

Wisconsin Elections Commission Calendar of Election Events

November 2025 - January 2027

2026 Elections:

Spring Primary - Tuesday, February 17, 2026
 Spring Election Tuesday, April 7, 2026
 Partisan Primary - Tuesday, August 11, 2026
 General Election - Tuesday, November 3, 2026



November 2025	Event	Statute
15-Nov	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type A notice of April 7, 2026 Spring Election to county clerks.	10.01(1), (2)(a), 10.06(1)(a) –November 15
25-Nov	County clerks publish Type A notice of Spring Election .	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(a) – 4th Tuesday of November
25-Nov	Municipal clerks publish Type A notice of Spring Election for municipal offices and referenda.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(3)(a), (4)(a) – 4th Tuesday of November
30-Nov	Deadline for political parties to submit list of nominees for election inspectors and special voting deputies to municipalities.	6.875(4), 7.30(4)(b), (c) –November 30
December 2025	Event	Statute
1-Dec	First day for candidates to circulate nomination papers for the 2026 Spring Election.	8.05(3)(a), (4)(b), 8.10(2)(a) – December 1
1-Dec	First day for town or village governing body to set a date for caucus.	8.05(1)(a) – between December 1 and January 1
1-Dec	Municipal clerks certify the approximate number of electors in the municipality to county clerks.	5.66(1) – 1st day of the 2nd month preceding a primary
1-Dec	Deadline for electors of a village to petition for a primary.	8.11(1m)(c) – December 1
9-Dec	Deadline for filing officer to receive referendum questions or petitions for referendum intended for the Spring Primary ballot.	8.37 – 70 days prior to the election
10-Dec	Deadline for school district clerks to file a copy of any referendum question intended for the Spring Primary with the county clerk of each county having territory within the school district.	8.37 – next business day after receipt by filing officer
20-Dec	Poll lists from the February 20, 2024 Spring Primary may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(e) – 22 months after election
26-Dec	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for incumbents not seeking reelection to file Notification of Noncandidacy (EL-163) with the filing officer. Failure to notify along with a failure to file nomination papers by the deadline will extend nomination paper deadline 72 hours for that office.	8.10(2)(a), 120.06(6)(b) – 2nd Friday preceding the deadline for nomination papers

28-Dec	Municipal clerk publishes caucus notice.	8.05(1)(b) – at least 5 days before the date of the caucus
31-Dec	Deadline for governing body of a municipality to appoint election inspectors and special voting deputies for the 2026-2027 term.	6.875(4), 7.30(4)(a), (b) ¹ – December 31
January 2026	Event	Statute
1-Jan	Last day for town or village governing body to set a date for caucus.	8.05(1)(a) – between December 1 and January 1
1-Jan	First day for political organizations seeking to attain ballot status to circulate the Petition for Ballot Status (EL-171).	5.62(2)(a) – January 1
2-Jan	First day for town or village governing body to hold caucus.	8.05(1)(a) – between January 2 and January 21
no specific date	Municipal clerk notifies in writing the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes at the caucus of their nomination.	8.05(1)(j) ¹ – as soon as possible
no specific date	Caucus nominees file declarations of candidacy and campaign registration statements for the Spring Election with the municipal clerk.	8.05(1)(j) ² – no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 5th day after notification is mailed or personally delivered
no specific date	Filing officers in municipalities using caucus draw names of candidates by lot for placement on the Spring Election ballot.	8.05(1)(j) ⁴ – 3rd day after qualification of candidates from the caucus
no specific date	Municipal clerks using caucus certify names of municipal candidates and any municipal referenda to county clerks for printing of ballots for the Spring Election.	10.06(3)(bm) – as soon as possible, but no later than 3 days after qualification of candidates from the caucus
6-Jan	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for candidates to file nomination papers, declarations of candidacy, and campaign registration statements for the 2026 Spring Election with the filing officer.	8.05(3)(a), (4)(b), 8.10(2)(a), (5), 8.21–1st Tuesday in January
9-Jan	Deadline (4:30 p.m.) for all judicial candidates to file Statement of Economic Interests with Wisconsin Ethics Commission.	19.43(4) – 3rd day following the deadline for nomination papers
9-Jan	Last day for governing body of a city or village to decide upon a primary, or for electors of a city to petition for a primary, if not required by ordinance.	8.11(1)(a), (c), (1m)(a) – 3rd day following the deadline for nomination papers
9-Jan	Deadline for filing officer to accept challenges to nomination papers.	8.07, EL 2.07 – within 3 calendar days of the deadline to file nomination papers
Within 24 hours of receipt of challenge	Filing officer arranges to deliver a copy of the challenge to the challenged candidate.	EL 2.07 (2)(a) – within 24 hours of receipt of challenge
Within 3 calendar days of the challenge being filed	Deadline for challenged candidate to file a verified response with the filing officer.	EL 2.07(2)(b) – within 3 calendar days of the challenge being filed

13-Jan	Deadline for filing officers to draw names of candidates by lot for placement on the Spring Primary ballot or the Spring Election ballot if no primary is required.	5.58(1b)(bm), (cm), (1c), (1g)(c), (2), (2m) 5.60(1)(ag), (b), (3)(b), (4)(c), (5)(ar), (6)(a) – 2nd Tuesday in January
13-Jan	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type B notice information and certification of candidates to county clerks for the Spring Primary or the Spring Election if no primary is required.	10.01(2)(b), 10.06(1)(c) – 2nd Tuesday in January
13-Jan	County clerks send notification of election to municipal clerks as soon as possible after receipt of Type B notice from Wisconsin Elections Commission and after adding any county offices or referenda.	10.06(2)(b) – as soon as possible after receipt of Type B notice
13-Jan	County clerks prepare Spring Primary ballots and send proofs to Wisconsin Elections Commission for review as soon as possible before printing.	5.72(1), 7.10(2) – as soon as possible
13-Jan	Deadline (if primary is scheduled) for municipal governing body to designate an alternate location for requesting and voting an absentee ballot. This location will remain in use through the Spring Election.	6.855(1) – no fewer than 14 days prior to the time that absentee ballots are available
18-Jan	Deadline for governing body of municipality to establish location of polling places for the Spring Primary.	5.25(3) – 30 days before the election
18-Jan	Deadline for governing body of municipality to pass resolution combining wards for the Spring Primary.	5.15(6)(b) – 30 days before the election
18-Jan	Deadline for governing body of municipality to authorize appointment of tabulators for the Spring Primary.	7.30(3)(a) – 30 days before the election
20-Jan	County and municipal clerks publish Type A notice of referenda, if required.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(n), (3)(f), (4)(f) – 4th Tuesday preceding the election
20-Jan	Municipal clerks publish Type E notice of absentee voting instructions for the Spring Primary.	10.01(2)(e), 10.06(3)(as) – 4th Tuesday preceding the election
20-Jan	Last day for electors to begin to acquire residence for the Spring Primary. In most cases, electors moving after this date may vote from their prior address.	6.02(2), 6.10(3) – 28 days prior to election
21-Jan	Last day for town or village governing body to hold caucus.	8.05(1)(a) – no later than January 21
26-Jan	First day for special voting deputies (SVDs) to conduct absentee voting for residents in authorized care facilities for the Spring Primary. The municipal clerk must post notice of absentee voting at care facilities at least 5 working days before the visit.	6.875(6) – 4th Monday preceding election

26-Jan	Deadline for county clerks and school district clerks to deliver ballots and supplies to municipal clerks for the Spring Primary.	7.10(1), (3)(a), 120.06(8)(d) – no later than 22 days before the election
27-Jan	Deadline for municipal clerks to send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the Spring Primary.	7.15(1)(cm) – no later than 21 days before the election
27-Jan	Municipal clerks send absentee ballots to voters one business day after receiving a sufficient request. All absentee ballots must be recorded in WisVote.	42 U.S.C. 1973ff-1, Wis. Stat. § 7.15(1)(cm) – as soon as ballots are available
27-Jan	Deadline for the filing officer to receive referendum questions or petitions for referendum intended for the Spring Election ballot.	8.37 – 70 days prior to the election
28-Jan	Deadline for school district clerks to file a copy of any referendum question intended for the Spring Election with the county clerk of each county having territory within the school district.	8.37 – next business day after receipt by filing officer
28-Jan	Deadline for voters to mail in a voter registration form or submit a voter registration form online ahead of the Spring Primary. After this date, electors must register in person in the municipal clerk's office or at the polling place.	6.28(1) – must be postmarked no later than the 3rd Wednesday before the election. Online registration closes at 11:59 p.m.
29-Jan	First day for clerks to issue certificate of registrations (EL-133) to late registrants who register to vote in person.	6.29(2)(a) – First day after close of by-mail/online registration
February 2026	Event	Statute
2-Feb	Poll lists from the April 2, 2024 Spring Election may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(e) – 22 months after election
3-Feb	Clerks issue absentee ballots in person in the clerk's office or other designated location(s). Start date set by municipality.	6.86(b) - not more than 14 days prior to the election
7-Feb	First day for municipal or county clerk to conduct public test of electronic voting equipment. Municipal or county clerk must publish notice of public test of electronic voting equipment at least 48 hours prior to test.	5.84(1) – not more than 10 days prior to the election
9-Feb	Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to make arrangements for absentee voting with authorized care facility administrators.	6.875(6) – the 6th working day before the election
10-Feb	Last day for municipal clerk to post notice of absentee voting at nursing homes and authorized care facilities.	6.875(6)(a) – at least 5 working days before the visit
10-Feb	First day for municipal clerk to issue absentee ballots by agent to hospitalized electors.	6.86(3)(c) – not earlier than 7 days before the election
12-Feb	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for regular and overseas electors to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email, or fax) for the Spring Primary.	6.86(1)(b) – the 5th day preceding the election

13-Feb	Deadline (12:00 p.m.) for write-in candidates to file a registration statement with the filing officer for the Spring Primary.	7.50(2)(em) – noon the Friday preceding the election
13-Feb	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for indefinitely confined electors and military electors, not on active duty or away from their residence, to request absentee ballots by mail, online, by email, or fax for the Spring Primary.	6.86(1)(b) – Friday preceding the election
13-Feb	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for electors to register to vote in the municipal clerk's office or other designated location(s).	6.29(2)(a) – Friday preceding the election
15-Feb	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for electors (except hospitalized electors and sequestered jurors) to make application in person for absentee ballots. Date set by municipality, in person absentee voting can end before this date.	6.86(1)(b) – No later than Sunday preceding election
16-Feb	Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in authorized care facilities for the Spring Primary.	6.875(6) – the Monday preceding the election
16-Feb	County and municipal clerks publish Type B notice of voting instructions and sample ballots for the Spring Primary, if required.	10.01(2)(b), 10.02, 10.06(2)(d), (3)(b) – the Monday preceding election
16-Feb	County and municipal clerks publish Type C notice of referenda for the Spring Primary, if required.	10.01(2)(c), 10.06(3)(b) – the Monday preceding the election
16-Feb	Municipal clerks publish Type D notice of the location and hours of polling places for the Spring Primary, if required.	10.01(2)(d) – the Monday preceding the election
17-Feb	Spring Primary (if required).	6.86(1)(b) – Election Day - 3rd Tuesday in February
17-Feb	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for military electors on active duty away from their voting residence to request absentee ballots.	6.86(1)(b) – Election Day
17-Feb	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for sequestered jurors to apply for an absentee ballot for the Spring Primary.	6.86(1)(b) – Election Day
17-Feb	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for hospitalized electors to file a registration form and/or apply for an absentee ballot by agent for the Spring Primary.	6.86 (3)(c) – Election Day
17-Feb	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for all absentee ballots to be delivered to the polling place or central count location.	6.87(6) – Election Day
17-Feb	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for clerks of central count municipalities to post a statement in their offices and on the internet listing the number of absentee ballots issued and the number that have been returned	7.52(1)(c) – No later than the closing hour of polls
17-Feb	Election inspectors complete the returns for all votes cast at the polling place.	7.51, 7.53(1)(a) – immediately after the polls close

17-Feb	Election inspectors in municipalities that have combined wards and one polling place complete and sign the municipal canvass statement for the Spring Primary.	7.53(1)(a) – immediately after the polls close
17-Feb	Election inspectors report results of the Spring Primary to proper clerks immediately upon completion of ward/election district canvass.	7.51(4)(b), 7.60(1) – immediately after votes are tabulated
17-Feb	Municipal clerks report the returns, by ward or reporting unit, to the county clerk no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated.	7.51(4)(c) – no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated
17-Feb	County clerks post all election returns, by ward or reporting unit on the county website no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns.	7.60(1) – no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns
17-Feb	Municipal clerks post a statement of the number of electors who have cast a provisional ballot at the clerk’s office and the internet	7.15(15) – as soon as possible after the polls close on election night
17-Feb	Municipal clerks enter Provisional Ballot Reporting Form (EL-123r) information into the WisVote Provisional Ballot Tracker.	42 U.S.C. 15482 – election night
18-Feb	Municipal clerks deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes and materials to county and school district clerks by 4:00 p.m.	7.51(5) – the day following the election
18-Feb	Election notices and proofs of publication from the February 18, 2025 Spring Primary may be destroyed, where applicable.	7.23(1)(j) – one year after the date of the election
19-Feb	Municipal clerks (in municipalities that canvass absentee ballots at an alternate location) deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes to county clerks by 4:00 p.m.	7.51(5), 7.52 – the 2nd day following the election
20-Feb	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for electors who voted provisionally to provide missing information to the municipal clerk.	6.97(3)(b) – the Friday after the election
23-Feb	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Spring Primary, if necessary.	7.53(1)(a), 7.53(2)(d) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Monday after the election
23-Feb	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to finish the canvass of the Spring Primary, if necessary.	7.51(5)(b) – no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Monday after the election
23-Feb	Municipal clerks certify names of municipal candidates and any municipal referenda to county clerks for printing of ballots for the Spring Election.	10.06(3)(bm) – as soon as possible, but no later than 3 days after the municipal canvass is complete

24-Feb	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the County Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Spring Primary, if necessary.	7.60(3) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election
24-Feb	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the School District Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Spring Primary, if necessary.	7.53(3)(a) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election
24-Feb	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for the School District Board of Canvassers to complete the canvass of the Spring Primary, if necessary.	7.53(3)(a) – no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday after the election
24-Feb	Filing officers draw names of candidates by lot for placement on the Spring Election ballot.	5.60(1)(b), (5), (6) – 3rd day after completion of the canvass
24-Feb	Deadline for a qualified candidate, or an individual who voted on a referendum at the Spring Primary to petition for a recount.	9.01(1)(a)1 – 5:00 p.m. on the 3rd business day following the last meeting of the board of canvassers determining the election result
26-Feb	Last day for county clerks to deliver statement of county canvass of the Spring Primary for judicial offices to Wisconsin Elections Commission.	7.60(5) – no later than 9 days after a primary
March 2026	Event	Statute
2-Mar	Deadline (if no primary was held) for municipal governing body to designate an alternate location for requesting and voting an absentee ballot for the and Spring Election.	6.855(1) – no fewer than 14 days prior to the time that absentee ballots are available
3-Mar	Clerks may clear memory devices for their voting equipment from the Spring Primary if the data has been transferred to another medium to be retained for 22 months.	7.23(1)(g) – 14 days after a primary
3-Mar	Last day for chairperson of the Wisconsin Elections Commission to certify results of the Spring Primary.	7.70(3)(a) – 2nd Tuesday following Spring Primary
3-Mar	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type B notice information and certification of candidates for the Spring Election to county clerks.	10.01(2)(b), 10.06(1)(e) – No later than the 1st Tuesday in March
3-Mar	County clerks send notification of election to municipal clerks as soon as possible after receipt of Type B notice from Wisconsin Elections Commission and after adding any county offices or referenda.	10.06(2)(e) – As soon as possible after receipt of Type B notice
3-Mar	County clerks prepare Spring Election ballots and send proofs to Wisconsin Elections Commission for review as soon as possible before printing.	5.72(1), 7.10(2) – As soon as possible after candidate certification
8-Mar	Deadline for governing body of municipality to establish location of polling places for the Spring Election.	5.25(3) – 30 days before the election

8-Mar	Deadline for governing body of municipality to pass resolution combining wards for the Spring Election.	5.15(6)(b) – 30 days before the election
8-Mar	Deadline for governing body of municipality to authorize appointment of tabulators for the Spring Election.	7.30(3)(a) – 30 days before the election
10-Mar	County and municipal clerks publish Type A notice of referenda, if required.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(f), (3)(bs) – 4th Tuesday before the election
10-Mar	Municipal clerks publish Type E notice of absentee voting instructions for the Spring Election.	10.01(2)(e), 10.06(3)(bs) – 4th Tuesday before the election
10-Mar	Last day for electors to begin to acquire residence for the Spring Election. In most cases, electors moving after this date may vote from their prior address.	6.02(2), 6.10(3) – 28 days prior to election
16-Mar	First day for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in authorized care facilities for the Spring Election. The municipal clerk must post notice of absentee voting at care facilities at least 5 working days before the visit.	6.875(6) – No earlier than the 4th Monday preceding the election
16-Mar	Deadline for county clerks and school district clerks to deliver ballots to municipal clerks for the Spring Election.	7.10(1), (3) – No later than 22 days before the election
17-Mar	Deadline for municipal clerks to send absentee ballots to voters. Municipal clerks send absentee ballots to voters one business day after receiving a sufficient request. All absentee ballots must be recorded in WisVote.	7.15(1)(cm) – No later than 21 days before the election
17-Mar	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type A notice of Partisan Primary on August 11, 2026, and General Election on November 3, 2026, to county clerks.	10.01(1), (2)(a), 10.06(1)(f) – 3rd Tuesday in March
18-Mar	Deadline for voters to use mail or internet submissions to register for participation in the and Spring Election. After this date, electors must register in person in the municipal clerk's office or at the polling place.	6.28(1) – must be postmarked no later than the 3rd Wednesday before the election. Online registration closes at 11:59 p.m.
19-Mar	First day for clerks to issue certificate of registrations (EL-133) to late registrants who register to vote in person.	6.29(2)(a) – First day after close of by-mail/online registration
19-Mar	Deadline for municipal clerks to submit voter participation, Inspectors' Statement data, and Election Reconciliation data for the Spring Primary via WisVote.	6.275 – within 30 days of each primary and election for a state or national office
24-Mar	Clerks issue absentee ballots in person in the clerk's office or other designated location(s). Start date set by municipality.	6.86(1)(b) – No earlier than 14 days before the election

28-Mar	First day for municipal or county clerk to conduct public test of electronic voting equipment. Municipal or county clerk must publish notice of electronic voting equipment public test at least 48 hours prior to test.	5.84(1) – 10 days before election
30-Mar	Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to make arrangements for absentee voting with authorized care facility administrators.	6.875(6) – the 6th working day before the election
31-Mar	Last day for municipal clerk to post notice of absentee voting at nursing homes and authorized care facilities.	6.875(6)(a) – at least 5 working days before the visit
31-Mar	First day for municipal clerk to issue absentee ballots by agent to hospitalized electors.	6.86(3)(c) – not earlier than 7 days before the election
April 2026	Event	Statute
1-Apr	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for political organizations seeking to attain ballot status to file Petition for Ballot Status (EL-171) with WEC.	5.62(2)(a) – April 1
1-Apr	Election notices and proofs of publication from the April 1, 2025 Spring Election may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(j) – one year after the date of the election
2-Apr	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for regular and overseas electors to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email or fax) for the Spring Election.	6.86(1)(b) – 5th day before the election
3-Apr	Deadline (12:00 p.m.) for write-in candidates to file a registration statement with the filing officer for the Spring Election.	7.50(2)(em) – noon the Friday preceding the election
3-Apr	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for indefinitely confined electors and military electors, not on active duty or away from their residence, to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email or fax) for the Spring Election.	6.86(1)(b) – Friday preceding the election
3-Apr	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for electors to register to vote in the municipal clerk's office or other designated location(s).	6.29(2)(a) – Friday preceding the election
5-Apr	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for electors (except hospitalized electors and sequestered jurors) to make application in person for absentee ballots. Date set by municipality, in person absentee voting can end before this date.	6.86(1)(b) – No later than Sunday preceding election
6-Apr	County and municipal clerks publish Type B notice of voting instructions and sample ballots for the Spring Election.	10.01(2)(b), 10.02, 10.06(2)(g), (3)(c) – Monday before the election
6-Apr	County and municipal clerks publish Type C notice of referenda for the Spring Election, if required.	10.01(2)(c), 10.06(2)(g), (3)(c) – Monday before the election

6-Apr	Municipal clerks publish Type D notice of the location and hours of polling places for the Spring Election.	10.01(2)(d), 10.06 (3)(c) – Monday before the election
6-Apr	Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in authorized care facilities for the Spring Election.	6.875(6) – Monday before the election
7-Apr	Spring Election	5.02(21) – 1st Tuesday in April
7-Apr	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for military electors on active duty away from their voting residence to request absentee ballots.	6.86(1)(b) – Election Day
7-Apr	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for sequestered jurors to apply for an absentee ballot for the Spring Election.	6.86(1)(b) – Election Day
7-Apr	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for hospitalized electors to file a registration form and/or apply for an absentee ballot by agent for the Spring Election.	6.86 (3)(c) – Election Day
7-Apr	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for all absentee ballots to be delivered to the polling place or central count location.	6.87(6) – Election Day
7-Apr	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for clerks of central count municipalities to post a statement in their offices and on the internet listing the number of absentee ballots issued and the number that have been returned.	7.52(1)(c) – No later than the closing hour of polls
7-Apr	Election inspectors complete the returns for all votes cast at the polling place.	7.51, 7.53(1)(a) – immediately after the polls close
7-Apr	Election inspectors in municipalities that have combined wards and one polling place complete and sign the municipal canvass statement for the Spring Election.	7.53(1)(a) – immediately after the polls close
7-Apr	Election inspectors complete the returns for all votes cast at the polling place, sign the municipal canvass statement if required, and report the results of the Spring Election to the proper clerks upon completion of the canvass.	7.51(4)(b), 7.60(1) – immediately after votes are tabulated
7-Apr	Municipal clerks report the returns, by ward or reporting unit, to the county clerk no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated.	7.51(4)(c) – no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated
7-Apr	County clerks post all election returns, by ward or reporting unit on the county website no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns.	7.60(1) – no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns
7-Apr	Municipal clerks post a statement of the number of electors who have cast a provisional ballot at the clerk's office and the internet.	7.15(15) – as soon as possible after the polls close on election night

7-Apr	Municipal clerks post a statement of the number of electors who have cast a provisional ballot at the clerk's office and the internet and enter Provisional Ballot Reporting Form (EL-123r) information into the WisVote Provisional Ballot Tracker.	42 U.S.C. 15482 – election night
7-Apr	County clerks send Type A notice of Partisan Primary on August 11, 2026, and General Election on November 3, 2026 to municipal clerks.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(gm) – 1st Tuesday in April
8-Apr	Municipal clerks deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes and materials to county and school district clerks by 4:00 p.m.	7.51(5) – the day after the election
9-Apr	Municipal clerks (in municipalities that canvass absentee ballots at an alternate location) deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes to county clerks by 4:00 p.m.	7.51(5), 7.52 – the 2nd day after the election
10-Apr	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for electors who voted provisionally to provide missing information to the municipal clerk.	6.97(3)(b) – the Friday after the election
13-Apr	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Spring Election.	7.53(1)(a), 7.53(2)(d) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Monday after the election
13-Apr	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to finish the canvass of the Spring Election.	7.51(5)(b) – no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Monday after the election
14-Apr	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the County Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Spring Election.	7.60(3) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election
14-Apr	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the School District Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Spring Election.	7.53(3)(a) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election
14-Apr	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for the School District Board of Canvassers to complete the canvass of the Spring Election.	7.53(3)(a) – no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday after the election
14-Apr	County clerks publish Type A notice of Partisan Primary on August 11, 2026, and General Election on November 3, 2026.	10.06(2)(h) - 2nd Tuesday in April preceding a partisan primary and general election
15-Apr	First day for candidates to circulate nomination papers for the General Election.	8.15(1) – April 15
17-Apr	Last day for county clerks to deliver statement of county canvass of the Spring Election for judicial offices to Wisconsin Elections Commission.	7.60(5) – no later than 10 days after the election
28-Apr	Clerks may clear memory devices for their voting equipment from the Spring Election if the data has been transferred to another medium to be retained for 22 months.	7.23(1)(g) – 21 days after the election.

May 2026	Event	Statute
7-May	Deadline for municipal clerks to submit voter participation, Inspectors' Statement data, and Election Reconciliation data for the Spring Election via WisVote.	6.275 – within 30 days of each primary and election for a state or national office
15-May	Last day for chairperson of the Wisconsin Elections Commission to certify results of the Spring Election.	7.70(3)(a) – May 15
18-May	Deadline for municipal clerks to submit Election Day Registration Postcard data for the Spring Primary via WisVote.	6.275(1)(f) – Within 90 days of each primary or election for state or national office
18-May	Certain materials and supplies from the 2026 Spring Primary may be destroyed after this date if no election contest, recount, or litigation is pending. Please check the destruction schedule in the Election Administration manual, as established by Wis. Stat. s. 7.23, before destroying any material.	7.23(1)(k) – 90 days after the election
22-May	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for partisan incumbents not seeking reelection to file Notification of Noncandidacy (EL-163) with the filing officer. Failure to notify along with a failure to file nomination papers by the deadline will extend nomination paper deadline 72 hours for that office.	8.15(1) – 2nd Friday prior to the deadline for nomination papers
June 2026	Event	Statute
1-Jun	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for candidates to file nomination papers, declarations of candidacy, and campaign registration statements for the General Election with the filing officer.	8.15(1), 8.20(8)(a), 8.21 – June 1
2-Jun	Deadline for filing officer to receive referendum questions or petitions for referendum intended for the Partisan Primary ballot.	8.37 – 70 days prior to the election
3-Jun	Deadline for school district clerks to file a copy of any referendum question intended for the Partisan Primary with the county clerk of each county having territory within the school district.	8.37 – next business day after received by filing officer
4-Jun	Deadline (4:30 p.m.) for all state candidates to file Statement of Economic Interests with Wisconsin Ethics Commission.	19.43(4) – 3rd day following deadline for nomination papers
4-Jun	Filing officers draw names of candidates by lot for placement on the Partisan Primary ballot.	5.60(1)(b), 5.62(3), (4) – As soon as possible after challenge deadline has passed
4-Jun	Deadline for filing officer to accept challenges to nomination papers.	8.07, EL 2.07 – within 3 calendar days of the deadline to file nomination papers
Within 24 hours of receipt of challenge	Filing officer arranges to deliver a copy of the challenge to the challenged candidate.	EL 2.07(2)(a) – within 24 hours of receipt of challenge

Within three calendar days of the challenge being filed	Deadline for challenged candidate to file a verified response with the filing officer.	EL 2.07(2)(b) – within 3 calendar days of the challenge being filed
10-Jun	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type B notice information and certification of candidates to county clerks for Partisan Primary.	10.01(2)(b), 10.06(1)(h) – June 10
10-Jun	Deadline for municipal governing body to designate an alternate location for requesting and voting an absentee ballot. This location will remain in use through the November general election.	6.855(1) – no fewer than 14 days prior to the time that absentee ballots are available
11-Jun	County clerks prepare ballots and send proofs to Wisconsin Elections Commission for review as soon as possible before printing.	5.72(1), 7.10(2) – as soon as possible after candidate certification
13-Jun	Poll lists from the August 13, 2024, Partisan Primary may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(e) – 22 months after an election
13-Jun	Ballots, absentee applications, and other records and papers from the August 13, 2024 Partisan Primary may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(f) – 22 months after a federal election
24-Jun	Deadline for county clerks to deliver ballots and supplies to municipal clerks for the Partisan Primary.	7.10(1),(3) – 48 days before Partisan Primary
25-Jun	Deadline for municipal clerks to send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the Partisan Primary. (UOCAVA deadline).	7.15(1)(cm) – 47 days before Partisan Primary
25-Jun	Municipal clerks send absentee ballots to voters one business day after receiving a sufficient request. All absentee ballots must be recorded in WisVote.	42 U.S.C. 1973ff-1, Wis. Stat. § 7.15(1)(cm) – as soon as ballots are available
July 2026	Event	Statute
6-Jul	Certain materials and supplies from the 2026 and Spring Election may be destroyed after this date if no election contest, recount, or litigation is pending. Please check the destruction schedule in the Election Administration manual, as established by Wis. Stat. §. 7.23, before destroying any material.	7.23(1)(k) – 90 days after the election
6-Jul	Deadline for municipal clerks to submit Election Day Registration (EDR) Postcard data for the and Spring Election via WisVote.	6.275(1)(f) – Within 90 days of each primary and election for state or national office
12-Jul	Deadline for governing body of municipality to pass resolution combining wards for Partisan Primary.	5.15(6)(b) – 30 days before election
12-Jul	Deadline for governing body of municipality to establish polling places for Partisan Primary.	5.25(3) – 30 days before election
12-Jul	Deadline for governing body of municipality to authorize appointment of tabulators for Partisan Primary.	7.30(3)(a) – 30 days before election

14-Jul	County and municipal clerks publish Type A notice of referenda, if required.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(n), 10.06(3)(cm) – 4th Tuesday preceding election
14-Jul	Last day for electors to begin to acquire residence for the Partisan Primary. In most cases, electors moving after this date may vote from their prior address.	6.02(2), 6.10(3) – 28 days prior to election
14-Jul	Municipal clerks publish Type E notice of absentee voting instructions for Partisan Primary.	10.01(2)(e), 10.06(3)(cm) – 4th Tuesday preceding the election
20-Jul	First day for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for the Partisan Primary.	6.875(6) – 4th Monday preceding the election
22-Jul	Deadline for voters to use mail or internet submissions to register for participation in the Partisan Primary. After this date, electors must register in person in the municipal clerk's office or at the polling place.	6.28(1) – must be postmarked no later than the 3rd Wednesday before the election. Online registration closes at 11:59 p.m.
23-Jul	First day for clerks to issue certificate of registrations (EL-133) to late registrants who register to vote in person.	6.29(2)(a) – First day after close of by-mail/online registration
28-Jul	Clerks may begin to issue in person absentee ballots at the clerk's office or designated alternate location(s).	6.86(1)(b) – No earlier than 14 days before the election
August 2026	Event	Statute
1-Aug	First day for municipal or county clerk to conduct public test of electronic voting equipment. Municipal or county clerk must publish notice of electronic voting equipment public test at least 48 hours prior to test.	5.84(1) – 10 days before election
3-Aug	Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to make arrangements for absentee voting with nursing home and authorized care facility administrators.	6.875(6) – the 6th working day before the election
6-Aug	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for regular and overseas electors to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email or fax) for Partisan Primary.	6.86(1)(b) – 5th day preceding the election
7-Aug	Deadline (12:00 p.m.) for write-in candidates to file a registration statement with the filing officer for the Partisan Primary.	7.50(2)(em) – noon the Friday preceding the election
7-Aug	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for calendar year absentee ballot requests to be submitted by mail, online, email, or fax to receive absentee ballot for Partisan Primary.	6.86(1)(b), 6.86(2m) – 5:00 p.m. Friday preceding an election
7-Aug	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for indefinitely confined and military electors not on active duty away from their voting residence to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email or fax) for the Partisan Primary.	6.86(1)(c), (2)(a) – Friday preceding the election

7-Aug	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for electors to register to vote in the municipal clerk's office or other designated location(s).	6.29(2)(a) – Friday preceding the election
Within 24 hours of receipt of challenge	Filing officer arranges to deliver a copy of the challenge to the challenged candidate.	EL 2.07 (2)(a) – within 24 hours of receipt of challenge
Within 3 calendar days of the challenge being filed	Deadline for challenged candidate to file a verified response with the filing officer.	EL 2.07(2)(b) – within 3 calendar days of the challenge being filed
9-Aug	Last day for electors (except hospitalized electors and sequestered jurors) to make application in person for absentee ballots. Final date set by municipality, in person absentee voting can end before this date.	6.86(1)(b) – No later than Sunday preceding election
10-Aug	County clerks publish Type B notice of voting instructions and facsimile ballots for Partisan Primary.	10.01(2)(b), 10.02, 10.06(2)(j) – Monday preceding the election
10-Aug	County clerks publish Type C notice of referenda, if required.	10.01(2)(c) – Monday preceding the election
10-Aug	Municipal clerks publish Type D notice of the location and hours of polling places for the Partisan Primary.	10.01(2)(c) – Monday preceding the election
10-Aug	Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in authorized care facilities for Partisan Primary.	6.875(6) – Monday preceding the election
11-Aug	Partisan Primary	5.02(12s) – 2nd Tuesday in August
11-Aug	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for military electors on active duty away from their voting residence to request absentee ballots.	6.86(1)(b) – Election Day
11-Aug	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for sequestered jurors to apply for an absentee ballot for the Partisan Primary.	6.86(1)(b) – Election Day
11-Aug	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for hospitalized electors to file a registration form and/or apply for an absentee ballot by agent for the Partisan Primary.	6.86 (3)(c) – Election Day
11-Aug	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for all absentee ballots to be delivered to the polling place or central count location.	6.87(6) – Election Day
11-Aug	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for clerks of central count municipalities to post a statement in their offices and on the internet listing the number of absentee ballots issued and the number that have been returned	7.52(1)(c) – No later than the closing hour of polls
11-Aug	Election inspectors complete the returns for all votes cast at the polling place.	7.51(5)(a) – immediately after the polls close
11-Aug	Election inspectors report results of the Partisan Primary to proper clerks immediately after the votes are tabulated or counted.	7.51(4)(b) – immediately after the votes are tabulated or counted

11-Aug	Election inspectors deliver all ballots, statements, tally sheets, voter lists, and envelopes to the municipal clerk.	7.51(5)(a) – immediately after the polls close
11-Aug	Municipal clerks report the returns, by ward or reporting unit, to the county clerk no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated.	7.51(4)(c) – no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated
11-Aug	County clerks post all election returns, by ward or reporting unit on the county website no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns.	7.60(1) – no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns
11-Aug	Municipal clerks post a statement of the number of electors who have cast a provisional ballot at the clerk's office and the internet.	7.15(15) – as soon as possible after the polls close on election night
11-Aug	Municipal clerks enter Provisional Ballot Reporting Form (EL-123r) information into the WisVote Provisional Ballot Tracker.	42 U.S.C. 15482 – election night
12-Aug	Municipal clerks deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes and materials to county clerks by 4:00 p.m.	7.51(5) – the day following the election
13-Aug	Municipal clerks (in municipalities that canvass absentee ballots at an alternate location) deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes and materials to county clerks by 4:00 p.m.	7.51(5), 7.52 – the 2nd day following the election
14-Aug	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for electors who voted provisionally to provide missing information to the municipal clerk.	6.97(3) – the Friday after the election
17-Aug	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Partisan Primary, if necessary.	7.53(1)(a), 7.53(2)(d) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Monday after the election
17-Aug	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to finish the canvass of the Partisan Primary.	7.51(5)(b) – no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Monday after the election
18-Aug	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the County Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the Partisan Primary.	7.60(3) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election
18-Aug	Deadline for a candidate, or an individual who voted on a referendum at the Partisan Primary to petition for a recount.	9.01(1)(a)1 – 5:00 p.m. on the 3rd business day following the last meeting of the board of canvassers determining the election result
21-Aug	Last day for county clerks to deliver statement of county canvass of Partisan Primary for state and federal offices to Wisconsin Elections Commission.	7.60(5) – 10 days after election
25-Aug	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type B notice information and certification of candidates for General Election to county clerks.	10.01(2)(b), 10.06(1)(i) – 4th Tuesday in August

25-Aug	Clerks may clear memory devices for their voting equipment from the Partisan Primary if the data has been transferred to another medium to be retained for 22 months.	7.23(1)(g) – 14 days after a primary
25-Aug	Deadline for filing officer to receive referendum questions or petitions for referendum intended for the General Election ballot.	8.37 – 70 days before election
26-Aug	Deadline for school district clerks to file a copy of any referendum question intended for the General Election with the county clerk of each county having territory within the school district.	8.37 – next business day after received by filing officer
26-Aug	Last day for chairperson of the Wisconsin Elections Commission to certify the results of the Partisan Primary.	7.70(3)(a) – 3rd Wednesday following election
26-Aug	County clerks prepare General Election ballots and send proofs to Wisconsin Elections Commission for review as soon as possible before printing.	5.72(1), 7.10(2) – as soon as possible after candidate certification
September 2026	Event	Statute
5-Sep	Poll lists, ballots, absentee applications, and other records and papers from the November 5, 2024 General Election may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(e), 7.23(1)(f) – 22 months after election
10-Sep	Deadline for municipal clerk to submit voter participation, Inspectors' Statement data, and Election Reconciliation data for the Partisan Primary via WisVote.	6.275 – within 30 days of each primary and election for a state or national office
16-Sep	Deadline for county clerks to deliver ballots and supplies to municipal clerks for the General Election.	7.10(1), (3) – 48 days before election
17-Sep	Deadline for municipal clerks to send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the General Election. (UOCAVA deadline)	7.10(3), 7.15(1)(c), (cm) – 47 days before election
17-Sep	Municipal clerks send absentee ballots to voters one business day after receiving a sufficient request. All absentee ballots must be recorded in WisVote.	42 U.S.C. 1973ff-1, Wis. Stat. § 7.15(1)(cm) – as soon as ballots are available
October 2026	Event	Statute
4-Oct	Deadline for governing body of municipality to establish location of polling places for General Election.	5.25(3) – 30 days before election
4-Oct	Deadline for governing body of municipality to pass resolution combining wards for General Election.	5.15(6)(b) – 30 days before election
4-Oct	Deadline for governing body of municipality to authorize appointment of tabulators for General Election.	7.30(3)(a) – 30 days before election
6-Oct	Municipal clerks publish Type E notice of absentee voting instructions for General Election.	10.01(2)(e), 10.06(3)(cm) – 4th Tuesday preceding election

6-Oct	County and municipal clerks publish Type A notice of referenda, if required.	10.01(2)(c), 10.06(2)(g), (3)(c) – 4th Tuesday preceding election
6-Oct	Last day for electors to begin to acquire residence for the General Election. In most cases, electors moving after this day may vote from their prior address.	6.02(2), 6.10(3) – 28 days prior to election
12-Oct	First day for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in authorized care facilities for General Election. The municipal clerk must post notice of absentee voting at care facilities at least 5 working days before the visit.	6.875(6) – 4th Monday preceding the election
14-Oct	Deadline for voters to use mail or internet submissions to register for participation in the General Election. After this date, electors must register in person in the municipal clerk's office or at the polling place.	6.28(1) – must be postmarked no later than the 3rd Wednesday before the election. Online registration closes at 11:59 p.m.
15-Oct	First day for clerks to issue certificate of registrations (EL-133) to late registrants who register to vote in person.	6.29(2)(a) – First day after close of by-mail/online registration
20-Oct	Clerks may begin to issue in person absentee ballots at the clerk's office or designated alternate location(s).	6.86(1)(b) – No earlier than 14 days before the election
24-Oct	First day for municipal or county clerk to conduct public test of electronic voting equipment. Municipal or county clerk must publish notice of electronic voting equipment public test at least 48 hours prior to test.	5.84(1) – 10 days before election
26-Oct	Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to make arrangements for absentee voting authorized care facility administrators. The municipal clerk must post notice of absentee voting at authorized care facilities at least 5 working days before the visit.	6.875(6) – the 6th working day before the election
29-Oct	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for regular and overseas electors to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email or fax) for the General Election.	6.86(1)(b) – 5th day preceding the election
30-Oct	Deadline (12:00 p.m.) for write-in candidates to file a registration statement with the filing officer for the General Election.	7.50(2)(em) – Noon the Friday preceding the election
30-Oct	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for electors to register to vote in the municipal clerk's office or other designated location(s).	6.29(2)(a) – not later than 5 p.m. or the close of business, whichever is later, on the Friday before an election
30-Oct	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for calendar year absentee ballot requests to be submitted by mail, online, email, or fax to receive absentee ballot for General Election.	6.86(1)(b), 6.86(2m) – 5:00 p.m. Friday preceding an election

30-Oct	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for indefinitely confined electors and military electors, not on active duty away from their residence to request absentee ballots by mail (online, email or fax) for the General Election.	6.86(1)(b) – Friday preceding the election
November 2026	Event	Statute
1-Nov	Last day for electors (except hospitalized electors and sequestered jurors) to make application in person for absentee ballots. Final date set by municipality. In person absentee voting can end before this date.	6.86(1)(b) – No later than Sunday preceding election
2-Nov	County clerks publish Type B notice of voting instructions and facsimile ballots for General Election.	10.01(2)(b), 10.02, 10.06(2)(m) – Monday preceding the election
2-Nov	County clerks publish Type C notice of referenda, if required.	10.01(2)(c), 10.06(2)(m) – Monday preceding the election
2-Nov	Municipal clerks publish Type D notice of locations and hours of polling places for General Election.	10.01(2)(d), 10.06(3)(d) – Monday preceding the election
2-Nov	Last day (5:00 p.m.) for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for the General Election.	6.875(6) – Monday preceding the election
3-Nov	General Election	5.02(5) – Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November
3-Nov	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for military electors on active duty away from their voting residence to request absentee ballots.	6.86(1)(b) – Election Day
3-Nov	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for sequestered jurors to apply for an absentee ballot for the General Election.	6.86(1)(b) – Election Day
3-Nov	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for hospitalized electors to file a registration form and/or apply for an absentee ballot by agent for the General Election.	6.86 (3)(c) – Election Day
3-Nov	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for all absentee ballots to be delivered to the polling place or central count location.	6.87(6) – Election Day
3-Nov	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for clerks of central count municipalities to post a statement in their offices and on the internet listing the number of absentee ballots issued and the number that have been returned	7.52(1)(c) – No later than the closing hour of polls
3-Nov	Election inspectors complete the returns for all votes cast at the polling place.	7.51(5)(a) – immediately after the polls close
3-Nov	Election inspectors report results of the General Election to proper clerks immediately after the votes are tabulated or counted.	7.51(4)(b) – immediately after the votes are tabulated or counted
3-Nov	Election inspectors deliver all ballots, statements, tally sheets, voter lists, and envelopes to the municipal clerk.	7.51(5)(a) – immediately after the polls close

3-Nov	Municipal clerks report the returns, by ward or reporting unit, to the county clerk no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated.	7.51(4)(c) – no later than 2 hours after the votes are tabulated
3-Nov	County clerks post all election returns, by ward or reporting unit on the county website no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns.	7.60(1) – no later than 2 hours after receiving the returns
3-Nov	Municipal clerks post a statement of the number of electors who have cast a provisional ballot at the clerk's office and the internet.	7.15(15) – as soon as possible after the polls close on election night
3-Nov	Municipal clerks enter Provisional Ballot Reporting Form (EL-123r) information into the WisVote Provisional Ballot Tracker.	42 U.S.C. 15482 – election night
4-Nov	Wisconsin Elections Commission staff selects reporting units and contests to be audited in 2026 voting equipment audit.	U.S.C. 301(a)(5), Wis. Stat. §7.08(6) – Following each general election, timeline set by Commission
4-Nov	Municipal clerks deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes and materials to county clerks by 4:00 p.m.	7.51(5) – the day following the election
5-Nov	Deadline for Elections Commission staff to notify clerks of municipalities containing reporting units selected for 2026 voting equipment audit.	U.S.C. 301(a)(5), Wis. Stat. §7.08(6) – Following each general election, timeline set by Commission
5-Nov	Municipal clerks (in municipalities that canvass absentee ballots at an alternate location) deliver tally sheets, inspectors' statements, ballots, and applicable envelopes and materials to county clerks by 4:00 p.m.	7.51(5)(b), 7.52 – the 2nd day following the election
6-Nov	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for electors who voted provisionally to provide missing information to the municipal clerk.	6.97(3)(b) – the Friday after the election
6-Nov	First day for selected municipalities to conduct 2026 voting equipment audit.	U.S.C. 301(a)(5), Wis. Stat. §7.08(6) – Following each general election, timeline set by Commission
9-Nov	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the General Election, if necessary.	7.53(1)(a), 7.53(2)(d) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Monday after the election
9-Nov	Deadline (4:00 p.m.) for the Municipal Board of Canvassers to finish the canvass of the General Election.	7.51(5)(b) – no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Monday after the election
9-Nov	Deadline for clerks in selected municipalities to submit extension request waiver, for cause, for 2026 voting equipment audit	U.S.C. 301(a)(5), Wis. Stat. §7.08(6) – Following each general election, timeline set by Commission

9-Nov	Certain materials and supplies from the 2026 Partisan Primary may be destroyed after this date if no election contest, recount, or litigation is pending.	7.23(1)(k) – 90 days after the election
9-Nov	Deadline for municipal clerks to submit Election Day Registration (EDR) Postcard data for the Partisan Primary via WisVote.	6.275(1)(f) – Within 90 days of each primary and election for national or state office
10-Nov	Deadline (9:00 a.m.) for the County Board of Canvassers to convene for the canvass of the General Election.	7.60(3) – no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election
15-Nov	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type A notice of the Spring Primary on 02-16-2027, as well as the Spring Election on 04-06-2027, to county clerks.	10.06(1)(a) – No later than November 15
17-Nov	Last day for county clerks to deliver statement of county canvass of General Election for state and federal offices to Wisconsin Elections Commission.	7.60(5) – 14 days after election
24-Nov	County clerks publish Type A notice of the Spring Primary and the Spring Election.	10.01(2)(a) – 4th Tuesday in November
24-Nov	Municipal clerks publish Type A notice of the Spring Primary and the Spring Election.	10.06(3)(a) – 4th Tuesday in November
24-Nov	Clerks may clear memory devices for their voting equipment from the General Election if the data has been transferred to another medium to be retained for 22 months.	7.23(1)(g) – 21 days after an election
25-Nov	Deadline for completion of 2026 voting equipment audit in selected municipalities and submission of audit reports and associated materials to WEC.	U.S.C. 301(a)(5), Wis. Stat. §7.08(6) – Following each general election, timeline set by Commission
December 2026	Event	Statute
1-Dec	Last day for chairperson of the Wisconsin Elections Commission to certify the results of the General Election.	7.70(3)(a) – December 1
1-Dec	First day for candidates to circulate nomination papers for the 2027 Spring Election.	8.05(3)(a), (4)(b), 8.10(2)(a) – December 1
1-Dec	First day for town or village governing body to set the date for caucus.	8.05(1)(a) – Between December 1 and January 21
1-Dec	Municipal clerks certify the approximate number of electors in municipality to county clerks prior to Spring Primary.	5.66(1) – 1st day of the 2nd month preceding a primary
1-Dec	Deadline for electors of a village to petition for a primary.	8.11(1m)(c) – December 1
8-Dec	Deadline for filing officer to receive referendum questions or petitions for referendum intended for the Spring Primary ballot.	8.37 – 70 days prior to the election

9-Dec	Deadline for school district clerks to file a copy of any referendum question intended for the Spring Election with the county clerk of each county having territory within the school district.	8.37 – next business day after receipt by filing officer
18-Dec	Deadline for municipal clerk to submit voter participation, Inspectors' Statement data, and Election Reconciliation data for the General Election via WisVote.	6.33(5)(a)(3) – 45 days to enter registrations. Reconciliation must be entered after registrations. Therefore, 45 days for reconciliation.
18-Dec	Poll lists from the February 18, 2025 Spring Primary may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(e) – 22 months after election
25-Dec	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for incumbents not seeking reelection to file Notification of Noncandidacy (EL-163) with the filing officer. Failure to notify will extend nomination paper deadline 72 hours for that office.	8.10(2)(a), 120.06(6)(b) – 2nd Friday preceding the deadline for nomination papers
no specific date	Municipal clerk publishes caucus notice.	8.05(1)(b) – at least 5 days before the date of the caucus
January 2027	Event	Statute
1-Jan	Last day for town or village governing body to set a date for caucus.	8.05(1)(a) – between December 1 and January 1
2-Jan	First day for town or village governing body to hold caucus.	8.05(1)(a) – between January 2 and January 21
5-Jan	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for candidates to file nomination papers, declarations of candidacy, and campaign registration statements for the 2027 Spring Election with the filing officer.	8.05(3)(a), (4)(b), 8.10(2)(a), (5), 8.21–1st Tuesday in January
8-Jan	Deadline (4:30 p.m.) for all judicial candidates to file Statement of Economic Interests with Wisconsin Ethics Commission.	19.43(4) – 3rd day following the deadline for nomination papers
8-Jan	Last day for governing body of a city or village to decide upon a primary, or for electors of a city to petition for a primary, if not required by ordinance.	8.11(1)(a), (c), (1m)(a) – 3rd day following the deadline for nomination papers
8-Jan	Deadline for filing officer to accept challenges to nomination papers.	8.07, EL 2.07 – within 3 calendar days of the deadline to file nomination papers
8-Jan	Filing officer arranges to deliver a copy of the challenge to the challenged candidate.	EL 2.07 (2)(a) – within 24 hours of receipt of challenge
8-Jan	Deadline for challenged candidate to file a verified response with the filing officer.	EL 2.07(2)(b) – within 3 calendar days of the challenge being filed
Within 24 hours of receipt of challenge	Filing officer arranges to deliver a copy of the challenge to the challenged candidate.	EL 2.07 (2)(a) – within 24 hours of receipt of challenge
Within 3 calendar days of the challenge being filed	Deadline for challenged candidate to file a verified response with the filing officer.	EL 2.07(2)(b) – within 3 calendar days of the challenge being filed

