

Important 2019 Election Dates

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May 4, 2019 - Uniform Election Date

Authority Conducting Elections	Local Political Subdivisions and Counties
Deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline ¹	Monday, December 17, 2018 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates ¹
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, January 1, 2019* *First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2019 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.
First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) ¹	Wednesday, January 16, 2019
Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) ²	Friday, February 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. See note below relating to four-year terms ³
Last Day to Order General Election or Election on a Measure	Friday, February 15, 2019
Last Day to Register to Vote	Thursday, April 4, 2019
First Day of Early Voting By Personal Appearance	Monday, April 22, 2019
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received , not Postmarked)	Tuesday, April 23, 2019
Last Day of Early Voting By Personal Appearance	Tuesday, April 30, 2019
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Saturday, May 4, 2019 (election day) at 7:00 p.m. (unless a late-arriving deadline applies)

¹ Under new law, most local entities now have a "first day" to file.

For the few entities who do not have a first day to file: For the May 4, 2019 election, Wednesday, January 16, 2019 is the deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline for local political subdivisions that do not have a first day to file for their candidates. For the November 5, 2019 election, Monday, July 22, 2019 is the deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline for local political subdivisions that do not have a first day to file for their candidates. (The 30th day before last day on which candidate may file falls on a Saturday, deadline moves to next business day.)

Local political subdivisions include: cities, school districts, water districts, hospital districts, and any other local government entity that conducts elections. Many of these elections are conducted on the May uniform election date. Note: Counties may also be holding local proposition (measure) elections on May 4, 2019.

² Filing deadlines: generally, the filing deadline is the 78th day prior to Election Day. The Texas Election Code (the "Code") may provide a different special election filing deadline. See Section 201.054 of the Code. Write-in deadlines: the deadline for most local (city, school, other) general elections is now the same day as the filing deadline for application for a place on the ballot in a May election or November election. NEW LAW: A declaration of write-in candidacy for special elections must be filed no later than the filing deadline for all candidates. House Bill 2323 (2017). Effective Date: September 1, 2017.

³If no candidate for a **four-year term** has filed an application for a place on the ballot for a **city office**, the filing deadline for that office is extended to 5 p.m. of the 57th day before the election. For the May 4, 2019 election, this is Friday, March 8, 2019. For the November 5, 2019 election, this is Monday, September 9, 2019. See Section 143.008 of the Code.

⁴The county elections officer may be the county clerk, the county tax assessor-collector (if commissioners court transfers election duties to him/her), or the county elections administrator (if commissioners court creates the position).

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November 5, 2019 - Uniform Election Date

These dates are subject to changes from the 2019 legislative session.

Authority Conducting Elections	County Elections Officer/Local Political Subdivisions
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, January 1, 2019* *First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2019 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.
Deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline	Thursday, June 20, 2019 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates ¹
First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) ¹	Saturday, July 20, 2019 ("first day" does not move; office hours not required)
Last Day to Order General Election or Election on a Measure	Monday, August 19, 2019
Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) ²	Monday, August 19, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. See note below relating to four-year terms ³
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, October 7, 2019
First Day of Early Voting	Monday, October 21, 2019 (17th day before election day falls on a Saturday, first day moves to next business day)
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received , not Postmarked)	Friday, October 25, 2019
Last Day of Early Voting	Friday, November 1, 2019
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, November 5, 2019 (election day) at 7:00 p.m. (unless a late-arriving deadline applies)

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