

Important 2012 Election Dates (Revised by Federal Court Orders)

April 3, 2012 - Primary Election Date

[Federal Court Order](#) of December 16, 2011

A more detailed calendar is at our [Candidates Guide](#)

Authority conducting elections	*Political Party County Chairs
First Day to File for Place on Ballot	First day of “first time period”: November 28, 2011 (September 13, 2011 for Precinct Chair) (COURT ORDERS) First Day of “second time period”: To Be Determined (at a later date by court order)
Last Day to File for Place on Ballot	Last day of “first time period”: December 19, 2011 (COURT ORDER) Last Day of “second time period”: February 1, 2012 (COURT ORDER)
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (does not apply to FPCA)	February 3, 2012
Last Day to Register to Vote	March 5, 2012 (Monday, which is next business day after statutory deadline)
First Day of Early Voting	March 19, 2012
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	March 27, 2012
Last Day of Early Voting	March 30, 2012

June 5, 2012 - Primary Runoff Election Date

[Federal Court Order](#) of December 16, 2011

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Authority conducting elections	*Political Party County Chairs
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (does not apply to FPCA)	April 6, 2012 (if did not request runoff ballot on application for primary ballot)
Last Day to Register to Vote	May 7, 2012 (Monday, which is next business day after statutory deadline)
First Day of Early Voting	May 29, 2012 (Tuesday, which is next business day after Memorial Day)
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	May 29, 2012 (Received, not Postmarked)
Last Day of Early Voting	June 1, 2012

May 12, 2012 – Limited Uniform Election Date

Authority conducting elections

***Local political subdivisions other than counties**

(NEW LAW: County-ordered elections may not be held on this date. County Election Officials may but is not required to contract to provide election services to political subdivisions.)

First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for cities and schools ONLY) (filing deadline for other political subdivisions may vary)*

February 4, 2012
(Even though the first day to file falls on a Saturday, this does not require the filing authority to hold weekend office hours to receive candidate applications.)

Last Day to File for Place on Ballot, if regular filing deadline*

March 5, 2012 (NEW LAW: 71st day before election day; falls on state holiday March 2, 2012; moves to Monday, which is next business day after statutory deadline)
***March 16, 2012 (see note below relating to four-year terms)

Last Day to Order General Election (or Special Election on a Measure)*

March 5, 2012 (NEW LAW: 71st day before election day; falls on state holiday March 2, 2012; moves to Monday, which is next business day after statutory deadline)

First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail

March 13, 2012

Last Day to Register to Vote

April 12, 2012

First Day of Early Voting

April 30, 2012

Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)

May 4, 2012 (Friday, which is first preceding business day before statutory deadline)

Last Day of Early Voting

May 8, 2012

November 6, 2012 - Uniform Election Date

Authority conducting elections

County Clerk/Elections Administrator/

***Local political subdivisions**

First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for cities and schools ONLY) (filing deadline for other political subdivisions may vary)*

July 21, 2012
(Even though the first day to file falls on a Saturday, this does not require the filing authority to hold weekend office hours to receive candidate applications.)

Last Day to Order General Election (or Special Election on a Measure)*

August 20, 2012 (NEW LAW: 78th day before election day)

Last Day to File for Place on General

August 20, 2012 (NEW LAW: 78th day

Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY)*	before election day)
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (does not apply to FPCA)	September 7, 2012
Last Day to Register to Vote	October 9, 2012 (Tuesday, which is next business day after Columbus Day)
First Day of Early Voting	October 22, 2012 (Monday, which is next business day after statutory deadline)
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	October 30, 2012 (Received , not Postmarked)
Last Day of Early Voting	November 2, 2012