

Wisconsin Elections Commission Calendar of Election Events

November 2020– January 2022

General Election (2020) – November 3, 2020

Spring Primary – February 16, 2021

Spring Election – April 6, 2021

*Note: If a deadline falls on a Saturday where you do not have regular office hours, a Sunday, or a State legal holiday, the deadline is moved to the next secular day. Wis. Stat. § 990.001(4). See Wis. Stat. § 995.20 for a list of legal holidays.

The election events that have variable or non-specific deadline dates are indicated by a dash (-), please see the statute column for details.

November 2020		Statute
1	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	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	County clerks publish Type C notice of referenda, if required.	10.01(2)(c), 10.06(2)(m) – Monday preceding the election
2	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	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	General Election	5.02(5) – Tuesday after the 1 st Monday in November
3	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	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	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	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	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	Election inspectors complete the returns for all votes cast at the polling place.	7.51(5)(a) – immediately after the polls close
3	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	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	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

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3	County clerks post all election returns, by ward or reporting until 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	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	Municipal clerks enter Provisional Ballot Reporting Form (EL-123r) information into the WisVote Provisional Ballot Tracker.	42 U.S.C. § 15482 – election night
4	Wisconsin Elections Commission staff selects reporting units and contests to be audited in 2020 voting equipment audit.	U.S.C. §301(a)(5), Wis. Stat. §7.08(6) – Following each general election, timeline set by Commission
4	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	Deadline for Elections Commission staff to notify clerks of municipalities containing reporting units selected for 2020 voting equipment audit.	U.S.C. §301(a)(5), Wis. Stat. §7.08(6) – Following each general election, timeline set by Commission
5	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 2 nd day following the election
6	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
6	First day for selected municipalities to conduct 2020 voting equipment audit.	U.S.C. §301(a)(5), Wis. Stat. §7.08(6) – Following each general election, timeline set by Commission
9	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	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	Deadline for clerks in selected municipalities to submit extension request waiver, for cause, for 2020 voting equipment audit	U.S.C. §301(a)(5), Wis. Stat. §7.08(6) – Following each general election, timeline set by Commission
9	Certain materials and supplies from the 2020 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	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	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	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type A notice of the Spring Primary on February 16, 2021, as well as the Spring Election on April 6, 2021, to county clerks.	10.01(1), (2)(a), 10.06(1)(a) – No later than November 15
17	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	County clerks publish Type A notice of the Spring Primary and the Spring Election.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(a) – 4 th Tuesday in November
24	Municipal clerks publish Type A notice of the Spring Primary and the Spring Election.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(3)(a), (4)(a) – 4 th Tuesday in November
24	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

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25	Deadline for completion of 2020 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 2020		Statute
1	Last day for chairperson of the Wisconsin Elections Commission to certify the results of the General Election.	7.70(3)(a) – December 1
1	First day for candidates to circulate nomination papers for the 2021 Spring Election.	8.05(3)(a), (4)(b), 8.10(2)(a) – December 1
1	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	Municipal clerks certify the approximate number of electors in municipality to county clerks.	5.66(1) – 1 st day of the 2 nd month preceding a primary
1	Deadline for electors of a village to petition for a primary.	8.11(1m)(c) – December 1
8	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	Deadline for filing officer to file a copy of the referendum question intended for the Spring Primary with the county clerk.	8.37 – next business day after receipt by filing officer
14	Presidential Electors convene (12:00 p.m.) at State Capitol to cast votes for President and Vice President	7.75(1) – First Monday after the second Wednesday after certification
18	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. 6.275 – within 30 days of each primary and election for a state or national office
*19	Poll lists from the February 19, 2019 Spring Primary may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(e) – 22 months after election
*25 (Due Dec 28)	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) – 2 nd Friday preceding the deadline for nomination papers
January 2021		Statute
1	Last day for town or village governing body to set a date for caucus.	8.05(1)(a) – between December 1 and January 1
-	Municipal clerk publishes caucus notice.	8.05(1)(b) – at least 5 days before the date of the caucus
*2	First day for town or village governing body to hold caucus.	8.05(1)(a) – between January 2 and January 21
5	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for candidates to file nomination papers, declarations of candidacy, and campaign registration statements for the Spring Election with the filing officer.	8.05(3)(a), (4)(b), 8.10(2)(a), (5), 8.21 – 1 st Tuesday in January
8	Deadline (4:30 p.m.) for all judicial candidates to file Statement of Economic Interests with Wisconsin Ethics Commission.	19.43(4) – 3 rd day following the deadline for nomination papers
8	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) – 3 rd day following the deadline for nomination papers
8	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
-	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

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-	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
12	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
12	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) – 2 nd Tuesday in January
12	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) – 2 nd Tuesday in January
-	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
-	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
*17	Deadline for governing body of municipality to establish location of polling places for the Spring Primary.	5.25(3) – 30 days before the election
*17	Deadline for governing body of municipality to pass resolution combining wards for the Spring Primary.	5.15(6)(b) – 30 days before the election
*17	Deadline for governing body of municipality to authorize appointment of tabulators for the Spring Primary.	7.30(3)(a) – 30 days before the election
-	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
-	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 5 th day after notification is mailed or personally delivered
-	Filing officers in municipalities using caucus draw names of candidates by lot for placement on the Spring Election ballot.	8.05(1)(j)4 – 3 rd day after qualification of candidates from the caucus
-	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
19	County and municipal clerks publish Type A notice of referenda, if required.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(n), (3)(f), (4)(f) – 4 th Tuesday preceding the election
19	Municipal clerks publish Type E notice of absentee voting instructions for the Spring Primary.	10.01(2)(e), 10.06(3)(as) – 4 th Tuesday preceding the election
19	Last day for electors to begin to acquire residence for the Spring Primary. Electors moving after this date may vote from their prior address.	6.02(2), 6.10(3) – 28 days prior to election
21	Last day for town or village governing body to hold caucus.	8.05(1)(a) – no later than January 21
25	First day for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for the Spring Primary.	6.875(6) – 4 th Monday preceding election

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25	Deadline for county clerks and school district clerks to deliver ballots and supplies to municipal clerks for the Spring Primary.	7.10(1), (3), 120.06(8)(d) – no later than 22 days before the election
26	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
-	Municipal clerks send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the Spring Primary as soon as they are available. 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
26	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
27	Deadline for filing officer to file a copy of the referendum question intended for the Spring Election with the county clerk.	8.37 – next business day after receipt by filing officer
27	Deadline for electors to register to vote by mail or online in 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 3 rd Wednesday before the election. Online registration closes at 11:59 p.m.
28	First day for clerks to issue certificate of registrations (EL-133) to late registrants who register to vote in person. Clerks must have the Ineligible Voter List available for in person voter registrations.	6.29(2)(a) – First day after close of by-mail/online registration 6.29(2)(am)
February 2021		Statute
1	Certain materials and supplies from the 2020 General Election may be destroyed after this date if no election contest, recount, or litigation is pending.	7.23(1)(k) – 90 days after the election
1	Deadline for municipal clerks to submit Election Day Registration (EDR) Postcard data for the General Election via WisVote.	6.275(1)(f) – Within 90 days of each primary and election for state or national office
2	Poll lists from the April 2, 2019 Spring Election may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(e) – 22 months after election
2	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
*6	First day for municipal or county clerk to conduct public test of electronic voting equipment.	5.84(1) – not more than 10 days prior to the election
-	Municipal or county clerk must publish notice of public test of electronic voting equipment at least 48 hours prior.	5.84(1) – 48 hours prior to public test
8	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 6 th working day before the election
9	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 election
9	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
11	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 5 th day preceding the election
12	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

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12	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
12	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
12	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 Spring Primary.	6.86(1)(b), 6.86(2m) – 5:00 p.m. Friday preceding an election
14	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
15	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 Spring Primary.	6.875(6) – the Monday preceding the election
15	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
15	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
15	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
16	Spring Primary (if required).	5.02(22) – 3 rd Tuesday in February
16	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
16	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for sequestered jurors to apply for an absentee ballot for the Spring Primary.	6.86(1)(b) – Election Day
16	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
16	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for absentee ballots to be delivered to the polling place.	6.87(6) – Election Day
16	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
16	Election inspectors complete the returns for all votes cast at the polling place.	7.51, 7.53(1)(a) – immediately after the polls close
16	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
16	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
16	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
16	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

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16	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
16	Municipal clerks enter Provisional Ballot Reporting Form (EL-123r) information into the WisVote Provisional Ballot Tracker.	42 U.S.C. § 15482 – election night
17	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	Election notices and proofs of publication from the February 18, 2020 Spring Primary may be destroyed, where applicable.	7.23(1)(j) – one year after the date of the election
18	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 2 nd day following the election
19	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
22	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
22	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
-	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
23	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
23	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
23	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
-	Filing officers draw names of candidates by lot for placement on the Spring Election ballot.	5.60(1)(b), (5), (6) – 3 rd day after completion of the canvass
-	Deadline for a 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 3 rd business day following the last meeting of the board of canvassers determining the election result
25	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 2021		Statute
2	Deadline (if no primary was held) for municipal governing body to designate an alternate location for requesting and voting an absentee ballot for the Spring Election.	6.855(1) – no fewer than 14 days prior to the time that absentee ballots are available
2	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 the appropriate amount of time.	7.23(1)(g) – 14 days after a primary
2	Last day for chairperson of the Wisconsin Elections Commission to certify results of the Spring Primary.	7.70(3)(a) – 2 nd Tuesday following Spring Primary
2	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 1 st Tuesday in March

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-	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
-	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
*7	Deadline for governing body of municipality to establish location of polling places for the Spring Election.	5.25(3) – 30 days before the election
*7	Deadline for governing body of municipality to pass resolution combining wards for the Spring Election.	5.15(6)(b) – 30 days before the election
*7	Deadline for governing body of municipality to authorize appointment of tabulators for the Spring Election.	7.30(3)(a) – 30 days before the election
9	County and municipal clerks publish Type A notice of referenda, if required.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(f), (3)(bs) – 4 th Tuesday before the election
9	Municipal clerks publish Type E notice of absentee voting instructions for the Spring Election.	10.01(2)(e), 10.06(3)(bs) – 4 th Tuesday before the election
9	Last day for electors to begin to acquire residence for the Spring Election. Electors moving after this date may vote from their prior address.	6.02(2), 6.10(3) – 28 days prior to election
15	First day for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for the Spring Election.	6.875(6) – no earlier than the 4 th Monday preceding the election
15	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
16	Deadline for municipal clerks to send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the Spring Election.	7.15(1)(cm) – no later than 21 days before the election
-	Municipal clerks send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the Spring Election as soon as they are available. 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
17	Deadline for electors to register to vote by mail or online in the 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 3 rd Wednesday before the election. Online registration closes at 11:59 p.m.
18	First day for clerks to issue certificate of registrations (EL-133) to late registrants who register to vote in person. Clerks must have the Ineligible Voter List available for in person voter registrations.	6.29(2)(a) – First day after close of by-mail/OVR registration 6.29(2)(am)
18	Deadline for municipal clerk to submit voter participation, Inspectors' Statement data, and Election Reconciliation data for the Spring Primary via WisVote.	6.33(5)(a)(3) – 45 days to enter registrations. Reconciliation must be entered after registrations. Therefore, 45 days for reconciliation. 6.275 – within 30 days of each primary and election for a state or national office
23	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
*27	First day for municipal or county clerk to conduct public test of electronic voting equipment.	5.84(1) – 10 days before election
-	Municipal or county clerk must publish notice of electronic voting equipment public test at least 48 hours prior to test.	5.84(1) – 48 hours prior to public test

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29	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 6 th working day before the election
30	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 election
30	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 2021		Statute
1	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for regular and permanent overseas electors to request absentee ballots by mail online, email or fax for the Spring Election.	6.86(1)(b) – 5 th day before the election
2	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
2	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for indefinitely confined electors and military electors to request absentee ballots by mail online, email or fax for the Spring Election.	6.86(1)(b), (c) – Friday before the election
2	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 Spring Primary.	6.86(1)(b), 6.86(2m) – 5:00 p.m. Friday preceding an election
2	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
4	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
5	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
5	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
5	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
5	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 Spring Election.	6.875(6) – Monday before the election
6	Spring Election	5.02(21) – 1 st Tuesday in April
6	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for sequestered jurors to apply for an absentee ballot for the Spring Election.	6.86(1)(b) – Election Day
6	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
6	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
6	Deadline (8:00 p.m.) for absentee ballots to be delivered to the polling place.	6.87(6) – Election Day
6	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

6	Election inspectors complete the returns for all votes cast at the polling place.	7.51, 7.53(1)(a) – immediately after the polls close
6	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
6	Election inspectors report results of the Spring Election to proper clerks immediately upon completion of ward/election district canvass.	7.51(4)(b), 7.60(1) – immediately after votes are tabulated
6	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
6	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
6	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
6	Municipal clerks enter Provisional Ballot Reporting Form (EL-123r) information into the WisVote Provisional Ballot Tracker.	42 U.S.C. § 15482 – election night
7	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
7	Election notices and proofs of publication from the April 7, 2020 Spring Election may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(j) – one year after the date of the election
8	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 2 nd day after the election
9	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
12	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
12	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
13	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
13	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
13	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
16	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
-	Deadline for a candidate, or an individual who voted on a referendum at the Spring Election to petition for a recount.	9.01(1)(a)1 – 5:00 p.m. on the 3 rd business day following the last meeting of the board of canvassers determining the election result
-	County, municipal, and school district clerks issue certificates of election after the deadline to file a petition for recount and appeal of recount has passed.	7.53(4), 7.60(6), 120.06(10)

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27	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.
6	Deadline for municipal clerk to submit voter participation, Inspectors' Statement data, and Election Reconciliation data for the Spring Primary Election via WisVote.	6.33(5)(a)(3) – 45 days to enter registrations. Reconciliation must be entered after registrations. Therefore, 45 days for reconciliation. 6.275 – within 30 days of each primary and election for a state or national office
*15	Last day for chairperson of the Wisconsin Elections Commission to certify results of the Spring Election.	7.70(3)(a) – May 15
17	Deadline for municipal clerks to submit Election Day Registration (EDR) Postcard data for the Spring Primary via WisVote.	6.275(1)(f) – Within 90 days of each primary and election for state or national office
17	Certain materials and supplies from the 2021 Spring 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
July 2021		Statute
5	Deadline for municipal clerks to submit Election Day Registration (EDR) Postcard data for the Spring Election via WisVote.	6.275(1)(f) – Within 90 days of each primary and election for state or national office
5	Certain materials and supplies from the 2021 Spring Election may be destroyed after this date if no election contest, recount, or litigation is pending.	7.23(1)(k) – 90 days after the election
August 2021		Statute
11	Election notices and proofs of publication from the August 11, 2020 Partisan Primary may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(j) – one year after the date of the election
November 2021		Statute
3	Election notices and proofs of publication from the November 3, 2020 General Election may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(j) – one year after the date of the election
15	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends Type A notice of the Spring Primary on February 15, 2022, and the Spring Election on April 5, 2022, to county clerks.	10.01(1), (2)(a), 10.06(1)(a) – No later than November 15
23	County clerks publish Type A notice of the Spring Primary and the Spring Election.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(a) – 4 th Tuesday in November
23	Municipal clerks publish Type A notice of the Spring Primary and the Spring Election.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(3)(a), (4)(a) – 4 th Tuesday in November
30	Deadline for political parties to submit list of nominees for election inspectors and special voting deputies to municipalities for 2022-2023 term.	6.875(4), 7.30(4)(b), (c) – November 30
December 2021		Statute
1	First day for candidates to circulate nomination papers for the 2020 Spring Election.	8.05(3)(a), (4)(b), 8.10(2)(a) – December 1
1	First day for town or village governing body to set the date for caucus.	8.05(1)(a) – Between December 1 and January 1
1	Municipal clerks certify the approximate number of electors in municipality to county clerks.	5.66(1) – 1 st day of the 2 nd month preceding a primary
1	Deadline for electors of a village to petition for a primary.	8.11(1m)(c) – December 1

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7	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
8	Deadline for filing officer to file a copy of the referendum question intended for the Spring Primary with the county clerk.	8.37 – next business day after receipt by filing officer
20	Poll lists from the February 19, 2019 Spring Primary may be destroyed.	7.23(1)(e) – 22 months after the election
*24 (Due Dec 27)	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) – 2 nd Friday preceding the deadline for nomination papers
31	Deadline for governing body of a municipality to appoint election inspectors and special voting deputies for the 2020-2021 term.	6.875(4), 7.30(4)(a), (b)1 – December 31
January 2022		Statute
1	Last day for town or village governing body to set a date for caucus.	8.05(1)(a) – between December 1 and January 1
-	Municipal clerk publishes caucus notice.	8.05(1)(b) – at least 5 days before the date of the caucus
1	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	First day for town or village governing body to hold caucus.	8.05(1)(a) – between January 2 and January 21
4	Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for candidates to file nomination papers, declarations of candidacy, and campaign registration statements for the 2022 Spring Election with the filing officer.	8.05(3)(a), (4)(b), 8.10(2)(a), (5), 8.21 – 1 st Tuesday in January
7	Deadline (4:30 p.m.) for all judicial candidates to file Statement of Economic Interests with Wisconsin Ethics Commission.	19.43(4) – 3 rd day following the deadline for nomination papers
7	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) – 3 rd day following the deadline for nomination papers
7	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
-	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
-	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
11	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) – 2 nd Tuesday in January
11	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) – 2 nd Tuesday in January
-	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
-	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

11	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 and Spring Election.	6.855(1) – no fewer than 14 days prior to the time that absentee ballots are available
*16	Deadline for governing body of municipality to establish location of polling places for the Spring Primary.	5.25(3) – 30 days before the election
*16	Deadline for governing body of municipality to pass resolution combining wards for the Spring Primary.	5.15(6)(b) – 30 days before the election
*16	Deadline for governing body of municipality to authorize appointment of tabulators for the Spring Primary.	7.30(3)(a) – 30 days before the election
21	Last day for town or village governing body to hold caucus.	8.05(1)(a) – no later than January 21
-	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
-	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 5 th day after notification is mailed or personally delivered
-	Filing officers in municipalities using caucus draw names of candidates by lot for placement on the Spring Election ballot.	8.05(1)(j)4 – 3 rd day after qualification of candidates from the caucus
-	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
18	County and municipal clerks publish Type A notice of referenda, if required.	10.01(2)(a), 10.06(2)(n), (3)(f), (4)(f) – 4 th Tuesday preceding the election
18	Municipal clerks publish Type E notice of absentee voting instructions for the Spring Primary.	10.01(2)(e), 10.06(3)(as) – 4 th Tuesday preceding the election
18	Last day for electors to begin to acquire residence for the Spring Primary. Electors moving after this date may vote from their prior address.	6.02(2), 6.10(3) – 28 days prior to election
24	First day for special voting deputies to conduct absentee voting for residents in nursing homes and authorized care facilities for the Spring Primary.	6.875(6) – 4 th Monday preceding election
24	Deadline for county clerks and school district clerks to deliver ballots and supplies to municipal clerks for the Spring Primary.	7.10(1), (3), 120.06(8)(d) – no later than 22 days before the election
25	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
-	Municipal clerks send absentee ballots to electors with valid requests on file for the Spring Primary as soon as they are available. 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
25	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
-	Wisconsin Elections Commission sends certified list of candidates for Presidential Preference Primary ballot to county clerks.	7.08(2)(d) – As soon as possible after last Tuesday in January
-	County Clerks prepare Presidential Preference only ballots and send proofs to Wisconsin Elections Commission for review	5.72, 7.10(2) – As soon as possible after Presidential Preference candidate certification
26	Deadline for filing officer to file a copy of the referendum question intended for the Spring Election with the county clerk.	8.37 – next business day after receipt by filing officer

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26	Deadline for electors to register to vote by mail or online in 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 3 rd Wednesday before the election. Online registration closes at 11:59 p.m.
27	First day for clerks to issue certificate of registrations (EL-133) to late registrants who register to vote in person. Clerks must have the Ineligible Voter List available for in person voter registrations.	6.29(2)(a) – First day after close of by-mail/online registration 6.29(2)(am)