

2018 NEW MEXICO GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR

This calendar is intended only to be a summary of statutory deadlines for the convenience of election officers. In all cases the relevant sections of the law should always be consulted to verify dates and for a full statement of election officers. Unless otherwise indicated, all references are to New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978 compilation.

AUGUST 2018

<p><i>Beginning</i> August 1, 2018 (Wednesday)</p>	<p>BEGIN PROCESS TO GET CLERK WEBSITE READY FOR ORDERING ELECTION SUPPLIES</p> <p>Clerks need to have access to order election supplies on the website.</p>	<p>SOS</p>
<p>REMINDER</p>	<p>RETENTION OF 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOTS</p> <p>Paper ballots marked by voters and all records related to voting in any election in which a federal candidate appears on the ballot shall be retained and preserved for a period of twenty-two months from the date of the election.</p>	<p>1-12-69 (A)</p>
<p><i>No Later Than</i> August 6, 2018 (Monday)</p>	<p>LAST DAY TO CONTEST ELECTION (PRIMARY ELECTION)</p> <p>Any action to contest an election shall be commenced by filing a verified complaint in the district court of the county where either party resides. Such complaint shall be filed no later than thirty (30) days from issuance of the certificate of nomination or issuance of the certificate of election to the successful candidate.</p> <p>NOTE: Date subject to change if state and county election results are not official as scheduled and certificates of nomination are not issued as scheduled.</p>	<p>1-14-3</p>
<p><i>No Later Than</i> August 8, 2018 (Wednesday)</p>	<p>LAST POSSIBLE DAY TO MAIL NCOA NOTICES TO VOTERS</p> <p>Between ninety and one hundred twenty days before the next general election, the secretary of state shall send to each voter who it appears has changed address from the voter's precinct of registration a notice, sent by forward-able mail, that shall include a postage prepaid and pre-addressed return card.</p>	<p>SOS 1-4-28(C)</p>
<p><i>On or before</i> August 8, 2018 (Wednesday)</p>	<p>CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION - PETITION TO DISTRICT COURT</p> <p>At any time not less than ninety (90) days prior to a primary or general election, the secretary of state may file and present to the district court a verified petition alleging, on information and belief, that certain persons registered, named in the petition, are not qualified electors in the precincts named in the petition. The petition shall contain a brief statement of the facts upon which such allegation is made.</p>	<p>SOS 1-4-22</p>

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<p><i>No Later Than August 8, 2018 (Wednesday)</i></p>	<p>ALTERNATE VOTING LOCATIONS</p> <p>The county clerk shall publicly fix the hours of operation for alternate voting locations in the county not later than ninety (90) days before each primary and general election. The County Clerk may modify the hours of operation of the alternate voting location with the written approval of the secretary of state.</p>	<p>1-6-5.7 (C)</p>
<p><i>No Later Than August 8, 2018 (Wednesday)</i></p>	<p>POST ELECTION VOTING SYSTEM CHECK</p> <p>At least ninety (90) days prior to each general election, the secretary of state shall contract with an auditor qualified by the state auditor to audit state agencies to oversee a check on the accuracy of precinct electronic vote tabulators, alternate voting location electronic vote tabulators and absent voter precinct electronic vote tabulators. The voting system check shall be conducted for all federal offices, for governor and for the statewide elective office, other than the office of the governor, for which the winning candidate won by the smallest percentage margin of all candidates for statewide office in New Mexico. The voting system check is waived for any office for which a recount is conducted.</p>	<p>SOS 1-14-13.2 (A)</p>
<p><i>No Later Than August 17, 2018 (Friday)</i></p>	<p>NOTICE TO BE SENT BY SOS OFFICE TO CHAIRS OF QUALIFIED POLITICAL PARTIES TO DETERMINE PARTY POSITIONS ON THE BALLOT</p> <p>Notice shall be sent to each chairman of a qualified political party by certified mail, return receipt requested, not less than two weeks prior to such drawing.</p>	<p>SOS 1-10-8.1 NMSA & 1.10.6.8 (B) NMAC Rule</p>
<p><i>No Later Than August 28, 2018 (Tuesday)</i></p>	<p>LAST DAY FOR CANDIDATES TO WITHDRAW FROM GENERAL ELECTION</p> <p>No candidate shall withdraw from a general election unless the candidate withdraws at least seventy (70) days prior to that election and the candidate files a signed and notarized statement of withdrawal with the proper filing officer.</p>	<p>1-8-9</p>
<p><i>No Later Than August 28, 2018 (Tuesday)</i></p>	<p>LAST DAY TO HOLD MUNICIPAL, SCHOOL OR SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTIONS</p> <p>No municipal, school, county or special district election shall be held within seventy (70) days prior to or following any statewide election.</p>	<p>1-12-71</p>
	<p>LAST DAY TO SUBMIT COUNTY OR LOCAL BALLOT QUESTIONS</p> <p>Last Day for county or local government questions to be submitted for appearance on the General Election ballot. A copy of the resolution proposing the questions shall be sent by the county clerk to the secretary of state not less than seventy (70) days prior to the election.</p>	<p>1-16-8</p>

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<p><i>On August 31, 2018 at 2:00 PM (Friday)</i></p>	<p>DRAWING FOR DETERMINING PARTY POSITION ON THE BALLOT</p> <p>The names of the candidates of each political party qualified to participate in a general election shall be placed by party on the general election ballot in the order of preference as determined by lot at a drawing held for that purpose. On the last Friday in the month of August in the year in which a general election is to be held, the state chairperson of each political party qualified to participate in the election, or a designated representative with written authorization by such chairperson, shall meet in the office of the secretary of state at a time specified in the notice. At this time, the chairperson, or the designated representative, shall proceed to draw by lot for the position of the chairperson's party on the general election ballot.</p>	<p>SOS</p> <p>1-10-8.1 NMSA & NMAC Rule 1.10.6.8 A 1.10.6.8 B</p>
<p><i>No Later Than August 31, 2018 (Friday)</i></p>	<p>TRANSLATIONS SHOULD BE COMPLETE FOR PROOFING</p> <p>Translations of amendments and bonds should be complete by this date so that proofing of these documents can be completed. <i>Proofing should be complete ASAP.</i></p>	<p>SOS</p>

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<p><i>REMINDER</i></p>	<p>BEGIN PROCESS FOR PUBLICATIONS OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS IN NEWSPAPER AND BONDS</p> <p>The secretary of state shall cause any such amendment or amendments to be published in at least one newspaper in <u>every county of the state, where a newspaper is published once each week, for four consecutive weeks, in English and Spanish when newspapers in both of said languages are published in such counties, the last publication to be not more than two weeks prior to the election at which time said amendment or amendments shall be submitted to the electors of the state</u> for their approval or rejection; and shall further provide notice of the content and purpose of legislatively approved constitutional amendments in both English and Spanish to inform electors about the amendments in the time and manner provided by law. <i>REMINDER: Last publication to be made not more than two weeks prior to the election, on or after October 23, 2018.</i></p>	<p>SOS</p> <p>New Mexico Constitution Article XIX, Section 1</p>
<p><i>REMINDER</i></p>	<p>PREPARE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND BOND QUESTIONS FOR VOTER GUIDE</p>	<p>SOS</p>

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<p><i>No Later Than</i> September 4, 2018 (Tuesday)</p>	<p>LAST DAY TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT IF VACANCY OCCURS AFTER THE PRIMARY</p>	
	<p>Appointments to fill vacancies in the list of a party's nominees shall be made and filed at least sixty-three (63) days prior to the general election.</p>	1-8-8 (D)
	<p>LAST DAY TO PREPARE THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT IN WRITING TO THE PRINTER</p>	
	<p>Not less than sixty-three (63) days before the general election, each proper filing officer shall prepare in writing the ballot containing the name of each candidate that has been certified and filed as the nominee of a party and any constitutional amendments, questions or other propositions that are to be voted on and certify all such information to the ballot printer. A copy of each certification shall be kept on file in the office of the secretary of state. Note: Last day for counties to certify any local questions for the ballot (notwithstanding 1-16-8 which would violate UOCAVA deadlines).</p>	1-10-4 (B)
	<p>LAST DAY TO CERTIFY PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS</p>	SOS 1-16-3
	<p>LAST DAY FOR SECRETARY OF STATE TO ADOPT OR AMEND ANY NMAC RULE</p>	SOS 1-2-1 (B)(2)
	<p>No rule to be adopted or amended within the sixty-three (63) days before the General Election.</p>	
<p><i>As soon as available</i></p>	<p>COUNTY CLERKS SHALL FURNISH PROOF SHEETS UPON REQUEST</p>	
	<p>Upon request of the county chair of a political party participating in the election, the county clerk shall furnish proof sheets or a copy of the proof sheets of the ballot as soon as they become available.</p>	1-10-4 (C)
<p><i>On or Before</i> September 10, 2018 (Monday)</p>	<p>FIRST CAMPAIGN REPORT DUE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION</p>	
	<p>All reporting individuals, except for public officials who are not candidates in an election that year, shall file reports of all expenditures made and contributions received or, if applicable, statements of no activity. By 5:00 p.m. on the second Monday in September, a report of all expenditures made and contributions received on or before the first Monday in September and not previously reported.</p>	1-19-29 (B)(3)
<p><i>On</i> September 11, 2018 (Wednesday)</p>	<p>LETTERS TO NOTIFY NON-COMPLIANT FILERS</p>	SOS
	<p>Notice to reporting individuals who did not file by the deadline to be sent no later than the day after the filing deadline. This deadline must be met unless approved by the Bureau of Elections Director.</p>	

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<p><i>No Later Than</i> September 22, 2018 (Saturday)</p>	<p>CLERKS SHALL HAVE ACCESS TO BALLOTS FOR FQE AND FOCV VOTERS</p>	
	<p>The county clerk shall have access to sufficient ballots to send to federal qualified electors and overseas voters no later than the last business day before the forty-fifth day prior to a primary or general election, as required by federal law.</p>	<p>1-10-5</p>
<p><i>No Later Than</i> September 25, 2018 (Monday)</p>	<p>COUNTY CLERK TO SEND NOTICE OF SEALING VOTING MACHINES TO COUNTY CHAIRS OF EACH POLITICAL PARTY BY THIS DATE IF STARTING CERTIFICATION 42 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION</p>	
	<p>At least three (3) days before preparing, any type of voting machine for an election, the county clerk shall send notice to the county chair of each political party having a candidate on the ballot in the election. The notice shall state the times when and places where the voting machines will be prepared. Pursuant to Section 1-1-22, Computation of Time. "... if an actual deadline falls on a weekend or state-recognized holiday, the next business day shall be the deadline."</p>	<p>1-11-8</p>
<p><i>No Later Than</i> September 22, 2018 (Saturday)</p>	<p>COUNTY CLERK SHALL MAIL OUT BALLOTS FOR FQE AND FOCV VOTERS THAT HAVE REQUESTED BY THIS DATE</p>	
	<p>Not later than forty-five days before an election, even if the forty-fifth day before an election falls on a weekend or a holiday, the appropriate clerk shall transmit a ballot and balloting materials to all federal qualified electors who by that date submit a valid military-overseas ballot application.</p> <p>Ballots for the military and overseas voters who have submitted applications through September 25, 2018 shall be transmitted no later than this day.</p>	<p>1-6B-7 (A)</p>
<p><i>No Later Than</i> September 25, 2018 (Tuesday)</p>	<p>POLLING PLACE DESIGNATED A MAIL BALLOT ELECTION PRECINCT</p>	
	<p>If a precinct is designated a mail ballot election precinct, the county clerk shall notify by mail with delivery confirmation all voters in that precinct at least forty-two (42) days before an election that each voter will be sent an absentee ballot.</p>	<p>1-6-22.1 (B)</p>
<p><i>On or After</i> September 25, 2018 (Tuesday)</p>	<p>EARLIEST DAY COUNTY CLERKS MAY BEGIN CERTIFICATION AND PREPARATION OF VOTING MACHINES FOR GENERAL ELECTION</p>	
	<p>Forty-two (42) days before the election, the county clerk may begin to prepare, inspect and certify and seal electronic voting machines that are to be used in the election and such preparation, inspection, certification and sealing shall continue until all machines are prepared, inspected, certified and sealed.</p>	<p>1-11-5</p>

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<p><i>No Later Than</i> September 27, 2018 (Thursday)</p>	<p>COUNTY CLERKS SHALL HAVE ALL OTHER BALLOTS BY THIS DATE</p> <p>All ballots shall be printed and in the possession of the county clerk at least forty (40) days before the election. When a county is using a system that is designed to print ballots at a polling location, the system shall be programmed and capable of operation at least forty (40) days before the election.</p>	<p>1-10-5</p>
<p><i>On or After</i> September 25, 2018 (Tuesday)</p>	<p>COUNTY CLERKS SHALL SEND CERTIFICATION OF TYPE AND SERIAL NUMBER OF EACH VOTING MACHINE</p> <p>When preparing, inspecting and sealing voting machines, the county clerk shall certify to the secretary of state and the county chair of each political party participating in the election the type and serial number of each voting machine intended to be used in each polling location, by precinct number, where applicable;</p>	<p>1-11-6 (A)</p>
<p><i>On or After</i> September 25, 2018 (Tuesday)</p>	<p>COUNTY CLERK SHALL PREPARE CERTIFICATES OF VOTING MACHINE PREPARATION</p> <p>Immediately after each electronic voting machine has been prepared for the election, the county clerk shall prepare a written certificate, which shall be filed in the county clerk's office. A copy of the certificate shall be posted on the voting machine, and one copy shall be forwarded to the secretary of state. The certificate shall show the serial number for the voting machine, whether or not the machine has all of its public counters set at zero and whether or not the machine has been tested by voting on each public counter to prove the counter is in perfect condition. The certificate shall also show the number of the seal that has sealed the machine and the number registered on the public counter.</p>	<p>1-11-7</p>
<p><i>No Later Than</i> September 29, 2018 (Saturday)</p>	<p>SECRETARY OF STATE AND EACH COUNTY CLERK SHALL PUBLISH TIMES AND LOCATIONS FOR ABSENTEE VOTING</p> <p>The secretary of state and each county clerk shall make reasonable efforts to publicize and inform voters of the times and locations for absentee voting; provided, however, that notice is provided at least ten (10) days before early voting begins.</p>	<p>SOS 1-6-5 (J)</p>

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<p>Beginning September 29, 2018 (Saturday)</p>	<p>PREPARATION OF VOTING MACHINES FOR ABSENTEE VOTING</p> <p>Beginning ten days before an electronic voting machine is issued for absentee voting, the county clerk may begin to prepare, inspect and seal the voting machine in accordance with Section 1-11-6 NMSA 1978. Please note that ten (10) days before the start of Absentee Voting is a Saturday. Pursuant to Section 1-1-22, Computation of Time. "...if an actual deadline falls on a weekend or state-recognized holiday, the next business day shall be the deadline."</p>	<p>1-6-9.2 (A)</p>
<p>REMINDER</p>	<p>PRECINCT BOARD ELECTION SCHOOL</p> <p>The County Clerk shall hold schools of instruction for precinct boards, with one school not less than seven (7) days before the general election.</p>	<p>1-2-17 (B)</p>
<p>Beginning of October</p>	<p>SEND LETTER TO STATE CANVASSING BOARD MEMBERS FOR GENERAL ELECTION STATE CANVASS</p> <p>The state canvassing board shall meet in the state capitol on the third Tuesday after each election and proceed to canvass and declare the results of the election or nomination of each candidate voted upon by the entire state and by the voters of more than one county. The state canvassing board shall also canvass and declare the result of the vote on any constitutional amendment or any question voted upon by the voters of more than one county. Upon the completion of the state canvass, the secretary of state shall notify each county clerk of that fact.</p>	<p>SOS</p> <p>1-13-15</p>
<p>No Later Than October 9, 2018 (Tuesday)</p>	<p>CERTIFICATION OF VOTING MACHINES BEING USED FOR ABSENTEE VOTING</p> <p>At least one day before any electronic voting machine is used for absentee voting, the county clerk shall certify to the secretary of state and all county party chairmen the type and serial number of each voting machine to be used. <i>Pursuant to Section 1-1-22, Computation of Time. "...if an actual deadline falls on a weekend or state-recognized holiday, the next business day shall be the deadline."</i></p> <p>LAST DAY FOR VOTERS OF MAIL BALLOT ELECTION PRECINCTS TO NOTIFY CLERK THAT THEY DO NOT WANT TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT</p> <p>In a mail ballot election precinct - Last day for a voter to notify the county clerk that he or she does not want to receive an absentee ballot. <i>Pursuant to Section 1-1-22, Computation of Time. "...if an actual deadline falls on a weekend or state-recognized holiday, the next business day shall be the deadline."</i></p>	<p>1-6-9.2 (B)</p> <p>1-6-22.1 (B)</p>

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<p>No Later Than October 9, 2018 (Tuesday)</p>	<p>LAST DAY TO INSPECT POLLING PLACES BEFORE ELECTION</p>	
	<p>Not less than thirty (30) days prior to any election at which the building is intended for use as a polling place, the county clerk or the clerk's designated representative shall physically inspect each such facility to determine its suitability for precinct polling places and its capability of handling heavy traffic in the most expeditious manner. <i>Pursuant to Section 1-1-22, Computation of Time. "...if an actual deadline falls on a weekend or state-recognized holiday, the next business day shall be the deadline."</i></p>	<p>1-3-18 (D)</p>
	<p>COUNTY CLERKS PROVIDE LIST OF TRANSLATORS IF APPLICABLE</p>	
	<p>Each county clerk shall provide to the secretary of state no later than thirty (30) days before any election a list of appointed election translators and a list of appointed standby election translators, together with the precinct numbers to which each election translator has been appointed. <i>Pursuant to Section 1-1-22, Computation of Time. "...if an actual deadline falls on a weekend or state-recognized holiday, the next business day shall be the deadline."</i></p>	<p>1-2-19 (D)</p>
<p>On October 9, 2018 (Tuesday)</p>	<p>VOTER REGISTRATION CLOSES FOR GENERAL ELECTION</p>	
	<p>The county clerk shall receive certificates of registration at all times during normal working hours, except that the clerk shall close registration at the end of the twenty-eighth (28) days immediately preceding any election at which the registration books are to be furnished to the precinct board.</p>	<p>1-4-8 (A)</p>
<p>On October 9, 2018 (Tuesday)</p>	<p>ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS</p>	
	<p>First day that a voter may cast a paper absentee ballot or vote in person on an electronic voting system, in the county clerk's office during regular business hours on the twenty-eighth (28) day preceding the election and from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the Saturday immediately prior to the date of the election or mail to the applicant an absentee ballot and the required envelopes for use in returning the ballot.</p>	<p>1-4-8 (A)</p>
<p>On October 9, 2018 (Tuesday)</p>	<p>ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS</p>	
	<p>First day that a voter may cast a paper absentee ballot or vote in person on an electronic voting system, in the county clerk's office during regular business hours on the twenty-eighth (28) day preceding the election and from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the Saturday immediately prior to the date of the election or mail to the applicant an absentee ballot and the required envelopes for use in returning the ballot.</p>	<p>1-6-5 (E)(F)</p>
	<p>MAIL BALLOT PRECINCTS - ABSENTEE VOTING IN LIEU OF POLLING PLACE</p>	
	<p>The county clerk shall mail each voter in the mail ballot election precinct an absentee ballot on the twenty-eighth (28) day before an election, unless the voter has requested otherwise, along with a notice that there will be no polling place in that precinct on election day.</p>	<p>1-6-22.1 (C)</p>

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<p>On October 9, 2018 (Tuesday)</p>	<p>COUNTY CLERKS TO PROVIDE COPIES OF ABSENTEE REGISTER UPON REQUEST</p> <p>Upon request, the county clerk shall transmit to the county chair of each of the major political parties in the county a complete copy of entries made in the absentee ballot register. Such transmissions shall be made once each week beginning four weeks immediately prior to the election. A final copy shall be transmitted on the Saturday immediately following the election.</p>	<p>1-6-6 (E)</p>
<p>On or Before October 9, 2018 (Tuesday)</p>	<p>SECOND CAMPAIGN REPORT OR STATEMENT OF NO ACTIVITY DUE</p> <p>All reporting individuals, except for public officials who are not candidates in an election that year, shall file reports of all expenditures made and contributions received or, if applicable, statements of no activity. By 5:00 p.m. on the second Monday in October, a report of all expenditures made and contributions received on or before the first Monday in October and not previously reported. <i>Pursuant to Section 1-1-22, Computation of Time. "...if an actual deadline falls on a weekend or state-recognized holiday, the next business day shall be the deadline."</i></p>	<p>SOS</p> <p>1-19-29 (B)(4)</p>
	<p>LETTERS TO NOTIFY NON-COMPLIANT FILERS</p>	<p>SOS</p>
<p>On or Before October 10, 2018 (Wednesday)</p>	<p>Notice to reporting individuals who did not file by the deadline to be sent no later than the day after the filing deadline. This deadline must be met unless approved by the Bureau of Elections Director.</p>	
<p>No Later Than October 19, 2018 (Friday)</p>	<p>COUNTY CLERKS TO SEND LIST TO SECRETARY OF STATE AND PARTY CHAIRS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTHORIZED ACCESS TO ALTERNATE SITES</p> <p>The county clerk shall prepare a list of those individuals who have authorized access to alternate voting locations or mobile alternate voting location. This list shall indicate those persons authorized as custodians of voting machine or ballot box keys or seals. A copy of this list shall be provided to the office of the secretary of state and, in a primary, general election or special election for U.S. representative, the chairs of each county's political parties.</p>	<p>NMAC Absentee Rule 1.10.12.11E</p>
<p>On October 16, 2018 (Tuesday)</p>	<p>PROVIDE 2ND COPY OF ABSENTEE REGISTER</p> <p>Second transmission of absentee register to the county chairs of each major political party if requested.</p>	<p>1-6-6 (E)</p>
<p>On October 20, 2018 (Saturday)</p>	<p>EARLY IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS AT ALTERNATE SITES</p> <p>Absentee early in person voting may be done on a voting system at an alternate voting location established by the county clerk.</p>	<p>1-6-5.7</p>

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<p><i>On October 23, 2018 (Tuesday)</i></p>	<p>PROVIDE 3RD COPY OF ABSENTEE REGISTER</p> <p>Third transmission of absentee register to the county chairs of each major political party if requested.</p>	<p>1-6-6 (E)</p>
<p><i>No Earlier Than October 25, 2018 (Thursday) and No Later Than October 30, 2018 (Tuesday)</i></p>	<p>FIRST DAY TO PUBLISH THE NOTICE OF ELECTION BY PROCLAMATION</p> <p>Earliest day for county clerks to publish the proclamation. The proclamation shall be published at least once, not more than twelve (12) nor less than seven (7) days before election day. If no legal newspaper is published in the county the proclamation shall be published in legal newspaper of general circulation in the county. A copy of the proclamation shall be posted in a building. The proclamation shall be printed in English and Spanish. The proclamation shall be broadcast on a radio station in the appropriate Native American languages in those counties affected by the federal Voting Rights Acts of 1965 as amended.</p>	<p>1-11-1 1-11-3</p>
<p><i>No Later Than October 29, 2018 (Monday)</i></p>	<p>LAST DAY FOR NOTIFICATION TO EACH MEMBER OF A PRECINCT BOARD OF GENERAL SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION, IF SCHOOL IS HELD SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018</p> <p>Each member of the precinct board shall be notified at least seven days prior to commencement of the school. <i>Pursuant to Section 1-1-22, Computation of Time. "...if an actual deadline falls on a weekend or state-recognized holiday, the next business day shall be the deadline.</i></p>	<p>1-2-17 (D)</p>
<p><i>No Later Than October 29, 2018 (Monday)</i></p>	<p>COUNTY/STATE CANVASS OR ELECTION OBSERVER - APPOINTMENTS</p> <p>Last day for a candidate for elected office or an election related organization to request state or county canvass or election observers.</p>	<p>1-2-31</p>
<p><i>No Later Than October 29, 2018 (Monday)</i></p>	<p>ELECTION WATCHERS - APPOINTMENTS</p> <p>Last day for a group of three candidates or an election related organization to provide notice to the secretary of state of appointment of election watchers.</p>	<p>SOS 1-2-27 (A)(B)</p>

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<p><i>No Later Than October 30, 2018 (Tuesday)</i></p>	<p>SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION FOR PRECINCT BOARDS</p>	
	<p>Last day for county clerks to hold one election school not less than seven days before the general election for precinct board members and other interested persons.</p>	1-2-17 (B)
	<p>LAST DAY FOR NOTIFICATION TO THE PRESS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION</p>	
	<p>Last day for notification if school is held on Saturday, November 3, 2018</p>	1-2-17 (D)
<p><i>No Earlier Than October 25, 2018 (Thursday) and No Later Than October 30, 2018 (Tuesday)</i></p>	<p>LAST DAY TO PUBLISH THE GENERAL ELECTION PROCLAMATION</p>	
	<p>Last day for county clerks to publish the proclamation. The proclamation shall be published at least once, not more than twelve nor less than seven days before election day. If no legal newspaper is published in the county the proclamation shall be published in legal newspaper of general circulation in the county. A copy of the proclamation shall be posted in a public building. The proclamation shall be printed in English and Spanish. The proclamation shall be broadcast on a radio station in the appropriate Native American languages in those counties affected by the federal Voting Rights Acts of 1965 as amended.</p>	1-11-3 1-11-1
<p><i>On October 30, 2018 (Tuesday)</i></p>	<p>PROVIDE 4TH COPY OF ABSENTEE REGISTER</p>	
	<p>Fourth transmission of absentee register to the county chairs of each major political party if requested.</p>	1-6-6 (E)

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<p><i>Beginning November 1, 2018 (Thursday)</i></p>	<p>DELIVERY OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO ABSENT VOTER PRECINCT</p>	
	<p>Beginning on the Thursday immediately preceding election day, the county clerk may deliver to the special deputy county clerk for delivery to the absent voter precinct board the absentee ballots received prior to the delivery day.</p>	1-6-11 (A)

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<p><i>On or Before</i> November 1, 2018 (Thursday)</p>	<p>THIRD CAMPAIGN REPORT OR STATEMENT OF NO ACTIVITY DUE</p> <p>All reporting individuals, except for public officials who are not candidates in an election that year, shall file reports of all expenditures made and contributions received or, if applicable, statements of no activity. By 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before a primary, general or statewide special election, a report of all expenditures made and contributions received by 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election.</p> <p>Note: Any contribution or pledge to contribute that is received after 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election and that is for five hundred dollars (\$500) or more in a legislative or non-statewide judicial election, or two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or more in a statewide election, shall be reported to the proper filing officer either in a supplemental report on a prescribed form within twenty-four hours of receipt or in the report to be filed by 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before a primary, general or statewide special election, except that any such contribution or pledge to contribute that is received after 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election may be reported by 12:00 noon on the Monday before the election</p>	<p>SOS</p> <p>1-19-29 (B) (5)</p>
<p><i>On or Before</i> November 2, 2018 (Friday)</p>	<p>LETTERS TO NOTIFY NON-COMPLIANT FILERS</p> <p>Notice to reporting individuals who did not file by the deadline to be sent no later than the day after the filing deadline. This deadline must be met unless approved by the Bureau of Elections Director.</p>	<p>SOS</p>
<p><i>No Later Than</i> November 1, 2018 (Thursday)</p>	<p>SECRETARY OF STATE TO NOTIFY COUNTY CLERKS OF APPOINTMENT OF QUALIFIED ELECTION WATCHERS OR COUNTY CANVASS OBSERVERS</p> <p>Last day for secretary of state to notify county clerks of appointment of qualified election watchers or county canvass observers.</p>	<p>SOS</p> <p>1-2-27 (A)(B) 1-2-31 (A)</p>
<p><i>During</i> November 1, 2018 (Thursday)- November 6, 2018 (Tuesday)</p>	<p>ABSENTEE VOTER PRECINCT BOARD - EARLY PROCESSING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS</p> <p>At 7:00 a.m. on the Thursday prior to election day or on the day the absent voter precinct board begins early processing of absentee ballots, the county clerk shall deliver the electronic voting machines used for absentee voting by mail to the absent voter precinct board.</p>	<p>1-6-11 (C)</p>

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<p><i>No Later Than November 2, 2018 (Friday)</i></p>	<p>LAST DAY COUNTY CLERKS MAY MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT</p> <p>Absentee ballots shall be sent to applicants not later than on the Friday immediately prior to the date of the election.</p>	<p>1-6-5 (H)</p>
<p><i>On November 3, 2018 (Saturday)</i></p>	<p>ABSENTEE AND EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING ENDS</p> <p>Absentee ballots may be marked in person at the county clerk's office during the regular hours and days of business beginning on the twenty-eighth day preceding the election and from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the Saturday immediately prior to the date of the election.</p> <p>LAST DAY TO DELIVER VOTING MACHINES TO THE POLLS</p> <p>Voting machines shall be delivered to the assigned precinct polling place at least three (3) days before the polls are required to be opened.</p>	<p>1-6-5 (F)</p> <p>1-11-11 (A)</p>
<p><i>On November 5, 2018 (Monday)</i></p>	<p>DESTROY ALL UNUSED ABSENTEE BALLOTS</p> <p>No later than 5:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately preceding the date of election, the county clerk shall record the number of unused ballots and shall publicly destroy in the county clerk's office all such unused ballots or prepare the unused ballots for delivery to precinct boards. The county clerk shall execute a certificate of destruction, which shall include the numbers on the ballots destroyed. A copy of the certificate shall be sent to the secretary of state.</p>	<p>1-6-10 (C)</p>
<p><i>No Later Than November 5, 2018 (Monday)</i></p>	<p>LAST DAY TO CERTIFY MACHINE DELIVERY AND INSPECTION</p> <p>The county clerk of any county shall certify to the secretary of state on forms provided by the secretary of state, that he has inspected each voting machine after delivery but before the date of the election and has found each machine to have been correctly labeled, that there has been no obvious external damage in delivery and that each machine has been delivered to the proper polling place in each precinct.</p>	<p>1-11-11 (B)</p>
<p><i>No Later Than November 5, 2018 (Monday)</i></p>	<p>LAST DAY TO CAST A REPLACEMENT ABSENTEE BALLOT IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE</p> <p>At any time prior to 5:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately preceding the date of the election, a person whose absentee ballot application has been accepted and who was mailed an absentee ballot but who has not received the absentee ballot may execute, in the office of the county clerk of the county where he is registered to vote, a sworn affidavit stating that he did not receive or vote his absentee ballot. Upon receipt of the sworn affidavit, the county clerk shall issue the voter a replacement absentee ballot. Replacement absentee ballots shall be delivered to the absentee voter precinct board for tabulation.</p>	<p>1-6-16 (B)(C)</p>

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<p><i>During November 5, 2018 (Monday) through November 6, 2018 (Tuesday)</i></p>	<p>ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY PROCEDURE FOR VOTING</p> <p>After the close of the period for requesting absentee ballots by mail, any voter who is unable to go to the polls due to unforeseen illness or disability resulting in his confinement in a hospital, sanatorium, nursing home or residence and who is unable to vote at his regular polling place or alternate location may request in writing that an alternative ballot be made available to him. The written request shall be signed by the voter and a health care provider under penalty of perjury.</p>	<p>1-6-16.2</p>
<h1 style="margin: 0;">"GENERAL ELECTION DAY"</h1>		
<p><i>On November 6, 2018 (Tuesday)</i></p>	<p>General elections shall be held in the state on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year.</p>	<p>New Mexico Constitution Article XX, Section 6</p>
<p><i>On November 6, 2018 (Tuesday)</i></p>	<p>REPLACEMENT ABSENTEE BALLOT ON ELECTION DAY AT THE VOTER'S ASSIGNED POLLING PLACE</p> <p>A voter who applies for an absentee ballot but has not received the absentee ballot by mail as of the date of the election may go to the voter's assigned polling place and, after executing an affidavit of non-receipt of absentee ballot, shall be permitted to vote on a replacement absentee paper ballot.</p> <p>PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS ARRIVE AT POLLING PLACE</p> <p>Precinct board members shall be present at polling place no later than 6:00 a.m.</p> <p>DELIVERY OF ELECTION SUPPLIES AND MACHINE KEYS</p> <p>Election supplies and keys of voting machines shall be delivered to the presiding judge no later than 6:00 a.m.</p>	<p>1-6-16.1 (A)</p> <p>1-12-2</p> <p>1-11-11 (A)</p>
<p><i>On November 6, 2018 (Tuesday)</i></p>	<p>HOURS POLLS ARE OPEN</p> <p>Polls shall be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>1-12-1</p>

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<p><i>On November 6, 2018 (Tuesday)</i></p>	<p>LAST DAY TO ACCEPT ABSENTEE BALLOTS</p> <p>Completed official mailing envelopes shall be accepted until 7:00 p.m. on election day. Any ballot received by 7:00 p.m. must immediately be delivered to the absentee voter precinct board.</p>	<p>1-6-10 (B)</p>
<p><i>On November 6, 2018 (Tuesday)</i></p>	<p>CLERK'S OFFICE TO REMAIN OPEN AFTER POLLS CLOSE</p> <p>County Clerk's office to remain open continuously for twenty-four hours after the closing of the polls, to receive ballot boxes, election returns and materials. If all such items have been received from each precinct in the county before the expiration of the 24 hour period, the office of the county clerk may be closed, except during regular business hours.</p>	<p>1-12-33</p>
	<p>REPORT UNOFFICIAL TOTAL RETURNS TO SECRETARY OF STATE</p> <p>The county clerk shall report the unofficial total returns for the county to the secretary of state within ten hours after the polls close.</p>	<p>1-12-30 (D)</p>
<p><i>Beginning on November 9, 2016 (Wednesday) through November 6, 2018 (Tuesday)</i></p>	<p>2018 ELECTION CYCLE</p> <p>The period beginning on the day after the last general election and ending on the day of the general election.</p>	<p>1-1-3.1</p>
<p><i>No Later Than November 8, 2018 (Thursday)</i></p>	<p>NO LATER THAN 48 HOURS TO EXAMINE THE ENVELOPES CONTAINING REPLACEMENT ABSENTEE BALLOTS</p> <p>Upon receipt of the envelope containing replacement absentee ballots, the county clerk, no later than forty-eight hours after the close of the election, shall remove the transmittal envelopes and, without removing or opening the inner envelopes, determine that the voter did in fact make application for an absentee ballot and no absentee ballot was received by the county clerk from the voter by 7:00 p.m. on election day.</p>	<p>1-6-16.1 (D)</p>

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<p><i>No Later Than</i> November 9, 2018 (Friday)</p>	<p>LAST DAY COUNTY CANVASS BOARD CAN MEET TO BEGIN THE CANVASS</p> <p>The county canvassing board shall meet within three (3) days after the election and proceed to canvass the returns.</p>	<p>1-13-3</p>
<p><i>On</i> November 10, 2018 (Saturday)</p>	<p>PROVIDE FINAL COPY OF ABSENTEE REGISTER</p> <p>Final transmission of absentee register to the county chairs of each major political party if requested</p>	<p>1-6-6 (E)</p>
<p><i>On</i> November 12, 2018 (Monday)</p>	<p>VOTER REGISTRATION REOPENS FOLLOWING THE GENERAL ELECTION</p> <p>Voter registration reopens.</p>	<p>1-4-8 (B)</p>
<p><i>No Later Than</i> November 16, 2018 (Friday)</p>	<p>COUNTY CANVASS BOARD - CERTIFY RESULTS</p> <p>The county canvassing board shall complete the canvass of the returns and declare the results within ten (10) days from the date of the election. A county canvassing board in a county with more than two hundred fifty thousand voters shall complete the canvass of the returns and declare the results within thirteen (13) days from the date of the election.</p>	<p>1-13-13 (A)</p>
<p><i>No Later Than</i> November 16, 2018 (Friday)</p>	<p>SECURE MISSING RETURNS BY MESSENGER</p> <p>If the secretary of state has not received the general election returns of any precinct by this date, the secretary of state may send a special messenger to the county and precinct to secure and convey missing returns.</p>	<p>SOS 1-13-2 (B)</p>
<p><i>Beginning</i> November 20, 2018 (Tuesday)</p>	<p>PROVISIONAL VOTERS CAN CHECK STATUS OF THEIR BALLOT</p> <p>Provisional voters wishing to determine the disposition of their ballot may check the status of their ballot on the secretary of state website at www.sos.state.nm.us or call the office of the secretary of state fourteen (14) days after the election.</p>	<p>SOS NMAC Rule 1.10.22.10A</p>
<p><i>On</i> November 27, 2018 (Tuesday)</p>	<p>STATE CANVASSING BOARD MEETS TO CANVASS RESULTS</p> <p>The state canvassing board shall meet and proceed to canvass and declare results of the general election.</p>	<p>SOS 1-13-15</p>

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<p><i>Beginning of</i> December 2018</p>	<p>SEND EMAIL TO CLERKS ABOUT BOARD OF REGISTRATION -2019 PURGE</p> <p>On or before the first Monday of February of each odd-numbered year the county chairman of each of the qualified political parties may furnish the board of county commissioners the names of four voters in the county, each of whom is able to read and write legibly and is otherwise competent to perform the duties required of a member of a board of registration.</p>	<p>SOS</p>
<p><i>On or Before</i> December 6, 2018 (Thursday)</p>	<p>FOURTH CAMPAIGN REPORT OR STATEMENT OF NO ACTIVITY DUE</p> <p>All reporting individuals shall file an electronic report by 5:00 p.m. of all expenditures made and contributions received not previously reported. 1-19-29 (B)(6) NMSA 1978</p>	<p>SOS 1-19-29 (B)(6)</p>
<p><i>On December 7,</i> 2018 (Friday)</p>	<p>COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD ISSUES CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION</p> <p>On the thirty-first (31) day, the county canvassing board shall issue certificates of election to all successful candidates for county offices, magistrates and to members of the legislature elected wholly within the county.</p> <p>Note: Any candidate who fails or refuses to file a report of expenditures and contributions or statement of no activity or to pay a penalty imposed by the secretary of state as required by the Campaign Reporting Act shall not, in addition to any other penalties provided by law be issued a certificate of nomination or election, if the violation occurs after the final date for withdrawal of candidates or after the election, until the candidate satisfies all the reporting requirements of the Campaign Reporting Act and pays all penalties owed. 1-19-35 (E) (2)</p>	<p>1-13-13 (B)</p>
<p><i>On or After</i> December 7, 2018 (Friday) *See Note</p>	<p>STATE CANVASSING BOARD ISSUES CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION</p> <p>The state canvassing board shall issue certificates of election to those successful candidates entitled by law.</p> <p>Note: Certificates of election may be sent out at a later date if an automatic recount is required pursuant to 1-14-24 (A)</p> <p>Note: Any candidate who fails or refuses to file a report of expenditures and contributions or statement of no activity or to pay a penalty imposed by the secretary of state as required by the Campaign Reporting Act shall not, in addition to any other penalties provided by law be issued a certificate of nomination or election, if the violation occurs after the final date for withdrawal of candidates or after the election, until the candidate satisfies all the reporting requirements of the Campaign Reporting Act and pays all penalties owed. 1-19-35 (E) (2)</p>	<p>SOS 1-13-16 (B)</p>

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<p><i>No Later Than</i> January 7, 2019 (Monday)</p>	<p>LAST DAY TO CONTEST ELECTION</p> <p>Any action to contest an election shall be commenced by filing a verified complaint in the district court of the county where either parties reside. Such complaint shall be filed no later than thirty (30) days from issuance of the certificate of nomination or issuance of the certificate of election to the successful candidate. Note: Date subject to change if state and county election results are not official as scheduled and certificates of nomination are not issued as scheduled.</p>	<p>1-14-3</p>
<p><i>On or After</i> January 11, 2019 (Friday)</p>	<p>CLEARING VOTES ON THE REMOVABLE STORAGE MEDIA DEVICES</p> <p>The county clerk shall not clear the votes recorded on the removable storage media devices until at least forty-five (45) days after adjournment of the state canvassing board.</p> <p>Note: The county clerk shall not clear and shall keep locked those removable media storage devices from voting systems used to tabulate votes for precincts where a recount, judicial inquiry or inspection is sought, subject to order of the district court or other authority having jurisdiction of the contest or inspection.</p>	<p>1-13-21 (A)</p> <p>1-13-21 (B)</p>
<p>REMINDER</p>	<p>RETENTION OF TEST CARDS FOR VOTING MACHINE TABULATORS</p> <p>Test ballots in any election in which a federal candidate appears on the ballot shall be retained and preserved for a period of twenty two months from the date of the election.</p>	<p>1-12-69 (A)</p>
<p>REMINDER</p>	<p>DESTRUCTION OF BALLOT BOX CONTENTS</p> <p>Paper ballots marked by voters and all records related to voting in any election in which a federal candidate appears on the ballot shall be retained and preserved for a period of twenty two months from the date of the election.</p>	<p>1-12-69 (A)</p>