

## **2022 BALLOT ISSUE CALENDAR**

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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 67 <sup>th</sup> Legislative Session							
File proposed	"The people may approve or reject by referendum any act of the	Article III, Section 5,					
Legislative Referendum	legislature except an appropriation of money."	MT Const.					
with Secretary of State.	Signature gathering may not begin until after Secretary of State	<u>13-27-202, MCA</u>					
	approves and issues final petition form.						
October 1, 2021	Deadline to submit initiative referendum petitions to county	Article III, Section 5,					
4 weeks before	election administrators: last day to withdraw initiative referendum	MT Const.					
(10/29/21), 6 months	signatures.	<u>13-27-301</u>					
after Legislature							
adjournment 4/29/21*							
October 29, 2021	Deadline for county election administrators to file certified	Article III, Section 5,					
6 months after	initiative referendum petitions with the Secretary of State.	MT Cont.					
Legislature							
adjournment 4/29/21*							
After county election	Secretary of State tabulates certified initiative referendum petition	13-27-307					
administrator filing	signature totals.						
deadline							
After final SOS	Secretary of State certifies for ballot all qualified initiative	<u>13-27-308</u>					
tabulation of certified	referendum ballot issues to Governor.						
initiative referendum							
petition signature							
totals							
November 8, 2022	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 17, 2021	First day to circulate approved constitutional and statutory	13-27-202					
	initiative petitions.						
October 15, 2021	First day to submit constitutional and statutory initiative petition	<u>13-27-301</u>					
	signatures to county election administrators.						
	Petition signatures due to County Election Administrators for	<u>13-27-301</u>					
June 17, 2022	constitutional and statutory initiatives for certification; last day for						
	withdrawal of signatures.						



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	Deadline for County Election Administrators to file certified	<u>13-27-104</u>
July 15, 2022	constitutional and statutory initiative petitions to the Secretary of	
	State.	
After county election	Secretary of State tabulates certified constitutional and statutory	<u>13-27-307</u>
administrator filing	initiative petition signature totals.	
deadline		
After final SOS	Secretary of State certifies for the ballot all qualified constitutional	<u>13-27-308</u>
tabulation of certified	and statutory initiatives and submits to Governor.	
statutory or		
constitutional initiative		
petition signature		
totals		
November 8, 2022	GENERAL ELECTION	13-1-104(1)

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