners to notify by mail judges, clerks, inspectors, counting board and canvassing board of appointment and training (32-228)	15 days before the election
	First day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper. (32-803)	15 days before the election
25-Oct	Last day to accept a mail-in registration with an illegible postmark. (32-321)	2nd Tuesday before the election
28-Oct	Last day for write-in candidate to file notarized affidavit and filing fee with the filing officer. (32-615)	No later than second Friday before the election
	Deadline to post the sample ballots in the office of the clerk or commissioner. (32-805)	Not later than 10 days before the election
	At close of business, last day to receive an application for Early Voting ballots to be mailed to a specific address (32-941)	Close of business on 2nd Friday preceding the election
	At 6 p.m. last day for in person voter registration. (32-302)	2nd Friday preceding the election
Oct 31 thru Nov 8	New or Former Resident Presidential ballots available to <u>New Residents</u> (32-933)	Next business day after close of registration through close of polls Election Day
31-Oct	First day the Early Voting Counting Board can convene to check envelopes with signatures and prepare ballots for counting. (32-1027)	2nd Monday before the Election
November		
2-Nov	At 4 p.m. is the last day to receive an application for Early Voting ballots to be mailed out to a specific address. (32-941). Pursuant to LB 874 (2016), the deadline for receiving an early voting request for a ballot to be mailed has changed from 4 PM on the Wednesday before the election (November 2, 2016) to close of business on the second Friday before the election. See October 28, 2016 entry.	Wednesday before the Election

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2-Nov	Last day for acknowledgments to be sent to persons registered by deputy registrar. (32-306)	5 days prior to Election
4-Nov	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 entities. (32-804)	3 days before the Election
5-Nov	Last day to publish sample ballots in the newspaper (32-803)	Not less than 2 days before the Election
7-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)	1 day before the Election
	Post Notice of date, time and place Canvass Board will meet - (at least 2 days prior to the time they will convene per Secretary of State directive)	1 day before the Election
	First day the Early Voting Counting Board may convene to begin counting early voting ballots. (32-1027(6))	24 hours prior to the opening of the polls
8-Nov	Statewide General Election Day - even numbered years- (32-403)	1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November
	Polls open (32-908) 8 a.m. Central Standard Time - 7 a.m. Mountain Standard Time	8:00 AM CST (7:00 AM MST) Election Day
	7 p.m. Central Standard Time - 6 p.m. Mountain Standard Time Deadline for agent to pick up Early Voting ballot (32-943)	7:00 PM CST (6:00 PM MST) Election Day
	No later than the closing of the polls - deadline for return of voter registration form with an early voting ballot - in person (32-941)	8:00 PM CST (7:00 PM MST) Election Day
	No later than the closing of the polls - deadline for return of early voting ballot - in person (32-950)	8:00 PM CST (7:00 PM MST) Election Day
	At the time of the closing of the polls is the first any returns or partial returns may be released. (32-1009)	8:00 PM CST (7:00 PM MST) Election Day
	At the time of the closing of the polls is the deadline for an early voting ballot received by mail to be in the possession of the clerk or commissioner (32-950)	8:00 PM CST (7:00 PM MST) Election Day
9-Nov	Upon the completion of early voting ballot counting and verification for provisional ballot counting, the Canvassing Board may convene. (32-1031 and 32-1002)	after General
15-Nov	Deadline for verification and notification to the state system of provisional ballots status (32-1002)	within 7 days after the General

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10 days after the Canvass Board convenes	Deadline for losing candidate to request a recount. (32-1121)	10 days after the Canvass Board convenes
10 days after the canvass of votes	Deadline for filing fee to be paid, if needed, by an undeclared write-in candidate who has been nominated. (32-608)	within 10 days after the canvass of votes
28-Nov	Abstract of votes due in the office of the Secretary of State (32-1035)	3rd Monday after the 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 votes officially canvassed
December		
5-Dec	Board of State Canvassers meets to certify the election results. (32-1037)	4th Monday after the General
7-Dec	The prescribed day to conduct recounts for candidates who filed with the Secretary of State at 9:00 A.M. (32-1119)	5th Wednesday after the General
8-Dec	Last day the copy of a petition may be served on the person whose election is being contested when contesting the election of Constitutional Officers, and members of the Public Service Commission, Board of Regents and State Board of Education (32-1102)	10 days before 40 days after the election
	Last day the copy of a petition may be served on the Secretary of State contesting the election of constitutional amendment or statutes by initiative or referendum (32-1108)	10 days before 40 days after the election
	Date to have General Election Voter History completed by. (32-330)	30 days after the Election
19-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)	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)	40 days after the Election
	Last day to deliver certificates of nomination or certificates of election (32-1033)	40 days after the Election
8 weeks after the canvass of votes	Precinct results for President, US Senate, House of Representatives, Legislature, Public Service Commissioners due in the office of the Secretary of State. (32-1036)	8 weeks after the canvass of votes