

2020 Idaho Election Calendar

This edition of the 2020 Idaho Election Calendar is subject to amendatory changes during the 2020 session of the Idaho Legislature. If changes occur, an updated version will be published.

- Jan. 3 **Election Register Examination:** Deadline for county clerks to examine the election register, from the Nov. 6 election, and note challenges. [Sec. 34-432(1), *Idaho Code*]
- Jan. 15 **Election Precincts:** Deadline for county commissioners to establish election precincts. [§34-301, *Idaho Code*]
- Jan. 17 **Early Voting Security Plan:** Deadline for county clerks to submit their ballot security plan to the secretary of state. [§34-1013, *Idaho Code*]
- Jan. 21 **Precinct Committeemen List:** Deadline for county clerks to deliver — to the chairman of the county central committee of each political party — a list (in writing) of the election precincts in the county with the precinct committeemen who were elected at the last primary election or who have since been appointed. [§34-502, *Idaho Code*]
- Jan. 21 **Ballot Question Submission Deadline:** School districts must supply ballot language (to the county clerk) for any bond or property tax levy questions — to be placed on the ballot — for the March 10 election. [§34-106, *Idaho Code*]
- Jan. 24 **Recall Notification Deadline:** Political subdivisions must notify the county clerk if a recall election is ordered — for the March 10 election. [§34-106(9), *Idaho Code*]
- Jan. 27 **Presidential Candidate Withdrawal Deadline:** Last day presidential candidates can withdraw — from the (March 10) presidential primary election — or have their name removed from the ballot. [§34-733, *Idaho Code*]
- Jan. 27 **Mail Absentee Ballots:** County clerks must begin mailing absentee ballots — to voters who have requested absentee ballots — for the March 10 presidential primary. [§34-1003, *Idaho Code*]
- Jan. 30 **Sample Ballot:** Secretary of state to provide county clerks with the sample form of the March 10 presidential primary ballot. [§34-712, *Idaho Code*]
- Jan. 30 **Voting Procedure Modifications:** Deadline for county clerks to submit their plans to the secretary of state; if they want to modify voting procedures (for a political subdivision) — for the March 10 election. [§34-1413, *Idaho Code*]
- Feb. 3 **Precinct Committeemen Certification:** Deadline for the chairman (of each county central committee) to certify — to the county clerk — the names and addresses of the precinct committeemen of the political party. [§34-502, *Idaho Code*]
- Feb. 7 **Designate Polling Places:** Deadline for county commissioners to designate polling places — for the March 10 election. [§34-302, *Idaho Code*]
- Feb. 7 **Election Personnel:** Deadline for precinct committeemen to recommend (in writing) election board personnel — to the county clerk — for the March 10 presidential primary. [§34-303, *Idaho Code*]
- Feb. 14 **Preregistration Deadline:** Voter registrations must be received by the county clerk — for the March 10 election. (Deadline is 5 p.m. for paper applications or until midnight for online applications.) [§34-408, *Idaho Code*]
- Feb. 18 **Mail Ballot Precincts:** County clerks may begin mailing ballots to voters located in designated mail ballot precincts — for the March 10 election. [§34-308, *Idaho Code*]
- Feb. 24 **Early Voting Begins:** For those counties that choose to conduct early voting. [§34-1012, *Idaho Code*]
- Feb. 25 **Mail Ballot Precincts:** Deadline for county clerks to complete mailing ballots to voters in designated mail ballot precincts — for the March 10 election. [§34-308, *Idaho Code*]

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- Feb. 27 **Election Observers:** Deadline for political parties or candidates to submit a written request (to the county clerk) for the purpose of authorizing challengers or watchers to observe at polling places — for the March 10 election. [§34-304, Idaho Code]
- Feb. 27 **Publish First Election Notification:** Deadline for county clerk to publish the first notice of election — in the county’s official newspaper(s) — for the March 10 election. (If possible, the notice should appear in at least two newspapers published in the county. If not possible, it should be published in one newspaper published or circulated in the county.) [§34-602 and §34-1406, Idaho Code]
- Feb. 28 **Absentee Ballot Application Deadline:** Applications must be received by the county clerk by 5 p.m. — for the March 10 election. [§34-1002(7), Idaho Code]
- Feb. 28–Mar. 6 **Publish Notification of Candidate Filing Deadline:** County clerk must publish a notification of the candidate filing deadline — for the May 19 primary — during this period. The notice should appear in the official newspaper(s) of the political subdivision. [§34-1405, Idaho Code]
- March 2 **Nonpartisan Candidate Filing Begins:** Petitions to nominate political subdivision candidates — for the May 19 primary — may begin being filed with the clerk of the political subdivision. [§34-1404, Idaho Code]
- March 2 **County Candidate Filing Begins:** Candidates (including independents) who plan to run for county office — during the May 19 and Nov. 3 elections — may begin filing declarations of candidacy with the county clerk. [§34-704 and §34-708, Idaho Code]
- March 2 **Statewide Candidate Filing Begins:** Candidates (including independents) who plan to run for precinct, state, or district office — during the May 19 and Nov. 3 elections — may begin filing declarations of candidacy with the secretary of state. [§34-704 and §34-708, Idaho Code]
- March 5 **Publish Second Election Notification:** Deadline for county clerk to publish the second notice of election — along with a facsimile sample ballot — for the March 10 election. (If possible, the notice should appear in at least two newspapers published in the county. If not possible, it should be published in one newspaper published or circulated in the county.) [§34-602 and §34-1406, Idaho Code]
- March 6 **In-Person Absentee/Early Voting Ends:** At 5 p.m. — for the March 10 election. [§34-1002(7) and §34-1012, Idaho Code]
- March 10 **Absentee Ballot Return Deadline:** Voted absentee ballots must be received — by the county clerk — by 8 p.m. [§34-1005, Idaho Code]
- March 10 **Election Day:** Polling places — and the county clerk’s office — to be open 8 a.m.–8 p.m. (*County clerk may opt to open at 7 a.m.) Qualified individuals may register and vote at their designated polling place on election day. [§34-211, §34-408A, and §34-1101, Idaho Code]
- March 11 Voter Registration Reopens [§34-408, Idaho Code]
- March 13 **Political Party Affiliation:** Last day electors can change political party affiliation (with the county clerk) or become “unaffiliated” before the May 19 primary. [§34-411A, Idaho Code]
- March 13 **Nonpartisan Candidate Filing Deadline:** Petitions must be filed by 5 p.m. — with the clerk of the political subdivision — to nominate political subdivision candidates — for the May 19 primary. [§34-1404, Idaho Code]
- March 13 **County Candidate Filing Deadline:** Candidates (for county office; including independents) must file a declaration of candidacy with the county clerk by 5 p.m. — for the May 19 and Nov. 3 elections. [§34-704 and §34-708, Idaho Code]
- March 13 **Statewide Candidate Filing Deadline:** Candidates (for precinct, state, or district office; including independents) must file a declaration of candidacy with the secretary of state by 5 p.m. — for the May 19 and Nov. 3 elections. [§34-704 and §34-708, Idaho Code]
- March 16 **County Central Committee Notification Deadline:** County clerk to notify the central committee of the candidates who are qualified to run for county/precinct office — for the May 19 and Nov. 3 elections. [§34-706, Idaho Code]

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- March 16 **Statewide Central Committees Notification Deadline:** Secretary of state to notify the legislative district and state central committees of the candidates who are qualified to run for legislative, federal, and state office — for the May 19 and Nov. 3 elections. [[§34-706, Idaho Code](#)]
- March 17 **County Canvass:** Deadline for the board of county commissioners to meet and conduct the canvass — of the March 10 election. [[§34-1205](#) and [§34-1410, Idaho Code](#)]
- March 17* **County Election Certification:** Deadline for county clerks to certify the results — of the March 10 election — to the clerk of the political subdivision(s). (*This date may vary; to be done immediately after the canvass.) [[§34-1205](#) and [§34-1410, Idaho Code](#)]
- March 20 **Nonpartisan Nominee Certification:** Deadline for the clerk of the political subdivision to certify nominees — to be placed on the ballot — for the May 19 primary. [[§34-1404, Idaho Code](#)]
- March 20 **Ballot Question Submission Deadline:** Political subdivisions must submit ballot language (to the county clerk) for any bond, levy, initiative, referendum, or other question — to be placed on the ballot — for the May 19 primary [[§34-106, Idaho Code](#)]
- March 23 **Partisan Candidate Certification:** Deadline for the Secretary of state to certify candidates — for federal, state, and district office — for the May 19 primary. (Candidates who are appointed after this deadline will be certified within one business day.) [[§34-705\(2\)](#) and [§34-705\(3\), Idaho Code](#)]
- March 25 **State Board Canvass:** Deadline for the state board of canvassers to meet and conduct the canvass — of the March 10 election. [[§34-1211, Idaho Code](#)]
- March 27 **Partisan Candidate Withdrawal Deadline:** Last day partisan candidates can withdraw from the May 19 primary. [[§34-717, Idaho Code](#)]
- April 1 **Mail Ballot Precinct Designation:** Deadline for the board of county commissioners to designate mail ballot precincts. [[§34-308, Idaho Code](#)]
- April 3 **Absentee Ballot Delivery Witnesses:** Deadline for political parties to supply names of witnesses (if desired) to accompany the clerk in the personal delivery of an absentee ballot — for the May 19 primary. [[§34-1003, Idaho Code](#)]
- April 3 **Nonpartisan Write-In Candidates:** Deadline for write-in candidates (running for any nonpartisan elective office) to file a declaration of intent with the clerk of the political subdivision — for the May 19 primary. [[§34-1407, Idaho Code](#)]
- April 3 **Candidate Withdrawal Deadline:** Last day nonpartisan candidates can withdraw from the May 19 primary. [[§34-1405A, Idaho Code](#)]
- April 3 **Recall Notification Deadline:** Political subdivisions must notify the county clerk if a recall election is ordered — for the May 19 primary. [[§34-106\(9\), Idaho Code](#)]
- April 6 **Mail Absentee Ballots:** County clerks must begin mailing absentee ballots — to voters who have requested absentee ballots — for the May 19 primary. [[§34-1003, Idaho Code](#)]
- April 6* **Local Election Disputes:** Deadline for electors to contest the results — of the (March 10) local election results. (*This date may vary; complaints must be filed in the proper court within 20 days of the county canvass.) [[§34-2008, Idaho Code](#)]
- April 6* **Early Voting Security Plan:** Deadline for county clerks to submit their ballot security plan to the secretary of state. (*NOTE: The Early Voting Security Plan must be submitted at least 30 days prior to implementing and early voting plan.) [[§34-1013, Idaho Code](#)]
- April 9 **Sample Ballot:** Secretary of state to provide county clerks with the sample form of the May 19 primary ballot. [[§34-712, Idaho Code](#)]

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- April 9 **Voting Procedure Modifications:** Deadline for county clerks to submit their plans to the secretary of state; if they want to modify voting procedures (for a political subdivision) — for the May 19 election. [[§34-1413, Idaho Code](#)]
- April 14* **Statewide Election Disputes:** Deadline for electors to contest the results — of the presidential primary. (*This date may vary; complaints must be filed in the proper court within 20 days of the state canvass.) [[§34-2008, Idaho Code](#)]
- April 17 **Election Personnel:** Deadline for precinct committeemen to recommend (in writing) election board personnel — to the county clerk — for the May 19 primary. [[§34-303, Idaho Code](#)]
- April 21 **Partisan Write-In Candidates:** Deadline for write-in candidates (running for federal, state, legislative, or county office) to file a declaration of intent — for the May 19 primary. [[§34-702A, Idaho Code](#)]
- April 27 **Mail Ballot Precincts:** County clerks may begin mailing ballots to voters located in designated mail ballot precincts — for the May 19 primary. [[§34-308, Idaho Code](#)]
- April 30* **Initiative Signature Deadline:** Last day to circulate initiative petitions for signatures. (*This date may vary; the deadline can't extend past the 18-month circulation period. [[§34-1802\(1\), Idaho Code](#)]
- May 1* **Initiative Submission Deadline:** Last day to submit signed petitions to the county clerk (by the close of business) for verification. (*This date may vary; the deadline can't extend past the 18-month circulation period. [[§34-1802\(2\), Idaho Code](#)]
- May 5 **Mail Ballot Precincts:** Deadline for county clerks to complete mailing ballots to voters in designated mail ballot precincts — for the May 19 election. [[§34-308, Idaho Code](#)]
- May 7 **Publish First Election Notification:** Deadline for county clerk to publish the first notice of election — in the county's official newspaper(s) — for the May 19 election. (If possible, the notice should appear in at least two newspapers published in the county. If not possible, it should be published in one newspaper published or circulated in the county.) [[§34-602](#) and [§34-1406, Idaho Code](#)]
- May 8 **Election Register Examination:** Deadline for county clerks to examine the election register, from the March 10 election, and note challenges. [[§34-432\(1\), Idaho Code](#)]
- May 14 **Publish Second Election Notification:** Deadline for county clerk to publish the second notice of election — along with a facsimile sample ballot — for the May 19 election. (If possible, the notice should appear in at least two newspapers published in the county. If not possible, it should be published in one newspaper published or circulated in the county.) [[§34-602](#) and [§34-1406, Idaho Code](#)]
- May 14 **Emergency Absentee Ballots:** County clerks may receive emergency absentee ballot applications through 5 p.m. on May 18 from those who cannot be present for voting due to hospitalization if hospitalization began after 5 p.m. on May 8. [[§34-1002A, Idaho Code](#)]
- May 19 **Preregistration Deadline:** Voter registrations must be received by the county clerk — for the May 19 primary. (Deadline is 8 p.m. for paper applications.) [Governor's Proclamation dated April 1, 2020, Provision #5, pursuant to the Governor's earlier emergency and extreme emergency declarations.]
- May 19 **Absentee Ballot Application Deadline:** Paper and online applications must be received by the county clerk by 8 p.m. — for the May 19 primary. [Governor's Proclamation dated April 1, 2020, Provision #6, pursuant to the Governor's earlier emergency and extreme emergency declarations.]
- May 20 **Voter Registration Reopens:** Voters can once again become "unaffiliated" or change their political party affiliation. [[§34-408](#) and [§34-411A, Idaho Code](#)]
- June 2 **Absentee Ballot Return Deadline:** Voted absentee ballots must be received by the county clerk — by 8 p.m. [[§34-1005, Idaho Code](#)]
- June 2 **Absentee Ballot Results:** Earliest time for results to be posted for May 19 Primary Election is 9:00 p.m. MST.
- June 3 **Voter Registration Reopens:** Voters can once again become "unaffiliated" or change their political party affiliation. [[§34-408](#) and [§34-411A, Idaho Code](#)]

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- June 9 **County Canvass:** Deadline for the board of county commissioners to meet and conduct the canvass — of the May 19 primary. (The deadline to conduct the canvass for political subdivisions is June 12. However, we recommend conducting both canvasses together.) [[§34-1205](#) and [§34-1410](#), *Idaho Code*]
- June 9* **County Election Certification:** Deadline for county clerks to certify the results — of the May 19 election — to the secretary of state and the clerk of the political subdivision(s). (*This date may vary; to be done immediately after the county canvass.) [[§34-1208](#), *Idaho Code*]
- June 9* **Nomination Certificates:** Deadline for county clerk to issue certificates of nomination to county candidates. (*This date may vary; to be done immediately after the county canvass.) [[§34-1208](#), *Idaho Code*]
- June 9* **Election Certificates:** Deadline for the clerk of the political subdivision to issue certificates of election. (*This date may vary; to be done immediately after the canvass, the deadline for which is June 12. However, we recommend conducting both canvasses together.) [[§34-1410](#), *Idaho Code*]
- June 9 **County Central Committee Elections:** Deadline for the county central committees to elect officers. [[§34-502](#), *Idaho Code*]
- June 15 **Legislative District Central Committee Elections:** Deadline for legislative district central committees to elect officers. [[§34-503](#), *Idaho Code*]
- June 17 **State Board Canvass:** Deadline for the state board of canvassers to meet and conduct the canvass — of the May 19 primary election. [[§34-1211](#), *Idaho Code*]
- June 17* **State Board Election Certification:** Deadline for state board of canvassers to certify results — of the May 19 primary — for all federal, state, and district candidates. (*This date may vary; to be done after the state board canvass.) [[§34-1208](#), *Idaho Code*]
- June 17* **Election Certificates:** County clerk to issue certificates of election to the precinct committeemen. (*This date may vary; to be done within eight days after the county canvass.) [[§34-1208](#), *Idaho Code*]
- June 17* **Nomination Certificates:** Deadline for secretary of state to issue certificates of nomination to federal, state, and district candidates. (*This date may vary; to be done immediately after the state board canvass.) [[§34-1214\(1\)](#), *Idaho Code*]
- June 17* **Nomination/Election Certificates:** Deadline for secretary of state to issue certificates of nomination/ election to nonpartisan candidates. (*This date may vary; to be done immediately after the state board canvass.) [[§34-1214\(2\)](#), *Idaho Code*]
- June 19* **County Write-In Candidates:** Deadline for county candidates (who were write-in candidates for the primary) to file a declaration of candidacy for the (Nov. 3) General Election. (*This date may vary; deadline is 10 days after the county canvass.) [[§34-702](#), *Idaho Code*]
- June 27* **Statewide Write-In Candidates:** Deadline for federal, state, and legislative candidates (who were write-in candidates for the primary) to file a declaration of candidacy for the (Nov. 3) General Election. (*This date may vary; deadline is 10 days after the state board canvass.) [[§34-702](#), *Idaho Code*]
- June 29* **County Recount Applications:** Deadline — for county candidates or supporters/opponents of a county ballot measure — to apply to the attorney general for a recount of the May 19 election. (*This date may vary; it must be done within 20 days of the county canvass.) [[§34-2301](#), *Idaho Code*]
- June 29* **County Election Disputes:** Deadline for electors to contest the (county or political subdivision) results — of the May 19 election. (*This date may vary; complaints must be filed in the proper court within 20 days of the county canvass.) [[§34-2008](#), *Idaho Code*]
- June 30* **Initiative Signature Verification Deadline:** Last day for county clerks to verify petition signatures. (*This date may vary; the deadline is 60 days from the submission deadline.) [[§34-1802\(3\)](#), *Idaho Code*]

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- July 2* **Political Subdivision Recount Applications:** Deadline — for local candidates or supporters/opponents of a local ballot measure — to apply to the county clerk for a recount of the May 19 election. (*This date may vary; it must be done within 20 days of the county canvass). [[§34-2301](#), *Idaho Code*]
- July 6 **Initiative Signature Filing Deadline:** Initiative petitions with sufficient verified signatures attached must be filed with the secretary of State. [[§34-1802](#), *Idaho Code*]
- July 6 **Ballot Question Submission Deadline:** School districts must supply ballot language (to the county clerk) for any bond or property tax levy questions — to be placed on the ballot — for the Aug. 25 election. [[§34-106](#), *Idaho Code*]
- July 7* **State Board Recount Applications:** Deadline — for federal, state, legislative, or judicial candidates — to apply to the attorney general for a recount of the May 19 election. (*This date may vary; it must be done within 20 days of the state board canvass. [[§34-2301](#), *Idaho Code*]
- July 7* **State Board Election Disputes:** Deadline for electors to contest the (statewide) results — of the May 19 election. (*This date may vary; complaints must be filed in the proper court within 20 days of the state board canvass. [[§34-2008](#), *Idaho Code*]
- July 10 **Recall Notification Deadline:** Political subdivisions must notify the county clerk if a recall election is ordered — for the Aug. 25 election. [[§34-106\(9\)](#), *Idaho Code*]
- July 13* **Early Voting Security Plan:** Deadline for county clerks to submit their ballot security plan to the secretary of state. (*NOTE: The Early Voting Security Plan must be submitted at least 30 days prior to implementing and early voting plan.) [[§34-1013](#), *Idaho Code*]
- July 16 **Voting Procedure Modifications:** Deadline for county clerks to submit their plans to the secretary of state; if they want to modify voting procedures (for a political subdivision) — for the Aug. 25 election. [[§34-1413](#), *Idaho Code*]
- July 22–29 **Publish Notification of Candidate Filing Deadline:** County clerk must publish a notification of the (highway district commissioner) candidate filing deadline — for the Nov. 3 General Election — during this period. The notice should appear in the official newspaper(s) of the political subdivision. [[§34-625](#), [§34-625A](#), and [§34-1405](#), *Idaho Code*]
- July 24 **Designate Polling Places:** Deadline for county commissioners to designate polling places — for the Aug. 25 election. [[§34-302](#), *Idaho Code*]
- July 24 County clerk to appoint election personnel for the Aug. 25 election. [[§34-303](#), *Idaho Code*]
- July 27 **Mail Absentee Ballots:** County clerks to begin mailing absentee ballots — to voters who have requested absentee ballots — for the Aug. 25 election. [Secretary of State workshop instructions]
- July 31 **Election Register Examination:** Deadline for county clerks to examine the election register, from the May 19 primary, and note challenges. [Sec. [34-432\(1\)](#), *Idaho Code*]
- July 31 **Preregistration Deadline:** Voter registrations must be received by the county clerk — for the Aug. 25 election. (Deadline is 5 p.m. for paper applications or until midnight for online applications.) [[§34-408](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Aug. 1 **Mail Ballot Precincts:** County clerks may begin mailing ballots to voters located in designated mail ballot precincts — for the Aug. 25 election. [[§34-308](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Aug. 5 **Magistrate Candidate Filing Deadline:** Magistrates who are up for retention — must file a declaration of candidacy with the county clerk — for the (Nov. 3) General Election. [[§1-2220](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Aug. 5 **Highway District Candidate Filing Deadline:** Highway district commissioner candidates — must file a declaration of candidacy with the county clerk — for the (Nov. 3) General Election. [[§34-625](#) and [§34-625A](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Aug. 10 **Early Voting Begins:** For those counties that choose to conduct early voting. [[§34-1012](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Aug. 11 **Mail Ballot Precincts:** Deadline for county clerks to complete mailing ballots to voters in designated mail ballot precincts — for the Aug. 25 election. [[§34-308](#), *Idaho Code*]

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- Aug. 13 **Poll Watchers:** Deadline for political parties, candidates, or a pro and con representative to submit a written request (to the county clerk) for the purpose of authorizing challengers or watchers to observe at polling places — for the Aug. 25 election. [[§34-304](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Aug. 13 **Publish First Election Notification:** Deadline for county clerk to publish the first notice of election — in the county's official newspaper(s) — for the Aug. 25 election. (If possible, the notice should appear in at least two newspapers published in the county. If not possible, it should be published in one newspaper published or circulated in the county.) [[§34-602](#) and [§34-1406](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Aug. 14 **Absentee Ballot Application Deadline:** Applications must be received by the county clerk by 5 p.m. — for the Aug. 25 election. [[§34-1002\(7\)](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Aug. 18 - 25 **Publish Notification of Candidate Filing Deadline:** County clerk must publish a notification of the candidate filing deadline for all taxing districts for which officers will be elected in the (Nov. 3) General Election — during this period. The notice should appear in the official newspaper of the political subdivision. [[§34-1405](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Aug. 20 **Publish Second Election Notification:** Deadline for county clerk to publish the second notice of election — along with a facsimile sample ballot — for the Aug. 25 election. (If possible, the notice should appear in at least two newspapers published in the county. If not possible, it should be published in one newspaper published or circulated in the county.) [[§34-602](#) and [§34-1406](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Aug. 20 **Emergency Absentee Ballots:** County clerks may receive emergency absentee ballot applications through 5 p.m. on August 24 from those who cannot be present for voting due to hospitalization if hospitalization began after 5 p.m. on August 14. [[§34-1002A](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Aug. 21 **In-Person Absentee/Early Voting Ends:** At 5 p.m. — for the Aug. 25 election. [[§34-1002\(7\)](#) and [§34-1012](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Aug. 24 **Independent Presidential Candidates:** Deadline for independent presidential and vice-presidential candidates to file a declaration of candidacy with required petition attached. [[§34-708A](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Aug. 25 **Absentee Ballot Return Deadline:** Voted absentee ballots must be received — by the county clerk — by 8 p.m. [[§34-1005](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Aug. 25 **Election Day:** Polling places — and the county clerk's office — to be open 8 a.m.–8 p.m. (*County clerk may opt to open at 7 a.m.) Qualified individuals may register and vote at their designated polling place on election day. [[§34-211](#), [§34-408A](#), and [§34-1101](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Aug. 26 Voter Registration Reopens [[§34-408](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Aug. 31 **Political Party Petition Filings:** Deadline for a new political party to file a formation petition with the secretary of state. [[§34-501](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Sept. 1 **Presidential Candidate Certification:** Deadline for the state party chairman to certify candidates for president, vice-president, and presidential electors for the (Nov. 3) General Election. (Unless the secretary of state grants a five-day extension.) [[§34-711](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Sept. 1 **Nonpartisan Candidate Filing Deadline:** Petitions must be filed by 5 p.m. — with the clerk of the political subdivision — to nominate political subdivision candidates — for the Nov. 3 election. [[§34-1404](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Sept. 4 **County Canvass:** Deadline for the board of county commissioners to meet and conduct the canvass — of the Aug. 25 election. [[§34-1410](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Sept. 4* **County Election Certification:** Deadline for county clerks to certify the results — of the Aug. 25 election — to the clerk of the political subdivision(s). (*This date may vary; to be done immediately after the canvass.) [[§34-1410](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Sept. 4 **Ballot Question Submission Deadline:** Political subdivisions must submit ballot language (to the county clerk) for any bond, levy, initiative, referendum, or other question — to be placed on the ballot — for the Nov. 3 election. [[§34-106](#), *Idaho Code*]

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- Sept. 4 **Sample Ballot:** Secretary of state to provide county clerks with sample ballots for the (Nov. 3) General Election. [[§34-909, Idaho Code](#)]
- Sept. 7 **Statewide Ballot Question Certification:** Deadline for the secretary of state to certify a proposed constitution, constitutional amendments, or other ballot questions to the county clerks for the (Nov. 3) General Election. [[§34-603, Idaho Code](#)]
- Sept. 7 **Partisan Candidate Withdrawal Deadline:** Last day partisan candidates can withdraw from the (Nov. 3) General Election. [[§34-717, Idaho Code](#)]
- Sept. 8 **Nonpartisan Nominee Certification:** Deadline for the clerk of the political subdivision to certify nominees — to be placed on the ballot — for the Nov. 3 election. [[§34-1404, Idaho Code](#)]
- Sept. 11 **Write-In Candidates:** Deadline for write-in candidates to file a declaration of intent with the Secretary of State, county clerk, or clerk of the political subdivision, as the case may be — for the Nov. 3 election. [[§34-702A](#) and [§34-1407, Idaho Code](#)]
- Sept. 14 Last day for county clerk to print absentee ballots for the (Nov. 3) General Election. [Secretary of State Directive 2015-01 and [§34-1003, Idaho Code](#)]
- Sept. 18 **Absentee Ballot Delivery Witnesses:** Deadline for political parties to supply names of witnesses to the county clerk if the political party wants a witness to accompany the clerk in the personal delivery of an absentee ballot for the (Nov. 3) General Election. [[§34-1003\(5\), Idaho Code](#)]
- Sept. 18 **Nonpartisan Candidate Withdrawal Deadline:** Last day nonpartisan candidates can withdraw from the Nov. 3 election. [[§34-1405A, Idaho Code](#)]
- Sept. 21 **Mail Absentee Ballots:** County clerks must mail absentee ballots — to voters who have requested absentee ballots — for the (Nov. 3) General Election. [[§34-1003\(3\), Idaho Code](#)]
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- Sept. 24 **Voting Procedure Modifications:** Deadline for county clerks to submit their plans to the secretary of state; if they want to modify voting procedures (for a political subdivision) — for the (Nov. 3) General Election. [[§34-1413, Idaho Code](#)]
- Sept. 24* **Recount Applications:** Deadline — for supporters or opponents of a ballot measure — to apply to the county clerk for a recount of the Aug. 25 election. (*This date may vary; it must be done within 20 days of the canvass). [[§34-2301, Idaho Code](#)]
- Sept. 24* **Election Disputes:** Deadline for electors to contest the results — of the Aug. 25 election. (*This date may vary; complaints must be filed in the proper court within 20 days of the canvass.) [[§34-2008, Idaho Code](#)]
- Oct. 2 **Designate Polling Places:** Deadline for county commissioners to designate polling places — for the (Nov. 3) General Election. [[§34-302, Idaho Code](#)]
- Oct. 2 County clerk to appoint election personnel for the (Nov. 3) General Election. [[§34-303, Idaho Code](#)]
- Oct. 9 **Preregistration Deadline:** Voter registrations must be received by the county clerk — for the Nov. 3 election. (Deadline is 5 p.m. for paper applications or until midnight for online applications.) [[§34-408, Idaho Code](#)]
- Oct. 12 **Mail Ballot Precincts:** County clerks to begin mailing ballots to voters located in designated mail ballot precincts — for the (Nov. 3) General Election. [[§34-308, Idaho Code](#)]
- Oct. 19 **Early Voting Begins:** For those counties that choose to conduct early voting. [[§34-1012, Idaho Code](#)]
- Oct. 20 **Mail Ballot Precincts:** Deadline for county clerks to complete mailing ballots to voters in designated mail ballot precincts — for the Nov. 3 election. [[§34-308, Idaho Code](#)]

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- Oct. 22 **Poll Watchers:** Deadline for political parties, candidates, or a pro or con representative to submit a written request (to the county clerk) for the purpose of authorizing challengers or watchers to observe at polling places — for the (Nov. 3) General Election. [[§34-304](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Oct. 22 **Publish First Election Notification:** Deadline for county clerk to publish the first notice of election — in the county's official newspaper(s) — for the Nov. 3 election. (If possible, the notice should appear in at least two newspapers published in the county. If not possible, it should be published in one newspaper published or circulated in the county.) [[§34-602](#) and [§34-1406](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Oct. 23 **Partisan Candidate Certification:** Deadline for the secretary of state to certify candidates — for federal, state, and district office — (appointed by the central committee) for the (Nov. 3) General Election. [[§34-909](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Oct. 23 **Election Register Examination:** Deadline for county clerks to examine the election register, from the Aug. 25 election, and note challenges. [[§34-432\(1\)](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Oct. 23 **Absentee Ballot Application Deadline:** Applications must be received by the county clerk by 5 p.m. — for the Nov. 3 election. [[§34-1002\(7\)](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Oct. 29 **Publish Second Election Notification:** Deadline for county clerk to publish the second notice of election along with a facsimile sample ballot — for the Nov. 3 election. (If possible, the notice should appear in at least two newspapers published in the county. If not possible, it should be published in one newspaper published or circulated in the county.) [[§34-602](#) and [§34-1406](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Oct. 29 **Emergency Absentee Ballots:** County clerks may receive emergency absentee ballot applications through 5 p.m. on November 2 from those who cannot be present for voting due to hospitalization if hospitalization began after 5 p.m. on October 23. [[§34-1002A](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Oct. 30 **In-Person Absentee/Early Voting Ends:** At 5 p.m. — for the General Election. [[§34-1002\(7\)](#) and [§34-1012](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Nov. 3 **Absentee Ballot Return Deadline:** Voted absentee ballots must be received — by the county clerk — by 8 p.m. [[§34-1005](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Nov. 3 **Election Day:** Polling places — and the county clerk's office — to be open 8 a.m.–8 p.m. (*County clerk may opt to open at 7 a.m.) Qualified individuals may register and vote at their designated polling place on election day. [[§34-211](#), [§34-408A](#), and [§34-1101](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Nov. 4 Voter Registration Reopens [[§34-408](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Nov. 13 **County Canvass:** Deadline for the board of county commissioners to meet and conduct the canvass — of the (Nov. 3) General Election. (This deadline also applies to the canvass for political subdivisions.) [[§34-1205](#) and [§34-1410](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Nov. 13* **County Election Certification:** Deadline for county clerks to certify the results — of the Nov. 3 election — to the secretary of state and to the clerk of the political subdivision(s). (*This date may vary; to be done immediately after the county canvass.) [[§34-1207](#) and [§34-1410](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Nov. 13* **Election Certificates:** Deadline for county clerk and the clerk of the political subdivision to issue certificates of election to winning county and political subdivision candidates. (*This date may vary; to be done immediately after the county canvass.) [[§34-1410](#) and [§34-1209](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Nov. 18 **State Board Canvass:** Deadline for the state board of canvassers to meet and conduct the canvass — of the (Nov. 3) General Election. [[§34-1211](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Nov. 18* **State Board Election Certification:** Deadline for state board of canvassers to certify results — of the (Nov. 3) General Election — for all federal, state, and district candidates. (*This date may vary; to be done immediately after the state canvass.) [[§34-1213](#), *Idaho Code*]
- Nov. 18* **Election Certificates:** Deadline for secretary of state to issue certificates of election to federal, state, and district candidates. (*This date may vary; to be done immediately after the state board canvass.) [[§34-1215](#), *Idaho Code*]

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- Dec. 3* **County Recount Applications:** Deadline — for county or political subdivision candidates or supporters/opponents of a county/local ballot measure — to apply to the attorney general for a recount of the (Nov. 3) General Election. (*This date may vary; it must be done within 20 days of the county canvass. [§34-2301, Idaho Code]
- Dec. 3* **County Election Disputes:** Deadline for electors to contest the (county or political subdivision) results — of the General Election. (*This date may vary; complaints must be filed in the proper court within 20 days of the county canvass. [§34-2008, Idaho Code]
- Dec. 8* **State Board Recount Applications:** Deadline — for federal, state, legislative, judicial candidates or supporters/opponents of a statewide ballot measure — to apply to the attorney general for a recount of the (Nov. 3) General Election. (*This date may vary; it must be done within 20 days of the state board canvass. [§34-2301, Idaho Code]
- Dec. 8* **State Board Election Disputes:** Deadline for electors to contest the (statewide) results — of the General Election. (*This date may vary; complaints must be filed in the proper court within 20 days of the state board canvass. [§34-2008, Idaho Code]
- Dec. 14 **Presidential Electors:** Federal date for presidential electors to meet and vote. [3 U.S.C. §7; §34-1503, Idaho Code]
- Dec. 31 **2021 Election Calendar Publication Deadline:** County clerks to publish the 2021 election calendar. [§34-1405(2), Idaho Code]