

Wisconsin Elections Commission Calendar of Election Events

November 2019 – January 2021

Spring Primary – February 18, 2020

Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election – April 7, 2020

Partisan Primary – August 11, 2020

General Election – November 3, 2020

*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 2019		Statute
6	Election notices and proofs of publication from the November 6, 2018 General Election may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(j) – One year after the date of the election
15	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type A notice of April 7, 2020 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote to county clerks.	10.01(1), (2)(a), 10.06(1)(a) – November 15
26	County clerks publish Type A notice of Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(a) – 4 th Tuesday of November
26	Municipal clerks publish Type A notice of Spring Election for municipal offices and referenda.	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 2019		Statute
1	First day for candidates to circulate nomination papers for the 2020 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
10	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for eligible political parties to certify participation in Presidential Preference Primary to WEC.	8.12(1)(a) – Second Tuesday in December
10	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
11	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
20	Poll lists from the February 20, 2018, Spring Primary may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(e) – 22 months after election
27	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 2020 -2021 term.	6.875(4), 7.30(4)(a), (b)1 – December 31

January 2020		Statute
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
1	First day for political organizations seeking to attain ballot status to circulate the Petition for Ballot Status (EL-171).	5.62(2)(a) – January 1
2	First day for town or village governing body to hold caucus.	8.05(1)(a) – between January 2 and January 21
7	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for candidates to file nomination papers, declarations of candidacy, and campaign registration statements for the 2020 Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election with the filing officer.	8.05(3)(a), (4)(b), 8.10(2)(a), (5), 8.21 – 1 st Tuesday in January
7	Presidential Preference Selection Committee convenes at State Capitol to choose candidates for placement on Presidential Preference Primary ballot.	8.12(1)(b) – First Tuesday in January
7	First day for candidates seeking presidential nomination, but not chosen by Selection Committee, to circulate petition (EL-174) for placement on Presidential Preference Primary ballot	8.12(1)(c) – First Tuesday in January
10	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
10	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
10	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
10	Deadline for WEC to receive certified list of candidates for the Presidential Preference Primary from Presidential Preference Selection Committee.	8.12(1)(b) – Friday following the date on which Committee convenes to choose candidates
-	Wisconsin Elections Commission notifies all candidates appearing on Selection Committee’s certified list of their placement on Presidential Preference Primary ballot.	8.12(1)(d) – Forthwith after receiving certified list of candidates
14	Deadline for filing officers to draw names of candidates by lot for placement on the Spring Primary ballot or the Presidential Preference Primary and 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
14	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type B notice information and certification of candidates to county clerks for the Spring Primary or the Presidential Preference Primary and 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

14	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 Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	6.855(1) – no fewer than 14 days prior to the time that absentee ballots are available
*19	Deadline for governing body of municipality to establish location of polling places for the Spring Primary.	5.25(3) – 30 days before the election
*19	Deadline for governing body of municipality to pass resolution combining wards for the Spring Primary.	5.15(6)(b) – 30 days before the election
*19	Deadline for governing body of municipality to authorize appointment of tabulators for the Spring Primary.	7.30(3)(a) – 30 days before the election
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 Presidential Preference Primary and 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 Presidential Preference Primary and 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 Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	10.06(3)(bm) – as soon as possible, but no later than 3 days after qualification of candidates from the caucus
21	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
21	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
27	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
27	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
28	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
-	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
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
28	Deadline for the filing officer to receive referendum questions or petitions for referendum intended for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election ballot.	8.37 – 70 days prior to the election
28	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for candidates chosen by Selection Committee, who do not wish to be a candidate at the Presidential Preference Primary, to file a disclaimer to this effect with WEC.	8.12(1)(d) – Last Tuesday in January
28	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for candidates seeking presidential nomination, but not chosen by Selection Committee, to submit petition (EL-174) for placement on Presidential Preference Primary ballot.	8.12(1)(c) – Last Tuesday in January

January 2020		Statute
-	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends certified list of candidates for Presidential Preference Primary ballot to county clerks.	7.08(2)(d) – As soon as possible after last Tuesday in January
-	County Clerks prepare Presidential Preference only ballots and send proofs to Wisconsin Elections Commission for review	5.72, 7.10(2) – As soon as possible after Presidential Preference candidate certification
29	Deadline for filing officer to file a copy of the referendum question intended for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election with the county clerk.	8.37 – next business day after receipt by filing officer
29	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.
30	First day for clerks to issue certificate of registrations (EL-133) to late registrants who register to vote in person.	6.29(2)(a) – First day after close of by-mail/online registration
	Clerks must have the Ineligible Voter List available for in person voter registrations.	6.29(2)(am)
February 2020		Statute
3	Poll lists from the April 3, 2018 Spring Election may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(e) – 22 months after election
8	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
8	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
10	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
11	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
11	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
13	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for regular and 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
14	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
14	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for indefinitely confined electors and military electors, not on active duty or away from their residence, to request absentee ballots by mail, online, by email, or fax for the Spring Primary.	6.86(1)(b) – Friday preceding the election
14	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for calendar year absentee ballot requests to be submitted by mail, online, email, or fax to receive absentee ballot for Spring Primary.	6.86(1)(b), 6.86(2m) – 5:00 p.m. Friday preceding an election
14	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
16 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

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17	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
17	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
17	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
17	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
18	Spring Primary (if required).	5.02(22) – 3 rd Tuesday in February
18	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
18	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for sequestered jurors to apply for an absentee ballot for the Spring Primary.	6.86(1)(b) – Election Day
18	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
18	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for all absentee ballots to be delivered to the polling place or central count location.	6.87(6) – Election Day
18	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for clerks of central count municipalities to post a statement in their offices and on the internet listing the number of absentee ballots issued and the number that have been returned	7.52(1)(c) – No later than the closing hour of polls
18	Election inspectors complete the returns for all votes cast at the polling place.	7.51, 7.53(1)(a) – immediately after the polls close
18	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
18	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
18	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
18	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
18	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
18	Municipal clerks enter Provisional Ballot Reporting Form (EL-123r) information into the WisVote Provisional Ballot Tracker.	42 U.S.C. § 15482 – election night
19	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
19	Election notices and proofs of publication from the February 19, 2019 Spring Primary may be destroyed, where applicable.	7.23(1)(j) – one year after the date of the election

February 2020		Statute
19	Last day for county clerks to deliver Presidential Preference Only ballots and supplies to municipal clerks for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	7.10(1), 7.10(3)(a) – 48 days prior to Presidential Preference Primary
20	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
20	Deadline for municipal clerks to send Presidential Preference Only ballots to voters with valid requests on file for the Presidential Preference Primary. (UOCAVA deadline)	42 U.S.C. §1973ff-1, Wis. Stat. §7.15(1)(cm) – No later than 47 days prior to Presidential Preference Primary
-	Municipal clerks send Presidential Preference Only ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the Presidential Preference Primary as soon as they are available.	42 U.S.C. § 1973ff-1, Wis. Stat. § 7.15(1)(cm) – as soon as ballots are available
21	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
24	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
24	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 Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	10.06(3)(bm) – as soon as possible, but no later than 3 days after the municipal canvass is complete
25	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
25	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
25	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 Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election ballot.	5.60(1)(b), (5), (6) – 3 rd day after completion of the canvass
-	Deadline for a qualified 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	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
March 2020		Statute
3	Deadline (if no primary was held) for municipal governing body to designate an alternate location for requesting and voting an absentee ballot for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	6.855(1) – no fewer than 14 days prior to the time that absentee ballots are available
3	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
3	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
3	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type B notice information and certification of candidates for the Presidential Preference Primary and 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 Presidential Preference Primary and 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 after candidate certification
*8	Deadline for governing body of municipality to establish location of polling places for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	5.25(3) – 30 days before the election
*8	Deadline for governing body of municipality to pass resolution combining wards for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	5.15(6)(b) – 30 days before the election
*8	Deadline for governing body of municipality to authorize appointment of tabulators for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	7.30(3)(a) – 30 days before the election
10	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
10	Municipal clerks publish Type E notice of absentee voting instructions for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	10.01(2)(e), 10.06(3)(bs) – 4 th Tuesday before the election
16	First day for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	6.875(6) – No earlier than the 4 th Monday preceding the election
16	Deadline for county clerks and school district clerks to deliver ballots to municipal clerks for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	7.10(1), (3) – No later than 22 days before the election
17	Deadline for municipal clerks to send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	7.15(1)(cm) – No later than 21 days before the election
-	Municipal clerks send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the Presidential Preference Primary and 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
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
17	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type A notice of Partisan Primary on August 11, 2020, and General Election on November 3, 2020, to county clerks.	10.01(1), (2)(a), 10.06(1)(f) – 3 rd Tuesday in March
18	Deadline for electors to register to vote by mail or online in the Presidential Preference Primary and 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.
19	First day for clerks to issue certificate of registrations (EL-133) to late registrants who register to vote in person.	6.29(2)(a) – First day after close of by-mail/online registration
	Clerks must have the Ineligible Voter List available for in person voter registrations.	6.29(2)(am)
19	Deadline for municipal clerks to submit voter participation, Inspectors’ Statement data, and Election Reconciliation data for the Spring Primary via WisVote.	6.275 – within 30 days of each primary and election for a state or national office
*28	First day for municipal or county clerk to conduct public test of electronic voting equipment.	5.84(1) – 10 days before election

March 2020		Statute
-	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
28	Last day for electors to begin to acquire residence for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. Electors moving after this date may vote from their prior address.	Per One Wisconsin Institute Court Order – 10 day residency requirement
30	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
31	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
31	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
April 2020		Statute
1	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for political organizations seeking to attain ballot status to file Petition for Ballot Status (EL-171) with WEC.	5.62(2)(a) – April 1
2	Election notices and proofs of publication from the April 2, 2019 Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(j) – one year after the date of the election
2	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for regular and overseas electors to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email or fax) for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	6.86(1)(b) – 5 th day before the election
3	Deadline (12:00 p.m.) for write-in candidates to file a registration statement with the filing officer for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	7.50(2)(em) – noon the Friday preceding the election
3	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for indefinitely confined electors and military electors, not on active duty or away from their residence, to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email or fax) for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	6.86(1)(b) – Friday preceding the election
14	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for calendar year absentee ballot requests to be submitted by mail, online, email, or fax to receive absentee ballot for Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary.	6.86(1)(b), 6.86(2m) – 5:00 p.m. Friday preceding an election
3	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
5	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
6	County and municipal clerks publish Type B notice of voting instructions and sample ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	10.01(2)(b), 10.02, 10.06(2)(g), (3)(c) – Monday before the election
6	County and municipal clerks publish Type C notice of referenda for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election, if required.	10.01(2)(c), 10.06(2)(g), (3)(c) – Monday before the election
6	Municipal clerks publish Type D notice of the location and hours of polling places for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	10.01(2)(d), 10.06 (3)(c) – Monday before the election
6	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 Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	6.875(6) – Monday before the election
7	Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election	5.02(21) – 1 st Tuesday in April

7	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
7	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for sequestered jurors to apply for an absentee ballot for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	6.86(1)(b) – Election Day
7	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for hospitalized electors to file a registration form and/or apply for an absentee ballot by agent for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	6.86 (3)(c) – Election Day
7	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for all absentee ballots to be delivered to the polling place or central count location.	6.87(6) – Election Day
7	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for clerks of central count municipalities to post a statement in their offices and on the internet listing the number of absentee ballots issued and the number that have been returned	7.52(1)(c) – No later than the closing hour of polls
7	Election inspectors complete the returns for all votes cast at the polling place.	7.51, 7.53(1)(a) – immediately after the polls close
7	Election inspectors in municipalities that have combined wards and one polling place complete and sign the municipal canvass statement for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	7.53(1)(a) – immediately after the polls close
7	Election inspectors report results of the Presidential Preference Primary and 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
7	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
7	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
7	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
7	Municipal clerks enter Provisional Ballot Reporting Form (EL-123r) information into the WisVote Provisional Ballot Tracker.	42 U.S.C. § 15482 – election night
7	County clerks send Type A notice of Partisan Primary on August 11, 2020, and General Election on November 3, 2020 to municipal clerks.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(gm) – 1 st Tuesday in April
8	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
9	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
10	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
13	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	7.53(1)(a), 7.53(2)(d) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Monday after the election
13	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to finish the canvass of the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	7.51(5)(b) – no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Monday after the election
14	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the County Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	7.60(3) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election
14	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the School District Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	7.53(3)(a) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election

April 2020		Statute
14	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for the School District Board of Canvassers to complete the canvass of the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	7.53(3)(a) – no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday after the election
14	County clerks publish Type A notice of Partisan Primary on August 11, 2020, and General Election on November 3, 2020.	10.06(2)(h) - 2nd Tuesday in April preceding a partisan primary and general election
17	Last day for county clerks to deliver statement of county canvass of the Presidential Preference Primary and 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 Presidential Preference Primary and 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) – As soon as deadline for filing recount petition has passed
15	First day for candidates to circulate nomination papers for the General Election.	8.15(1) – April 15
28	Clerks may clear memory devices for their voting equipment from the Presidential Preference Primary and 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 2020		Statute
7	Deadline for municipal clerks to submit voter participation, Inspectors' Statement data, and Election Reconciliation data for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election via WisVote.	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 Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.	7.70(3)(a) – May 15
15	Wisconsin Elections Commission notifies state party chairs of Presidential Preference results in state and each congressional district.	8.12(3) – No later than May 15
18	Deadline for municipal clerks to submit Election Day Registration Postcard data for the Spring Primary via WisVote.	6.275(1)(f) – Within 90 days of each primary or election for state or national office
18	Certain materials and supplies from the 2020 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
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.	8.15(1) – 2 nd Friday prior to the deadline for nomination papers
June 2020		Statute
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
2	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
3	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
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

June 2020		Statute
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
-	Filing officers draw names of candidates by lot for placement on the Partisan Primary ballot.	5.60(1)(b), 5.62(3), (4) – As soon as possible after challenge deadline has passed
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
11	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
-	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 after candidate certification
14	Poll lists from the August 14, 2018, Partisan Primary may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(e) – 22 months after an election
14	Ballots, absentee applications, and other records and papers from the 2018 Partisan Primary may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(f) – 22 months after a federal election
24	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
25	Deadline for municipal clerks to send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the Partisan Primary. (UOCAVA deadline).	7.15(1)(cm) – 47 days before Partisan Primary
-	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
July 2020		Statute
1	First day for Independent candidates for President and Vice President to circulate nomination papers (EL-167). A list of presidential electors designated to represent them must be included.	8.20(8)(am) – July 1
6	Certain materials and supplies from the 2020 Presidential Preference Primary and 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
6	Deadline for municipal clerks to submit Election Day Registration (EDR) Postcard data for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election via WisVote.	6.275(1)(f) – Within 90 days of each primary and election for state or national office
*12	Deadline for governing body of municipality to pass resolution combining wards for Partisan Primary.	5.15(6)(b) – 30 days before election
*12	Deadline for governing body of municipality to establish polling places for Partisan Primary.	5.25(3) – 30 days before election
*12	Deadline for governing body of municipality to authorize appointment of tabulators for Partisan Primary.	7.30(3)(a) – 30 days before election
14	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

July 2020		Statute
14	Last day for electors to begin to acquire residence for the Partisan Primary. Electors moving after this date may vote from their prior address.	6.02(2), 6.10(3) – 28 days prior to election
14	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
20	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
22	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.
23	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) – First day after close of by-mail/online registration 6.29(2)(am)
August 2020		Statute
1	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
3	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
4	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
4	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for Independent candidates for President and Vice President to file nomination papers (EL-167), declaration of candidacy (EL-162), and list of presidential electors with WEC.	8.20(8)(am), 8.21 – First Tuesday in August
6	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for regular and overseas electors to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email or fax) for Partisan Primary only.	6.86(1)(b) – 5 th day preceding the election
7	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
7	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) 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
7	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for calendar year absentee ballot requests to be submitted by mail, online, email, or fax to receive absentee ballot for Partisan Primary.	6.86(1)(b), 6.86(2m) – 5:00 p.m. Friday preceding an election
7	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
9 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
10	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
10	County clerks publish Type C notice of referenda, if required.	10.01(2)(c) – Monday preceding the election

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10	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
10	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
11	Partisan Primary	5.02(12s) – 2 nd Tuesday in August
11	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
11	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for sequestered jurors to apply for an absentee ballot for the Partisan Primary.	6.86(1)(b) – Election Day
11	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
11	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for all absentee ballots to be delivered to the polling place or central count location.	6.87(6) – Election Day
11	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for clerks of central count municipalities to post a statement in their offices and on the internet listing the number of absentee ballots issued and the number that have been returned	7.52(1)(c) – No later than the closing hour of polls
11	Election inspectors complete the returns for all votes cast at the polling place.	7.51(5)(a) – immediately after the polls close
11	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
11	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
11	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
11	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
11	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
11	Municipal clerks enter Provisional Ballot Reporting Form (EL-123r) information into the WisVote Provisional Ballot Tracker.	42 U.S.C. § 15482 – election night
12	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
13	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
14	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
17	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
17	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
18	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

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-	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
21	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
25	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
25	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
25	Deadline for filing officer to receive referendum questions or petitions for referendum intended for the General Election ballot.	8.37 – 70 days before election
26	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
26	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 after candidate certification
September 2020		Statute
1	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for political parties that have attained ballot status to certify names of candidates for President and Vice President to be placed on General Election ballot.	8.16(7) – First Tuesday in September
1	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates certified to WEC by political parties to submit Declaration of Candidacy (EL-162).	8.21(1) – First Tuesday in September
*6	Poll lists, ballots, absentee applications, and other records and papers from the November 6, 2018, General Election may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(e), 7.23(1)(f) – 22 months after election
13	Deadline for municipal clerk to submit voter participation, Inspectors' Statement data, and Election Reconciliation data for the Partisan Primary via WisVote.	6.275 – within 30 days of each primary and election for a state or national office
16	Deadline for county clerks to deliver ballots and supplies to municipal clerks for the General Election.	7.10(1), (3) – 48 days before election
17	Deadline for municipal clerks to send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the General Election. (UOCAVA deadline)	7.10(3), 7.15(1)(c), (cm) – 47 days before election
-	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
October 2020		Statute
*4	Deadline for governing body of municipality to establish location of polling places for General Election.	5.25(3) – 30 days before election
*4	Deadline for governing body of municipality to pass resolution combining wards for General Election.	5.15(6)(b) – 30 days before election

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*4	Deadline for governing body of municipality to authorize appointment of tabulators for General Election.	7.30(3)(a) – 30 days before election
6	Last day for electors to begin to acquire residence for the General Election. Electors moving after this date may vote from their prior address.	6.02(2), 6.10(3) – 28 days prior to election
6	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
6	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
6	Representative from each political party convene (10:00 a.m.) at the State Capitol to nominate presidential electors.	8.18(1) – First Tuesday in October
12	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
14	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.
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) – First day after close of by-mail/online registration 6.29(2)(am)
20	Deadline (4:30 p.m.) for write-in candidates for President and Vice President to submit declaration of candidacy (EL-162) and list of presidential electors.	8.185(2), 8.21 – Second Tuesday prior to General Election
*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
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
29	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for regular and 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
30	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
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
30	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
30	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for calendar year absentee ballot requests to be submitted by mail, online, email, or fax to receive absentee ballot for General Election.	6.86(1)(b), 6.86(2m) – 5:00 p.m. Friday preceding an election

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1	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 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
2	County clerks publish Type C notice of referenda, if required.	10.01(2)(c), 10.06(2)(m) – Monday preceding the election
2	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
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 General Election.	6.875(6) – Monday preceding the election
3	General Election	5.02(5) – Tuesday after the 1 st Monday in November
3	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
3	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for sequestered jurors to apply for an absentee ballot for the General 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 General Election.	6.86 (3)(c) – Election Day
3	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for all absentee ballots to be delivered to the polling place or central count location.	6.87(6) – Election Day
3	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for clerks of central count municipalities to post a statement in their offices and on the internet listing the number of absentee ballots issued and the number that have been returned	7.52(1)(c) – No later than the closing hour of polls
3	Election inspectors complete the returns for all votes cast at the polling place.	7.51(5)(a) – immediately after the polls close
3	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
3	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
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 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
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
4	Wisconsin Elections Commission staff selects reporting units and contests to be audited in 2020 voting equipment audit.	U.S.C. §301(a)(5), Wis. Stat. §7.08(6) – Following each general election, timeline set by Commission
4	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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5	Deadline for Elections Commission staff to notify clerks of municipalities containing reporting units selected for 2020 voting equipment audit.	U.S.C. §301(a)(5), Wis. Stat. §7.08(6) – Following each general election, timeline set by Commission
5	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
6	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
6	First day for selected municipalities to conduct 2020 voting equipment audit.	U.S.C. §301(a)(5), Wis. Stat. §7.08(6) – Following each general election, timeline set by Commission
9	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
9	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
9	Deadline for clerks in selected municipalities to submit extension request waiver, for cause, for 2020 voting equipment audit	U.S.C. §301(a)(5), Wis. Stat. §7.08(6) – Following each general election, timeline set by Commission
9	Certain materials and supplies from the 2020 Partisan 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
9	Deadline for municipal clerks to submit Election Day Registration (EDR) Postcard data for the Partisan Primary via WisVote.	6.275(1)(f) – Within 90 days of each primary and election for national or state office
10	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 16, 2021, as well as the Spring Election on April 6, 2021, to county clerks.	10.01(1), (2)(a), 10.06(1)(a) – No later than November 15
17	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) – 14 days after election
24	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
24	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
24	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
25	Deadline for completion of 2020 voting equipment audit in selected municipalities and submission of audit reports and associated materials to WEC.	U.S.C. §301(a)(5), Wis. Stat. §7.08(6) – Following each general election, timeline set by Commission
December 2020		Statute
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 2021 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

December 2020		Statute
1	Deadline for electors of a village to petition for a primary.	8.11(1m)(c) – December 1
8	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
9	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
14	Presidential Electors convene (12:00 p.m.) at State Capitol to cast votes for President and Vice President	7.75(1) – First Monday after the second Wednesday
18	Deadline for municipal clerk to submit voter participation, Inspectors' Statement data, and Election Reconciliation data for the General Election via WisVote.	6.33(5)(a)(3) – 45 days to enter registrations. Reconciliation must be entered after registrations. Therefore, 45 days for reconciliation. 6.275 – within 30 days of each primary and election for a state or national office
*19	Poll lists from the February 19, 2019 Spring Primary may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(e) – 22 months after election
25	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
January 2021		Statute
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
2	First day for town or village governing body to hold caucus.	8.05(1)(a) – between January 2 and January 21
5	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for candidates to file nomination papers, declarations of candidacy, and campaign registration statements for the Spring Election with the filing officer.	8.05(3)(a), (4)(b), 8.10(2)(a), (5), 8.21– 1 st Tuesday in January
8	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
8	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
8	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