

# 2015-2017 Election Dates Calendar



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## 2016 Highlights

<b>Candidate Qualifying Period:</b>	
Judicial, State Attorney (Except 20th Circuit) and Public Defender (Except 20th Circuit)	Noon, May 2 – Noon, May 6, 2016
U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, State Senator, State Representative, County Office and Special Districts	Noon, June 20 – Noon, June 24, 2016
Write-in candidates for President and Vice President	8 am, July 5 – Noon, July 12, 2016
<b>Voter Registration 'Bookclosing' Deadline:</b>	
Presidential Preference Primary Election	February 16, 2016
Primary Election	August 1, 2016
General Election	5:00 PM October 18, 2016
<b>Vote-by-Mail Ballot "Send" Deadline:</b>	
<i>For absent stateside and overseas uniformed and civilian voters ("UOCAVA voters") (45 day deadline before election):</i>	
Presidential Preference Primary Election	January 30, 2016
Primary Election	July 16, 2016
General Election	September 24, 2016
<i>For domestic voters (7-day mailing window):</i>	
Presidential Preference Primary Election	February 9 – 16, 2016
Primary Election	July 26 - August 2, 2016
General Election	October 4 – October 11, 2016
<b>Early Voting Period:</b>	
<i>Minimum mandatory 8 days beginning on the 10th day and ending on the 3rd day before Election Day. Each county Supervisor of Elections may at his or her own discretion offer additional days of early voting on any or all days during the 15th through 11th day and the last Sunday before Election Day.</i>	
Presidential Preference Primary Election	March 5 - 12, 2016
Primary Election	August 20 – 27, 2016
General Election	October 29 – November 5, 2016
<b>Election Day:</b>	
<i>For information about county or municipal election dates, please contact the local county Supervisor of Elections office or the city clerk's office, respectively.</i>	
Presidential Preference Primary Election	March 15, 2016
Primary Election	August 30, 2016
General Election	November 8, 2016*

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January 1* – December 16	Supervisors of Elections to initiate and complete programmatic address list maintenance (Section 98.065, F.S. – Each supervisor shall conduct at a minimum in odd-numbered years address registration list maintenance program to be completed no later than 90 days before any federal election) Any inactive voters who have not voted or attempted to vote, requested an absentee ballot, or updated their voter registration record in two general (federal) elections since they were first made inactive.	Section 98.065(4)(c), F.S.; NVRA
January 1 (Thu)	Deadline for voting systems vendors to file a written disclosure with the Department of State identifying any known defect in their voting systems or the fact there is no known defect, the effect of any known defect on the operation and use of the system, and any known corrective	Section 101.56065, F.S. – On January 1st of every odd-numbered year
January 31 (Sat)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to certify list maintenance activities for prior 6 months to the Division of	Sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S. – No later than January 31 of each year
February 2 (Mon)	Deadline for State and Supervisors of Elections to submit initial responses to U.S. Election Assistance Commission’s 2014 Election Administration and Voting Survey.	Congress chartered U.S. EAC to collection information on election data and monitor voting, registration and voting technology and impact of National Voter Registration Act, Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, Military and Overseas Voting Act, and Help America
March 2 (Mon)	Deadline for Department of State to submit the State’s final responses to the 2014 EAC Survey to the U.S. EAC.	
March 3 (Tue)	Legislative Session begins	Article III, section 3, Fla. Const. – 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in March
May 2 (Sat)	Last day of regular legislative session	Art III, Sec 3(d), Fla. Const. – Regular session not to extend beyond 60 days
May 3 (Sun)	Deadline for State Attorney (Except 20th Circuit) and Public Defender (Except 20th Circuit) candidates to change party affiliation.	Section 99.021, F.S. – 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election. Qualifying begins noon, May 2, 2016.
June 21 (Sun)	Deadline for U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, State Senator, State Representative, County Office and Special District candidates to change party affiliation.	Section 99.021, F.S. – 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election. Qualifying begins noon, June 20, 2016.
July 24 (Fri)	Deadline for Supervisor of Elections to submit HAVA “Balance” Report (i.e., remaining balance of HAVA funds as of June 30, 2015)	Help America Vote Act of 2002
July 31 (Fri)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to request reimbursement for 2010 HHS Funds	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities (VOTE) Program for Polling Place

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July 31 (Sat)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to certify list maintenance activities for prior 6 months to the Division of Elections	Sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S. – No later than July 31 of each year
September 11 (Fri)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to request reimbursement from 2010 HHS “Undistributed” Funds to be used for AutoMarks and ICE voting machines	
October 30 (Fri)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit their annual report on 2010 HHS Funds	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities (VOTE) Program for Polling Place Accessibility for the reporting period 10/1/14 through 9/30/15
November 30 (Mon)	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 November 30 of the year preceding the Presidential Preference Primary Election
December 8 (Tue)	Secretary of State to prepare and publish a list of the presidential candidates submitted by the major political parties	Section 103.101, F.S. – 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in December preceding the Presidential Preference Primary Election
December 14 (Mon)	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 December preceding the Presidential Preference Primary Election
Dec 16 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to notify overseas voters of upcoming Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 100.025, F.S. – At least 90 days prior to regular primary and general elections
December 16 (Wed)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to complete any address list maintenance program activities including removal of “inactive” registered voters who have not voted, requested an absentee ballot or updated their voter registration records after 2 general federal elections since the voters were first made inactive	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; NVRA)
December 22 (Tue)	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 December of the year preceding the Presidential Preference Primary Election
December 31 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit to the Department of State their 2015 HAVA Expenditure Reports for use of funds relating to voter education, poll worker training, federal election activities, voting systems assistance, optical scan and ballot-on-demand for the reporting period 10/1/14 through 9/30/15.	

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January 12 (Tue)	Legislative Session begins	Ch. 2014–106, Laws of Fla., fixed date for 2016 session as January 12, 2016
January 15 (Fri) - January 20 (Wed)	Revisions to security procedures due to the Department of State	Section 101.015, F.S. and Rule 15-2.015, F.A.C – At least 45 days before early voting begins, specific day depends on when early voting begin in the county
January 30 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to mail absentee ballots to absent stateside uniformed and overseas voters (UOCAVA) for the Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 101.62, F.S. – At least 45 days prior to each election
January 31 (Sun)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to certify list maintenance activities for prior 6 months to the Division of	Sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S. – No later than January 31 of each year
February 1 (Mon)	Initiative petition signature certification deadline	Article XI, section 5, Fla. Const. – not later than February 1 of the general election year; Section 100.371(1), F.S.
February 1 (Mon)	Division of Elections to submit information on compliance with 45-day UOCAVA absentee ballot mail-out for the Presidential Preference Primary Election to Department of Justice	43 days before the Presidential Preference Primary Election
February 9 (Tues) – February 16 (Tues)	Mandatory 7-day window during which Supervisors of Elections must send out absentee ballots to all domestic voters who requested absentee ballots	Section 101.62, F.S. – Between 35th and 28th day before the election
February 14 (Sun)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to designate early voting sites for the Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 101.657, F.S. – No later than the 30th day before the election
February 14 (Sun)	First day a registered voter or poll watcher may file a challenge to another voter in the same county for the Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 101.111, F.S. – No sooner than 30 days before an election
February 14 (Sun) - February 19 (Fri)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail 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, specific day depends on when early voting begin in the county
February 15* (Mon) - February 20 (Sat)	Poll watcher designations due for early voting sites for Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 101.131, F.S. – At least 14 days before early voting begins, specific day depends on when early voting begin in the county
February 16 (Tue)	Deadline to register to vote for the Presidential Preference Primary Election (bookclosing)	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) (29th day falls on February 15th, which is legal
February 19 (Fri) – March 4 (Fri)	Period in which logic and accuracy (L&A) test for Presidential Preference Primary Election may be conducted. (Specific L&A date during this period will depend on when the county begins early voting.)	Section 101.5612, F.S. - Not more than 10 days prior to beginning of early voting

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February 22 (Mon) – February 27 (Sat)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers for early voting sites for the Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 101.131, F.S. – No later than 7 days before early voting begins, specific day depends on when early voting begin in the county
February 24 (Wed)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to appoint poll workers for the Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 102.012, F.S. – At least 20 days before each election
February 29 (Mon)	Canvassing board may begin canvassing absentee ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 101.68, F.S. – 7 a.m. on the 15th day before the election
February 29 (Mon) - March 4 (Fri)	Early voting may begin prior to the mandatory early voting period	Section 101.657, F.S. – Additional early voting days may be offered at the discretion of the supervisor of elections on the 15th, 14th, 12th, 11th, or 2nd day before an election
March 1 (Tue)	Poll watcher designations for the Presidential Preference Primary Election due	Section 101.131, F.S. – Prior to noon of the 2nd Tuesday preceding the election
March 1 (Tue)	If early voting begins on Feb 29, first day for Supervisors of Elections 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 15-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day’s activities
March 5 (Sat)	Early voting must begin for Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 101.657, F.S. – On the 10th day before an election
March 6 (Sun)	First day after mandatory 8-day early voting period begins for Supervisors of Elections 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 15-2.043, F.A.C.– No later than noon of each day for the previous day’s activities
March 8 (Tue)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers for the Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 101.131, F.S. – On or before the Tuesday before the election
March 8 (Tue)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail or email sample ballots to voters for the Presidential Preference Primary	Section 101.20, F.S. – At least 7 days prior to an election
March 9 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to receive requests to mail absentee ballots to voters for the Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 6th day before the election
March 10 (Thu)	First day to provide absentee ballots to designees for the Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 101.62, F.S. – Up to 5 days prior to the election
March 11 (Fri)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail absentee ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 4 days before the election
March 11 (Fri)	Deadline for late registration for specified subcategory of UOCAVA individuals	Section 97.0555, F.S. – 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election; any uniformed services or Merchant Marine member discharged or separated, or returned from military deployment or activation after 29-day registration deadline, or for any overseas U.S. citizen who left employment after 29-day registration deadline, and any family member accompanying them

\*Denotes a Holiday – Unless otherwise expressly stated in law or rules, a deadline that falls on a weekend or a legal holiday does not move to the next business day.



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March 11 (Fri)	Last day of regular legislative session	Art III, Sec 3(d), Fla. Const. – Regular session not to extend beyond 60 days
March 12 (Sat)	Mandatory early voting period ends for the Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting shall end on the 3rd day before an election
March 13 (Sun)	Optional extension of early voting period ends for the Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting may also be offered at the discretion of the supervisor of elections on the...2nd day before an election
March 14 (Mon)	Last day to publish sample ballot in newspaper of general circulation in the county for the Presidential Preference	Section 101.20, F.S. – Prior to the day of the election
March 14 (Mon)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections 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
<b>March 15 (Tue)</b>	<b>Presidential Preference Primary Election</b>	<b>Section 103.101, F.S. – The presidential preference primary election shall be held on the third Tuesday in March of each presidential election year</b>
March 15 (Tue)	"Emergency excuse" affidavit required for delivery of absentee ballot on Election Day	Section 101.62, F.S.- Except for supervised voting in assisted living facilities as provided in s. 101.655, the supervisor may not deliver an absentee ballot to an elector or an elector's immediate family member on the day of the election unless voter affirms in an affidavit to an emergency that keeps the voter from being able to go to his or her assigned polling place
March 15 (Tue)	Deadline for receipt of absentee ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 101.67, F.S., – Except for 10-day extension for overseas absentee ballots as provided in s. 101.6952, F.S., all absentee ballots must be received by 7 p.m. election day
March 15 (Tue)	County canvassing board to file preliminary election results with the Department of State, within 30 minutes after polls close and in 45-minute increments thereafter on election night until all results (except provisional ballots) are completely reported.	Section 102.141, F.S. - All Election Day ballots cast, early voting ballots, and for absentee ballots, those that are canvassed and tabulated by each reporting increment, until completed
March 16 (Wed)	Deadline for all polling place returns to be submitted to the county canvassing board	Section 102.141, F.S. – On or before 2 a.m. of the day following any election
March 17 (Thu)	Deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide evidence of eligibility to Supervisors of Elections	Section 101.048, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day following the
March 19 (Sat)	Deadline for county canvassing board to file 1 <sup>st</sup> unofficial results of Presidential Preference Primary Election with the Department of State	Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than noon of the 4th day after a general or other election

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March 25 (Fri)	Deadline for receipt of overseas ballots for Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 101.6952(5), F.S. – Ballot must be 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
March 27 (Sun)	Deadline for county canvassing board official certificates to be filed with the Department of State for the Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 102.112, F.S. – Noon on the 12th day following the election
March 27 (Sun)	County canvassing board to file a report with the Division of Elections on the conduct of the Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 102.141, F.S. – At the same time that the results of an election are certified
March 28 (Mon)	County canvassing boards to begin publicly noticed audit of the voting system for the Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 101.591, F.S. and Rule 15-5.026, F.A.C. - Immediately following the certification of the Election by the county canvassing board
March 29 (Tue)	Elections Canvassing Commission meets to certify the returns for the Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 102.111, F.S. – 9 a.m. on the 14th day after the Election
April 2 (Sat)	Department of State to publish notice of general election in a newspaper of general circulation in each county twice before beginning of the qualifying period	Section 100.021, F.S. – During the 30 days prior to the beginning of qualifying. Qualifying begins May 2, 2016
April 3 (Sun)	Deadline for completion of the publicly noticed audit of the voting system for the Presidential Preference Primary Election 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
April 4 (Mon)	Deadline for judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method to submit their signed petitions to Supervisors of Elections	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
April 14 (Thu)	Deadline by which provisional ballot information must be made available on free access system for the Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 101.048, F.S. – No later than 30 days following the election
April 18 (Mon)	14-day period begins allowing qualifying officers to accept and hold 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 18 (Mon)	Deadline for county canvassing board to submit report of publicly noticed audit of the voting system for the Presidential Preference Primary Election to Division of	Section 101.591, F.S. and Rule 15-5.026, F.A.C. – Within 15 days after completion of the audit
April 22 (Fri)	Deadline for officers qualifying as judicial, state attorney or public defender candidates to submit written resignations 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



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April 25 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify to the Division of Elections 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 first day of the qualifying period
April 28 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to update voting history for Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 98.0981, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – Within 30 days after certification of election results for the Presidential Preference Primary Election
April 28 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to file precinct level results of the Presidential Preference Primary Election and a reconciliation of voter history and precinct level results with the Division of Elections	Section 98.0981, F.S.– Within 30 days after certification of election results by Elections Canvassing Commission for Presidential Preference Primary Election
May 2 (Mon)	Qualifying period begins for 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
May 6 (Fri)	Qualifying period ends for 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
May 12 (Thu)	First day state write-in absentee ballots made available to overseas voters	Section 101.6951, F.S. – 180 days prior to the General Election
May 13 (Fri)	Deadline for Department of State to certify to the Supervisors of Elections 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 13 (Fri)	Deadline for Department of State to report to the Florida Legislature updated voting and voter history information for the Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 45 days after certification of election results for Presidential Preference Primary Election
May 13 (Fri)	Department of State to make publicly available on website compiled precinct level results of the Presidential Preference Primary Election	Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 45 days after certification of election results for Presidential Preference Primary Election
May 23 (Mon)	Deadline for U.S Senator, U.S. Representative, statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method to submit their signed petitions to Supervisors of Elections	Section 99.095, F.S. – Before noon of the 28th day preceding the 1st day of the qualifying period for the office sought
May 26 (Thu)	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
June 1 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to notify overseas voters of upcoming Primary Election	Section 100.025, F.S. – At least 90 days prior to regular primary and general elections

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June 1 (Wed)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to complete any address list maintenance program activities including removal of "inactive" registered voters who have not voted, requested an absentee ballot or updated their voter registration records after 2 general federal elections since the voters were first made inactive	Section 98.065, F.S. – 90 days prior to a federal election; NVRA, s. 8)(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
June 6 (Mon)	14-day period begins for qualifying officers to accept and qualifying papers for U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, 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
June 10 (Fri)	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
June 13 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify to the Division of Elections the number of valid signatures for U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, 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 20 (Mon)	Qualifying begins for all U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, statewide, multi-county, county, and district candidates (other than judicial, state attorney, and public defender	Section 99.061, F.S. – Noon of the 71st day prior to the primary election
June 24 (Fri)	Qualifying ends for all U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, statewide, multi-county, county, and district candidates (other than, judicial, state attorney, and public defender	Section 99.061, F.S. – No later than noon of the 67th day prior to the primary election
June 25 (Sat)	Supervisors of Elections to submit to the Department of State a list containing the names, party affiliations, and addresses of all candidates and the offices for which they	Section 99.092, F.S. – Immediately after the last day for qualifying
July 1 (Fri)	Supervisors of Elections to prepare daily electronic files of vote-by-mail 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. and continuously until 15 days after the primary election
July 1 (Fri)	Deadline for Department of State to certify to the Supervisors of Elections the names of all duly qualified U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, statewide, multi-county, county, and district candidates who have qualified with the	Section 99.061, F.S. –Within 7 days after the closing date for qualifying
July 1 (Fri) - July 6 (Wed)	Any revisions to security procedures due to the Department of State	Section 101.015, F.S. – At least 45 days before early voting begins, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting
July 14 (Thu)	Department of State to remit to the respective state executive committees of political parties, 95% of their entitled filing fees and party assessments from U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, statewide, multicounty, and district	Section 99.103, F.S. – No later than 20 days after the close of qualifying

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July 16 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to send vote-by-mail ballots to absent stateside uniformed and overseas voters (UOCAVA) for the Primary Election	Section 101.62, F.S. – No fewer than 45 days before the primary election
July 18 (Mon)	Division of Elections to submit information on compliance with 45-day UOCAVA vote-by-mail ballot mail-out for the Primary Election to Department of Justice	43 days before the Primary
July 24 (Sun)	Supervisors of Elections 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
July 25 (Mon)	Deadline to report HAVA “Balance” Report (i.e., remaining balance of HAVA funds as of June 30, 2016)	Help America Vote Act of 2002
July 26 (Tue) – Aug 2 (Tue)	Mandatory 7-day window during which Supervisors of Elections must send out vote-by-mail ballots to all domestic voters who requested absentee ballots	Section 101.62, F.S. – Between 35th and 28th day before the election
July 29 (Fri)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to request reimbursement for 2011 HHS Funds	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities (VOTE) Program for Polling Place Accessibility
July 31 (Sun)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections 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
July 31 (Sun)	First day a registered voter or poll watcher may file a challenge to another voter in the same county for the	Section 101.111, F.S. – No sooner than 30 days before an election
July 31 (Sun)	Supervisors of Elections to certify address and eligibility list maintenance activities to the Division of Elections	Sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S. – No later than July 31 of each year
July 31 (Sun) - August 5 (Fri)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail notice of time and location of logic and accuracy test (L&A 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, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early
Aug 1 (Mon)	Deadline to register to vote for the Primary Election (bookclosing)	Section 97.055, F.S.– On the 29th day before each election
Aug 1 (Mon) - August 6 (Sat)	Poll watcher designations due for early voting sites for Primary Election	Section 101.131, F.S. – Before noon at least 14 days before early voting begins, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early
August 5 (Fri) – August 19 (Fri)	Period in which logic and accuracy (L&A) test for Primary Election may be conducted. (Specific L&A date during this period will depend on when the county begins early voting.)	Section 101.5612, F.S. – Not more than 10 days prior to beginning of early voting
August 8 (Mon)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to post election preparation report on official website	Section 100.032, F.S. – At least 3 months before a general election
August 8 (Mon) – August 13 (Sat)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification badges for early voting sites for the Primary Election	Section 101.131, F.S. – No later than 7 days before early voting begins, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting

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August 10 (Wed)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to appoint poll workers for the Primary Election	Section 102.012, F.S. – At least 20 days prior to any election
August 10 (Wed)	Last day state write-in ballot is available to overseas voters	Section 101.6951, F.S. – 90 days prior to a general election
August 10 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to notify overseas voters of upcoming General Election	Section 100.025, F.S. – At least 90 days prior to regular primary and general elections
August 15 (Mon)	Canvassing board may begin canvassing vote-by-mail ballots for the Primary Election	Section 101.68, F.S. – 7 a.m. on the 15 <sup>th</sup> day before the election
August 15 (Mon)	Early voting may begin prior to the mandatory early voting period, at the discretion of the Supervisor of Elections	Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting maybe offered at the discretion of the supervisor of elections on the 15 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 11, or 2 <sup>nd</sup> day before an election
August 16 (Tue)	Poll watcher designations for the Primary Election due	Section 101.131, F.S. – Prior to noon of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday preceding the election
August 16 (Tue)	If early voting begins on August 15, first day for Supervisors of Elections 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 20 (Sat)	Early voting must begin for the Primary Election	Section 101.657, F.S.– Early voting shall begin on the 10 <sup>th</sup> day before an election
August 21 (Sun)	First day after mandatory 8-day early voting period begins for Supervisors of Elections 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 23 (Tue)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification badges for the Primary Election	Section 101.131, F.S. – On or before the Tuesday before the election
August 23 (Tue)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail or email sample ballots to voters for the Primary Election	Section 101.20, F.S. – At least 7 days prior to any election
August 24 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to receive requests for vote-by-mail ballots to be mailed to voters for the Primary Election	Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 6 <sup>th</sup> day before the
August 25 (Thu)	First day that a designee can pick-up a vote-by-mail ballot on behalf of a voter for the Primary Election	Section 101.62, F.S. – up to 5 days prior to the election
August 26 (Fri)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots requested for the Primary Election	Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 4 days before the election

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Date	Event	Legal Reference
August 26 (Fri)	Deadline for late registration for specified subcategory of UOCAVA individuals	Section 97.0555, F.S. – 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election; any uniformed services or Merchant Marine member discharged or separated, or returned from military deployment or activation after 29-day registration deadline, or for any overseas U.S. citizen who left employment after 29-day registration deadline, and any family member accompanying them
August 27 (Sat)	Mandatory early voting period ends for the Primary Election	Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting shall end on the 3rd day before an election
August 28 (Sun)	Optional extension of early voting period ends for the Primary Election	Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting may also be offered at the discretion of the supervisor of elections on the...2nd day before an election
August 28 (Sun) - September 3 (Sat)	Period in which proposed constitutional amendments are advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in each county	Art XI, Sec 5(d), Fla. Const.- Once in the tenth week, and once in the sixth week immediately preceding the week in which the election is held, the proposed amendment ...shall be published in one newspaper of general circulation in each county
August 29 (Mon)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections 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 29 (Mon)	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
August 29 (Mon)	Last day for Supervisor of Elections to deliver ‘no excuse’ vote-by-mail ballot to voter or designee to pick up no excuse vote-by-mail ballot	Section 101.62, F.S.
August 29 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to upload into county election management system the results of all early voting and vote-by-mail ballots that have been canvassed and tabulated by the end of the early voting period	Section 102.141 (4)(a), by 7 p.m. on the day before the election
August 30 (Tue)	<b>PRIMARY ELECTION</b>	<b>Section 100.061, F.S. – On the Tuesday 10 weeks prior to the general election</b>

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Date	Event	Legal Reference
August 30 (Tue)	Emergency excuse affidavit required for delivery of vote-by-mail ballot on Election Day	Section 101.62, F.S.- Except for supervised voting in assisted living facilities as provided in s. 101.655, the supervisor may not deliver a vote-by-mail ballot to an elector or an elector's immediate family member on the day of the election unless voter affirms in an affidavit to an emergency that keeps the voter from being able to go to his or her assigned polling place.
August 30 (Tue)	Deadline for receipt of vote-by-mail ballots for the Primary Election	Section 101.67, F.S., – All vote-by-mail ballots must be received by 7 p.m. election day
August 30 (Tue)	County canvassing board to file preliminary election results must be filed with the Department of State, within 30 minutes after polls close and in 45-minute increments thereafter on election night until all results (except provisional ballots) are completely reported.	Section 102.141, F.S. - All Election Day ballots cast, early voting ballots, and for vote-by-mail ballots, those that are canvassed and tabulated by each reporting increment, until completed
August 30 (Tue)	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 31 (Wed)	Deadline for all polling place returns to be submitted to the county canvassing board	Section 102.141, F.S. – On or before 2 a.m. of the day following any election
Sep 1 (Thu)	Deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide evidence of eligibility to Supervisors of Elections	Section 101.048, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> day following the election
Sep 2 (Fri)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to file 1 <sup>st</sup> Unofficial Results of the Primary Election with the Department of State	Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than noon of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> day after a primary election
Sep 4 (Sun)	Deadline for county canvassing board to file 2 <sup>nd</sup> Unofficial Results for the Primary Election, if recount was conducted	Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. of the 5 <sup>th</sup> day after a primary election
September 6 (Tue)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to submit Official Results to the Department of State for the Primary Election	Section 102.112, F.S. – 5 p.m. on the 7 <sup>th</sup> day following a primary
September 6 (Tue)	County canvassing boards to submit 'Conduct of Elections' report on Primary Election to the Division of Elections	Section 102.141, F.S., – At the same time that the results of an election are
September 7 (Wed)	County canvassing boards to begin publicly noticed 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
September 8 (Thu)	Elections Canvassing Commission meets to certify Official Results for federal, state, and multicounty office	Section 102.111, F.S. – 9 a.m. on the 9 <sup>th</sup> day after a primary election
September 9 (Fri)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to request reimbursement for 2011 HHS "Undistributed" Funds to be used for AutoMarks and ICE voting machines.	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities (VOTE) Program for Polling Place Accessibility



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Date	Event	Legal Reference
September 9 (Fri) - September 14 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit any revisions to security procedures to the Department of State	Section 101.015, F.S. – At least 45 days before early voting begins, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting
September 13 (Tue)	Deadline for completion of the voting system audit and for the results to be made public	Section 101.591, F.S. and Rule 15-5.026, F.A.C. – No later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7th day following certification of the election by the county canvassing board
September 24 (Sat)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to send vote-by-mail ballots to absent stateside uniformed and overseas voters (UOCAVA) for the General Election	Section 101.62, F.S. – Not less than 45 days before the general election
September 25 (Sun) - October 1 (Sat)	Period in which proposed constitutional amendments are advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in each county	Art XI, Sec 5(d), Fla. Const. - Once in the tenth week, and once in the sixth week immediately preceding the week in which the election is held, the proposed amendment ...shall be published in one newspaper of general circulation in each county
September 26 (Mon)	Division of Elections to submit information on compliance with 45-day UOCAVA vote-by-mail ballot mail-out for the General Election to Department of Justice	43 days before General Election
September 28 (Wed)	Report of voting system audit due to Division of Elections	Section 101.591, F.S. and Rule 15-5.026, F.A.C. – Within 15 days after completion of the audit
September 29 (Thu)	Last day by when Supervisor of Elections must make information about provisional ballot available to individual voters on free access system for the Primary Election	Section 101.048, F.S. – No later than 30 days following the election
October 4 (Tue) - October 11 (Tue)	7-day mandated period for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots to all domestic (non-UOCAVA) vote-by-mail voters	Section 101.62, F.S. – Between 35th and 28th day before the election
October 8 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to update voting history for Primary Election	Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 30 days after certification of election by Elections Canvassing Commission results for primary election
October 8 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to file precinct level results of the Primary Election and a reconciliation of voter history and precinct level results with the Division of Elections	Section 98.0981, F.S.– Within 30 days after certification of election results by Elections Canvassing Commission for primary election
October 9 (Sun)	First day a registered voter or poll watcher may file a challenge to another voter in the same county for the	Section 101.111, F.S. – No sooner than 30 days before an election
October 9 (Sun) - October 14 (Fri)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail notice of time and location of logic and accuracy (L&A) 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, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early

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Date	Event	Legal Reference
October 10* (Mon) - October 15 (Sat)	Deadline to submit poll watcher designations for early voting sites for General Election	Section 101.131, F.S. – Before noon at least 14 days before early voting begins, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early
October 14 (Fri) - October 28 (Fri)	Period in which logic and accuracy (L&A) test for General Election may be conducted. (Specific L&A date during this period will depend on when the county begins early voting.)	Section 101.5612, F.S. – Not more than 10 days prior to beginning of early voting
October 17 (Mon)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to designate early voting sites for the General Election and to provide the Division of Elections with addresses and hours for early voting sites	Section 101.657, F.S. – No later than the 30 <sup>th</sup> day prior to the election. Changed to October 17, 2016 by Case No. 4:16cv626-MW/CAS.
October 17 (Mon) - October 22 (Sat)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification badges for early voting sites for the General Election	Section 101.131, F.S. – No later than 7 days before early voting begins, specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting
5:00 PM October 18 (Tue)	Deadline to register to vote for the General Election (bookclosing)	Section 97.055, F.S. – On the 29 <sup>th</sup> day before each election. If the 29 <sup>th</sup> day falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, the registration books must be closed on the next day that is not a Sunday or a legal holiday. Changed to October 18, 2016 by Case No. 4:16cv626-MW/CAS.
October 19 (Wed)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to appoint poll workers for the General Election	Section 102.012, F.S. – At least 20 days prior to any election
October 23 (Sun)	Deadline for Department of State to report to the Florida Legislature updated voting and voter history information for the Primary Election	Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 45 days after certification of election results for primary election
October 23 (Sun)	Department of State to make publicly available on website compiled precinct level results of the Primary Election	Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 45 days after certification of election results for primary election
October 24 (Mon)	Canvassing board may begin canvassing vote-by-mail ballots for the General Election	Section 101.68, F.S. – 7 a.m. on the 15 <sup>th</sup> day before the election
October 24 (Mon)	Early voting may begin, at the discretion of the Supervisor of Elections	Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting may be offered at the discretion of the supervisor of elections on the 15 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , or 2 <sup>nd</sup> day before an election
October 25 (Tue)	Deadline to submit poll watcher designations for the General Election	Section 101.131, F.S. – Prior to noon of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday preceding the election
October 25 (Tue)	If early voting begins on October 24, first day for Supervisors of Elections 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 15-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities

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October 29 (Sat)	Mandatory early voting period begins for the General Election	Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting shall begin on the 10 <sup>th</sup> day before an election
October 30 (Sun)	First day after mandatory 8-day early voting period begins for Supervisors of Elections 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
November 1 (Tue)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification and badges for the General Election	Section 101.131, F.S. – On or before the Tuesday before the election
November 1 (Tue)	Last day to mail or email sample ballots to voters for the General Election	Section 101.20, F.S. – At least 7 days prior to any election
November 2 (Wed)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to receive requests for vote-by-mail ballots to be mailed to voters for the General Election	Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 6 <sup>th</sup> day before the election
November 3 (Thu)	First day to provide vote-by-mail ballots to designees for the General Election	Section 101.62, F.S. – Up to 5 days prior to the election
November 4 (Fri)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail vote-by-mail ballots for the General Election	Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 4 days before the election
November 4 (Fri)	Deadline for late registration for specified subcategory of UOCAVA individuals	Section 97.0555, F.S. – 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election; any uniformed services or Merchant Marine member discharged or separated, or returned from military deployment or activation after 29-day registration deadline, or for any overseas U.S. citizen who left employment after 29-day registration deadline, and any family member accompanying them
November 5 (Sat)	Mandatory early voting period ends for the General Election	Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting shall end on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> day before an election
November 6 (Sun)	Optional extension of early voting period ends for the General Election	Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting may also be offered at the discretion of the supervisor of elections on the...2 <sup>nd</sup> day before an election
November 7 (Mon)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare and upload daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details 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
November 7 (Mon)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections 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 7 (Mon)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to upload into county election management system the results of all early voting and vote-by-mail ballots that have been canvassed and tabulated by the end of the early voting period	Section 102.141 (4)(a), by 7 p.m. on the day before the election

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November 7 (Mon)	Last day for Supervisor of Elections to deliver 'no excuse' vote-by-mail ballot to voter or designee to pick up vote-by-mail ballot.	Section 101.62, F.S.
<b>November 8* (Tue)</b>	<b>GENERAL ELECTION</b>	<b>Section 100.031, F.S. – On the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday after the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in November of each even numbered year</b>
November 8* (Tue)	"Emergency excuse" affidavit required for delivery of vote-by-mail ballot on Election Day	Section 101.62, F.S.- Except for supervised voting in assisted living facilities as provided in s. 101.655, the supervisor may not deliver a vote-by-mail ballot to an elector or an elector's immediate family member on the day of the election unless voter affirms in an affidavit to an emergency that keeps the voter from being able to go to his or her assigned polling place
November 8* (Tue)	Deadline for receipt of vote-by-mail ballots for the General Election	Section 101.67, F.S. – Except for 10-day extension for overseas vote-by-mail ballots as provided in s. 101.6952, F.S., all vote-by-mail ballots must be received by 7 p.m. on election day
November 8* (Tue)	County canvassing board to file preliminary election results 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 all election day ballots cast, early voting ballots, and for vote-by-mail ballots, those that are canvassed and tabulated by time of reporting, until completed
November 9 (Wed)	Deadline for all polling place returns to be submitted to the county canvassing board	Section 102.141, F.S. – On or before 2 a.m. of the day following any election
November 10 (Thu)	Deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide evidence of eligibility to Supervisors of Elections	Section 101.048, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> day following the election
November 12 (Sat)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to file 1 <sup>st</sup> Unofficial Results of General Election with the Department of State	Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than noon of the 4 <sup>th</sup> day after a general election
November 17 (Thu)	Deadline for county canvassing board to file 2 <sup>nd</sup> Unofficial Results of General Election with the Department of State, if recount was conducted	Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than 3 p.m. of the 9 <sup>th</sup> day after the election
November 18 (Fri)	Deadline for receipt of overseas ballots for General Election	Section 101.6952(5), F.S. – Ballot must be 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 general election
November 20 (Sun)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to submit Official Results to the Department of State for the General Election	Section 102.112, F.S. – Noon on the 12 <sup>th</sup> day following the election
November 20 (Sun)	Deadline for county canvassing boards to submit Conduct of Elections' report to 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

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Date	Event	Legal Reference
November 21 (Mon)	County canvassing boards to begin publicly noticed 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 21 (Mon)	Supervisors of Elections 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 22 (Tue)	Elections Canvassing Commission meets to certify ‘Official Results’ for federal, state, and multicounty office	Section 102.111, F.S. – 9 a.m. on the 14 <sup>th</sup> day after a General Election
November 23 (Wed)	Last day to prepare and upload daily electronic files of vote-by-mail ballot request information 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
November 27 (Sun)	Deadline for canvassing board to complete the voting system 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 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections of each county to submit total number of petition signatures verified at no charge for candidate or organization to seek reimbursement from Chief Financial Officer	Section 99.097, F.S. – No later than December 1 of the general election year
December 8 (Thu)	Last day by when Supervisor of Elections must make information about provisional ballot available to individual voters on free access system for the General Election	Section 101.048, F.S. – No later than 30 days following the election
December 12 (Mon)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to submit reports on post-election certification voting system audit to Division of	Section 101.591, F.S. – Within 15 days after completion of the audit
December 15 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit reports on voter education programs to the Department of State	Section 98.255, F.S. – By December 15 of each General Election year
December 15 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit reports on the total number of overvotes and undervotes in the “President and Vice President” race to the Department of	Section 101.595, F.S. – No later than December 15 of each general election year
December 22 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to update voting 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 by Elections Canvassing Commission for
December 22 (Thu)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to file precinct level results of the General Election and a reconciliation of voter history and precinct level results with the Division of Elections	Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 30 days after certification of election results by Elections Canvassing Commission for general election

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December 31 (Sat)	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit to the Department of State HAVA Funds Expenditure Reports for use of funds relating to voter education, poll worker training, federal election activities, voting systems assistance, optical scan and ballot-on-demand for the reporting period 10/1/14 through 9/30/15.	
December 31 (Sat)	Supervisors of Elections shall remove post-election all designated inactive voters who have not voted or attempted to vote, requested a vote-by-mail ballot, or updated their voter registration record in two general (federal) elections since they were first made inactive.	Section 98.065(4)(c), F.S.; s. 8, NVRA
December 31 (Sat)	All user IDs and passwords issued during prior year for access to statewide vote-by-mail ballot request information expire.	
December 31 (Sat)	Supervisors of Elections should review General Records Retention Schedule 3 for Election Records public records retention/management for public records that are ready for disposition.	



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Date	Event	Legal Reference
January 1 (Sun)	Deadline for voting systems vendors to file a written disclosure with the Department of State identifying any known defect in their voting systems or the fact there is no known defect, the effect of any known defect on the operation and use of the system, and any known corrective	Section 101.56065, F.S. – On January 1st of every odd-numbered
January 6 (Fri)	Deadline for Department of State to report to the Florida Legislature updated voting and voter information history information for the General Election	Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 45 days after certification of election results for general election
January 6 (Fri)	Department of State to make publicly available on website compiled precinct level results of the General Election	Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 45 days after certification of election results for general election
January 31 (Tue)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to certify list maintenance activities for prior 6 months to the Division of	Sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S. – No later than January 31 of each year
February 2 (Thu)	Deadline for State and Supervisors of Elections to submit initial responses to U.S. Election Assistance Commission's 2016 Election Administration and Voting Survey	Congress chartered U.S. EAC to collection information on election data and monitor voting, registration and voting technology and impact of National Voter Registration Act, Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, Military and Overseas Voting Act, and Help America
March 2 (Thu)	Deadline for Department of State to submit final responses to the 2016 EAC Survey to the EAC	
July 31 (Mon)	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to certify list maintenance activities for prior 6 months to the Division of	Sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S. – No later than July 31 of each year

## Change Log

Date File Amended	Activity	Event Date	Event
June 22, 2015	Added	May 3, 2015	Deadline for U.S. Senator, U.S Representative, State Attorney (Except 20th Circuit) and Public Defender (Except 20th Circuit) candidates to change party affiliation.
July 7, 2015	Moved	March 12, 2016	Last day of regular legislative session
July 20, 2015	Removed	February 14, 2016	Last day for Secretary of State to authorize a county to use ballot-on-demand for producing Election Day ballots
August 17, 2015	Moved	March, 11, 2016	Last day of regular legislative session
August 17, 2015	Moved date for U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative	June 21, 2015	Deadline for <b>U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative</b> , State Senator, State Representative, County Office and Special District candidates to change party affiliation.
August 17, 2015	Moved date for U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative	May 23, 2016	Deadline for <b>U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative</b> , statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method to submit their signed petitions to Supervisors of Elections
August 17, 2015	Moved date for U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative	June 6, 2016	14-day period begins for qualifying officers to accept and qualifying papers for <b>U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative</b> , statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates to be processed and filed during the qualifying period
August 17, 2015	Moved date for U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative	June 13, 2016	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify to the Division of Elections the number of valid signatures for <b>U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative</b> , statewide, multi-county, and district candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method
August 17, 2015	Moved date for U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative	June 20, 2016	Qualifying begins for all <b>U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative</b> , statewide, multi-county, county, and district candidates (other than judicial, state attorney, and public defender candidates)
August 17, 2015	Moved date for U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative	June 24, 2016	Qualifying ends for all <b>U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative</b> , statewide, multi-county, county, and district candidates (other than, judicial, state attorney, and public defender candidates)
August 17, 2015	Moved date for U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative	July 1, 2016	Deadline for Department of State to certify to the Supervisors of Elections the names of all duly qualified <b>U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative</b> , statewide, multi-county, county, and district candidates who have qualified with the Department
August 17, 2015	Moved date for U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative	July 14, 2016	Department of State to remit to the respective state executive committees of political parties, 95% of their entitled filing fees and party assessments from <b>U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative</b> , statewide, multicounty, and district candidates

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<b>Date File Amended</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Event Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
September 17, 2015	Added	December 16, 2015	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to notify overseas voters of upcoming Presidential Preference Primary Election
September 17, 2015	Added	August 10, 2016	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to notify overseas voters of upcoming General Election
November 9, 2015	Amended Event Description	March 8, 2016	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail or email sample ballots to voters for the Presidential Preference Primary Election
February 19, 2016	Amended Event Description	February 19 - March 4, 2016	Period in which logic and accuracy (L&A) test for Presidential Preference Primary Election may be conducted. (Specific L&A date during this period will depend on when the county begins early voting.)
February 19, 2016	Amended Event Description	August 5 - 19, 2016	Period in which logic and accuracy (L&A) test for Primary Election may be conducted. (Specific L&A date during this period will depend on when the county begins early voting.)
February 19, 2016	Amended Event Description	October 14 - 28, 2016	Period in which logic and accuracy (L&A) test for General Election may be conducted. (Specific L&A date during this period will depend on when the county begins early voting.)
March 3, 2016	Removed	March 24, 2016	Deadline for county canvassing board to file 2nd unofficial results of Presidential Preference Primary Election with the Department of State, if recount was conducted
September 20, 2016	Amended Event Descriptions	Various	In accordance with 2016-37, Laws of Florida, the term "absentee ballot" has been updated to "vote-by-mail ballot"
September 20, 2016	Removed	October 30, 2016	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit their annual report in 2011 HHS Funds
October 12, 2016	Moved	October 18, 2016	Deadline to register to vote for the General Election (bookclosing)
October 12, 2016	Moved	October 17, 2016	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to designate early voting sites for the General Election and to provide the Division of Elections with addresses and hours for early voting sites



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