

# 2026 ELECTIONS

(DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE LEGISLATURE)

Date of Election	April 18	May 30	November 3	December 12
Type of Election	Party Primary/ Municipal Primary	2 <sup>nd</sup> Party Primary/ Municipal General	Congressional General/ Open Primary	Open General
1 <sup>st</sup> Day to Obtain Signature for Nominating Petitions+	9/16/2025	n/a	3/31/2026	n/a
Deadline: Submit Nominating Petitions to Registrar of Voters+	12/17/2025	n/a	7/1/2026	n/a
Deadline: Specials	12/17/2025	n/a	7/1/2026	n/a
Deadline: Propositions	12/17/2025	3/30/2026	7/1/2026	10/12/2026
Qualifying Dates	1/14/2026 – 1/16/2026	n/a	7/29/2026 – 7/31/2026	n/a
In Person/By Mail Registration Deadline	3/18/2026	4/29/2026	10/5/2026	11/12/2026
Geaux Vote Online Registration Deadline	3/28/2026	5/9/2026	10/13/2026	11/21/2026
Deadline to Request a Mail Ballot from Registrar (other than Military and Overseas)	4/14/2026	5/26/2026	10/30/2026	12/8/2026
Deadline for Registrar to Receive Voted Mail Ballot (other than Military and Overseas)	4/17/2026	5/29/2026	11/2/2026	12/11/2026
Early Voting Begins	4/4/2026	5/16/2026	10/20/2026	11/28/2026
Early Voting Ends	4/11/2026	5/23/2026	10/27/2026	12/5/2026

## IMPORTANT NOTES

All dates for the 2026 calendar year have been adjusted per Act 640 of the 2024 regular legislative session.

+ Per Acts 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Legislative Session and 640 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session, starting in 2026, only Democratic and Republican party candidates can qualify by paying the fee for party primary elections. All other parties and non-affiliated candidates must qualify via nominating petition by the deadline for the Party Primary Election.

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