

Important 2023 Election Dates

May 6, 2023 - Uniform Election Date	
Authority Conducting Elections	Local Political Subdivisions and Counties
Deadline to post candidate requirements ⁵ Form 1-15 (PDF)	Friday, May 6, 2022
Deadline to Post Notice of Candidate Filing Deadline (Local Political Subdivisions Only) ¹	Monday, December 19, 2022 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates ¹
First day to apply for a ballot by mail using Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM) or Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).	Sunday, January 1, 2023* <i>*First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2023 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.</i>
First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) ¹	Wednesday, January 18, 2023
Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) ²	Friday, February 17, 2023 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 17, 2023
Last Day to Register to Vote	Thursday, April 6, 2023
First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Monday, April 24, 2023
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Tuesday, April 25, 2023
Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Tuesday, May 2, 2023
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Saturday, May 6, 2023 (election day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is not postmarked, OR Monday, May 8, 2023 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (less overseas or military voter deadlines apply) ⁴

¹ For the few entities who do not have a first day to file: For the May 6, 2023 election, Wednesday, January 18, 2023 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 7, 2023 election, Saturday, July 22, 2023 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.

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 6, 2023.

² Filing deadlines: generally, the filing deadline is the 78th day prior to Election Day. The Code may provide a different special election filing deadline. See Section 201.054 of the Texas Election Code (the "Code"). Write-in deadlines for general and special elections vary. See the long calendar for this election date for details. The write-in deadline for most local (city, school, other) special elections is now the same day as the filing deadline for application for a place on the ballot. Section 201.054.

³ If 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 6, 2023 election, this is Friday, March 10, 2023. For the November 7, 2023 election, this is Monday, September 11, 2023. See Section 143.008 of the Code.

⁴ Different deadlines apply to the last day to receive ballots sent by the following: 1) non-military and military voters who mailed ballots from overseas and submitted a regular state Application for Ballot by Mail ("ABBM"), 2) non-military voters who mailed ballots from overseas and who submitted a Federal Postcard Application ("FPCA"), and (3) military voters and members of the Texas National Guard, who mailed ballots domestically or from overseas and who submitted an FPCA. See Secs. 86.007, 101.001 and 101.057 of the Code.

⁵ Section 2051.201 of the Government Code requires all political subdivisions with the authority to impose a tax maintain a publicly accessible Internet website and post the date and location of the next election for officers of the political subdivision and the requirements and deadline for filing for candidacy of each elected office of the political subdivision, which shall be continuously posted for at least one year before the election day for the office.