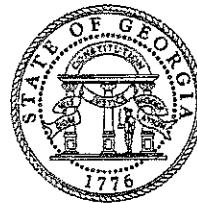


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2026 ELECTION CALENDAR AND HIGHLIGHTS

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	
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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

UOCACA Ballot Receipt Deadline

November 6, 2026, at 5:00 pm.