

**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
ELECTION COMMISSION

## 2022 Election Calendar

This calendar is intended to be a reference to significant dates in the election year. Efforts were made to ensure calendar complies with applicable law. If in any case the calendar conflicts with state or federal law, applicable laws control. For complete information regarding dates and deadlines, be sure to consult applicable law. Calendar is subject to change.

| Date                   | Event  | Statutes   |
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| January 1, 2022        | Absentee precincts established for elections in 2022.  | 7-15-330   |
| January 15             | First day 17-year-olds who turn 18 on or before November 8, 2022, may register to vote.  | 7-5-180  |
| March 16<br>12:00 noon | Filing opens for candidates seeking political party nominations for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governor</li> <li>• Secretary of State</li> <li>• State Treasurer</li> <li>• Attorney General</li> <li>• Comptroller General</li> <li>• State Superintendent of Education</li> <li>• Commissioner of Agriculture</li> <li>• U.S. Senate</li> <li>• U.S. House of Representatives</li> <li>• State House of Representatives</li> <li>• Multi-county district offices</li> <li>• Solicitor (circuits 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 15)</li> <li>• Various countywide and less than countywide offices</li> </ul> Candidates file Statement of Intention of Candidacy/Party Pledge (SICPP) and any filing fees with appropriate election office (SEC or county board). | 7-11-15<br>7-11-210<br>7-11-220<br>S.C.<br>Constitution,<br>Article IV |
| March 30<br>12:00 noon | Deadline for sheriff and coroner candidates to file affidavit with the county party executive committee.   | 17-5-130<br>23-11-110  |
| March 30<br>12:00 noon | Candidate filing closes.   | 7-11-15  |
| March 31               | Deadline for political parties to hold county conventions.   | 7-9-70   |
| April 1<br>12:00 noon  | Deadline for SEC and county boards to provide SICPP forms, filing fee receipts and filing fee checks to the appropriate state or county party executive committee.   | 7-11-15  |
| April 5<br>12:00 noon  | Deadline for political parties holding primaries to certify candidates to appropriate election office (SEC or county board).   | 7-13-40  |
| April 11<br>12:00 noon | Deadline for county parties to file sheriff and coroner affidavits with county boards.   | 17-5-130<br>23-11-110  |
| April 30               | Deadline to mail Primary absentee ballots to military and overseas citizens.   | 7-15-650<br>7-15-680   |
| April 30               | Deadline for political parties to submit list of prospective poll managers for Primaries to county boards.   | 7-13-72  |

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| May 5                      | Latest possible date for parties to publicly announce date of state convention (must be publicly announced at least 10 day prior to state convention).   | 7-9-100                          |
| May 13<br>5:00 p.m.        | Deadline to register to vote in person for Primaries (unless county board holds weekend hours).  | 7-5-150                          |
| May 15                     | Deadline for political parties to hold state conventions.  | 7-9-100                          |
| May 15<br>11:59 p.m.       | Deadline to register to vote online or by fax or email for Primaries.  | 7-5-155<br>7-5-185               |
| May 16                     | Deadline to register to vote by mail for Primaries (must be postmarked by this date).  | 7-5-155                          |
| May 16                     | In-person absentee voting begins at county voter registration and elections offices.   | 7-13-320(F)                      |
| June 10<br>5:00 p.m.       | Deadline to apply for an absentee-by-mail ballot for Primaries. Voters should apply at least one week prior to election day to allow adequate mail time. Applying late puts voters at risk of being unable to return ballots by the deadline of 7:00 p.m. on election day. | 7-15-330                         |
| June 11                    | Last Saturday prior to Primaries. County boards must hold absentee voting hours from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  |                                  |
| June 13<br>5:00 p.m.       | Deadline to vote absentee in person for Primaries.   | 7-15-330                         |
| <b>June 14</b>             | <b>Statewide Primaries.</b> Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.   | 7-13-40<br>7-13-60               |
| June 14<br>9:00 a.m.       | Earliest possible time county boards can begin opening absentee-by-mail envelopes and processing ballots.  | 7-15-420                         |
| June 14<br>7:00 p.m.       | Deadline for county boards to receive absentee-by-mail ballots (military and overseas voters' ballots accepted through 5:00 p.m., June 15).  | 7-15-420<br>7-15-700             |
| June 14<br>After 7:00 p.m. | County boards begin reporting election results locally and through scVOTES.gov.  | 7-13-1110<br>7-13-1160           |
| June 15<br>5:00 p.m.       | Deadline for county boards to conduct hand-count audit and provide results to SEC.   | 7-3-20(C)(2)                     |
| June 16<br>1:00 p.m.       | Deadline for county boards to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold provisional ballot hearing.</li> <li>• Complete canvass of votes.</li> <li>• Certify results.</li> <li>• Order any necessary runoffs and recounts for county-level offices.</li> </ul>        | 7-17-510<br>7-17-610<br>7-17-280 |
| June 17<br>3:00 p.m.       | State Board of Canvassers meets to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete canvassing of votes.</li> <li>• Certify results.</li> <li>• Order any necessary runoffs and recounts for state-level offices.</li> </ul>   | 7-17-510<br>7-17-610<br>7-17-280 |
| June 17<br>After SEC cert. | County boards may begin transmitting absentee by mail ballots for Runoff.  | 7-15-370                         |
| June 20<br>12:00 noon      | Deadline for filing protest of Primary with appropriate county or state party executive committee.   | 7-17-520<br>7-17-560             |

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| June 23                    | Protest hearings held by appropriate county or state party executive committee.   | 7-17-530<br>7-17-570             |
| June 24<br>3:00 p.m.       | Deadline for notice of appeal to the state party executive committee from decisions by county party executive committee.  | 7-17-540                         |
| June 25<br>12:00 noon      | Deadline for state party executive committee to hear appeals.   | 7-17-550                         |
| <b>June 28</b>             | <b>Primary Runoffs.</b> Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.  | 7-13-40                          |
| June 28<br>9:00 a.m.       | Earliest possible time county boards can begin opening absentee-by-mail envelopes and processing ballots.   | 7-15-420                         |
| June 28<br>7:00 p.m.       | Deadline for county boards to receive absentee-by-mail ballots (military and overseas voters' ballots accepted through 5:00 p.m., June 29).   | 7-15-420<br>7-15-700             |
| June 28<br>After 7:00 p.m. | County boards begin reporting election results locally and through scVOTES.gov.   | 7-13-1110<br>7-13-1160           |
| June 29<br>5:00 p.m.       | Deadline for county boards to conduct hand-count audit and provide results to SEC.  | 7-3-20(C)(2)                     |
| June 30<br>1:00 p.m.       | Deadline for county boards to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold provisional ballot hearing.</li> <li>• Complete canvass of votes.</li> <li>• Certify results.</li> <li>• Order any necessary runoffs and recounts for county-level offices.</li> </ul> | 7-17-510<br>7-17-610<br>7-17-280 |
| July 1<br>3:00 p.m.        | State Board of Canvassers meets to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete canvassing of votes.</li> <li>• Certify results.</li> <li>• Order any necessary runoffs and recounts for state-level offices.</li> </ul>                                      | 7-17-510<br>7-17-610<br>7-17-280 |
| July 1                     | Deadline for Sheriff candidates to make fingerprints available to SLED for search of local, state, and federal files for any criminal record.   | 23-11-110                        |
| July 4<br>12:00 noon       | Deadline for filing protest of Runoff with appropriate county or state party executive committee.   | 7-17-520<br>7-17-560             |
| July 7                     | Protest hearings held by appropriate county or state party executive committee.   | 7-17-530<br>7-17-570             |
| July 8<br>3:00 p.m.        | Deadline for notice of appeal to the state party executive committee from decisions by county party executive committee.  | 7-17-540                         |
| July 9<br>12:00 noon       | Deadline for state party executive committee to hear appeals.   | 7-17-550                         |
| July 11                    | Date on which number of signatures required for candidate petitions is determined.  | 7-11-70                          |
| July 15<br>12:00 noon      | Deadline to submit petition to appropriate election official for name to be placed on General Election ballot.  | 7-13-351                         |

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| August 15<br>12:00 noon       | a) Deadline to check petitions and certify petition candidates.<br>b) Deadline to certify referendum questions to county boards to be placed on General Election ballot.<br>c) Deadline for political parties to certify candidates to appropriate county board or SEC.<br>d) Deadline for nonpartisan candidates to file and be certified for General Election ballot (actual filing deadlines for some non-partisan offices could differ according to local legislation). | 7-13-350<br>7-13-351<br>7-13-352<br>7-13-355 |
| September 24                  | Deadline to mail General Election absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act).  | 7-15-650<br>7-15-680                         |
| October 7<br>5:00 p.m.        | Deadline to register to vote in person for General Election (unless county board holds weekend hours).  | 7-5-150                                      |
| October 9<br>11:59 p.m.       | Deadline to register to vote online or by fax or email for General Election.  | 7-5-155<br>7-5-185                           |
| October 10                    | In-person absentee voting begins at county voter registration and elections offices.  | 7-13-320(F)                                  |
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| November 5                    | Last Saturday prior to General Election. County boards must hold absentee voting hours from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  |  |
| November 7<br>5:00 p.m.       | Deadline to vote absentee in person for General Election.   | 7-15-330                                     |
| <b>November 8</b>             | <b>General Election Day.</b> Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.   | 7-13-10<br>7-13-60                           |
| November 8<br>9:00 a.m.       | Earliest possible time county boards can begin opening absentee-by-mail envelopes and processing ballots.   | 7-15-420                                     |
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| November 16<br>10:00 a.m.     | State Board of Canvassers meets to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canvass votes.</li> <li>• Certify results.</li> <li>• Order any necessary recounts for state-level offices.</li> </ul>   | 7-17-220<br>7-17-280                         |

| <b>Date</b>               | <b>Event</b>   | <b>Statutes</b>    |
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| November 16<br>12:00 noon | Deadline for filing protests of county-level offices with county boards.   | 7-17-30            |
| November 21<br>12:00 noon | Deadline to file protests of federal, state or multi-county offices with the State Board of Canvassers.  | 7-17-260           |
| November 21               | Protest hearings held by county boards for countywide or less than countywide elections.   | 7-17-50            |
| November 28<br>12:00 noon | a) Deadline to file appeal of county board decision to State Board of Canvassers.<br>b) Deadline for county board to submit transcript of protest hearing to the State Board of Canvassers.                    | 7-17-60<br>7-17-50 |
| December 12<br>12:00 noon | Latest possible date for State Board to hear appeals. Appeals must be heard not later than noon, 14 days following filing of appeal.   | 7-17-70            |
| December 16               | Latest possible date for State Board to hear a protest of a federal, state or multi-county offices. Protests must be heard not earlier than the fifth nor later than the 25th day following filing of protest. | 7-17-270           |