

2025 SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT ELECTION CALENDAR

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2024-2025

December '24

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Deadline	Activity	Statute
2024		
December 12, 2024 145 days before election	Candidate Filing Opens for Special Purpose District Elections (excluding conservation districts; see 13-1-502(4)(b)).	13-1-502(1)
2025		
February 10, 2025 85 days before election	Candidate Filing Closes at 5pm.	13-1-502(1)
	Deadline for a candidate to withdraw.	13-1-502(2)
	Last day for Governing Body to pass an order or resolution calling for the election. The order or resolution shall specify whether the governing body is requesting that the election be conducted by mail.	13-1-504(4) and (5)
	Deadline for candidates to be registered to vote in Montana.	2-16-102
February 20, 2025 75 days before election	Ballot certification deadline.	13-12-201
March 3, 2025 65 days before election*	Write-in candidates must file a declaration of intent by 5pm.	13-1-502(3)
	After 5pm, Election Administrator shall cancel election and immediately notify the governing body in writing of the cancellation, if the number of candidates is equal to, or less than, the number of positions to be filled. The governing body may require the election to be held by passing a resolution. <i>(Since there is no deadline specified in law for such a governing body resolution, SOS recommends working closely with the governing body to determine in advance of March 7 whether the governing body plans to pass such a resolution.)</i>	13-1-502(4)(a) <i>*1-1-307</i>
March 7, 2025 60 days before election	Deadline for Secretary of State to receive written plans for May 6 mail ballot elections.	13-19-205(1)
March 10 – April 6, 2025 Starting not earlier than four weeks before close of voter registration	Publish notice of close of regular registration and availability of late registration at least three times in the four weeks preceding the close of regular voter registration.	13-2-301(1)(b)
March 27 – April 26, 2025 Between 10 and 40 days before election	Publish notice of election three times (if newspaper of general circulation is weekly, notice must be published two times).	13-1-108(1) and (2)
April 7, 2025 30 days before election	Regular Voter Registration Closes. (Note: 30 days before the election is a Sunday which pushes this date to April 7 per 1-1-307 .)	13-2-301(1)(a)
April 8, 2025	Start of Late registration	13-2-304(1)
April 10, 2025 Within 3 days of the close of regular voter registration	Voter registration applications postmarked by April 7 and received by April 10 are accepted for regular voter registration.	13-2-301(3)
April 16, 2025 20 days before the election	Absentee ballots must be available for voting; in a polling place election, electors on the absentee elector list, including absent military and overseas electors, are sent ballots automatically on April 16.	13-1-503(1)
No sooner than April 16; no later than April 21, 2025	If election is conducted by mail ballot, ballots must be mailed on a single date during this range.	13-1-503(2)
May 6, 2025	Election Day	13-1-504(1)