



2020 BALLOT ISSUE ELECTION CALENDAR

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Primary Election: June 2

2020

General Election: November 3

January '20

February '20

March '20

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Deadline/Timeframe*	<i>*Deadline is 5:00 p.m. on specified day unless otherwise noted</i>	Statute
Citizen initiated Legislative Referendum (Overturn a law passed by the Legislature)		
Deadlines are based on final adjournment of Legislature		
File proposed Legislative Referendum with Secretary of State.	<i>"The people may approve or reject by referendum any act of the legislature except an appropriation of money."</i> Signature gathering may not begin until after Secretary of State approves and issues final petition form.	Article III, Section 5, MT Const.; 13-27-202, MCA
September 27th, 2019 4 weeks before 6 months after (10/25/19) Legislature adjournment on 4/25/19	Deadline to submit initiative referendum petitions to county election administrators: last day to withdraw initiative referendum signatures.	13-27-301
October 25th, 2019 6 months after Legislature adjournment on April 25 th , 2019	Deadline for a referendum petition to be filed with the Secretary of State.	Article III, Section 5, MCA
After county election administrator filing deadline	Secretary of State tabulates certified initiative referendum petition signature totals	13-27-307
After final SOS tabulation of certified initiative referendum petition signature totals	Secretary of State certifies for ballot all qualified initiative referendum ballot issues to Governor	13-27-308
November 3, 2020	GENERAL ELECTION	13-1-104(1)
Citizen initiated ballot petitions (statutory and constitutional)		
File proposed ballot petition with Secretary of State	Signature gathering may not begin until after Secretary of State approves and issues final petition form.	13-27-202
June 19, 2019	First day to circulate approved constitutional and statutory initiative petitions.	13-27-202
October 17, 2019	First day to submit constitutional and statutory initiative petition signatures to county election administrators.	13-27-301
June 19, 2020	Signatures due to election administrators for constitutional and statutory initiatives for certification; last day for withdrawal of signatures	13-27-301



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July 17, 2020	Deadline for county election administrators to file certified constitutional and statutory initiative petitions to the Secretary of State	<u>13-27-104</u>
After county election administrator filing deadline	Secretary of State tabulates certified constitutional and statutory initiative petition signature totals	<u>13-27-307</u>
After final SOS tabulation of certified statutory or constitutional initiative petition signature totals	Secretary of State certifies for the ballot all qualified constitutional and statutory initiatives and submits to Governor.	<u>13-27-308</u>
November 3, 2020	GENERAL ELECTION	<u>13-1-104(1)</u>
Voter Information Pamphlet		
July 14, 2020	Deadline for appointment of committee members for Voter Information Pamphlet (VIP) arguments by designated individuals	<u>13-27-403</u>
July 20, 2020	Secretary of State notifies members by certified mail of deadlines by this date (or within 5 days of committee member appointment)	<u>13-27-403</u>
July 21, 2020	VIP Committee arguments due to Secretary of State; appointments by committee members to fill vacancies.	<u>13-27-403;</u> <u>13-27-406</u>
July 23, 2020	VIP proponents/opponent arguments must be filed with supporting documents and factual statements included in arguments (within 2 business days of the argument deadline)	<u>13-27-409</u>
July 31, 2020	Rebuttal arguments for VIP due to the Secretary of State	<u>13-27-407</u>
August 4, 2020	Deadline for proponents/opponents to file supporting documentation of factual statements made in rebuttals (within 2 business days of the rebuttal deadline)	<u>13-27-409</u>
August 20, 2020	Deadline for Secretary of State to certify for the ballot the names and designations of statewide and state district candidates and statewide ballot issues to election administrators; deadline for election administrators to certify for the ballot the names of local candidates and local ballot issues	<u>13-12-201(1)</u>
October 5, 2020	VIP must be mailed to voters on or before this date per MCA.	<u>13-27-410</u>
November 3, 2020	GENERAL ELECTION	<u>13-1-104(1)</u>