

2010 Election Calendar

23-July Fri.	Deadline for the county clerk to send mail ballots to each active affiliated elector and all affiliated electors marked "inactive - failed to vote" for a Primary Election conducted by mail ballot. (No later than 18 days before the Primary Election)	1-7.5-107(3)(a)(I)
23-July Fri.	If a political subdivision has taken formal action to participate in the General Election, they must notify the county clerk of their participation. (100 days before the General Election)	1-7-116(5) 1-1-106(5)
26-July Mon.	Last day to appoint the Board of Canvassers for the Primary Election. (At least 15 days before the Primary Election)	1-10-101(1)(a)
26-July Mon.	Counting of mail/mail-in ballots may begin 15 days prior to the Primary Election. No results can be disclosed until after 7:00 p.m. on election day.	1-7.5-107.5 1-8-302(2)(b)
27-July Tues.	First day that drop off locations may be open for Primary Elections conducted by mail ballot. (14 days prior to and on election day, except Sundays and the first Saturday)	1-7.5-107(4.3)(b)
29-July Thu.	Last day to post polling place signs for the Primary Election. (At least 12 days before the election)	1-5-106
30-July Fri.	Last day to amend a previously filed unaffiliated candidate nomination petition. (No later than 3 p.m., 95 days before the General Election)	1-4-912(1)
30-July Fri.	Equipment inventory lists for the Primary Election are due to the Secretary of State. (Not less than 10 days prior to Primary Election)	SOS Rule 11.4.2(d) 1-1-106(5)
31-July Sat.	Last day for the county clerk to give published notice of the Primary Election. (No later than 10 days before the Primary Election)	1-5-205(1)
31-July Sat.	Early voting may begin at the early voting polling places for the Primary Election with approval of the board of county commissioners. (10 days before the Primary Election)	1-8-202
31-July Sat.	Counting of early voters' ballots may begin 10 days prior to the election. No results can be disclosed until after 7:00 p.m. on election day.	1-8-302(2)
AUGUST, 2010		
2-Aug. Mon.	Constitutional deadline to file an initiative petition with the Secretary of State for the 2010 General Election, no later than 3:00 p.m. (Article V, Section 1(2) of the Colorado Constitution requires that the petition be filed 3 months before the election; however, statute sets the deadline at 3 months and 3 weeks before the election.)	Art V, Sect. 1(2) 1-40-108 1-40-107(5)
2-Aug. Mon.	Last day for judicial candidates to file a Declaration of Intent. (Not less than 3 months prior to General Election)	Art. VI, Sect. 25
2-Aug. Mon.	First day that walk-in voting locations (service centers) may be open for Primary Elections conducted by mail ballot. (8 days prior to and on election day, except Sunday)	1-7.5-107(4.5)(c)
3-Aug. Tue.	Elections setup records for the Primary Election are due to Secretary of State. (No later than the 7th day prior to the Primary Election)	SOS Rule 11.7.1
3-Aug. Tue.	Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot for the Primary Election if the ballot is to be mailed. (7th day prior to the election)	1-8-104(3)
4-Aug. Wed.	Last day to establish polling places for the General Election. (90 days before the General Election)	1-5-102.5 SOS Rule 7.3
4-Aug. Wed.	Last day for designated election official to notify an unaffiliated candidate of whether the amended nominating petition is sufficient. (No later than the 90th day before the General Election)	1-4-912(1)
6-Aug. Fri.	Last day for early voting at the early voting polling places for the Primary Election. (Close of business the Friday before the Primary Election)	1-8-208(3)
6-Aug. Fri.	Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot for the Primary Election if the ballot is picked up in person. (Close of business the Friday before the Primary Election)	1-8-104(3)
10-Aug. Tue.	PRIMARY ELECTION (Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)	1-4-101(1)

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10-Aug. Tue.	All mail/mail-in ballots and emergency mail-in ballots must be in the hands of the county clerk no later than 7:00 p.m. on election day. Except for ballots cast by absent uniformed service electors serving outside the U.S., which must be voted and transmitted no later than 7:00 P.M. on election day and received no later than the close of business on the 8th day after election day.	1-8-113(1)(a) 1-8-115(1)(b) 1-8-115(2)
11-Aug. Wed.	Last day for the Secretary of State to issue statements of sufficiency or insufficiency for initiative petitions filed on July 12th. (No more than 30 calendar days after the petition is filed)	1-40-116(2); Art. V, Sec. 1(2)
12-Aug. Thu.	Deadline for the Secretary of State to notify all counties of which voting devices and which race or races have been selected for auditing purposes is 7:00 p.m. (Within 48 hours after the close of polls)	SOS Rule 11.5.4.1
12-Aug. Thu.	Deadline for the county clerk to send missing signature, signature verification, and missing ID letters for mail/mail-in ballots. Deadline for the county clerk to send missing signature letters for provisional ballots. (Within 3 days from signature/ID verification but no later than 2 days after election day)	1-7.5-107(3.5)(d) 1-7.5-107.3 1-8-113(3)(d) 1-8-114.5(2)(a) 1-8.5-105(3)(a)
18-Aug. Wed.	Last day for ballots cast by absent uniformed service electors serving outside the U.S., to be received by the county clerk in order to be counted. (No later than close of business on the 8th day after election day. Ballots must have been voted and transmitted by 7:00 P.M. on election day)	1-8-113(1)(a)(ii)
18-Aug. Wed.	Last day for elector to cure signature discrepancy or missing signature, or to provide missing ID for mail/mail-in ballot to be counted. Last day for elector to cure missing signature for provisional ballot to be counted. (Within 8 days after election day)	1-7.5-107(3.5)(d) 1-7.5-107.3 1-8-113(3)(d) 1-8-114.5(2)(a) 1-8.5-105(3)(a)
20-Aug. Fri.	Last day for verification and counting of provisional ballots to be completed. (Within 10 days after the Primary Election)	1-8.5-105(5)
23-Aug. Mon.	The County Board of Canvassers shall prepare official Abstract of Votes for the Primary Election and immediately deliver a copy to the Secretary of State. (No later than the 13th day after the Primary Election)	1-10-102(1)
23-Aug. Mon.	Counties shall report the results of the post-election audit to the Secretary of State. (No later than 5 p.m. on the 13th day after the Primary Election)	SOS Rule 11.5.4.11
24-Aug. Tue.	Intergovernmental agreements to be signed by county clerks and political subdivisions. (No later than 70 days before the General Election)	1-7-116(2)
24-Aug. Tue.	Last day for a write-in candidate to file an Affidavit of Intent for the General Election. (By the close of business on the 70th day before the General Election)	1-4-1102(1)
30-Aug. Mon.	Last day for Secretary of State to compile, total the returns and order appropriate recounts of the Primary Election. (No later than the 20th day after the Primary Election)	1-10-103(2)
30-Aug. Mon.	Last day interested parties may request a recount of the Primary Election at their own expense. (Within 20 days after the Primary Election)	1-10.5-106(2)
SEPTEMBER, 2010		
3-Sep. Fri.	Deadline for the designated election official of each political subdivision that intends to conduct an election to certify the ballot order and content to the county clerk. (No later than 60 days before the General Election)	1-5-203(3)(a)
3-Sep. Fri.	Security and contingency plans due to the Secretary of State. (No later than 60 days before the General Election)	SOS Rules 43.2, 43.3
3-Sep. Fri.	Last day for the Secretary of State to send notice and certification of the General Election ballot to the county clerks. (No later than 57 days before the General Election)	1-5-203(1) 1-1-106(5)
3-Sep. Fri.	Deadline for the county clerk to make available to qualified electors the special write-in blank mail-in ballot along with a list of all candidates and measures that are to be submitted to the voters. (No later than the 57th day before the General Election)	1-8-116 1-1-106(5)

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4-Sep. Sat.	Any VRD application signed after this day must be delivered or postmarked no later than 5 business days after the application is signed. (Less than 30 days before the registration deadline)	1-2-702(2)
9-Sep. Thu.	Last day to complete statutory or requested recount of the Primary Election. (30 days after the Primary Election)	1-10.5-103 1-10.5-102(2) 1-10.5-106(2)
17-Sep. Fri.	Last day to file pro/con comments pertaining to local ballot issues with the designated election official in order to be included in the issue mailing. (Friday before the 45th day before the election)	1-7-901(4) Art. X, Sect. 20(3)(b)(v)
17-Sep. Fri.	Final day for the Secretary of State to approve alternate ballot counting. (No later than 45 days before the General Election)	1-7-603 1-1-106(5)
18-Sep. Sat.	First day that school of instruction for all election judges may be held by the county clerks or designated election officials. (Not more than 45 days prior to the election)	1-6-101(5)
21-Sep. Tue.	Last day for the designated election official to deliver ballot issue notices to the county clerk and recorder. (No later than 42 days before the election)	1-7-904
OCTOBER, 2010		
1-Oct. Fri.	Ballots for the General Election must be printed and in possession of the designated election official. (Not less than 32 days before the General Election)	1-5-403(1)
1-Oct. Fri.	Deadline to send mail-in ballots to overseas military voters. (no later than 30 days prior to the election where a mail-in ballot request was received at least 35 days prior to the election)	1-8-111(1)(b) 1-1-106(5)
1-Oct. Fri.	Last day to mail notice of election ballot issues. (At least 30 days before a ballot issue election)	Art. X, Sect. 20 (3)(b) 1-1-106(5)
4-Oct. Mon.	Last day to register to vote for the General Election. (No later than 29 days before the General Election)	1-2-201(3) 1-2-209(2)
5-Oct. Tue. to 2-Nov. Tue.	Elector may complete a sworn affidavit for a change of address in the county clerk's office stating that he/she moved within the state no later than the 30th day before the election. (For the 28 days before and on the day of the election)	1-2-216(4)(a)
8-Oct. Fri.	Deadline for the county clerk and recorder to mail a voter information card concerning the General Election to all active eligible electors and all electors marked inactive - failed to vote.	1-5-206(1)(a)
12-Oct. Tue.	First day mail-in ballots may be sent to voters with mail-in requests, except for UOCAVA voters. (No sooner than 22 days before election day*.) *Because the 22nd day falls on a holiday, the deadline moves to the next business day	1-8-111(1) 1-1-106(4)
12-Oct. Tue.	Last day for Secretary of State to designate a point of contact for the Emergency Electronic Transfer form. Contact information must be posted to the website and e-mailed to each county clerk. (No later than 21 days before the General Election)	SOS Rule 42.11.2
18-Oct. Mon.	Early voting begins at the early voters' polling place for the General Election. (15 days before the election)	1-8-202
18-Oct. Mon.	Last day for county chairpersons of each of the two major political parties to appoint Board of Canvassers for the General Election. (At least 15 days before the General Election)	1-10-101(1)(a)
18-Oct. Mon.	Counting of mail-in ballots may begin 15 days prior to the election. No results can be disclosed until after 7:00 p.m. on election day.	1-8-302(2)(b)
21-Oct. Thu.	Last day to post polling place signs for the General Election. (At least 12 days before the General Election)	1-5-106
23-Oct. Sat.	Last day for county clerks to give notice of the General Election. (At least 10 days before the General Election)	1-5-205(1)
22-Oct. Fri.	Equipment inventory lists are due to the Secretary of State for the General Election. (Not less than 10 days prior to General Election)	SOS Rule 11.4.2(d) 1-1-106(5)
23-Oct. Sat.	Counting of early voters' ballots may begin 10 days prior to the election. No results can be disclosed until after 7:00 p.m. on election day.	1-8-302(2)

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26-Oct. Tue.	Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot for the General Election if mailed. (7th day preceding the election)	1-8-104(3)
29-Oct. Fri.	Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot for the General Election if picked up at the county clerk's office. (Friday preceding the election)	1-8-104(3)
29-Oct. Fri.	Last day for early voting at the early voting polling places for the General Election. (Close of business the Friday preceding the General Election)	1-8-208(3)
NOVEMBER, 2010		
2-Nov. Tue.	GENERAL ELECTION (Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)	1-1-104(17) 1-4-201
2-Nov. Tue.	All mail-in ballots and emergency mail-in ballots shall be in the hands of the county clerk no later than 7:00 p.m. on election day. Except for ballots cast by absent uniformed service electors serving outside the U.S., which must be voted and transmitted no later than 7:00 P.M. on election day and received no later than the close of business on the 8th day after election day.	1-8-113(1)(a) 1-8-115(1)(b) 1-8-115(2)
4-Nov. Thu.	Deadline for the Secretary of State to notify all counties of which voting devices and which race or races have been selected for auditing purposes is 7:00 p.m. (Within 48 hours after the close of polls)	SOS Rule 11.5.4.1
4-Nov. Thu.	Deadline for the county clerk to send missing signature, signature verification, and missing ID letters for mail/mail-in ballots. Deadline for the county clerk to send missing signature letters for provisional ballots. (Within 3 days from signature/ID verification but no later than 2 days after election day)	1-7.5-107(3.5)(d) 1-7.5-107.3 1-8-113(3)(d) 1-8-114.5(2)(a) 1-8.5-105(3)(a)
10-Nov. Wed.	Last day for ballots cast by absent uniformed service electors serving outside the U.S., to be received by the county clerk in order to be counted. (No later than close of business on the 8th day after election day, ballots must have been voted and transmitted by 7:00 P.M. on election day)	1-8-113(1)(a)(ii)
10-Nov. Wed.	Last day for elector to cure signature discrepancy or missing signature, or to provide missing ID for mail/mail-in ballot to be counted. Last day for elector to cure missing signature for provisional ballot to be counted. (Within 8 days after election day)	1-7.5-107(3.5)(d) 1-7.5-107.3 1-8-113(3)(d) 1-8-114.5(2)(a) 1-8.5-105(3)(a)
16-Nov. Tue.	Last day for verification and counting of provisional ballots to be completed. (Within 14 days after the General Election)	1-8.5-105(5)
19-Nov. Fri.	County Board of Canvassers shall prepare official abstract of votes cast for the General Election. (No later than the 17th day after the General Election)	1-10-102(1)
19-Nov. Fri.	Counties shall report the results of the post-election audit to the Secretary of State. (No later than 5 p.m. on the 17th day after the General Election)	SOS Rule 11.5.4.11
22-Nov. Mon.	Last day for county clerks to transmit returns to the Secretary of State. (No later than the 18th day after the election)	1-10-103(1) 1-1-106(4)
26-Nov. Fri.	Last day for the Secretary of State to compile and total returns from all counties and order appropriate recounts, if any. (24 days after the General Election)	1-10-103(2)
26-Nov. Fri.	Last day an interested party may request a recount of the results of the General Election at their own expense. (Within 24 days after the General Election)	1-10.5-106(2)
DECEMBER, 2010		
2-Dec. Thu.	Last day to complete a mandatory or requested recount. (No later than the 30th day after the General Election)	1-10.5-102(2) 1-10.5-106(2)

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