

Important 2021 Election Dates

May 1, 2021 - Uniform Election Date

Authority Conducting Elections	Local Political Subdivisions and Counties
Deadline to post candidate requirements ² Form 1-15 (PDF)	Friday, May 1, 2020
Deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline ¹	Monday, December 14, 2020 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates ¹
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, January 1, 2021*
	<i>*First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2021 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.</i>
First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) ¹	Wednesday, January 13, 2021
Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) ²	Friday, February 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. See note below relating to four-year terms ³
Last Day to Order General Election or Election on a Measure	Friday, February 12, 2021
Last Day to Register to Vote	Thursday, April 1, 2021
First Day of Early Voting By Personal Appearance	Monday, April 19, 2021
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received , not Postmarked)	Tuesday, April 20, 2021
Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Tuesday, April 27, 2021
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Saturday, May 1, 2021 (election day) at 7:00 p.m. (unless a late-arriving deadline applies)

November 2, 2021 - Uniform Election Date

These dates are subject to changes from the 2021 legislative session.

Authority Conducting Elections	County Elections Officer/Local political subdivisions
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Deadline to post candidate requirements ⁵ Form 1-15 (PDF)	Monday, November 2, 2020
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, January 1, 2021*
	<i>*First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2021 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.</i>
Deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline	Thursday, June 17, 2021 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates ¹
First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) ¹	Saturday, July 17, 2021 ("first day" does not move; office hours not required)
Last Day to Order General Election or Election on a Measure	Monday, August 16, 2021
Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) ²	Monday, August 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. See note below relating to four-year terms ³
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, October 4, 2021
First Day of Early Voting	Monday, October 18, 2021 (17th day before election day falls on a Saturday, first day moves to next business day)
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Friday, October 22, 2021
Last Day of Early Voting	Friday, October 29, 2021
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, November 2, 2021 (election day) at 7:00 p.m. (unless a late-arriving deadline applies)

¹ For the few entities who do not have a first day to file: For the May 1, 2021 election, Wednesday, January 13, 2021 is the deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline for local political subdivisions that do not have a first day to file for their candidates. For the November 2,

2021 election, Saturday, July 17, 2021 is the deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline for local political subdivisions that do not have a first day to file for their candidates.

Local political subdivisions include: cities, school districts, water districts, hospital districts, and any other local government entity that conducts elections. Many of these elections are conducted on the May uniform election date. Note: Counties may also be holding local proposition (measure) elections on May 1, 2021.

²Filing deadlines: generally, the filing deadline is the 78th day prior to Election Day. The Code may provide a different special election filing deadline. See Section 201.054 of the Texas Election Code (the "Code"). Write-in deadlines for general and special elections vary; the deadline for most local (city, school, other) special elections is now the same day as the filing deadline for application for a place on the ballot in a May election or November election.

³If no candidate for a **four-year term** has filed an application for a place on the ballot for a city office, the filing deadline for that office is extended to 5 p.m. of the 57th day before the election. For the May 1, 2021 election, this is Friday, March 5, 2021. For the November 2, 2021 election, this is Tuesday, September 7, 2021. See Section 143.008 of the Code.

⁴The county elections officer may be the county clerk, the county tax assessor-collector (if commissioners court transfers election duties to him/her), or the county elections administrator (if commissioners court creates the position).

⁵ Section 2051.152 of the Government Code requires all political subdivisions with the authority to impose a tax maintain a publically accessible Internet website and post the date and location of the next election for officers of the political subdivision and the requirements and deadline for filing for candidacy of each elected office of the political subdivision, which shall be continuously posted for at least one year before the election day for the office.

