

## 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION CALENDAR

Date/Time	Title	Description
Monday, March 2, 2026	County Candidate Filing Begins	First day for Democratic and Republican candidates for county offices to file nomination papers with the auditor.
Friday, March 20, 2026	County Candidate Filing Deadline	Last day for Democratic and Republican candidates for county offices to file with the auditor. Deadline is 5 p.m. Auditor's Office open until 5 p.m..
Tuesday, March 24, 2026	First Day to Submit Absentee Requests	Absentee requests received prior to 70 days before election day shall be returned to the requestor.
Wednesday, March 25, 2026	Withdrawal Deadline	Last day for candidates who filed nomination papers with the Auditor to withdraw. Notice of withdrawal must be submitted in writing to the Auditor.
Friday, March 27, 2026	Objection Deadline	Last day to file written objections to nomination petitions with the Auditor. Exception for objections to nominees filing as substitute candidates.
Monday, March 30, 2026	Substitution Deadline	Last day political parties may designate to the Auditor a substitute candidate for another who withdrew or dies by the County Withdrawal Deadline. Deadline is 5 p.m.  Auditor's Office must be open until 5 p.m. if a substitution possibility exists.
Tuesday, March 31, 2026	Objection Deadline for Substitute Candidates	Last day to file written objections to nomination petitions of a substitute candidate filed with the Auditor.
Thursday, April 16, 2026	Satellite Voting Petitions Deadline	A petition requesting a satellite absentee voting station must be filed no later than 5 p.m. on the 47 <sup>th</sup> day before the election.  Auditor's Office open until 5 p.m.
Wednesday, May 13, 2026	Absentee Voting Begins	First day domestic absentee ballots may be mailed to voters.  First day absentee ballots may be voted in the Auditor's Office.
Monday, May 18, 2026	Worry-Free Postmark Date	Mailed voter registration forms which are postmarked on or before today are considered on time to be pre-registered for the primary election even if they are received after the pre-registration deadline.

Monday, May 18, 2026	Voter Pre- Registration Deadline	The deadline to pre-register to vote for the Primary Election is 5 p.m. This applies to registration in person (including registration at driver's license stations or agencies) or by mail. Voters may register online until 11:59 p.m.
	Deadline to Request Mailed Absentee Ballots	<p>After today, a person may register to vote at the Auditor's Office and vote an absentee ballot. The process is the same as for registering to vote on Election Day.</p> <p>Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail is 5 p.m.</p> <p>Voters admitted to hospitals or nursing homes after 5 p.m. today may call to request delivery of an absentee ballot. Deadline for a telephone request is 4 p.m. on election day.</p> <p>Auditor's Office Open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
Monday, May 25, 2026	Memorial Day Holiday	County Offices are closed for the Memorial Day Holiday.
Friday, May 29, 2026	Written Challenge Deadline	<p>Last Day to submit written challenges to absentee voters.</p> <p>Auditor's Office open until 5 p.m.</p>
Saturday, May 30, 2026	Auditor's Office Open	The Auditor's Office must be open for absentee voting and other election business. Auditor's Office open 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Monday, June 1, 2026	Absentee Ballot Voting In-Person Deadline	Last day to request and vote an absentee ballot in person at the Auditor's Office.
Tuesday, June 2, 2026	Primary Election Day	All polling places are open 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.
	Incomplete Affidavit Envelope Correction Deadline	Voters have until 8 p.m. to fix incomplete affidavits.
	Absentee Ballot Receipt Deadline	All absentee ballots – except UOCAVA and Safe at Home – must be received by 8 p.m. to be considered on time to be counted.
Tuesday, June 9, 2026	County Canvass of Votes	Board of Supervisors meet to canvass the votes for the Primary Election.
Friday, June 12, 2026	Recount Request Deadline	<p>Written requests for a recount must be filed with the County Auditor by 5 p.m.</p> <p>Auditor's Office Open until 5 p.m.</p>
Tuesday, June 16, 2026	Write-In Nominees Filing Deadline	<p>Final day for people nominated by write-in votes for county offices to file an affidavit of candidacy if they wish to have their names on the General Election ballot.</p> <p>Auditor's Office must be open until 5 p.m. if a candidate who received enough write-in votes to be nominated has not yet filed an affidavit.</p>