



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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2019 CITY ELECTION DATES
-- August Primary/November Election --

By 4:00 p.m., April 23	Partisan and nonpartisan candidates file nominating petitions and Affidavits of Identity. (168.644f) Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on April 26.
By April 29	City clerk forwards names and addresses of partisan and nonpartisan candidates to county clerk. (168.321)
By 5:00 p.m., April 30	Petitions to place proposals on ballot filed with city clerk. (168.646a)
By 5:00 p.m., May 3	Last day a recall petition can be filed for August election. (Recalls filed against Governor, state-level or countywide office only. Does not apply to local offices; see May calendar & November dates below for applicable deadlines.) (168.963)
By 4:00 p.m., May 14	Ballot wording of proposals qualified to appear on primary election ballot certified to city clerk. (168.646a)
By June 22	Clerks shall electronically transmit or mail (as requested) an absent voter ballot to each absent UOCAVA (uniformed services or overseas) voter who applied for an absent voter ballot 45 days or more before the election (MOVE deadline.) (168.759a)
By June 22	Absent voter ballots must be available for issuance to voters. (168.714)
June 27 through July 16	Precinct inspectors appointed by local election commission for primary election. (168.674)
July 8	Notice of voter registration for election published. One notice required. (168.498*)

July 8	Clerk shall post and notify the Secretary of State of hours the clerk's office will be open on the Saturday or Sunday or both immediately before the election to issue and receive absent voter ballots. (168.761b*)
July 8	Clerk shall post and notify the Secretary of State of any additional locations and hours the clerk will be available to issue and receive absent voter ballots, if applicable. (168.761b*)
July 22	Last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk for the August election. (168.497*)
By 4:00 p.m., July 23	Minor parties that wish to participate in partisan city general elections nominate candidates. Parties must notify city clerk of nominated candidates within one business day after caucus (Party must have state recognized ballot status). (168.644e)
July 23 through 8:00 p.m. August 6	In-person registration with local clerk with proof of residency. (168.497*)
By 4:00 p.m., July 26	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms for August Primary Election. (168.737a)
By July 30	Notice of primary election published. One notice required. (168.653a)
By 5:00 p.m., July 30	Petitions to place questions on general election ballot filed with county or local clerks. (168.646a)
By August 1	Public accuracy test must be conducted by local election commission. (R 168.778) Notice of test must be published at least 48 hours before test. (168.798)
By 5:00 p.m., August 2	Last day a recall petition can be filed for November election. (Local offices only face recall in May & November.) (168.963)
Up to 5:00 p.m. August 2	Electors may obtain an absent voter ballot via First Class mail. (168.759*)
Up to 4:00 p.m. August 5	Electors may obtain an absent voter ballot in person in the clerk's office. (168.761*)
Up to 4:00 p.m. August 6	Emergency absentee voting for primary. (168.759b)
August 6	Election Day registrants may obtain and vote an absent voter ballot in person in the clerk's office or vote in person in the proper precinct. (168.761*)
August 6	CITY PRIMARY ELECTION

Before 11:00 a.m., August 7	City clerk delivers results of primary to county clerk. (168.809)
By 5:00 p.m., August 7	Candidates without political party affiliation who seek a partisan city office file qualifying petitions and Affidavits of Identity. (168.590c) Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on August 12.
By 9:00 a.m., August 8	Boards of County Canvassers meet to canvass primary election. (168.821**)
By 4:00 p.m., August 13	Ballot wording of proposals qualified to appear on general election ballot certified to county and local clerks. (168.646a)
By August 15	City clerk forwards names and addresses of candidates without political party affiliation who seek a partisan city office to county clerk. (168.321)
By September 21	Clerks shall electronically transmit or mail (as requested) an absent voter ballot to each absent UOCAVA (uniformed services or overseas) voter who applied for an absent voter ballot 45 days or more before the election (MOVE deadline.) (168.759a)
By September 21	Absent voter ballots must be available for issuance to voters. (168.714)
September 26 through October 15	Precinct inspectors appointed by local election commission for general election. (168.674)
By October 7	Notice of voter registration for general election published. One notice required. (168.498*)
By October 7	Clerk shall post and notify the Secretary of State of hours the clerk's office will be open on the Saturday or Sunday or both immediately before the election to issue and receive absent voter ballots. (168.761b*)
By October 7	Clerk shall post and notify the Secretary of State of any additional locations and hours the clerk will be available to issue and receive absent voter ballots, if applicable. (168.761b)
October 21	Last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk for the November election. (168.497*)
October 22 through November 5	In-person registration with the local clerk with proof of residency. (168.497*)
By 4:00 p.m., October 25	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms for general election. (168.737a)
By October 29	Notice of general election published. One notice required. (168.653a)

By October 31	Public accuracy test must be conducted by local election commission. (R 168.778) Notice of test must be published at least 48 hours before test. (168.798)
Up to 5:00 p.m. November 1	Electors may obtain an absent voter ballot via First Class mail. (168.759*)
Up to 4:00 p.m. November 4	Electors may obtain an absent voter ballot in person in the clerk's office (168.761*).
Up to 4:00 p.m. November 5	Emergency absentee voting for general election. (168.759b)
November 5	Election day registrants may obtain and vote an absent voter ballot in person in the clerk's office or vote in person in the proper precinct. (168.761*)
November 5	CITY GENERAL ELECTION
Before 11:00 a.m., November 6	City clerk delivers results of general election to county clerk. (168.809)
By 9:00 a.m. November 7	Boards of County Canvassers meet to canvass general election. (168.821**)

* These sections were amended by 2018 PA 603 and are not yet available on the Legislature's website.

** 2018 PA 614 changed the start of the county canvass for every election to no later than 9 a.m. on the Thursday after the election.