
Election Calendar

Candidate Filing Dates

The 2008 regular filing period begins on June 2 and ends at the close of business on June 6.
 Future Filing dates are: June 1, 2009 and June 7, 2010
 (RCW 29A.24.050) (RCW 29A.04.311) (RCW 29A.04.321) (RCW 29A.04.330) (RCW 29A.40.070)

Deadlines for Resolutions

The deadline for submitting a resolution to the county auditor is fifty-two days prior to the election date for a Special Election and eighty-four days prior to the election date for a Primary or General Election. (RCW 29A.40.330)

Election Dates for 2008 and 2009

Election Dates	Deadline for Resolutions	Ballots Available
February 19, 2008	December 28, 2007	January 30, 2008
March 11, 2008	January 18, 2008	February 20, 2008
April 22, 2008	February 29, 2008	April 2, 2008
May 20, 2008	March 28, 2008	April 30, 2008
August 19, 2008 State Primary	May 27, 2008	July 30, 2008
November 4, 2008 State General	August 12, 2008	October 15, 2008
February 3, 2009	December 12, 2008	January 14, 2009
March 10, 2009	January 16, 2009	February 18, 2009
April 28, 2009	March 6, 2009	April 8, 2009
May 19, 2009	March 27, 2009	April 29, 2009
August 18, 2009 State Primary	May 26, 2009	July 29, 2009
November 3, 2009 State General	August 11, 2009	October 14, 2009

Election Calendar of Events

March 2008

- 1 – Saturday** **File Resolutions** - Last day to file a resolution for the April 22 Special Election ([RCW 29A.04.330](#))
- 5 – Wednesday** **Certification of Presidential Primary** - County Canvassing Board to certify the February 19 Presidential Primary & Special Election returns ([RCW 29A.60.190](#))
- 6 – Thursday** **Abstract to State** - Last day for counties to send certified primary results to Secretary of State for the February 19 Presidential Primary ([RCW 29A.60.230](#))
- 10 – Monday** **PDC Form C-4 due**
- 11 – Tuesday** **Special Election** ([RCW 29A.04.321](#)) ([RCW 29A.04.330](#))
Last day for Secretary of State to certify February 19 Presidential Primary results ([RCW 29A.60.240](#))
- 13 – Thursday** **Legislative Session Ends** - Regular Legislative Session scheduled to end ([Article II, Sec. 12, Washington State Constitution](#))
- 18 – Tuesday** **Close of Registration Notice** - Last day to publish notice of closing of registration for the April 22 Special Election ([RCW 29A.08.140](#))
- 22 – Saturday** **Register to Vote** - Last day to mail in or submit online voter registrations and transfers for the April 22 Special Election ([RCW 29A.08.140](#))
- 23 – Sunday** **Ballots Mailed** - Overseas and military ballots mailed for the April 22 Special Election ([RCW 29A.40.070](#))
- 26 – Wednesday** **Certification of Special Election** - County Canvassing Board to certify the March 11 Special Election returns ([RCW 29A.60.190](#))
- 29 – Saturday** **File Resolution** - Last day to file a resolution for the May 20 Special Election ([RCW 29A.04.330](#))
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April 2008

- 2 – Wednesday** **Ballots Available** - Absentee ballots available for the April 22 Special Election ([RCW 29A.40.070](#))
- 4 – Friday** **Ballots Mailed** - Absentee ballots mailed for the April 22 Special Election ([RCW 29A.40.070](#))
- 7 – Monday** **In-Person Registration for Kitsap County** - Last day of in-person registration for voters not currently registered in Washington State for the April 22 Special Election ([RCW 29A.08.145](#))
- 10 – Thursday** **PDC Form C-4 due**
- 19 – Saturday** **Register to Vote** - Last day to mail in or submit online voter registrations and transfers for the May 20 Special Election ([RCW 29A.08.140](#))
- 20 – Sunday** **Ballots Mailed** - Overseas and military ballots mailed for the May 20 Special Election ([RCW 29A.40.070](#))
- 22 – Tuesday** **Special Election** ([RCW 29A.04.321](#)) ([RCW 29A.04.330](#))
- 30 – Wednesday** **Ballots Available** - Absentee ballots available for the May 20 Special Election ([RCW 29A.40.070](#))

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May 2008

- 2 – Friday** **Ballots Mailed** - Absentee ballots mailed for the May 20 Special Election ([RCW 29A.40.070](#))
- 3 – Saturday** **Nominating Conventions** - First day for minor party or independent candidates to hold a nominating convention ([RCW 29A.20.121](#))
- 5 – Monday** **In-Person Registration for Out of State** - Last day of in-person registration for voters not currently registered in Washington State for the May 20 Special Election ([RCW 29A.08.145](#))
- 7 – Wednesday** **Certification of Special Election** - County Canvassing Board to certify the April 22 Special Election returns ([RCW 29A.60.190](#))
- 10 – Saturday** **Nominating Conventions** - Last day for minor party or independent candidates to hold a nominating convention ([RCW 29A.20.121](#))
- 12 – Monday** **PDC Form C-4 due**
- 16 – Friday** **Candidate Filing by Mail** - First day candidate filings by mail may be accepted ([RCW 29A.24.081](#))
- 17 – Saturday** **Nominating Petitions** - Last day for submission of nominating petitions from minor party or independent candidates ([RCW 29A.20.161](#))
- 20 – Tuesday** **Special Election** ([RCW 29A.04.321](#)) ([RCW 29A.04.330](#))
- 26 – Monday** **Legal Holiday** - Memorial Day ([RCW 1.16.050](#))
- 27 – Tuesday** **File Resolution** - Last day to file a resolution for a special election held in conjunction with the August 19 Primary ([RCW 29A.04.330](#))
- 30 – Friday** **Minor Party/Independent Nomination Certificates** - Last day for Secretary of State to notify counties of minor party and independent candidates who have filed valid nomination certificates ([RCW 29A.20.201](#))
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June 2008

- 2 – Monday** **Filing for Office** - First day for all candidates to file for office ([RCW 29A.24.050](#)) ([RCW 29A.20.201](#))
Nonpartisan Vacancies 3-Day for Primary - Last day a void in candidacy or vacancy in a nonpartisan office will reopen for a three-day filing period to appear on the primary ballot ([RCW 29A.24.171](#)) ([RCW 29A.24.211](#))
- 3 – Tuesday** **Vacancies 3-Day filing for General Election** - First day a void in candidacy or vacancy in nonpartisan office (other than Superintendent of Public Instruction or judge of the Supreme Court) will reopen for a three-day filing period to appear only on the General Election ballot ([RCW 29A.24.181](#))
- 4 – Wednesday** **Certification of Special Election** - County Canvassing Board to certify the May 20 Special Election returns ([RCW 29A.60.190](#))
- 6 – Friday** **Last Day to File for Office** - Final day for all candidates to file for office ([RCW 29A.24.050](#)) ([RCW 29A.20.201](#))
- 10 – Tuesday** **PDC Form C-4 due**
- 12 – Thursday** **Withdrawal** - Last day for candidates to withdraw ([RCW 29A.24.131](#))
- 13 – Friday** **Partisan Vacancies** - Last day for major political parties to fill vacancies on a major party ticket ([RCW 29A.28.011](#))
- 14 – Saturday** **State to Certify Candidate Names** - Last day for the Secretary of State to certify candidates to auditors ([RCW 29A.36.011](#))

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July 2008

- 3 – Thursday **Initiatives** - Last day to file petition signatures for Initiatives to the People ([RCW 29A.72.030](#))
- 4 – Friday **Legal Holiday** - Independence Day ([RCW 1.16.050](#))
- 19 – Saturday **Register to Vote** - Last day to mail in or submit online voter registrations and transfers for the August 19 Primary ([RCW 29A.08.140](#))
- 20 – Sunday **Ballots Mailed** - Overseas and military ballots mailed for the August 19 Primary ([RCW 29A.40.070](#))
- 29 – Tuesday **PDC Form C-4 due**
- 30 – Wednesday **Ballots Available** - Absentee ballots available for the August 19 Primary ([RCW 29A.40.070](#))
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August 2008

- 1 – Friday **Ballots Mailed** - Absentee ballots mailed for the August 19 Primary ([RCW29A.40.070](#))
- 4 – Monday **In-Person Registration for Out of State** - Last day of in-person registration for voters not currently registered in Washington State for the August 19 Primary ([RCW 29A.08.145](#))
- 6 – Wednesday **Absentee Ballot Requests** - First day to apply for an absentee ballot for November 4 General Election ([RCW 29A.40.020](#))
- 12 – Tuesday **Resolution Deadline for General** - Last day to file a resolution for the November 4 General Election ([RCW 29A.04.330](#))
PDC Form C-4 due
- 18 – Monday **Vacancies** - Last day a void in candidacy or vacancy in nonpartisan office (other than Superintendent of Public Instruction or judge of the Supreme Court) will cause filings to be reopened for a three day filing period for which names will appear only on the General Election ballot ([RCW 29A.24.181](#))
Write-In Candidates - Final day to file as a write-in candidate for the August 19 Primary ([RCW 29A.24.311](#))
- 19 – Tuesday **Primary** ([RCW 29A.04.311](#))
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September 2008

- 1 – Monday **Legal Holiday** - Labor Day ([RCW 1.16.050](#))
- 3 – Wednesday **Certification of Primary** - County Canvassing Board to certify the August 19 Primary returns ([RCW 29A.60.190](#))
- 4 – Thursday **Abstract of Primary to State** - Last day for county to mail abstract of Primary returns to State ([RCW 29A.60.230](#))
- 9 – Tuesday **State to Certify Primary** - Final day for the Secretary of State to certify the August 19 Primary returns ([RCW 29A.60.240](#))
- 10 – Wednesday **PDC Form C-4 due**

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October 2008

- 4 – Saturday **Register to Vote** - Last day to mail in or submit online voter registrations and transfers for the November 4 General Election ([RCW 29A.08.140](#))
- 5 – Sunday **Ballots Mailed** - Overseas and military ballots mailed for the November 4 General Election ([RCW 29A.40.070](#))
- 14 – Tuesday **PDC Form C-4 due**
- 15 – Wednesday **Ballots Available** - Absentee ballots available for November 4 General Election ([RCW 29A.40.070](#))
- 17 – Friday **Ballots Mailed** - Absentee ballots mailed for November 4 General Election ([RCW 29A.40.070](#))
- 20 – Monday **In-Person Registration for Out of State** - Last day of in-person registration for voters not currently registered in Washington State for the November 4 General Election ([RCW 29A.08.145](#))
- 28 – Tuesday **PDC Form C-4 due**
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November 2008

- 3 – Monday **Write-In Candidates** - Final day to file as a write-in candidate for the November 4 General Election ([RCW 29A.24.311](#))
- 4 – Tuesday **General Election** ([RCW 29A.04.321](#))
- 11 – Tuesday **Legal Holiday** - Veterans' Day ([RCW 1.16.050](#))
- 25 – Tuesday **Certification of General** - County Canvassing Board to certify the November 4 General Election returns ([RCW 29A.60.190](#))
- 26 – Wednesday **Abstract of General to State** - Last day for counties to mail abstract of General Election returns to state ([RCW 29A.60.230](#))
- 27 – Thursday **Legal Holiday** - Thanksgiving ([RCW 1.16.050](#))
- 28 – Friday **Holiday** - Day after Thanksgiving State Observed ([RCW 1.16.050](#))
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December 2008

- 4 – Thursday **State Certification of General Election** - Final day for Secretary of State to certify November 4 General Election returns ([RCW 29A.60.250](#))
- 10 – Wednesday **PDC Form C-4 due**
- 13 – Saturday **File Resolutions** - Last day to file a resolution for the February 3, 2009 Special Election ([RCW 29A.04.330](#))
- 25 – Thursday **Legal Holiday** - Christmas Day ([RCW 1.16.050](#))