



Election Dates and Activities Calendar

Florida Department of State

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Date	Event	Legal Reference
January 14 (Tue)	First day of regular Legislative Session.	Art. III, §3(b), Fla. Const. - Regular session of the legislature shall convene on the 2nd Tuesday after the 1st Monday in January of each even-numbered year.
January 17 (Fri)	First day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of vote-by-mail ballot request information to the Department of State for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.62, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – 60 days prior to the Presidential Preference Primary Election on a daily basis by 8 a.m. and continuously until 15 days after the Election.
January 22 (Wed)	Revisions to security procedures due to the Department of State for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.015, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.015, F.A.C - At least 45 days before early voting begins for the election in which they are to take effect.
January 31 (Fri)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify to the Division of Elections address and registration list maintenance activities for prior six months.	§§98.065 and 98.075, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.041 F.A.C – No later than January 31 of each year.
February 1 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots to absent statewide and uniformed overseas voters (UOCAVA) for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.62, F.S. - At least 45 days prior to each election.
February 1 (Sat)	Initiative petition signature certification deadline.	Art. XI, §5, Fla. Const. and §100.371(1), F.S. – No later than February 1 of the year in which the General Election is held.
February 3 (Mon)	Division of Elections to submit to the U.S. Department of Justice information on county compliance with 45-day UOCAVA vote-by-mail ballot send-out for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	43 days before the Presidential Preference Primary Election.
February 6 (Thu)	Beginning of mandatory window for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots to all domestic (non-UOCAVA) voters who requested vote-by-mail ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.62, F.S - Between 40th and 33rd day before the Election.
February 13 (Thu)	Close of mandatory window for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots to all domestic (non-UOCAVA) voters who requested vote-by-mail ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.62, F.S. – Between 40th and 33rd day before the election.
February 16 (Sun)	First day a registered voter or poll watcher may file a challenge to another voter in the same county for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.111, F.S. - No sooner than 30 days before an election.
February 16 (Sun)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to designate early voting sites for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.657, F.S. – No later than the 30th day before an election.
February 18 (Tue)	Deadline to register to vote (book closing) for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§97.055, F.S. - On the 29th day before each election. The 29th day fell on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, so the deadline is the next that is not a Sunday or legal holiday.

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February 21 (Fri)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to mail time and location of logic and accuracy to test county party chairs and candidates who did not receive notice at qualifying.	§101.5612, F.S. - At least 15 days prior to the beginning of early voting (specific day depends on when early voting begins in the county).
February 22 (Sat)	Deadline for poll watcher designations for early voting sites for Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.131, F.S. - Before noon at least 14 days before early voting begins (specific day depends on when early voting begin in the county).
February 24 (Mon)	Canvassing board may begin canvassing vote-by-mail ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.68, F.S. – 7 a.m. on the 22nd day before the election.
February 26 (Wed)	Logic and accuracy (L&A) testing for Presidential Preference Primary Election may begin.	§101.5612, F.S. – No more than 10 days prior to beginning of early voting (specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting).
February 26 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to appoint poll workers for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§102.012, F.S. – At least 20 days before the election.
February 29 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers for early voting sites for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.131, F.S. – No later than 7 days before early voting begins (specific day depends on when early voting begin in the county).
March 2 (Mon)	Optional day of early voting for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.657, F.S. - On the 15th day before an election.
March 3 (Tue)	First day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details to the Department of State for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.657, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C.– No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities (specific day will depend on when early voting begins in the county).
March 3 (Tue)	Poll watcher designations for the Presidential Preference Primary Election due.	§101.131, F.S. – Prior to noon of the 2nd Tuesday preceding the election.
March 3 (Tue)	Optional day of early voting for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.657, F.S. - On the 14th day before an election.
March 4 (Wed)	Optional day of early voting for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.657, F.S. - On the 13th day before an election.
March 5 (Thu)	Optional day of early voting for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.657, F.S. - On the 12th day before an election.
March 6 (Fri)	Optional day of early voting for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.657, F.S. - On the 11th day before an election.
March 7 (Sat)	Early voting must begin for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.657, F.S. - On the 10th day before an election.
March 7 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to receive requests to mail vote-by-mail ballots to voters for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.62, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 10th day before the Election.

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March 8 (Sun)	First day after start of mandatory early voting period for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details to the Division of Elections.	§101.657, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day’s activities.
March 8 (Sun)	First day that a voter designee can pickup a vote-by-mail ballot for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.62, F.S. - On election day or up to 9 days prior to the date of the election.
March 9 (Mon)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots requested for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.62, F.S. – No later than 8 days before the election.
March 10 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.131, F.S. - On or before the Tuesday before the Election.
March 10 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to send sample ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.20, F.S. - At least 7 days before an election.
March 13 (Fri)	Deadline for late registration for specified subcategory of UOCAVA individuals: An individual or accompanying family member who has been discharged or separated from the uniformed services or the United States Merchant Marine, has returned from a military deployment or activation, or has separated from employment outside the territorial limits of the United States.	§97.0555, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.029, F.A.C.– 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election.
March 14 (Sat)	Last day of regular Legislative Session.	Art III, §3(d), Fla. Const. – Regular session not to extend beyond 60 days.
March 14 (Sat)	Mandatory early voting period ends for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.657, F.S. - Early voting shall end on the 3rd day before an election.
March 15 (Sun)	Optional day of early voting for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.657, F.S. - On the 2nd day before an election.
March 16 (Mon)	Deadline to publish sample ballot in newspaper of general circulation in the county for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.20, F.S. - Before the day of the election.
March 16 (Mon)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details to the Department of State.	§101.657, F.S. - No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities.
March 16 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to upload into county election management system the results of all early voting and vote-by-mail ballots that have been canvassed and tabulated by the end of the early voting period.	§102.141(4)(a), F.S. - By 7:00 p.m. on the day before the election
March 17 (Tue)	PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION	§103.101, F.S. - Held on the 3rd Tuesday in March of each presidential election year.
March 17 (Tue)	“Emergency excuse” affidavit required for delivery of vote-by-mail ballot on election day. Supervisors of Elections may not deliver vote-by-mail ballots to electors or electors' immediate family members on election day unless voters affirm in an affidavit that an emergency that keeps them from being able to go to their polling places.	§101.62, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.052, F.A.C. - Exception exists for supervised voting in assisted living facilities as provided in s. 101.655.

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March 17 (Tue)	Deadline for receipt of non-UOCAVA vote-by-mail ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.67, F.S., – Non-UOCAVA vote-by-mail ballots must be received by 7 p.m. on election day.
March 17 (Tue)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to begin filing preliminary election results with the Department of State.	§102.141, F.S. – Within 30 minutes after the polls close and at least every 45 minutes until all results reported.
March 18 (Wed)	Deadline for returns from all polling places to be submitted to the county canvassing board.	§102.141, F.S. - On or before 2 a.m. of the day following the election.
March 19 (Thu)	Deadline for voter to submit vote-by-mail ballot cure affidavit for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.68(4), F.S. – Until 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after the election.
March 19 (Thu)	Deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide written evidence of eligibility to Supervisor of Elections or to submit an affidavit to cure a signature deficiency on a provisional ballot.	§101.048, F.S. - No later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day following the election.
March 21 (Sat)	Deadline for county canvassing board to file unofficial returns for the Presidential Preference Primary Election with the Department of State.	§102.141, F.S. - No later than noon on the 4th day after the election.
March 21 (Sat)	Department of State to publish Notice of General Election in a newspaper of general circulation in each county twice before beginning of the specified qualifying period.	§100.021, F.S. – During the 30 days prior to the 1st day of qualifying (Qualifying begins April 20, 2020).
March 23 (Mon)	Deadline for federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method to submit their signed petitions to Supervisors of Elections.	§§99.095 and 105.035, F.S. - Before noon of the 28th day preceding the 1st day of the qualifying period for the office sought.
March 27 (Fri)	Deadline for receipt of overseas ballots for Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.6952(5), F.S. - Ballot must be postmarked or signed and dated no later than the date of the election and received no later than 10 days from the date of the election.
March 29 (Sun)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to certify and submit official results to the Department of State for the Presidential Preference Primary election.	§102.112, F.S. – Noon on the 12th day following the election.
March 29 (Sun)	Deadline for supervisor to file with the Department of State a copy of, or an export file from, the results database of the county’s voting system.	§102.141(10), F.S. - At the same time the official results are certified.
March 29 (Sun)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to submit reports on the conduct of the Presidential Preference Primary Election to the Division of Elections.	§102.141, F.S. – At the same time that the official results are certified.
March 29 (Sun)	County canvassing boards to begin publicly noticed audit of the voting system for the Presidential Preference Primary Election	§101.591, F.S. - Immediately following the certification of the election by the county canvassing board.
March 31 (Tue)	Elections Canvassing Commission meets to certify the official results for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§102.111, F.S. – 9 a.m. on the 14th day after the election.

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April 1 (Wed)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of vote-by-mail ballot request information to the Department of State for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.62, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – Beginning 60 days before the presidential preference primary election on a daily basis by 8 a.m. until 15 days after the Election
April 5 (Sun)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to complete the voting system audit and for the results to be made public.	§101.591, F.S. - No later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7th day following certification of the election by the county canvassing board.
April 6 (Mon)	14-day period begins allowing qualifying officers to accept and hold qualifying papers for federal, judicial, state attorney, and public defender candidates to be processed and filed during the qualifying period.	§§99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – Not earlier than 14 days prior to the beginning of the applicable qualifying period.
April 10 (Fri)	Deadline for officers qualifying as U.S. Representative, judicial, state attorney, and public defender candidates to submit written resignations if the terms of the offices, or any part thereof, run concurrently with each other.	§99.012, F.S. - At least 10 days prior to the 1st day of the applicable qualifying period.
April 13 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify the number of valid signatures for U.S. Representative, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method.	§§99.095, 105.035, and 105.035 (4)(b) F.S.– No later than the 7th day before the 1st day of the qualifying period.
April 16 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to make available information about provisional ballots to individual voters on free access system for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§101.048, F.S. - No later than 30 days following the election.
April 20 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify that post-election certification voting system audit completed with report submitted or that no audit done due to manual recount undertaken pursuant to §102.166, F.S.	§101.591, F.S. and Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. - Within 15 days after completion of the audit.
April 20 (Mon)	Qualifying period begins for U.S. Representative, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates.	§§99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – Noon of the 120th day prior to the date of the Primary Election.
April 24 (Fri)	Qualifying period ends for U.S. Representative, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates.	§§99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – No later than noon of the 116th day prior to the date of the Primary Election.
April 30 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to update official voting history for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§98.0981, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.053, F.A.C. – Within 30 days after certification of election results by Elections Canvassing Commission for the election.
April 30 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to file with the Division of Elections precinct-level election results of the Presidential Preference Primary Election and a reconciliation of voting history and precinct-level election results.	§98.0981, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.053, F.A.C. – Within 30 days after certification of election results by Elections Canvassing Commission for the election.

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May 1 (Fri)	Deadline for Department of State to certify to the Supervisors of Elections the names of all duly qualified U.S. Representative, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates who qualified with the Department.	§99.061, F.S. – Within 7 days after close of qualifying.
May 7 (Thu)	First day state write-in vote-by-mail ballots made available to overseas voters requesting such ballot.	§101.6951, F.S. – 180 days prior to the General Election.
May 11 (Mon)	Deadline for state senator, state representative, multicounty, county and district candidates (other than judicial, state attorney or public defender candidates) seeking to qualify by the petition method to submit their signed petitions to Supervisors of Elections.	§99.095, F.S. – Before noon of the 28th day preceding the 1st day of the qualifying period for the office sought.
May 14 (Thu)	Department of State to remit to the respective state executive committees of political parties their share of filing fees and party assessments from U.S. Representative, state attorney, and public defender candidates.	§99.103, F.S. – No later than 20 days after the close of qualifying.
May 15 (Fri)	Deadline for Department of State to report to the Florida Legislature voter registration and voter history information for the Presidential Preference Primary Election.	§98.0981, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.053, F.A.C. – Within 45 days after certification by the Elections Canvassing Commission of election results for the election.
May 20 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to notify overseas voters of upcoming Primary Election.	§100.025, F.S. – At least 90 days prior to the election.
May 20 (Wed)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to complete any address list maintenance program activities begun since the last federal election including removal of inactive registered voters who have not voted, requested a vote-by-mail ballot or updated their voter registration records after two general federal elections since the voters were first made inactive. (will continue until day after federal general election)	§98.065, F.S. - Not later than 90 days prior to the date of a federal election. (Voters ineligible for reasons such as felony conviction, mental incapacity, death, not a U.S. citizen, etc., can be removed at any time).
May 25 (Mon)	14-day period begins for qualifying officers to accept qualifying papers for state senator, state representative, multicounty, county, and district candidates (other than judicial, state attorney, and public defender candidates) to be processed and filed during the qualifying period.	§99.061, F.S. – No earlier than 14 days prior to the 1st day of qualifying.
May 29 (Fri)	Written resignations due for officers qualifying as a candidate for state senator, state representative multicounty, county, or district office (other than judicial, state attorney, and public defender candidates) if the terms of the offices, or any part thereof, run concurrently with each other.	§99.012, F.S. – At least 10 days prior to the 1st day of qualifying.
June 1 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify the number of valid signatures for state senator, state representative, multicounty, county and district candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method.	§99.095, F.S. – No later than the 7th day before the first day of qualifying.

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June 8 (Mon)	Qualifying begins for all state senator, state representative, multicounty, county, and district candidates (other than judicial, state attorney, and public defender candidates).	§99.061, F.S. – Noon of the 71st day prior to the date of the Primary Election.
June 12 (Fri)	Qualifying ends for all state senator, state representative, multicounty, county, and district candidates (other than, judicial, state attorney, and public defender candidates).	§99.061, F.S. – No later than noon of the 67th day prior to the date of the Primary Election.
June 13 (Sat)	Supervisors of Elections to submit to the Department of State a list containing the names, party affiliations, and addresses of all candidates who have qualified with them, and the offices for which persons qualified.	§99.092, F.S. – Immediately after the last day for qualifying.
June 19 (Fri)	First day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of vote-by-mail ballot request information to the Department of State for the Primary Election and General Election.	§101.62, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – 60 days prior to the Primary Election on a daily basis by 8 a.m. and continuously until 15 days after the General Election.
June 19 (Fri)	Deadline for Department of State to certify to the Supervisors of Elections the names of all duly qualified state senator, state representative, multicounty, county, and district candidates who have qualified with the Department.	§99.061, F.S. – Within 7 days after the closing date for qualifying.
June 23 (Tue)	Qualifying period begins for write-in candidates for the joint candidacy of president and vice president.	§103.022, F.S. – At any time after the 57th day prior to the date of the Primary Election.
June 24 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit any revisions to county security procedures to the Department of State to take effect in the Primary Election.	§101.015, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.015, F.A.C. – At least 45 days before early voting begins (specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting).
June 30 (Tue)	Qualifying period ends for write-in candidates for the joint candidacy of president and vice president.	§103.022, F.S. – Before noon on the 49th day prior to the date of the Primary Election.
July 2 (Thu)	Deadline for Department of State to remit to the respective state executive committees of political parties their share of filing fees and party assessments from state senator, state representative, multicounty, county, and district candidates.	§99.103, F.S. – No later than 20 days after the close of qualifying.
July 4 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to send vote-by-mail ballots to absent stateside uniformed and overseas voters (UOCAVA) for the Primary Election.	§101.62, F.S. – No fewer than 45 days before the Primary Election.
July 4 (Sat)	Deadline by when Supervisors of Elections must mail notice of time and location of logic and accuracy test (L&A test) to county party chairs and candidates who did not receive notice at qualifying.	§101.5612, F.S. – At least 30 days before early voting is scheduled to start in the county See s.2, chapter law 2020 -109, Laws of Florida

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July 6 (Mon)	Division of Elections to submit to the U.S. Department of Justice information on county compliance with 45-day UOCAVA vote-by-mail ballot send-out for the Primary Election.	43 days before the Primary Election.
July 9 (Thu)	Beginning of mandatory window for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots to all domestic (non-UOCAVA) voters who requested vote-by-mail ballots for the Primary Election.	§101.62, F.S. – Between 40th and 33rd day before the election.
July 9 (Thu)	Earliest date that logic and accuracy (L&A) test for Primary Election may be conducted (based on county choosing to start early voting 15 days before election).	§101.5612, F.S. – No more than 25 days before early voting starts (specific date will depend on when county starts its early voting period) See s.2, chapter law 2020 -109, Laws of Florida
July 9 (Thu)	Earliest date that canvassing of vote-by-mail ballots may be begin after completion of logic and accuracy (L&A) test for Primary Election	See Executive Order 20-149 which extends statutory timeframe (§101.68, Fla. Stat.) for canvassing to begin after L&A test is completed) (2020 Elections only)
July 12 (Sun)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to remit filing fees to the state executive committee of the political parties of the candidates qualifying with the supervisors of elections.	§99.061, F.S. – Within 30 days after the close of qualifying.
July 15 (Wed)	Deadline by when candidates for President and Vice-President with no party affiliation must submit petitions to Supervisors of Elections from which signatures solicited to obtain 1 % of the registered electors in the state.	§103.021, F.S. – No later than July 15 of each presidential election year.
July 15 (Wed)	Deadline by when candidates for President and Vice-President with minor political party affiliation but unaffiliated with any national party holding a national convention to name candidates must submit petitions to Supervisors of Elections from which signatures solicited to obtain 1 % of the registered electors.	§103.021, F.S. – No later than July 15 of each presidential election year.
July 16 (Thu)	Close of mandatory window for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots to all domestic (non-UOCAVA) voters who requested vote-by-mail ballots for the Primary Election.	§101.62, F.S. – Between 40th and 33rd day before the election.
July 19 (Sun)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to designate early voting sites for the Primary Election and to provide the Division of Elections with addresses, dates and hours for early voting sites.	§101.657, F.S. – No later than the 30th day prior to the election.
July 19 (Sun)	First day a registered voter or poll watcher may file a voter challenge in the same county for the Primary Election.	§101.111, F.S. – No sooner than 30 days before an election.

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July 20 (Mon)	Deadline to register to vote (book closing) for the Primary Election.	§97.055, F.S. – On the 29th day before each election. If the 29th day falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, the registration books must be closed on the next day that is not a Sunday or a legal holiday.
July 25 (Sat)	Deadline to submit poll watcher designations for early voting sites for Primary Election.	§101.131, F.S. – Before noon at least 14 days before early voting begins (specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting).
July 29 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to appoint poll workers for the Primary Election.	§102.012, F.S. – At least 20 days prior to any election.
July 31 (Tue)	Deadline to submit HAVA “Balance” Report (i.e., remaining balance of HAVA funds as of June 30, 2018).	Help America Vote Act (HAVA)(52 U.S.C. §§ 20901–21145).
July 31 (Fri)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify to the Division of Elections address and registration list maintenance activities for the prior six months.	§§98.065 and 98.075, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.041, F.A.C. – No later than July 31 of each year.
August 1 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification badges for early voting sites for the Primary Election.	§101.131, F.S. – No later than 7 days before early voting begins (specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting).
August 3 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to post election preparation report for the General Election on official website.	§100.032, F.S. – At least 3 months before a general election.
August 3 (Mon)	Optional day of early voting for the Primary Election.	§101.657, F.S. - On the 15th day before an election.
August 4 (Tue)	Deadline to submit poll watcher designations for election day for the Primary Election.	§101.131, F.S. – Prior to noon of the 2nd Tuesday preceding the election.
August 4 (Tue)	Optional day of early voting for the Primary Election.	§101.657, F.S. - On the 14th day before an election.
August 5 (Wed)	Last day state write-in vote-by-mail ballot is made available to overseas voters.	§101.6951, F.S. – 180 to 90 days prior a general election.
August 5 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to notify overseas voters of upcoming General Election.	§100.025, F.S. – At least 90 days prior to regular primary and general elections.
August 5 (Wed)	Optional day of early voting for the Primary Election.	§101.657, F.S. - On the 13th day before an election.
August 6 (Thu)	Optional day of early voting for the Primary Election.	§101.657, F.S. - On the 12th day before an election.
August 7 (Fri)	Optional day of early voting for the Primary Election.	§101.657, F.S. - On the 11th day before an election.
August 8 (Sat)	Early voting must begin for Primary Election.	§101.657, F.S.– Early voting shall begin on the 10th day before an election.
August 8 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to receive requests for vote-by-mail ballots to be mailed to voters for the Primary Election.	§101.62, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 10th day before the election.

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August 9 (Sun)	First day after start of mandatory early voting period for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details to the Division of Elections.	§101.657, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day’s activities.
August 9 (Sun)	First day that a voter designee can pick-up a vote-by-mail ballot for the Primary Election.	§101.62, F.S. - On election day or up to 9 days prior to the date of the election.
August 10 (Mon)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots requested for the Primary Election.	§101.62, F.S. – No later than 8 days before the election.
August 11 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification badges for the Primary Election.	§101.131, F.S. – On or before the Tuesday before the election.
August 11 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to mail or email sample ballots to voters for the Primary Election.	§101.20, F.S. – At least 7 days prior to any election.
August 14 (Fri)	Deadline for late registration for specified subcategory of UOCAVA individuals: An individual or accompanying family member who has been discharged or separated from the uniformed services or the United States Merchant Marine, has returned from a military deployment or activation, or has separated from employment outside the territorial limits of the United States.	§97.0555, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.029, F.A.C.– 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election.
August 15 (Sat)	Mandatory early voting period ends for the Primary Election.	§101.657, F.S. – On the 3rd day before an election.
August 16 (Sun)	Optional day of early voting for the Primary Election.	§101.657, F.S. - On the 2nd day before an election.
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August 17 (Mon)	Deadline to publish sample ballot for the Primary Election in newspaper of general circulation in the county.	§101.20, F.S. – Before the day of the election.
August 17 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to upload into county election management system the results of all early voting and vote-by-mail ballots that have been canvassed and tabulated by the end of the early voting period.	§102.141 (4)(a), F.S. – By 7 p.m. on the day before the election.
August 18 (Tue)	PRIMARY ELECTION	§100.061, F.S. – On the Tuesday 11 weeks prior to the General Election.
August 18 (Tue)	“Emergency excuse” affidavit required for delivery of vote-by-mail ballot on election day. Supervisors of Elections may not deliver vote-by-mail ballots to electors or electors’ immediate family members on election day unless voters affirm in an affidavit that an emergency that keeps them from being able to go to their polling places.	§101.62, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.052, F.A.C. - Exception exists for supervised voting in assisted living facilities as provided in §101.655.
August 18 (Tue)	Deadline for receipt of vote-by-mail ballots for the Primary Election.	§101.67, F.S. – All vote-by-mail ballots must be received by 7 p.m. election day.

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August 18 (Tue)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to begin filing preliminary election results with the Department of State.	§102.141, F.S. – Within 30 minutes after the polls close and at least every 45 minutes until all results reported.
August 18 (Tue)	Department of State to remit remainder of filing fees and party assessments to the respective political party state executive committees.	§99.103, F.S. – No later than the date of the primary election.
August 18 (Tue)	Deadline by when Supervisors of Elections must certify the number of registered electors who signed petitions for candidates for President and Vice-President with no party affiliation.	§ 103.021, F.S. - On or before the day of the primary election.
August 18 (Tue)	Deadline by when Supervisor of Elections must certify the number of registered electors who signed petitions for candidates for President and Vice-President with minor political party but unaffiliated with national party holding a national convention.	§ 103.021, F.S. - On or before the day of the primary election.
August 19 (Wed)	Deadline for returns from all polling places to be submitted to the county canvassing board.	§102.141, F.S. – On or before 2 a.m. of the day following any election.
August 20 (Thu)	Deadline for voter to submit vote-by-mail ballot cure affidavit for the Primary Election.	§101.68(4), F.S. – Until 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after the election.
August 20 (Thu)	Deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide written evidence of eligibility to Supervisor of Elections or to submit an affidavit to cure a signature deficiency on a provisional ballot.	§101.048, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.037, F.A.C.– No later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day following the election.
August 21 (Fri)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to file First Unofficial Results of the Primary Election with the Department of State.	§102.141, F.S. – No later than noon of the 3rd day after any primary election.
August 23 (Sun)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to file Second Unofficial Results for the Primary Election, only if recount was conducted.	§102.141, F.S. – No later than 3 p.m. of the 5th day after any primary election.
August 23 (Sun) - August 29 (Sat)	First period in which proposed constitutional amendments are advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in each county.	Art XI, §5(d), Fla. Const. - Once in the 10th week, and once in the 6th week immediately preceding the week in which the election is held.
August 25 (Tue)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to submit Official Results to the Department of State for the Primary Election.	§102.112, F.S. – 5 p.m. on the 7th day following any primary election.
August 25 (Tue)	Deadline for supervisor to file with the Department of State a copy of, or an export file from, the results database of the county’s voting system for the Primary Election.	§102.141(10), F.S. & 1S-2.053, F.A.C. - At the same time as the official results are certified.
August 25 (Tue)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to submit reports on the conduct of the Primary Election to the Division of Elections.	§102.141, F.S. –At the same time as the official results are certified.
August 25 (Tue)	County canvassing boards to begin publicly noticed audit of the voting system for the Primary Election unless manual recount undertaken pursuant to §102.166, F.S.	§101.591, F.S. – Immediately following the certification of the election by the county canvassing board.

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August 27 (Thu)	Elections Canvassing Commission meets to certify Official Results for the Primary Election.	§102.111, F.S. – 9 a.m. on the 9th day after a primary election.
September 1 (Tue)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to complete the voting system audit and for the results to be made public unless manual recount undertaken pursuant to §102.166, F.S.	§101.591, F.S.; Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – No later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7th day following certification of the election by the county canvassing board.
September 1 (Tue)	Deadline by when Governor nominates presidential electors of each political party.	§ 103.021, F.S. - No later than September 1 of each presidential election year.
September 1 (Tue)	Deadline by when minor political party affiliated with national party holding a national convention to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President must file certificate with candidate names.	§ 103.021, F.S. - No later than September 1 of each presidential election year.
September 9 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit any revisions to county security procedures to the Department of State to take effect in the General Election.	§101.015, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.015. F.A.C. – At least 45 days before early voting begins (specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting).
September 16 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify that post-election certification voting system audit done with report submitted or that no audit done due to manual recount undertaken pursuant to §102.166, F.S.	§101.591, F.S.; Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – Within 15 days after completion of the audit.
September 17 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisor of Elections to make available information about provisional ballot to individual voters on free access system for the Primary Election.	§101.048, F.S. – No later than 30 days following the election.
September 19 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to send vote-by-mail ballots to absent stateside uniformed and overseas voters (UOCAVA) for the General Election.	§101.62, F.S. – Not less than 45 days before the General Election.
September 19 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to mail notice of time and location of logic and accuracy test (L&A test) to county party chairs and candidates who did not receive notice at qualifying.	§101.5612, F.S. – At least 30 days prior to the beginning of early voting (specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting) See s.2, chapter law 2020 -109, Laws of Florida
September 20 (Sun) - September 26 (Sat)	Second period in which proposed constitutional amendments are advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in each county.	Art XI, §5(d), Fla. Const. - Once in the 10th week, and once in the 6th week immediately preceding the week in which the election is held, the proposed amendment shall be published in one newspaper of general circulation in each county.
September 21 (Mon)	Division of Elections to submit to the U.S. Department of Justice information on county compliance with 45-day UOCAVA vote-by-mail ballot send-out for the General Election.	43 days before the General Election.

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September 24 (Thu)	Beginning of mandatory window for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots to all domestic (non-UOCAVA) voters who requested vote-by-mail ballots for the General Election.	§101.62, F.S. – Between 40th and 33rd day before the election.
September 24 (Thu)	Earliest date that logic and accuracy (L&A) test for Primary Election may be conducted (based on county choosing to start early voting 15 days before election).	§101.5612, F.S. – No more than 25 days before early voting starts (specific date will depend on when county starts its early voting period) See s.2, chapter law 2020 -109, Laws of Florida
September 24 (Thu)	Earliest date that canvassing of vote-by-mail ballots may begin after completion of logic and accuracy (L&A) test for Primary Election	See Executive Order 20-149 which extends statutory timeframe (§101.68, Fla. Stat.) for canvassing to begin after L&A test is completed) (2020 Elections only)
September 26 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to update official voting history for Primary Election.	§98.0981, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – Within 30 days after certification of election results by Elections Canvassing Commission for the election.
September 26 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to file with the Division of Elections precinct-level election results of the Primary Election and a reconciliation of voting history and precinct-level election results.	§98.0981, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – Within 30 days after certification of election results by Elections Canvassing Commission for the election.
October 1 (Thu)	Close of mandatory window for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots to all domestic (non-UOCAVA) voters who requested vote-by-mail ballots for the General Election.	§101.62, F.S. – Between 40th and 33rd day before the election.
October 4 (Sun)	First day a registered voter or poll watcher may file a voter challenge in the same county for the General Election.	§101.111, F.S. – No sooner than 30 days before an election.
October 4 (Sun)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to designate early voting sites for the General Election and to provide the Division of Elections with addresses, dates, and hours for early voting sites.	§101.657, F.S. – No later than the 30th day prior to the election.
October 5 (Mon)	Deadline to register to vote (book closing) for the General Election.	§97.055, F.S. – On the 29th day before each election. If the 29th day falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, the registration books must be closed on the next day that is not a Sunday or a legal holiday.
October 10 (Sat)	Deadline to submit poll watcher designations for early voting sites for General Election.	§101.131, F.S. – Before noon at least 14 days before early voting begins (specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting).
October 11 (Sun)	Deadline for Department of State to report to the Florida Legislature voter registration and voting history information for the Primary Election.	§98.0981, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.053, F.A.C. – Within 45 days after certification by the Elections Canvassing Commission of the election results for the election.

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October 12 (Mon)	Canvassing board may begin canvassing vote-by-mail ballots for the General Election.	§101.68, F.S. – 7 a.m. on the 22nd day before the election.
October 14 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to appoint poll workers for the General Election.	§102.012, F.S. – At least 20 days prior to any election.
October 17 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification badges for early voting sites for the General Election.	§101.131, F.S. – No later than 7 days before early voting begins (specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting).
October 19 (Mon)	Optional day of early voting for the General Election.	§101.657, F.S. – On the 15th day before an election.
October 20 (Tue)	Deadline to submit poll watcher designations for election day for the General Election.	§101.131, F.S. – Before noon on the 2nd Tuesday preceding the election.
October 20 (Tue)	Optional day of early voting for the General Election.	§101.657, F.S. – On the 14th day before an election.
October 21 (Wed)	Optional day of early voting for the General Election.	§101.657, F.S. – On the 13th day before an election.
October 22 (Thu)	Optional day of early voting for the General Election.	§101.657, F.S. – On the 12th day before an election.
October 23 (Fri)	Optional day of early voting for the General Election.	§101.657, F.S. – On the 11th day before an election.
October 24 (Sat)	Mandatory early voting period begins for the General Election.	§101.657, F.S. – Early voting shall begin on the 10th day before an election.
October 24 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to receive requests for vote-by-mail ballots to be mailed to voters for the General Election.	§101.62, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 10th day before the election.
October 25 (Sun)	First day after mandatory early voting period begins for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details to the Department of State.	§101.657, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C.– No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities.
October 25 (Sun)	First day that a voter designee can pick up a vote-by-mail ballot for the General Election.	§101.62, F.S. - On election day or up to 9 days prior to the date of the election.
October 26 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots requested for the General Election.	§101.62, F.S. – No later than 8 days before the election.
October 27 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification and badges for the General Election.	§101.131, F.S. – On or before the Tuesday before the election.
October 27 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to mail or email sample ballots to voters for the General Election.	§101.20, F.S. – At least 7 days prior to any election.
October 30 (Fri)	Deadline for late registration for specified subcategory of UOCAVA individuals: An individual or accompanying family member who has been discharged or separated from the uniformed services or the United States Merchant Marine, has returned from a military deployment or activation, or has separated from employment outside the territorial limits of the United States.	§97.0555, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.029, F.A.C.– 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election.

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October 31 (Sat)	Mandatory early voting period ends for the General Election.	§101.657, F.S. – On the 3rd day before an election.
November 1 (Sun)	Optional day of early voting for the General Election.	§101.657, F.S. – On the 2nd day before an election.
November 2 (Mon)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details to the Department of State.	§101.657, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities.
November 2 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to publish sample ballot in newspaper of general circulation in the county for the General Election.	§101.20, F.S. – Before the day of the election.
November 2 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to upload into county election management system the results of all early voting and vote-by-mail ballots that have been canvassed and tabulated by the end of the early voting period.	§102.141 (4)(a) - By 7 p.m. on the day before the election.
November 3 (Tue)	GENERAL ELECTION	§100.031, F.S. – On the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November of each even numbered year
November 3 (Tue)	"Emergency excuse" affidavit required for delivery of vote-by-mail ballot on election day. Supervisors of Elections may not deliver vote-by-mail ballots to electors or electors' immediate family members on election day unless voters affirm in an affidavit that an emergency that keeps them from being able to go to their polling places.	§101.62, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.052, F.A.C. - Exception exists for supervised voting in assisted living facilities as provided in §101.655.
November 3 (Tue)	Deadline for receipt of non-UOCAVA vote-by-mail ballots for the General Election.	§101.67, F.S., – Non-UOCAVA vote-by-mail ballots must be received by 7 p.m. on election day.
November 3 (Tue)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to begin filing preliminary election results with the Department of State.	§102.141, F.S. – Within 30 minutes after the polls close and at least every 45 minutes until all results reported.
November 4 (Wed)	Deadline for returns from all polling places to be submitted to the county canvassing board.	§102.141, F.S. – On or before 2 a.m. of the day following any election.
November 5 (Thu)	Deadline for voter to submit vote-by-mail ballot cure affidavit for the General Election.	§101.68(4), F.S. – Until 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after the election.
November 5 (Thu)	Deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide written evidence of eligibility to Supervisor of Elections or to submit an affidavit to cure a signature deficiency on a provisional ballot.	§101.048, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.037, F.A.C. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day following the election.
November 7 (Sat)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to file First Unofficial Results of the General Election with the Department of State.	§102.141, F.S. – No later than noon of the 4th day after a general election.
November 12 (Thu)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to file Second Unofficial Results of the General Election with the Department of State, only if recount was conducted.	§102.141, F.S. – No later than 3 p.m. of the 9th day after the election.

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November 13 (Fri)	Deadline for receipt of overseas ballots for General Election.	§101.6952(5), F.S. - Ballot must be postmarked or signed and dated no later than the date of the election and received no later than 10 days from the date of the election.
November 15 (Sun)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to submit Official Results to the Department of State for the General Election.	§102.112, F.S. – By noon on the 12th day following the election.
November 15 (Sun)	Deadline for supervisors to file with the Department of State a copy of, or an export file from, the results database of the county’s voting system.	§102.141(10), F.S. & 1S-2.053, F.A.C - At the same time the official results are certified.
November 15 (Sun)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to submit reports on the conduct of the General Election to the Division of Elections.	§102.141, F.S. – At the same time that the canvassing board files official returns.
November 15 (Sun)	County canvassing boards to begin publicly noticed audit of the voting system for the General Election unless manual recount undertaken pursuant to §102.166, F.S.	§101.591, F.S.; Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – Immediately following the certification of the election by the county canvassing board.
November 17 (Tue)	Elections Canvassing Commission meets to certify Official Results for federal, state, and multicounty offices.	§102.111, F.S. – 9 a.m. on the 14th day after a General Election.
November 17 (Tue)	The Department of State certifies as elected the presidential electors of the candidates for President and Vice-President and preparation of Certificate of Ascertainment.	
November 18 (Wed)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of vote-by-mail ballot request information to the Department of State for the Primary Election and General Election.	§101.62, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – Beginning 60 days prior to the Primary Election on a daily basis by 8 a.m. until 15 days after the General Election.
November 22 (Sun)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to complete the voting system audit and for the results to be made public unless manual recount undertaken pursuant to §102.166, F.S.	§101.591, F.S.; Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – No later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7th day following certification of the election by the county canvassing board.
December 1 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit request to Chief Financial Officer for reimbursement regarding petition signatures verified at no charge to a candidate or committee based on undue burden affidavit.	§99.097, F.S. – No later than December 1 of the general election year.
December 3 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to make available information about provisional ballots to individual voters on free access system for the General Election.	§101.048, F.S. – No later than 30 days following the election.
December 7 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify that post-election certification voting system audit done with report submitted or that no audit done due to manual recount undertaken pursuant to §102.166, F.S.	§101.591, F.S.; Rule 1S-5.026 F.A.C – Within 15 days after completion of the audit.

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December 14 (Mon)	Florida Electoral College meets to finalize Certificates of Votes by presidential electors chosen based on election results for President and Vice-President.	Tentative date.
December 15 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit reports on voter education programs to the Department of State.	§98.255, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.033, F.A.C. - By December 15 of each general election year.
December 15 (Tue)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit reports on the total number of overvotes and undervotes in the President and Vice President race to the Department of State.	§101.595, F.S. – No later than December 15 of each general election year.
December 17 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to update official voting history for General Election.	§98.0981, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.053, F.A.C. – Within 30 days after certification of election results by Elections Canvassing Commission of the election.
December 17 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to file with the Division of Elections precinct-level election results of the General Election and a reconciliation of voting history and precinct-level election results.	§98.0981, F.S.; Rule 1S-2.053, F.A.C. – Within 30 days after certification of election results by Elections Canvassing Commission of the election.
December 31 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit to the Department of State HAVA Funds Expenditure Reports for use of funds relating to voter education, poll worker training, federal election activities, voting systems assistance, optical scan and ballot-on-demand for the reporting period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.	Help America Vote Act (HAVA) (52 U.S.C. §§ 20901–21145).
December 31 (Thu)	Deadline for supervisors of Elections to remove post-election all designated inactive voters who have not voted or attempted to vote, requested a vote-by-mail ballot, or updated their voter registration record in two general elections since they were first made inactive.	§98.065(4)(c), F.S.; Rule 1S-2.041(2), F.A.C.; and 52 U.S.C. §2057 National Voter Registration Act (NVRA). - No later than December 31 in the same year of the second federal election.
December 31 (Thu)	All login accounts for access to statewide vote-by-mail ballot request information automatically expire.	Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. - At the end of each general election year.
December 31 (Thu)	Election administrators to review records against Records Retention Schedule for Election Records (GS-3) and internal office retention schedule and identify and schedule disposition of records that have met retention.	Florida Public Records Law.



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