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2014 South Dakota Election Calendar

- Monday, November 4, 2013** Deadline for filing statewide petitions to place initiated measure on the ballot. ([SDCL 2-1-1.2](#))
- Deadline for filing statewide petitions to place constitutional amendment on the ballot. ([SDCL 2-1-1.1](#))
- Wednesday, January 1, 2014** Earliest day for June Primary Election or independent candidates to circulate nominating petitions. (SDCL [12-6-4.1](#), [12-7-1.1](#))
- Earliest day for June Primary Election candidates to file nominating petitions. ([ARSD 5:02:08:01](#)) ([SDCL 12-6-4](#))
- Earliest day for independent candidates to file nominating petitions. ([ARSD 5:02:08:01](#)) ([SDCL 12-7-1](#))
- Monday, February 3, 2014** Last day for statewide candidates, state office holders, ballot question committees, political parties, and political action committees to file Year-End Campaign Finance Disclosure Statements of receipts and expenditures for the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. ([SDCL 12-27-22](#))
- March 3-8 & 10-15, 2014** Weeks in which county auditor must publish the notice of deadline for filing nominating petitions. ([ARSD 5:02:04:17](#)) ([SDCL 12-12-1](#))
- Tuesday, March 25, 2014** Last day to file Primary Election nominating petitions. ([SDCL 12-6-4](#))
- Last day nominees for party precinct committeeman and precinct committeewoman may file statement of candidacy with the county auditor. ([ARSD 5:02:08:45](#)) ([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 Primary Election. ([ARSD 5:02:08:06](#)) ([SDCL 12-5-1](#))

Last day for sheriff candidates who filed a primary nominating petition to file a certificate of qualification with county auditor.
([SDCL 23-3-43.1](#))

**Thursday,
March 27,
2014**

Last day for candidates to file for withdrawal from the Primary Election.
([ARSD 5:02:07:05](#)) ([SDCL 12-6-8.1](#))

**Friday,
March 28,
2014**

Drawing for recognized political party 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](#))

**Wednesday,
April 9,
2014**

Last day for candidate to file "Statement of Financial Interest – Candidate for Public Office", 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 a Campaign Finance "Statement of Organization" if nominating petition was filed on last day and if the candidate committee has not already filed a 2014 Statement of Organization. This statement must be filed within fifteen days after filing nominating petitions.
([SDCL 12-27-3](#))

**Wednesday,
April 16,
2014**

Deadline for Primary Election ballots to be printed and in the county auditor's possession.
([SDCL 12-16-1](#))

**Friday,
April 18,
2014**

Absentee voting begins for Primary Election.
([SDCL 12-19-1.2](#))

**Monday,
April 21,
2014**

Deadline for county central committees to submit names to the county auditor to be used as election board workers.
([SDCL 12-15-1](#))

**April 28-May
3 & May 5-9,
2014**

Weeks for notice of voter registration deadline.
([ARSD 5:02:04:04](#)) ([SDCL 12-4-5.2](#))

**Tuesday,
April 29,
2014**

Last day for independent candidates to file nominating petitions with the Secretary of State or county auditor depending on office sought.
([SDCL 12-7-1](#))

**Monday,
May 5,
2014**

Last day for county 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](#))

**Wednesday,
May 14,
2014**

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](#))

- Monday,
May 19,
2014** Deadline for voter registration for the Primary Election.
([SDCL 12-4-5](#))
- May 19-24 &
May 26-30,
2014** Weeks in which county auditor must publish notice of election.
([ARSD 5:02:04:16](#)) ([SDCL 12-12-1](#))
- May 20
- June 2,
2014** Statewide candidates (does not include legislative candidates), political action committees, ballot question committees, and political parties 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](#))
- Friday,
May 23,
2014** Deadline for gubernatorial candidates, legislative candidates, political action committees, ballot question committees, and state political parties to file Pre-Primary Campaign Finance Disclosure Statement . Any statement filed shall be consecutive and shall cover contributions and expenditures since the last statement filed.
([SDCL 12-27-22](#))
- Saturday,
May 24,
2014** 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](#))
- May 26-31,
2014** 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 Election.
([ARSD 5:02:05:02.01](#))
- Monday,
June 2,
2014** Deadline to request an absentee ballot is at 5:00 p.m.
([SDCL 12-19-2.1](#))
- Tuesday,
June 3,
2014** **PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**
Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. legal time.
(SDCL [12-2-1](#), [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](#))
- Last day for independent sheriff candidates to file a certification of qualification with county auditor.
([SDCL 23-3-43.1](#))

- Monday,
June 9,
2014** Last day for county canvass of election 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](#))
- Tuesday,
June 10,
2014** Last day for convening the State Board of Canvassers.
([SDCL 12-20-47](#))
- Wednesday,
June 11,
2014** Last day for Secretary of State to certify runoff candidates to county auditors if no candidate for nomination for United States Senate, United States Representative, or Governor received thirty-five percent of the votes cast in the Primary Election.
([SDCL 12-6-51.3](#))
- Thursday,
June 12,
2014** Last day for filing recount petition by a county candidate, assuming county canvass was completed on June 9 with the county auditor.
([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.
- Friday,
June 13,
2014** Last day for filing recount petition by a statewide candidate, assuming state canvass was completed on June 10 with the Secretary of State.
([ARSD 5:02:19:05](#)) ([SDCL 12-21-12](#))
- Last day for filing recount petition by a legislative candidate, assuming state canvass was completed on June 10 with the county auditor.
([ARSD 5:02:19:05](#)) ([SDCL 12-21-11](#))
- County auditor shall notify the Secretary of State of a legislative recount.
(SDCL [12-21-11](#), [12-21-11.1](#), [12-21-11](#))
NOTE: Above action must be initiated within three days following completion of the official state canvass.
- Tuesday,
July 1,
2014** Last day to file conservation district director nominating petitions.
([SDCL 38-8-39](#))
- Tuesday,
July 8,
2014** Deadline for Attorney General to deliver an Attorney General statement for each constitutional amendment proposed by the legislature or referred measure from an even year.
([SDCL 12-13-9](#))
- Tuesday,
August 5,
2014** Last day for candidates to withdraw nominations for the General Election.
([ARSD 5:02:07:05](#)) ([SDCL 12-6-55](#))

- Tuesday, August 12, 2014** 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](#))
- Thursday, August 14, 2014** Drawing for political party 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](#))
- Monday, August 18, 2014** Deadline for Secretary of State to certify copies of all ballot questions to the county auditor.
([SDCL 12-13-1](#))
- Tuesday, August 19, 2014** Last day for Secretary of State to certify to the county auditor the names of all candidates for state and district office to be placed on the General Election ballot.
([SDCL 12-8-8](#))
- Wednesday, September 17, 2014** Deadline for all General Election ballots to be printed and in the county auditor's possession.
([SDCL 12-16-1](#))
- Friday, September 19, 2014** Absentee voting begins for General Election.
([SDCL 12-19-1.2](#))
- Monday, September 22, 2014** Deadline for county party central committees to submit names to the county auditor to be used as election board workers.
([SDCL 12-15-1](#))
- September 29-October 4 & October 6-10, 2014** Weeks for notice of voter registration deadline.
([ARSD 5:02:04:04](#)) ([SDCL 12-4-5.2](#))
- Wednesday, October 1, 2014** Deadline for county auditor to mail or e-mail copies of all submitted questions to the official county newspaper.
([SDCL 12-13-2](#))
- Monday, October 6, 2014** Last day for county 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](#))
- October 7-21, 2014** 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](#))
- Wednesday, October 15, 2014** 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](#))

- Monday,
October 20,
2014** Deadline for voter registration for the General Election.
([SDCL 12-4-5.2](#))
- October 20-25
& 27-31, 2014** Weeks in which the county auditor must publish the notice of the General Election.
([ARSD 5:02:04:05](#)) ([SDCL 12-12-1](#))
- October 20-
November 3,
2014** Statewide candidates (does not include legislative candidates), political action committees, ballot question committees, or political parties must file supplemental Campaign Finance 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](#))
- Friday,
October 24,
2014** Deadline for statewide candidates, legislative candidates, political action committees, ballot question committees, and political parties to file Pre-General Campaign Finance Disclosure Statements of receipts and expenditures. Any statement filed pursuant to this section shall be consecutive and shall cover contributions and expenditures since the last statement filed.
([SDCL 12-27-22](#))
- Saturday,
October 25,
2014** 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](#))
- October 27-
November 1,
2014** Week for publication of facsimile ballots.
([SDCL 12-16-16](#))
- Instructions to voters regarding voting rights to be published with the facsimile ballot for the General Election.
([ARSD 5:02:05:02.01](#)) ([SDCL 12-16-23](#))
- Monday,
November 3,
2014** Deadline to request an absentee ballot is at 5:00 p.m.
([SDCL 12-19-2.1](#))
- Tuesday,
November 4,
2014** **GENERAL ELECTION DAY**
Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. legal 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](#))
- Monday,
November 10,
2014** Last day for the county canvass of election 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.

[\(SDCL 12-20-38.1\)](#)

**Tuesday,
November 11,
2014**

Last day for convening the State Board of Canvassers.

[\(SDCL 12-20-47\)](#)

**Thursday,
November 13,
2014**

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.

**Friday,
November 14,**

Last day for filing recount petition by statewide candidates or other offices other than the Legislature that are voted upon in more than one county, assuming state canvass was completed on November 11 with the Secretary of State.

[\(ARSD 5:02:19:05\)](#) [\(SDCL 12-21-12\)](#)

Last day for filing recount petition by legislative candidates, assuming state canvass was completed on November 11 with the county auditor.

[\(ARSD 5:02:19:05\)](#) [\(SDCL 12-21-11\)](#)

County auditor shall notify the Secretary of State of a legislative recount.

[\(SDCL 12-21-11, 12-21-11.1\)](#)

**Thursday,
November 20,
2014**

Deadline for petition for recount in precinct by voters of the precinct.

[\(ARSD 5:02:19:06\)](#) [\(SDCL 12-21-8\)](#)

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.

**Friday,
November 21,
2014**

Last day for filing petition for recount on a statewide 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.

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 11 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.

**January
2015**

"Statement of Financial Interest – Elected Official" must be filed within 15 days of taking oath of office.

[\(SDCL 3-1A-2, 3-1A-4\)](#)

**Monday,
February 2,
2015** Last day for statewide candidates, legislative candidates, political action committees, ballot question committees, and political parties to file Year-End Campaign Finance Disclosure Statements of 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](#))

IMPORTANT SECONDARY ELECTION DATES

**June 14-15,
2014** Days for Secretary of State to publish notice of secondary election and facsimile ballot in the state newspapers that publish on Saturday and Sunday.
([SDCL 12-12-1](#))

**Wednesday,
June 25, 2014** Deadline for all Secondary Election ballots to be printed and in the county auditor's possession.
([SDCL 12-16-1](#))

**Friday,
June 27,
2014** Absentee voting begins for Secondary Election.
([SDCL 12-19-1.2](#))

**Monday,
July 28,
2014** Deadline for voter registration for the Secondary Election.
([SDCL 12-4-5](#))

**Monday,
August 11,
2014** Deadline to request an absentee ballot is at 5:00 p.m.
([SDCL 12-19-2.1](#))

**Tuesday,
August 12,
2014** **SECONDARY ELECTION DAY.**
Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. legal time.
([SDCL 12-6-51.1](#))

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](#))

**Monday,
August 18,
2014** 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](#))

Last day for county canvass of returns for Secondary Election.
([SDCL 12-20-36](#))

**Tuesday,
August 19,
2014** Last day for convening of state board of canvassers for Secondary Election.
([SDCL 12-20-47](#))

OFFICIAL SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HOLIDAYS – 2014

* Should a deadline fall upon a state holiday, then the deadline will be the following business day.

Wednesday, January 1 st	New Year's Day
Monday, January 20 th	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, February 17 th	Presidents' Day
Monday, May 26 th	Memorial Day
Friday, July 4 th	Independence Day
Monday, September 1 st	Labor Day
Monday, October 13 th	Native Americans' Day
Tuesday, November 11 th	Veterans' Day
Thursday, November 27 nd	Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, December 25 th	Christmas Day

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