

## **Important Dates for the Party Conventions, Primary Elections, and General Election**

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### **September 2021**

#### **September 14, 2021**

First day the county chairs may accept applications for a place on the ballot, for the office of **precinct chair**. TEC § 172.023(b).

### **November 2021**

#### **November 13, 2021**

First day the Republican or Democratic Party candidate may file an application for a place on the primary ballot. TEC § 172.023(b).

First day the county chairs may accept applications for a place on the primary ballot for the office of **county chair**. TEC § 172.023(b).

First day independent candidates may file a declaration of intent to run. TEC §§ 142.002(b), 172.023.

#### **November 30, 2021**

If there is a vacancy for an unexpired term in a state or county office after the 10th day before the candidacy filing deadline, but on or before the 5th day before the deadline (on or after December 3 and on or before December 8), an application for the unexpired term is subject to an extended filing deadline. **See entry at December 20, 2021.** TEC § 202.004(a), (c).

### **December 2021**

#### **December 8, 2021**

Last day a vacancy for an unexpired term may occur, for that seat to appear on the primary ballot. TEC § 202.004(a).

## **December 12, 2021**

Deadline for the county chair (or the secretary of the county executive committee) to post, on the political party's **Internet website or where a candidate files their application**, a notice containing the addresses at which the county chair and the secretary will be accepting applications on the last day for filing an application. TEC § 172.022(b)

## **December 13, 2021**

Last day Democratic or Republican Party candidates may file an application for a place on the primary ballot (6 p.m.). TEC § 172.023(a).

**NOTE:** This is also the deadline for applications for an unexpired term in a state or county office that occurred on or before the 10th day before the date of the filing deadline. TEC § 202.004(b). **See entry at December 20, 2021 for Extended Deadlines.**

Last day the county chairs may accept applications for the office of **county or precinct chair** (6 p.m.). TEC § 172.023(a).

Last day independent candidates may file a declaration of intent to run (6 p.m.). TEC §§ 142.002, 172.023(a). Last day minor party candidates may file applications and submit filing fee or petition in lieu of filing fee to applicable filing authority in order to be nominated by convention (6 p.m.). TEC § 181.033(a). A political party, by rule, may extend the filing deadline for applications for nomination for an office for which a candidate withdraws, dies, or is declared ineligible. TEC § 181.033(b).

## **December 14, 2021**

If a candidate withdraws, dies, or is declared ineligible by this date, the candidate's name is omitted from the primary ballot. TEC §§ 172.057(a), 172.058(a).

## **December 20, 2021**

Deadline for the state or county chair, as applicable, to **receive** applications under an extended filing period due to a vacancy for an unexpired term in a state or county office, that occurred after the 10th day before the candidacy filing deadline, but on or before the 5th day before the deadline (on or after December 3 and on or before December 8, 2021), TEC § 202.004(a), (c). (This deadline is extended to Monday, December 20, 2021 by TEC § 1.006 due to the 5th day after the date of the regular filing deadline for the general primary election falling on Saturday, December 18.)

Extended Deadline (6 p.m.) for the state or county chair to receive a new application for an office for which the applicant:

- dies on or after the fifth day before the filing deadline (December 8, 2021) and on or before the first day after the filing deadline (December 14, 2021);
- holds the office for which the application was made, and withdraws or is declared ineligible on the filing deadline (December 13, 2021) or on the first day after the filing deadline (December 14, 2021); or
- withdraws or is declared ineligible on the filing deadline (December 13, 2021) or on the first day after the filing deadline (December 14, 2021), and at the time of the withdrawal or declaration of ineligibility no other candidate has made an application that complies with the applicable requirements. TEC § 172.054(b).

(This deadline is extended to Monday, December 20, 2021 by TEC § 1.006 due to the 5th day after the date of the regular filing deadline for the general primary election falling on Saturday, December 18.) **NOTE:** An application filed



by mail with the state chair under this Extended Deadline provision is not timely, if received later than 5:00 p.m. on the Extended Deadline.

Last day candidates may file a declaration of write-in candidacy for county or precinct chair if write-ins are authorized by the county executive committee (6 p.m.). TEC § 171.0231(d). (This deadline is extended to Monday, December 20, 2021 by TEC § 1.006 due to the 5th day after the date of the regular filing deadline for the general primary election falling on Saturday, December 18.)

#### **December 21, 2021**

Deadline for the state chair to certify to the Secretary of State (SOS), the name of each candidate who files an application for a place on the primary ballot that complies with TEC § 172.021(b) **on or before December 13, 2021**. TEC § 172.028(a).

#### **December 22, 2021**

Date SOS anticipates posting the certified list, provided by state chairs, of candidates who filed **on or before December 13, 2021**, on its public website. TEC § 172.028(a).

Deadline for the state chair to notify the county chair of each county in which the candidate will appear on the ballot that the certified list has been posted by SOS. TEC § 172.028(b). **See entry at December 23, 2021** for supplemental notification of certification of candidates who filed with the state chair **on or before the Extended Deadline of December 20, 2021**.

Deadline for the state executive committee to set the date, hour, and place for convening the state convention. TEC §§ 174.092, 174.093.

**NOTE:** TEC § 174.092(b) provides that the state executive committee must set the date, hour, and place for convening the state convention **not later than the date the state chair delivers to the county chairs the certification** of names to be placed on the general primary ballot. However, the state chair no longer certifies names of the district and statewide candidates for the primary ballot to county chairs. Instead, the state chair certifies candidate names to the Secretary of State, which posts candidate names on its website. TEC § 172.028(b) provides that the state chair must **notify the county chair in each county not later than the 9th day after the regular filing deadline** that the certification has been posted by Secretary of State. Accordingly, the calendar continues to show the **9th day after the regular filing deadline** as the deadline for state executive committee to set the date, hour, and place for convening the state convention.

Deadline for the chair to post notice on the commissioners court bulletin board 24 hours before the date, hour, and place of the ballot drawing if the drawing is conducted on December 23, 2021. If the party has a website, they must post notice on the party's website. All candidates who provide an email address on their filing form must be notified electronically. TEC § 172.082(e).

#### **December 23, 2021**

Deadline for the county chair or county chair's designee to conduct the drawing for the order of candidates on the ballot at the county seat (unless the committee provides by resolution that the county executive committee is to conduct drawing). TEC § 172.082(c).

Recommended deadline for the state chair to certify to SOS the list of candidates who filed an application that complies with Section 172.021(b) of the TEC **after December 13, 2021 and on or before December 20, 2021**. TEC §§ 172.028(a), 172.029.

**NOTE:** The purpose of this recommendation is to ensure that candidates whose applications are filed in accordance with the Extended Deadlines under TEC § 202.004(a) and TEC § 172.054(b) are added to the list of certified candidates previously submitted by the state chair to the SOS. See entries at December 20, 2021 and December 29, 2021

## **December 29, 2021**

Date by which Secretary of State anticipates posting on Secretary of State's Internet website, that is viewable by the public, additions to the certified list of candidates provided by state chair that are the result of the additional candidates who filed **on or before December 20, 2021 in accordance with the Extended Deadlines**. TEC §§ 172.028(a), 172.029.

Recommended date for state chair to notify county chair in each county in which the candidate's name is to appear on the ballot that certification of additional candidates who filed by the **Extended Deadline on or before December 20, 2021** has been posted by Secretary of State. TEC §§ 172.028(b), 172.056, See entries at December 20, 2021 and December 23, 2021.

## **January 2022**

### **January 1, 2022**

First day for voters to submit an application for a ballot by mail for **March 1** primary election, or for **both the March 1** primary election and **May 24** runoff primary election. TEC §§ 84.001(e), 84.007.

### **January 3, 2022**

Recommended deadline for the county chair and the state chair to electronically submit certain candidate information (including information on candidates for county and precinct chair) to the county election officer, the state chair, and the SOS. TEC § 172.029(c).

Recommended date for the county chair to submit the ballot format to the primary committee for its approval, and for the county chair to order ballots. TEC §§ 86.004(b), 172.083.

### **January 15, 2022**

Deadline for the early voting clerk to mail ballots for the primary election to those overseas voters from whom the clerk has already received applications for ballots by mail or federal postcard applications ("FPCA"). TEC § 86.004(b).

### **January 31, 2022**

Last day citizens may register to vote in **March 1** primary election. TEC § 13.143(a). (This deadline is extended by TEC § 13.143(e) from the 30th day before election day, which falls on Sunday, January 30, 2022.)

## **February 2022**

### **February 14, 2022**

First day of early voting by personal appearance for **March 1** primary election. TEC § 85.001(a), (c). (This date is extended to Monday, February 14, 2022 by TEC § 1.006 because the 17th day before election day is Saturday, February 12, 2022.)

### **February 18, 2022**



Last day for early voting clerk to receive application for ballot by mail for **March 1** primary election. TEC § 84.007(c).

Last day for early voting clerk to receive an FPCA for **March 1** primary election. TEC §§ 101.052(g), 114.004(c).

**Note:** BOTH FPCAs and ABBMs must be received by the 11th day before election day.

## **February 25, 2022**

Last day of early voting by personal appearance for **March 1** primary election. TEC § 85.001(a).

## **March 2022**

### **March 1, 2022**

Primary election day. TEC § 41.007(a).

### **March 2, 2022**

First day independent candidates for offices **not** involved in runoff primary election may collect signatures for petitions in connection with applications. TEC § 142.009.

### **March 7, 2022**

Last day to post notice of county executive committee's meeting to canvass returns of primary election because canvass must take place on March 10, 2022. Notice must be posted at least 72 hours before scheduled time of meeting. TEC § 172.116; Texas Government Code §§ 551.002, 551.041, 551.043.

### **March 8, 2022**

Precinct conventions held to elect delegates to county or district conventions of minor parties. TEC §§ 181.061(c), 182.005.

### **March 10, 2022**

Local canvass of the primary election by county chair and at least one member of the county executive committee, selected by the county executive committee, must be conducted on this date. TEC § 172.116(b).

Last day to post notice of state executive committee's meeting to canvass returns of primary election because state canvass must take place on March 13, 2022. Notice must be posted at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting. TEC § 172.120; Texas Government Code §§ 551.002, 551.041, 551.043.

### **March 12, 2022**

County convention for minor parties that are nominating candidates for single-county district, county, or precinct offices. TEC §§ 181.061(c), 182.005.

### **March 13, 2022**

Deadline for state executive committee to conduct state canvass for all races with potential runoffs (races with three or more candidates). See entry under March 23, 2022. State chair must certify these candidates for statewide and district offices for placement on runoff primary election ballot to county chair as soon as practicable after canvass is completed. TEC §§ 172.120(b)(1), 172.121.

### **March 16, 2022**

Last day runoff primary candidates may withdraw from ballot (5 p.m.), if the state canvass was held on March 13, 2022. TEC § 172.059.

### **March 17, 2022**

Recommended deadline if state canvass is held on March 13, 2022 for state chair to certify candidates for statewide and district offices for placement on runoff primary ballot. TEC § 172.121.

### **March 19, 2022**

District convention for minor parties nominating candidates for multi-county district offices. TEC § 181.061(b).

### **March 23, 2022**

Deadline for state executive committee to conduct state canvass for races with no potential runoff. TEC § 172.120(b) (2). See entry under March 13, 2022.

### **March 30, 2022**

Deadline for county chair to post notice on the Secretary of State's website of the names of the persons elected as county chair and precinct chairs for the county. TEC § 172.118.

## **April 2022**

### **April 25, 2022**

Last day to register to vote in **May 24 runoff** primary election. TEC § 13.143(a). (This deadline is extended by TEC § 13.143(e) from the 30th day before election day, which falls on Sunday, April 24.)

## **May 2022**

### **May 13, 2022**

Last day for early voting clerk to receive application for ballot by mail for **May 24 runoff** primary election. TEC § 84.007(c).

Last day for early voting clerk to receive an FPCA for **May 24 runoff** primary election. TEC §§ 101.052(g), 114.004(c).

### **May 16, 2022**

First day of early voting by personal appearance for **May 24 runoff** primary election. TEC § 85.001(b), (c). (This date is extended to Monday, May 16, 2022 by TEC § 1.006 because the 10th day before election day is Saturday, May 14, 2022.)

### **May 20, 2022**

Last day of early voting in person for **May 24 runoff** primary election. TEC § 142.009.

### **May 23, 2022**

Last day party chairs of new political parties may submit petitions and precinct convention lists to Secretary of State and to the appropriate county clerk (or other county election official) to secure placement of candidates on the November general election ballot. TEC §§ 181.005(a), 181.006(b)(3), 181.061(c), 182.003, 182.004. (This date is

extended to Monday, May 23, 2022 by TEC § 1.006 because the 75th day after the date of the precinct conventions is Sunday, May 22, 2022.)

### **May 24, 2022**

Runoff primary election day. TEC § 41.007(b).

### **May 25, 2022**

First day independent candidates for offices involved in runoff election may collect signatures for applications. TEC § 142.009.

### **May 30, 2022**

Last day to post notice of meeting to canvass returns of runoff primary election because canvass must take place on June 2, 2022. Notice must be posted at least 72 hours before scheduled time of meeting. TEC § 172.116; Texas Government Code §§ 551.002, 551.041, 551.043

## **June 2022**

### **June 2, 2022**

Local canvass of the runoff primary election by county chair and at least one member of the county executive committee, selected by the county executive committee, must be conducted on this date. TEC § 172.116(b).

### **June 3, 2022**

Deadline for county clerk to submit canvassed returns for statewide and district offices to Secretary of State. TEC § 67.007(d).

### **June 8, 2022**

Last day to post notice of state executive committee's meeting to canvass returns of runoff primary election if state canvass takes place on June 11, 2022. Notice must be posted at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting. TEC § 172.120; Texas Government Code §§ 551.002, 551.041, 551.043.

### **June 11, 2022**

State canvass of the runoff primary election by the state chair. TEC § 172.120(b-1).

### **June 13, 2022**

New party officers take office. TEC § 171.022(c).

### **June 23, 2022**

Last day independent candidates may file applications and petitions (5 p.m.). TEC § 142.006.

## **July 2022**

### **July 23, 2022**

First day candidates may file a declaration of write-in candidacy for November 8 general election. TEC § 146.025.



## **August 2022**

### **August 22, 2022**

Last day candidates may file declaration of write-in candidacy for November 8 general election. TEC § 146.025.

### **August 26, 2022**

Last day candidates may withdraw from or be declared ineligible for general election. TEC §§ 145.032, 145.035.

## **October 2022**

### **October 10, 2022**

Last day citizens may register to vote in November 8 general election. TEC § 13.143(a). (This deadline is extended by TEC § 13.143(e) from the 30th day before election day, which falls on Sunday, October 9, to the next business day.)

### **October 24, 2022**

First day of early voting by personal appearance for November 8 general election. TEC § 85.001(a). (This date is extended to Monday, October 24, 2022 by TEC § 1.006 because the 17th day before election day is Saturday, October 22, 2022.)

### **October 28, 2022**

Last day for early voting clerk to receive application for ballot by mail for November 8 general election. TEC § 84.007(c).

Last day for early voting clerk to receive FPCA for November 8 general election. TEC §§ 101.052(g), 114.004(c).

## **November 2022**

### **November 4, 2022**

Last day of early voting by personal appearance for November 8 general election. TEC § 85.001(a).

### **November 8, 2022**

General election day. TEC § 41.002.

## **Note Concerning Conventions of Parties Holding Primary Elections**

### **Precinct Conventions**

**Time and Place:** Precinct conventions may be held at a time and place determined by rules adopted by the state executive committee of a political party. If precinct conventions are held on the general primary election day, the hour for convening may not be earlier than 7:00 p.m. or later than 9:00 p.m., but a convention may not convene until the last voter has voted at the precinct polling place. If precinct conventions are held on a day other than the general primary election day, the county executive committee must set the hour for convening or a time frame in which the convention must convene. TEC §§ 174.021, 174.022.

**Notice Required:** The county chair must post notice of the date, hour, and place for convening the precinct convention, on the county or the state party's Internet website or another Internet location easily found through a



search engine. If the county party does not maintain an Internet website, the chair shall post notice on the county commissioners court bulletin board. Notice must remain posted continuously for the 10 days leading up to the date of the convention. Because convention times are not yet determined, this calendar does not show any deadlines for posting such notices. Not later than the 10th day before the date of the precinct conventions, the county chair must deliver to the county election officer, written notice **either on paper or in electronic form**, of the date, hour, and place for convening each precinct convention. TEC § 174.023(a), (b).

## County and Senatorial Conventions

**Time and Place:** The state executive committee, by rule, must specify the date and the county for the senatorial conventions. The political party may, by rule, allow a county to hold the precinct conventions before the county convention on the same day and at the same place. TEC §§ 172.021, 174.063(a).

**Notice Required:** Notice of the hour and date for convening the county convention must be posted electronically on the county or the state party's Internet website or on the bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the commissioners court. Notice must remain posted continuously for the 10 days leading up to the date of convention. Because convention times are not yet determined, this calendar does not show any deadlines for posting such notices. Not later than the 10th day before the date of the county and the senatorial convention, the county chair must deliver, to the county election officer, written notice **either on paper or in electronic form**, of the date, hour, and place for convening county and senatorial convention. TEC § 174.064(a), (b).

## State Conventions

The biennial state convention must be convened on a date selected by the state executive committee. The state convention date is no longer limited to June or July. The state executive committee must set the date of the state convention not later than the date the state chair delivers to the county chairs, the certification of candidate names for the primary election ballot. **See entry at December 20, 2021.** Accordingly, this calendar does not show any deadline or period for holding the state convention. Notice of the date, hour, and place for convening the state convention must be posted by the state chair on the party's Internet website, before the date of the party's precinct conventions. TEC §§ 174.092, 174.093.