

Office of the Secretary of State  
Elections Division



## 2026 ELECTION CALENDAR AND HIGHLIGHTS

The purpose of this calendar is to provide information on deadlines for election activities. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-14, when the last day for the exercise of any privilege or discharge of any duty falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the next succeeding business day shall be the last day to exercise such duty.

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QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR ALL CANDIDATES FOR THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION CYCLE		MARCH 2, 2026 – MARCH 6, 2026	
ELECTION	ELECTION DATE	ADVANCE VOTING DATES	REGISTRATION DEADLINE *FEDERAL CONTEST REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Special Election	03/17/2026	02/23/26 – 03/13/26	02/16/2026
Special Election Runoff	04/14/2026	As soon as possible, but no later than 04/06/26 – 04/10/26	02/16/2026
General Primary Election/Nonpartisan Election	05/19/2026	04/27/26 – 05/15/26	04/20/2026
General Primary Election/Nonpartisan Runoff	06/16/2026	As soon as possible, but no later than 06/08/26 – 06/12/26	04/20/2026 *05/18/2026
General Election/Special Election	11/03/2026	10/13/26 – 10/30/26	10/05/2026
General Election/Special Election Runoff	12/01/2026	As soon as possible, but no later than 11/23/26 – 11/25/26	10/05/2026 *11/02/2026

**Earliest Day to Request an Absentee Ballot for the May Primary**

March 2, 2026

**First Day to Mail/Transmit UOCAVA Ballots for May Primary**

March 31, 2026

**First Day to Mail Non-UOCAVA Ballots for May Primary**

April 20, 2026

**Voter Registration and Change of Address Deadline**

April 20, 2026

**Deadline to Request Absentee Ballot for May Primary**

May 08, 2026

**Deadline to Accept Non-UOCAVA Ballots for May Primary**

May 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

**Deadline to Accept UOCAVA Ballots for May Primary**

May 22, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

**Deadline to Request Absentee Ballot for June Runoff Election**

June 5, 2026

**UOCAVA Ballot Receipt Deadline**

June 22, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

**Earliest Day to Request an Absentee Ballot for November General Election**

August 17, 2026

**First Day Mail/Transmit UOCAVA Ballot for November General Election**

September 15, 2026

**First Day to Mail NON-UOCAVA Absentee Ballot for November General Election**

October 5, 2026

**Voter Registration and Change of Address Deadline for November General Election**

October 5, 2026

**Deadline to Request Absentee Ballot for November General Election**

October 23, 2026

**UOCAVA Ballot Receipt Deadline**

November 6, 2026, at 5:00 pm.