

2012 Election Calendar

December, 2011		
7-December (Wednesday)	Last day to affiliate with the Republican Party in order to vote in the February 7th Republican Party precinct caucus . (2 months before the precinct caucus)	1-3-101(1)
January, 2012		
3-January (Friday)	Deadline to be affiliated with a major or minor party to run as a party candidate. Deadline to be unaffiliated to access the ballot by petition as an unaffiliated candidate.	1-4-601(4)(a) 1-4-801(3) 1-4-802(1)(g)(II) 1-4-1304(2)(b)
6-January (Friday)	Last day to affiliate with the Democratic Party and ACP Party in order to vote in the March 6th Democratic Party and ACP Party precinct caucuses . (2 months before the precinct caucuses)	1-3-101(1)
9-January (Monday)	Last day to update your voter registration address to participate in the February 7th Republican Party precinct caucus . (Must be a resident of the precinct for 30 days and registered no later than 29 days before the precinct caucus)	1-3-101(1)
9-January (Monday)	Last day to change precinct boundaries before the February 7th Republican Party precinct caucus . (No later than 29 days prior)	1-5-103(1)(a)
10-January (Tuesday)	Last day for county clerk to furnish the Republican Party with a list of registered electors in the county who are affiliated with the Party. (No later than 28 days prior to precinct caucuses)	1-3-101(3)(a)
11-January (Wednesday)	General Assembly to convene 2012 regular session.	Art. V, Sect. 7
13-January (Friday)	Deadline to submit a petition to qualify as a minor political party. (Must be signed by at least 10,000 registered electors and submitted to the Secretary of State no later than the second Friday in January)	1-4-1302(1)
*	21 days after receipt of the petition to qualify as a minor political party, the Secretary of State shall issue a statement of sufficiency/insufficiency. (February 3, 2012 if petition is received on January 13, 2012)	1-4-1302(4)(b)
*	An insufficient petition to qualify as a minor political party may be amended once prior to 3 p.m. on the 7th day after the notice of insufficiency.	1-4-1302(4)(c)
26-January (Thursday)	Last day to post signs for the February 7th Republican Party precinct caucus . (No later than 12 days before the precinct caucuses)	1-4-602(4)
February, 2012		
6-February (Monday)	Last day to register to vote for the March 6th Democratic Party and ACP Party precinct caucuses . (Must be a resident of the precinct for 30 days and registered no later than 29 days before the precinct caucus)	1-3-101(1)
6-February (Monday)	Last day to change precinct boundaries before the March 6th Democratic Party and ACP Party precinct caucuses . (No later than 29 days prior)	1-5-103(1)(a)
6-February (Monday)	First day to circulate major/minor party candidate petitions. (First Monday in February)	1-4-801(5) 1-4-802(1)(d)(II)
6-February (Monday)	Last day for state central committees to file party bylaws or rules with the Secretary of State. (No bylaw or rule may be filed or amended after the 1st Monday in February)	1-3-103(9)(a)
7-February (Tuesday)	Republican Party Precinct Caucus Day (In a presidential election year, political parties may choose to hold their precinct caucus on the 1st Tuesday in February.)	1-3-102(1)(a)(I)
7-February (Tuesday)	Last day for county clerk to furnish the Democratic and ACP Parties with a list of registered electors in the county who are affiliated with the Party. (No later than 28 days prior to the March 6th Democratic and ACP Parties precinct caucus)	1-3-101(3)(a)
23-February (Thursday)	Last day to post signs for the March 6th Democratic Party and ACP Party precinct caucuses . (No later than 12 days before the precinct caucuses)	1-4-602(4)
27-February (Monday)	Last day to notify the Secretary of State and submit a plan for conducting the Primary Election by mail ballot. (No later than 120 days prior to the Primary Election)	1-7.5-105(1.5)
March, 2012		

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6-March (Tuesday)	Democratic Party and ACP Party Precinct Caucus Day (Held the 1st Tuesday in March. However, in a presidential election year, political parties may choose to hold their precinct caucus on the 1st Tuesday in February.)	1-3-102(1)(a)(I)
28-March (Wednesday)	Last day to establish polling places and submit ADA surveys for the Primary Election. (90 days before)	1-5-102.5 Rule 7.3 Rule 7.7
28-March (Wednesday)	Deadline to hold Republican Party county assemblies . (No later than 50 days after precinct caucuses if the precinct caucus is held on February 7)	1-4-602(1)(a)(I)
28-March (Wednesday)	Last day for the county clerk and recorder to mail a voter information card to any registered elector whose registration record has been marked "inactive - failed to vote" if the Primary Election is to be conducted by mail ballot. (Not less than 90 days before a mail ballot election)	1-7.5-108.5(1)
31-March (Saturday)	Deadline to hold Democratic Party and ACP Party county assemblies if the precinct caucuses were held on March 6th. (No later than 25 days after precinct caucuses)	1-4-602(1)(a)(I)
*	County candidates' designations and acceptances must be filed no later than 4 days after the adjournment of the assembly. If faxed, the original must also be filed and postmarked no later than 10 days after the adjournment of the assembly.	1-4-601(3)(a) 1-4-604(3)
April, 2012		
2-April (Monday)	Last day to file major/minor party candidate petitions. (No later than 85th day before the Primary Election)	1-4-801(5) 1-4-802(1)(f)(II)
6-April (Friday)	Deadline for submitting draft to title board for initiatives to be voted on in 2012. (12 days before the last Title Board Hearing held on April 18th, no later than 3 p.m.)	1-40-106(1)
9-April (Monday)	Earliest day an unaffiliated candidate may circulate a petition. (No petition shall be circulated earlier than 211 days before the General Election)	1-4-802(1)(d)(I)
14-April (Saturday)	Last day to hold major/minor party assemblies. (No later than 73 days before the Primary Election)	1-4-601(1) 1-4-1304
*	Designations and acceptance forms must be filed no later than 4 days after adjournment of the assembly. If faxed, the original must also be filed and postmarked no later than 10 days after the adjournment of the assembly.	1-4-601(3)(a) 1-4-604(6)(a) 1-4-1304(3), (4)
*	Objections to nominations, designations, or petitions shall be filed with the district court within 5 days after the election official's sufficiency statement was issued or after the certificate of designation was filed with the designated election official.	1-4-909(1)
18-April (Wednesday)	Last Title Board Hearing for measures that will appear on the 2012 General Election ballot.	1-40-106(1)
20-April (Friday)	Last day a write-in candidate may file an Affidavit of Intent for the Primary Election. (By the close of business on the 67th day before the Primary Election)	1-4-1102(1)
24-April (Tuesday)	Last day for the county chairperson to certify lists of election judges to the county clerk. (Last Tuesday of April)	1-6-103(1)
24-April (Tuesday)	Last day an unaffiliated voter may give notice in writing to the county clerk that he/she wishes to serve as an election judge. (Last Tuesday of April)	1-6-103.7
*	County clerk to send notices of appointment to election judges. Each person appointed as an election judge shall file an acceptance form within 7 days after the certification and acceptance form are mailed.	1-6-104(1) 1-6-106(3)
27-April (Friday)	Security and contingency plans due to the Secretary of State. (No later than 60 days before the Primary Election)	SOS Rules 43.2, 43.3
27-April (Friday)	Last day for the Secretary of State to certify the Primary Election ballot content to the county clerks. (No later than 60 days before the Primary Election)	1-5-203(1)(a)
27-April (Friday)	The designated election official of each political subdivision that intends to conduct a Primary Election shall certify the ballot content. (No later than 60 days before the Primary Election)	1-5-203(3)(a)
27-April (Friday)	The county clerk and recorder may cancel the Primary Election if there are no contested races. (By the close of business on the 60th day before the Primary Election)	1-4-104.5

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29-April (Sunday)	Any VRD application signed after this day must be delivered or postmarked no later than 5 business days after the application is signed. (Less than 30 days before the registration deadline)	1-2-702(2)
May, 2012		
7-May (Monday)	Earliest day for judicial candidates to file declaration of intent. (Not more than 6 months before the General Election)	Art. VI, Sect. 25 1-1-106(4)
12-May (Saturday)	First day that a county clerk and recorder conducting the Primary Election by mail ballot may mail a notice to all unaffiliated active registered electors and all unaffiliated electors marked "inactive - failed to vote." (No sooner than 45 days before the Primary Election)	1-7.5-107(2.3)(a)
12-May (Saturday)	Deadline to send mail/mail-in ballots to overseas military voters. (No later than 45 days prior to the Primary Election)	1-8.3-110
12-May (Saturday)	First day that school of instruction for all election judges may be held by the county clerks or designated election officials. (Not more than 45 days prior to the Primary Election)	1-6-101(5)
25-May (Friday)	Deadline for the county clerk and recorder conducting the Primary Election by mail ballot to mail a notice to all unaffiliated active registered electors and all unaffiliated electors marked "inactive - failed to vote." (No later than 30 days before the Primary Election)	1-7.5-107(2.3)(a) 1-1-106(5)
25-May (Friday)	Ballots for Primary Election must be printed and in possession of the county clerk and recorder. (No later than 32 days before the Primary Election)	1-5-402(1)
25-May (Friday)	Last day to change or withdraw from major political party affiliation. (No later than 29 days before the Primary Election)	1-2-219(1) 1-1-106(5)
29-May (Tuesday)	Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election. (No later than 29 days before the Primary Election)	1-2-201(3) 1-8.3-107
29-May to 26-June	Elector may complete a sworn affidavit for a change of address in the county clerk's office stating that he/she moved within the state prior to 30 days before the Primary Election. (28 days before and on election day)	1-2-216(4)
June, 2012		
4-June (Monday)	Last day to file an unaffiliated candidate nomination petition. (No later than 3:00 p.m. on the 155th day before the General Election)	1-4-802(1)(f)(l)
4-June (Monday)	First day mail & mail-in ballots may be sent to voters, except for UOCAVA voters. First day mail & mail-in ballots may be made available at the county clerk's office. (No sooner than 22 days before the Primary Election)	1-8-111(1) 1-7.5-107(3)
5-June (Tuesday)	Last day for Secretary of State to designate a point of contact for the Emergency Electronic Transfer form. (No later than 21 days before the Primary Election)	Rule 42.11.2
6-June (Wednesday)	Last day for the county clerk to give published notice of the Primary Election if conducted by mail ballot. (No later than 20 days before the Primary Election)	1-7.5-107(2.5)
8-June (Friday)	Deadline for the county clerk to send mail ballots for a Primary Election conducted by mail ballot. (No later than 18 days before the Primary Election)	1-7.5-107(3)(a)(l)
11-June (Monday)	Last day to appoint the Board of Canvassers for the Primary Election. (At least 15 days before the Primary Election)	1-10-101(1)(a)
11-June (Monday)	Counting of mail/mail-in ballots may begin 15 days prior to the Primary Election. No results may be disclosed until after 7:00 p.m. on election day.	1-7.5-107.5 1-8-302(2)(b)
12-June to 26-June	First day that drop off locations may be open for Primary Elections conducted by mail ballot. (14 days before election day, including the last Saturday)	1-7.5-107(4.3)(b)
14-June (Thursday)	Last day to post polling place signs for the Primary Election. (At least 12 days before the election)	1-5-106
15-June(Friday)	Equipment inventory lists for the Primary Election are due to the Secretary of State. (Not less than 10 days prior to Primary Election)	Rule 11.4.2(d) 1-1-106(5)
16-June (Saturday)	Last day for the county clerk to give published notice of the Primary Election. (No later than 10 days before)	1-5-205(1)
16-June (Saturday)	Early voting may begin at the early voting polling places for the Primary Election with approval of the board of county commissioners. (10 days before the Primary Election)	1-8-202

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16-June (Saturday)	Counting of early voters' ballots may begin 10 days before the election. No results may be disclosed until after 7:00 p.m. on election day.	1-8-302(2)
18-June to 26-June	First day that walk-in voting locations (service centers) may be open for Primary Elections conducted by mail ballot. (8 days before and on election day, except Sunday)	1-7.5-107(4.5)(c)
19-June (Tuesday)	Election setup records for the Primary Election are due to the Secretary of State. (No later than 5:00 pm on the 7th day before the Primary Election)	Rule 11.7.1
19-June (Tuesday)	Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot for the Primary Election if the ballot is to be mailed. (7 days before the election)	1-8-104(3)
22-June (Friday)	Last day for early voting for the Primary Election. (Close of business the Friday before the Primary Election)	1-8-208(3)
22-June (Friday)	Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot for the Primary Election if the ballot is picked up in-person. (Close of business the Friday before)	1-8-104(3)
26-June (Tuesday)	Primary Election (Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)	1-4-101(1)
26-June (Tuesday)	All ballots must be in the hands of the county clerk by 7:00 p.m. on election day. Ballots cast by military and overseas voters must be sent no later than 7:00 P.M. on election day and received by the close of business on the 8th day after the election.	1-8-113(1)(a) 1-8-115(1)(b), (2) 1-8.3-111 1-8.3-113
28-June (Thursday)	Deadline for the Secretary of State to notify counties of the voting devices and races selected for auditing purposes. (Within 48 hours after the close of polls)	Rule 11.5.4.1
28-June (Thursday)	Deadline for the county clerk to send missing signature, signature verification, and missing ID letters for mail, mail-in, and provisional. (Within 3 days from signature/ID verification but no later than 2 days after election day)	1-7.5-107(3.5)(d) 1-7.5-107.3 1-8-113(3)(d) 1-8-114.5(2)(a) 1-8.5-105(3)(a) Rule 26.4.9
July, 2012		
2-July (Monday)	Deadline for the Secretary of State to notify the county clerks and the minor political party that has lost minor political party status. (No later than July 1)	1-4-1305(2) 1-1-106(4)
2-July to 16-July	Notification of party lot drawing for ballot positions of candidates to appear on the 2012 General Election ballot.	1-5-404(2) 1-1-106(4)
5-July (Thursday)	Last day for ballots cast by military and overseas electors to be received by the county clerk in order to be counted. (No later than the 8th day after election day)	1-8.3-111 1-8.3-113 1-1-106(4)
5-July (Thursday)	Last day for elector to cure signature discrepancy or missing signature, or to provide missing ID for mail, mail-in, and provisional ballot to be counted. (Within 8 days after election day)	1-7.5-107(3.5)(d) 1-7.5-107.3 1-8-113(3)(d) 1-8-114.5(2)(a) 1-8.5-105(3)(a) 1-1-106(4) Rule 26.4.9
6-July (Friday)	Last day for verification and counting of provisional ballots to be completed. (Within 10 days after the Primary Election)	1-8.5-105(5)
6-July (Friday)	Last day to amend a previously filed unaffiliated candidate nomination petition. (No later than 3 p.m., 123 days before the General Election)	1-4-912
9-July (Monday)	Deadline to complete the canvass and submit official Abstract of Votes for the Primary Election to the Secretary of State. (No later than the 13th day after the election)	1-10-102(1)
9-July (Monday)	Deadline to submit the results of the post-election audit to the Secretary of State. (No later than 5 p.m. on the 13th day after the Primary Election)	Rule 11.5.4.11

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16-July (Monday)	Last day for Secretary of State to compile & total the returns and order appropriate recounts of the Primary Election. (No later than the 20th day after the Primary Election)	1-10-103(2)
16-July (Monday)	Last day for the DEO to notify an unaffiliated candidate of whether the amended nominating petition is sufficient. (No later than the 113th day before the General Election)	1-4-912
17-July (Tuesday)	Last day interested parties may request a recount of the Primary Election at their own expense. (Within 21 days after the Primary Election)	1-10.5-106(2)
17-July (Tuesday)	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)
26-July (Thursday)	Last day to complete statutory or requested recount of the Primary Election. (30 days after the Primary Election)	1-10.5-102(2) 1-10.5-106(2)
27-July (Friday)	If a political subdivision has taken formal action to participate in the General Election, they must notify the county clerk of their participation. (100 days before the General Election)	1-7-116(5) 1-1-106(5)
August, 2012		
6-August (Monday)	Deadline to file an initiative petition with the Secretary of State for the 2012 General Election, no later than 3:00 p.m. (3 months before the election)	Art V, Sect. 1(2)
6-August (Monday)	Last day for judicial candidates to file a Declaration of Intent. (Not less than 3 months prior to General Election)	Art. VI, Sect. 25
8-August (Wednesday)	Last day to establish polling places and submit ADA surveys for the General Election. (90 days before)	1-5-102.5 Rule 7.3 Rule 7.7
28-August (Tuesday)	Intergovernmental agreements to be signed by county clerks and political subdivisions. (No later than 70 days before the General Election)	1-7-116(2)
September, 2012		
5-September (Wednesday)	Last day for the Secretary of State to issue statements of sufficiency or insufficiency for initiative petitions filed on August 6th. (No more than 30 calendar days after the petition is filed)	Art. V, Sec. 1(2) 1-40-116(2)
*	Lot drawing for ballot position of nonpartisan candidates may be held any time prior to ballot certification.	1-5-406
7-September (Friday)	Deadline for the DEO of each political subdivision to certify the ballot order and content if the election is being coordinated with the county clerk. (No later than 60 days before the General Election)	1-5-203(3)(a)
7-September (Friday)	Security and contingency plans due to the Secretary of State. (No later than 60 days before the General Election)	Rule 43.2 Rule 43.3
9-September (Sunday)	Any VRD application signed after this day must be delivered or postmarked no later than 5 business days after the application is signed. (Less than 30 days before the registration deadline)	1-2-702(2)
10-September (Monday)	Last day for the Secretary of State to send notice and certification of the General Election ballot to the county clerks. (No later than 57 days before the General Election)	1-5-203(1)
21-September (Friday)	Last day to file pro/con comments pertaining to local ballot issues with the DEO in order to be included in the issue mailing. (Friday before the 45th day before the election)	Art. X, Sect. 20(3)(b)(v) 1-7-901(4)
22-September (Saturday)	Deadline to send mail-in ballots to overseas military voters. (No later than 45 days prior to the election)	1-8.3-110
22-September (Saturday)	First day that school of instruction for all election judges may be held by the county clerk or DEO. (Not more than 45 days prior to the election)	1-6-101(5)
25-September (Tuesday)	Last day for the DEO to deliver ballot issue notices to the county clerk and recorder. (No later than 42 days before the election)	1-7-904

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October, 2012		
5-October (Friday)	Ballots for the General Election must be printed and in possession of the DEO. (Not less than 32 days before the General Election)	1-5-403(1)
5-October (Friday)	Last day to mail notice of election ballot issues. (At least 30 days before a ballot issue election)	Art. X, Sect. 20(3)(b) 1-7-106 1-1-106(5)
9-October (Tuesday)	Last day to register to vote for the General Election. (No later than 29 days before)	1-2-201(3) 1-8.3-107
9-October to 6-November	Elector may complete a sworn affidavit for a change of address in the county clerk's office stating that he/she moved within the state no later than the 30th day before the election. (For the 28 days before and on the day of the election)	1-2-216(4)(a)
12-October (Friday)	Deadline for the county clerk and recorder to mail a voter information card concerning the General Election to all eligible electors whose records are marked active or inactive - failed to vote. (No later than 25 days before the election)	1-5-206(1)(a)
15-October (Monday)	First day mail-in ballots may be sent to voters, except for UOCAVA voters. First day replacement ballots may be made available at the county clerk's office. (No sooner than 22 days before the General Election)	1-8-111(1)
16-October (Tuesday)	Last day for Secretary of State to designate a point of contact for the Emergency Electronic Transfer form. (No later than 21 days before the General Election)	Rule 42.11.2
22-October (Monday)	Early voting begins at the early voters' polling place for the General Election. (15 days before the election)	1-8-202
22-October (Monday)	Last day for county chairpersons of each of the two major political parties to appoint Board of Canvassers for the General Election. (At least 15 days before the election)	1-10-101(1)(a)
22-October (Monday)	Counting of mail-in ballots may begin 15 days prior to the election. No results can be disclosed until after 7:00 p.m. on election day.	1-8-302(2)(b)
25-October (Thursday)	Last day to post polling place signs for the General Election. (At least 12 days before the election)	1-5-106
26-October (Friday)	Equipment inventory lists are due to the Secretary of State for the General Election. (Not less than 10 days prior to General Election)	Rule 11.4.2(d) 1-1-106(5)
27-October (Saturday)	Last day for county clerks to give notice of the General Election. (At least 10 days before the election)	1-5-205(1)
27-October (Saturday)	Counting of early voters' ballots may begin 10 days prior to the election. No results can be disclosed until after 7:00 p.m. on election day.	1-8-302(2)
30-October (Tuesday)	Elections Setup Records are due to the Secretary of State for the General Election. (No later than 5:00 pm on the 7th day prior to the election)	Rule 11.7.1
30-October (Tuesday)	Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot for the General Election if mailed. (7th day preceding the election)	1-8-104(3)
November, 2012		
2-November (Friday)	Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot for the General Election if picked up at the county clerk's office. (Friday preceding the election)	1-8-104(3)
2-November (Friday)	Last day for early voting at the early voting polling places for the General Election. (Close of business the Friday before the election)	1-8-208(3)
6-November (Tuesday)	General Election (Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)	1-1-104(17) 1-4-201
6-November (Tuesday)	All ballots must be in the hands of the county clerk by 7:00 p.m. on election day. Ballots cast by military and overseas voters must be sent no later than 7:00 P.M. on election day and received by the close of business on the 8th day after the election.	1-8-113(1)(a) 1-8-115(1)(b), (2) 1-8.3-111 1-8.3-113
8-November (Thursday)	Deadline for the Secretary of State to notify counties of the voting devices and races selected for auditing purposes. (Within 48 hours after the close of polls)	Rule 11.5.4.1

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8-November (Thursday)	Deadline for the county clerk to send missing signature, signature verification, and missing ID letters for mail-in and provisional. (Within 3 days from signature/ID verification but no later than 2 days after election day)	1-8-113(3)(d) 1-8-114.5(2)(a) 1-8.5-105(3)(a) Rule 26.4.9
14-November (Wednesday)	Last day for ballots cast by military and overseas electors to be received by the county clerk in order to be counted. (No later than the 8th day after election day)	1-8.3-111 1-8.3-113
14-November (Wednesday)	Last day for elector to cure signature discrepancy or missing signature, or to provide missing ID for mail-in and provisional ballot to be counted. (Within 8 days after election day)	1-8-113(3)(d) 1-8-114.5(2)(a) 1-8.5-105(3)(a) 1-1-106(4) Rule 26.4.9
20-November (Tuesday)	Last day for verification and counting of provisional ballots to be completed. (Within 14 days after the General Election)	1-8.5-105(5)
23-November (Friday)	Deadline to complete the canvass for the General Election. (No later than the 17th day after the election)	1-10-102(1)
23-November (Friday)	Counties shall report the results of the post-election audit to the Secretary of State. (No later than 5 p.m. on the 17th day after the General Election)	Rule 11.5.4.11
26-November (Monday)	Deadline to submit official Abstract of Votes for the General Election to the Secretary of State. (No later than the 18th day after the election)	1-10-103(1) 1-1-106(4)
December, 2012		
6-December (Thursday)	Last day for the Secretary of State to compile and total returns from all counties and order appropriate recounts, if any. (30 days after the General Election)	1-10-103(2) 1-10.5-102(2)
7-December (Friday)	Last day an interested party may request a recount of the results of the General Election at their own expense. (Within 31 days after the election)	1-10.5-106(2)
13-December (Thursday)	Last day to complete a requested recount. (No later than the 37th day after the General Election)	1-10.5-106(2)