



# 2022 BALLOT ISSUE CALENDAR

Montana Secretary of State

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Primary Election: **June 7**  
Petition signatures deadline to County Election Administrators: **June 17**

## 2022

General Election: **November 8**  
Deadline for County Election Administrators to file certified petitions to Secretary of State: **July 15**

### January '22

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### August '22

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### September '22

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### November '22

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### December '22

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Deadline/Timeframe*	<i>Deadline is 5:00 p.m. on specified day unless otherwise noted</i>	Statute
<b>Citizen initiated Legislative Referendum (Overturn a law passed by the Legislature)</b>		
<b>*Deadlines are based on the final adjournment of the 67<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session</b>		
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.	<a href="#">Article III, Section 5, MT Const.</a> <a href="#">13-27-202, MCA</a>
<b>October 1, 2021</b> 4 weeks before (10/29/21), 6 months after Legislature adjournment 4/29/21*	Deadline to submit initiative referendum petitions to county election administrators: last day to withdraw initiative referendum signatures.	<a href="#">Article III, Section 5, MT Const.</a> <a href="#">13-27-301</a>
<b>October 29, 2021</b> 6 months after Legislature adjournment 4/29/21*	Deadline for county election administrators to file certified initiative referendum petitions with the Secretary of State.	<a href="#">Article III, Section 5, MT Const.</a>
<b>After county election administrator filing deadline</b>	Secretary of State tabulates certified initiative referendum petition signature totals.	<a href="#">13-27-307</a>
<b>After final SOS tabulation of certified initiative referendum petition signature totals</b>	Secretary of State certifies for ballot all qualified initiative referendum ballot issues to Governor.	<a href="#">13-27-308</a>
<b>November 8, 2022</b>	<b>GENERAL ELECTION</b>	<a href="#">13-1-104(1)</a>

<b>Citizen Initiated Ballot Petitions (Statutory and Constitutional)</b>		
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.	<a href="#">13-27-202</a>
<b>June 17, 2021</b>	First day to circulate approved constitutional and statutory initiative petitions.	<a href="#">13-27-202</a>
<b>October 15, 2021</b>	First day to submit constitutional and statutory initiative petition signatures to county election administrators.	<a href="#">13-27-301</a>
<b>June 17, 2022</b>	<b>Petition signatures due to County Election Administrators</b> for constitutional and statutory initiatives for certification; last day for withdrawal of signatures.	<a href="#">13-27-301</a>



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July 15, 2022	Deadline for County Election Administrators to file certified constitutional and statutory initiative petitions to the Secretary of State.	<a href="#">13-27-104</a>
After county election administrator filing deadline	Secretary of State tabulates certified constitutional and statutory initiative petition signature totals.	<a href="#">13-27-307</a>
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.	<a href="#">13-27-308</a>
November 8, 2022	<b>GENERAL ELECTION</b>	<a href="#">13-1-104(1)</a>

### Voter Information Pamphlet

July 19, 2022	Deadline for appointment of committee members for Voter Information Pamphlet (VIP) arguments by designated individuals.	<a href="#">13-27-403</a>
July 25, 2022	Secretary of State notifies members by certified mail of deadlines by this date (or within 5 days of committee member appointment).	<a href="#">13-27-403</a>
July 26, 2022	VIP Committee arguments due to Secretary of State; appointments by committee members to fill vacancies.	<a href="#">13-27-403</a> , <a href="#">13-27-406</a>
July 28, 2022	VIP proponent/opponent arguments must be filed with supporting documents and factual statements included in arguments (within 2 business days of the argument deadline).	<a href="#">13-27-409</a>
August 5, 2022	Rebuttal arguments for VIP due to the Secretary of State.	<a href="#">13-27-407</a>
August 9, 2022	Deadline for proponents/opponents to file supporting documentation of factual statements made in rebuttals (within 2 business days of the rebuttal deadline).	<a href="#">13-27-409</a>
August 25, 2022	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.	<a href="#">13-12-201(1)</a>
October 10, 2022	VIP must be mailed to voters on or before this date per statute.	<a href="#">13-27-410</a>
November 8, 2022	<b>GENERAL ELECTION</b>	<a href="#">13-1-104(1)</a>