



# Secretary of State

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## 2012 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CALENDAR

	Second Tuesday in April	First Tuesday after the first Monday in June	Combine with school on third Tuesday in June
The governing board must establish the election date no later than January 14 <sup>th</sup> of the election year, if they choose a different election date other than the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in April. <u>(9-13-1)</u>	April 10 <sup>th</sup>	June 5 <sup>th</sup>	June 19 <sup>th</sup>
The person in charge of the election must notify the Secretary of State when the election will take place by e-mail, letter, fax, or telephone.	Immediately	Immediately	Immediately
Publish notice of vacancies and time and place for filing petitions each week for two consecutive weeks. <u>(9-13-6 or 9-13-40 &amp; 05:02:04:06; 13-7-5 &amp; 5:02:04:14)</u>	January 15 <sup>th</sup> - January 30 <sup>th</sup>	February 15 <sup>th</sup> - March 1	March 15 <sup>th</sup> - March 30 <sup>th</sup>
Earliest date to begin petition circulation and earliest date to file nominating petition. <u>(9-13-9, 9-13-40 &amp; 13-7-6)</u>	January 27 <sup>th</sup>	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	April 10 <sup>th</sup>
Publish first deadline of voter registration notice that needs to be published each week for two consecutive weeks. <u>(12-4-5.2 &amp; 05:02:04:04)</u>	March 5 <sup>th</sup> - March 9 <sup>th</sup>	April 30 <sup>th</sup> - May 4 <sup>th</sup>	May 14 <sup>th</sup> - May 18 <sup>th</sup>
Deadline for filing nominating petition. <u>(9-13-7, 9-13-40 &amp; 13-7-6)</u>	February 24 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm	March 27 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm	May 11 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm
Deadline for submission of written request to withdraw candidate's name from nomination. <u>(9-13-7.1, 13-7-7)</u>	February 24 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm	March 27 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm	May 11 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm
In the event of no contest due to the death or withdrawal of a candidate, you will publish one notice of cancellation of municipal election. <u>(9-13-7.1 &amp; 05:02:04:21)</u>	February 24 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm	March 27 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm	May 11 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm
Publish last deadline of voter registration notice that needs to be published each week for two consecutive weeks. <u>(12-4-5.2 &amp; 5:02:04:04)</u>	March 12 <sup>th</sup> - March 16 <sup>th</sup>	May 7 <sup>th</sup> - May 11 <sup>th</sup>	May 21 <sup>st</sup> - May 25 <sup>th</sup>
Deadline for voter registration. <u>(12-4-5)</u>	March 26 <sup>th</sup>	May 21 <sup>st</sup>	June 4 <sup>th</sup>
Absentee ballots must be made available no later than 15 days prior to the election. If the election is held in conjunction with the June Primary Election, absentee voting may be 46 days prior to the election. <u>(9-13-21, 12-16-1, 9-13-21)</u>	March 26 <sup>th</sup>	April 20 <sup>th</sup>	June 4 <sup>th</sup>
Publish notice of election that needs to be published each week for two consecutive weeks. First publication must be at least 10 days before election. <u>(9-13-13 &amp; 05:02:04:08 or 13-7-8 &amp; 5:02:04:15)</u>	March 26 <sup>th</sup> - April 6 <sup>th</sup>	May 21 <sup>st</sup> - June 1 <sup>st</sup>	June 4 <sup>th</sup> - June 15 <sup>th</sup>

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)	April 2 <sup>nd</sup> - April 7 <sup>th</sup>	May 28 <sup>th</sup> - June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	June 11 <sup>th</sup> - June 16 <sup>th</sup>
Automatic tabulating systems only. Conduct a public test of the system. Must publish notice 48 hours before test. (12-17B-5 & 5:02:09:01.01)	March 31 <sup>st</sup> - April 9 <sup>th</sup>	May 28 <sup>th</sup> - June 4 <sup>th</sup>	June 9 <sup>th</sup> - June 18 <sup>th</sup>
Election Day. Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (9-13-1)	April 10 <sup>th</sup>	June 5 <sup>th</sup>	June 19 <sup>th</sup>
Deadline for official canvass. (9-13-24)	April 17 <sup>th</sup>	June 12 <sup>th</sup>	June 26 <sup>th</sup>

Note: If the school election is combined with a municipal election on a date other than the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in April, all dates follow SDCL 13-7 (except when combined with the county for a primary election).

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 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on that date to answer questions regarding voter registration.