

Important Dates (2016 General Election Schedule)

Filing Period

Candidate Filing Period Begins	Tuesday, December 1, 2015 (12:00 noon)
Last Day to Withdraw as a Candidate	Wednesday, December 16, 2015 (5:00 p.m.)
Candidate Filing Period Ends	Monday, December 21, 2015 (12:00 noon)

Statewide Primary (Primary Moved to **MARCH 2016**)

Absentee Voting by Mail Begins	Monday, January 25, 2016
Voter Registration Deadline	Friday, February 19, 2016
One-stop Voting Begins	Thursday, March 3, 2016
Last Day to Request an Absentee Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, March 8, 2016
One-stop Voting Ends	Saturday, March 12, 2016 (1:00 pm)
Last Day to Return an Absentee Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, March 15, 2016 (5:00 pm)
Primary Election Day	Tuesday, March 15, 2016
County Canvass	Tuesday, March 22, 2016
Last Day to Request Second Primary	Thursday, March 24, 2016 (12:00 noon)
Last Day to File an Election Protest*	Thursday, March 24, 2016

Second Primary Election (**if needed**)

(Date is contingent upon whether any federal contest requires a second primary)

2nd Primary Election Day	Tuesday, May 3, 2016 (no federal contest involved)
County Canvass	Tuesday, May 10, 2016
2nd Primary Election Day	Tuesday, May 24, 2016 (federal contest involved)
County Canvass	Tuesday, May 31, 2016

Statewide General Election

Absentee Voting by Mail Begins	Friday, September 9, 2016
Voter Registration Deadline	Friday, October 14, 2016
One-stop Voting Begins	Thursday, October 2, 2016
Last Day to Request an Absentee Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, November 1, 2016
One-stop Voting Ends	Saturday, November 5, 2016 (1:00 pm)

Last Day to Return an Absentee Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, November 8, 2016 (5:00 pm)
Election Day	Tuesday, November 8, 2016
County Canvass Day	Friday, November 18, 2016
Last Day to File an Election Protest*	Thursday, November 22, 2016
State Canvass Day	Tuesday, November 29, 2016

* If the election protest concerns the ballot count or election equipment, the protest must be received before the County Canvass. All election protests must be submitted on the official protest forms.