



# South Dakota Primary & General Election Calendar 2024

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# 2024 South Dakota Election Calendar

Prior to notice of election – review precinct boundaries & polling places	No precinct boundary or polling place may be changed after the publication of the first notice of election is published as provided in § <a href="#">12-12-1</a> . (SDCL 12-14-1, 1.1. 2, 4, 9, and 15)
January 1, 2024	Earliest day for June primary or independent candidates to circulate nominating petitions. (SDCL 12-6-8)
January 1	New Year’s Day
Beginning of January	Cities and Schools may reach out to ask to combine their annual election with the June Primary.
January 15 and January 30	Publish the notices of offices to be filled by nomination or by declaration and the deadline for filing in all official newspapers in the appropriate district, at least once each week for two consecutive weeks, between the fifteenth and thirtieth day of January in an even-numbered year. (ARSD 5:02:04:17, SDCL 12-12-1) See NOTE 1 on page 10.
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 26	Last day for statewide candidate committees, statewide ballot question committees, statewide political parties and statewide political committees to file a year-end report of receipts and expenditures for the period of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. (SDCL 12-27-21.1 & 12-27-22)
February 19	Presidents’ Day
March 10	<b>Daylight Savings</b> - As part of your election readiness preparations, we would like to remind you that on Sunday, March 10, clocks “spring forward.” Auditors, make sure to set the clocks on ExpressVotes, tabulators and clocks in the polling locations to the correct time prior to election day.
March 12	Deadline for Secretary of State to certify copies of all ballot questions to the county auditors. (SDCL 12-13-1). ( <u>At least</u> twelve weeks prior to the Primary Election.)
March 26	Last day to file primary election nominating petitions. Registered mail postmarked by the deadline accepted. (SDCL 12-6-4) Last day nominees for party precinct committeeman and committeewoman may file statement of candidacy with the county auditor. (ARSD 05:02:08:45, SDCL 12-5-4) Last day for water development district candidates to file petitions. (SDCL 46A-3B-4) Last day for Heartland Consumer Power District candidates to file petitions. (SDCL 49-36-1.3)
March 26	Last day for <b>new</b> political parties forming that <b>intend to have a candidate</b> for US House, Legislature or county office <b>in the Primary Election</b> , to file new party formation petitions with the Secretary of State by 5 pm (CT). Last day for new party primary candidates to file nominating petitions. (SDCL 12-5-1 and 12-5-1.4)
March 28	Last day for candidates to file for withdrawal from the primary election - (ARSD 5:02:07:05, SDCL 12-6-8.1) (Two days after filing deadline) (Registered mail post marked by March 28 is timely filed) Cities and Schools certify candidate names and ballot language if combining with County for the Primary Election. (SDCL 13-7-10.3, 9-13-37)
April 5 (Tentative)	Drawing for candidate position on the ballot for the primary election will be held in the office of the Secretary of State at a time TBD. (SDCL 12-16-8) (Counties draw their own candidate order for their county candidates; use this date or set their own date.)

<b>April 10</b>	Last day for candidate to file "Candidate Statement of Financial Interest" if nominating petition was filed on March 26. This statement must be filed within fifteen days after filing nominating petitions. (SDCL 12-25-28, 12-25-30)
<b>April 10</b>	Last day for candidate to file "Statement of Organization" if nominating petition was filed on March 26 and if the candidate committee has not already filed a statement of organization. This statement must be filed within fifteen days after filing nominating petitions. (SDCL 12-27-3)
<b>April 17</b>	Deadline for primary election ballots to be printed and in the auditor's possession. (SDCL 12-16-1)
<b>April 19</b>	<b>Absentee voting begins on this day.</b> (SDCL 12-19-1.2) **Within 48 hours of receiving application, ballot must be sent out (SDCL 12-19-3) **
<b>April 22</b>	Deadline for county central committees to submit names to the county auditor to be used as election board workers (at least 45 days prior to the election). If the county auditor fails to receive the list at least forty-five days prior to an election, the county auditor shall make the appointments. (SDCL 12-15-1)
<b>April 30</b>	Last day for independent candidates to file nominating petitions with the Secretary of State or county auditor for all non-judicial offices. Registered mail postmarked by the deadline will be considered filed on time. (SDCL 12-7-1) (Last Tuesday in April)
<b>Weeks of April 28 - May 3 &amp; May 5 - 10</b>	Publish notice of voter registration deadline for two consecutive weeks. Counties have to post this notice online too. (ARSD 5:02:04:04, SDCL 12-4-5.2) See NOTES 1 & 2 on page 10.
<b>On or before May 1</b> (currently not applicable)	Deadline for the county auditor to send by electronic transmission or mail to each official newspaper of the county a copy of all statewide measures and questions certified by the Secretary of State. (Only if there is a ballot measure on the primary) (SDCL 12-13-2) (On or before the first day of May – mirroring the timeline for the general as 12-13-2 isn't written for a primary election)
<b>May 6</b>	Last day for auditor to submit names of persons, who will be receiving, processing and tabulating ballots, to the county chairmen of each party to assure bipartisan representation. (SDCL 12-17B-11) (At least 30 days prior to the election) See NOTE 3 on page 10.
<b>May 7</b>	Deadline for sponsors to submit initiated constitutional amendment and initiated measure petitions. (SDLC 2-1-1.1 and 2-1-1.2)
<b>Between May 7 - 21</b> (currently not applicable)	Time in which all official county newspapers must publish at least once the full text, statement, title, explanation, and the recitation of effect of each submitted ballot question. (SDCL 12-13-3) (mirroring the timeline for the general as 12-13-2 isn't written for a primary election)
<b>May 15</b>	Deadline for the county auditor to appoint precinct superintendents and deputies for each election precinct. (SDCL 12-15-1, 12-15-2, 12-15-3) (Not less than 20 days before the election)
<b>Before May 21</b> (currently not applicable)	Deadline for Attorney General to deliver an attorney general statement (title, explanation, recitation) for each proposed amendment to the Constitution proposed by the Legislature, each initiated measure, and any referred measure from an <b>odd</b> year. (SDCL 12-13-9) (Before the third Tuesday in May)
<b>Weeks of May 20 - 25 &amp; 26 - 31</b>	Publish the notice of election for two consecutive weeks. (ARSD 5:02:04:16, SDCL 12-12-1)

<p><b>May 15 - June 3</b></p>	<p>Candidates and political committees must file supplemental campaign finance statements if they receive a contribution of \$500 or more within the 20 days prior to the election. The report must be filed within 48 hours of receipt of the contribution.  <b>(SDCL 12-27-28)</b> <i>If the contribution is received on or after Election Day, a supplemental statement is not required to be submitted. These may be filed online.</i></p>
<p><b>May 20</b></p>	<p><b>Deadline for voter registration for the Primary Election.</b>  <b>(SDCL 12-4-5)</b> (15 days preceding the election) (5:00 PM local time)</p>
<p><b>May 20</b></p>	<p>Pre-Primary Campaign Finance Report deadline for all statewide office holders, statewide candidates, statewide political parties, statewide political action committees and statewide ballot questions committees, <b>ALL</b> candidates running for a legislative or county office (counties with a population greater than 10,000 <b>SDCL 12-27-39</b>) with a recognized political party <b>if there is any primary race for that particular office</b> must file a pre-primary report campaign finance reports with the Secretary of State.  <b>(SDCL 12-27-22)</b> (15 days prior to the Primary <b>12-27-21.1</b>)  (County candidates file with the County Auditor)</p>
<p><b>May 24</b></p>	<p>If ballots are processed by an automatic tabulating machine prior to the closing of the polls, the resolution board shall be present, and notification of such processing shall be provided to each county party chairperson at least ten days before the election. <b>(SDCL 12-19-43)</b>  See Note 3 on page 10</p>
<p><b>May 27</b></p>	<p>Memorial Day</p>
<p><b>May 28 - June 3</b></p>	<p>Timeframe for the county auditor to test automatic tabulating equipment. Notice of testing must be published at least 48 hours prior to the test - <b>(ARSD 5:02:09:01.01, SDCL 12-17B-5)</b> See NOTE 2 on page 10.</p>
<p><b>May 21-26 &amp; May 27 - June 2</b></p>	<p>The facsimile ballot shall be published at least once in each official newspaper within the two calendar weeks prior to each election. <b>(ARSD 05:02:05:02.01 – instructions to voters, SDCL 12-16-16, 12-16-16.1 and 12-16-16.2)</b></p>
<p><b>June 3</b></p>	<p>Last day to request an absentee ballot by 5 pm local time. <b>(SDCL 12-19-2.1)</b>  <b>NEW:</b> <u>No public official may mail an absentee ballot</u> to a voter after the Monday prior to election day. <b>(SDCL 12-19-5)</b></p>
<p><b>June 4</b></p>	<p><b><u>PRIMARY ELECTION DAY</u></b></p> <p>Polls are open from <b><u>7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.</u></b> local time. <b>(SDCL 12-2-1, 12-2-3)</b></p> <p>Ballots and election supplies must be delivered to the superintendent of each election precinct prior to the opening of the polls. <b>(SDCL 12-16-18)</b></p> <p><u>Applications</u> for absentee ballots, using an authorized messenger only, may be requested until 3:00 p.m. on election day. Absentee ballots have to be returned to the county auditor in time for them to be delivered to the correct polling location by the time the polls close. <b>(SDCL 12-19-2.1)</b> (Voter must be confined due to sickness or disability to use authorized messenger.)</p> <p>If an absentee ballot is delivered to a polling place, absentee counting board, or the office of the person in charge of the election after the polls are closed in the county, the absentee ballot may not be counted or opened. <b>(SDCL 12-29-12)</b></p>

<b>Run-Off Election Information</b> (proceed to page 10)	<b><u>Run-Off Election Procedures ( SDCL 12-6-51.1)</u></b> If a Run-Off Election is required to be held, the Secretary of State’s Office will provide more guidance in addition to the deadlines and publications listed on pages 9. <b>Note:</b> There may be additional publications and deadlines required that are not included on page 9.
<b>June 10</b>	<u>Last day for county canvass of returns.</u> (SDCL 12-20-36) (Within six calendar days after the close of any election).  Certified copies of the official county canvass must be filed with the Secretary of State <b>immediately</b> following the official canvass. (SDCL 12-20-38.1) (May be sent electronically ( <b>seal must be visible</b> ) and followed up with original in the mail.)
<b>AT THE COUNTY CANVASS</b>	<b><u>Post-Election Audit (SDCL 12-17B-18-21 and 23-25):</u></b> The county auditor shall select the precincts and the contests for the audit at random without the use of a computer in public during the meeting of the county canvassing board. One contest randomly selected for the audit must be a statewide contest (if there is one). See Post-Election Audit guide for details.
<b>June 11</b>	<u>Last day</u> for convening the <u>state</u> board of canvassers. (SDCL 12-20-47) (Within seven days after the day of election; SOS will notify auditors when the state canvass is completed)
<b>June 11-26</b>	Within fifteen days following the completion of the state canvassing of a primary or general election, the auditor of each county shall conduct a post-election audit of the ballots cast in the election following the procedures listed in this section and <b>12-17B-19 to 12-17B-25</b> , inclusive. The county auditor shall appoint a county auditing board of sufficient size to promptly complete the audit. (SDCL 12-17B-18)
<b>June 13</b>	Last day for filing recount petition with the county auditor by a county candidate assuming county canvass was completed on June 10 - (ARSD 5:02:19:05, SDCL 12-21-10) <b>NOTE:</b> This action must be initiated within three days following completion of the official county canvass. See note 3 on page 10.
<b>June 14</b>	Last day for filing recount petition with the county auditor(s) by legislative and statewide candidates assuming state canvass was completed on June 11. (ARSD 5:02:19:05) County auditor shall notify the Secretary of State of a legislative recount. (SDCL 12-21-10, 12-21-11, 12-21-11.1, 12-21-12) <b>NOTE:</b> The petition must be filed within three days following completion of the official state canvass. See NOTE 3 on page 10. (See recount manual for additional information)
<b>June 19</b>	Juneteenth Holiday
<b>June 21</b>	Last day for filing petition with the secretary of state for recount on a statewide ballot question, assuming canvas was completed June 11 - ARSD 5:02:19:07. (SDCL 12-21-14) <b>NOTE:</b> Above actions must be initiated within ten days following completion of the official state canvass. See NOTE 3 on page 10.
<b>On or before July 1</b>	Last day for conservation district petitions to be filed with the Secretary of State if the district covers multiple counties. Filed with the County Auditor if district covers one county. (SDCL 38-8-39)
<b>July 1</b>	Last day for a new political party forming, that <b>did not have a candidate</b> for US House or Legislature in the Primary election, to file formation petitions with the Secretary of State by 5 pm (CT). (SDCL 12-5-1.5)



<b>July 4</b>	Independence Day
<b>July 9th</b>	Deadline for Attorney General to deliver an attorney general statement (title, explanation, recitation) for each proposed amendment to the Constitution proposed by the Legislature, each initiated measure and any referred measure from an <b>even year</b> . <b>(SDCL 12-13-9)</b> (Before the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in July)
<b>July 15</b>	Deadline for County Auditor to transmit voter election history from the primary election in Total Vote. <b>(SDCL 12-4-37)</b>
<b>August 6</b>	Last day for candidates to withdraw nominations from general election - <b>ARSD 5:02:07:05. (SDCL 12-6-55)</b> (Not later than the first Tuesday in August at 5:00 p.m. before the ensuing election) <b>(No registered mail option)</b>
<b>August 6</b>	Last day for municipalities and schools to submit language or candidate names to the county auditor to be on the general election ballot. <b>(SDCL 9-20-11.2, 13-7-10.3)</b> (By the first Tuesday in August of the year of the general election.)
<b>August 6</b>	Last day for independent presidential candidates to file nominating petitions with the Secretary of State. <a href="#">(SDCL 12-7-7)</a>
<b>August 6</b>	Deadline for an incumbent justice of the Supreme Court to request the secretary of state to place the justice's name on the Supreme Court justice retention ballot. <b>(ARSD 5:02:06:03:02)</b> (SDCL 16-1-2.2) (first Tuesday in August)
<b>August 13</b>	Last day for party central committees to fill vacancies created by candidates who withdrew their nominations - <b>(ARSD 5:02:07:06, SDCL 12-8-6)</b> (filed not later than the second Tuesday in August at 5 p.m. or mailed by <b>registered mail</b> by that date and time prior to the election) <u>No option to fill vacancy of independent candidate.</u>  Last day for political party to hold state convention. (SDCL 12-5-22) The chair of the committee shall notify the secretary of state at least fifteen business days prior to the date chosen. (15 days prior to this date is July 25) (12-5-17)  Nominations by a state convention shall be made by a majority vote of the votes cast and shall be certified to the secretary of state by the officers of the convention, <b>within three days</b> of the close of the convention. No certification may be received by the secretary of state later than the second Tuesday in August. (SDCL 12-5-22)  Deadline for Secretary of State to certify copies of all ballot questions to the county auditors. <b>(SDCL 12-13-1)</b> (At least twelve weeks prior to the general election.)
<b>August 15 (Tentative)</b>	Drawing for party order (counties <b>DO NOT</b> draw for party order), and if applicable candidate order, on the ballot for the general election will be held in the office of the Secretary of State at a time TBD. (Counties draw their own candidate order for their county candidates; use this date or set their own date.) <b>(SDCL 12-16-3.1, 12-16-8, SDCL 12-16-5)</b>
<b>August 20</b>	Last day for Secretary of State to certify to the county auditors the names of all candidates to be placed on the general election ballot. <b>(SDCL 12-8-8)</b> (Not later than the third Tuesday in August, before the General election, by 5 p.m. central.)
<b>September 2</b>	Labor Day

<b>September 18</b>	Deadline for general election ballots to be printed and in the auditor's possession. (SDCL 12-16-1, 12-16-17) (The sample ballots and official ballots shall be printed and in the possession of the county auditor not later than forty-eight days prior to a primary or general election.)
<b>September 20</b>	<b>Absentee voting begins. (SDCL 12-19-1.2)</b> (Absentee voting shall begin neither earlier nor later than forty-six days prior to the election including any voter identified as being covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act)  **Within 48 hours of receiving application, ballot must be sent out. (SDCL 12-19-3)**
<b>September 20</b>	Deadline for county central committees to submit names to the county auditor to be used as election board workers. If the county auditor fails to receive the list at least forty-five days prior to an election, the county auditor shall make the appointments. (SDCL 12-15-1) See NOTE 3 on page 10.
<b>On or before October 1</b>	Deadline for the county auditor to send by electronic transmission or mail to each official newspaper of the county a copy of all statewide measures and questions certified by the Secretary of State. (SDCL 12-13-2) (On or before the first day of October)
<b>Weeks of Sept. 29-Oct 5 &amp; Oct 6-11</b>	Publish notice of voter registration deadline for two consecutive weeks. Counties have to post this notice online too. (ARSD 5:02:04:04, SDCL 12-4-5.2) See NOTES 1 & 2 on page 10.
<b>October 7</b>	Last day for auditor to submit names of persons, who will be receiving, processing and tabulating ballots, to the county chairmen of each party to assure bipartisan representation. (SDCL 12-17B-11) (At least 30 days prior to the election) See NOTE 3 on page 10.
<b>Between October 8 &amp; October 22</b>	Time in which all official county newspapers must publish at least once the full text, statement, title, explanation, and the recitation of effect of each submitted ballot question. (SDCL 12-13-3) See NOTE 2 on page 10.
<b>October 14</b>	Native American Day
<b>October 16</b>	Deadline for the county auditor to appoint superintendents and precinct deputies for each election precinct. (SDCL 12-15-1, 12-15-2, 12-15-3)
<b>October 21</b>	<b>Deadline for voter registration for the General Election.</b> (SDCL 12-4-5) (15 days preceding the election) (5:00 PM local time)
<b>Oct. 21-27 &amp; Oct 28-Nov 1</b>	Publish the notice of the general election for two consecutive weeks. (ARSD 5:02:04:05, SDCL 12-12-1) See NOTES 1 & 2 on page 10.
<b>October 16 - November 4</b>	Candidates and political committees must file supplemental campaign finance statements if they receive a contribution of \$500 or more within the 20 days prior to the election. The report must be filed within 48 hours of receipt of the contribution. (SDCL 12-27-28) <i>If the contribution is received on or after Election Day, a supplemental statement is not required to be submitted. These may be filed online.</i>
<b>October 21</b>	Deadline for <b>all</b> statewide candidates, legislative candidates, statewide political action committees, statewide political parties, county political parties, ballot question committees to file the pre-general campaign finance report of receipts and expenditures with the Secretary of State. (SDCL 12-27-22) County candidates and county ballot questions, in counties with population greater than ten thousand, file with the County Auditor. (SDCL 12-27-39)

<b>October 22 - 27 &amp; October 28 - Nov 3</b>	The facsimile ballot shall be published at least once in each official newspaper within the two calendar weeks prior to each election. (ARSD 05:02:05:02.01 – instructions to voters, SDCL 12-16-16, 12-16-16.1 and 12-16-16.2)
<b>October 26 – November 4</b>	Timeframe for the county auditor to test automatic tabulating equipment. Notice of testing must be published at least 48 hours prior to the test - (ARSD 5:02:09:01.01, SDCL 12-17B-5) See NOTE 2 on page 10.
<b>October 25</b>	If ballots are processed by an automatic tabulating machine prior to the closing of the polls, the resolution board shall be present, and notification of such processing shall be provided to each county party chairperson at least ten days before the election. (SDCL 12-19-43) See Note 3 on page 10
<b>November 3</b>	<b>Daylight Savings</b> - As part of your election readiness preparations, we would like to remind you that on Sunday, November 3, clocks “fall back.” Auditors, make sure to set the clocks on ExpressVotes, tabulators and clocks in the polling locations to the correct time prior to election day.
<b>November 4</b>	Last day to request an absentee ballot by 5 pm local time. (SDCL 12-19-2.1) No public official may mail an absentee ballot to a voter after the Monday prior to election day. (12-19-5)
<b>November 5</b>	<b><u>GENERAL ELECTION DAY</u></b> Polls are open from <b><u>7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.</u></b> local time. (SDCL 12-2-2, 12-2-3) Ballots and election supplies must be delivered to the superintendent of each election precinct prior to the opening of the polls. (SDCL 12-16-18) No <u>applications</u> for absentee ballots, using an authorized messenger, may be honored by the county auditor after 3:00 p.m. on election day. Absentee ballots have to be returned to the county auditor in time for them to be delivered to the correct polling location by the time the polls close. (SDCL 12-19-2.1) (Voter must be confined due to sickness or disability to use authorized messenger.) If an absentee ballot is delivered to a polling place, absentee counting board, or the office of the person in charge of the election after the polls are closed in the county, the absentee ballot may not be counted or opened. (SDCL 12-29-12)
<b>November 11</b>	Veterans’ Day
<b>November 11</b>	Last day for the county canvass of election returns. (SDCL 12-20-36) (Within six calendar days after the close of any county election.) Certified copies of the official county canvass must be filed with the Secretary of State <b>immediately</b> following the official county canvass. (SDCL 12-20-38.1) (May be sent electronically (seal must be visible) and followed up with original in the mail.)
<b>AT THE COUNTY CANVASS</b>	<b><u>Post-Election Audit (SDCL 12-17B-18-21 and 23-25):</u></b> The county auditor shall select the precincts and the contests for the audit at random without the use of a computer in public during the meeting of the county canvassing board. One contest randomly selected for the audit must be a statewide contest (if there is one). See Post-Election Audit guide for details.
<b>November 12</b>	<b><u>Last day</u></b> for convening the <b><u>state</u></b> board of canvassers. (SDCL 12-20-47) (Within seven days after the day of election; SOS will notify auditors when the state canvass is completed)



<b>November 12-27</b>	Within fifteen days following the completion of the state canvassing of a primary or general election, the auditor of each county shall conduct a post-election audit of the ballots cast in the election following the procedures listed in this section and <b>12-17B-19 to 12-17B-25</b> , inclusive. The county auditor shall appoint a county auditing board of sufficient size to promptly complete the audit. ( <b>SDCL 12-17B-18</b> )
<b>November 14</b>	Last day for filing a recount petition with the county auditor by county candidates, assuming the county canvass was completed on November 11. ( <b>ARSD 5:02:19:05, SDCL 12-21-10</b> ) NOTE: This action must be initiated within three days following completion of the official county canvass. See NOTE 3 on page 10.
<b>November 15</b>	Last day for filing recount petition with the county auditor(s) by legislative and statewide candidates assuming state canvass was completed on June 11. ( <b>ARSD 5:02:19:05</b> ) County auditor shall notify the Secretary of State of a legislative recount. ( <b>SDCL 12-21-10, 12-21-11, 12-21-11.1, 12-21-12</b> ) NOTE: The petition must be filed within three days following completion of the official state canvass. See NOTE 3 on page 10. (See recount manual for additional information)
<b>November 21</b>	Last day for a <b>county candidate</b> to initiate action to <b>contest</b> , assuming county canvass was completed on November 11 and no recount is in progress. ( <b>SDCL 12-22-5</b> ) NOTE: This action must be initiated within ten days following completion of the official county canvass.
<b>November 22</b>	Last day for filing petitions with the Secretary of State for a recount on a statewide ballot question. ( <b>ARSD 5:02:19:07, SDCL 12-21-14</b> ) NOTE: This action must be initiated within ten days following completion of the official state canvass.  Last day for initiating a <b>contest by a legislative or statewide candidate</b> , or by <b>citizens</b> on behalf of a <b>ballot question</b> , assuming the state canvass was completed on November 12 and no recount is in progress. ( <b>SDCL 12-22-5</b> ) NOTE: This action must be initiated within ten days following completion of the official state canvass.
<b>November 27</b>	Within fifteen days following the completion of the state canvassing of a primary or general election, the auditor of each county shall conduct a post-election audit of the ballots cast in the election following the procedures listed in this section and <b>12-17B-19 to 12-17B-25</b> , inclusive. The county auditor shall appoint a county auditing board of sufficient size to promptly complete the audit. ( <b>SDCL 12-17B-18</b> )
<b>November 28</b>	Thanksgiving Day
<b>December 15</b>	Deadline for County Auditor to transmit voter election history from the general election into Total Vote. ( <b>SDCL 12-4-37</b> )
<b>December 25</b>	Christmas Day
<b>January 31, 2025</b>	Deadline for <b>all</b> statewide candidates, legislative candidates, statewide political action committees, statewide political parties, county political parties, ballot question committees to file the pre-general campaign finance report of receipts and expenditures with the Secretary of State. ( <b>SDCL 12-27-22</b> ) County candidates and county ballot questions, in counties with population greater than ten thousand, file with the County Auditor. ( <b>SDCL 12-27-39</b> )

## Primary Run-Off Election Procedures (SDCL 12-6-51.1)

<b>Date TBD</b>	Drawing for candidate position on the ballot for the run-off election will be held in the office of the Secretary of State a time TBD. (SDCL 12-16-8)
<b>June 12</b>	Deadline for run-off election ballots to be printed and in the auditor's possession. (SDCL 12-16-1, 12-16-17) Two days before absentee voting begins.
<b>June 14</b>	Absentee voting begins for Run-Off Election. (SDCL 12-19-1.2) **Within 48 hours of receiving application, ballot must be sent out (SDCL 12-19-3)**
<b>June 15 – 16</b>	Days for Secretary of State to publish notice of run-off election and facsimile ballot in state newspapers that publish on Saturday and Sunday. (SDCL 12-12-1)
<b>July 15</b>	<b>Deadline for voter registration for the Run-Off Election. (SDCL 12-4-5)</b> 5:00 PM local time
<b>July 29</b>	Last day to request an absentee ballot by 5 pm local time. (SDCL 12-19-2.1) No public official may mail an absentee ballot to a voter after the Monday prior to election day. (12-19-5)
<b>July 30</b>	<b><u>RUN-OFF ELECTION DAY</u></b> Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. local time. (SDCL 12-2-2, 12-2-3) Ballots and election supplies must be delivered to the superintendent of each election precinct prior to the opening of the polls. (SDCL 12-16-18) No applications for absentee ballots, using an authorized messenger, may be honored by the county auditor after 3:00 p.m. on election day. Absentee ballots have to be returned to the county auditor in time for them to be delivered to the correct polling location by the time the polls close. (SDCL 12-19-2.1) (Voter must be confined due to sickness or disability to use authorized messenger.)
<b>August 5</b>	Last day for county canvass of returns for run-off election. (SDCL 12-20-36) Certified copies of the official county canvass for a run-off election must be filed with the Secretary of State <b>immediately</b> following the official canvass. (SDCL 12-20-38.1) (May be sent electronically ( <i>seal must be visible</i> ) & followed up with original in the mail.)
<b>August 6</b>	Last day for convening of state board of canvassers for run-off election. (SDCL 12-20-47) (Within seven days after the day of election) (SOS will notify auditors when state canvass is complete)
<b>September 9</b>	Deadline for County Auditor to transmit voter election history from the run-off election in Total Vote. <u>This date is not set in state law</u> but using (SDCL 12-4-37) as a guideline.

**\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTES \*\*\*\***

**NOTE 1:** At least five days shall intervene between publications which are to be done during consecutive weeks. (SDCL [17-2-17](#))

**NOTE 2:** Official notices may not be published on Sunday. (SDCL [1-5-2](#))

**NOTE 3:** When a deadline falls on a holiday, Saturday or Sunday, an act may be performed on the next business day. If the period of time prescribed or allowed is less than seven days, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays shall be excluded in the computation. (SDCL [12-1-17](#))

**NOTE 4:** Be sure to include cost of publication in each notice. (SDCL [17-2-28](#))

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For more info on presidential ballot access, visit our website here: <https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/upcoming-elections/general-information/2024/2024-Presidential-Ballot-Access.aspx>

<b>OFFICIAL SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HOLIDAYS – 2024 (SDCL <a href="#">1-5-1</a>)</b>	
January 1	New Year’s Day
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 19	Presidents' Day
May 27	Memorial Day
June 19	Juneteenth
July 4	Independence Day
September 2	Labor Day
October 14	Native Americans' Day
November 11	Veterans' Day
November 28	Thanksgiving Day
December 25	Christmas Day