

2018 Election Calendar

6-July (Friday)	Deadline to notify the counties of the ballots selected to be audited. (No later than 11:59 p.m. MT on the 10th day after election day)	Rule 25.2.2(k)
12-July (Thursday)	Last day to file an unaffiliated candidate nomination petition. (No later than 3:00 p.m. on the 117th day before the General Election)	1-4-802(1)(f)(I)
17-July (Tuesday)	Deadline for County audit board to sign, date, and submit to the Secretary of State a report of the results of the risk limiting audit. (No later than 5:00 p.m. MT on business day before the canvass deadline)	Rule 25.2.3(d)
18-July (Wednesday)	Last day to complete the canvass and submit official abstract of votes cast for the Primary Election to the Secretary of State. (No later than the 22nd day after the election)	1-10-102(1) 1-10-103(1)
19-July (Thursday)	Deadline to upload the final canvass results to the ENR system. (By COB on the first business day after the statutory deadline for completing the canvass)	Rule 11.10.5
	Last day for a write-in candidate to file an Affidavit of Intent for the General Election. (By the close of business on the 110th day before the General Election)	1-4-1102(1)
	Last day for political subdivision that referred a ballot issue or question that failed, to waive an automatic recount of that issue or question by giving written notice to clerk and recorder. (Within 23 days after election)	1-10.5-103
23-July (Monday)	Last day for the Secretary of State to compile the returns and order appropriate recounts of the Primary Election. (No later than the 27th day after the Primary Election)	1-10-103(2)
24-July (Tuesday)	Last day for interested parties to request a recount of the Primary Election at their own expense. (Within 28 days after the Primary Election)	1-10.5-106(2)
26-July (Thursday)	Last day for candidate-nominee for lieutenant governor of major political party to file written acceptance with the Secretary of State. (Acceptance must be postmarked or received within 30 days after the Primary Election)	1-4-502
27-July (Friday)	Last day for county that conducted a comparison risk-limiting audit to review its CVR file and redact CVRs corresponding to any ballot card susceptible of being personally identified with an individual voter if no recount was required or requested. (no later than the third business day following the deadline to request a recount)	Rule 25.2.4
30-July (Monday)	Last day for a political subdivision to notify the county clerk in writing that it has taken formal action to participate in the General Election. (100 days before the General Election)	1-7-116(5) 1-1-106(4)
31-July (Tuesday)	Last day to complete a statutory recount of any race in the Primary Election. (No later than the 35th day after the Primary Election)	1-10.5-102(2) 1-10.5-103
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2-August (Thursday)	Last day to complete a recount requested by an interested party. (No later than the 37th day after the Primary Election)	1-10.5-106(2)
	Last day for the designated election official to provide a notice of sufficiency/insufficiency regarding unaffiliated candidate nomination petitions. (No later than 96 days before the General Election)	1-4-908(3)
6-August (Monday)	Last day to file an initiative petition with the Secretary of State for the 2018 General Election, no later than 3:00 p.m. (At least 3 months before the election)	Art V, Sect. 1(2)
	Last day for judicial candidates to file a Declaration of Intent to run for another term. (Not less than 3 months before the General Election)	Art. VI, Sect. 25
7-August (Tuesday)	Last day for county that conducted a comparison risk-limiting audit to review its CVR file and redact CVRs corresponding to any ballot card susceptible of being personally identified with an individual voter if recount was required or requested. (no later than the third business day following the deadline to complete recount)	Rule 25.2.4
8-August (Wednesday)	Last day for the county clerk to submit a mail ballot plan to the Secretary of State. (No later than 90 days before every election)	1-7.5-105(1) Rule 7.1.1

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8-August (Wednesday)	Last day for county clerk to designate drop-off locations and Voter Service and Polling Centers. Clerks must also complete an accessibility survey for all locations annually before designation. (No later than 90 days before the election)	Rule 7.10
	Last day for the county clerk to submit a watcher accommodation plan to the Secretary of State. (No later than 90 days before an election)	Rule 8.7
	Last day for county clerk who failed to follow the procedures for a risk limiting audit during the Primary Election to submit a written remediation plan to the Secretary of State. (No later than 90 days before an election)	Rule 25.2.5
13-August (Monday)	Last day to amend an unaffiliated candidate nomination petition. (No later than 3:00 p.m. on the 85th day before the General Election)	1-4-912
23-August (Thursday)	Last day for a political party nominating candidates by party assembly/convention to make nominations public. (No later than 75th day before the General Election)	1-4-702 Prop 108
	Last day for the designated election official to notify an unaffiliated candidate of whether the amended nominating petition is sufficient/insufficient. (No later than the 75th day before the General Election)	1-4-912
28-August (Tuesday)	Last day for intergovernmental agreements to be signed by county clerks and political subdivisions. (No later than 70 days before the General Election)	1-7-116(2)
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5-September (Wednesday)	Last day for the Secretary of State to examine submitted initiative petitions and issue a statement of sufficiency or insufficiency. (No more than 30 calendar days after the petition is filed)	1-40-116(2)
7-September (Friday)	Last day for the designated election official of each political subdivision to certify the ballot order and content. Each DEO must also deliver the certification to the county clerk for the coordinated election. (No later than 60 days before the General Election)	1-5-203(3)(a)
	Last day for designated election officials to submit security and contingency plans to the Secretary of State. (No later than 60 days before the first election in which the procedures will be used. The Secretary of State will notify DEO of approval/disapproval of plan no later than 15 days after receiving the submission)	1-5-616(5)(b) Rule 20.1
	Last day for counties to begin video surveillance recordings of areas specified in Rule 20.7.3. (Beginning at least 60 days before the election and continuing through at least 30 days after the election)	Rule 20.7.2
	First day the county clerk or designated election official may hold election judge training. (Not more than 60 days before the election)	1-6-101(5)
	Last day an unaffiliated voter may give notice in writing to the county clerk that he or she wishes to serve as an election judge. (No later than 60 days before general election)	1-6-103.7
	Last day a county chairperson of a minor political part may certify to the county clerk and recorder an initial list of registered electors recommended to serve as election judges. (No later than 60 days before general election)	1-6-103.5
	Last day for designated representatives of initiative petition to withdraw the petition from consideration by filing withdrawal letter with Secretary of State. (No later than 60 days before petition is to be voted upon)	1-40-134
10-September (Monday)	Last day for the Secretary of State to deliver the certification of ballot order and content to each county. (No later than 57 days before the General Election)	1-5-203(1)
21-September (Friday)	Last day to file written comments concerning local ballot issues with the designated election official in order to be included in the ballot issue notice. (By noon the Friday before the 45th day before the election)	Art. X, Sect. 20(3)(b)(v) 1-7-901(4)