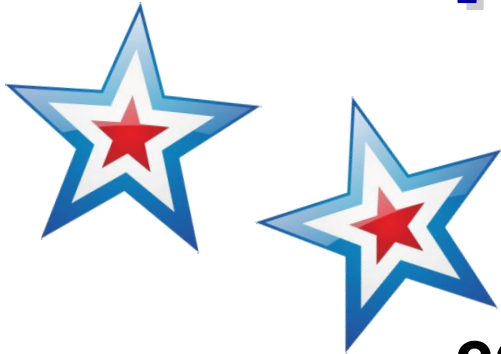


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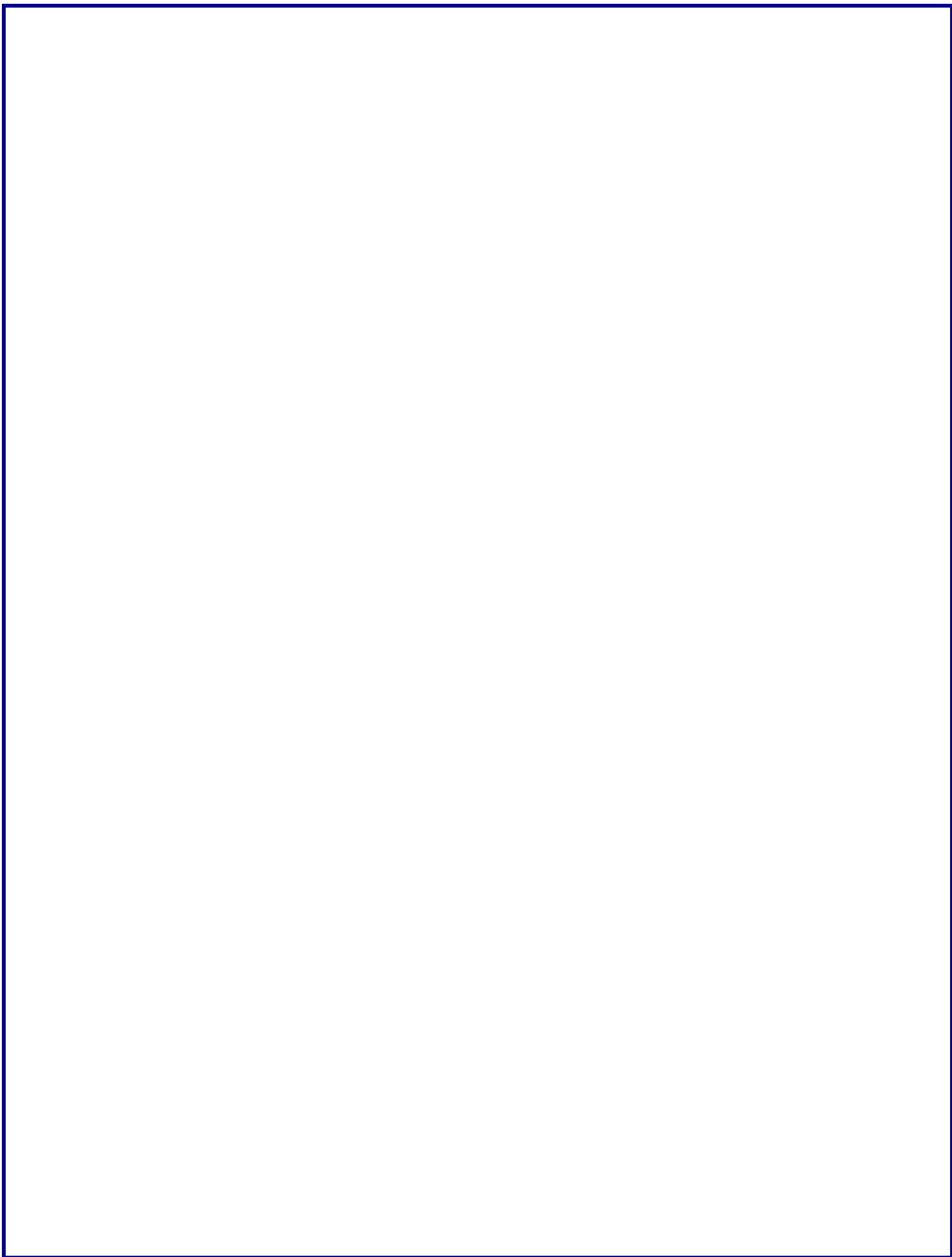


2011 – 2012

Dates to Remember

(Revised as a result of 2011-40, Laws of Florida)





2012 Election Dates

Candidate Qualifying Dates

Judicial, State Attorney and
Public Defender Noon, April 16, 2012 – Noon, April 20, 2012

Federal, Statewide, Multi-county, County,
District and Political Party
Executive Committee Noon, June 4, 2012 – Noon, June 8, 2012

Write-in candidates for President
and Vice President..... 8 a.m., June 18, 2012 – Noon, June 26, 2012

Voter Registration Book Closing Dates

Presidential Preference Primary January 3, 2012*

Primary Election..... July 16, 2012

General Election October 9, 2012

Early Voting Dates

Presidential Preference Primary January 21, 2012 – January 28, 2012*

Primary Election..... August 4 2012 – August 11, 2012

General Election October 27, 2012 – November 3, 2012

Election Day Dates

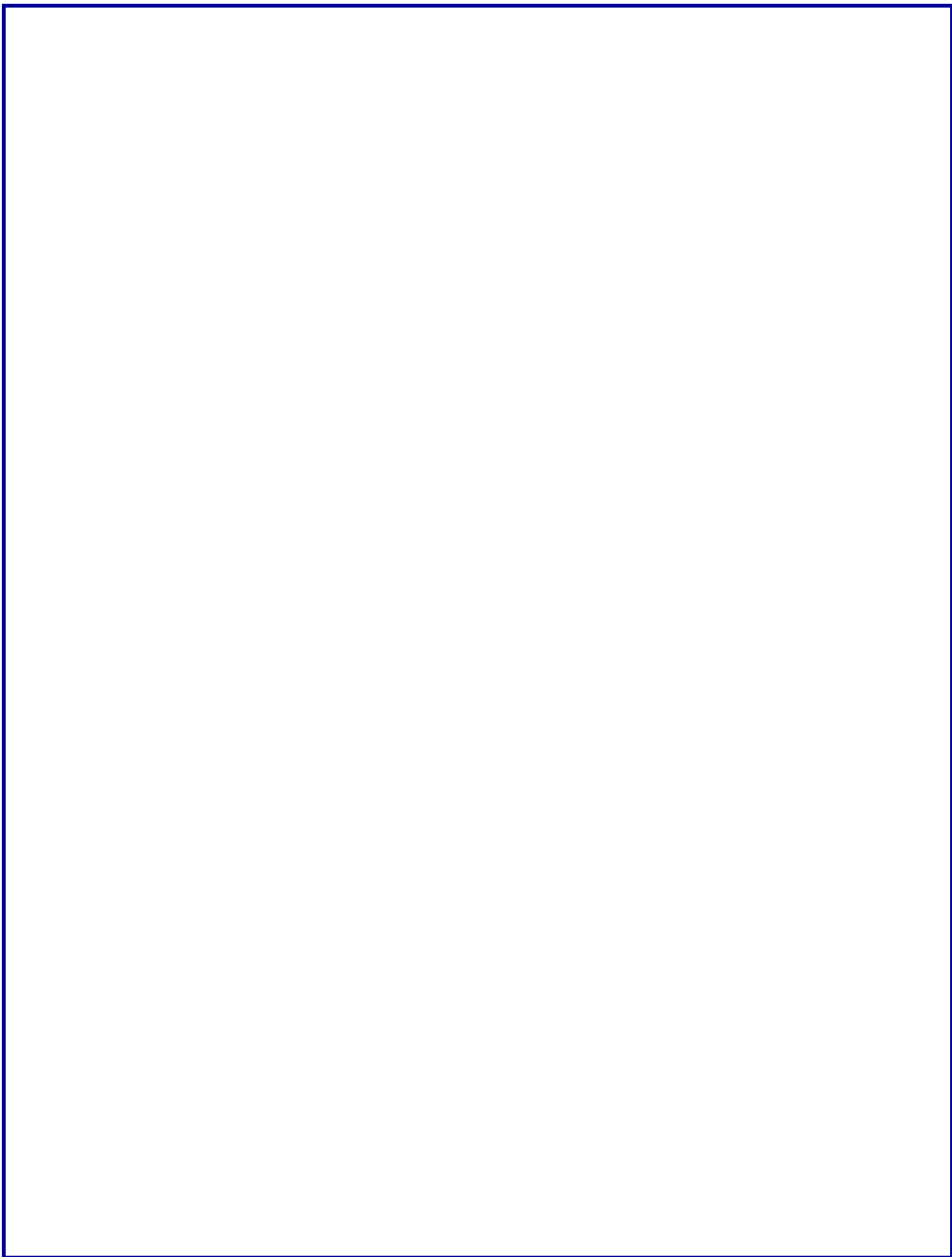
Presidential Preference Primary January 31, 2012*

Primary Election August 14, 2012

General Election..... November 6, 2012

Federal - Please note that according to Section 99.061(9), Florida Statutes (F.S.), Federal election qualifying dates will be the same as Statewide, Multi-county, County, District and Political Party Executive Committee due to reapportionment.

*The date or dates may change subject to a decision by the Presidential Preference Primary Date Selection Committee on October 1, 2011. (s. 47, ch. 2011- 40, Laws of Florida (LOF), amending section 103.101, F.S.)



2011 DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 5 Deadline for federal, statewide, multi-county, county, and district candidates (other than judicial, state attorney, and public defender candidates) candidate to change party affiliation. (Section 99.021, F.S. – 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election)
- October 1* Deadline by when Presidential Preference Primary Date Selection Committee meets to select the date of the Presidential Preference Primary for 2012 (*Section 103.101, F.S. – Committee sets a PPP date no earlier than the 1st Tuesday in January and no later than 1st Tuesday in March in each year the number of which is multiple of 4*)
- October 31 Deadline for major political parties to submit list of presidential candidates to the Secretary of State for the Presidential Preference Primary ballot (*Section 103.101, F.S. – By October 31 of the year preceding the Presidential Preference Primary*)
- November 2 Supervisors to notify overseas voters of upcoming 2012 Elections (*Section 100.025, F.S. – At least 90 days prior to regular primary and general election*)
- Last day to complete any address list maintenance program activities and to remove from the rolls “inactive” registered voters who have not voted, requested an absentee ballot or updated their voter registration records after 2 general federal elections (*Section 98.065, F.S. – 90 days prior to a federal election*)(*Note: Voters ineligible for reasons such as felony conviction, mental incapacity, death, not a U.S. citizen, fictitious person, etc., can be removed at any time including in the 90-day period before an election*)
- November 8 Secretary of State to prepare and publish list of presidential candidates and shall also notify each candidate on list (*Section 103.101, F.S. – 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November of the year preceding the Presidential Preference Primary*)
- November 11*** Last day for delegates of presidential candidates to qualify (*Section 103.101, F.S. – No later than the 2nd Friday in November preceding the Presidential Preference Primary*)
- November 14 Last day for presidential candidate to have name removed from the Presidential Preference Primary ballot (*Section 103.101, F.S. – Prior to the 2nd Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November preceding the Presidential Preference Primary*)

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- November 22 Last day for Department of State to certify the names of presidential candidates to the supervisors of elections (*Section 103.101, F.S. – No later than the 3rd Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November of the year preceding the Presidential Preference Primary*)
- December 2 Date by when state executive committee must adopt by rule the number and procedures for selection of delegates (*Section 103.101(5), F.S. – At least 60 days before presidential preference primary election*)
- December 7 Revisions to security procedures due to the Department of State (*Section 101.015, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.015, F.A.C – At least 45 days before early voting begins*)
- December 9 Last date by when state executive committee may file with the Department party rule regarding number and procedures for selection of delegates assuming it adopted the rule on December 2nd (*Section 103.101(5), F.S. – At least 7 days after adoption of party rule*)
- December 17* Deadline for supervisor to mail absentee ballots to absent stateside and overseas uniformed services voters and overseas civilian voters for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.62, F.S. – At least 45 days prior to each presidential preference primary election, primary election, and general election*)
- December 27 - January 3 Mandated time period to mail absentee ballots to all absentee voters other than UOCAVA voters (*Section 101.62, F.S. –Between the 35th and 28th day before presidential preference primary election*)

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2012 DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 1*** Last day for supervisors to designate early voting sites and to provide the Division addresses and early voting hours for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.657, F.S. – No later than the 30th day before an Election*)
- First day a challenge to a voter may be filed for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.111, F.S. – No sooner than 30 days before an election*)
- January 3 Voter registration closes for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 97.055, F.S. – On the 29th day before each election. If the 29th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the deadline is the next that is not a Sunday or legal holiday*)
- January 6 Last day for supervisors to mail notice of time and location of logic and accuracy test to county party chairs and candidates who did not receive notice at qualifying (*Section 101.5612, F.S. – At least 15 days prior to the beginning of early voting*)
- January 7* Poll watcher designations due for early voting sites for Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.131, F.S. – Before noon, at least 14 days before early voting begins*)
- January 10 Legislative Session begins (*Section 1, Chapter 2010-91, Laws of Florida, provide that, “in accordance with subsection (b) of Section 3 of Article III of the State Constitution and in lieu of the date fixed therein, the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature shall convene on January 10, 2012.”*)
- January 11 Last day for supervisors to appoint poll workers for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 102.012, F.S. – At least 20 days before each election*)
- January 14* Last day for supervisors to approve poll watchers for early voting sites for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.131, F.S. – No later than 7 days before early voting begins*)
- Deadline for supervisors to provide identification badges to designated poll watchers (*Section 101.131, F.S. –at least 7 days before early voting begins*)
- January 16*** 7 a.m., canvassing board may begin canvassing absentee ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.68, F.S. – 7 a.m. on the 15th day before the election*)

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- January 17 Noon, poll watcher designations for the Presidential Preference Primary due (*Section 101.131, F.S. – Prior to noon of the 2nd Tuesday preceding the election*)
- January 21* Early voting begins for Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.657, F.S. – On the 10th day before an election*)
- January 22** First day for supervisors to prepare daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details and upload to the Department of State (*Section 101.657, F.S. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities*)
- January 24 Last day for supervisors to approve poll watchers for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.131, F.S. – On or before the Tuesday before the election*)
- Last day for supervisors to mail sample ballots to voters in lieu of publication for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.20, F.S. – At least 7 days prior to an election*)
- January 25 5 p.m., deadline for supervisors to receive requests to mail absentee ballots to voters for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 6th day before the election*)
- January 26 First day to provide absentee ballots to designees for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.62, F.S. – Up to 5 days prior to the election*)
- January 27 Last day for supervisors to mail absentee ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 4 days before the election*)
- 5 p.m., deadline for late registration for individuals covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) (*Section 97.0555, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.029, F.A.C – 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election*)
- January 28* Early voting ends for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.657, F.S. – On the 3rd day before an election*)
- January 29*** Last day for supervisors to prepare daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details and upload to the Department of State (*Section 101.657, F.S. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities*)
- January 30 Last day to publish sample ballot in newspaper of general circulation in the county for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.20, F.S. – Prior to the day of the election*)

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- January 31 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY (*Section 103.101, F.S. – On the last Tuesday in January of each year that is a multiple of 4*)
- 7 p.m., deadline for receipt of absentee ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary (except for votes cast for federal office on overseas absentee ballots which are postmarked or signed and dated no later than the date of the election and received no later than 10 days from the date of the election) – (*Rule 1S-2.013, F.A.C, based on settlement agreement: United States vs. State of Florida et al., TCA-80-1055 [N.D. Fla. Apr. 2, 1982]*)
- Preliminary election returns must be filed with the Department of State, beginning within 30 minutes after polls close and in 45-minute increments thereafter until all results (except provisional ballots) are completely reported. (*Section 102.141, F.S.. on election night*)
- Supervisors to certify list maintenance activities to the Division (*Sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S. – No later than January 31 of each year*)
- February 1 Initiative petition signature certification deadline (*Article XI, Section 5, Fla. Const. – No later than February 1 of the general election year*)
- February 2 5 p.m., deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide evidence of eligibility to supervisors (*Section 101.048, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day following the election*)
- February 4* Noon, deadline for county canvassing board to file 1st unofficial results of Presidential Preference Primary with the Department of State (*Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than noon of the 4th day after a general or other election*)
- February 9 3 p.m., deadline for county canvassing board to file 2nd unofficial results of Presidential Preference Primary with the Department of State, if necessary (*Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than 3 p.m. of the 9th day after the election*)
- February 10 Deadline for receipt of overseas ballots for Presidential Preference Primary (*Rule 1S-2.031, F.A.C. – Ballot postmarked or signed and dated no later than the date of the federal election and received no later than 10 days from the date of the election*)
- February 12** Noon, deadline for county canvassing board official certificates to be filed with the Department of State for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 102.112, F.S. – Noon on the 12th day following the election*)

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- February 12** County canvassing board to file a report with the Division of Elections on the conduct of the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 102.141, F.S. – At the same time that the results of an election are certified*)
- February 13 County canvassing boards to begin manual audit of the voting system for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.591, F.S. and Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. - Immediately following the certification of the Election by the county canvassing board*)
- February 14 9 a.m., Election Canvassing Commission meets to certify the returns for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 102.111, F.S. – 9 a.m. on the 14th day after the General Election*)
- February 19** 11:59 p.m., deadline for completion of the manual audit and for results to be made public (*Section 101.591, F.S., - No later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7th day following certification of the Election by the county canvassing board*)
- March 1 Deadline by which provisional ballot information must be made available on free access system for the Presidential Preference Primary (*Section 101.048, F.S. – No later than 30 days following the election*)
- March 5 Report of manual audit due to Division of Elections (*Section 101.591, F.S. and Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C., – Within 15 days after completion of the audit*)
- March 9 Legislative Session Ends (*Article III, section 3, Fla. Const. – A regular session of the Legislature shall not exceed 60 consecutive days, unless extended by three-fifths vote of each house*)
- March 15 Deadline for Supervisors to file precinct level results of the Presidential Preference Primary with the Division (*Section 98.0981, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – Within 30 days after certification of presidential preference primary election*)
- Deadline for supervisors to update voter history for Presidential Preference Primary Election (*Section 98.0981, F.S.– Within 30 days after certification of election results for election*)
- March 17* Department of State to publish notice of general election in a newspaper of general circulation in each county twice before April 30 (*Section 100.021, F.S. – During the 30 days prior to the beginning of qualifying*)

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- March 19 Noon, petitions for judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method due to supervisors *(Sections 99.095 and 105.035, F.S. – Before noon of the 28th day preceding the 1st day of the qualifying period for the office sought)*
- March 30 Deadline for Department to report on compilation of precinct level results of the Presidential Preference Primary Election and updated voter history *(Section 98.0981, F.S.– Within 45 days after certification of election results for Presidential Preference Primary Election)*
- April 2 Qualifying offices may begin accepting and holding qualifying papers for judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates to be processed and filed during the qualifying period *(Sections 99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – No earlier than 14 days prior to the beginning of the qualifying period)*
- April 6 Written resignations due for officers qualifying as judicial, state attorney or public defender candidates if the terms of the offices, or any part thereof, run concurrently with each other *(Section 99.012, F.S. – At least 10 days prior to the first day of the qualifying period)*
- April 9 Deadline for supervisors to certify to the Division the number of valid signatures for judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method *(Sections 99.095 and 105.035, F.S. – No later than the 7th day before the 1st day of the qualifying period)*
- April 16 Noon, qualifying **begins** for all judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates *(Sections 99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – At any time after noon ... of the 120th day prior to the primary election)*
- April 20 Noon, qualifying **ends** for all judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates *(Sections 99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – No later than noon of the 116th day prior to the date of the primary election)*
- April 27 Deadline for Department of State to certify to the supervisors the names of all duly qualified judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates who have qualified with the Department *(Section 99.061, F.S. – Within 7 days after the closing date for qualifying)*
- May 7 Noon, petitions for federal, statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method due to supervisors *(Section 99.095, F.S. – Before noon of the 28th day preceding the 1st day of the qualifying period for the office sought)*

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- May 10 First day state write-in absentee ballots made available to overseas voters (*Section 101.6951, F.S. – 180 days prior to the General Election*)
- Department of State to remit to the respective state executive committees of political parties, 95% of their entitled filing fees and party assessments from state attorney and public defender candidates (*Section 99.103, F.S. – No later than 20 days after the close of qualifying*)
- May 16 Deadline for supervisors to notify overseas voters of upcoming primary and general elections (*Section 100.025, F.S. – At least 90 days prior to regular primary and general elections*)
- Last day to complete any address list maintenance program activities and to remove from the rolls registered voters who are designated as “inactive” because of an undeliverable address confirmation notice or never responded to such notice and who have thereafter not voted, requested an absentee ballot, or updated their voter registration records after 2 general federal elections (*Section 98.065, F.S. – 90 days prior to a federal election*)(*Note: Voters ineligible for reasons such as felony conviction, mental incapacity, death, not a U.S. citizen, fictitious person, etc., can be removed at any time including in the 90-day period before an election*)
- May 21 Qualifying offices may begin accepting and holding qualifying papers for federal, statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates to be processed and filed during the qualifying period (*Section 99.061, F.S. – No earlier than 14 days prior to the beginning of the qualifying period*)
- May 25 Written resignations due for officers qualifying as a candidate for statewide, multi-county, county, or district office if the terms of the offices, or any part thereof, run concurrently with each other (*Section 99.012, F.S. – At least 10 days prior to the first day of the qualifying period*)
- May 28 Deadline for supervisors to certify to the Division the number of valid signatures for federal, statewide, multi-county, and district candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method (*Section 99.095, F.S. – No later than the 7th day before the first day of the qualifying period*)
- June 4 Noon, qualifying **begins** for all federal, statewide, multi-county, county, and district candidates (other than judicial, state attorney, and public defender candidates)(*Section 99.061, F.S. – Noon of the 71st day prior to the primary election*)

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- June 8 Noon, qualifying **ends** for all federal, statewide, multi-county, county, and district candidates (other than, judicial, state attorney, and public defender candidates)(*Section 99.061, F.S. – No later than noon of the 67th day prior to the primary election*)
- June 9* Supervisors to submit to the Department a list containing the names, party affiliations, and addresses of all candidates and the offices for which they qualified (*Section 99.092, F.S. – Immediately after the last day for qualifying*)
- June 15 Supervisors to prepare daily electronic files of absentee ballot request information and upload to the Department of State for the Primary Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – 60 days prior to the primary on a daily basis by 8 a.m. until 15 days after the general election*)
- Deadline for Department of State to certify to the supervisors the names of all duly qualified federal, statewide, multicounty, and district candidates who have qualified with the Department (*Section 99.061, F.S. – Within 7 days after the closing date for qualifying*)
- June 17** Revisions to Security procedures due to the Department of State (*Section 101.015, F.S. – At least 45 days before early voting begins*)
- June 18 First day for write-in candidates for President and Vice President to qualify (*Section 103.022, F.S. – After the 57th day prior to the primary election*)
- June 26 Noon, last day for write-in candidates for President and Vice President to qualify (*Section 103.022, F.S. – Before noon on the 49th day prior to the primary election*)
- June 28 Department of State to remit to the respective state executive committees of political parties, 95% of their entitled filing fees and party assessments from federal, statewide, multicounty, and district candidates (*Section 99.103, F.S. – No later than 20 days after the close of qualifying*)
- June 30* Deadline for supervisors to mail absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters for the Primary Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – No fewer than 45 days before the primary election*)
- July 8** Supervisor to remit filing fees to the state executive committee of the political party of the candidates (*Section 99.061, F.S. – Within 30 days after the close of qualifying*)

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- July 15** Deadline for petitions for Presidential candidates with no party affiliation or minor party affiliated (with no national party) to be filed with the Supervisor of Elections (*Section 103.021, F.S. – No later than July 15 of each presidential election year*)
- Last day for supervisors to designate early voting sites for the Primary Election and to notify the Division of Elections of addresses and hours for each site (*Section 101.657, F.S. – No later than the 30th day prior to the election*)
- First day a challenge to a voter may be filed for the Primary Election (*Section 101.111, F.S. – No sooner than 30 days before an election*)
- July 16 Voter registration closes for the Primary Election (*Section 97.055, F.S. – On the 29th day before each election*)
- July 20 Last day for supervisors to mail notice of time and location of logic and accuracy test to county party chairs and candidates who did not receive notice at qualifying (*Section 101.5612, F.S. – At least 15 days prior to the beginning of early voting*)
- July 21* Poll watcher designations due for early voting sites for Primary Election (*Section 101.131, F.S. – At least 14 days before early voting begins*)
- July 25 First day to conduct logic and accuracy test for Primary Election (*Section 101.5612, F.S. – No more than 10 days prior to beginning of early voting*)
- Last day for supervisors to appoint poll workers for the Primary Election (*Section 102.012, F.S. – At least 20 days prior to any election*)
- July 28* Last day for supervisors to approve poll watchers for early voting sites for the Primary Election (*Section 101.131, F.S. – No later than 7 days before early voting begins*)
- July 30 7 a.m., canvassing board may begin canvassing absentee ballots for the Primary Election (*Section 101.68, F.S. – 7 a.m. on the 15th day before the election*)
- July 31 Supervisors to certify list maintenance activities to the Division (*Sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S. – No later than July 31 of each year*)
- Noon, poll watcher designations for the Primary Election due (*Section 101.131, F.S. – Prior to noon of the 2nd Tuesday preceding the election*)

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- August 4* Early voting begins for the Primary Election (*Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting shall begin on the 10th day before an election*)
- August 5** First day for supervisors to prepare daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details and upload to the Department of State (*Section 101.657, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day’s activities*)
- August 7 Last day for supervisors to approve poll watchers for the Primary Election (*Section 101.131, F.S. – On or before the Tuesday before the election*)
- Last day for supervisors to mail sample ballots to voters in lieu of publication for the Primary Election (*Section 101.20, F.S. – At least 7 days prior to any election*)
- August 8 Last day state write-in ballot is available to overseas voters (*Section 101.6951, F.S. – 90 days prior to a general election*)
- 5 p.m., deadline for supervisors to receive requests for absentee ballots to be mailed to voters for the Primary Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 6th day before the election*)
- August 9 First day to provide absentee ballots to designees for the Primary Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – up to 5 days prior to the election*)
- August 10 Last day for supervisors to mail absentee ballots for the Primary Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 4 days before the election*)
- 5 p.m., deadline for late registration for UOCAVA individuals (*Section 97.0555, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.029, F.A.C. – 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election*)
- August 11* Early voting ends for the Primary Election (*Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting shall end on the 3rd day before an election*)
- August 12** Last day for supervisors to prepare daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details and upload to the Department of State (*Section 101.657, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day’s activities*)
- August 13 Last day to publish sample ballot in newspaper of general circulation in the county for the primary election (*Section 101.20, F.S. – Prior to the day of the election*)

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- August 14 PRIMARY ELECTION (*Section 100.061, F.S. – On the Tuesday 12 weeks prior to the general election*)
- 7 p.m. deadline for receipt of absentee ballots for the Primary Election (*Section 101.67, F.S., – All absentee ballots must be received by 7 p.m. election day*)
- Preliminary election returns must be filed with the Department of State, within 30 minutes after polls close and in 45-minute increments thereafter until all results (except provisional ballots) are completely reported. (*Section 102.141, F.S.. on election night*)
- Department of State to remit remainder of filing fees and party assessments to the respective political parties (*Section 99.103, F.S. – No later than the date of the primary election*)
- August 16 5 p.m., deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide evidence of eligibility to supervisors (*Section 101.048, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day following the election*)
- August 17 Noon, deadline for county canvassing board to file 1st unofficial results of the Primary Election with the Department of State (*Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than noon of the 3rd day after a primary election*)
- August 19** 3 p.m., deadline for county canvassing board to file 2nd unofficial results for the Primary Election, if necessary (*Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than 3 p.m. of the 5th day after a primary election*)
- August 21 5 p.m., deadline for county canvassing board official certificates to be filed with the Department of State for the Primary Election (*Section 102.112, F.S. – 5 p.m. on the 7th day following a primary*)
- County canvassing boards to file a report with the Division of Elections on the conduct of the Primary Election (*Section 102.141, F.S., – At the same time that the results of an election are certified*)
- August 22 County canvassing board to begin manual audit of the voting system for the Primary Election (*Section 101.591, F.S. – Immediately following the certification of the election by the county canvassing board*)
- Supervisors to transmit to the Department of State a list containing the names of all county and district officers nominated or elected, the office for which each was nominated or elected, and the mailing address of each (*Section 102.151, F.S. – Immediately after the county canvassing board has canvassed the returns of the election*)

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- August 23 9 a.m., Elections Canvassing Commission meets to certify returns for federal, state, and multicounty office (*Section 102.111, F.S. – 9 a.m. on the 9th day after a primary election*)
- August 28 11:59 p.m., deadline for completion of the manual audit and for the results to be made public (*Section 101.591, F.S. and Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – No later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7th day following certification of the election by the county canvassing board*)
- August 31 Last day for state executive committee of each political party to submit resolution with names of Presidential Electors to the Governor (*Section 103.021, F.S. – Before September 1 of each Presidential Election year*)
- September 1* Deadline for Governor to certify names of presidential electors to the Department of State (*Section 103.021, F.S. – On or before September 1*)
- September 12 Report of manual audit due to Division of Elections (*Section 101.591, F.S. and Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – Within 15 days after completion of the audit*)
- September 13 Deadline for provisional ballot information to be made available on free access system for the Primary Election (*Section 101.048, F.S. – No later than 30 days following the election*)
- Supervisors to file precinct level results of the Primary Election with the Division (*Section 98.0981, F.S.– Within 30 days after certification of election results for primary election*)
- Deadline for supervisors to update voter history for Primary Election (*Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 30 days after certification of election results for primary election*)
- September 22* Last day for supervisors to mail absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters for the General Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – not less than 45 days before the general election*)
- September 28 Deadline for Department to report on compilation of precinct level results of the Primary Election and updated voter history (*Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 45 days after certification of election results for primary election*)
- October 2 – October 9 Mandated period in which to send out absentee ballots to all non-UOCAVA absentee voters (*Section 101.62, F.S. – Between 35th and 28th day before the election*)

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- October 7** Last day for supervisors to designate early voting sites for the General Election and to provide the Division with addresses and hours for early voting sites (*Section 101.657, F.S. – No later than the 30th day prior to the election*)
- First day a challenge to a voter may be filed for the General Election (*Section 101.111, F.S. – No sooner than 30 days before an election*)
- October 9 Voter registration closes for the General Election (*Section 97.055, F.S. – On the 29th day before each election. If the 29th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the deadline is the next that is not a Sunday or legal holiday*)
- October 12 Last day for supervisors to mail notice of time and location of logic and accuracy test to county party chairs and candidates who did not receive notice at qualifying (*Section 101.5612, F.S. – At least 15 days prior to the beginning of early voting*)
- October 13* Poll watcher designations due for early voting sites for General Election (*Section 101.131, F.S. – At least 14 days before early voting begins*)
- October 17 Last day for supervisors to appoint poll workers for the General Election (*Section 102.012, F.S. – At least 20 days prior to any election*)
- First day to conduct logic and accuracy test for General Election (*Section 101.5612, F.S. – No more than 10 days prior to beginning of early voting*)
- October 20* Last day for supervisors to approve poll watchers for early voting sites for the General Election (*Section 101.131, F.S. – No later than 7 days before early voting begins*)
- October 22 7 a.m., canvassing board may begin canvassing absentee ballots for the General Election (*Section 101.68, F.S. – 7 a.m. on the 15th day before the election*)
- October 23 Noon, poll watcher designations for the General Election due (*Section 101.131, F.S. – Prior to noon of the 2nd Tuesday preceding the election*)
- October 27* Early voting begins for the General Election (*Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting shall begin on the 10th day before an election*)
- October 28** First day for supervisors to prepare daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details and upload to the Department of State (*Section 101.657, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities*)

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- October 30 Last day for supervisors to approve poll watchers for the General Election (*Section 101.131, F.S. – On or before the Tuesday before the election*)
- Last day to mail sample ballots to voters in lieu of publication for the General Election (*Section 101.20, F.S. – At least 7 days prior to any election*)
- October 31 5 p.m., deadline for supervisors to receive requests to mail absentee ballots voters for the General Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 6th day before the election*)
- Supervisors to file annual financial report with the Division relating to funds received pursuant to HAVA's Health and Human Services grant
- November 1 First day to provide absentee ballots to designees for the General Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – Up to 5 days prior to the election*)
- November 2 Last day for supervisors to mail absentee ballots for the General Election (*Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 4 days before the election*)
- 5 p.m., deadline for late registration for UOCAVA individuals (*Section 97.0555, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.029, F.A.C. – 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election*)
- November 3* Last day for supervisors to prepare daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details and upload to the Department of State (*Section 101.657, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities;*)
- Early voting ends for the General Election (*Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting shall end on the 3rd day before an election*)
- November 5 Last day for supervisors to publish sample ballot in newspaper of general circulation in the county for the General Election (*Section 101.20, F.S. – Prior to the day of the election*)
- November 6 GENERAL ELECTION (*Section 100.041, F.S. – On the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November of each even-numbered year*)
- 7 p.m., deadline for receipt of absentee ballots for the General Election (except votes cast for federal office on overseas absentee ballots which are postmarked or signed and dated no later than the date of the general election if received no later than 10 days from the date of the general election) – (*Rule 1S-2.013, F.A.C. – Based on settlement agreement: United States vs. State of Florida et al., TCA-80-1055 [N.D. Fla. Apr. 2, 1982]*)

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- November 6 Preliminary election returns must be filed with the Department of State, beginning within 30 minutes after polls close and in 45-minute increments thereafter until all results (except provisional ballots) are completely reported. (*Section 102.141, F.S. – On election night*)
- November 8 5 p.m., deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide evidence of eligibility to supervisors (*Section 101.048, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day following the election*)
- November 10* Noon, deadline for county canvassing board to file 1st unofficial results of General Election with the Department of State (*Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than noon of the 4th day after a general election*)
- November 15 3 p.m., deadline for county canvassing board to file 2nd unofficial results of General Election with the Department of State, if necessary (*Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than 3 p.m. of the 9th day after the election*)
- November 16 Deadline for receipt of overseas ballots for General Election (*Rule 1S-2.013, F.A.C. – Ballot postmarked or signed and dated no later than the date of the federal election and received no later than 10 days from the date of the election*)
- November 18** Noon, deadline for county canvassing board official certificates to be filed with the Department of State for the General Election (*Section 102.112, F.S. – Noon on the 12th day following the election*)
- November 18** Noon, deadline for county canvassing boards to file a report with the Division of Elections on the conduct of the General Election (*Section 102.141, F.S., – At the same time that the results of an election are certified*)
- November 19 County canvassing board to begin manual audit of the voting system for the General Election (*Section 101.591, F.S. and Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – Immediately following the certification of the election by the county canvassing board*)
- November 19 Supervisors to transmit to the Department of State a list containing the names of all county and district officers elected, the office for which each was elected, and the mailing address of each (*Section 102.151, F.S. – Immediately after the county canvassing board has canvassed the returns of the election*)
- November 20 9 a.m., Election Canvassing Commission meets to certify the returns for federal, state, and multicounty office (*Section 102.111, F.S. – 9 a.m. on the 14th day after a General Election*)

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- November 21 Last day to prepare daily electronic files of absentee ballot request information and upload to the Department of State by 8 a.m. (*Section 101.62, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – Beginning 60 days prior to the primary election on a daily basis by 8 a.m. until 15 days after the general election*)
- November 25** 11:59 p.m., deadline for completion of the manual audit and for the results to be made public (*Section 101.591, F.S. and Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. – No later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7th day following certification of the election by the county canvassing board*)
- December 1* Deadline for supervisors of each county, in which signatures are verified at no charge for a petition for a candidate or organization, to submit the total number of such signatures checked to the Chief Financial Officer for reimbursement (*Section 99.097, F.S. – No later than December 1 of the general election year*)
- December 6 Deadline for provisional ballot information to be made available on free access system for the General Election (*Section 101.048, F.S. – No later than 30 days following the election*)
- December 10 Report of manual audit due to Division of Elections (*Section 101.591, F.S. – Within 15 days after completion of the audit*)
- December 15* Deadline for reports on voter education programs implemented to be filed with the Department of State (*Section 98.255, F.S. – By December 15 of each General Election year*)
- Deadline for reports on the total number of overvotes and undervotes in the Presidential and Vice Presidential race to be filed with the Department of State (*Section 101.595, F.S. – No later than December 15 of each general election year*)
- December 20 Supervisors to file precinct level results of the General Election with the Division (*Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 30 days after certification of election results for general election*)
- Deadline for supervisors to update voter history for General Election (*Section 98.0981, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – Within 30 days after certification of election results for general election*)
- December 31 Supervisors to file annual financial reports with the Division relating to HAVA funds received for voter education, poll worker recruitment and training, federal elections assistance, voting systems assistance and ballot-on-demand

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January 4 Deadline for Department to report on compilation of precinct level results of the General Election and updated voter history (*Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 45 days after certification of election results for general election*)

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