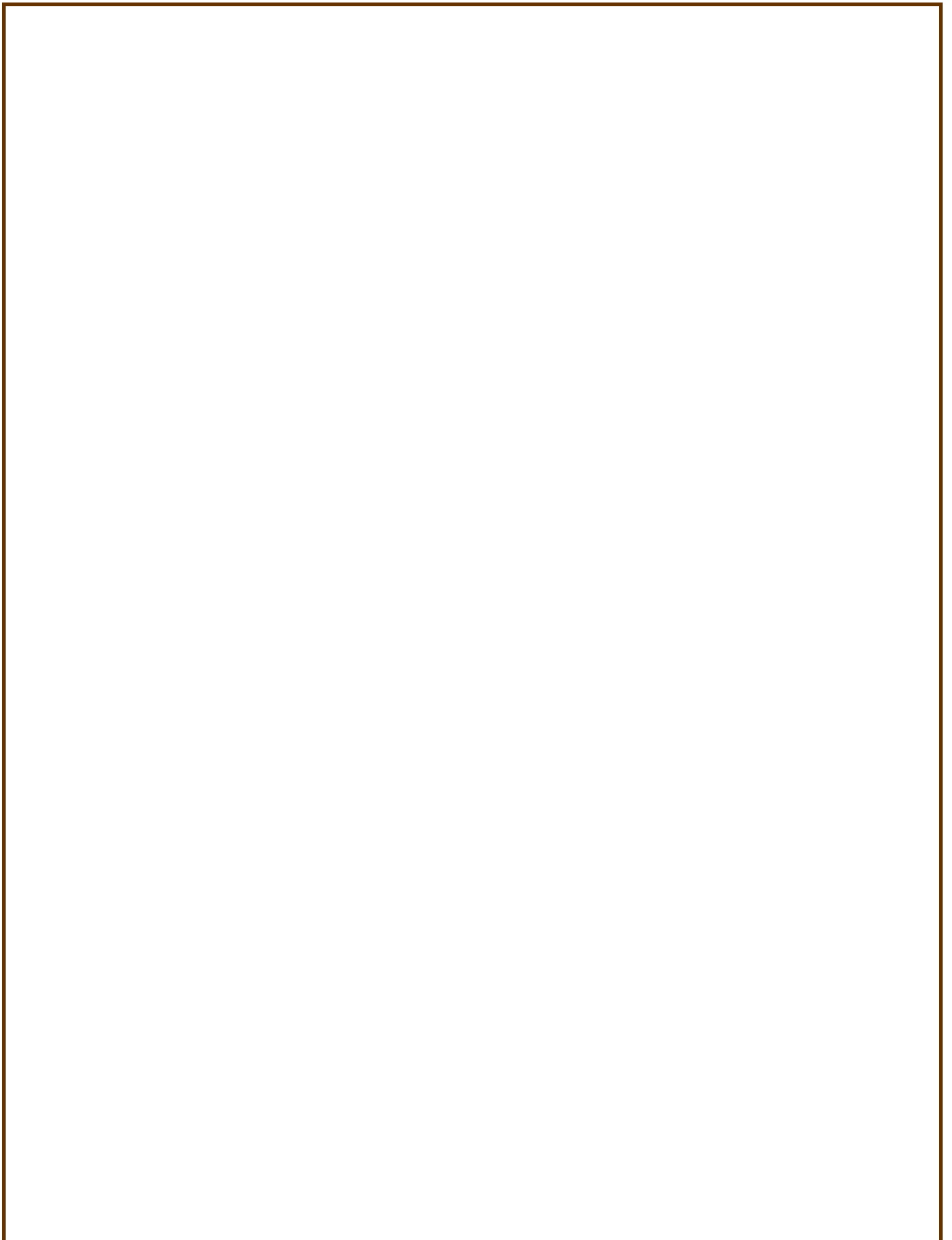


Florida Department of State Division of Elections

2010
Dates to Remember
(REVISED)





2010 ELECTION DATES

Primary Election.....August 24, 2010

General Election.....November 2, 2010

CANDIDATE QUALIFYING DATES

Federal, Judicial, State Attorney, and
Public Defender.....Noon, April 26 – Noon, April 30

Statewide, Multi-county, County and
District.....Noon, June 14 – Noon, June 18

VOTER REGISTRATION BOOK CLOSING DATES

Primary Election.....July 26

General Election.....October 4

EARLY VOTING DATES

Primary Election.....August 9 – August 22

General Election.....October 18 – October 31

2010 DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 15 Deadline for third-party voter registration organizations to submit a report to the Division of Elections providing the date and location of any organized voter registration drives conducted in the prior calendar quarter (*Section 97.0575, F.S. – On or before the 15th day after the end of each calendar quarter*).
- January 31 Supervisors to certify list maintenance activities to the Division (*Sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S. – not later than January 31 of each year*)
- February 1 Initiative petition signature certification deadline (*Article XI, section 5, Fla. Const. – not later than February 1 of the general election year*)
- March 2 Legislative Session begins (*Article III, section 3, Fla. Const. – 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in March*)
- March 27* Department of State to publish notice of general election in a newspaper of general circulation in each county twice before April 26 (*Section 100.021, F.S. – during the 30 days prior to the beginning of qualifying*)
- March 29 Noon, petitions for federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method due to supervisors of elections (*Sections 99.095 and 105.035, F.S. – before noon of the 28th day preceding the first day of the qualifying period for the office sought*)
- April 12 Qualifying offices may begin accepting and holding qualifying papers for federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates to be processed and filed during the qualifying period (*Sections 99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – not earlier than 14 days prior to the beginning of the qualifying period*)
- April 15 Deadline for third-party voter registration organizations to submit a report to the Division of Elections providing the date and location of any organized voter registration drives conducted in the prior calendar quarter (*Section 97.0575, F.S. – On or before the 15th day after the end of each calendar quarter*).
- April 16 Written resignations due for officers qualifying as judicial, state attorney or public defender candidates if the terms of the offices, or any part thereof, run concurrently with each other (*Section 99.012, F.S. – at least 10 days prior to the first day of the qualifying period*)

- April 19 Deadline for supervisors to certify to the Division the number of valid signatures for federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method (*Sections 99.095 and 105.035, F.S. – not later than the 7th day before the first day of the qualifying period*)
- April 26 Noon, qualifying begins for all federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates (*Sections 99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – at any time after noon...of the 120th day prior to the primary election*)
- April 30 Noon, qualifying ends for all federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates (*Sections 99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – not later than noon of the 116th day prior to the date of the primary election*)
- Legislative Session ends (*Article III, section 3, Fla. Const. – a regular session of the Legislature shall not exceed 60 consecutive days, unless extended by three-fifths vote of each house*)
- May 2** Deadline for partisan candidates to change party affiliation (*Section 99.021, F.S. – 6 months preceding the General Election*)
- May 6 First date state write-in absentee ballots made available to overseas voters (*Section 101.6951, F.S. – 180 days prior to the General Election*)
- May 7 Deadline for Department of State to certify to the supervisors the names of all duly qualified federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates who have qualified with the Department (*Section 99.061, F.S. – Within 7 days after the closing date for qualifying*)
- May 17 Noon, petitions for statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method due to supervisors (*Section 99.095, F.S. – before noon of the 28th day preceding the first day of the qualifying period for the office sought*)
- May 20 Department of State to remit to the respective state executive committees of political parties, 95% of their entitled filing fees and party assessments from federal, state attorney and public defender candidates (*Section 99.103, F.S. – not later than 20 days after the close of qualifying*)
- May 26 Deadline for supervisors to notify overseas voters of upcoming primary and general elections (*Section 100.025, F.S. – at least 90 days prior to regular primary and general elections*)

Last day to remove registered voters from rolls based on address list maintenance for 2010 federal election. Registered voters can be removed at any time upon request by the voter, death, or ineligibility under section 98.075, F.S. (*Section 98.065, F.S. – 90 days prior to a federal election*)

- May 31*** Qualifying offices may begin accepting and holding qualifying papers for statewide, multi-county, county, and district candidates to be processed and filed during the qualifying period (*Section 99.061, F.S. – not earlier than 14 days prior to the beginning of the qualifying period*)
- June 4 Written resignations due for an officer qualifying as a candidate for statewide, multi-county, county or district office if the terms of the offices, or any part thereof, run concurrently with each other (*Section 99.012, F.S. – at least 10 days prior to the first day of the qualifying period*)
- June 7 Deadline for supervisors to certify to the Division the number of valid signatures for statewide and multi-county candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method (*Section 99.095, F.S. – not later than the 7th day before the first day of the qualifying period*)
- June 14 Noon, qualifying begins for all statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates (other than federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender) (*Section 99.061, F.S. – noon of the 71st day prior to the primary election*)
- June 18 Noon, qualifying ends for all statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates (other than federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender) (*Section 99.061, F.S. – not later than noon of the 67th day prior to the primary election*)
- June 21 Supervisors to submit to the Department a list containing the names, party affiliations, and addresses of all candidates and the offices for which they qualified (*Section 99.092, F.S. – immediately after the last day for qualifying*)
- June 25 Supervisors to begin preparing daily electronic files of absentee ballot request information and upload to the Department of State for the Primary Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – beginning 60 days prior to the primary election until 15 days after the general election*)

Deadline for Department of State to certify to the supervisors the names of all duly qualified statewide and multi-county candidates who have qualified with the Department (*Section 99.061, F.S. – within 7 days after the closing date for qualifying*)

Security procedures due to the Department of State (*Section 101.015, F.S. – at least 45 days before early voting begins*)

- July 8 Department of State to remit to the respective state executive committees of political parties, 95% of their entitled filing fees and party assessments from state and multicounty district candidates (*Section 99.103, F.S. – not later than 20 days after the close of qualifying*)
- July 10* Deadline for supervisors to mail absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters for the Primary Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – not less than 45 days before the primary election*)
- July 15 Deadline for third-party voter registration organizations to submit a report to the Division of Elections providing the date and location of any organized voter registration drives conducted in the prior calendar quarter (*Section 97-0575, F.S. – On or before the 15th day after the end of each calendar quarter*).
- July 18** Supervisors to remit filing fees to the state executive committee of the political party of the candidates (*Section 99.061, F.S. – within 30 days after the close of qualifying*)
- July 25** Last date for supervisors to designate early voting sites for the Primary Election (*Section 101.657, F.S. – not later than the 30th day prior to the election*)
- First day a challenge to a voter may be filed for the Primary Election (*Section 101.111, F.S. – not sooner than 30 days before an election*)
- Last day for Secretary of State to authorize a county to use ballot-on-demand for producing election day ballots (*Section 101.151, F.S. – not later than 30 days before an election*)
- Last day for supervisors to mail time and location of logic and accuracy test to county party chairs and candidates who did not receive notice at qualifying (*Section 101.5612, F.S. – at least 15 days prior to the beginning of early voting*)

- July 26 Voter registration closes for the Primary Election (*Section 97.055, F.S. – on the 29th day before each election*)
- Poll watcher designations due for early voting sites for Primary Election (*Section 101.131, F.S. – at least 14 days before early voting begins*)
- July 30 First date to conduct logic and accuracy test for Primary Election (*Section 101.5612, F.S. – not more than 10 days prior to beginning of early voting*)
- July 31* Supervisors to certify address and eligibility list maintenance activities to the Division (*Sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S. – not later than July 31 of each year*)
- August 2 Last date for supervisors to approve poll watchers for early voting sites for the Primary Election (*Section 101.131, F.S. – not later than 7 days before early voting begins*)
- August 4 Last day state write-in ballot is available to overseas voters (*Section 101.6951, F.S. – 90 days prior to a general election*)
- Last date for supervisors to appoint poll workers for the Primary Election (*Section 102.012, F.S. – at least 20 days prior to any election*)
- August 9 Early voting begins for the Primary Election (*Section 101.657, F.S. – on the 15th day before an election*)
- August 10 First day for supervisors to prepare daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voter details and upload to the Department of State (*Section 101.657, F.S. – not later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities*)
- Noon, poll watcher designations for the Primary Election due (*Section 101.131, F.S. – prior to noon of the 2nd Tuesday preceding the election*)
- August 17 Last date for supervisors to approve poll watchers for the Primary Election (*Section 101.131, F.S. – on or before the Tuesday before the election*)
- Last date for supervisors to mail sample ballots to voters in lieu of publication for the Primary Election (*Section 101.20, F.S. – at least 7 days prior to any election*)

- August 18 7 a.m., canvassing board may begin canvassing absentee ballots for the Primary Election (*Section 101.68, F.S. – 7 a.m. on the 6th day before the election*)
- 5 p.m., deadline for supervisors to receive requests for absentee ballots to be mailed to voters for the Primary Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – not later than 5 p.m. on the 6th day before the election*)
- August 19 1st day to provide absentee ballots to designees for the Primary Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – 5 days prior to the election*)
- August 20 Last date for supervisors to mail absentee ballots for the Primary Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – not later than 4 days before the election*)
- 5 p.m., deadline for late registration for individuals covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (*Section 97.0555, F.S. – 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election*)
- August 22** Early voting ends for the Primary Election (*Section 101.657, F.S. – on the 2nd day before an election*)
- August 23 Last day for supervisors to prepare daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voter details and upload to the Department of State for the Primary Election (*Section 101.657, F.S. – not later than noon of each day for the previous day’s activities*)
- Last date to publish sample ballot in newspaper of general circulation in the county for the Primary Election (*Section 101.20, F.S. - prior to the day of the election*)
- August 24 PRIMARY ELECTION (*Section 100.061, F.S. –the Tuesday 10 weeks prior to the general election*)
- 7 p.m., deadline for receipt of absentee ballots for the Primary Election (*Section 101.67, F.S., - all absentee ballots must be received by 7 p.m. election day*)
- 11:59 p.m., preliminary election returns must be filed with the Department of State (*Section 102.141, F.S. – by 11:59 p.m. on election night*)
- Department of State to remit remainder of filing fees and party assessments to the respective political parties (*Section 99.103, F.S. – not later than the date of the primary election*)

- August 26 5 p.m., deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide evidence of eligibility to supervisors (*Section 101.048, F.S. – not later than 5 p.m. on the second day following the election*)
- August 27 Noon, deadline for county canvassing board to file 1st unofficial results of the Primary Election with the Department of State (*Section 102.141, F.S. – not later than noon of the 3rd day after a primary election*)
- August 29** 3 p.m., deadline for county canvassing board to file 2nd unofficial results for the Primary Election, if necessary (*Section 102.141, F.S. – not later than 3 p.m. of the 5th day after a primary election*)
- August 31 5 p.m., deadline for county canvassing board to file certificate of official results with the Department of State for the Primary Election (*Section 102.112, F.S. – 5 p.m. on the 7th day following a primary*)
- County canvassing boards to file a report with the Division of Elections on the conduct of the Primary Election (*Section 102.141, F.S. – at the same time that the results of an election are certified*)
- September 1 County canvassing board to begin manual audit of the voting system for the Primary Election (*Section 101.591, F.S. – immediately following the certification of the election by the county canvassing board*)
- Supervisors to transmit to the Department of State a list containing the names of all county and district officers nominated or elected, the office for which each was nominated or elected, and the mailing address of each (*Section 102.151, F.S. – immediately after the county canvassing board has canvassed the returns of the election*)
- September 2 9 a.m., Elections Canvassing Commission meets to certify returns for federal, state, and multicounty office (*Section 102.111, F.S. – 9 a.m. on the 9th day after a primary election*)
- 5 p.m., deadline for each candidate for Governor to designate a Lieutenant Governor as a running mate and for the Lieutenant Governor running mate to qualify (*Section 99.063, F.S. – not later than 5 p.m. on the 9th day following the primary election*)
- September 7 11:59 p.m., deadline for completion of the manual audit of the voting system and for the results to be made public (*Section 101.591, F.S. – not later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7th day following certification of the election by the county canvassing board*)

- September 18* Last date for supervisors to mail absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters for the General Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – not less than 45 days before the general election*)
- September 22 Report of manual audit due to Division of Elections (*Section 101.591, F.S. – within 15 days after completion of the audit of the voting system*)
- September 23 Deadline for provisional ballot information to be made available on free access system for the Primary Election (*Section 101.048, F.S. – no later than 30 days following the election*)
- October 3** Last date for supervisors to designate early voting sites for the General Election (*Section 101.657, F.S. – not later than 30 days prior to the election*)
- Last day for supervisors to mail time and location of logic and accuracy test to county party chairs and candidates (*Section 101.5612, F.S. – at least 15 days prior to the beginning of early voting*)
- Last day for Secretary of State to authorize a county to use ballot-on-demand for producing election day ballots (*Section 101.151, F.S. – not later than 30 days before an election*)
- First day a challenge to a voter may be filed for the General Election (*Section 101.111, F.S. – not sooner than 30 days before an election*)
- October 4 Voter registration closes for the General Election (*Section 97.055, F.S. – on the 29th day before each election*)
- Poll watcher designations due for early voting sites for the General Election (*Section 101.131, F.S. – at least 14 days before early voting begins*)
- October 8 First date to conduct logic and accuracy test for General Election (*Section 101.5612, F.S. – not more than 10 days prior to beginning of early voting*)
- October 11*** Last date for supervisors to approve poll watchers for early voting sites for the General Election (*Section 101.131, F.S. – not later than 7 days before early voting begins*)
- October 13 Last date for supervisors to appoint poll workers for the General Election (*Section 102.012, F.S. – at least 20 days prior to any election*)

- October 15 Deadline for third-party voter registration organizations to submit a report to the Division of Elections providing the date and location of any organized voter registration drives conducted in the prior calendar quarter (*Section 97.0575, F.S. – On or before the 15th day after the end of each calendar quarter*).
- October 18 Early voting begins for the General Election (*Section 101.657, F.S. – on the 15th day before an election*)
- October 19 First day for supervisors to prepare daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voter details and upload to the Department of State (*Section 101.657, F.S. – not later than noon of each day for the previous day’s activities*)
- Noon, poll watcher designations for the General Election due (*Section 101.131, F.S. – prior to noon of the 2nd Tuesday preceding the election*)
- October 26 Last date for supervisors to approve poll watchers for the General Election (*Section 101.131, F.S. – on or before the Tuesday before the election*)
- Last date to mail sample ballots to voters in lieu of publication for the General Election (*Section 101.20, F.S. – at least 7 days prior to any election*)
- October 27 7 a.m., canvassing board may begin canvassing absentee ballots for the General Election (*Section 101.68, F.S. – 7 a.m. on the 6th day before the election*)
- 5 p.m., deadline for supervisors to receive requests for absentee ballots to be mailed to voters for the General Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – not later than 5 p.m. on the 6th day before the election*)
- October 28 1st day to provide absentee ballots to designees for the General Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – 5 days before the election*)
- October 29 Last date for supervisors to mail absentee ballots for the General Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – not later than 4 days before the election*)
- 5 p.m., deadline for late registration for individuals covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (*Section 97.0555, F.S. – 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election*)

- October 31** Early voting ends for the General Election (*Section 101.657, F.S. – on the 2nd day before an election*)
- Supervisors to file annual financial report with the Division relating to funds received pursuant to HAVA’s Health and Human Services grant
- November 1 Last day for supervisors to prepare daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voter details and upload to the Department of State for the Primary Election (*Section 101.657, F.S. – not later than noon of each day for the previous day’s activities*)
- Last date for supervisors to publish sample ballot in newspaper of general circulation in the county for the General Election (*Section 101.20, F.S. – prior to the day of the election*)
- November 2 GENERAL ELECTION (*Section 100.031, F.S. – the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November of each even-numbered year*)
- 7 p.m., deadline for receipt of absentee ballots for the General Election (except votes cast for federal offices on overseas absentee ballots which are postmarked or signed and dated not later than the date of the general election if received not later than 10 days from the date of the general election) – *Rule 1S-2.013, F.A.C., based on settlement agreement: United States v. State of Florida et al., TCA-80-1055 (N.D. Fla. Apr. 2, 1982)*
- 11:59 p.m., preliminary election returns must be filed with the Department of State (*Section 102.141, F.S. – by 11:59 p.m. on election night*)
- November 4 5 p.m., deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide evidence of eligibility to supervisors (*Section 101.048, F.S. – not later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day following the election*)
- November 6* Noon, deadline for county canvassing board to file 1st unofficial results of General Election with the Department of State (*Section 102.141, F.S. – not later than noon of the 4th day after a general election*)
- November 11*** 3 p.m., deadline for county canvassing board to file 2nd unofficial results of the General Election with the Department of State, if necessary (*Section 102.141, F.S. – not later than 3 p.m. of the 9th day after the election*)

- November 12 Deadline for receipt of overseas ballots for General Election (*Rule 1S-2.013, F.A.C. – ballot postmarked or signed and dated not later than the date of the federal election and received not later than 10 days from the date of the election*)
- November 14** Noon, deadline for county canvassing board to file certificate of official results with the Department of State for the General Election (*Section 102.112, F.S. – noon of the 12th day following the election*)
- County canvassing boards to file a report with the Division of Elections on the conduct of the General Election (*Section 102.141, F.S. – at the same time that the results of an election are certified*)
- November 15 County canvassing board to begin manual audit of the voting system for the General Election (*Section 101.591, F.S. – immediately following the certification of the election by the county canvassing board*)
- Supervisors to transmit to the Department of State a list containing the names of all county and district officers nominated or elected, the office for which each was nominated or elected, and the mailing address of each (*Section 102.151, F.S. – immediately after the county canvassing board has canvassed the returns of the election*)
- November 16 9 a.m., Elections Canvassing Commission meets to certify the returns for each federal, state, and multicounty office (*Section 102.111, F.S. – 9 a.m. on the 14th day after a General Election*)
- November 17 Last day to prepare daily electronic files of absentee ballot request information and upload to the Department of State (*Section 101.62, F.S. – beginning 60 days prior to the primary election until 15 days after the general election*)
- November 21** 11:59 p.m., deadline for completion of the manual audit of the voting system and for the results to be made public (*Section 101.591, F.S. – not later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7th day following certification of the election by the county canvassing board*)
- December 1 Supervisors of each county in which petition signatures are verified at no charge for a candidate or organization may submit the total number of such signatures checked to the Chief Financial Officer for reimbursement (*Section 99.097, F.S. – not later than December 1 of the general election year*)

- December 2 Deadline for provisional ballot information to be made available on free access system for the General Election (*Section 101.048, F.S. – no later than 30 days following the election*)
- December 6 Report of manual audit of the voting system due to Division of Elections (*Section 101.591, F.S. – within 15 days after completion of the audit*)
- December 15 Report on the voter education programs implemented due to the Department of State (*Section 98.255, F.S. – by December 15 of each general election year*)
- Report on the total number of overvotes and undervotes in the Governor and Lt. Governor race due to the Department of State (*Section 101.595, F.S. – not later than December 15 of each general election year*)
- December 17 Supervisors to file precinct-level results of the Primary and General Elections with the Department of State (*Section 98.0981, F.S. – within 45 days after the date of a general election*)
- Deadline for supervisors to update and submit to the Department of State voting history for the Primary and General Elections (*Section 98.0981, F.S. – within 45 days after a general election*)
- December 31 Supervisors to file annual financial reports with the Division relating to HAVA funds received for voter education, poll worker recruitment and training, federal elections assistance, voting systems assistance and ballot-on-demand



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