

CHAPTER 1

ELECTION CALENDARS

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The Secretary of State is the chief elections official in the state and has the authority to interpret state law. §§ 17-1-3 and 17-4-60(a) The judge of probate is the chief elections official of the county and serves as chair of the appointing board. § 17-1-3.

This handbook is an attempt to foster coordination among election officials and explain how election officials interact with each other. To further illustrate the need for this cooperation, an Administrative Calendar for the 2022 statewide elections and the FCPA Filing Calendar have been included in this chapter.

In these calendars, when a deadline falls on the weekend or a legal holiday, Section 1-1-4 provides for the deadline to extend to the next working day. This calendar is for administrative use and may not contain all deadlines prescribed by law. It should only be used as a guide. It is not intended to be a substitute for specific requirements found in Title 17 of the Code of Alabama.

Please note that the Alabama Legislature, through passage of Act 2021-284, has proposed a constitutional amendment that would set the implementation date of a bill that relates to the conduct of a general election. If ratified by the voters, the constitutional amendment would require that the implementation date of any such bill affecting the conduct of a general election shall be at least 6 months before a general election. This proposed constitutional amendment will appear on the ballot in the 2022 general election. Act 2021-284.

1.1 2022 Administrative Calendar

2022 Statewide Election

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Alabama Statewide Primary Election – May 24, 2022
Primary Runoff Election – June 21, 2022
General Election - November 8, 2022

Activity	Date
Candidates intending to participate in the 2022 primary election may begin soliciting and accepting contributions. [§ 17-5-7(b)(2)].	Monday, May 24, 2021
Candidates intending to participate in the 2022 general election, but not in the primary election, may begin soliciting and accepting contributions. [§ 17-5-7(b)(2)].	Monday, November 8, 2021
State Holiday – Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 25, 2021
State Holiday – Christmas Day Recognized	Friday, December 24, 2021
State Holiday – New Year’s Day Recognized	Friday, December 31, 2021
First day of regular session for Alabama legislature and the first day of the legislative blackout.	Tuesday, January 11, 2022
State Holiday – Martin Luther King Jr’s. and Robert E. Lee’s Birthday	Monday, January 17, 2022
Candidates seeking nomination by a party primary must file declaration of candidacy with state party chairman (if seeking federal, state, circuit, district, or legislative office) or county party chairman (if seeking county office) no later than this day by 5:00 PM; 116 days before the election. [§ 17-13-5(a)].	Friday, January 28, 2022
Each political party authorized to hold a primary and wishing to hold such a presidential preference primary shall, not less than 116 days before such primary is to be held, adopt and file with the Secretary of State a resolution stating that intention, the method by which electors are to indicate one or more preferences, the method by which delegates are to be selected, elected, chose and replaced, and the pledge, if any, which by delegates are to be bound. [§ 17-13-105].	Friday, January 28, 2022
State Holiday – George Washington’s and Thomas Jefferson’s Birthday	Monday, February 21, 2022
Mardi Gras – Observed in Baldwin County and Mobile County only	Tuesday, March 1, 2022
State party chairman must certify names of primary election candidates, except for candidates for county offices to Secretary of State no later than this day by 5:00 PM; 82 days prior to the primary. [§ 17-13-5(b)].	Thursday, March 3, 2022

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County party chairman must certify names of primary candidates for county office to judge of probate no later than this day by 5:00 PM. 82 days prior to the primary. [§ 17-13-5(b)].	Thursday, March 3, 2022
This is the last day for political parties to submit to the judge of probate for county offices and the Secretary of State for state and federal offices any amendments or corrections to certifications of candidates for the primary election; 76 days prior to primary election. [§ 17-13-23].	Wednesday, March 9, 2022
The deadline for persons who do not wish to accept nomination in a primary is 76 days before the date of the election. [§ 17-6-21(c)].	Wednesday, March 9, 2022
The Secretary of State must certify names of opposed candidates for federal and state offices to judge of probate no later than 74 days prior to the primary. [§ 17-13-5(b)].	Friday, March 11, 2022
Judge of probate must issue public notice in each voting precinct of the requirement for and the availability of registration and voting aids for all handicapped and elderly individuals no later than 60 days before any state election. [§ 21-4-23(b)].	Friday, March 25, 2022
The last day political parties can decline to accept and come under primary election law is 60 days prior to the election. [§ 17-13-42].	Friday, March 25, 2022
Judge of probate must furnish list of qualified voters to the absentee election manager; 55 days prior to the primary election. [§ 17-11-5(b)].	Wednesday, March 30, 2022
Absentee ballots and supplies must be delivered to absentee election manager no later than 55 days prior to the primary. [§ 17-11-12].	Wednesday, March 30, 2022
This is the last day to transmit absentee ballots to any UOCAVA voters whose absentee ballot request is received at least 45 days prior to the primary (ballot transmittal 45 days prior to the primary) per 52 U.S.C. § 20302(a)(8).	Saturday, April 9, 2022
This is the last day for candidates to present a list of desired election officers to their county executive committee at least 45 days before the election. [§ 17-13-48].	Saturday, April 9, 2022
Judge of probate must issue public notice in each voting precinct of the requirement for and the availability of registration and voting aids for all handicapped and elderly individuals no later than 60 days before any state election. [§ 21-4-23(b)]. This date is for the statewide primary runoff election.	Friday, April 22, 2022
State Holiday – Confederate Memorial Day	Monday, April 25, 2022
Last day of regular session for Alabama legislature and last day of the legislative blackout, unless a special legislative session is called.	Tuesday, April 26, 2022
The first day for judge of probate, sheriff, and clerk of the circuit court to appoint poll workers is not more than 20 no less than 15 days before the election. [§ 17-8-1(a)].	Wednesday, May 4, 2022
Judge of probate must publish an alphabetical list of qualified electors by precinct, district or subdivision in a newspaper of general circulation in county on or before the 20th day prior to the election. [§ 17-4-1].	Wednesday, May 4, 2022
This is the last day to register to vote for the primary election. [§ 17-3-50(a)]	Monday, May 9, 2022
The last day for judge of probate, sheriff, and clerk of the circuit court to appoint poll workers no more than 20 days nor less than 15 days before an election. [§ 17-8-1(a)].	Monday, May 9, 2022

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Judge of probate must notify inspectors, returning officers, and clerks of their appointment and publish a list of these appointments in a county newspaper. [§ 17-8-2].	Monday, May 9, 2022
First day election officials may begin testing automatic tabulating equipment for the primary election to ascertain that equipment will correctly count votes cast. [Adm. Rule 307-X-1-.04].	Tuesday, May 10, 2022
Judge of probate must give notice of election, consisting of date of election and officers and subjects to be voted for and on at least 14 days before each election. [§ 17-9-5].	Tuesday, May 10, 2022
First day judge of probate may print poll lists or load registration data into electronic poll books for the primary election [§§ 17-4-2; 17-4-2.1].	Saturday, May 14, 2022
For any absentee application received on or after the 8 th day prior to the election that does not contain a copy of an approved form of identification, the absentee election manager shall issue a provisional ballot to that voter. [§ 17-10-2(c)(1)].	Monday, May 16, 2022
Absentee applications returned by mail must be received not less than 7 days prior to the election. [§ 17-11-3(a)].	Tuesday, May 17, 2022
Judge of probate must publish a supplemental list of qualified electors by precinct, district or subdivision in a newspaper of general circulation in the county on or before the 7th day before the election. [§ 17-4-1].	Tuesday, May 17, 2022
An application for a voter who required emergency treatment by a licensed physician within 5 days before an election may be forwarded to the absentee election manager by the applicant or by his or her designee. [§ 17-11-3(d)(2)].	Thursday, May 19, 2022
This is the last day for the authority charged to hold a school of instruction for poll workers. Judge of probate must notify these election officials of time and place of instruction school and must publish notice at least 48 hours before instruction school takes place not less than 5 days prior to the election. [§ 17-8-9(a)].	Thursday, May 19, 2022
Absentee applications returned by hand must be received not less than 5 days prior to the election. [§ 17-11-3(a)].	Thursday, May 19, 2022
The last day judges of probate can deliver election supplies to sheriffs is no less than 3 days before the election. [§ 17-13-9].	Saturday, May 21, 2022
Absentee ballots being returned by hand to the absentee election manager must be received no later than the close of business on the day prior to the election. [§ 17-11-18].	Monday, May 23, 2022
Primary Election	Tuesday, May 24, 2022
Absentee ballots being returned by mail to the absentee election manager must be received no later than noon on this day. [§ 17-11-18(a)]	Tuesday, May 24, 2022
This is the last day for military and other UOCAVA voters in the primary to postmark an absentee ballot returned by mail to the absentee election manager. [§§ 17-9-51(b); 17-11-18(b)].	Tuesday, May 24, 2022
The medical emergency designee must deliver absentee ballot to absentee election manager no later than noon on this day. [§ 17-11-18].	Tuesday, May 24, 2022
The inspector or returning officer must deliver the ballots and returns to the sheriff. [§§ 17-12-8, 17-13-12].	Tuesday, May 24, 2022

The last day to file petitions with judge of probate for county offices and with Secretary of State for other offices to obtain ballot access as an independent candidate is no later than 5:00 PM on the day of the primary election. [§ 17-9-3].	Tuesday, May 24, 2022
The last day to file petitions with the Secretary of State for minor/third parties to gain ballot access as a political party no later than 5:00 PM on the day of the primary election. [§ 17-6-22(a)(1)].	Tuesday, May 24, 2022
The sheriff must deliver certificate of returns to chairman of county executive committee of each political party participating in primary election by 10:00 a.m. on the Wednesday following the election. [§ 17-13-14(a)].	Wednesday, May 25, 2022
The written affirmations of provisional voters, inspector challenge statements, and voter reidentification forms must be delivered by the sheriff to the board of registrars by noon on the day following the election. [§ 17-10-2(d)].	Wednesday, May 25, 2022
This is the last day candidates who would be eligible to be placed on primary runoff ballot can decline to have his/her name placed on the ballot. [§ 17-13-19].	Friday, May 27, 2022
Deadline for voters whose ballot become provisional due to lack of identification to provide identification (or provisional ballot and identification) including the address and telephone number of the voter to the board of registrars no later than 5:00 PM [§ 17-10-2(a)(3)].	Friday, May 27, 2022
State Holiday – National Memorial Day	Monday, May 30, 2022
Absentee ballots submitted by UOCAVA voters must be accepted until noon this day. The ballot must have been postmarked no later than election day and meet other absentee ballot requirement to be counted. [§ 17-11-18(b)].	Tuesday, May 31, 2022
County executive committee must meet no later than noon and receive, canvass, and tabulate returns by precinct and publicly declare results the Tuesday following the primary. [§ 17-13-17].	Tuesday, May 31, 2022
The board of registrars must deliver the provisional voter affirmations and inspector challenge statements, with the certified findings attached, to the judge of probate no later than noon, 7 days after the election. [§ 17-10-2(e)].	Tuesday, May 31, 2022
At noon, the canvassing board shall tabulate provisional ballots which have been certified by the board of registrars. The canvassing board must certify the results of the provisional votes cast and must post one copy in the courthouse and must seal one copy into a container designated for each political party, 7 days after the election. [§ 17-10-2(f)].	Tuesday, May 31, 2022
The chairman of county executive committee must certify to chairman of state executive committee a statement and tabulation by precinct of results of the primary no later than 7 days after the election. [§ 17-13-17].	Tuesday, May 31, 2022
State executive committee must meet and receive, canvass, and tabulate returns and provide Secretary of State with state primary election returns by precinct no later than noon, 8 days following the primary election. [§ 17-13-17]	Wednesday, June 1, 2022
The first day for judge of probate, sheriff, and clerk of the circuit court to appoint poll workers is no more than 20 nor less than 15 days before the election. [§ 17-8-1(a)]	Wednesday, June 1, 2022

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Chairman of state executive committee must meet no later than noon this day to certify to Secretary of State and chairman of county executive committee must certify to judge of probate names of candidates to be placed on primary runoff ballot [§ 17-13-18(b)].	Wednesday, June 1, 2022
The Secretary of State shall, within two business days from the date the certification is received from the chair of the state executive committee, certify to the judge of probate of any county where a second primary election is to be held the name or names of the candidates certified. [§ 17-13-18(b)].	Friday, June 3, 2022
This is the last day to hand-deliver a voter registration form to the board of registrars for the primary runoff election. [§§ 17-3-50(a), 1-1-4]	Friday, June 3, 2022
State Holiday – Jefferson Davis’s Birthday	Monday, June 6, 2022
The last day for judge of probate, sheriff, and clerk of the circuit court to appoint poll workers is no more than 20 days nor less than 15 days before an election. [§ 17-8-1(a)].	Monday, June 6, 2022
Judge of probate must notify inspectors, returning officers, and clerks of their appointment and publish a list of these appointments in a county newspaper. [§ 17-8-2].	Monday, June 6, 2022
This is the last day to register to vote electronically until midnight for the primary runoff election; 15 th day before the election. [§ 17-3-50(a), 1-1-4].	Monday, June 6, 2022
This is the last day to postmark a voter registration form for the primary runoff election; 15 th day before the election. [§ 17-3-50(a), 1-1-4].	Monday, June 6, 2022
Absentee ballots and supplies for primary runoff must be delivered to absentee election manager, 14 days after the primary. [§ 17-11-12].	Tuesday, June 7, 2022
No later than this day, the judge of probate must give notice of this date for the primary runoff election, consisting of date of election and officers and subjects to be voted for and on at least 14 days before each election. [§ 17-9-5].	Tuesday, June 7, 2022
First day election officials may begin testing automatic tabulating equipment for the primary runoff election to ascertain that equipment will correctly count votes cast. [Adm. Rule 307-X-1-.04]	Tuesday, June 7, 2022
First day judge of probate may print poll lists or load registration data into electronic poll books for the primary runoff election [§§ 17-4-2; 17-4-2.1]	Saturday, June 11, 2022
For any absentee application received no or after the 8 th day prior to the election that does not contain a copy of an approved form of identification, the absentee election manager shall issue a provisional ballot to that voter. [17-10-2(c)(1)]	Monday, June 13, 2022

Absentee applications returned by mail must be received not less than 7 days prior to the election. [§ 17-11-3(a)]	Tuesday, June 14, 2022
Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General must canvass election returns required by law to be sent to Secretary of State within 22 days of the election. [§ 17-12-17].	Wednesday, June 15, 2022
This is the last for the authority charged to hold a school of instruction for poll workers. Judge of probate must notify these election officials of time and place of instruction school and must publish notice at least 48 hours before instruction school takes place; no less than 5 days prior to the election. [§ 17-8-9(a)].	Thursday, June 16, 2022
Absentee applications returned by hand must be received not less than 5 days prior to the election. [§ 17-11-3(a)].	Thursday, June 16, 2022
An application for a voter who required emergency treatment by a licensed physician within 5 days before an election may be forwarded to the absentee election manager by the applicant or by his or her designee. [§ 17-11-3(d)(2)]	Thursday, June 16, 2022
The last day judges of probate can deliver election supplies to sheriffs is no less than 3 days before the election. [§ 17-13-9].	Saturday, June 18, 2022
Absentee ballots being returned by hand to the absentee election manager must be received no later than the close of business on the day prior to the election. [§ 17-11-18].	Monday, June 20, 2022
Primary Runoff Election	Tuesday, June 21, 2022
Absentee ballots being returned by mail to the absentee election manager must be received no later than noon on this day. [§ 17-11-18(a)].	Tuesday, June 21, 2022
The inspector or returning officer must deliver the ballots and returns to the sheriff. [§§ 17-12-8; 17-13-12].	Tuesday, June 21, 2022
This is the last day for military and other UOCAVA voters in the primary runoff to postmark an absentee ballot returned by mail to the absentee election manager. [§§ 17-9-51(b); 17-11-18(b)].	Tuesday, June 21, 2022
The medical emergency designee must deliver absentee ballot to absentee election manager no later than noon on this day. [§ 17-11-18(a)].	Tuesday, June 21, 2022
Sheriff must deliver certificate of returns to chairman of county executive committee of each political party participating in primary runoff election by 10:00 a.m. on the Wednesday following the primary runoff election. [§ 17-13-14(a)].	Wednesday, June 22, 2022
The written affirmations of provisional voters, inspector challenge statements, and voter reidentification forms must be delivered by the sheriff to the board of registrars by noon on the day following the election. [§ 17-10-2].	Wednesday, June 22, 2022
Deadline for voters whose ballot became provisional due to lack of identification to provide identification (or provisional ballot and identification) including the address and telephone number of the voter to the board of registrars no later than 5:00 PM [§ 17-10-2(a)(3)]	Friday, June 24, 2022
Absentee ballots submitted by UOCAVA voters must be accepted until noon on this day. The ballot must have been postmarked no later than election day and meet other absentee ballot requirements to be counted. [§ 17-11-18(b)].	Tuesday, June 28, 2022

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The board of registrars must deliver the provisional voter affirmations and inspector challenge statements, with the certified findings attached, to the judge of probate no later than noon; 7 days after the election. [§ 17-10-2(e)].	Tuesday, June 28, 2022
At noon, the canvassing board shall tabulate provisional ballots which have been certified by the board of registrars. The canvassing board must certify the results of the provisional votes cast and must post one copy in the courthouse and must seal one copy into a container designated for each political party 7 days after the election. [§ 17-10-2(f)].	Tuesday, June 28, 2022
Last day for county executive committee to meet and receive, canvass, and tabulate returns by precinct and publicly declare results of primary runoff election no later than second Friday following the runoff election. [§ 17-13-18(d)].	Friday, July 1, 2022
State Holiday – Independence Day	Monday, July 4, 2022
Last day for chairman of county executive committee to meet and certify to chairman of state executive committee a statement and tabulation by precincts of results of primary runoff no later than noon, second Monday following the runoff. [§ 17-13-18(d)].	Monday, July 4, 2022
State executive committee must meet at state capitol and receive, canvass, and tabulate returns and provide Secretary of State with state primary runoff election returns by precinct on the third Wednesday following the primary runoff election. [§ 17-13-18(d)].	Wednesday, July 6, 2022
Chairman of state executive committee must certify names of those who have been nominated in first or second primary election as candidates of his/her party for state offices to Secretary of State. Chairman of county executive committee must certify names of those who have been nominated in first or second primary election as candidates of his/her party for county offices to judge of probate no later than noon, the third Wednesday following the primary runoff election. [§ 17-13-18(d)].	Wednesday, July 6, 2022
The state executive committee shall provide the Secretary of State with the primary runoff returns by precincts according to county on a form authorized by the Secretary of State on the third Wednesday following the primary runoff election. [§ 17-13-18(e)].	Wednesday, July 6, 2022
Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General must canvass election returns required by law to be sent to Secretary of State after the election within 22 days after the election. [§ 17-12-17].	Wednesday, July 13, 2022
Absentee election manager must file list of applications for absentee ballots from primary election with judge of probate 60 days after the primary. [§ 17-11-5(c)].	Saturday, July 23, 2022
The deadline for state or county executive committees to decide contests for county offices is 90 days prior to general election. [§ 17-13-86].	Wednesday, August 10, 2022
The deadline for state executive committee to decide contests for state offices is 83 days prior to general election. [§ 17-13-86].	Wednesday, August 17, 2022
Absentee election managers must file list of applications for absentee ballots from primary runoff election with judge of probate 60 days after the primary runoff election. [§ 17-11-5(c)].	Saturday, August 20, 2022

The last day for political parties to submit to the judge of probate for county offices and the Secretary of State for state and federal offices any amendments or corrections to certifications of candidates for the primary election is 76 days prior to general election. [§ 17-6-21(b)].	Wednesday, August 24, 2022
The last day candidates can withdraw their name from ballot is 76 days before the date of the election. [§ 17-6-21(c)].	Wednesday, August 24, 2022
The Secretary of State must certify names of opposed candidates for federal and state offices and for each candidate for office who has requested to be an independent candidate and has filed a written petition, in accordance with Section 17-9-3(b) and 17-13-22, to the judge of probate; 74 days prior to the general election.	Friday, August 26 2022
State Holiday - Labor Day	Monday, September 5, 2022
Judge of probate must issue public notice in each voting precinct of the requirement for and the availability of registration and voting aids for all handicapped and elderly individuals no later than 60 days before any state election. [§ 21-4-23(b)]. This date for the general election.	Friday, September 9, 2022
The last day for judge of probate to furnish list of qualified voters to absentee election managers is 55 days prior to the general election. [§ 17-11-5(b)].	Wednesday, September 14, 2022
The last day for absentee ballots and supplies to be delivered to the absentee election manager is 55 days prior to the general election. [§ 17-11-12].	Wednesday, September 14, 2022
The last day candidates in primary election can accept contributions to retire a campaign debt is 120 days after the primary election. [§ 17-5-7(b)(3)].	Wednesday, September 21, 2022
This is the last day to transmit absentee ballots to any UOCAVA voters whose absentee ballot request is received at least 45 days prior to the general (ballot transmittal 45 days prior to the general) per 52 U.S.C. § 20302(a)(8).	Saturday, September 24, 2022
State Holiday - Columbus Day	Monday, October 10, 2022
The first day for judge of probate, sheriff, and clerk of the circuit court to appoint poll workers is no more than 20 nor less than 15 days before the election. [§ 17-8-1(a)].	Wednesday October 19, 2022
The last day candidates in the primary runoff election can accept contributions to retire a campaign debt is 120 days after the primary runoff election. [§ 17-5-7(b)(2)].	Wednesday, October 19, 2022
The last day for judge of probate, sheriff, and clerk of the circuit court to appoint poll workers is no more than 20 nor less than 15 days before the election. [§ 17-8-1(a)].	Monday, October 24, 2022
The judge of probate must notify inspectors and returning officers of their appointment and publish a list of these appointments in a county newspaper not more than 20, nor less than 15 days before the election. [§ 17-8-2].	Monday, October 24, 2022
This is the last day to register to vote for general election. [§ 17-3-50(a)].	Monday, October 24, 2022

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The last day for judge of probate to give notice of general election, consisting of date of election and officers and subjects to be voted for and on is 14 days before each election. [§ 17-9-5].	Tuesday, October 25, 2022
First day election officials may begin testing automatic tabulating equipment for the general election to ascertain that equipment will correctly count votes cast. [Adm. Rule 307-X-1-.04].	Tuesday, October 25, 2022
First day judge of probate may print poll lists or load registration data into electronic poll books for the general election [§§ 17-4-2; 17-4-2.1]	Saturday, October 29, 2022
For any absentee application received on or after the 8 th day prior to the election that does not contain a copy of an approved form of identification, the absentee election manager shall issue a provisional ballot to that voter. [§ 17-10-2(c)(1)]	Monday, October 31, 2022
Absentee applications being returned by mail must be received not less than 7 days prior to the election. [§ 17-11-3].	Tuesday, November 1, 2022
An application for a voter who requires emergency treatment by a licensed physician within 5 days before an election may be forwarded to the absentee election manager by the applicant or by his or her designee. [§ 17-11-3(d)(2)].	Thursday, November 3, 2022
This is the last day for authority charged to hold a school of instruction for poll workers. The judge of probate must notify these election officials of time and place of instruction school and must publish notice at least 48 hours before instruction school takes place not less than 5 days before an election. [§ 17-8-9(a)].	Thursday, November 3, 2022
Absentee applications returned by hand must be received not less than 5 days prior to the election. [§ 17-11-3(a)]	Thursday, November 3, 2022
The last day judges of probate can deliver election supplies to sheriffs is not less than 3 days before the election. [§ 17-13-9].	Saturday, November 5, 2022
Absentee ballots being returned by hand to the absentee election manager must be received no later than the close of business on the day prior to the election. [§ 17-11-18].	Monday, November 7, 2022
The chair of each local political party as defined in Section 17-13-40, any person whose name is on the ballot as an independent, and any announced or known write-in candidates shall be given a minimum of 24 hours notice of the time and place where the canvassing board will meet to determine the number of write-in votes cast for each office on the ballot, ballot image, results tape, or other media prescribed by the Secretary of State by administrative rule and shall be permitted to be present when the determination is made. [§ 17-6-28(c)].	Monday, November 7, 2022
General Election	Tuesday, November 8, 2022
Absentee ballots being returned by mail to the absentee election manager must be received no later than noon on this day. [§ 17-11-18].	Tuesday, November 8, 2022
This is the last day for military and other UOCAVA voters in the general election to postmark an absentee ballot returned by mail to the absentee election manager. [§ 17-11-18(b)].	Tuesday, November 8, 2022
The medical emergency designee must deliver absentee ballot to absentee election manager no later than noon on this day. [§ 17-11-18(a)].	Tuesday, November 8, 2022

The inspectors or returning officer must deliver ballots and returns to sheriff. [§ 17-12-12].	Tuesday, November 8, 2022
Upon the closing of the polls, all write-in votes, which may be in the form of a ballot, or if an electronic voting system is utilized in the polling place, a ballot image, results tape, or other media as prescribed by the Secretary of State by administrative rule, from each polling place in the county shall be returned to a central location in the county as determined by the judge of probate where the canvassing board shall determine the number of write-in votes cast for each office on the ballot, ballot image, results tape, or other media as prescribed by the Secretary of State by administrative rule. [§ 17-6-28(c)].	Tuesday, November 8, 2022
The written affirmations of provisional voters, inspector challenge statements, and voter reidentification forms must be delivered by the sheriff to the board of registrars by noon on the day following the election. [§ 17-10-2(d)].	Wednesday, November 9, 2022
State Holiday – Veterans Day	Friday, November 11, 2022
The county canvassing board must prepare and transmit to the Secretary of State a written report itemizing the number of write-in votes cast for each separate federal or state office and the total votes cast for each of the candidates (top two) receiving the greatest number of votes for that office. [§ 17-6-28(c)].	Friday, November 11, 2022
Deadline for voters whose ballot became provisional due to lack of identification to provide identification (or provisional ballot and identification) including the address and telephone number of the voter to the board of registrars no later than 5:00 PM [§ 17-10-2(a)(3)]. This date moved to Monday due to the state holiday.	Monday, November 14, 2022
The county canvassing board must post a notice stating the number of write-in votes cast in each office on the ballot and, for each specific county office on the ballot, stating whether the number of write-in votes cast or the office is greater than or equal to the difference in votes between the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for the specific county office. The notice shall be posted on the door of the courthouse and any other place deemed appropriate by the canvassing board including, but not limited to, a county website. [§ 17-6-28(c)].	Monday, November 14, 2022
The county canvassing board must determine whether the number of write-in votes cast is greater than or equal to the difference in votes between the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for the specific county office. [§ 17-6-28(c)]	Monday, November 14, 2022
Upon receipt of all county reports setting out the number of write-in votes for each federal or state office, the Secretary of State shall determine whether the number of write-in votes cast statewide for any specific federal or state office is greater than or equal to the difference in votes between the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for that office. In the event the Secretary of State determines that the number of write-in votes cast statewide for any federal or state office is greater than or equal to the difference in votes between the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for that office, not later than <u>noon</u> on the first Monday following the election, the Secretary of State shall notify each judge of probate from a county where write-in votes for that office were cast that the write-in votes for that office shall be counted and reported. [17-6-28(c)]	Monday, November 14, 2022

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Upon determining the number of write-in votes as required, all ballots, ballot images, or results tapes with write-in votes shall be delivered to the sheriff who shall securely keep them in the same manner as provisional ballots are kept. [§ 17-10-2(d)]	Tuesday, November 15, 2022
When the number of write-in votes for any specific office is greater than or equal to the difference in votes between the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for that office write-in votes shall be counted at the same time and in the same manner as provisional ballots are counted. [§ 17-10-2(f)].	Tuesday, November 15, 2022
Absentee ballots submitted by UOCAVA voters must be accepted until noon this day. The ballot must have been postmarked no later than election day and meet other absentee ballot requirement to be counted. [§ 17-11-18(b)].	Tuesday, November 15, 2022
The absentee election manager must report, for the general election, the number of military and overseas ballots mailed out and the number of ballots received to the Secretary of State within 7 days after the election. [§ 17-11-5(d)].	Tuesday, November 15, 2022
The board of registrars must deliver the provisional voter affirmations and inspector challenge statements, with the certified findings attached, to the judge of probate no later than noon 7 days after the election. [§ 17-10-2(e)].	Tuesday, November 15, 2022
At noon, the canvassing board for poll workers shall tabulate provisional ballots which have been certified by the board of registrars. The canvassing board must certify the results of the provisional votes cast and must post one copy in the courthouse and must seal one copy into a container designated for each political party 7 days after the election. [§ 17-10-2(f)].	Tuesday, November 15, 2022
The county canvassing board must make in writing a public declaration of results by noon on the second Friday after the election. [§ 17-12-15].	Friday, November 18, 2022
The county canvassing board must file the original canvass of returns for county offices, including state House and state Senate, in the probate office, post a copy of the returns at the courthouse door, and immediately transmit a copy of the returns by fax to the Secretary of State. [§ 17-12-16].	Friday, November 18, 2022
The county canvassing board must file the county certificate of results for constitutional officers with the judge of probate. The judge of probate must immediately forward the certificate of results to the Secretary of State. [§ 17-12-16].	Friday, November 18, 2022
State Holiday - Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 24, 2022
The Secretary of State must furnish certificates of election to members of the legislature and members of Congress within 10 days of receiving returns from the judge of probate of each county. [§ 17-12-21].	Monday, November 28, 2022
The last day for the Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General to canvass election returns required by law to be sent to Secretary of State is within 22 days after the election. [§ 17-12-17].	Wednesday, November 30, 2022
State Holiday - Christmas Day Recognized	Monday, December 26, 2022

State Holiday - New Year's Day Recognized	Monday, January 2, 2023
Absentee election manager must file list of applications for absentee ballots from the general election with judge of probate 60 days after the election. [§ 17-11-5(c)].	Saturday, January 7, 2023
Inauguration Day for certain non-federal offices is on the first Monday after the second Tuesday in January after the election. [§§ 36-3-1 through 36-3-3].	Monday, January 16, 2023
State Holiday – Martin Luther King Jr’s. and Robert E. Lee’s Birthday	Monday, January 16, 2023
The last day for Secretary of State to report information on the number of military and overseas ballots mailed out and the number of ballots received to the Federal Election Assistance Commission within 90 days of each regularly scheduled general election for federal office. [§ 17-11-5(d)]	Monday, February 6, 2023
The last day candidates in the general election can accept contributions to retire a campaign debt is 120 days after the general election. [§ 17-5-7(b)(3)].	Wednesday, March 8, 2023
The sheriff can destroy ballots 22 months after general election unless there is notification that election has been contested (52 USC § 20701).	Sunday, September 8, 2024

1.2 2022 Fair Campaign Practices Act Filing Calendar

2022 Election Cycle

Statewide Primary Election	Tuesday, May 24, 2022
Primary Runoff Election	Tuesday, June 21, 2022
General Election	Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Light Gray lines indicate deadlines involving monthly reports. Monthly reports are due on the second business day of the subsequent month beginning 12 months before the election date and after crossing the threshold which is \$1,000. [§ 17-5-8(a)(1)] Monthly reports are not due if filing weekly reports. [§ 17-5-8(k)]

Darker Gray lines indicate deadlines involving weekly reports. Weekly reports covering the period Saturday through Friday are due on the Monday of the subsequent week beginning four weeks before the election date. [§ 17-5-8(a)(2)] The last weekly report is not due if filing daily reports. [§ 17-5-8(k)]

Dark lines indicate deadlines involving daily reports. Beginning on the 8th day prior to the election, daily reports are due for principal campaign committees and PACs that receive or spend \$5,000 or more on any day with a view toward influencing the election. Daily reports are only due on those days that the \$5,000 threshold is met. Daily reports apply only to legislative, state school board, and statewide candidates, not circuit, district, county, or city candidates. [§ 17-5-8(a)(3)(a)]

Principal campaign committees and PACs must file a report disclosing the receipt of any single contribution of \$20,000 or more within two (2) business days of receiving the contribution if the contribution has not already been reported in a finance disclosure report. [§ 17-5-8.1(c)]

Black lines indicate the legislative blackout beginning and ending dates. The FCPA prohibits candidates for legislative and statewide offices from raising money while the Alabama Legislature is in session, except within 120 days of a primary, primary runoff, or general election. [§ 17-5-7(b)(2)]

Electioneering communication is defined as any communication disseminated through any federally regulated broadcast media, any mailing, or the distribution, electronic communication, phone bank, or publication containing (1) the name or image of a candidate; (2) is made within 120 days of an election in which the candidate will appear on the ballot; (3) the only reasonable conclusion to be drawn from the presentation and content of the communication is that it is intended to influence the outcome of the election; and (4) entails an expenditure in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000). [§ 17-5-2(a)(5)]

Party candidates intending to participate in the 2022 primary election may not begin soliciting or accepting contributions until May 24, 2021. Candidates may loan funds to their campaigns prior to May 24, 2021.

Independent candidates intending to participate in the 2022 general election may not begin soliciting or accepting contributions until November 8, 2021. Independent candidates may loan funds to their campaigns prior to November 8, 2021.

Date	Activity
February 2, 2021	First day of regular session for the Alabama legislature and the first day of the legislative blackout.
February 15, 2021	State Holiday – George Washington/Thomas Jefferson Birthday
February 16, 2021	State Holiday – Mardi Gras (Observed in Baldwin and Mobile counties)
March 3, 2021	The last day to raise funds to retire campaign debt for the 2020 general election (120 days after the election). [§ 17-5-7(b)(3)].
April 26, 2021	State Holiday – Confederate Memorial Day
May 17, 2021	Last day of regular session for the Alabama legislature and the last day of the legislative blackout, unless a special legislative session is called.
May 24, 2021	Major party candidates intending to participate in the 2022 primary election may begin soliciting and accepting contributions.
May 31, 2021	State Holiday - Memorial Day
May 31, 2021	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
June 2, 2021	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<i>June 2, 2021</i>	<i>Deadline to file the May monthly report</i>
June 7, 2021	State Holiday - Jefferson Davis's Birthday
June 30, 2021	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
July 2, 2021	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<i>July 2, 2021</i>	<i>Deadline to file the June monthly report</i>
July 5, 2021	State Holiday - Independence Day Recognized
July 31, 2021	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
August 3, 2021	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<i>August 3, 2021</i>	<i>Deadline to file the July monthly report</i>
August 31, 2021	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
September 2, 2021	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<i>September 2, 2021</i>	<i>Deadline to file the August monthly report</i>
September 6, 2021	State Holiday – Labor Day
September 30, 2021	Deadline to close books for the monthly report

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October 4, 2021	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
October 4, 2021	Deadline to file the September monthly report
October 11, 2021	State Holiday – Columbus Day
October 31, 2021	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
November 2, 2021	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
November 2, 2021	Deadline to file the October monthly report
November 8, 2021	Independent & minor party candidates may begin soliciting and accepting contributions.
November 11, 2021	State Holiday – Veterans’ Day
November 25, 2021	State Holiday - Thanksgiving Day
November 30, 2021	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
December 2, 2021	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
December 2, 2021	Deadline to file the November monthly report
December 24, 2021	State Holiday - Christmas Day Recognized
December 31, 2021	State Holiday - New Year's Day Recognized
December 31, 2021	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
January 4, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
January 4, 2022	Deadline to file the December monthly report
January 11, 2022	First day of regular session for the Alabama Legislature and the first day of the legislative blackout.
January 17, 2022	State Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr.’s and Robert E. Lee’s Birthday
January 24, 2022	Last day of the legislative blackout.
January 28, 2022	Last day candidates may qualify with major political parties to participate in the primary election [§ 17-13-5(a)]
January 31, 2022	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
January 31, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the annual report
January 31, 2022	Annual Report Due. Only for PACs and elected officials not already filing monthly reports in the 2022 election cycle. Also applies to PACs and Principal Campaign Committees not participating in the 2022 election cycle. [§ 17-5-8(b)]
February 2, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
February 2, 2022	Deadline to file the January monthly report

February 21, 2022	State Holiday – George Washington/Thomas Jefferson Birthday
February 28, 2022	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
March 1, 2022	Mardi Gras – Observed in Baldwin and Mobile Counties
March 2, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
March 2, 2022	<i>Deadline to file the February monthly report</i>
March 31, 2022	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
April 4, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
April 4, 2022	<i>Deadline to file the March monthly report</i>
April 25, 2022	State Holiday – Confederate Memorial Day
April 26, 2022	Last day of regular session for the Alabama legislature.
April 29, 2022	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the primary election
April 30, 2022	Deadline to close books for the monthly report; <u>only</u> for candidates <u>not</u> participating in primary election
May 2, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the primary election
May 2, 2022	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the primary election</i>
May 3, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report; <u>only</u> for candidates <u>not</u> participating in primary election
May 3, 2022	<i>Deadline to file the April monthly report; <u>only</u> for candidates <u>not</u> participating in primary election</i>
May 6, 2022	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the primary election
May 9, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the primary election
May 9, 2022	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the primary election</i>
May 13, 2022	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the primary election
May 16, 2022	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
May 16, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the primary election
May 16, 2022	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the primary election</i>

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May 17, 2022	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
May 18, 2022	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
May 19, 2022	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
May 20, 2022	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the primary election
May 20, 2022	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
May 21, 2022	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
May 22, 2022	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
May 23, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the primary election.
May 23, 2022	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the primary election.</i>
May 23, 2022	<i>Daily report due by 12:01 p.m. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
May 24, 2022	Primary Elections
May 27, 2022	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the primary runoff election
May 30, 2022	State Holiday – Memorial Day
May 31, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the primary runoff election
May 31, 2022	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the primary runoff election</i>
May 31, 2022	Deadline to close books for the monthly report; <u>only</u> for candidates <u>not</u> participating in primary runoff election
June 2, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report; <u>only</u> for candidates <u>not</u> participating in primary runoff election
June 2, 2022	<i>Deadline to file the May monthly report; only for candidates not participating in primary runoff election</i>
June 3, 2022	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the primary runoff election

June 6, 2022	State Holiday – Jefferson Davis’s Birthday
June 7, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the primary runoff election
June 7, 2022	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the primary runoff election</i>
June 10, 2022	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the primary runoff election
June 13, 2022	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
June 13, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the primary runoff election
June 13, 2022	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the primary runoff election</i>
June 14, 2022	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
June 15, 2022	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
June 16, 2022	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
June 17, 2022	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
June 17, 2022	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the primary runoff election
June 18, 2022	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
June 19, 2022	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
June 20, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the primary runoff election
June 20, 2022	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the primary runoff election</i>
June 20, 2022	<i>Daily reports due by 12:01 p.m. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page</i>
June 21, 2022	Primary Runoff Elections
June 30, 2022	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
July 4, 2022	State Holiday – Independence Day

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July 5, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
July 5, 2022	<i>Deadline to file the June monthly report</i>
July 31, 2022	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
August 2, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
August 2, 2022	<i>Deadline to file the July monthly report</i>
August 31, 2022	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
September 2, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
September 2, 2022	<i>Deadline to file the August monthly report</i>
September 5, 2022	State Holiday – Labor Day
September 21, 2022	The last day to raise funds to retire campaign debt for the 2022 primary election (120 days after the election). [§ 17-5-7(b)(3)]
September 30, 2022	Deadline to close books for the monthly report for the general election
October 4, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
October 4, 2022	<i>Deadline to file the September monthly report</i>
October 10, 2022	State Holiday – Columbus Day
October 14, 2022	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the general election
October 17, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the general election
October 17, 2022	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the general election</i>
October 19, 2022	The last day to raise funds to retire campaign debt for the 2022 primary runoff election (120 days after the election) [§ 17-5-7(b)(3)]
October 21, 2022	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the general election
October 24, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the general election
October 24, 2022	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the general election</i>
October 28, 2022	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the general election
October 31, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the general election
October 31, 2022	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the general election</i>
October 31, 2022	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>

<i>November 1, 2022</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
<i>November 2, 2022</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
<i>November 3, 2022</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
November 4, 2022	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the general election
<i>November 4, 2022</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
<i>November 5, 2022</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
<i>November 6, 2022</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
November 7, 2022	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the general election
<i>November 7, 2022</i>	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the general election</i>
<i>November 7, 2022</i>	<i>Daily report due by 12:01 p.m. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
November 8, 2022	General Election
November 11, 2022	State Holiday – Veterans Day
November 24, 2022	State Holiday – Thanksgiving Day
January 31, 2023	Certified mail deadline for annual report
<i>January 31, 2023</i>	<i>2022 annual report due (on or before January 31 of the succeeding year)</i>
March 8, 2023	The last day to raise funds to retire campaign debt for the 2022 general election (120 days after the election) [§ 17-5-7(b)(3)]

1.3 Offices up for Election in 2022 and Thereafter

Office	Term	2022	2024	2026
FEDERAL OFFICES				
President/Vice President	4		X	
Delegates to National Convention			X	
U.S. Senator – Class 2 (Tommy Tuberville)	6			X
U.S. Senator – Class 3 (Richard Shelby)	6	X		
U.S. Representative	2	X	X	X
STATE OFFICES				
Governor	4	X		X
Lt. Governor	4	X		X
Attorney General	4	X		X
Secretary of State	4	X		X
State Treasurer	4	X		X
State Auditor	4	X		X
Commissioner of Agriculture & Industries	4	X		X
State Senator	4	X		X
State Representative	4	X		X
State Board of Education				
Odd Districts (1,3,5,7)	4		X	
Even Districts (2,4,6,8)	4	X		X
Justices of the Supreme Court*				
Chief Justice (Tom Parker)	6		X	
Place 1 (Sarah Stewart)	6		X	
Place 2 (Tommy Bryan)	6		X	
Place 3 (Will Sellers)	6		X	
Place 4 (Jay Mitchell)	6		X	
Place 5 (Mike Bolin)	6	X		
Place 6 (Kelli Wise)	6	X		
Place 7 (Brad Mendheim)	6			X
Place 8 (Greg Shaw)	6			X
Court of Criminal Appeals Judge*				
Place 1 (Richard Minor)	6		X	
Place 2 (Chris McCool)	6		X	
Place 3 (William Cole)	6		X	
Place 4 (Mary Becker Windom)	6			X
Place 5 (Beth Kellum)	6			X
Court of Civil Appeals Judge*				
Place 1 (Christy Edwards)	6		X	
Place 2 (Chad Hanson)	6		X	
Place 3 (Terry Moore)	6		X	
Place 4 (Bill Thompson)	6			X
Place 5 (Scott Donaldson)	6			X
* Judges appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve an initial term lasting until the 1 st Monday after the 2 nd Tuesday in January following the next general election held after he/she has completed two years in office. At such election such judicial office shall be filled for a full term of office beginning at the end of the appointed term. Therefore, future election years cannot be given as it is not known if or when a judge may resign, retire, or otherwise leave office during a term.				

Office	Term	2022	2024	2026
Circuit & District Courts				
Circuit Court Judge	6	<i>For Circuit & District Judge information, contact Administrative Office of Courts</i>		
District Court Judge	6			
District Attorney	6	X		
Circuit Clerk	6		X	
Public Service Commission				
President	4		X	
Commissioner Place 1	4	X		X
Commissioner Place 2	4	X		X
COUNTY OFFICES				
Judge of Probate	6		X	
Sheriff	4	X		X
Revenue Commissioner	6			X
Tax Assessor	6			X
Tax Collector	6			X
License Commissioner*	6		X	
*Mobile County License Commissioner serves a 4 year term				
<i>For further details of which offices are up for election in which years, contact individual counties</i>				
County Commission*	4			
* Barbour, Bullock, & Perry Counties are elected to 6 year terms				
<i>For details on which districts are up for elections in which years contact individual counties</i>				
County Board of Education	6			
<i>For details of which districts are up for election in which years contact individual counties</i>				
County School Board Superintendent				
<i>For details of length of terms and which year elected contact individual counties</i>				
Coroner	4	X		X
Constable	4		X	
FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY ELECTION DATES				
The Primary Election is held the 4 th Tuesday in May unless it is a Presidential Primary, then it is held the 1 st Tuesday in March. The Runoff is held the 4 th Tuesday after the Primary. The General Election is held the 1 st Tuesday after the 1 st Monday in November.				
	2022	2024	2026	
Primary	5/24/2022	3/5/2024	5/26/2026	
Runoff	6/21/2022	4/2/2024	6/23/2026	
General	11/8/2022	11/5/2024	11/3/2026	
MUNICIPAL OFFICES				
<i>For additional information concerning municipal elections, contact the city clerk's office</i>				

