

2017 Regular City Election and City Runoff Election Candidates' Calendar

Date	Event	Code Cite
Monday, August 28	Regular City Election Candidate Filing Begins. First day to file nomination papers with the county auditor or designated city clerk.	§376.4(1)(a)
Thursday, September 21 – 5 p.m.	Regular City Election Candidate Filing Deadline. Last day to file nomination papers with the county auditor or designated city clerk. Deadline is 5 p.m.	§376.4(1)(a)
Tuesday, September 26 – 5 p.m.	Regular City Election Candidate Withdrawal Deadline. Last day for candidates to withdraw by filing a written request with the county auditor or designated city clerk. Deadline is 5 p.m.	§44.9(6), 376.4(6)
	Regular City Election Candidate Objection Deadline. Last day to file written objections to nomination papers or eligibility of a candidate with the county auditor or designated city clerk. Deadline is 5 p.m.	§44.4(2), 376.4(6)
Monday, October 9 – 5 p.m.	Regular City Election Satellite Absentee Voting Station Petition Deadline. A petition requesting a satellite absentee voting station must be filed with the county auditor no later than 5 p.m.	§53.11(2)(b)
Monday, October 23	Regular City Election Worry-Free Postmark Date. Mailed voter registration forms which are postmarked on or before today are considered on time to be pre-registered for the regular city election even if they are received after Friday, October 23.	§48A.9(3)
Friday, October 27 - 5 p.m.	Regular City Election Voter Pre-Registration Deadline. The deadline to pre-register to vote for the regular city election is 5 p.m.	§48A.9(1)
	Exception: Mailed voter registration forms postmarked on or before Monday, October 19, are considered on time even if they are received after 5 p.m. today.	
Friday, November 3 – 5 p.m.	Regular City Election Absentee Ballot by Mail Request Deadline. Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail. Deadline is 5 p.m.	§53.2(1)(b)
Monday, November 6	Regular City Election Absentee Ballot In-Person Deadline. Last day to request and vote an absentee ballot in person at the county auditor's office. <i>Exception:</i> If the polls open at noon on election day, voters may vote by absentee ballot in person at the auditor's office from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m.	§53.2(1)(a)
Tuesday, November 7	Regular City Election Day. Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.	§49.73(1), 49.73(3), 376.1
	Exception: The polls may be opened at noon for any city election unless the county auditor receives a petition objecting to the shortened hours. If the polls open at noon, voter may vote by absentee ballot in person at the county auditor's office from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m.	

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N/A	Wednesday, November 8	Special Precinct Board Convened at Noon for Cities with Runoff Provisions. The auditor must convene the special precinct board at noon to consider provisional ballots and absentee ballots that were postmarked Monday, November 2 or earlier.	§50.21, 50.22
N/A		County Canvass of Votes for Regular City Election for Cities with Runoff Provisions. Must occur this day no earlier than 1 p.m.	§376.9(1)
*	Thursday, November 9	Special Precinct Board Convened for Cities without Runoff Provisions. The auditor may convene the special precinct board no earlier than noon to consider provisional ballots and absentee ballots that were postmarked Monday, November 2 or earlier.	§50.21, 50.22
	Friday, November 10 – 5 p.m.	Veteran's Day Observed – State Offices Closed.	
N/A	Friday, November 10 – 5 p.m.	Recount Request Deadline for Cities with Runoff Provisions. Written requests must be filed in the county auditor's office by 5 p.m. <i>If the county auditor's office is closed, the holiday moves to the next business day Monday, November 13.</i>	§50.48(7)
N/A	Moved to Monday, November 13 5 p.m.	Last Day for Write-in Candidates to File Affidavits of Candidacy for City Runoff Election. In cities with runoff provisions, candidates who received write-in votes at the regular city election must file affidavits of candidacy not later than the day after the canvass to become eligible for the city runoff election. Deadline is 5 p.m. <i>If the county auditor's office is closed, the holiday moves to the next business day Monday, November 13.</i>	§376.11(5)
*	Monday, November 13/ Tuesday, November 14	County Canvass of Votes for Regular City Election for Cities without Runoff Provisions. May occur either Monday or Tuesday.	§50.24(1)
N/A	Tuesday, November 14 – 5 p.m.	City Runoff Election Satellite Absentee Voting Station Petition Deadline. A petition requesting a satellite absentee voting station must be filed with the county auditor no later than 5 p.m.	§53.11(2)(c)
*	Thursday, November 16/ Friday, November 17 – 5 p.m.	Recount Request Deadline for Cities without Runoff Provisions. Written requests must be filed with the county auditor by 5 p.m. on the third day after the canvass of votes.	§50.48(1)
*	Friday, November 17	Regular City Election Contest Notice Deadline. Statement of intent to contest election must be filed in the city clerk's office no later than 10 days after the election.	§376.10

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N/A	Monday, November 20	City Runoff Election Worry-Free Postmark Date. Mailed voter registration forms which are postmarked on or before today are considered on time to be pre-registered for the runoff city election even if they are received after Friday, November 24.	§48A.9(3)
	Thursday, November 23 – Friday, November 24	Thanksgiving Holiday – State Offices Closed.	§1C.1
N/A	Monday, November 27 – 5 p.m.	City Runoff Election Pre-Registration Deadline. The deadline to pre-register to vote for the runoff city election is 5 p.m. Exception: Mailed voter registration forms postmarked on or before Monday, November 20, are considered on time even if they are received after 5 p.m. today. <i>*Deadline moved due to Thanksgiving holiday.</i>	§48A.9(1)
N/A	Friday, December 1 – 5 p.m.	City Runoff Election Absentee Ballot by Mail Request Deadline. Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail. Deadline is 5 p.m.	§53.2(1)(b)
N/A	Monday, December 4	City Runoff Election Absentee Ballot In-Person Deadline. Last day to request and vote an absentee ballot in person at the county auditor's office. Exception: If the polls open at noon on election day, voters may vote by absentee ballot in person at the auditor's office from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m.	§53.2(1)(a)
N/A	Tuesday, December 5	City Runoff Election Day (if necessary). Runoff is only held in cities with runoff provisions for offices in which no one received a majority of votes at the regular city election or if a write-in winner refused the office. Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Exception: The polls may be opened at noon for any city election unless the county auditor receives a petition objecting to the shortened hours. If the polls open at noon, voter may vote by absentee ballot in person at the county auditor's office from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m.	§49.73(1), 376.9, 376.11 §53.2(1)(a)
N/A	Thursday, December 7	Special Precinct Board Convened at Noon for City Runoff Election. The auditor may convene the special precinct board no earlier than noon to consider provisional ballots and absentee ballots that were postmarked Monday, December 4 or earlier.	§50.21, 50.22
N/A	Monday, December 11/ Tuesday, December 12	County Canvass of Votes for City Runoff Election. May occur either Monday or Tuesday.	§50.24(1)

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N/A	Thursday, December 14/ Friday, December 15– 5 p.m.	City Runoff Election Recount Request Deadline. Written requests for a recount must be filed with the county auditor by 5 p.m. on the third day after the canvass of votes.	§50.48(1)(a)
N/A	Friday, December 15	City Runoff Election Contest Notice Deadline. Statement of intent to contest election must be filed in the city clerk's office no later than 10 days after the election.	§376.10