

Auditor's Calendar General Election – November 6, 2012

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Days from Election	Date	Event	Code Cite
+45 after Primary Election	Friday, July 20	Primary Election EDR Acknowledgement Deadline. Last day to mail acknowledgements to voters who registered and voted after the primary election pre-registration deadline.	§48A.26A(1)
-104	Wednesday, July 25	Judges' Filing Deadline. Last day for judges standing for retention to file a declaration of candidacy with the Secretary of State.	§46.20
-99	Monday, July 30	State and Federal Candidates Filing Begins. First day for NPPO candidates and candidates nominated by petition to file nomination papers for state and federal offices with the SOS.	§44.4(1), 45.4
+60 after Primary Election	Saturday, August 4	Deadline to Update Primary Election Voter History. Last day to add voter election participation information for the primary election in I-VOTERS.	§48A.38(2)
-92	Monday, August 6	County Candidate Filing Begins. First day for NPPO candidates and candidates nominated by petition to file nomination papers for county and township offices with the auditor.	§44.4(1), 45.4
-90	Wednesday, August 8	Special Absentee ("Submarine") Ballots. First day for UOCAVA voters who will be outside the continental United States and unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within the time provided to request a special absentee ballot.	§53.45(1)(b)
-89	Thursday, August 9	Primary Nominee Withdrawal Deadline – State and Federal. Last day for candidates for state and federal offices who were nominated at the primary election to withdraw. Notice of withdrawal must be submitted in writing to the SOS. Last Day for Vacancies – State and Federal. If a midterm vacancy in a state or federal office occurs on or before August 9, the office must be on the ballot to fill vacancy at the general election. Political party nominations must be made by convention.	§43.76(1) §43.6(1), 43.77(4), 43.78(1)
-81	Friday, August 17 – 5 p.m.	Filing Deadline – State and Federal. Last day to file nomination papers with the SOS. This includes NPPO candidates and candidates nominated by petition and Democratic and Republican parties' nominations to fill ballot vacancies. Deadline is 5 p.m. Presidential Electors Filing Deadline. Last day for the state party central committees to file the names and addresses of the party's presidential electors. Deadline is 5 p.m.	§43.78(2), 44.4(1), 45.4 §54.5
-74	Friday, August 24	Last Day for Vacancies – County. If a midterm vacancy in a county office occurs on or before August 24 and no special election is called to fill the vacancy, the office must be on the ballot to fill vacancy at the general election. Political party nominations must be made by convention.	§43.77(5)(b), 43.78(1), 69.14A(1)(b)(2)

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-74	Friday, August 24	Primary Withdrawal Deadline – County. Last day for candidates for county office who were nominated in the primary election to withdraw. Notice of withdrawal must be submitted in writing to the auditor.	§43.76(2)
		Withdrawal Deadline – State and Federal. Last day for NPPO candidate or candidates nominated by petition who have filed nomination papers with the Secretary of State to withdraw. Notice of withdrawal must be submitted in writing to the SOS.	§44.9(1), 45.4
		Substitution Deadline – State and Federal. Last day for NPPOs to replace candidates who withdrew, died or were found ineligible for state and federal offices.	§44.11
		Objection Deadline – State and Federal. Last day to file written objections to nomination papers with the SOS. Deadline is 5 p.m.	§44.4(2)(a)(1)
-70	Tuesday, August 28 – 5 p.m.	Proxy Requests Begin. First day for family members of UOCAVA voters to submit proxy absentee ballot request forms.	§53.40(1)(b)
		Filing Deadline – Special Election to Fill City Vacancy Last day to file nomination papers with the city clerk to fill a city vacancy at a special election held with the general election. Deadline is 5 p.m.	IAC 721— 21.404(2)
-69	Wednesday, August 29 – 5 p.m.	Filing Deadline - County. Last day to file nomination papers for county offices with the auditor. This includes NPPO candidates and candidates nominated by petition and Democratic and Republican parties' nominations to fill ballot vacancies. Deadline is 5 p.m.	§43.78(3), 44.4(1), 45.4
		Special Election to Fill City Vacancy Nominations Delivered. City clerk delivers all nomination papers to be included on general election ballot for a special election to fill city vacancy being held with the general election to the auditor by 5 p.m.	IAC 721— 21.404(2)
		Last day for the SOS to certify names for the general election ballot to the auditor.	§43.73, 46.21
		Auditor's office must be open until 5 p.m.	§47.2(6)
-68	Thursday, August 30	Draw Names – Non-Partisan Office Ballot Order. Auditor draws the names of candidates for non-partisan office (county hospital trustee, soil and water commissioner, agricultural extension council, and township offices) to determine the order in which the names of those candidates will appear on the ballot.	§49.31(2)(c)
		Notify NPPO candidates if drawing must be held. If multiple nominations for a single office are received from candidates for the same NPPO, lots will be drawn to determine which candidate will have the NPPO's name appear with the candidate's name on the ballot. The other candidate(s) will appear as "Nominated by Petition." The auditor must notify candidates of the time and date of the drawing. Candidates have a right to be present or send a representative to the drawing.	IAC 721— 21.201(2), 21.201(3)
-64	Monday, September 3	Labor Day – State Offices Closed. If the auditor's office is closed, applicable deadlines move to the next business day.	§1C.1, 47.4

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-63	Monday, September 3 /Tuesday, September 4 – 5 p.m.	Objection Deadline – County. Last day to file a written objection to nomination papers filed with the auditor. Deadline is 5 p.m.	§44.4(2)(a)(2)
		Substitution Deadline – County. Last day for NPPOs to replace county candidates who withdrew, died or were found ineligible.	§44.11
		Auditor’s office must be open until 5 p.m.	
-60	Friday, September 7	Proclamation by Governor. Governor to issue a proclamation for any proposed amendments to the constitution to be included on general election ballot. No constitutional amendments will be on the 2012 general election ballot.	§49A.7
		Satellite Voting Petition Deadline. A petition requesting a satellite absentee voting station must be filed no later than 5 p.m. on the 47 th day before the election.	§53.11(2)(a)
-47	Thursday, Sept. 20 – 5 p.m.	At least seven days before the first day of a satellite, the auditor must notify the political parties’ chairpersons of the date, time, and location of a satellite so the parties may appoint observers.	§53.11(5)
		Auditor’s office must be open until 5 p.m.	
-45	Saturday, Sept. 22	UOCAVA absentee ballots must be ready to mail 45 days before the election. Regular absentee ballots must be mailed as soon as they are ready.	§53.8(1), 53.39(2), 53.40(2)
		Absentee Ballots Ready. First day absentee ballots may be voted in the auditor’s office. Auditors must review all affidavits upon receipt.	§53.10, 53.18(2)
-40	Thursday, Sept. 27	Health Care Facility Delivery. Within 10 days after ballots are printed, the auditor may send teams to deliver ballots to residents and patients of health care facilities. After this 10 day window, ballots cannot be delivered to health care facilities again until the 14th day before the election.	§53.8(3), 53.22(1)(a)
-30	Sunday, October 7	Last day to publish the third in a series of notices of changes in precinct boundaries made since November 2010. Publication is not required if no changes were made.	§49.11(2)
-21	Tuesday, October 16	No Special Elections Today. This includes special election to fill vacancies.	§39.2(1)(a)
		Publications Begin. First day to publish notice of changes in polling places (this includes temporary changes and any polling places that have been changed since the last general election).	§49.23
-20	Wednesday, October 17	First day the auditor may publish notice of the general election and sample ballot. The notice of election must include an accessibility notice.	§49.53, IAC 721—21.50(10)

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-15	Monday, October 22	Worry-Free Postmark Date. Mailed voter registration forms which are postmarked on or before today are considered on time to pre-register for the general election even if they are received after 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 27.	§48A.9(3)
		Last Day to Appoint Precinct Election Officials. Appointed by the auditor.	§49.13(1)
-14	Tuesday, October 23	No Special Elections Today. This includes special election to fill vacancies.	§39.2(1)(a)
		Health Care Facility Delivery. Teams may resume delivery of absentee ballots to residents and patients of health care facilities.	§53.22(1)(a)
-10	Saturday, October 27 – 5 p.m.	Voter Pre-Registration Deadline. The deadline to pre-register to vote for the general election is 5 p.m. This applies to registration in person (including registration at driver's license stations or agencies) or by mail.	§48A.9(1)
		Exceptions: Mailed registration forms postmarked on or before Monday, October 22 are considered on time even if they are received after 5 p.m. today.	
		After today, a person may register to vote at the auditor's office or at a satellite absentee voting station and vote an absentee ballot. The process is the same as for registering to vote on election day.	§48A.7A(3)
		Auditor's office must be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	§48A.9(2)
-7	Tuesday, October 30	No Special Elections Today. This includes special elections to fill vacancies.	§39.2(1)(a)
-4	Friday, November 2 – 5 p.m.	Publication Deadline. Last day to publish notice of election, sample ballot, and polling place changes. The notice of election must include an accessibility notice.	§49.23, 49.53, IAC 721—21.50(10)
		Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail.	
		Last Day to Submit Written Challenges to Absentee Voters. A person qualified to vote in the election may submit a written challenge to the qualifications of an absentee voter until 5 p.m. to the auditor (observers witnessing the processing of absentee ballots may submit challenges on Monday, November 5, and until the polls close on election day.)	§53.2(1)(b)
		Auditor's office must be open until 5 p.m.	§53.31(1)

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-3	Saturday, November 3 – 5 p.m.	Auditors' Offices Open. The auditor's office must be open for at least eight hours until at least 5 p.m. for absentee voting and other election business.	§47.2(5)
		Absentee Affidavits. Last day for auditor to review absentee affidavits received by 5 p.m.	§53.18(2)
		Auditor's office must be open until 5 p.m.	
-3	Saturday, November 3 through Election Day at 5 p.m.	Voters admitted to hospitals or nursing homes after 12 a.m. November 3 may call to request delivery of an absentee ballot. Deadline for a telephone request is 5 p.m. on election day.	§53.22(2)
-1	Monday, November 5 – 5 p.m.	Equipment Testing Deadline. Last day to test voting equipment. Keep testing results in election files. Testing must be completed by 7 p.m.	§52.35
		PEO Training Deadline. Last day for training precinct election officials.	§49.124(1)
		Last Day for Voters to Fix Incomplete Affidavits. Voters have until 5 p.m. to fix incomplete affidavit envelopes.	§53.18(2)
		Auditor May Convene ASVP Board. The board may review affidavits and decide which ballots to accept for counting. If secrecy envelopes were enclosed with all absentee ballots, the auditor may direct the board to open the affidavit envelopes and remove the secrecy envelopes.	§53.23(3)(b)(1)
		Notify the county political party chairpersons of the time the ASVP board will be convened.	§53.23(3)(b)(1)
		Counting Ballots Before Election Day. The ASVP board may begin counting absentee ballots the day before election day.	§53.23(3)(c), IAC 721— 22.343
		Absentee Ballot In-Person Deadline. Last day to request and vote an absentee ballot in person at the auditor's office.	§53.2(1)(a)
		Auditor's office must be open until 5 p.m. if there are incomplete absentee ballots in need of correction.	
		General Election Day. Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.	§39.1, 49.73
	Tuesday, November 6	Electronically Submitted Absentee Ballot Requests Must be Matched with Originals. If an electronic or faxed request was submitted, original absentee ballot requests must be received by the time the polls close. If the original does not arrive on time or was postmarked after Friday, November 2, the ballot cannot be counted. Notify the voter that the ballot was rejected. This requirement does not apply to UOCAVA voters.	IAC 721— 21.2(2)

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+2	Thursday, November 8 – 9 a.m.	Post the Number of Provisional Ballots. Number of provisional ballots cast in each precinct must be posted by 9 a.m. on the second day after the election.	§50.20
		ASVP Board May Reconvene. ASVP board may reconvene no earlier than noon to consider provisional ballots and absentee ballots postmarked Monday, November 5, or earlier.	§50.21, 50.22
+6	Monday, Nov. 12	Veteran’s Day – State Offices Closed.	§1C.1, 47.4
+7	Tuesday, Nov. 13	ASVP Board Reconvenes. ASVP board reconvenes if necessary to canvass absentee ballots postmarked Monday, November 5, or earlier, and received by noon on Tuesday, November 13.	§50.22
		Absentee Ballot Deadline - Noon. Absentee ballots that were postmarked on Monday, November 5, or earlier and received by noon today are considered to be on time to be counted.	§53.17(2), IAC 721—21.12
		County Canvass of Votes. May occur either on Tuesday or Wednesday.	§50.24(1), IAC 721—21.13
		Abstracts and Election Canvass Summary. Mail signed originals to the Secretary of State by Monday, November 19. Must be signed by a majority of the board.	§50.30, 50.30A
		No Special Elections Today. This includes special elections to fill vacancies.	§39.2(1)(a)
+10/+13	Friday, Nov. 16/Monday, Nov. 19 – 5 p.m.	Recount Request Deadline. Written requests for a recount must be filed with the auditor no later than the third day after the county canvass of votes at 5 p.m. Auditor’s office must be open until 5 p.m.	§50.48(1)(a)
+13	Monday, Nov. 19	County Abstracts of Votes and Canvass Summaries Due. Deadline to forward original abstracts of votes and canvass summaries to the SOS. Must be signed by a majority of the board.	§50.30, 50.30A
+14	Tuesday, Nov. 20	No Special Elections Today. This includes special elections to fill vacancies.	§39.2(1)(a)
+16/+17	Thursday, Nov. 22/ Friday, Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Holiday – State Offices Closed.	§1C.1
+21	Tuesday, Nov. 27	No Special Elections Today. This includes special elections to fill vacancies.	§39.2(1)(a)
+27	Monday, December 3	State Canvass of Votes Must be Complete.	§50.38

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+45	Friday, Dec. 21	EDR Acknowledgment Deadline. Last day to mail acknowledgements to voters who registered and voted after the general election pre-registration deadline.	§48A.26A(1)
+60	Saturday, January 5, 2013	Deadline to Update Voter History. Last day to add voter election participation information in I-VOTERS.	§48A.38(2)