

SOUTH CAROLINA
ELECTION COMMISSION

2024 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
September 6	First day persons who will turn 18-years-old on or before November 5, 2024, may register to vote.	7-5-180
December 12	Deadline for candidates to withdraw and have name removed from Democratic PPP ballot.	
December 18	Deadline for SEC to provide the Democratic PPP database to county boards.	
December 20	Deadline for county boards to mail PPP absentee ballots to military and overseas citizens for Democratic PPP .	7-15-405
December 29	Deadline for SEC and county boards to create all known 2024 elections and add offices in VREMS.	
January 1, 2024	Voters may begin applying for absentee ballots for all 2024 elections.	7-15-330
January 2	Deadline for candidates to withdraw and have name removed from Republican PPP ballot.	
January 4	Deadline to register to vote for Democratic PPP . By mail applications must be postmarked by this date.	7-5-150
January 10	Deadline for county boards to mail PPP absentee ballots to military and overseas citizens for Republican PPP .	7-15-405
January 22 8:30 a.m.	Early voting for Democratic PPP begins at county voter registration offices and other early voting centers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. • Closed Sunday, January 28. 	7-13-25
January 23 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for voters to apply for an absentee ballot for Democratic PPP .	7-15-330
January 25	Deadline to register to vote for Republican PPP . By mail applications must be postmarked by this date.	7-5-150
February 1 7:00 a.m.	Earliest possible time county boards can begin opening Democratic PPP absentee mailing envelopes and removing secrecy envelopes.	7-15-420
February 2 6:00 p.m.	Deadline to vote early in person for Democratic PPP .	7-13-25
February 3	Democratic Presidential Preference Primary. Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.	7-11-20
February 3 7:00 a.m.	Earliest possible time county boards can begin opening absentee secrecy envelopes and processing ballots for Democratic PPP .	7-15-420
February 3 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to receive absentee ballots for Democratic PPP (military and overseas voters' ballots accepted through 5:00 p.m., February 7).	7-15-420 7-15-700
February 3 After 7:00 p.m.	County boards begin reporting Democratic PPP election results locally and through scVOTES.gov.	7-13-1110 7-13-1160
February 5 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to conduct hand-count audit for Democratic PPP and provide results to SEC.	7-3- 20(D)(19)

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February 8 Before 1:00 p.m.	Democratic PPP deadline for county boards to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold provisional ballot hearing. • Complete canvass of votes. • Certify results. 	7-17-510
February 8 3:00 p.m.	State Board of Canvassers meets to canvass votes and declare results of Democratic PPP .	7-17-510
February 12 8:30 a.m.	Early voting for Republican PPP begins at county voter registration offices and other early voting centers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. • Closed Sunday, February 18 and Monday, February 19. 	7-13-25
February 13 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for voters to apply for an absentee ballot for Republican PPP .	7-15-330
February 22 7:00 a.m.	Earliest possible time county boards can begin opening Republican PPP absentee mailing envelopes and removing secrecy envelopes.	7-15-420
February 22 6:00 p.m.	Deadline to vote early in person for Republican PPP .	7-13-25
February 24	Republican Presidential Preference Primary. Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.	7-11-20
February 24 7:00 a.m.	Earliest possible time county boards can begin opening absentee secrecy envelopes and processing ballots for Republican PPP .	7-15-420
February 24 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to receive absentee ballots for Republican PPP (military and overseas voters' ballots accepted through 5:00 p.m., February 28).	7-15-420 7-15-700
February 24 After 7:00 p.m.	County boards begin reporting Republican PPP election results locally and through scVOTES.gov.	7-13-1110 7-13-1160
February 26 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to conduct hand-count audit for Republican PPP and provide results to SEC.	7-3- 20(D)(19)
February 29 Before 1:00 p.m.	Republican PPP deadline for county boards to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold provisional ballot hearing. • Complete canvass of votes. • Certify results. 	7-17-510
February 29 3:00 p.m.	State Board of Canvassers meets to canvass votes and declare results of Republican PPP .	7-17-510
March 10	Deadline for county boards to provide early voting centers to be used for Primaries and General Election to SEC.	7-13-25
March 12	SEC provides Public Notice of Primaries template to county boards.	7-13-35
March 16 12:00 noon	Filing opens for candidates seeking political party nominations for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. House of Representatives • State Senate • State House of Representatives • Multi-county district offices • Solicitor (Circuits 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16) • Various countywide and less than countywide offices Candidates file Statement of Intention of Candidacy/Party Pledge (SICPP) and any filing fees with appropriate election office.	7-11-15 7-11-210 7-11-220 S.C. Constitution, Article IV
March 31	Deadline for political parties to hold county conventions.	7-9-70

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April 1 12:00 noon	Deadline for sheriff and coroner candidates to file affidavit with the county party executive committee.	17-5-130 23-11- 110
April 1 12:00 noon	Candidate filing closes.	7-11-15
April 3 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 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 12:00 noon	Deadline for county parties to file sheriff and coroner affidavits with county boards.	17-5-130 23-11-110
April 19 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for candidates to withdraw and have name removed from the Primary ballot.	
April 27	Deadline to mail Primary absentee ballots to military and overseas citizens.	7-15-650 7-15-680
April 27	Deadline for political parties to submit list of prospective poll managers for Primaries to county boards.	7-13-72
May 5	Latest possible date for parties to publicly announce date of state convention (must be publicly announced at least 10 days prior to state convention).	7-9-100
May 10 5:00 p.m.	Deadline to register to vote in person for Primaries (unless county board holds weekend hours).	7-5-150
May 12 11:59 p.m.	Deadline to register to vote online or by fax or email for Primaries.	7-5-155 7-5-185
May 13	Deadline to register to vote by mail for Primaries (must be postmarked by this date).	7-5-155
May 15	Deadline for political parties to hold state conventions.	7-9-100
May 28	Early voting for Primaries begins at county voter registration offices and other early voting centers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Monday – Friday). Closed weekends and state holidays. 	7-13-25
May 31 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for voters to apply for an absentee ballot for Primaries.	7-15-330
May 31 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to process voter registration applications to be included on Primary paper voter registration lists.	
June 7 5:00 p.m.	Deadline to vote early in person for Primaries.	7-13-25
June 9 7:00 a.m.	Earliest possible time county boards can begin opening absentee mailing envelopes and removing secrecy envelopes.	7-15-420
June 11	Statewide Primaries. Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.	7-13-40 7-13-60
June 11 7:00 a.m.	Earliest possible time county boards can begin opening absentee secrecy envelopes and processing ballots.	7-15-420
June 11 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to receive absentee ballots (military and overseas voters' ballots accepted through 5:00 p.m., June 12).	7-15-420 7-15-700

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June 11 After 7:00 p.m.	County boards begin reporting primary election results locally and through scVOTES.gov.	7-13-1110 7-13-1160
June 12 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to conduct hand-count audit and provide results to SEC.	7-3- 20(D)(19)
June 13 1:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold provisional ballot hearing. • Complete canvass of votes. • Certify results. • Order any necessary runoffs and recounts for county-level offices 	7-17-510 7-17-610 7-17-280
June 14 12:00 noon	Deadline for county boards to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify SEC VREMS team of any county-level runoffs and mark county-level offices for the Runoff in VREMS (do not mark state-level offices). • Update statuses of county-level candidates in VREMS (do not update state-level candidates). • Enter Primary provisional ballot data in VREMS. 	Help America Vote Act
June 14 3:00 p.m.	State Board of Canvassers meets to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete canvassing of votes. • Certify results. • Order any necessary runoffs and recounts for state-level offices. 	7-17-510 7-17-610 7-17-280
June 14 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for voters to apply for an absentee ballot for Runoffs.	7-15-330
June 14 After SEC cert.	County boards may begin transmitting absentee ballots for Runoffs.	7-15-370
June 14	SEC generates e-pollbook files for Runoff	
June 17 12:00 noon	Deadline for filing protest of Primary with appropriate county or state party executive committee.	7-17-520 7-17-560
June 19	Early voting for Runoffs begins at county voter registration offices and other early voting centers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Wednesday – Friday). 	7-13-25
June 20	Protest hearings for Primaries held by appropriate county or state party executive committee.	7-17-530 7-17-570
June 21 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 21 5:00 p.m.	Deadline to vote early in person for Primary Runoffs.	7-13-25
June 22 12:00 noon	Deadline for state party executive committee to hear appeals.	7-17-550
June 23 7:00 a.m.	Earliest possible time county boards can begin opening absentee mailing envelopes and removing secrecy envelopes.	7-15-420
June 25	Primary Runoffs. Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.	7-13-40
June 25 7:00 a.m.	Earliest possible time county boards can begin opening absentee secrecy envelopes and processing ballots.	7-15-420
June 25 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to receive absentee ballots (military and overseas voters' ballots accepted through 5:00 p.m., June 26).	7-15-420 7-15-700

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June 25 After 7:00 p.m.	County boards begin reporting election results locally and through scVOTES.gov.	7-13-1110 7-13-1160
June 26 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to conduct hand-count audit and provide results to SEC.	7-3- 20(D)(19)
June 27 1:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold provisional ballot hearing. • Complete canvass of votes. • Certify results. • Order any necessary runoffs and recounts for county-level offices. 	7-17-510 7-17-610 7-17-280
June 28 12:00 noon	Deadline for county boards to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify SEC VREMS team of any county-level runoffs and mark county-level offices for the Runoff in VREMS (do not mark state-level offices). • Update statuses of county-level candidates in VREMS (do not update state-level candidates). • Enter Primary provisional ballot data in VREMS. 	Help America Vote Act
June 28 3:00 p.m.	State Board of Canvassers meets to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete canvassing of votes. • Certify results. • Order any necessary runoffs and recounts for state-level offices. 	7-17-510 7-17-610 7-17-280
June 28	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 1 12:00 noon	Deadline for filing protest of Runoff with appropriate county or state party executive committee.	7-17-520 7-17-560
July 5	Protest hearings for Runoffs held by appropriate county or state party executive committee.	7-17-530 7-17-570
July 5 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 6 12:00 noon	Deadline for state party executive committee to hear appeals.	7-17-550
July 8	Date on which number of signatures required for candidate petitions is determined.	7-11-70
July 15 12:00 noon	Deadline to submit petition to appropriate election official for name to be placed on General Election ballot.	7-13-351
July 25	Deadline for county board to submit election expense reimbursement request to the SEC for Runoff.	
August 6	SEC provides Public Notice of General Election template to county boards.	7-13-35
August 15 12:00 noon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline to check petitions and certify petition candidates. • Deadline to certify referendum questions to county boards to be placed on General Election ballot. • Deadline for political parties to certify candidates to appropriate county board or SEC. • 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 7-13-351 7-13-352 7-13-355

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September 3 12:00 noon	Deadline for political parties to certify candidates for President and Vice President.	7-13-350
September 6	Deadline to publish first public notice of General Election in newspaper of general circulation in county.	7-13-35
September 13 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for candidates to withdraw and have name removed from the General Election ballot.	
September 21	Deadline to mail General Election absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act).	7-15-650 7-15-680
October 4 5:00 p.m.	Deadline to register to vote in person for General Election (unless county board holds weekend hours).	7-5-150
October 6 11:59 p.m.	Deadline to register to vote online or by fax or email for General Election.	7-5-155 7-5-185
October 7	Deadline to register to vote by mail for General Election (must be postmarked by this date).	7-5-155
October 21	Early voting for General Election begins at county voter registration offices and other early voting centers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Monday – Saturday). Closed Sunday, October 27. 	7-13-25
October 25 5:00 p.m.	Deadline to apply for absentee ballot for General Election.	7-15-330
November 2 6:00 p.m.	Deadline to vote early in person for General Election.	7-13-25
November 3 7:00 a.m.	Earliest possible time county boards can begin opening absentee mailing envelopes and removing secrecy envelopes.	7-15-420
November 5	General Election Day. Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.	7-13-10 7-13-60
November 5 7:00 a.m.	Earliest possible time county boards can begin opening absentee secrecy envelopes and processing ballots.	7-15-420
November 5 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to receive absentee ballots (military and overseas voters' ballots accepted through 5:00 p.m., November 7).	7-15-420 7-15-700
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November 8 1:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold provisional ballot hearing. Complete canvass of votes. Certify results. Order any necessary recounts for county-level offices. 	7-17-10 7-17-280
November 13 12:00 noon	Deadline for filing protests of county-level offices with county boards.	7-17-30
November 14 3:00 p.m.	State Board of Canvassers meets to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canvass votes. Certify results. Order any necessary recounts for state-level offices. 	7-17-220 7-17-280
November 18	Protest hearings held by county boards for countywide or less than countywide elections.	7-17-50

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November 19 12:00 noon	Deadline to file protests of federal, state or multi-county offices with the State Board of Canvassers.	7-17-260
November 25 12:00 noon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline to file appeal of county board decision to State Board of Canvassers. Deadline for county board to submit transcript of protest hearing to the State Board of Canvassers. 	7-17-50 7-17-60
December 9 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 14	Latest possible date for State Board to hear a protest of a federal, state or multi-county office. Protests must be heard not earlier than the fifth nor later than the 25th day following filing of protest.	7-17-270