



ELECTION TIMELINE



MAY - AUGUST - NOVEMBER
PRIMARY - GENERAL

10TH FRIDAY

- The 10th Friday would be the final day of the candidate filing window. The deadline would be 5 p.m.

- The one-week period where a candidate could declare their candidacy as a write-in candidate would begin.

- The date would also mark the start of the one-week-long candidate withdrawal period.

- Ballot Language

- Recall Elections

Two week filing period for candidates

- One week write-in candidate declaration period
- One week candidate withdrawal period

12TH MONDAY

The 12th Monday at 8 a.m. would signify the start of the two-week filing period.

8TH FRIDAY

The ballot for the upcoming election needs to be finalized by the 8th Friday.

Ballot creation

Print and prep ballots

Mail absentee ballots

★ 25 DAYS BEFORE ELECTION DAY

Voter registration deadline

9TH FRIDAY

The 9th Friday would mark multiple different deadlines:

- Withdrawal for all candidates on the ballot

- Secretary of State provides sample form and certifies candidates

4-5 DAYS OR 7TH FRIDAY

UOCAVA ballots would be mailed out to recipients.

★ 2ND FRIDAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY (11TH DAY)

Absentee ballot request deadline is 5 p.m.

CANVASS

21 days after an election, the results will be canvassed by the Idaho's State Board of Canvassers.

AUDIT

ELECTION DAY TUESDAY

Count/tally all votes

WHO WOULD THIS APPLY TO?

- This timeline would apply to statewide, county, city and all other political subdivision elections

WHY WOULD THIS HELP?

★ = DID NOT CHANGE

- This would remove confusion and provide clarity between election types
- The timeline would be an improvement for voters, election administrators and candidates
- Following this timeline would ensure a smooth election process that is focused on transparent and fair election, plus help retain election workers