# 2020 BALLOT ISSUE ELECTION CALENDAR

**Montana Secretary of State**

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### Primary Election: June 2

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  - 23

- **June '20**
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  - 3
  - 10
  - 17
  - 24

- **August '20**
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- **October '20**
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- **November '20**
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- **December '20**
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<td>File proposed Legislative Referendum with Secretary of State.</td>
<td>“The people may approve or reject by referendum any act of the legislature except an appropriation of money.” Signature gathering may not begin until after Secretary of State approves and issues final petition form.</td>
<td>Article III, Section 5, MT Const.; 13-27-202, MCA</td>
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<td>September 27th, 2019 4 weeks before 6 months after (10/25/19) Legislature adjournment on 4/25/19</td>
<td>Deadline to submit initiative referendum petitions to county election administrators: last day to withdraw initiative referendum signatures.</td>
<td>13-27-301</td>
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<td>October 25th, 2019 6 months after Legislature adjournment on April 25th, 2019</td>
<td>Deadline for a referendum petition to be filed with the Secretary of State.</td>
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<td>VIP must be mailed to voters on or before this date per MCA.</td>
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