



2024 BALLOT ISSUE CALENDAR

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**Please note that the ballot issue statute was modified by Senate Bill 93 during the 2023 Legislature*

Primary Election: **June 4**

General Election: **November 5**

Petition signatures deadline to County

Election Administrators: **June 21**

2024

Deadline for County Election Administrators to file certified petitions to Secretary of State: **July 19**

January '24							February '24							March '24						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6					1	2	3						1	2
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
														31						
April '24							May '24							June '24						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6				1	2	3	4							1
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
														30						
July '24							August '24							September '24						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6					1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30					
October '24							November '24							December '24						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5						1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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Deadline/Timeframe*	Deadline is 5:00 p.m. on specified day unless otherwise noted	Statute
Citizen initiated Legislative Referendum (Overturn a law passed by the Legislature)		
*Deadlines are based on the final adjournment of the 68th Legislative Session – May 2nd, 2023		
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
October 5, 2023 4 weeks before (11/2/23), 6 months after Legislature adjournment 5/2/23*	Deadline to submit initiative referendum petitions to county election administrators: last day to withdraw initiative referendum signatures.	Article III, Section 5, MT Const. 13-27-301
November 2, 2023 6 months after Legislature adjournment 5/2/23*	Deadline for county election administrators to file certified initiative referendum petitions with the Secretary of State.	Article III, Section 5, MT Cont.
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 to the governor that the completed petition qualifies for the ballot.	13-27-308
November 5, 2024	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 the final petition form.	13-27-202
June 21, 2023	First day to circulate approved constitutional and statutory initiative petitions.	13-27-202
October 19, 2023	First day to submit constitutional and statutory initiative petition signatures to county election administrators.	13-27-301
June 21, 2024	Petition signatures due to County Election Administrators for constitutional and statutory initiatives for certification; last day for withdrawal of signatures.	13-27-301



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July 19, 2024	Deadline for County Election Administrators to file certified constitutional and statutory initiative petitions to the Secretary of State.	13-27-104
After county election administrator filing deadline	Secretary of State tabulates certified constitutional and statutory initiative petition signature totals.	13-27-307
After final SOS tabulation of certified statutory or constitutional initiative petition signature totals	Secretary of State certifies to the governor that the completed petition(s) qualifies for the ballot.	13-27-308
November 5, 2024	GENERAL ELECTION	13-1-104(1)

Voter Information Pamphlet

July 16, 2024	Deadline for appointment of committee members for Voter Information Pamphlet (VIP) arguments by designated individuals.	13-27-403
July 22, 2024	Secretary of State notifies members by certified mail of deadlines by this date (or within 5 days of committee member appointment).	13-27-403
July 23, 2024	VIP Committee arguments due to Secretary of State; appointments by committee members to fill vacancies.	13-27-403 , 13-27-406
July 25, 2024	VIP proponent/opponent arguments must be filed with supporting documents and factual statements included in arguments (within 2 business days of the argument deadline).	13-27-409
August 2, 2024	Rebuttal arguments for VIP due to the Secretary of State.	13-27-407
August 6, 2024	Deadline for proponents/opponents to file supporting documentation of factual statements made in rebuttals (within 2 business days of the rebuttal deadline).	13-27-409
August 22, 2024	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.	13-12-201(1)
October 7, 2024	VIP must be mailed to voters on or before this date per statute.	13-27-410
November 5, 2024	GENERAL ELECTION	13-1-104(1)