

Wisconsin Elections Commission Calendar of Election Events

November 2017 – December 2018

Spring Primary – February 20, 2018

Spring Election – April 3, 2018

Partisan Primary – August 14, 2018

General Election – November 6, 2018

*Note: If a deadline falls on a Saturday where you do not have regular office hours, a Sunday, or a State legal holiday, the deadline is moved to the next secular day. Wis. Stat. § 990.001(4). See Wis. Stat. § 995.20 for a list of legal holidays.

The election events that have variable or non-specific deadline dates are indicated by a dash (-), please see the statute column for details.

November 2017		Statute
15	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type A notice of Spring Primary on February 20, 2018, and Spring Election on April 3, 2018, to county clerks.	10.01(1), (2)(a), 10.06(1)(a) –November 15
28	County clerks publish Type A notice of Spring Primary and Spring Election.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(a) – 4 th Tuesday of November
28	Municipal clerks publish Type A notice of local Spring Primary and Spring Election.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(3)(a), (4)(a) – 4 th Tuesday of November
30	Deadline for political parties to submit list of nominees for election inspectors and special voting deputies to municipalities.	6.875(4), 7.30(4)(b), (c) –November 30
December 2017		
1	First day for candidates to circulate nomination papers for the 2018 Spring Election.	8.05(3)(a), (4)(b), 8.10(2)(a) – December 1
1	First day for town or village governing body to set a date for caucus.	8.05(1)(a) – between December 1 and January 1
1	Municipal clerks certify the approximate number of electors in the municipality to county clerks.	5.66(1) – 1 st day of the 2 nd month preceding a primary
1	Deadline for electors of a village to petition for a primary.	8.11(1m)(c) – December 1
12	Deadline for filing officer to receive referendum questions or petitions for referendum intended for the Spring Primary ballot.	8.37 – 70 days prior to the election
13	Deadline for filing officer to file a copy of the referendum question intended for the Spring Primary with the county clerk.	8.37 – next business day after receipt by filing officer
16	Poll lists from the February 16, 2016, Spring Primary may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(e) – 22 months after election
22	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for incumbents not seeking reelection to file Notification of Noncandidacy (EL-163) with the filing officer. Failure to notify will extend nomination paper deadline 72 hours for that office.	8.10(2)(a), 120.06(6)(b) – 2 nd Friday preceding the deadline for nomination papers
31	Deadline for governing body of a municipality to appoint election inspectors and special voting deputies for the 2018 -2019 term.	6.875(4), 7.30(4)(a), (b)1 – December 31
January 2018		
1	Last day for town or village governing body to set a date for caucus.	8.05(1)(a) – between December 1 and January 1
-	Municipal clerk publishes caucus notice.	8.05(1)(b) – at least 5 days before the date of the caucus

January 2018		Statute
2	First day for town or village governing body to hold caucus.	8.05(1)(a) – between January 2 and January 21
2	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for candidates to file nomination papers, declarations of candidacy, and campaign registration statements for the 2018 Spring Election with the filing officer.	8.05(3)(a), (4)(b), 8.10(2)(a), (5), 8.21– 1 st Tuesday in January
5	Deadline (4:30 p.m.) for all judicial candidates to file Statement of Economic Interests with Wisconsin Ethics Commission.	19.43(4) – 3 rd day following the deadline for nomination papers
5	Last day for governing body of a city or village to decide upon a primary, or for electors of a city to petition for a primary, if not required by ordinance.	8.11(1)(a), (c), (1m)(a) – 3 rd day following the deadline for nomination papers
5	Deadline for filing officer to accept challenges to nomination papers.	8.07, EL 2.07 – within 3 calendar days of the deadline to file nomination papers
-	Filing officer arranges to deliver a copy of the challenge to the challenged candidate.	EL 2.07 (2)(a) – within 24 hours of receipt of challenge
-	Deadline for challenged candidate to file a verified response with the filing officer.	EL 2.07(2)(b) – within 3 calendar days of the challenge being filed
9	Deadline for filing officers to draw names of candidates by lot for placement on the Spring Primary ballot or the Spring Election ballot if no primary is required.	5.58(1b)(bm), (cm), (1c), (1g)(c), (2), (2m) 5.60(1)(ag), (b), (3)(b), (4)(c), (5)(ar), (6)(a) – 2 nd Tuesday in January
9	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type B notice information and certification of candidates to county clerks for the Spring Primary or the Spring Election if no primary is required.	10.01(2)(b), 10.06(1)(c) – 2 nd Tuesday in January
-	County clerks send notification of election to municipal clerks as soon as possible after receipt of Type B notice from Wisconsin Elections Commission and after adding any county offices or referenda.	10.06(2)(b) – as soon as possible after receipt of Type B notice
-	County clerks prepare Spring Primary ballots and send proofs to Wisconsin Elections Commission for review as soon as possible before printing.	5.72(1), 7.10(2) – as soon as possible
-	Municipal clerks send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the Spring Primary as soon as they are available. All absentee ballots must be recorded in WisVote.	42 U.S.C. § 1973ff-1, Wis. Stat. § 7.15(1)(cm) – as soon as ballots are available
16	Deadline (if primary is scheduled) for municipal governing body to designate an alternate location for requesting and voting an absentee ballot. This location will remain in use through the Spring Election.	6.855(1) – no fewer than 14 days prior to the time that absentee ballots are available
21	Last day for town or village governing body to hold caucus.	8.05(1)(a) – no later than January 21
-	Municipal clerk notifies in writing the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes at the caucus of their nomination.	8.05(1)(j)1 – as soon as possible
-	Caucus nominees file declarations of candidacy and campaign registration statements for the Spring Election with the municipal clerk.	8.05(1)(j)2 – no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 5 th day after notification is mailed or personally delivered
-	Filing officers in municipalities using caucus draw names of candidates by lot for placement on the Spring Election ballot.	8.05(1)(j)4 – 3 rd day after qualification of candidates from the caucus
-	Municipal clerks using caucus certify names of municipal candidates and any municipal referenda to county clerks for printing of ballots for the Spring Election.	10.06(3)(bm) – as soon as possible, but no later than 3 days after qualification of candidates from the caucus
*22	Deadline for governing body of municipality to establish location of polling places for the Spring Primary.	5.25(3) – 30 days before the election

January 2018		Statute
*22	Deadline for governing body of municipality to pass resolution combining wards for the Spring Primary.	5.15(6)(b) – 30 days before the election
*22	Deadline for governing body of municipality to authorize appointment of tabulators for the Spring Primary.	7.30(3)(a) – 30 days before the election
23	County and municipal clerks publish Type A notice of referenda, if required.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(n), (3)(f), (4)(f) – 4 th Tuesday preceding the election
23	Municipal clerks publish Type E notice of absentee voting instructions for the Spring Primary.	10.01(2)(e), 10.06(3)(as) – 4 th Tuesday preceding the election
23	Deadline for the filing officer to receive referendum questions or petitions for referendum intended for the Spring Election ballot.	8.37 – 70 days prior to the election
24	Deadline for filing officer to file a copy of the referendum question intended for the Spring Election with the county clerk.	8.37 – next business day after receipt by filing officer
Date Set By Municipality	Clerks issue absentee ballots in person in the clerk’s office or other designated location(s). Start date set by municipality, in person absentee ballots can be issued as soon as ballots are available.	Per One Wisconsin Institute Court Order – start date set by municipality
29	First day for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for the Spring Primary.	6.875(6) – 4 th Monday preceding election
29	Deadline for county clerks and school district clerks to deliver ballots and supplies to municipal clerks for the Spring Primary.	7.10(1), (3), 120.06(8)(d) – no later than 22 days before the election
30	Deadline for municipal clerks to send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the Spring Primary.	7.15(1)(cm) – no later than 21 days before the election
31	Deadline for electors to register to vote by mail or online in the Spring Primary. After this date, electors must register in person in the municipal clerk's office or at the polling place.	6.28(1) – must be postmarked no later than the 3 rd Wednesday before the election. Online registration closes at 11:59 p.m.
February 2018		
1	First day for clerks to issue certificate of registrations (EL-133) to late registrants who register to vote in person.	6.29(2)(a)
	Clerks must have the Ineligible Voter List available for in person voter registrations.	6.29(2)(am)
5	Poll lists from the April 5, 2016 Spring Election may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(e) – 22 months after election
10	First day for municipal or county clerk to conduct public test of electronic voting equipment.	5.84(1) – not more than 10 days prior to the election
-	Municipal or county clerk must publish notice of public test of electronic voting equipment at least 48 hours prior.	5.84(1) – 48 hours prior to public test
10	Last day for electors to begin to acquire residence for the Spring Primary. Electors moving after this date may vote from their prior address.	Per One Wisconsin Institute Court Order – 10 day residency requirement
12	Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to make arrangements for absentee voting with nursing home and authorized care facility administrators.	6.875(6) – the 6 th working day before the election
13	Last day for municipal clerk to post notice of absentee voting at nursing homes and authorized care facilities.	6.875(6)(a) – at least 5 working days before the visit

February 2018		Statute
13	First day for municipal clerk to issue absentee ballots by agent to hospitalized electors.	6.86(3)(c) – not earlier than 7 days before the election
15	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for regular and permanent overseas electors to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email, or fax) for the Spring Primary	6.86(1)(b) – the 5 th day preceding the election
16	Deadline (12:00 p.m.) for write-in candidates to file a registration statement with the filing officer for the Spring Primary.	7.50(2)(em) – noon the Friday preceding the election
16	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for indefinitely confined and military electors to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email or fax) for the Spring Primary.	6.86(1)(b) – the Friday preceding the election
16	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for electors to register to vote in the municipal clerk's office or other designated location(s).	6.29(2)(a) – Friday preceding the election
18	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for electors (except hospitalized electors and sequestered jurors) to make application in person for absentee ballots. Date set by municipality, in person absentee voting can end before this date.	Per One Wisconsin Institute Court Order – Sunday preceding the election
Date Set By Municipality		
19	Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for the Spring Primary.	6.875(6) – the Monday preceding the election
19	County and municipal clerks publish Type B notice of voting instructions and sample ballots for the Spring Primary, if required.	10.01(2)(b), 10.02, 10.06(2)(d), (3)(b) – the Monday preceding election
19	County and municipal clerks publish Type C notice of referenda for the Spring Primary, if required.	10.01(2)(c), 10.06(3)(b) – the Monday preceding the election
19	Municipal clerks publish Type D notice of the location and hours of polling places for the Spring Primary, if required.	10.01(2)(d) – the Monday preceding the election
20	Spring Primary (if required).	5.02(22) – 3 rd Tuesday in February
20	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for sequestered jurors to apply for an absentee ballot for the Spring Primary.	6.86(1)(b) – Election Day
20	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for hospitalized electors to file a registration form and/or apply for an absentee ballot by agent for the Spring Primary.	6.86 (3)(c) – Election Day
20	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for absentee ballots to be delivered to the polling place.	6.87(6) – Election Day
20	Election inspectors complete the returns for all votes cast at the polling place.	7.51, 7.53(1)(a) – immediately after the polls close
20	Election inspectors in municipalities that have combined wards and one polling place complete and sign the municipal canvass statement for the Spring Primary.	7.53(1)(a) – immediately after the polls close
20	Election inspectors report results of the Spring Primary to proper clerks immediately upon completion of ward/election district canvass.	7.51(4)(b), 7.60(1) – immediately after votes are tabulated
20	Municipal clerks report the returns, by ward or reporting unit, to the county clerk no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated.	7.51(4)(c) – no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated
20	County clerks post all election returns, by ward or reporting unit on the county website no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns.	7.60(1) – no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns
20	Municipal clerks post a statement of the number of electors who have cast a provisional ballot at the clerk's office and the internet	7.15(15) – as soon as possible after the polls close on election night

February 2018		Statute
20	Municipal clerks enter Provisional Ballot Reporting Form (EL-123r) information into the WisVote Provisional Ballot Tracker.	42 U.S.C. § 15482 – election night
21	Municipal clerks deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes and materials to county and school district clerks by 4:00 p.m.	7.51(5) – the day following the election
21	Election notices and proofs of publication from the February 21, 2017 Spring Primary may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(j) – one year after the date of the election
22	Municipal clerks (in municipalities that canvass absentee ballots at an alternate location) deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes to county clerks by 4:00 p.m.	7.51(5), 7.52 – the 2 nd day following the election
23	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for electors who voted provisionally to provide missing information to the municipal clerk.	6.97(3)(b) – the Friday after the election
26	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Spring Primary, if necessary.	7.53(1)(a), 7.53(2)(d) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Monday after the election
26	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to finish the canvass of the Spring Primary, if necessary.	7.51(5)(b) – no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Monday after the election
-	Municipal clerks certify names of municipal candidates and any municipal referenda to county clerks for printing of ballots for the Spring Election.	10.06(3)(bm) – as soon as possible, but no later than 3 days after the municipal canvass is complete
27	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the County Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Spring Primary, if necessary.	7.60(3) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election
27	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the School District Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Spring Primary, if necessary.	7.53(3)(a) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election
27	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for the School District Board of Canvassers to complete the canvass of the Spring Primary, if necessary.	7.53(3)(a) – no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday after the election
-	Filing officers draw names of candidates by lot for placement on the Spring Election ballot.	5.60(1)(b), (5), (6) – 3 rd day after completion of the canvass
-	Deadline for a candidate, or an individual who voted on a referendum at the Spring Primary to petition for a recount.	9.01(1)(a)1 – 5:00 p.m. on the 3 rd business day following the last meeting of the board of canvassers determining the election result
27	Deadline (if no primary was held) for municipal governing body to designate an alternate location for requesting and voting an absentee ballot for the Spring Election.	6.855(1) – no fewer than 14 days prior to the time that absentee ballots are available
March 2018		
1	Last day for county clerks to deliver statement of county canvass of the Spring Primary for judicial offices to Wisconsin Elections Commission.	7.60(5) – no later than 9 days after a primary
*5	Deadline for governing body of municipality to establish location of polling places for the Spring Election.	5.25(3) – 30 days before the election
*5	Deadline for governing body of municipality to pass resolution combining wards for the Spring Election.	5.15(6)(b) – 30 days before the election
*5	Deadline for governing body of municipality to authorize appointment of tabulators for the Spring Election.	7.30(3)(a) – 30 days before the election
6	Clerks may clear memory devices for their voting equipment from the Spring Primary if the data has been transferred to another medium to be retained for 22 months.	7.23(1)(g) – 14 days after a primary

March 2018		Statute
6	Last day for chairperson of the Wisconsin Elections Commission to certify results of the Spring Primary.	7.70(3)(a) – 2 nd Tuesday following Spring Primary
6	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type B notice information and certification of candidates for the Spring Election to county clerks.	10.01(2)(b), 10.06(1)(e) – no later than the 1 st Tuesday in March
-	County clerks send notification of election to municipal clerks as soon as possible after receipt of Type B notice from Wisconsin Elections Commission and after adding any county offices or referenda.	10.06(2)(e) – as soon as possible after receipt of Type B notice
-	County clerks prepare Spring Election ballots and send proofs to Wisconsin Elections Commission for review as soon as possible before printing.	5.72(1), 7.10(2) – as soon as possible
-	Municipal clerks send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the Spring Election as soon as they are available. All absentee ballots must be recorded in WisVote.	42 U.S.C. § 1973ff-1, Wis. Stat. § 7.15(1)(cm) – as soon as ballots are available
6	County and municipal clerks publish Type A notice of referenda, if required.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(f), (3)(bs) – 4 th Tuesday before the election
6	Municipal clerks publish Type E notice of absentee voting instructions for the Spring Election.	10.01(2)(e), 10.06(3)(bs) – 4 th Tuesday before the election
Date Set By Municipality	Clerks issue absentee ballots in person in the clerk’s office or other designated location(s). Start date set by municipality, in person absentee ballots can be issued as soon as ballots are available.	Per One Wisconsin Institute Court Order – start date set by municipality
12	First day for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for the Spring Election.	6.875(6) – no earlier than the 4 th Monday preceding the election
12	Deadline for county clerks and school district clerks to deliver ballots to municipal clerks for the Spring Election.	7.10(1), (3) – no later than 22 days before the election
13	Deadline for municipal clerks to send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the Spring Election.	7.15(1)(cm) – no later than 21 days before the election
14	Deadline for electors to register to vote by mail or online in the Spring Election. After this date, electors must register in person in the municipal clerk’s office or at the polling place.	6.28(1) – must be postmarked no later than the 3 rd Wednesday before the election. Online registration closes at 11:59 p.m.
15	First day for clerks to issue certificate of registrations (EL-133) to late registrants who register to vote in person. Clerks must have the Ineligible Voter List available for in person voter registrations.	6.29(2)(a) 6.29(2)(am)
20	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type A notice of Partisan Primary on August 14, 2018, and General Election on November 6, 2018, to county clerks.	10.01(1), (2)(a), 10.06(1)(f) – 3 rd Tuesday in March
22	Deadline for municipal clerks to submit their Registration and Voting Statistics Report (EL-190NF) for the Spring Primary via WEDCS.	6.275 – within 30 days of each primary and election for a state or national office
24	Last day for electors to begin to acquire residence for the Spring Primary. Electors moving after this date may vote from their prior address.	Per One Wisconsin Institute Court Order – 10 day residency requirement
24	First day for municipal or county clerk to conduct public test of electronic voting equipment.	5.84(1) – 10 days before election
-	Municipal or county clerk must publish notice of electronic voting equipment public test at least 48 hours prior to test.	5.84(1) – 48 hours prior to public test

March 2018		Statute
26	Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to make arrangements for absentee voting with nursing home and authorized care facility administrators.	6.875(6) – the 6 th working day before the election
27	Last day for municipal clerk to post notice of absentee voting at nursing homes and authorized care facilities.	6.875(6)(a) – at least 5 working days before the visit
27	First day for municipal clerk to issue absentee ballots by agent to hospitalized electors.	6.86(3)(c) – not earlier than 7 days before the election
29	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for regular and permanent overseas electors to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email or fax) for the Spring Election.	6.86(1)(b) – 5 th day before the election
30	Deadline (12:00 p.m.) for write-in candidates to file a registration statement with the filing officer for the Spring Election.	7.50(2)(em) – noon the Friday preceding the election
30	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for indefinitely confined electors and military electors to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email or fax) for the Spring Election.	6.86(1)(b), (c) – Friday before the election
30	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for electors to register to vote in the municipal clerk's office or other designated location(s).	6.29(2)(a) – Friday preceding the election
April 2018		
1 Date Set By Municipality	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for electors (except hospitalized electors and sequestered jurors) to make application in person for absentee ballots. Date set by municipality, in person absentee voting can end before this date.	Per One Wisconsin Institute Court Order – Sunday preceding the election
2	County and municipal clerks publish Type B notice of voting instructions and sample ballots for the Spring Election.	10.01(2)(b), 10.02, 10.06(2)(g), (3)(c) – Monday before the election
2	County and municipal clerks publish Type C notice of referenda for the Spring Election, if required.	10.01(2)(c), 10.06(2)(g), (3)(c) – Monday before the election
2	Municipal clerks publish Type D notice of the location and hours of polling places for the Spring Election.	10.01(2)(d), 10.06 (3)(c) – Monday before the election
2	Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for the Spring Election.	6.875(6) – Monday before the election
3	Spring Election	5.02(21) – 1 st Tuesday in April
3	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for sequestered jurors to apply for an absentee ballot for the Spring Election.	6.86(1)(b) – Election Day
3	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for hospitalized electors to file a registration form and/or apply for an absentee ballot by agent for the Spring Election.	6.86 (3)(c) – Election Day
3	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for absentee ballots to be delivered to the polling place.	6.87(6) – Election Day
3	Election inspectors complete the returns for all votes cast at the polling place.	7.51, 7.53(1)(a) – immediately after the polls close
3	Election inspectors in municipalities that have combined wards and one polling place complete and sign the municipal canvass statement for the Spring Election.	7.53(1)(a) – immediately after the polls close
3	Election inspectors report results of the Spring Election to proper clerks immediately upon completion of ward/election district canvass.	7.51(4)(b), 7.60(1) – immediately after votes are tabulated

April 2018		Statute
3	Municipal clerks report the returns, by ward or reporting unit, to the county clerk no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated.	7.51(4)(c) – no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated
3	County clerks post all election returns, by ward or reporting unit on the county website no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns.	7.60(1) – no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns
3	Municipal clerks post a statement of the number of electors who have cast a provisional ballot at the clerk’s office and the internet	7.15(15) – as soon as possible after the polls close on election night
3	Municipal clerks enter Provisional Ballot Reporting Form (EL-123r) information into the WisVote Provisional Ballot Tracker.	42 U.S.C. § 15482 – election night
3	County clerks send Type A notice of Partisan Primary on August 14, 2018, and General Election on November 6, 2018 to municipal clerks.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(gm) – 1 st Tuesday in April
4	Municipal clerks deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes and materials to county and school district clerks by 4:00 p.m.	7.51(5) – the day after the election
4	Election notices and proofs of publication from the April 4, 2017 Spring Election may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(j) – one year after the date of the election
5	Municipal clerks (in municipalities that canvass absentee ballots at an alternate location) deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes to county clerks by 4:00 p.m.	7.51(5), 7.52 – the 2 nd day after the election
6	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for electors who voted provisionally to provide missing information to the municipal clerk.	6.97(3)(b) – the Friday after the election
9	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Spring Election.	7.53(1)(a), 7.53(2)(d) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Monday after the election
9	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to finish the canvass of the Spring Election.	7.51(5)(b) – no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Monday after the election
10	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the County Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Spring Election.	7.60(3) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election
10	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the School District Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Spring Election.	7.53(3)(a) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election
10	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for the School District Board of Canvassers to complete the canvass of the Spring Election.	7.53(3)(a) – no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday after the election
10	County clerks publish Type A notice of Partisan Primary on August 14, 2018, and General Election on November 6, 2018.	10.06(2)(h) - 2nd Tuesday in April preceding a partisan primary and general election
13	Last day for county clerks to deliver statement of county canvass of the Spring Election for judicial offices to Wisconsin Elections Commission.	7.60(5) – no later than 10 days after the election
-	Deadline for a candidate, or an individual who voted on a referendum at the Spring Election to petition for a recount.	9.01(1)(a)1 – 5:00 p.m. on the 3 rd business day following the last meeting of the board of canvassers determining the election result
-	County, municipal, and school district clerks issue certificates of election after the deadline to file a petition for recount and appeal of recount has passed.	7.53(4), 7.60(6), 120.06(10)
15	First day for candidates to circulate nomination papers for the General Election.	8.15(1) – April 15
24	Clerks may clear memory devices for their voting equipment from the Spring Election if the data has been transferred to another medium to be retained for 22 months.	7.23(1)(g) – 21 days after the election.

May 2018		Statute
3	Deadline for municipal clerk to submit their Registration and Voting Statistics Report (EL-190F) for the Spring Election via WEDCS.	6.275 – within 30 days of each primary and election for a state or national office
15	Last day for chairperson of the Wisconsin Elections Commission to certify results of the Spring Election.	7.70(3)(a) – May 15
18	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for incumbents not seeking reelection to file Notification of Noncandidacy (EL-163) with the filing officer. Failure to notify will extend nomination paper deadline 72 hours for that office.	8.15(1) – 2 nd Friday prior to the deadline for nomination papers
21	Certain materials and supplies from the 2018 Spring Primary may be destroyed after this date if no election contest, recount, or litigation is pending.	7.23(1)(k) – 90 days after the election
June 2018		
1	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for candidates to file nomination papers, declarations of candidacy, and campaign registration statements for the General Election with the filing officer.	8.15(1), 8.20(8)(a), 8.21 – June 1
4	Deadline (4:30 p.m.) for all state candidates to file Statement of Economic Interests with Wisconsin Ethics Commission.	19.43(4) – 3 rd day following deadline for nomination papers
4	Deadline for filing officer to accept challenges to nomination papers.	8.07, EL 2.07 – within 3 calendar days of the deadline to file nomination papers
-	Filing officer arranges to deliver a copy of the challenge to the challenged candidate.	EL 2.07(2)(a) – within 24 hours of receipt of challenge
-	Deadline for challenged candidate to file a verified response with the filing officer.	EL 2.07(2)(b) – within 3 calendar days of the challenge being filed
5	Deadline for filing officer to receive referendum questions or petitions for referendum intended for the Partisan Primary ballot.	8.37 – 70 days prior to the election
6	Deadline for filing officer to file a copy of the referendum question with the county clerk.	8.37 – next business day after received by filing officer
-	Filing officers draw names of candidates by lot for placement on the Partisan Primary ballot.	5.60(1)(b), 5.62(3), (4)
9	Poll lists from the August 9, 2016, Partisan Primary may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(e) – 22 months after an election
9	Ballots, absentee applications, and other records and papers from the 2016 Partisan Primary may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(f) – 22 months after a federal election
10	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type B notice information and certification of candidates to county clerks for Partisan Primary.	10.01(2)(b), 10.06(1)(h) – June 10
-	County clerks prepare ballots and send proofs to Wisconsin Elections Commission for review as soon as possible before printing.	5.72(1), 7.10(2) – as soon as possible
-	Municipal clerks send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the Partisan Primary as soon as they are available. All absentee ballots must be recorded in WisVote.	42 U.S.C. § 1973ff-1, Wis. Stat. § 7.15(1)(cm) – as soon as ballots are available
Date Set By Municipality	Clerks issue absentee ballots in person in the clerk’s office or other designated location(s). Start date set by municipality, in person absentee ballots can be issued as soon as ballots are available.	Per One Wisconsin Institute Court Order – start date set by municipality

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14	Deadline for municipal governing body to designate an alternate location for requesting and voting an absentee ballot. This location will remain in use through the November general election.	6.855(1) – no fewer than 14 days prior to the time that absentee ballots are available
27	Deadline for county clerks to deliver ballots and supplies to municipal clerks for the Partisan Primary.	7.10(1),(3) – 48 days before Partisan Primary
28	Deadline for municipal clerks to send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the Partisan Primary.	7.15(1)(cm) – 47 days before Partisan Primary
July 2018		
2	Certain materials and supplies from the 2018 Spring Election may be destroyed after this date if no election contest, recount, or litigation is pending.	7.23(1)(k) – 90 days after the election
*16	Deadline for governing body of municipality to pass resolution combining wards for Partisan Primary.	5.15(6)(b) – 30 days before election
*16	Deadline for governing body of municipality to establish polling places for Partisan Primary.	5.25(3) – 30 days before election
*16	Deadline for governing body of municipality to authorize appointment of tabulators for Partisan Primary.	7.30(3)(a) – 30 days before election
17	County and municipal clerks publish Type A notice of referenda, if required.	10.01(2)(c), 10.06(2)(g), (3)(cm) – 4 th Tuesday preceding election
17	Municipal clerks publish Type E notice of absentee voting instructions for Partisan Primary.	10.01(2)(e), 10.06(3)(cm) – 4 th Tuesday preceding the election
23	First day for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for the Partisan Primary.	6.875(6) – 4 th Monday preceding the election
25	Deadline for electors to register by mail or online to vote in the Partisan Primary. After this date, electors must register in person in the municipal clerk's office or at the polling place.	6.28(1) – must be postmarked no later than the 3 rd Wednesday before the election. Online registration closes at 11:59 p.m.
26	First day for clerks to issue certificate of registrations (EL-133) to late registrants who register to vote in person. Clerks must have the Ineligible Voter List available for in person voter registrations.	6.29(2)(a) 6.29(2)(am)
August 2018		
4	First day for municipal or county clerk to conduct public test of electronic voting equipment.	5.84(1) – 10 days before election
-	Municipal or county clerk must publish notice of electronic voting equipment public test at least 48 hours prior to test.	5.84(1) – 48 hours prior to public test
4	Last day for electors to begin to acquire residence for the Partisan Primary. Electors moving after this date may vote from their prior address.	Per One Wisconsin Institute Court Order – 10 day residency requirement
6	Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to make arrangements for absentee voting with nursing home and authorized care facility administrators.	6.875(6) – the 6 th working day before the election
7	Last day for municipal clerk to post notice of absentee voting at nursing homes and authorized care facilities.	6.875(6)(a) – at least 5 working days before the visit

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9	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for regular and permanent overseas electors to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email or fax) for Partisan Primary.	6.86(1)(b) – 5 th day preceding the election
10	Deadline (12:00 p.m.) for write-in candidates to file a registration statement with the filing officer for the Partisan Primary.	7.50(2)(em) – noon the Friday preceding the election
10	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for indefinitely confined and military electors not on active duty away from their voting residence to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email or fax) for the Partisan Primary.	6.86(1)(c), (2)(a) – Friday preceding the election
10	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for electors to register to vote in the municipal clerk's office or other designated location(s).	6.29(2)(a) – Friday preceding the election
12	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for electors (except hospitalized electors and sequestered jurors) to make application in person for absentee ballots. Date set by municipality, in person absentee voting can end before this date.	Per One Wisconsin Institute Court Order – Sunday preceding the election
Date Set By Municipality		
13	County clerks publish Type B notice of voting instructions and facsimile ballots for Partisan Primary.	10.01(2)(b), 10.02, 10.06(2)(j) – Monday preceding the election
13	County clerks publish Type C notice of referenda, if required.	10.01(2)(c) – Monday preceding the election
13	Municipal clerks publish Type D notice of the location and hours of polling places for the Partisan Primary.	10.01(2)(c) – Monday preceding the election
13	Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for Partisan Primary.	6.875(6) – Monday preceding the election
14	Partisan Primary	5.02(12s) – 2 nd Tuesday in August
14	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for military electors on active duty away from their voting residence to request absentee ballots.	6.86(1)(b) – Election Day
14	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for sequestered jurors to apply for an absentee ballot for the Partisan Primary.	6.86(1)(b) – Election Day
14	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for hospitalized electors to file a registration form and/or apply for an absentee ballot by agent for the Partisan Primary.	6.86 (3)(c) – Election Day
14	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for absentee ballots to be delivered to the polling place.	6.87(6) – Election Day
14	Election inspectors complete the returns for all votes cast at the polling place.	7.51(5)(a) – immediately after the polls close
14	Election inspectors report results of the Partisan Primary to proper clerks immediately after the votes are tabulated or counted.	7.51(4)(b) – immediately after the votes are tabulated or counted
14	Election inspectors deliver all ballots, statements, tally sheets, voter lists, and envelopes to the municipal clerk.	7.51(5)(a) – immediately after the polls close
14	Municipal clerks report the returns, by ward or reporting unit, to the county clerk no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated.	7.51(4)(c) – no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated
14	County clerks post all election returns, by ward or reporting until on the county website no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns.	7.60(1) – no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns
14	Municipal clerks post a statement of the number of electors who have cast a provisional ballot at the clerk's office and the internet.	7.15(15) – as soon as possible after the polls close on election night

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14	Municipal clerks enter Provisional Ballot Reporting Form (EL-123r) information into the WisVote Provisional Ballot Tracker.	42 U.S.C. § 15482 – election night
15	Municipal clerks deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes and materials to county clerks by 4:00 p.m.	7.51(5) – the day following the election
16	Municipal clerks (in municipalities that canvass absentee ballots at an alternate location) deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes and materials to county clerks by 4:00 p.m.	7.51(5), 7.52 – the 2 nd day following the election
17	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for electors who voted provisionally to provide missing information to the municipal clerk.	6.97(3) – the Friday after the election
20	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Partisan Primary, if necessary.	7.53(1)(a), 7.53(2)(d) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Monday after the election
20	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to finish the canvass of the Partisan Primary.	7.51(5)(b) – no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Monday after the election
21	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the County Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Partisan Primary.	7.60(3) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election
-	Deadline for a candidate, or an individual who voted on a referendum at the Partisan Primary to petition for a recount.	9.01(1)(a)1 – 5:00 p.m. on the 3 rd business day following the last meeting of the board of canvassers determining the election result
24	Last day for county clerks to deliver statement of county canvass of Partisan Primary for state and federal offices to Wisconsin Elections Commission.	7.60(5) – 10 days after election
28	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type B notice information and certification of candidates for General Election to county clerks.	10.01(2)(b), 10.06(1)(i) – 4 th Tuesday in August
28	Clerks may clear memory devices for their voting equipment from the Partisan Primary if the data has been transferred to another medium to be retained for 22 months.	7.23(1)(g) – 14 days after a primary
28	Deadline for filing officer to receive referendum questions or petitions for referendum intended for the General Election ballot.	8.37 – 70 days before election
29	Deadline for filing officer to file a copy of the referendum question with the county clerk.	8.37 – next business day after received by filing officer
29	Last day for chairperson of the Wisconsin Elections Commission to certify the results of the Partisan Primary.	7.70(3)(a) – 3 rd Wednesday following election
-	County clerks prepare General Election ballots and send proofs to Wisconsin Elections Commission for review as soon as possible before printing.	5.72(1), 7.10(2) – as soon as possible
-	Municipal clerks send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the General Election as soon as they are available. All absentee ballots must be recorded in WisVote.	42 U.S.C. § 1973ff-1, Wis. Stat. § 7.15(1)(cm) – as soon as ballots are available
Date Set By Municipality	Clerks issue absentee ballots in person in the clerk's office or other designated location(s). Start date set by municipality, in person absentee ballots can be issued as soon as ballots are available.	Per One Wisconsin Institute Court Order – start date set by municipality
September 2018		
8	Poll lists, ballots, absentee applications, and other records and papers from the November 8, 2016, General Election may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(e), 7.23(1)(f) – 22 months after election
13	Deadline for municipal clerk to submit their Registration and Voting Statistics Report (EL-190F) for the Partisan Primary via WEDCS.	6.275 – within 30 days of each primary and election for a state or national office

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19	Deadline for county clerks to deliver ballots and supplies to municipal clerks for the General Election.	7.10(1), (3) – 48 days before election
20	Deadline for municipal clerks to send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the General Election.	7.10(3), 7.15(1)(c), (cm) – 47 days before election
October 2018		
*8	Deadline for governing body of municipality to establish location of polling places for General Election.	5.25(3) – 30 days before election
*8	Deadline for governing body of municipality to pass resolution combining wards for General Election.	5.15(6)(b) – 30 days before election
*8	Deadline for governing body of municipality to authorize appointment of tabulators for General Election.	7.30(3)(a) – 30 days before election
9	Municipal clerks publish Type E notice of absentee voting instructions for General Election.	10.01(2)(e), 10.06(3)(cm) – 4 th Tuesday preceding election
9	County and municipal clerks publish Type A notice of referenda, if required.	10.01(2)(c), 10.06(2)(g), (3)(c) – 4 th Tuesday preceding election
15	First day for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for General Election.	6.875(6) – 4 th Monday preceding the election
17	Deadline for electors to register by mail or online to vote in the General Election. After this date, electors must register in person in the municipal clerk's office or at the polling place.	6.28(1) – must be postmarked no later than the 3 rd Wednesday before the election. Online registration closes at 11:59 p.m.
18	First day for clerks to issue certificate of registrations (EL-133) to late registrants who register to vote in person.	6.29(2)(a)
	Clerks must have the Ineligible Voter List available for in person voter registrations.	6.29(2)(am)
27	First day for municipal or county clerk to conduct public test of electronic voting equipment.	5.84(1) – 10 days before election
-	Municipal or county clerk must publish notice of electronic voting equipment public test at least 48 hours prior to test.	5.84(1) – 48 hours prior to public test
27	Last day for electors to begin to acquire residence for the General Election. Electors moving after this date may vote from their prior address.	Per One Wisconsin Institute Court Order – 10 day residency requirement
29	Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to make arrangements for absentee voting with nursing home and authorized care facility administrators.	6.875(6) – the 6 th working day before the election
30	Last day for municipal clerk to post notice of absentee voting at nursing homes and authorized care facilities.	6.875(6)(a) – at least 5 working days before the visit
November 2018		
1	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for regular and permanent overseas electors to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email or fax) for the General Election.	6.86(1)(b) – 5 th day preceding the election
2	Deadline (12:00 p.m.) for write-in candidates to file a registration statement with the filing officer for the General Election.	7.50(2)(em) – noon the Friday preceding the election
2	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for electors to register to vote in the municipal clerk's office or other designated location(s).	6.29(2)(a) – Friday preceding the election

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2	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for indefinitely confined electors and military electors, not on active duty away from their residence to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email or fax) for the General Election.	6.86(1)(b) – Friday preceding the election
Date Set By Municipality	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for electors (except hospitalized electors and sequestered jurors) to make application in person for absentee ballots. Date set by municipality, in person absentee voting can end before this date.	Per One Wisconsin Institute Court Order – Sunday preceding the election
5	County clerks publish Type B notice of voting instructions and facsimile ballots for General Election.	10.01(2)(b), 10.02, 10.06(2)(m) – Monday preceding the election
5	County clerks publish Type C notice of referenda, if required.	10.01(2)(c), 10.06(2)(m) – Monday preceding the election
5	Municipal clerks publish Type D notice of locations and hours of polling places for General Election.	10.01(2)(d), 10.06(3)(d) – Monday preceding the election
5	Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for the General Election.	6.875(6) – Monday preceding the election
6	General Election	5.02(5) – Tuesday after the 1 st Monday in November
6	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for sequestered jurors to apply for an absentee ballot for the General Election.	6.86(1)(b) – Election Day
6	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for hospitalized electors to file a registration form and/or apply for an absentee ballot by agent for the General Election.	6.86 (3)(c) – Election Day
6	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for military electors on active duty away from their voting residence to request absentee ballots.	6.86(1)(b) – Election Day
6	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for absentee ballots to be delivered to the polling place.	6.87(6) – Election Day
6	Election inspectors complete the returns for all votes cast at the polling place.	7.51(5)(a) – immediately after the polls close
6	Election inspectors report results of the General Election to proper clerks immediately after the votes are tabulated or counted.	7.51(4)(b) – immediately after the votes are tabulated or counted
6	Election inspectors deliver all ballots, statements, tally sheets, voter lists, and envelopes to the municipal clerk.	7.51(5)(a) – immediately after the polls close
6	Municipal clerks report the returns, by ward or reporting unit, to the county clerk no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated.	7.51(4)(c) – no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated
6	County clerks post all election returns, by ward or reporting unit on the county website no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns.	7.60(1) – no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns
6	Municipal clerks post a statement of the number of electors who have cast a provisional ballot at the clerk’s office and the internet.	7.15(15) – as soon as possible after the polls close on election night
6	Municipal clerks enter Provisional Ballot Reporting Form (EL-123r) information into the WisVote Provisional Ballot Tracker.	42 U.S.C. § 15482 – election night
7	Municipal clerks deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes and materials to county clerks by 4:00 p.m.	7.51(5) – the day following the election

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8	Municipal clerks (in municipalities that canvass absentee ballots at an alternate location) deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes and materials to county clerks by 4:00 p.m.	7.51(5), 7.52 – the 2 nd day following the election
9	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for electors who voted provisionally to provide missing information to the municipal clerk.	6.97(3) – the Friday after the election
12	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the General Election, if necessary.	7.53(1)(a), 7.53(2)(d) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Monday after the election
12	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to finish the canvass of the General Election.	7.51(5)(b) – no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Monday after the election
13	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the County Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the General Election.	7.60(3) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election
15	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type A notice of the Spring Primary on February 19, 2019, and the Spring Election on April 2, 2019, to county clerks.	10.01(1), (2)(a), 10.06(1)(a) – No later than November 15
16	Last day for county clerks to deliver statement of county canvass of General Election for state and federal offices to Wisconsin Elections Commission.	7.60(5) – 10 days after election
27	County clerks publish Type A notice of the Spring Primary and the Spring Election.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(a) – 4 th Tuesday in November
27	Municipal clerks publish Type A notice of the Spring Primary and the Spring Election.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(3)(a), (4)(a) – 4 th Tuesday in November
27	Clerks may clear memory devices for their voting equipment from the General Election if the data has been transferred to another medium to be retained for 22 months.	7.23(1)(g) – 21 days after an election
December 2018		
1	Last day for chairperson of the Wisconsin Elections Commission to certify the results of the General Election.	7.70(3)(a) – December 1
1	First day for candidates to circulate nomination papers for the 2019 Spring Election.	8.05(3)(a), (4)(b), 8.10(2)(a) – December 1
1	First day for town or village governing body to set the date for caucus.	8.05(1)(a) – Between December 1 and January 21
1	Municipal clerks certify the approximate number of electors in municipality to county clerks.	5.66(1) – 1 st day of the 2 nd month preceding a primary
1	Deadline for electors of a village to petition for a primary.	8.11(1m)(c) – December 1
6	Deadline for municipal clerk to submit their Registration and Voting Statistics Report (EL-190F) for the General Election via WEDCS.	6.275 – within 30 days of each primary and election for a state or national office
11	Deadline for filing officer to receive referendum questions or petitions for referendum intended for the Spring Primary ballot.	8.37 – 70 days prior to the election
12	Deadline for filing officer to file a copy of the referendum question intended for the Spring Primary with the county clerk.	8.37 – next business day after receipt by filing officer
21	Poll lists from the February 21, 2017 Spring Primary may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(e) – 22 months after the election
21	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for incumbents not seeking reelection to file Notification of Noncandidacy (EL-163) with the filing officer. Failure to notify will extend nomination paper deadline 72 hours for that office.	8.10(2)(a), 120.06(6)(b) – 2 nd Friday preceding the deadline for nomination papers