## **Important 2026 Election Dates**

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| **\*\*These dates are subject to changes from the 2025 legislative session\*\* Longer calendars are on the**[**Conducting Your Elections**](https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/conducting/index.shtml)**pages when available.** | |
| **Tuesday, March 3, 2026 - Primary Election** | |
| **First day** to file for a place on the Primary ballot for precinct chair candidates. | Tuesday, September 9, 2025 |
| **First day** to file for all other candidates for offices that are regularly scheduled to be on the Primary ballot; first day for independent candidates to file declaration of intent. | Saturday, November 8, 2025 |
| Filing deadline for primary candidates; filing deadline for independent candidates to file declaration of intent. | Monday, December 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM |
| **First day to apply for a ballot by mail** using Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM) or Federal Postcard Application (FPCA). | Thursday, January 1, 2026\*  \*First day to file does not move because of New Year’s Day holiday. An “Annual ABBM” or FPCA for a January or February 2026 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election. |
| **Last Day to Register to Vote** | Monday, February 2, 2026 |
| **First Day of Early Voting** | Tuesday, February 17, 2026\* \*First business day after President's Day |
| Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (**Received**, not Postmarked) | Friday, February 20, 2026 |
| **Last Day of Early Voting** | Friday, February 27, 2026 |
| **Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail** | Tuesday, March 3, 2026 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is **not** postmarked, **OR** Wednesday, March 4, 2026 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply)[4](https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/important-election-dates.shtml#f4-1-4) |

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| **Saturday, May 2, 2026 – Uniform Election Date (Limited)** | |
| Authority Conducting Elections | Local Non-County Political Subdivisions (County-ordered elections may not be held on this date. County Election Official may, but is not required to, contract to provide election services to political subdivisions holding elections on this date.) |
| Deadline to post candidate requirements[5](https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/important-election-dates.shtml#f5-1-4) [Form 1-20](https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/1-20f.pdf) | Friday, May 2, 2025 |
| Deadline to Post Notice of Candidate Filing Deadline (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only)[1](https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/important-election-dates.shtml#f1-1-4) | Monday, December 15, 2025 |
| **First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail** | Thursday, January 1, 2026\*   \*First day to file does not move because of New Year’s Day holiday.  An “Annual ABBM” or FPCA for a January or February 2026 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election. |
| **Last Day** for Candidates Planning to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only) to Register to Vote or Update Voter Registration | Tuesday, January 13, 2026 |
| **First Day** to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only)[1](https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/important-election-dates.shtml#f1-1-4) | Wednesday, January 14, 2026 |
| **Last Day** to Order General Election or Special Election on a Measure | Friday, February 13, 2026 |
| **Last Day** to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only)[2](https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/important-election-dates.shtml#f2-1-4) | Friday, February 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.  See note below relating to four-year terms[3](https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/important-election-dates.shtml#f3-1-4) |
| **Last Day** to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (Local Non-County Political Subdivisions Only) | Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. |
| **Last Day** to Register to Vote | Thursday, April 2, 2026 |
| **First Day** of Early Voting by Personal Appearance | Monday, April 20, 2026 |
| **Last Day** to Apply for Ballot by Mail (**Received, not**Postmarked) | Monday, April 20, 2026    (deadline falls on San Jacinto Day, moves to preceding business day) |
| **Last Day** of Early Voting by Personal Appearance | Tuesday, April 28, 2026 |
| **Last day** to Receive Ballot by Mail | Saturday, May 2, 2026 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is **not** postmarked, **OR** Monday, May 4, 2026 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply)[4](https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/important-election-dates.shtml#f4-1-4) |

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| **Tuesday, May 26, 2026 – Primary Runoff Election** | |
| **First day to apply for a ballot by mail** using Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM) or Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) | Thursday, January 1, 2026\* \*First day to file does not move because of New Year’s Day holiday. An “Annual ABBM” or FPCA for a January or February 2026 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election. |
| **Last Day to Register to Vote** | Monday, April 27, 2026 |
| **Last Day to Apply by Mail (Received,** **not** Postmarked) | Friday, May 15, 2026 |
| **First Day of Early Voting** | Monday, May 18, 2026 |
| **Last Day of Early Voting** | Friday, May 22, 2026 |
| **Last Day to Receive Ballot by Mail** | Tuesday, May 26, 2026 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is **not** postmarked, **OR** Wednesday, May 27, 2026 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply)[4](https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/important-election-dates.shtml#f4-1-4) |