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Important 2017 Election Dates

November 7, 2017 - Uniform Election Date

These dates are subject to changes from the 2017 legislative session.

Authority conducting elections

County Elections Officer/Local political subdivisions

First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail

Sunday, January 1, 2017*

**First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2017 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.*

Deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline

Thursday, June 22, 2017 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 cities and schools ONLY) ²

Saturday, July 22, 2017 ("first day" does not move)

Last Day to Order General Election

Monday, August 21, 2017

Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) ²

Monday, August 21, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

See note below relating to four-year terms ³

Last Day to Register to Vote

Tuesday, October 10, 2017*

**First business day after Columbus Day*

First Day of Early Voting	Monday, October 23, 2017 (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 27, 2017
Last Day of Early Voting	Friday, November 3, 2017
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, November 7, 2017 (election day) at 7:00 p.m. (unless overseas deadline applies)

¹ **Under new law, most local entities now have a “first day” to file.**

For the few entities who do not have a first day to file: **For the May 6, 2017 election, Wednesday, January 18, 2017 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 7, 2017 election, Monday, July 24, 2017 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. (The 30th day before last day on which candidate may file falls on a Saturday, deadline moves to next business day).**

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 6, 2017.

² Filing deadlines: generally, the filing deadline is the 78th day prior to Election Day. The Texas Election Code (the “Code”) may provide a different special election filing deadline. See Section 201.054 of the Code. Write-in deadlines for general and special elections vary; the deadline for most local (city, school, other) general 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; special election write-in rules vary, see long calendars for details.

³ If 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 6, 2017 election, this is Friday, March 10, 2017. For the November 7, 2017 election, this is Monday, September 11, 2017. See Section 143.008 of the Code.

⁴ The 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).