

2021 SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT ELECTION CALENDAR

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2020-2021																				
December '20							January '21							February '21						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28						
							31													
March '21							April '21							May '21						
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June '21							July '21							August '21						
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September '21							October '21							November '21						
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Deadline	Activity	Statute
2020		
December 10, 2020 145 days before election	Candidate Filing Opens for Special Purpose District Elections (excluding conservation districts; see 13-1-502(4)(b)).	13-1-502(1)

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2021		
February 8, 2021 85 days before election	Candidate Filing Closes at 5pm .	13-1-502(1)
	Deadline for a candidate to withdraw.	13-1-502(2)
	Last day for Governing Body to pass an order or resolution calling for the election. The order or resolution shall specify whether the governing body is requesting that the election be conducted by mail.	13-1-504(4) and (5)
February 18, 2021 75 days before election	Ballot certification deadline.	13-12-201
March 1, 2021 65 days before election	Write-in candidates must file a declaration of intent by 5pm	13-1-502(3)
	After 5pm, Election Administrator shall cancel election and immediately notify the governing body in writing of the cancellation, if the number of candidates is equal to, or less than, the number of positions to be filled . The governing body may require the election to be held by passing a resolution. <i>(Since there is no deadline specified in law for such a governing body resolution, SOS recommends working closely with the governing body to determine in advance of March 4 whether the governing body plans to pass such a resolution.)</i>	13-1-502(4)(a)
March 5, 2021 60 days before election	Deadline for Secretary of State to receive written plans for May 4 mail ballot elections.	13-19-205(1)
March 8 – April 4 Starting not earlier than four weeks before close of voter registration	Publish notice of close of regular registration and availability of late registration at least three times in the four weeks preceding the close of regular voter registration.	13-2-301(1)(b)
March 25 – April 24 Between 10 and 40 days before election	Publish notice of election three times (if newspaper of general circulation is weekly, notice must be published two times).	13-1-108(1) and (2)
April 5, 2021 30 days before election	Regular Voter Registration Closes.	13-2-301(1)(a)
April 6, 2021	Late registration opens; ballots must be available for issuing to late registrants.	13-2-304(1)
April 8, 2021 Within 3 days of the close of regular voter registration	Voter registration applications postmarked by April 5 and received by April 8 are accepted for regular voter registration.	13-2-301(3)
April 14, 2021 20 days before the election	Absentee ballots must be available for voting; in a polling place election, electors on the absentee elector list, including absent military and overseas electors, are sent ballots automatically on April 14.	13-1-503(1)
No sooner than April 14; no later than April 19	If election is conducted by mail ballot, ballots must be mailed on a single date during this range.	13-1-503(2)
May 4, 2021	Election Day	13-1-504(1)