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Tuesday, February 28, 2023 – Consolidated Primary Election General Information

Candidate Filing Dates & Deadlines

Monday, November 21 – Monday, November 28: Petition filing period for established political party candidates & nonpartisan candidates (municipalities)

Monday, December 5: Last day for filing objections to nomination papers of candidates who filed during the November 21 – November 28 filing period

Wednesday, December 7: Last day to conduct ballot placement lottery

Thursday, December 22: Last day to file a Withdrawal of Candidacy with the local election official or authority

Thursday, December 29: Last day to file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a Write-in Candidate

Referenda Question Deadlines

Monday, November 28: Last day for filing petitions for referenda for the submission of questions of public policy with the local election official

Monday, December 12: Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow a binding public question to appear on the ballot

Certification of Ballot Deadline

Thursday, December 22: Last day for the local election official to certify candidates, offices and any referenda questions to the election authority

Voter Registration, Early Voting & Mail Voting

Friday, January 13: Military & overseas ballots available

Thursday, January 19: First day to mail ballots (if available)

Tuesday, January 31: Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials

Wednesday, February 1 – Monday, February 27 Grace period registration & voting period

Sunday, February 12: Online voter registration closes

Monday, February 13 - Monday, February 27: Early Voting period

Thursday, February 23: Last day to apply for a ballot by mail

Ballot Counting & Canvassing Results Dates

Tuesday, March 14: Deadline for validating and counting provisional ballots and late-arriving mail ballots

Tuesday, March 21: Last day for County Clerk to canvass election results and proclaim results

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