

2025 Regular City Election and City Runoff Election Candidate's Calendar

Date	Event	Code Cite
Monday, August 25	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 18 5:00 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 23 5:00 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(7)
	Regular City Election Candidate Objection Deadline Last day to file written objections to nomination papers or candidate eligibility with the county auditor or designated city clerk. Deadline is 5 p.m.	§44.4(2), 376.4(7)
Monday, October 6 5:00 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)
	Regular City Election Worry-Free Postmark Date Mailed voter registration forms postmarked on or before today are considered on time to be pre-registered for the regular city election, even if they are received after the pre-registration deadline.	§48A.9(3)
Monday, October 20	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 the worry-free postmark date are considered on time even if they are received after 5 p.m. today.	
	Regular City Election Absentee Ballot by Mail Request Deadline Last day to request an absentee ballot be mailed. Deadline is 5 p.m.	§53.2(1)(b)
Monday, November 3	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.	§53.2(1)(a)
Tuesday, November 4	Regular City Election Day Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.	§49.73(1), 49.73(3), 376.1
Thursday, November 6	Special Precinct Board Convened for Regular City Election The auditor may convene the special precinct board no earlier than noon to consider provisional ballots and UOCAVA and Safe at Home ballots that were postmarked the day before the election or earlier.	§50.21, 50.22

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Tuesday, November 11	Veteran's Day Observed – State Offices Closed	§1C.1
Wednesday, November 12	1st–Tier County Canvass of Votes for Regular City Election (Final Canvass if Jurisdiction is in Only One County)	§50.24(1)
Wednesday, November 12 5:00 p.m.	<p>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.</p> <p>Recount Request Deadline for Cities with Runoff Provisions Written requests must be filed in the county auditor's office by 5 p.m. the day after the first canvass of votes.</p>	§53.11(2)(c) §50.48(7)
Thursday, November 13	<p>Last Day for Write-in Candidates to File Affidavit of Candidacy for City Runoff Election if 1st–Tier Canvass was the Final Canvass In cities with runoff provisions, candidates who received write-in votes at the regular city election must file an affidavit of candidacy not later than the day after the canvass to become eligible for the city runoff election. Deadline is 5 p.m.</p>	§376.11(5)
Monday, November 17 5:00 p.m.	Recount Request Deadline for Cities without Runoff Provisions Written requests must be with the county auditor by 5 p.m. the third day following the canvass. If the county office is closed on Veterans Day, recount requests move to Monday, November 17, at 5 p.m.	§50.48(1)
Friday, November 14	<p>Regular City Election Contest Notice Deadline A statement of intent to contest the election must be filed in the city clerk's office no later than 10 days after the election.</p> <p>City Runoff Election Worry-Free Postmark Date Mailed voter registration forms postmarked on or before today are considered on time to be pre-registered for the runoff city election, even if they are received after the pre-registration deadline.</p>	§376.10 §48A.9(3)
Monday, November 17	<p>City Runoff Election Pre-Registration Deadline The deadline to pre-register to vote for the runoff city election is 5 p.m.</p> <p>Exception: Mailed voter registration forms postmarked on or before the worry-free postmark date are considered on time even if they are received after 5 p.m. today.</p> <p>City Runoff Election Absentee Ballot by Mail Request Deadline Last day to request an absentee ballot be mailed. Deadline is 5 p.m.</p>	§48A.9(1) §53.2(1)(b)

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Tuesday, November 18	2nd–Tier County Canvass of Votes for Regular City Election (Final Canvass if Jurisdiction is in More Than One County)	§50.24(3A)
Wednesday, November 19 5:00 p.m.	Last Day for Write-in Candidates to File Affidavit of Candidacy for City Runoff Election if 2nd–Tier Canvass was the Final Canvass In cities with runoff provisions, candidates who received write-in votes at the regular city election must file an affidavit of candidacy not later than the day after the canvass to become eligible for the city runoff election. Deadline is 5 p.m.	§376.11(4)
Thursday, November 27/ Friday, November 28	Thanksgiving Holiday – State Offices Closed	§1C.1
Monday, December 1	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.	§53.2(1)(a)
Tuesday, December 2	City Runoff Election Day (if necessary) A runoff is only held in cities with runoff provisions for offices for 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.	§49.73(1), 376.9, 376.11
Wednesday, December 3	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 UOCAVA and Safe at Home ballots that were postmarked the day before the election or earlier.	§50.21, 50.22
Thursday, December 4	1st–Tier County Canvass of Votes for City Runoff Election (Final Canvass if Jurisdiction in Only One County)	§50.24
Friday, December 5	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)
Tuesday, December 9	2nd–Tier County Canvass of Votes for City Runoff Election (Final Canvass if Jurisdiction in More Than One County) It may occur either Monday or Tuesday.	§50.24

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Friday, December 12	City Runoff Election Contest Notice Deadline A statement of intent to contest the election must be filed in the city clerk's office no later than 10 days after the election.	§376.10