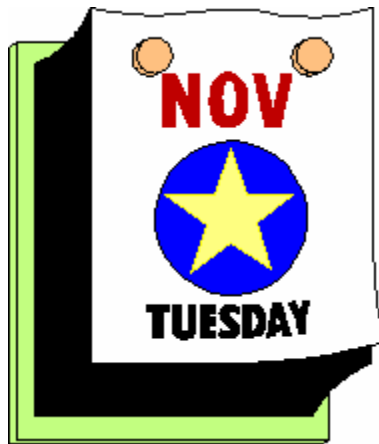


South Dakota Election Calendar 2008



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2008 South Dakota Election Calendar

April 4, 2007	Earliest day for initiated measure petitions to be circulated. (SDCL 2-1-6.2)
November 5, 2007	Deadline for filing petitions to place constitutional amendments on the ballot. (Constitution, Art. XXIII, Sec. 1)
January 1, 2008	Earliest day for June primary or independent candidates to circulate nominating petitions, including independent presidential candidates. (SDCL 12-6-4.1, 12-7-1.1) Earliest day for independent candidates to file nominating petitions. (SDCL 12-7-1) First day a June primary election candidate may file nominating petitions. (SDCL 12-6-4)
February 1	Last day for statewide candidates, state office holders, ballot question committees, political party committees and political action committees to file year-end reports of receipts and expenditures for the period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007. (SDCL 12-27-22) See NOTE 3.
March 3-8 & 10-15	Weeks in which county auditor must publish the notice of deadline for filing nominating petitions - ARSD 5:02:04:17. (SDCL 12-12-1) See NOTE 1.
March 18	Last day for candidates to file for withdrawal from the primary election - ARSD 5:02:07:05. (SDCL 12-6-8.1)
March 25	Last day to file primary election nominating petitions. (SDCL 12-6-4) Last day nominees for party precinct committeeman and committeewoman may file statement of candidacy with the county auditor. (SDCL 12-5-4) Last day for a new political party to file petitions declaring organization with the Secretary of State to participate in the presidential primary election. (SDCL 12-5-1) Last day for Presidential candidates to file on their behalf a statement of intent to be a candidate. (SDCL 12-5-3.14) Last day for political parties to certify slates of national convention delegates to the Secretary of State to participate in the presidential primary election. (SDCL 12-5-3.8) Last day for sheriff candidates who filed a primary nominating petition to file a certificate of qualification. (SDCL 23-3-43.1)
March 27	Drawing for position on the ballot for the primary election will be held in the office of the Secretary of State at 9:00 a.m. (SDCL 12-16-8)

- April 1** Deadline for filing of completed petitions for placement of statewide initiated measures on the general election ballot. (SDCL 2-1-2)
- April 2** Last day for candidate to file "Statement of Financial Interest" if nominating petition was filed on last day. This statement must be filed within fifteen days after filing nominating petitions. (SDCL 12-25-28, 12-25-30)
- Last day for candidate to file "Statement of Organization" if nominating petition was filed on last day 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)
- April 21** Deadline for county central committees to submit names to the county auditor to be used as election board workers. (SDCL 12-15-1) See NOTE 3
- April 22** Deadline for primary election ballots to be printed and in the auditor's possession. Absentee voting may begin as soon as ballots are available. (SDCL 12-16-1, 12-16-17, 12-19-3)
- April 28-May 3 & May 5-9** Weeks for notice of voter registration deadline - ARSD 5:02:04:04. (SDCL 12-4-5.2) See NOTES 1 & 2.
- May 5** Deadline for Secretary of State to furnish envelopes to the county auditors for official election returns. (SDCL 12-20-37) See NOTE 3.
- Last day for auditor to submit names of persons to be employed at an electronic voting system counting center to the county chairmen of each party to assure bipartisan representation. (SDCL 12-17B-11) See NOTE 3.
- May 6** Deadline for auditors to fill requests for precinct lists by parties and candidates. (SDCL 12-4-24.1)
- May 14** 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)
- May 19-24 & May 27-30** Weeks in which county auditor must publish the notice of election - ARSD 5:02:04:16. (SDCL 12-12-1).
- May 19** Deadline for voter registration for the primary election. (SDCL 12-4-5)
- Deadline for Attorney General to deliver an attorney general statement for each proposed amendment to the Constitution, each initiated measure and any referred measure from an odd year. (SDCL 12-13-9)
- May 20 - June 2** Statewide candidates (does not include legislative candidates) and committees must file supplemental campaign finance statements with the Secretary of State if they receive an aggregate contribution of \$500 or more within the fourteen days prior to the election. The report must be filed within 48 hours of receipt of the contribution. (SDCL 12-27-28) See NOTE 3.
- May 23** Deadline for statewide candidates, legislative candidates, county candidates in

counties with population greater than five thousand, political action committees and state party committees to file pre-primary campaign finance reports with the Secretary of State. Report covers January 1 through the fifteenth day prior to the election. (SDCL 12-27-22)

May 24 First day for test of automatic tabulating equipment in counties using electronic voting systems. 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.

May 26 Deadline for the auditors to inform the Secretary of State of the number of precincts and the optical scan model (M100 or M650) being used. The Secretary of State also requests voter registration figures at this time. (SDCL 12-14-12, 12-1-7.1) See NOTE 3.

May 26-May 31 Week for publication of facsimile ballot. (SDCL 12-16-16). Instructions to voters regarding voting rights to be published with the facsimile ballot for primary elections – ARSD 5:02:05:02.01.

June 3 **PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**
(SDCL 12-2-1, 12-2-3) Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. legal time.

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 may be honored by the county auditor after 3:00 p.m. on election day. (SDCL 12-19-2.1)

Last day for independent sheriff candidates to file a certification of qualification. (SDCL 23-3-43.1)

Last day for independent candidates to file nominating petitions with the Secretary of State or county auditor for all offices except president. (SDCL 12-7-1)

June 9 Last day for county canvass of returns. (SDCL 12-20-36)

Certified copies of the official county canvass must be filed with the Secretary of State immediately following the official canvass. (SDCL 12-20-38.1)

June 10 Last day for convening the state board of canvassers. (SDCL 12-20-47)

June 11 Last day for Secretary of State to certify runoff candidates to county auditors if no candidate for nomination for United States Senator or United States Representative received thirty-five percent of the votes cast in the party primary election. (SDCL 12-6-51.3)

June 12 Last day for filing recount petition by a county candidate assuming county canvass was completed on June 9 - ARSD 5:02:19:05. (SDCL 12-21-10) NOTE: Above action must be initiated within three days following completion of the official county canvass.

- June 13** Last day for filing recount petition by legislative and statewide candidates assuming state canvass was completed on June 10 - ARSD 5:02:19:05. County auditor shall notify the Secretary of State of a legislative recount. (SDCL 12-21-11, 12-21-11.1, 12-21-12) NOTE: Above action must be initiated within three days following completion of the official state canvass.
- June 14-15** Days for Secretary of State to publish notice of secondary election and facsimile ballot in state newspapers that publish on Saturday and Sunday. (SDCL 12-12-1)
- June 17** SECONDARY ELECTION DAY.
(SDCL 12-6-51.1) Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. legal time.
- 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 may be honored by the county auditor after 3:00 p.m. on election day. (SDCL 12-19-2.1)
- June 23** Last day for county canvass of returns for secondary election. (SDCL 12-20-36)
- Certified copies of the official county canvass must be filed with the Secretary of State immediately following the official canvass. (SDCL 12-20-38.1)
- June 24** Last day for convening of state board of canvassers for secondary election. (SDCL 12-20-47)
- July 1** Last day to file conservation district director nominating petitions. (SDCL 38-8-39)
- July 5** Deadline for persons or committees working for or against the passage of a ballot question to file campaign finance reports of receipts and expenditures with the Secretary of State. (SDCL 12-27-23)
- July 7** Deadline for Attorney General to deliver an attorney general statement for each referred measure from an even year. (SDCL 12-13-9)
- August 5** Last day for independent candidates to file nominating petitions for president. (SDCL 12-7-7)
- Last day for candidates to withdraw nominations - ARSD 5:02:07:05. (SDCL 12-6-55)
- August 12** Last day for party central committees to fill vacancies created by candidates who withdrew their nominations - ARSD 5:02:07:06. (SDCL 12-8-6)
- Deadline for Secretary of State to certify copies of all ballot questions to the county auditors. (SDCL 12-13-1)
- August 14** Drawing for position on the ballot for the general election will be held in the office of the Secretary of State at 9:00 a.m. (SDCL 12-16-3.1, 12-16-8)

August 19	Last day for Secretary of State to certify to the county auditors the names of all candidates for state and district office to be placed on the general election ballot. (SDCL 12-8-8)
September 22	Deadline for county central committees to submit names to the county auditor to be used as election board workers. (SDCL 12-15-1) See NOTE 3.
September 23	Deadline for all general election ballots to be printed and in the auditor's possession. Absentee voting may begin whenever ballots are available. (SDCL 12-16-1, 12-16-17, 12-19-3)
September 29 – October 4 & October 6-10	Weeks for notice of voter registration deadline - ARSD 5:02:04:04. (SDCL 12-4-5.2) See NOTES 1 & 2.
October 1	Deadline for county auditor to mail copies of all submitted questions to the official county newspapers. (SDCL 12-13-2)
October 6	Last day for Secretary of State to furnish county auditors with envelopes for mailing official returns of votes to the office of the Secretary of State. (SDCL 12-20-37) See NOTE 3. Last day for auditor to submit names of persons to be employed at an electronic voting system counting center to the county chairmen of each party to assure bipartisan representation. (SDCL 12-17B-11) See NOTE 3.
October 7	Deadline for county auditors to fill requests for precinct lists by parties and candidates. (SDCL 12-4-24.1)
October 7-21	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.
October 15	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)
October 20	Voter registration deadline for the general election. (SDCL 12-4-5)
October 20-25 & October 27-31	Weeks in which the county auditor must publish the notice of the general election - ARSD 5:02:04:05. (SDCL 12-12-1) See NOTES 1 & 2.
October 21-November 3	Statewide candidates (does not include legislative candidates) and committees must file supplemental reports with the Secretary of State if they receive an aggregate contribution of \$500 or more within the fourteen days immediately preceding the election. The report must be filed within 48 hours of receipt of the contribution. (SDCL 12-27-28)
October 24	Deadline for statewide candidates, legislative candidates, county candidates in counties with population greater than five thousand, political action committees

and political parties to file pre-general campaign finance reports of receipts and expenditures with the Secretary of State. (SDCL 12-27-22)

- October 25** First day for test of electronic voting system tabulating equipment. Notice of the time and place of the test must be published in the official newspaper at least 48 hours prior to testing - ARSD 5:02:09:01.01. (SDCL 12-17B-5) See NOTE 2.
- October 27** Deadline for auditors to inform Secretary of State on the number of precincts and the optical scan model (M100 or M650) being used. The Secretary of State also requests voter registration information in this report. (SDCL 12-14-12, 12-1-7.1) See NOTE 3.
- October 27-
November 1** Week for publication of facsimile ballots. (SDCL 12-16-16). Instructions to voters regarding voting rights to be published with the facsimile ballot for general elections – ARSD 5:02:05:02.01.

November 4 **GENERAL ELECTION DAY**

(SDCL 12-2-2, 12-2-3) Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. legal time.

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 may be honored by the county auditor after 3:00 p.m. on election day. (SDCL 12-19-2.1)

- November 10** Last day for the county canvass of election returns. (SDCL 12-20-36)
- County auditors must immediately send a certified copy of the official county canvass to the Secretary of State as the official returns of the election. (SDCL 12-20-38.1)
- November 12** Last day for convening the state board of canvassers. (SDCL 12-20-47). See NOTE 3.
- November 14** Deadline for petition for recount in precinct by voters of the precinct - ARSD 5:02:19:06. (SDCL 12-21-8).

Last day for filing a recount petition by county candidates, assuming the county canvass was completed on November 10 - ARSD 5:02:19:05. (SDCL 12-21-10)
NOTE: Above action must be initiated within three days following completion of the official county canvass. See NOTE 3.

Last day for filing recount petition by legislative candidates, assuming county canvass was completed on November 10 - ARSD 5:02:19:05. County auditor shall notify the Secretary of State of a legislative recount. (SDCL 12-21-11, 12-21-11.1) See NOTE 3.

- November 17** Last day for filing recount petition by statewide candidates, assuming state canvass was completed on November 12 - ARSD 5:02:19:05. County auditor shall notify the Secretary of State of a legislative recount. (SDCL 12-21-12) See NOTE 3.

November 20 Last day for a county candidate to initiate action to contest, assuming county canvass was completed on November 10 and no recount is in progress. (SDCL 12-22-5) NOTE: Above actions must be initiated within ten days following completion of the official county canvass.

November 24 Last day for filing petition for recount on a ballot question - ARSD 5:02:19:07. (SDCL 12-21-14) NOTE: Above actions must be initiated within ten days following completion of the official state canvass. See NOTE 3.

Last day for initiating a contest by a legislative or statewide candidate, or by citizens on behalf of a ballot question, assuming the state canvass was completed on November 12 and no recount is in progress. (SDCL 12-22-5) NOTE: Above actions must be initiated within ten days following completion of the official state canvass. See NOTE 3.

February 2, 2009 Last day for statewide candidates, legislative candidates, county candidates in counties with population greater than 5000, political action committees and political parties to file year-end reports of campaign finance receipts and expenditures with the Secretary of State. Report covers information from last report through the last day of the preceding calendar year. (SDCL 12-27-22)

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)

OFFICIAL SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HOLIDAYS - 2008

January 1	New Year's Day
January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 18	Presidents' Day
May 26	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 1	Labor Day
October 13	Native Americans' Day
November 11	Veterans' Day
November 27	Thanksgiving Day
December 25	Christmas Day

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