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2022 election calendar

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SOUTH CAROLINA
ELECTION COMMISSION

2022 Election Calendar

This calendar is intended to be a reference to significant dates in the election year. Efforts were made to ensure calendar complies with applicable law. If in any case the calendar conflicts with state or federal law, applicable laws control. For complete information regarding dates and deadlines, be sure to consult applicable law. Calendar is subject to change.

Date	Event	Statutes
January 1, 2022	Absentee precincts established for elections in 2022.	7-15-330
January 15	First day 17-year-olds who turn 18 on or before November 8, 2022, may register to vote.	7-5-180
March 16 12:00 noon	Filing opens for candidates seeking political party nominations for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor • Secretary of State • State Treasurer • Attorney General • Comptroller General • State Superintendent of Education • Commissioner of Agriculture • U.S. Senate • U.S. House of Representatives • State House of Representatives • Multi-county district offices • Solicitor (circuits 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 15) • Various countywide and less than countywide offices Candidates file Statement of Intention of Candidacy/Party Pledge (SICPP) and any filing fees with appropriate election office (SEC or county board).	7-11-15 7-11-210 7-11-220 S.C. Constitution, Article IV
March 30 12:00 noon	Deadline for sheriff and coroner candidates to file affidavit with the county party executive committee.	17-5-130 23-11-110
March 30 12:00 noon	Candidate filing closes.	7-11-15
March 31	Deadline for political parties to hold county conventions.	7-9-70
April 1 12:00 noon	Deadline for SEC and county boards to provide SICPP forms, filing fee receipts and filing fee checks to the appropriate state or county party executive committee.	7-11-15
April 5 12:00 noon	Deadline for political parties holding primaries to certify candidates to appropriate election office (SEC or county board).	7-13-40
April 11 12:00 noon	Deadline for county parties to file sheriff and coroner affidavits with county boards.	17-5-130 23-11-110
April 27 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for candidates to withdraw and have name removed from the Primary ballot.	
April 30	Deadline to mail Primary absentee ballots to military and overseas citizens.	7-15-650 7-15-680
April 30	Deadline for political parties to submit list of prospective poll managers for Primaries to county boards.	7-13-72

May 18, 2022

Date	Event	Statutes
May 5	Latest possible date for parties to publicly announce date of state convention (must be publicly announced at least 10 days prior to state convention).	7-9-100
May 13 5:00 p.m.	Deadline to register to vote in person for Primaries (unless county board holds weekend hours).	7-5-150
May 15	Deadline for political parties to hold state conventions.	7-9-100
May 15 11:59 p.m.	Deadline to register to vote online or by fax or email for Primaries.	7-5-155 7-5-185
May 16	Deadline to register to vote by mail for Primaries (must be postmarked by this date).	7-5-155
May 24	Deadline for county boards to provide early-voting locations for Primaries to SEC.	7-13-25
May 31	<p>Early voting for Primaries begins at county voter registration offices and other early-voting locations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Monday – Friday) • Closed Saturday and Sunday (June 4 – 5) 	7-13-25
May 31 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for voters using old application to apply for an absentee-by-mail ballot for Primaries. County boards will be issuing new applications that meet the requirements of new legislation that was signed into law on May 13.	7-15-330
June 3 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for voters using new application to apply for an absentee-by-mail ballot for Primaries.	7-15-330
June 10 5:00 p.m.	Deadline to vote early in person for Primaries.	7-13-25
June 14	Statewide Primaries. Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.	7-13-40 7-13-60
June 14 9:00 a.m.	Earliest possible time county boards can begin opening absentee-by-mail envelopes and processing ballots.	7-15-420
June 14 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to receive absentee-by-mail ballots (military and overseas voters' ballots accepted through 5:00 p.m., June 15).	7-15-420 7-15-700
June 14 After 7:00 p.m.	County boards begin reporting election results locally and through scVOTES.gov .	7-13-1110 7-13-1160
June 15 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to conduct hand-count audit and provide results to SEC.	7-3-20(C)(2)
June 16 1:00 p.m.	<p>Deadline for county boards to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold provisional ballot hearing. • Complete canvass of votes. • Certify results. • Order any necessary runoffs and recounts for county-level offices. 	7-17-510 7-17-610 7-17-280
June 17 3:00 p.m.	<p>State Board of Canvassers meets to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete canvassing of votes. • Certify results. • Order any necessary runoffs and recounts for state-level offices. 	7-17-510 7-17-610 7-17-280

Date	Event	Statutes
June 17 After SEC cert.	County boards may begin transmitting absentee by mail ballots for Runoff.	7-15-370
June 20 12:00 noon	Deadline for filing protest of Primary with appropriate county or state party executive committee.	7-17-520 7-17-560
June 22	Early voting for Runoffs begins at county voter registration offices and other early-voting locations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Wednesday – Friday) 	7-13-25
June 23	Protest hearings held by appropriate county or state party executive committee.	7-17-530 7-17-570
June 24 3:00 p.m.	Deadline for notice of appeal to the state party executive committee from decisions by county party executive committee.	7-17-540
June 24 5:00 p.m.	Deadline to vote early in person for Primary Runoffs.	7-13-25
June 25 12:00 noon	Deadline for state party executive committee to hear appeals.	7-17-550
June 28	Primary Runoffs. Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.	7-13-40
June 28 9:00 a.m.	Earliest possible time county boards can begin opening absentee-by-mail envelopes and processing ballots.	7-15-420
June 28 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to receive absentee-by-mail ballots (military and overseas voters' ballots accepted through 5:00 p.m., June 29).	7-15-420 7-15-700
June 28 After 7:00 p.m.	County boards begin reporting election results locally and through scVOTES.gov.	7-13-1110 7-13-1160
June 29 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to conduct hand-count audit and provide results to SEC.	7-3-20(C)(2)
June 30 1:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold provisional ballot hearing. Complete canvass of votes. Certify results. Order any necessary runoffs and recounts for county-level offices. 	7-17-510 7-17-610 7-17-280
July 1 3:00 p.m.	State Board of Canvassers meets to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete canvassing of votes. Certify results. Order any necessary runoffs and recounts for state-level offices. 	7-17-510 7-17-610 7-17-280
July 1	Deadline for Sheriff candidates to make fingerprints available to SLED for search of local, state, and federal files for any criminal record.	23-11-110
July 1	Deadline for county boards to provide early-voting locations for General Election to SEC.	7-13-25
July 4 12:00 noon	Deadline for filing protest of Runoff with appropriate county or state party executive committee.	7-17-520 7-17-560
July 7	Protest hearings held by appropriate county or state party executive committee.	7-17-530 7-17-570
July 8 3:00 p.m.	Deadline for notice of appeal to the state party executive committee from decisions by county party executive committee.	7-17-540

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July 9 12:00 noon	Deadline for state party executive committee to hear appeals.	7-17-550
July 11	Date on which number of signatures required for candidate petitions is determined.	7-11-70
July 15 12:00 noon	Deadline to submit petition to appropriate election official for name to be placed on General Election ballot.	7-13-351
August 15 12:00 noon	a) Deadline to check petitions and certify petition candidates. b) Deadline to certify referendum questions to county boards to be placed on General Election ballot. c) Deadline for political parties to certify candidates to appropriate county board or SEC. d) Deadline for nonpartisan candidates to file and be certified for General Election ballot (actual filing deadlines for some non-partisan offices could differ according to local legislation).	7-13-350 7-13-351 7-13-352 7-13-355
September 21 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for candidates to withdraw and have name removed from the General Election ballot.	
September 24	Deadline to mail General Election absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act).	7-15-650 7-15-680
October 7 5:00 p.m.	Deadline to register to vote in person for General Election (unless county board holds weekend hours).	7-5-150
October 9 11:59 p.m.	Deadline to register to vote online or by fax or email for General Election.	7-5-155 7-5-185
October 11	Deadline to register to vote by mail for General Election (must be postmarked by this date).	7-5-155
October 24	Early voting for General Election begins at county voter registration offices and other early-voting locations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Monday – Saturday) • Closed Sunday, October 30 	7-13-25
October 28 5:00 p.m.	Deadline to apply for absentee-by-mail ballot for General Election.	7-15-330
November 5 6:00 p.m.	Deadline to vote early in person for General Election.	7-13-25
November 6 7:00 a.m.	Earliest possible time county boards can begin opening absentee-by-mail envelopes and processing ballots.	7-15-420
November 8	General Election Day. Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.	7-13-10 7-13-60
November 8 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for county boards to receive absentee-by-mail ballots (military and overseas voters' ballots accepted through 5:00 p.m., November 10).	7-15-420 7-15-700
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November 16 10:00 a.m.	State Board of Canvassers meets to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canvass votes. • Certify results. • Order any necessary recounts for state-level offices. 	7-17-220 7-17-280
November 16 12:00 noon	Deadline for filing protests of county-level offices with county boards.	7-17-30
November 21 12:00 noon	Deadline to file protests of federal, state or multi-county offices with the State Board of Canvassers.	7-17-260
November 21	Protest hearings held by county boards for countywide or less than countywide elections.	7-17-50
November 28 12:00 noon	a) Deadline to file appeal of county board decision to State Board of Canvassers. b) Deadline for county board to submit transcript of protest hearing to the State Board of Canvassers.	7-17-60 7-17-50
December 12 12:00 noon	Latest possible date for State Board to hear appeals. Appeals must be heard not later than noon, 14 days following filing of appeal.	7-17-70
December 16	Latest possible date for State Board to hear a protest of a federal, state or multi-county office. Protests must be heard not earlier than the fifth nor later than the 25th day following filing of protest.	7-17-270