

Wisconsin Elections Commission Calendar of Election Events

November 2023 - January 2025

2024 Elections:

Spring Primary - Tuesday, February 20, 2024
 Pres Pref Primary & Spring Elec - Tuesday, April 2, 2024
 Partisan Primary - Tuesday, August 13, 2024
 General Election - Tuesday, November 5, 2024



| November 2023 | Event | Statute |
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| 15-Nov | Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type A notice of April 2, 2024 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote to county clerks. | 10.01(1), (2)(a), 10.06(1)(a) – November 15 |
| 28-Nov | County clerks publish Type A notice of Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote. | 10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(a) – 4th Tuesday of November |
| 28-Nov | Municipal clerks publish Type A notice of Spring Election for municipal offices and referenda. | 10.01(2)(a), 10.06(3)(a), (4)(a) – 4th Tuesday of November |
| 30-Nov | Deadline for political parties to submit list of nominees for election inspectors and special voting deputies to municipalities. | 6.875(4), 7.30(4)(b), (c) – November 30 |
| December 2023 | Event | Statute |
| 1-Dec | First day for candidates to circulate nomination papers for the 2024 Spring Election. | 8.05(3)(a), (4)(b), 8.10(2)(a) – December 1 |
| 1-Dec | First day for town or village governing body to set a date for caucus. | 8.05(1)(a) – between December 1 and January 1 |
| 1-Dec | Municipal clerks certify the approximate number of electors in the municipality to county clerks. | 5.66(1) – 1st day of the 2nd month preceding a primary |
| 1-Dec | Deadline for electors of a village to petition for a primary. | 8.11(1m)(c) – December 1 |
| 12-Dec | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for eligible political parties to certify participation in Presidential Preference Primary to WEC. | 8.12(1)(a) – Second Tuesday in December |
| 12-Dec | Deadline for filing officer to receive referendum questions or petitions for referendum intended for the Spring Primary ballot. | 8.37 – 70 days prior to the election |
| 13-Dec | Deadline for filing officer to file a copy of the referendum question intended for the Spring Primary with the county clerk. | 8.37 – next business day after receipt by filing officer |
| 15-Dec | Poll lists from the February 15, 2022 Spring Primary may be destroyed. | 7.23(1)(e) – 22 months after election |
| 22-Dec | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for incumbents not seeking reelection to file Notification of Noncandidacy (EL-163) with the filing officer. Failure to notify along with a failure to file nomination papers by the deadline will extend nomination paper deadline 72 hours for that office. | 8.10(2)(a), 120.06(6)(b) – 2nd Friday preceding the deadline for nomination papers |
| 28-Dec | Municipal clerk publishes caucus notice. | 8.05(1)(b) – at least 5 days before the date of the caucus |
| 31-Dec | Deadline for governing body of a municipality to appoint election inspectors and special voting deputies for the 2024-2025 term. | 6.875(4), 7.30(4)(a), (b)1 – December 31 |
| January 2024 | Event | Statute |
| 1-Jan | Last day for town or village governing body to set a date for caucus. | 8.05(1)(a) – between December 1 and January 1 |
| 1-Jan | First day for political organizations seeking to attain ballot status to circulate the Petition for Ballot Status (EL-171). | 5.62(2)(a) – January 1 |
| 2-Jan | First day for town or village governing body to hold caucus. | 8.05(1)(a) – between January 2 and January 21 |
| 2-Jan | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for candidates to file nomination papers, declarations of candidacy, and campaign registration statements for the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election with the filing officer. | 8.05(3)(a), (4)(b), 8.10(2)(a), (5), 8.21 – 1st Tuesday in January |
| 2-Jan | Presidential Preference Selection Committee convenes at State Capitol to choose candidates for placement on Presidential Preference Primary ballot. | 8.12(1)(b) – First Tuesday in January |
| 2-Jan | First day for candidates seeking presidential nomination, but not chosen by Selection Committee, to circulate petition (EL-174) for placement on Presidential Preference Primary ballot | 8.12(1)(c) – First Tuesday in January |
| no specific date | Municipal clerk notifies in writing the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes at the caucus of their nomination. | 8.05(1)(j)1 – as soon as possible |
| no specific date | Caucus nominees file declarations of candidacy and campaign registration statements for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election with the municipal clerk. | 8.05(1)(j)2 – no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 5th day after notification is mailed or personally delivered |
| no specific date | Filing officers in municipalities using caucus draw names of candidates by lot for placement on the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election ballot. | 8.05(1)(j)4 – 3rd day after qualification of candidates from the caucus |
| no specific date | Municipal clerks using caucus certify names of municipal candidates and any municipal referenda to county clerks for printing of ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 10.06(3)(bm) – as soon as possible, but no later than 3 days after qualification of candidates from the caucus |
| 5-Jan | Deadline (4:30 p.m.) for all judicial candidates to file Statement of Economic Interests with Wisconsin Ethics Commission. | 19.43(4) – 3rd day following the deadline for nomination papers |

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| 5-Jan | Last day for governing body of a city or village to decide upon a primary, or for electors of a city to petition for a primary, if not required by ordinance. | 8.11(1)(a), (c), (1m)(a) – 3rd day following the deadline for nomination papers |
| 5-Jan | Deadline for filing officer to accept challenges to nomination papers. | 8.07, EL 2.07 – within 3 calendar days of the deadline to file nomination papers |
| 5-Jan | Filing officer arranges to deliver a copy of the challenge to the challenged candidate. | EL 2.07 (2)(a) – within 24 hours of receipt of challenge |
| 5-Jan | Deadline for challenged candidate to file a verified response with the filing officer. | EL 2.07(2)(b) – within 3 calendar days of the challenge being filed |
| 5-Jan | Deadline for WEC to receive certified list of candidates for the Presidential Preference Primary from Presidential Preference Selection Committee. | 8.12(1)(b) – Friday following the date on which Committee convenes to choose candidates |
| 5-Jan | Wisconsin Elections Commission notifies all candidates appearing on Selection Committee's certified list of their placement on Presidential Preference Primary ballot. | 8.12(1)(d) – Forthwith after receiving certified list of candidates |
| 9-Jan | Deadline for filing officers to draw names of candidates by lot for placement on the Spring Primary ballot or the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election ballot if no primary is required. | 5.58(1b)(bm), (cm), (1c), (1g)(c), (2), (2m) 5.60(1)(ag), (b), (3)(b), (4)(c), (5)(ar), (6)(a) – 2nd Tuesday in January |
| 9-Jan | Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type B notice information and certification of candidates to county clerks for the Spring Primary or the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election if no primary is required. | 10.01(2)(b), 10.06(1)(c) – 2nd Tuesday in January |
| 9-Jan | County clerks send notification of election to municipal clerks as soon as possible after receipt of Type B notice from Wisconsin Elections Commission and after adding any county offices or referenda. | 10.06(2)(b) – as soon as possible after receipt of Type B notice |
| 9-Jan | County clerks prepare Spring Primary ballots and send proofs to Wisconsin Elections Commission for review as soon as possible before printing. | 5.72(1), 7.10(2) – as soon as possible |
| 16-Jan | Deadline (if primary is scheduled) for municipal governing body to designate an alternate location for requesting and voting an absentee ballot. This location will remain in use through the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 6.85(1) – no fewer than 14 days prior to the time that absentee ballots are available |
| 21-Jan | Deadline for governing body of municipality to establish location of polling places for the Spring Primary. | 5.25(3) – 30 days before the election |
| 21-Jan | Deadline for governing body of municipality to pass resolution combining wards for the Spring Primary. | 5.15(6)(b) – 30 days before the election |
| 21-Jan | Deadline for governing body of municipality to authorize appointment of tabulators for the Spring Primary. | 7.30(3)(a) – 30 days before the election |
| 21-Jan | Last day for town or village governing body to hold caucus. | 8.05(1)(a) – no later than January 21 |
| 23-Jan | County and municipal clerks publish Type A notice of referenda, if required. | 10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(n), (3)(f), (4)(f) – 4th Tuesday preceding the election |
| 23-Jan | Municipal clerks publish Type E notice of absentee voting instructions for the Spring Primary. | 10.01(2)(e), 10.06(3)(as) – 4th Tuesday preceding the election |
| 23-Jan | Deadline for the filing officer to receive referendum questions or petitions for referendum intended for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election ballot. | 8.37 – 70 days prior to the election |
| 23-Jan | Last day for electors to begin to acquire residence for the Spring Primary. Electors moving after this date may vote from their prior address. | 6.02(2), 6.10(3) – 28 days prior to election |
| 24-Jan | Deadline for filing officer to file a copy of the referendum question intended for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election with the county clerk. | 8.37 – next business day after receipt by filing officer |
| 29-Jan | First day for special voting deputies (SVDs) to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for the Spring Primary. | 6.875(6) – 4th Monday preceding election |
| 29-Jan | Deadline for county clerks and school district clerks to deliver ballots and supplies to municipal clerks for the Spring Primary. | 7.10(1), (3)(a), 120.06(8)(d) – no later than 22 days before the election |
| 30-Jan | Deadline for municipal clerks to send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the Spring Primary. | 7.15(1)(cm) – no later than 21 days before the election |
| 30-Jan | Municipal clerks send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the Spring Primary as soon as they are available. All absentee ballots must be recorded in WisVote. | 42 U.S.C. § 1973ff-1, Wis. Stat. § 7.15(1)(cm) – as soon as ballots are available |
| 30-Jan | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for candidates chosen by Selection Committee, who do not wish to be a candidate at the Presidential Preference Primary, to file a disclaimer to this effect with WEC. | 8.12(1)(d) – Last Tuesday in January |
| 30-Jan | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for candidates seeking presidential nomination, but not chosen by Selection Committee, to submit petition (EL-174) for placement on Presidential Preference Primary ballot. | 8.12(1)(c) – Last Tuesday in January |
| 30-Jan | Wisconsin Elections Commission sends certified list of candidates for Presidential Preference Primary ballot to county clerks. | 7.08(2)(d) – As soon as possible after last Tuesday in January |
| 31-Jan | County Clerks prepare Presidential Preference only ballots and send proofs to Wisconsin Elections Commission for review | 5.72, 7.10(2) – As soon as possible after Presidential Preference candidate certification |

| 31-Jan | Deadline for voters to mail in a voter registration form or submit a voter registration form online ahead of the Spring Primary. After this date, electors must register in person in the municipal clerk's office of at the polling place. | 6.28(1) – must be postmarked no later than the 3rd Wednesday before the election. Online registration closes at 11:59 p.m. |
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| February 2024 | Event | Statute |
| 1-Feb | First day for clerks to issue certificate of registrations (EL-133) to late registrants who register to vote in person. | 6.29(2)(a) – First day after close of by-mail/online registration |
| 5-Feb | Poll lists from the April 5, 2022 Spring Election may be destroyed. | 7.23(1)(e) – 22 months after election |
| 6-Feb | Clerks issue absentee ballots in person in the clerk's office or other designated location(s). Start date set by municipality. | Wis. Stat. §6.86(b) - not more than 14 days prior to the election |
| 10-Feb | First day for municipal or county clerk to conduct public test of electronic voting equipment. | 5.84(1) – not more than 10 days prior to the election |
| no specific date | Municipal or county clerk must publish notice of public test of electronic voting equipment at least 48 hours prior. | 5.84(1) – 48 hours prior to public test |
| 12-Feb | Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to make arrangements for absentee voting with nursing home and authorized care facility administrators. | 6.875(6) – the 6th working day before the election |
| 13-Feb | Last day for municipal clerk to post notice of absentee voting at nursing homes and authorized care facilities. | 6.875(6)(a) – at least 5 working days before the visit |
| 13-Feb | First day for municipal clerk to issue absentee ballots by agent to hospitalized electors. | 6.86(3)(c) – not earlier than 7 days before the election |
| 14-Feb | Last day for county clerks to deliver Presidential Preference Only ballots and supplies to municipal clerks for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 7.10(1), 7.10(3)(a) – 48 days prior to Presidential Preference Primary |
| 15-Feb | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for regular and overseas electors to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email, or fax) for the Spring Primary | 6.86(1)(b) – the 5th day preceding the election |
| 15-Feb | Deadline for municipal clerks to send Presidential Preference Only ballots to voters with valid requests on file for the Presidential Preference Primary. (UOCAVA deadline) | 42 U.S.C. §1973ff-1, Wis. Stat. §7.15(1)(cm) – No later than 47 days prior to Presidential Preference Primary |
| 15-Feb | Municipal clerks send Presidential Preference Only ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the Presidential Preference Primary as soon as they are available. | 42 U.S.C. § 1973ff-1, Wis. Stat. § 7.15(1)(cm) – as soon as ballots are available |
| 16-Feb | Deadline (12:00 p.m.) for write-in candidates to file a registration statement with the filing officer for the Spring Primary. | 7.50(2)(em) – noon the Friday preceding the election |
| 16-Feb | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for indefinitely confined electors and military electors, not on active duty or away from their residence, to request absentee ballots by mail, online, by email, or fax for the Spring Primary. | 6.86(1)(b) – Friday preceding the election |
| 16-Feb | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for electors to register to vote in the municipal clerk's office or other designated location(s). | 6.29(2)(a) – Friday preceding the election |
| 18-Feb | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for electors (except hospitalized electors and sequestered jurors) to make application in person for absentee ballots. Date set by municipality, in person absentee voting can end before this date. | 6.86(1)(b) – No later than Sunday preceding election |
| 19-Feb | Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for the Spring Primary. | 6.875(6) – the Monday preceding the election |
| 19-Feb | County and municipal clerks publish Type B notice of voting instructions and sample ballots for the Spring Primary, if required. | 10.01(2)(b), 10.02, 10.06(2)(d), (3)(b) – the Monday preceding election |
| 19-Feb | County and municipal clerks publish Type C notice of referenda for the Spring Primary, if required. | 10.01(2)(c), 10.06(3)(b) – the Monday preceding the election |
| 19-Feb | Municipal clerks publish Type D notice of the location and hours of polling places for the Spring Primary, if required. | 10.01(2)(d) – the Monday preceding the election |
| 20-Feb | Spring Primary (if required). | 6.86(1)(b) – Election Day - 3rd Tuesday in February |
| 20-Feb | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for military electors on active duty away from their voting residence to request absentee ballots. | 6.86(1)(b) – Election Day |
| 20-Feb | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for sequestered jurors to apply for an absentee ballot for the Spring Primary. | 6.86(1)(b) – Election Day |
| 20-Feb | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for hospitalized electors to file a registration form and/or apply for an absentee ballot by agent for the Spring Primary. | 6.86 (3)(c) – Election Day |
| 20-Feb | Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for all absentee ballots to be delivered to the polling place or central count location. | 6.87(6) – Election Day |
| 20-Feb | Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for clerks of central count municipalities to post a statement in their offices and on the internet listing the number of absentee ballots issued and the number that have been returned | 7.52(1)(c) – No later than the closing hour of polls |
| 20-Feb | Election inspectors complete the returns for all votes cast at the polling place. | 7.51, 7.53(1)(a) – immediately after the polls close |
| 20-Feb | Election inspectors in municipalities that have combined wards and one polling place complete and sign the municipal canvass statement for the Spring Primary. | 7.53(1)(a) – immediately after the polls close |

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| 20-Feb | Election inspectors report results of the Spring Primary to proper clerks immediately upon completion of ward/election district canvass. | 7.51(4)(b), 7.60(1) – immediately after votes are tabulated |
| 20-Feb | Municipal clerks report the returns, by ward or reporting unit, to the county clerk no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated. | 7.51(4)(c) – no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated |
| 20-Feb | County clerks post all election returns, by ward or reporting unit on the county website no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns. | 7.60(1) – no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns |
| 20-Feb | Municipal clerks post a statement of the number of electors who have cast a provisional ballot at the clerk's office and the internet | 7.15(15) – as soon as possible after the polls close on election night |
| 20-Feb | Municipal clerks enter Provisional Ballot Reporting Form (EL-123r) information into the WisVote Provisional Ballot Tracker. | 42 U.S.C. § 15482 – election night |
| 21-Feb | Municipal clerks deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes and materials to county and school district clerks by 4:00 p.m. | 7.51(5) – the day following the election |
| 21-Feb | Election notices and proofs of publication from the February 21, 2023 Spring Primary may be destroyed, where applicable. | 7.23(1)(j) – one year after the date of the election |
| 22-Feb | Municipal clerks (in municipalities that canvass absentee ballots at an alternate location) deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes to county clerks by 4:00 p.m. | 7.51(5), 7.52 – the 2nd day following the election |
| 23-Feb | Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for electors who voted provisionally to provide missing information to the municipal clerk. | 6.97(3)(b) – the Friday after the election |
| 26-Feb | Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Spring Primary, if necessary. | 7.53(1)(a), 7.53(2)(d) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Monday after the election |
| 26-Feb | Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to finish the canvass of the Spring Primary, if necessary. | 7.51(5)(b) – no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Monday after the election |
| 26-Feb | Municipal clerks certify names of municipal candidates and any municipal referenda to county clerks for printing of ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 10.06(3)(bm) – as soon as possible, but no later than 3 days after the municipal canvass is complete |
| 26-Feb | Deadline (if no primary was held) for municipal governing body to designate an alternate location for requesting and voting an absentee ballot for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 6.855(1) – no fewer than 14 days prior to the time that absentee ballots are available |
| 27-Feb | Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the County Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Spring Primary, if necessary. | 7.60(3) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election |
| 27-Feb | Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the School District Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Spring Primary, if necessary. | 7.53(3)(a) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election |
| 27-Feb | Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for the School District Board of Canvassers to complete the canvass of the Spring Primary, if necessary. | 7.53(3)(a) – no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday after the election |
| 27-Feb | Filing officers draw names of candidates by lot for placement on the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election ballot. | 5.60(1)(b), (5), (6) – 3rd day after completion of the canvass |
| 27-Feb | Deadline for a qualified candidate, or an individual who voted on a referendum at the Spring Primary to petition for a recount. | 9.01(1)(a)1 – 5:00 p.m. on the 3rd business day following the last meeting of the board of canvassers determining the election result |
| 29-Feb | Last day for county clerks to deliver statement of county canvass of the Spring Primary for judicial offices to Wisconsin Elections Commission. | 7.60(5) – no later than 9 days after a primary |
| March 2024 | Event | Statute |
| 3-Mar | Deadline for governing body of municipality to establish location of polling places for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 5.25(3) – 30 days before the election |
| 3-Mar | Deadline for governing body of municipality to pass resolution combining wards for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 5.15(6)(b) – 30 days before the election |
| 3-Mar | Deadline for governing body of municipality to authorize appointment of tabulators for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 7.30(3)(a) – 30 days before the election |
| 5-Mar | Clerks may clear memory devices for their voting equipment from the Spring Primary if the data has been transferred to another medium to be retained for 22 months. | 7.23(1)(g) – 14 days after a primary |
| 5-Mar | Last day for chairperson of the Wisconsin Elections Commission to certify results of the Spring Primary. | 7.70(3)(a) – 2nd Tuesday following Spring Primary |
| 5-Mar | Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type B notice information and certification of candidates for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election to county clerks. | 10.01(2)(b), 10.06(1)(e) – No later than the 1st Tuesday in March |
| 5-Mar | County clerks send notification of election to municipal clerks as soon as possible after receipt of Type B notice from Wisconsin Elections Commission and after adding any county offices or referenda. | 10.06(2)(e) – As soon as possible after receipt of Type B notice |
| 5-Mar | County clerks prepare Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election ballots and send proofs to Wisconsin Elections Commission for review as soon as possible before printing. | 5.72(1), 7.10(2) – As soon as possible after candidate certification |
| 5-Mar | County and municipal clerks publish Type A notice of referenda, if required. | 10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(f), (3)(bs) – 4th Tuesday before the election |
| 5-Mar | Municipal clerks publish Type E notice of absentee voting instructions for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 10.01(2)(e), 10.06(3)(bs) – 4th Tuesday before the election |

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| 5-Mar | Last day for electors to begin to acquire residence for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. Electors moving after this date may vote from their prior address. | 6.02(2), 6.10(3) – 28 days prior to election |
| 11-Mar | First day for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 6.875(6) – No earlier than the 4th Monday preceding the election |
| 11-Mar | Deadline for county clerks and school district clerks to deliver ballots to municipal clerks for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 7.10(1), (3) – No later than 22 days before the election |
| 12-Mar | Deadline for municipal clerks to send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 7.15(1)(cm) – No later than 21 days before the election |
| 13-Mar | Deadline for voters to use mail or internet submissions to register for participation in the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. After this date, electors must register in person in the municipal clerk's office or at the polling place. | 6.28(1) – must be postmarked no later than the 3rd Wednesday before the election. Online registration closes at 11:59 p.m. |
| 14-Mar | First day for clerks to issue certificate of registrations (EL-133) to late registrants who register to vote in person. | 6.29(2)(a) – First day after close of by-mail/online registration |
| 19-Mar | Clerks issue absentee ballots in person in the clerk's office or other designated location(s). Start date set by municipality. | 6.86(1)(b) – No earlier than 14 days before the election |
| 19-Mar | Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type A notice of Partisan Primary on August 13, 2024, and General Election on November 5, 2024, to county clerks. | 10.01(1), (2)(a), 10.06(1)(f) – 3rd Tuesday in March |
| 21-Mar | Deadline for municipal clerks to submit voter participation, Inspectors' Statement data, and Election Reconciliation data for the Spring Primary via WisVote. | 6.275 – within 30 days of each primary and election for a state or national office |
| 21-Mar | Municipal or county clerk must publish notice of electronic voting equipment public test at least 48 hours prior to test. | 5.84(1) – 48 hours prior to public test |
| 23-Mar | First day for municipal or county clerk to conduct public test of electronic voting equipment. | 5.84(1) – 10 days before election |
| 25-Mar | Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to make arrangements for absentee voting with nursing home and authorized care facility administrators. | 6.875(6) – the 6th working day before the election |
| 26-Mar | Last day for municipal clerk to post notice of absentee voting at nursing homes and authorized care facilities. | 6.875(6)(a) – at least 5 working days before the visit |
| 26-Mar | First day for municipal clerk to issue absentee ballots by agent to hospitalized electors. | 6.86(3)(c) – not earlier than 7 days before the election |
| 28-Mar | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for regular and overseas electors to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email or fax) for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 6.86(1)(b) – 5th day before the election |
| 29-Mar | Deadline (12:00 p.m.) for write-in candidates to file a registration statement with the filing officer for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 7.50(2)(em) – noon the Friday preceding the election |
| 29-Mar | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for indefinitely confined electors and military electors, not on active duty or away from their residence, to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email or fax) for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 6.86(1)(b) – Friday preceding the election |
| 29-Mar | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for electors to register to vote in the municipal clerk's office or other designated location(s). | 6.29(2)(a) – Friday preceding the election |
| 31-Mar | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for electors (except hospitalized electors and sequestered jurors) to make application in person for absentee ballots. Date set by municipality, in person absentee voting can end before this date. | 6.86(1)(b) – No later than Sunday preceding election |
| April 2024 | Event | Statute |
| 1-Apr | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for political organizations seeking to attain ballot status to file Petition for Ballot Status (EL-171) with WEC. | 5.62(2)(a) – April 1 |
| 1-Apr | County and municipal clerks publish Type B notice of voting instructions and sample ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 10.01(2)(b), 10.02, 10.06(2)(g), (3)(c) – Monday before the election |
| 1-Apr | County and municipal clerks publish Type C notice of referenda for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election, if required. | 10.01(2)(c), 10.06(2)(g), (3)(c) – Monday before the election |
| 1-Apr | Municipal clerks publish Type D notice of the location and hours of polling places for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 10.01(2)(d), 10.06 (3)(c) – Monday before the election |
| 1-Apr | Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 6.875(6) – Monday before the election |
| 2-Apr | Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election | 5.02(21) – 1st Tuesday in April |
| 2-Apr | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for military electors on active duty away from their voting residence to request absentee ballots. | 6.86(1)(b) – Election Day |
| 2-Apr | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for sequestered jurors to apply for an absentee ballot for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 6.86(1)(b) – Election Day |

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| 2-Apr | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for hospitalized electors to file a registration form and/or apply for an absentee ballot by agent for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 6.86 (3)(c) – Election Day |
| 2-Apr | Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for all absentee ballots to be delivered to the polling place or central count location. | 6.87(6) – Election Day |
| 2-Apr | Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for clerks of central count municipalities to post a statement in their offices and on the internet listing the number of absentee ballots issued and the number that have been returned | 7.52(1)(c) – No later than the closing hour of polls |
| 2-Apr | Election inspectors complete the returns for all votes cast at the polling place. | 7.51, 7.53(1)(a) – immediately after the polls close |
| 2-Apr | Election inspectors in municipalities that have combined wards and one polling place complete and sign the municipal canvass statement for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 7.53(1)(a) – immediately after the polls close |
| 2-Apr | Election inspectors complete the returns for all votes cast at the polling place, sign the municipal canvass statement if required, and report the results of the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election to the proper clerks upon completion of the canvass. | 7.51(4)(b), 7.60(1) – immediately after votes are tabulated |
| 2-Apr | Municipal clerks report the returns, by ward or reporting unit, to the county clerk no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated. | 7.51(4)(c) – no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated |
| 2-Apr | County clerks post all election returns, by ward or reporting unit on the county website no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns. | 7.60(1) – no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns |
| 2-Apr | Municipal clerks post a statement of the number of electors who have cast a provisional ballot at the clerk's office and the internet | 7.15(15) – as soon as possible after the polls close on election night |
| 2-Apr | Municipal clerks post a statement of the number of electors who have cast a provisional ballot at the clerk's office and the internet and enter Provisional Ballot Reporting Form (EL-123r) information into the WisVote Provisional Ballot Tracker. | 42 U.S.C. § 15482 – election night |
| 2-Apr | County clerks send Type A notice of Partisan Primary on August 13, 2024, and General Election on November 5, 2024 to municipal clerks. | 10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(gm) – 1st Tuesday in April |
| 3-Apr | Municipal clerks deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes and materials to county and school district clerks by 4:00 p.m. | 7.51(5) – the day after the election |
| 4-Apr | Election notices and proofs of publication from the April 4, 2023 Spring Election may be destroyed. | 7.23(1)(j) – one year after the date of the election |
| 4-Apr | Municipal clerks (in municipalities that canvass absentee ballots at an alternate location) deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes to county clerks by 4:00 p.m. | 7.51(5), 7.52 – the 2nd day after the election |
| 5-Apr | Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for electors who voted provisionally to provide missing information to the municipal clerk. | 6.97(3)(b) – the Friday after the election |
| 8-Apr | Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 7.53(1)(a), 7.53(2)(d) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Monday after the election |
| 8-Apr | Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to finish the canvass of the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 7.51(5)(b) – no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Monday after the election |
| 9-Apr | Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the County Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 7.60(3) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election |
| 9-Apr | Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the School District Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 7.53(3)(a) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election |
| 9-Apr | Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for the School District Board of Canvassers to complete the canvass of the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 7.53(3)(a) – no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday after the election |
| 9-Apr | County clerks publish Type A notice of Partisan Primary on August 13, 2024, and General Election on November 5, 2024. | 10.06(2)(h) - 2nd Tuesday in April preceding a partisan primary and general election |
| 12-Apr | Last day for county clerks to deliver statement of county canvass of the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election for judicial offices to Wisconsin Elections Commission. | 7.60(5) – no later than 10 days after the election |
| 15-Apr | First day for candidates to circulate nomination papers for the General Election. | 8.15(1) – April 15 |
| 17-Apr | Deadline for a candidate, or an individual who voted on a referendum at the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election to petition for a recount. | 9.01(1)(a)1 – 5:00 p.m. on the 3rd business day following the last meeting of the board of canvassers determining the election result |
| 17-Apr | County, municipal, and school district clerks issue certificates of election after the deadline to file a petition for recount and appeal of recount has passed. | 7.53(4), 7.60(6), 120.06(10) – As soon as deadline for filing recount petition has passed |
| 23-Apr | Clerks may clear memory devices for their voting equipment from the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election if the data has been transferred to another medium to be retained for 22 months. | 7.23(1)(g) – 21 days after the election. |
| May 2024 | Event | Statute |

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| 2-May | Deadline for municipal clerks to submit voter participation, Inspectors' Statement data, and Election Reconciliation data for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election via WisVote. | 6.275 – within 30 days of each primary and election for a state or national office |
| 15-May | Last day for chairperson of the Wisconsin Elections Commission to certify results of the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election. | 7.70(3)(a) – May 15 |
| 15-May | Wisconsin Elections Commission notifies state party chairs of Presidential Preference results in state and each congressional district. | 8.12(3) – No later than May 15 |
| 20-May | Deadline for municipal clerks to submit Election Day Registration Postcard data for the Spring Primary via WisVote. | 6.275(1)(f) – Within 90 days of each primary or election for state or national office |
| 20-May | Certain materials and supplies from the 2024 Spring Primary may be destroyed after this date if no election contest, recount, or litigation is pending. Please check the destruction schedule in the Election Administration manual, as established by Wis. Stat. s. 7.23, before destroying any material. | 7.23(1)(k) – 90 days after the election |
| 24-May | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for partisan incumbents not seeking reelection to file Notification of Noncandidacy (EL-163) with the filing officer. Failure to notify along with a failure to file nomination papers by the deadline will extend nomination paper deadline 72 hours for that office. | 8.15(1) – 2nd Friday prior to the deadline for nomination papers |
| June 2024 | Event | Statute |
| 3-Jun | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for candidates to file nomination papers, declarations of candidacy, and campaign registration statements for the General Election with the filing officer. | 8.15(1), 8.20(8)(a), 8.21 – June 1 |
| 4-Jun | Deadline for filing officer to receive referendum questions or petitions for referendum intended for the Partisan Primary ballot. | 8.37 – 70 days prior to the election |
| 5-Jun | Deadline for filing officer to file a copy of the referendum question with the county clerk. | 8.37 – next business day after received by filing officer |
| 6-Jun | Deadline (4:30 p.m.) for all state candidates to file Statement of Economic Interests with Wisconsin Ethics Commission. | 19.43(4) – 3rd day following deadline for nomination papers |
| 6-Jun | Deadline for filing officer to accept challenges to nomination papers. | 8.07, EL 2.07 – within 3 calendar days of the deadline to file nomination papers |
| 6-Jun | Filing officer arranges to deliver a copy of the challenge to the challenged candidate. | EL 2.07(2)(a) – within 24 hours of receipt of challenge |
| 6-Jun | Deadline for challenged candidate to file a verified response with the filing officer. | EL 2.07(2)(b) – within 3 calendar days of the challenge being filed |
| 6-Jun | Filing officers draw names of candidates by lot for placement on the Partisan Primary ballot. | 5.60(1)(b), 5.62(3), (4) – As soon as possible after challenge deadline has passed |
| 9-Jun | Poll lists from the August 9, 2022, Partisan Primary may be destroyed. | 7.23(1)(e) – 22 months after an election |
| 9-Jun | Ballots, absentee applications, and other records and papers from the August 9, 2022 Partisan Primary may be destroyed. | 7.23(1)(f) – 22 months after a federal election |
| 10-Jun | Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type B notice information and certification of candidates to county clerks for Partisan Primary. | 10.01(2)(b), 10.06(1)(h) – June 10 |
| 11-Jun | County clerks prepare ballots and send proofs to Wisconsin Elections Commission for review as soon as possible before printing. | 5.72(1), 7.10(2) – as soon as possible after candidate certification |
| 12-Jun | Deadline for municipal governing body to designate an alternate location for requesting and voting an absentee ballot. This location will remain in use through the November general election. | 6.855(1) – no fewer than 14 days prior to the time that absentee ballots are available |
| 26-Jun | Deadline for county clerks to deliver ballots and supplies to municipal clerks for the Partisan Primary. | 7.10(1),(3) – 48 days before Partisan Primary |
| 27-Jun | Deadline for municipal clerks to send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the Partisan Primary. (UOCAVA deadline). | 7.15(1)(cm) – 47 days before Partisan Primary |
| 27-Jun | Municipal clerks send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the Partisan Primary as soon as they are available. All absentee ballots must be recorded in WisVote. | 42 U.S.C. § 1973ff-1, Wis. Stat. § 7.15(1)(cm) – as soon as ballots are available |
| July 2024 | Event | Statute |
| 1-Jul | First day for independent candidates for President and Vice President to circulate nomination papers (EL-167). A list of presidential electors designated to represent them must be included. | 8.20(8)(am) – July 1 |
| 1-Jul | Certain materials and supplies from the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election may be destroyed after this date if no election contest, recount, or litigation is pending. Please check the destruction schedule in the Election Administration manual, as established by Wis. Stat. § 7.23, before destroying any material. | 7.23(1)(k) – 90 days after the election |
| 1-Jul | Deadline for municipal clerks to submit Election Day Registration (EDR) Postcard data for the Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election via WisVote. | 6.275(1)(f) – Within 90 days of each primary and election for state or national office |
| 14-Jul | Deadline for governing body of municipality to pass resolution combining wards for Partisan Primary. | 5.15(6)(b) – 30 days before election |

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| 14-Jul | Deadline for governing body of municipality to establish polling places for Partisan Primary. | 5.25(3) – 30 days before election |
| 14-Jul | Deadline for governing body of municipality to authorize appointment of tabulators for Partisan Primary. | 7.30(3)(a) – 30 days before election |
| 16-Jul | County and municipal clerks publish Type A notice of referenda, if required. | 10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(n), 10.06(3)(cm) – 4th Tuesday preceding election |
| 16-Jul | Last day for electors to begin to acquire residence for the Partisan Primary. Electors moving after this date may vote from their prior address. | 6.02(2), 6.10(3) – 28 days prior to election |
| 16-Jul | Municipal clerks publish Type E notice of absentee voting instructions for Partisan Primary. | 10.01(2)(e), 10.06(3)(cm) – 4th Tuesday preceding the election |
| 22-Jul | First day for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for the Partisan Primary. | 6.875(6) – 4th Monday preceding the election |
| 24-Jul | Deadline for voters to use mail or internet submissions to register for participation in the Partisan Primary. After this date, electors must register in person in the municipal clerk's office or at the polling place. | 6.28(1) – must be postmarked no later than the 3rd Wednesday before the election. Online registration closes at 11:59 p.m. |
| 25-Jul | First day for clerks to issue certificate of registrations (EL-133) to late registrants who register to vote in person. | 6.29(2)(a) – First day after close of by-mail/online registration |
| 30-Jul | Clerks may begin to issue in person absentee ballots at the clerk's office or designated alternate location(s). | 6.86(1)(b) – No earlier than 14 days before the election |
| August 2024 | Event | Statute |
| 1-Aug | Municipal or county clerk must publish notice of electronic voting equipment public test at least 48 hours prior to test. | 5.84(1) – 48 hours prior to public test |
| 3-Aug | First day for municipal or county clerk to conduct public test of electronic voting equipment. | 5.84(1) – 10 days before election |
| 5-Aug | Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to make arrangements for absentee voting with nursing home and authorized care facility administrators. | 6.875(6) – the 6th working day before the election |
| no specific date | Last day for municipal clerk to post notice of absentee voting at nursing homes and authorized care facilities. | 6.875(6)(a) – at least 5 working days before the visit |
| 6-Aug | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for Independent candidates for President and Vice President to file nomination papers (EL-167), declaration of candidacy (EL-162), and list of presidential electors with WEC. | 8.20(8)(am), 8.21 – First Tuesday in August |
| 8-Aug | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for regular and overseas electors to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email or fax) for Partisan Primary. | 6.86(1)(b) – 5th day preceding the election |
| 9-Aug | Deadline (12:00 p.m.) for write-in candidates to file a registration statement with the filing officer for the Partisan Primary. | 7.50(2)(em) – noon the Friday preceding the election |
| 9-Aug | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for calendar year absentee ballot requests to be submitted by mail, online, email, or fax to receive absentee ballot for Partisan Primary. | 6.86(1)(b), 6.86(2m) – 5:00 p.m. Friday preceding an election |
| 9-Aug | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for indefinitely confined and military electors not on active duty away from their voting residence to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email or fax) for the Partisan Primary. | 6.86(1)(c), (2)(a) – Friday preceding the election |
| 9-Aug | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for electors to register to vote in the municipal clerk's office or other designated location(s). | 6.29(2)(a) – Friday preceding the election |
| 11-Aug | Last day for electors (except hospitalized electors and sequestered jurors) to make application in person for absentee ballots. Final date set by municipality, in person absentee voting can end before this date. | 6.86(1)(b) – No later than Sunday preceding election |
| 12-Aug | County clerks publish Type B notice of voting instructions and facsimile ballots for Partisan Primary. | 10.01(2)(b), 10.02, 10.06(2)(j) – Monday preceding the election |
| 12-Aug | County clerks publish Type C notice of referenda, if required. | 10.01(2)(c) – Monday preceding the election |
| 12-Aug | Municipal clerks publish Type D notice of the location and hours of polling places for the Partisan Primary. | 10.01(2)(c) – Monday preceding the election |
| 12-Aug | Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for Partisan Primary. | 6.875(6) – Monday preceding the election |
| 13-Aug | Partisan Primary | 5.02(12s) – 2nd Tuesday in August |
| 13-Aug | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for military electors on active duty away from their voting residence to request absentee ballots. | 6.86(1)(b) – Election Day |
| 13-Aug | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for sequestered jurors to apply for an absentee ballot for the Partisan Primary. | 6.86(1)(b) – Election Day |
| 13-Aug | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for hospitalized electors to file a registration form and/or apply for an absentee ballot by agent for the Partisan Primary. | 6.86 (3)(c) – Election Day |
| 13-Aug | Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for all absentee ballots to be delivered to the polling place or central count location. | 6.87(6) – Election Day |
| 13-Aug | Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for clerks of central count municipalities to post a statement in their offices and on the internet listing the number of absentee ballots issued and the number that have been returned | 7.52(1)(c) – No later than the closing hour of polls |

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| 13-Aug | Election inspectors complete the returns for all votes cast at the polling place. | 7.51(5)(a) – immediately after the polls close |
| 13-Aug | Election inspectors report results of the Partisan Primary to proper clerks immediately after the votes are tabulated or counted. | 7.51(4)(b) – immediately after the votes are tabulated or counted |
| 13-Aug | Election inspectors deliver all ballots, statements, tally sheets, voter lists, and envelopes to the municipal clerk. | 7.51(5)(a) – immediately after the polls close |
| 13-Aug | Municipal clerks report the returns, by ward or reporting unit, to the county clerk no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated. | 7.51(4)(c) – no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated |
| 13-Aug | County clerks post all election returns, by ward or reporting unit on the county website no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns. | 7.60(1) – no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns |
| 13-Aug | Municipal clerks post a statement of the number of electors who have cast a provisional ballot at the clerk’s office and the internet. | 7.15(15) – as soon as possible after the polls close on election night |
| 13-Aug | Municipal clerks enter Provisional Ballot Reporting Form (EL-123r) information into the WisVote Provisional Ballot Tracker. | 42 U.S.C. § 15482 – election night |
| 14-Aug | Municipal clerks deliver tally sheets, inspectors’ statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes and materials to county clerks by 4:00 p.m. | 7.51(5) – the day following the election |
| 15-Aug | Municipal clerks (in municipalities that canvass absentee ballots at an alternate location) deliver tally sheets, inspectors’ statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes and materials to county clerks by 4:00 p.m. | 7.51(5), 7.52 – the 2nd day following the election |
| 16-Aug | Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for electors who voted provisionally to provide missing information to the municipal clerk. | 6.97(3) – the Friday after the election |
| 19-Aug | Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Partisan Primary, if necessary. | 7.53(1)(a), 7.53(2)(d) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Monday after the election |
| 19-Aug | Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to finish the canvass of the Partisan Primary. | 7.51(5)(b) – no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Monday after the election |
| 20-Aug | Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the County Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Partisan Primary. | 7.60(3) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election |
| 20-Aug | Deadline for a candidate, or an individual who voted on a referendum at the Partisan Primary to petition for a recount. | 9.01(1)(a)1 – 5:00 p.m. on the 3rd business day following the last meeting of the board of canvassers determining the election result |
| 23-Aug | Last day for county clerks to deliver statement of county canvass of Partisan Primary for state and federal offices to Wisconsin Elections Commission. | 7.60(5) – 10 days after election |
| 27-Aug | Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type B notice information and certification of candidates for General Election to county clerks. | 10.01(2)(b), 10.06(1)(i) – 4th Tuesday in August |
| 27-Aug | Clerks may clear memory devices for their voting equipment from the Partisan Primary if the data has been transferred to another medium to be retained for 22 months. | 7.23(1)(g) – 14 days after a primary |
| 27-Aug | Deadline for filing officer to receive referendum questions or petitions for referendum intended for the General Election ballot. | 8.37 – 70 days before election |
| 28-Aug | Deadline for filing officer to file a copy of the referendum question with the county clerk. | 8.37 – next business day after received by filing officer |
| 28-Aug | Last day for chairperson of the Wisconsin Elections Commission to certify the results of the Partisan Primary. | 7.70(3)(a) – 3rd Wednesday following election |
| 28-Aug | County clerks prepare General Election ballots and send proofs to Wisconsin Elections Commission for review as soon as possible before printing. | 5.72(1), 7.10(2) – as soon as possible after candidate certification |
| September 2024 | Event | Statute |
| 3-Sep | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for political parties that have attained ballot status to certify names of candidates for President and Vice President to be placed on General Election ballot. | 8.16(7) – First Tuesday in September |
| 3-Sep | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates certified to WEC by political parties to submit Declaration of Candidacy (EL-162). | 8.21(1) – First Tuesday in September |
| 8-Sep | Poll lists, ballots, absentee applications, and other records and papers from the November 8, 2022 General Election may be destroyed. | 7.23(1)(e), 7.23(1)(f) – 22 months after election |
| 12-Sep | Deadline for municipal clerk to submit voter participation, Inspectors’ Statement data, and Election Reconciliation data for the Partisan Primary via WisVote. | 6.275 – within 30 days of each primary and election for a state or national office |
| 18-Sep | Deadline for county clerks to deliver ballots and supplies to municipal clerks for the General Election. | 7.10(1), (3) – 48 days before election |
| 19-Sep | Deadline for municipal clerks to send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the General Election. (UOCAVA deadline) | 7.10(3), 7.15(1)(c), (cm) – 47 days before election |
| 19-Sep | Municipal clerks send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the General Election as soon as they are available. All absentee ballots must be recorded in WisVote. | 42 U.S.C. § 1973ff-1, Wis. Stat. § 7.15(1)(cm) – as soon as ballots are available |
| October 2024 | Event | Statute |
| 1-Oct | Representative from each political party convene (10:00 a.m.) at the State Capitol to nominate presidential electors. | 8.18(1) – First Tuesday in October |
| 6-Oct | Deadline for governing body of municipality to establish location of polling places for General Election. | 5.25(3) – 30 days before election |

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| 6-Oct | Deadline for governing body of municipality to pass resolution combining wards for General Election. | 5.15(6)(b) – 30 days before election |
| 6-Oct | Deadline for governing body of municipality to authorize appointment of tabulators for General Election. | 7.30(3)(a) – 30 days before election |
| 8-Oct | Municipal clerks publish Type E notice of absentee voting instructions for General Election. | 10.01(2)(e), 10.06(3)(cm) – 4th Tuesday preceding election |
| 8-Oct | County and municipal clerks publish Type A notice of referenda, if required. | 10.01(2)(c), 10.06(2)(g), (3)(c) – 4th Tuesday preceding election |
| 8-Oct | Last day for electors to begin to acquire residence for the General Election. Electors moving after this day may vote from their prior address. | 6.02(2), 6.10(3) – 28 days prior to election |
| 14-Oct | First day for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for General Election. | 6.875(6) – 4th Monday preceding the election |
| 16-Oct | Deadline for voters to use mail or internet submissions to register for participation in the General Election. After this date, electors must register in person in the municipal clerk's office or at the polling place. | 6.28(1) – must be postmarked no later than the 3rd Wednesday before the election. Online registration closes at 11:59 p.m. |
| 17-Oct | First day for clerks to issue certificate of registrations (EL-133) to late registrants who register to vote in person. | 6.29(2)(a) – First day after close of by-mail/online registration |
| 22-Oct | Deadline (4:30 p.m.) for write-in candidates for President and Vice President to submit declaration of candidacy (EL-162) and list of presidential electors. | 8.185(2), 8.21 – Second Tuesday prior to General Election |
| 22-Oct | Clerks may begin to issue in person absentee ballots at the clerk's office or designated alternate location(s). | 6.86(1)(b) – No earlier than 14 days before the election |
| 26-Oct | First day for municipal or county clerk to conduct public test of electronic voting equipment. Municipal or county clerk must publish notice of electronic voting equipment public test at least 48 hours prior to test. | 5.84(1) – 10 days before election |
| 28-Oct | Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to make arrangements for absentee voting with nursing home and authorized care facility administrators. The municipal clerk must post notice of absentee voting at nursing homes and authorized care facilities at least 5 working days before the visit. | 6.875(6) – the 6th working day before the election |
| 31-Oct | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for regular and overseas electors to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email or fax) for the General Election. | 6.86(1)(b) – 5th day preceding the election |
| November 2024 | Event | Statute |
| 1-Nov | Deadline (12:00 p.m.) for write-in candidates to file a registration statement with the filing officer for the General Election. | 7.50(2)(em) – Noon the Friday preceding the election |
| 1-Nov | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for electors to register to vote in the municipal clerk's office or other designated location(s). | 6.29(2)(a) – not later than 5 p.m. or the close of business, whichever is later, on the Friday before an election |
| 1-Nov | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for calendar year absentee ballot requests to be submitted by mail, online, email, or fax to receive absentee ballot for General Election. | 6.86(1)(b), 6.86(2m) – 5:00 p.m. Friday preceding an election |
| 1-Nov | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for indefinitely confined electors and military electors, not on active duty away from their residence to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email or fax) for the General Election. | 6.86(1)(b) – Friday preceding the election |
| 3-Nov | Last day for electors (except hospitalized electors and sequestered jurors) to make application in person for absentee ballots. Final date set by municipality. In person absentee voting can end before this date. | 6.86(1)(b) – No later than Sunday preceding election |
| 4-Nov | County clerks publish Type B notice of voting instructions and facsimile ballots for General Election. | 10.01(2)(b), 10.02, 10.06(2)(m) – Monday preceding the election |
| 4-Nov | County clerks publish Type C notice of referenda, if required. | 10.01(2)(c), 10.06(2)(m) – Monday preceding the election |
| 4-Nov | Municipal clerks publish Type D notice of locations and hours of polling places for General Election. | 10.01(2)(d), 10.06(3)(d) – Monday preceding the election |
| 4-Nov | Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for the General Election. | 6.875(6) – Monday preceding the election |
| 5-Nov | General Election | 5.02(5) – Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November |
| 5-Nov | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for military electors on active duty away from their voting residence to request absentee ballots. | 6.86(1)(b) – Election Day |
| 5-Nov | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for sequestered jurors to apply for an absentee ballot for the General Election. | 6.86(1)(b) – Election Day |
| 5-Nov | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for hospitalized electors to file a registration form and/or apply for an absentee ballot by agent for the General Election. | 6.86 (3)(c) – Election Day |
| 5-Nov | Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for all absentee ballots to be delivered to the polling place or central count location. | 6.87(6) – Election Day |

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| 5-Nov | Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for clerks of central count municipalities to post a statement in their offices and on the internet listing the number of absentee ballots issued and the number that have been returned | 7.52(1)(c) – No later than the closing hour of polls |
| 5-Nov | Election inspectors complete the returns for all votes cast at the polling place. | 7.51(5)(a) – immediately after the polls close |
| 5-Nov | Election inspectors report results of the General Election to proper clerks immediately after the votes are tabulated or counted. | 7.51(4)(b) – immediately after the votes are tabulated or counted |
| 5-Nov | Election inspectors deliver all ballots, statements, tally sheets, voter lists, and envelopes to the municipal clerk. | 7.51(5)(a) – immediately after the polls close |
| 5-Nov | Municipal clerks report the returns, by ward or reporting unit, to the county clerk no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated. | 7.51(4)(c) – no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated |
| 5-Nov | County clerks post all election returns, by ward or reporting unit on the county website no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns. | 7.60(1) – no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns |
| 5-Nov | Municipal clerks post a statement of the number of electors who have cast a provisional ballot at the clerk's office and the internet. | 7.15(15) – as soon as possible after the polls close on election night |
| 5-Nov | Municipal clerks enter Provisional Ballot Reporting Form (EL-123r) information into the WisVote Provisional Ballot Tracker. | 42 U.S.C. § 15482 – election night |
| 6-Nov | Wisconsin Elections Commission staff selects reporting units and contests to be audited in 2024 voting equipment audit. | U.S.C. §301(a)(5), Wis. Stat. §7.08(6) – Following each general election, timeline set by Commission |
| 6-Nov | Municipal clerks deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes and materials to county clerks by 4:00 p.m. | 7.51(5) – the day following the election |
| 7-Nov | Deadline for Elections Commission staff to notify clerks of municipalities containing reporting units selected for 2024 voting equipment audit. | U.S.C. §301(a)(5), Wis. Stat. §7.08(6) – Following each general election, timeline set by Commission |
| 7-Nov | Municipal clerks (in municipalities that canvass absentee ballots at an alternate location) deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes and materials to county clerks by 4:00 p.m. | 7.51(5)(b), 7.52 – the 2nd day following the election |
| 8-Nov | Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for electors who voted provisionally to provide missing information to the municipal clerk. | 6.97(3)(b) – the Friday after the election |
| 8-Nov | First day for selected municipalities to conduct 2024 voting equipment audit. | U.S.C. §301(a)(5), Wis. Stat. §7.08(6) – Following each general election, timeline set by Commission |
| 11-Nov | Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the General Election, if necessary. | 7.53(1)(a), 7.53(2)(d) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Monday after the election |
| 11-Nov | Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to finish the canvass of the General Election. | 7.51(5)(b) – no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Monday after the election |
| 11-Nov | Deadline for clerks in selected municipalities to submit extension request waiver, for cause, for 2024 voting equipment audit | U.S.C. §301(a)(5), Wis. Stat. §7.08(6) – Following each general election, timeline set by Commission |
| 11-Nov | Certain materials and supplies from the 2024 Partisan Primary may be destroyed after this date if no election contest, recount, or litigation is pending. | 7.23(1)(k) – 90 days after the election |
| 11-Nov | Deadline for municipal clerks to submit Election Day Registration (EDR) Postcard data for the Partisan Primary via WisVote. | 6.275(1)(f) – Within 90 days of each primary and election for national or state office |
| 12-Nov | Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the County Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the General Election. | 7.60(3) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election |
| 15-Nov | Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type A notice of the Spring Primary on 02-18-2025, as well as the Spring Election on 04-01-2025, to county clerks. | 10.06(1)(a) – No later than November 15 |
| 19-Nov | Last day for county clerks to deliver statement of county canvass of General Election for state and federal offices to Wisconsin Elections Commission. | 7.60(5) – 14 days after election |
| 26-Nov | County clerks publish Type A notice of the Spring Primary and the Spring Election. | 10.01(2)(a) – 4th Tuesday in November |
| 26-Nov | Municipal clerks publish Type A notice of the Spring Primary and the Spring Election. | 10.06(3)(a) – 4th Tuesday in November |
| 26-Nov | Clerks may clear memory devices for their voting equipment from the General Election if the data has been transferred to another medium to be retained for 22 months. | 7.23(1)(g) – 21 days after an election |
| 27-Nov | Deadline for completion of 2024 voting equipment audit in selected municipalities and submission of audit reports and associated materials to WEC. | U.S.C. §301(a)(5), Wis. Stat. §7.08(6) – Following each general election, timeline set by Commission |
| December 2024 | Event | Statute |
| 1-Dec | Last day for chairperson of the Wisconsin Elections Commission to certify the results of the General Election. | 7.70(3)(a) – December 1 |
| 1-Dec | First day for candidates to circulate nomination papers for the 2025 Spring Election. | 8.05(3)(a), (4)(b), 8.10(2)(a) – December 1 |
| 1-Dec | First day for town or village governing body to set the date for caucus. | 8.05(1)(a) – Between December 1 and January 21 |
| 1-Dec | Municipal clerks certify the approximate number of electors in municipality to county clerks prior to Spring Primary. | 5.66(1) – 1st day of the 2nd month preceding a primary |
| 1-Dec | Deadline for electors of a village to petition for a primary. | 8.11(1m)(c) – December 1 |
| 10-Dec | Deadline for filing officer to receive referendum questions or petitions for referendum intended for the Spring Primary ballot. | 8.37 – 70 days prior to the election |

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| 11-Dec | Deadline for filing officer to file a copy of the referendum question intended for the Spring Primary with the county clerk. | 8.37 – next business day after receipt by filing officer |
| 20-Dec | Deadline for municipal clerk to submit voter participation, Inspectors' Statement data, and Election Reconciliation data for the General Election via WisVote. | 6.33(5)(a)(3) – 45 days to enter registrations. Reconciliation must be entered after registrations. Therefore, 45 days for reconciliation. |
| 21-Dec | Poll lists from the February 21, 2023 Spring Primary may be destroyed. | 7.23(1)(e) – 22 months after election |
| 27-Dec | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for incumbents not seeking reelection to file Notification of Noncandidacy (EL-163) with the filing officer. Failure to notify will extend nomination paper deadline 72 hours for that office. | 8.10(2)(a), 120.06(6)(b) – 2nd Friday preceding the deadline for nomination papers |
| no specific date | Municipal clerk publishes caucus notice. | 8.05(1)(b) – at least 5 days before the date of the caucus |
| January 2025 | Event | Statute |
| 1-Jan | Last day for town or village governing body to set a date for caucus. | 8.05(1)(a) – between December 1 and January 1 |
| 2-Jan | First day for town or village governing body to hold caucus. | 8.05(1)(a) – between January 2 and January 21 |
| 7-Jan | Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for candidates to file nomination papers, declarations of candidacy, and campaign registration statements for the 2025 Spring Election with the filing officer. | 8.05(3)(a), (4)(b), 8.10(2)(a), (5), 8.21 – 1st Tuesday in January |
| 10-Jan | Deadline (4:30 p.m.) for all judicial candidates to file Statement of Economic Interests with Wisconsin Ethics Commission. | 19.43(4) – 3rd day following the deadline for nomination papers |
| 10-Jan | Last day for governing body of a city or village to decide upon a primary, or for electors of a city to petition for a primary, if not required by ordinance. | 8.11(1)(a), (c), (1m)(a) – 3rd day following the deadline for nomination papers |
| 10-Jan | Deadline for filing officer to accept challenges to nomination papers. | 8.07, EL 2.07 – within 3 calendar days of the deadline to file nomination papers |
| 10-Jan | Filing officer arranges to deliver a copy of the challenge to the challenged candidate. | EL 2.07 (2)(a) – within 24 hours of receipt of challenge |
| 10-Jan | Deadline for challenged candidate to file a verified response with the filing officer. | EL 2.07(2)(b) – within 3 calendar days of the challenge being filed |

