

# ELECTION TYPES AND DATES

**Municipalities** have *three* options: set your date by January 14 if choosing a date other than second Tuesday in April (**SDCL 9-13-1**).

1. Second Tuesday in April (**SDCL 9-13-1**).
2. First Tuesday after the first Monday in June (**SDCL 9-13-40**).
3. Combine with the school on the second Tuesday in April, first Tuesday after the first Monday in June (*Primary date in 2016*) or the third Tuesday in June (**SDCL 9-13-1.1**).
  - a. If the school election is combined with a municipal election on a date other than the second Tuesday in April, all dates follow **SDCL 13-7**, except if combining with a Primary election you would also follow **Title 12**.

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**Schools** have *many* options: school board sets election date no later than first regular meeting in January (**SDCL 13-7-10**). Dates listed below are the most common.

1. Anytime from the second Tuesday in April through the third Tuesday in June (**SDCL 13-7-10**).
2. Combine with municipality on the second Tuesday in April, first Tuesday after the first Monday in June (*Primary date in 2018*), or on the third Tuesday in June (**SDCL 13-7-10.1**).
3. On even numbered years, you may combine with the Primary Election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June (**SDCL 13-7-10.3**). Follow Title 12 for election dates. This won't apply to elections in 2017 because there are no Primary or General elections.



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## COMBINING ELECTIONS

- Any election may be combined if deadlines permit ([SDCL 12-2-6](#))
- Have a written agreement with contingencies if one jurisdiction doesn't have an election, who will handle absentee voting, will you combine notices, do both jurisdictions print in the same paper etc.
- Pay attention to the deadlines with the Primary and General Elections (won't apply in 2017).

## BENEFITS OF COMBINING ELECTIONS

- Popular option
- Increase voter turnout
- Fewer trips to the polls
- Shared election board workers
- Time and money saver



~~NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE OF  
YOUR ELECTION DATE.~~

~~—————12-2-7: IF ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE SETS A DATE  
AND TIME FOR CONDUCTING A PUBLIC ELECTION, WITHIN 15 DAYS THE  
PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE ELECTION SHALL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF  
STATE IN WRITING OR BY TELEPHONE OR BY E-MAIL.~~

**REPEALED IN 2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**



# PUBLIC NOTICES

**Refer to the Election Calendar for Notices and the deadlines.**

**Other items to note:**

- All public notices required by law by jurisdiction, shall include an inscription listing the approximate cost of the newspaper publication.
- This inscription shall be printed in the same type size as the body of the notice and located at the top or bottom of the public notice (SDCL 17-2-28).

# PUBLIC NOTICES

- **Notice of Vacancy** (*two notices to publish*)
  - School Board (ARSD 5:02:04:14)
  - Municipalities (ARSD 5:02:04:06)
- **Notices of Deadline for Voter Registration** (*two notices to publish*)
  - ARSD 5:02:04:04
- **Notices of Election**
  - School Board (ARSD 5:02:04:15)
  - Municipalities (ARSD 5:02:04:08)
- **Publish facsimile ballot** in the calendar week prior to the election (SDCL 12-16-16).



# PUBLIC NOTICES

## WHAT IF I MISSED A NOTICE?

- Do not panic!
- Be sure to inform your attorney and follow his/her advice.
- Have the paper publish the missed notice if there is still time before the deadline.
- Post the notice in areas within your jurisdiction.
- Mail notice to all residents or registered voters.
- The election may be challenged due to the missed or incorrect notices.

Questions?

