

2023 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CALENDAR

The dates to the right are the only date options for annual municipal elections. **There are no other date options.** The school may request to combine with you on any of these dates. Both jurisdictions have to agree to combine.

	APRIL 11	JUNE 6	JUNE 20
	Second Tuesday in April (a school may combine with you on this date)	First Tuesday after the first Monday in June (may combine with School)	Must combine with the school on the third Tuesday in June
Deadline for the governing board to establish the election date if they choose a different date than the 2nd Tuesday in April. (9-13-1 & 9-13-1.1 & 9-13-1.2 & 13-7-10)	No later than January 14	No later than January 14	No later than January 14
Publish notice of vacancies and time and place for filing petitions each week for two consecutive weeks. (9-13-6 , 9-13-40 & 05:02:04:06 & 13-7-5) (NOTE: confirm that all notices have been received and published by the paper: ask for a confirmation email)	Between the dates of January 15 th & 30 th	Between the dates of Feb. 15 th & March 1 st	Between the dates of March 15 th & 30 th
Earliest date for candidate to sign the declaration of candidacy, to begin petition circulation and earliest date to file nominating petition. (9-13-9 , 9-13-40 , 9-13-37 , 13-7-6 ; 05:02:08:13 and 05:02:08:11)	January 27 th	March 1 st	April 11 th
Deadline for filing nominating petition. If this is a Friday , please plan accordingly to be available to accept petitions. Registered mail is acceptable if postmarked by the deadline date and time. (9-13-7 , 9-13-40 , 9-13-37 , 13-7-6)	(FRIDAY) Feb. 24 th 5:00 pm	(TUESDAY) March 28 th 5:00 pm	(FRIDAY) May 12 th 5:00 pm
Deadline for submission of written request to withdraw candidate's name from nomination. If you will not have an election, you DO NOT have to publish anything further or notify our office. (9-13-7.1 , 13-7-7 & 05:02:07:05) Remember to issue certificates of election. See page 2 for more info.	Feb. 24 th 5:00 pm	March 28 th 5:00 pm	May 12 th 5:00 pm
Deadline for Candidates, in first class municipalities only , to file the <u>Candidate Financial Interest Statement</u> with the person in charge of the election. (12-25-30) A sample form can be found at sdsos.gov .	Within 15 days of filing nominating petition	Within 15 days of filing nominating petition	Within 15 days of filing nominating petition
Have you ordered your election kit? McLeod's Printing in Mitchell (605-996-5151) is the only company in SD that sells election kits. Check to see if you need to order absentee ballot combined envelopes. Absentee materials may not be included in the election kit. (05:02:10:01:03)	Order so you receive before absentee voting begins	Order so you receive before absentee voting begins	Order so you receive before absentee voting begins
Once you know you have an election, you must draw for candidate order on the ballot. Each candidate or candidate representative may be present. (9-13-21)	Draw after petition filing deadline	Draw after petition filing deadline	Draw after petition filing deadline
Have your governing board appoint your Election Board. (9-13-16.1 & 05:02:05:11.01). You may use high school seniors (<i>must be 18 years old</i>). (13-27-6.1) Compensation for the election board. (9-13-16.1) The county auditor may have election worker names.	Anytime	Anytime	Anytime
First publication of voter registration notice. Must be published for two consecutive weeks. (12-4-5.2 & 05:02:04:04)	Between the dates of March 6 th & 10 th	Between the dates of May 1 st & May 5 th	Between the dates of May 15 th & May 19 th
Second publication of voter registration notice. The last publication to be not less than ten nor more than fifteen days before the deadline for registration. (12-4-5.2 & 05:02:04:04)	Between the dates of March 13 th & 17 th	Between the dates of May 8 th & 12 th	Between the dates of May 22 nd & May 26 th
Deadline for voter registration. (12-4-5)	March 27 th by 5:00 pm	May 22 nd by 5:00 pm	June 5 th by 5:00 pm

Absentee ballots must be made available no later than 15 days prior to the election (9-13-21). Sample ballots must be printed on yellow paper and we encourage you to put the word SAMPLE on the sample ballot. The paper ballot form can be found at 05:02:06:12 .	March 27 th	May 22 nd	June 5 th
Publish notice of election that needs to be published each week for two consecutive weeks. First publication must be at least 10 days before the election. (9-13-13 & 05:02:04:08) (Note: May 29 th is Memorial Day)	Weeks of March 27 th & April 3 rd	Weeks of May 22 nd & May 29 th	Weeks of June 5 th & June 12 th
Publish facsimile ballot in the calendar week before the election. The calendar week falls from the Monday to the Saturday of the week prior to the Tuesday of Election Day. (9-13-13 & 12-16-16.2 talks about the size for publication)	Week of April 3 rd	Week of May 29 th	Week of June 12 th
If using optical scan ballots: Not more than ten days prior to an election, the person in charge of the election shall conduct a test of the automatic tabulating equipment. <i>Notice of the test, must be published at least 48 hours prior to the test.</i> (12-17B-5 & 05:02:09:01.01)	Conduct test anytime between April 3 rd - 10 th	Conduct test anytime between May 29 th – June 5 th	Conduct test anytime between June 12 th – 19 th
Deadline for a voter to absentee vote in-person .	April 10 th by 5:00 pm	June 5 th by 5:00 pm	June 19 th by 5:00 pm
A voter, who is confined due to sickness or disability, may request an absentee ballot via authorized messenger until 3:00 pm the day of the election . The ballot must be returned to you in time for your or your staff to get it to the proper polling location by 7:00 pm (local time).	APRIL 11 until 3:00 pm	JUNE 6 until 3:00 pm	JUNE 20 until 3:00 pm
ELECTION DAY. Polls open 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. (9-13-1 , 13-7-10) The person in charge of the election MUST BE AVAILABLE from 7:00 am until the ballots have been counted and all election materials and supplies have been returned to person in charge of the election.	APRIL 11	JUNE 6	JUNE 20
Deadline for official canvass. (9-13-24)	April 18 th	June 13 th	June 27 th
Issue certificates of election. (9-13-5 & 9-13-28 ; 05:02:15:08 & 05:02:15:09) (<i>Appointed candidates do not receive a certificate.</i>)	Within 2 days after canvass	Within 2 days after canvass	Within 2 days after canvass
In a first class municipality, an official must file an Elected Official Financial Interest Statement (3-1A-4). The financial interest statement is filed with the person in charge of the election and a sample form can be found at sdsos.gov .	Within 15 days of taking oath of office	Within 15 days of taking oath of office	Within 15 days of taking oath of office

Oaths of Office: There is nothing in Administrative Rule that outlines the form/wording of an oath of office. Please work with your (city or school, depending on which calendar) attorney to write the oath. Also, there is nothing that clearly guides you as to when your officials must take the oath. Work with your attorney regarding this. Reference [SDCL 9-14-5](#) for qualifying for office.

Note: If the municipal election is combined with a school election on a date other than the 2nd Tuesday in April, all dates follow [SDCL 13-7](#) (except when combined with the county for a primary election). Additional information on combining elections may be found at: <https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/assets/CityandSchoolcombinedelectionQ&A.pdf>

Ballot color for combined elections: If combining, one ballot must be white, and the other jurisdiction will use a contrasting color (**do not use yellow** as that is the color for sample ballots). [05:02:06:18](#)

Notify County Auditor: Contact your county auditor when you know you will have an election and ask if he/she can be available from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on that date to answer questions regarding voter registration. ([SDCL 7-7-2](#))

Missed Election Notices: We do encourage any jurisdiction that misses a publication to try to get it published and post the notice around their jurisdiction. The notice would still be considered late and the election could still be challenged. Make sure to contact your city attorney if you miss a notice.

Petitions: To check the registration status of the candidate and petition signers (**NEW: Finance Officers are required by law to do this for candidate petitions**), per [05:02:08:00](#), go to: <http://cityandschoollookup.sdsos.gov/Login.aspx>. If you forgot your username and password, or never had one, contact the Secretary of State's Election Team and we will provide one to you. Elections@state.sd.us

First Class Municipalities: Aberdeen, Belle Fourche, Box Elder, Brandon, Brookings, Harrisburg, Huron, Madison, Mitchell, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Spearfish, Sturgis, Vermillion, Watertown and Yankton.

Home Rule Municipalities: Aberdeen, Beresford, Brookings, Elk Point, Faith, Ft. Pierre, Pierre, Sioux Falls, Springfield and Watertown.

Contact a member of the Secretary of State's Election Team with any questions at Elections@state.sd.us or 605-773-3537.

Additional **election information** can be found at: <https://sdsos.gov>. Click on **Elections & Voting** then the **City/School Resources** button.