

Caucus

Primary Assembly

General

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2010 Election Calendar

Primary Election: Aug. 10, 2010
General Election: Nov. 2, 2010

JANUARY, 2010		
*13-Jan. Wed.	Last day for the General Assembly to convene 2010 regular session. (10 A.M., no later than the 2nd Wednesday in January of each year; may occur earlier)	Art. V, Sect. 7
19-Jan. Tue.	Last day to affiliate with a political party in order to vote in the precinct caucus. (2 months before the precinct caucus)	1-3-101(1) 1-1-106(4)
FEBRUARY, 2010		
1-Feb. Mon.	Last day for state central committees to file party bylaws or rules with the Secretary of State. (No bylaw or rule may be filed or amended after the 1st Monday in February in each even-numbered year)	1-3-103(9)(a)
16-Feb. Tue.	Last day to register to vote for the March 16th precinct caucus. (No later than 29 days before the precinct caucus)	1-3-101(1) 1-1-106(4)
16-Feb. Tue.	Last day to change precinct boundaries before the March 16th precinct caucus. (No later than 29 days prior to the precinct caucus)	1-5-103(1)(a) 1-1-106(4)
16-Feb. Tue.	Last day for county clerk to furnish each major political party with a list of registered electors in the county who are affiliated with that political party. (No later than 28 days prior to the precinct caucus)	1-3-101(3)(a)
MARCH, 2010		
1-Mar. Mon.	A petition to qualify as a minor political party must be signed by at least 10,000 registered electors and submitted to the Secretary of State no later than March 1 of the election year that the party seeks to qualify.	1-4-1302(1)
4-Mar. Thu.	Last day to post signs for the March 16th precinct caucus. (No later than 12 days before the precinct caucuses)	1-4-602(4)
16-Mar. Tue.	Precinct Caucus Day (Held the 3rd Tuesday in March each even-numbered year)	1-3-102(1)(a)(I)
26-Mar. Fri. to 15-Apr. Thu.	County assemblies to be held not less than 10 nor more than 30 days after the March 16th precinct caucuses.	1-4-602(1)(a)(I)
29-Mar. Mon.	First day to circulate major/minor party candidate petitions for the Primary Election. (Last Monday in March)	1-4-801(5) 1-4-802(1)(d)(II)
*	County candidates' designations and acceptances must be filed no later than 4 days after the adjournment of the assembly. If faxed, the original must also be filed and postmarked no later than 10 days after the adjournment of the assembly.	1-4-601(3)(a) 1-4-604(3)
*	No later than 21 days after receipt of the petition, the Secretary of State shall notify the minor political party of the number of valid signatures and whether the petition is sufficient or insufficient.	1-4-1302(4)(b)
*	If the petition to qualify as a minor political party is insufficient, it may be amended once at any time prior to 3 p.m. the 7th day following the date of the notification of insufficiency.	1-4-1302(4)(c)
APRIL, 2010		
9-Apr. Fri.	Deadline for submitting draft to title board for initiatives to be voted on in 2010. (12 days before the last Title Board Hearing held on April 21st, no later than 3 p.m.)	1-40-106(1) **HB1326
12-Apr. Mon.	Last day to notify the Secretary of State and submit a plan for conducting the Primary Election by mail ballot election. (No later than 120 days prior to the Primary Election)	1-7.5-105(1.5)
21-Apr. Wed.	Last Title Board Hearing for measures that will appear on the 2010 General Election ballot.	1-40-106(1) **HB1326
27-Apr. Tue.	Last day for the county chairperson to certify lists of election judges to the county clerk. (Last Tuesday of April)	1-6-103(1)
27-Apr. Tue.	Last day an unaffiliated voter may give notice in writing to the county clerk that he/she wishes to serve as an election judge.	1-6-103.7

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30-Apr. Fri.	Earliest day an unaffiliated candidate may circulate a petition for county, district, state and federal offices. (No petition shall be circulated earlier than 186 days before the General Election)	1-4-802(1)(d)(I) 1-1-106(5)
MAY, 2010		
	County clerk to send notices of appointment to election judges. Each person appointed as an election judge shall file an acceptance form within 7 days after the certification and acceptance form are mailed.	1-6-104(1) 1-6-106(3)
3-May Mon.	Earliest day for judicial candidates to file declaration of intent. (Not more than 6 months before the General Election)	Art. VI, Sect. 25; 1-1-106(5)
12-May Wed.	Last day for the county clerk and recorder to mail a voter information card to any registered elector whose registration record has been marked "inactive - failed to vote" if the Primary Election is to be conducted by mail ballot. (Not less than 90 days before a mail ballot election)	1-7.5-108.5(1)
27-May Thu.	Last day to file major/minor party candidate petitions for the Primary Election. (No later than 75th day before the Primary Election)	1-4-801(5) 1-4-802(1)(f)(II)
JUNE, 2010		
1-June Tue.	Last day to hold district and state major party assemblies for the Primary Election. (No later than 70 days preceding the Primary Election)	1-4-601(1)
*	District, state, and federal candidates' designations and acceptances must be filed no later than 4 days after adjournment of the assembly. If faxed, the original must also be filed and postmarked no later than 10 days after the adjournment of the assembly.	1-4-601(3)(a) 1-4-604(6)(a)
*	Objections to nominations, designations, or petitions shall be filed with the district court within 5 days after the election official's sufficiency statement was issued or after the certificate of designation was filed with the designated election official.	1-4-909(1)
4-June Fri.	Last day a write-in candidate may file an Affidavit of Intent for the Primary Election. (By the close of business on the 67th day before the Primary Election)	1-4-1102(1)
6-June Sun.	Last day to hold minor party assemblies for the General Election. (No later than 65 days preceding the Primary Election)	1-4-1304
*	Minor party candidates' designations and acceptances must be filed no later than 4 days after the adjournment of the assembly. If the acceptance is faxed, the original must also be filed and postmarked no later than 10 days after the adjournment of the assembly.	1-4-1304(3), (4)
11-June Fri.	Security and contingency plans due to the Secretary of State. (No later than 60 days before the Primary Election)	SOS Rules 43.2, 43.3
11-June Fri.	Last day for the Secretary of State to certify the ballot content for the Primary Election to the county clerks. (No later than 60 days before the Primary Election)	1-5-203(1)(a)
11-June Fri.	The designated election official of each political subdivision that intends to conduct a Primary Election election shall certify the order of the ballot and ballot content. (No later than 60 days before the Primary Election)	1-5-203(3)(a)
11-June Fri.	The county clerk and recorder may cancel the Primary Election if there are no contested races. (If no more than one candidate for any political party has been nominated to each office by the close of business on the 60th day before the Primary Election)	1-4-104.5
12-June Sat.	Any VRD application signed after this day must be delivered or postmarked no later than 5 business days after the application is signed. (Less than 30 days before the registration deadline)	1-2-702(2)
14-June Mon.	Deadline for the county clerk to make available to qualified electors the special write-in blank mail-in ballot along with a list of all candidates and measures that are to be submitted to the voters. (No later than the 57th day before the Primary Election)	1-8-116(2)
15-June Tue.	Last day to file an unaffiliated candidate nomination petition. (No later than 3:00 p.m. on the 140th day before the General Election)	1-4-802(1)(f)(I)

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25-June Fri.	Final day for the Secretary of State to approve alternate ballot counting. (No later than 45 days before the Primary Election)	1-7-603 1-1-106(5)
26-June Sat.	First day that school of instruction for all election judges may be held by the county clerks or designated election officials. (Not more than 45 days prior to the Primary Election)	1-6-101(5)
28-June Mon.	First day that a county clerk and recorder conducting the Primary Election by mail ballot may mail a notice by forwardable mail to all unaffiliated active registered electors and all unaffiliated electors marked "inactive - failed to vote." (No sooner than 45 days and no later than 30 days prior to the Primary Election)	1-7.5-107(2.3)(a) 1-1-106(4)
JULY, 2010		
1-July Thu.	Deadline for the Secretary of State to notify the county clerks and the chairperson of any minor political party that has lost minor political party status. (No later than July 1 of the election year that the party may qualify candidates to the ballot)	1-4-1305(2)
1-July Thu. to 15-July Thu.	Notification of party lot drawing for ballot positions of candidates to appear on the 2008 General Election ballot.	1-5-404(2)
*	Lot drawing for ballot position of nonpartisan candidates may be held any time prior to ballot certification.	1-5-406
9-July Fri.	Ballots for primary election must be printed and in possession of the county clerk and recorder. (Not less than 32 days before the Primary Election)	1-5-402(1)
9-July Fri.	Deadline to send mail/mail-in ballots to overseas military voters. (No later than 30 days prior to the Primary Election where a mail-in ballot request was received at least 35 days prior to the election)	1-7.5-107(3) 1-8-111(1)(b) 1-1-106(5)
9-July Fri.	Deadline for the county clerk and recorder conducting the Primary Election by mail ballot to mail a notice forwardable by mail to all unaffiliated active registered electors and all unaffiliated electors marked "inactive - failed to vote." (No sooner than 45 days and no later than 30 days prior to the Primary Election)	1-7.5-107(2.3)(a) 1-1-106(5)
12-July Mon.	Last day to file an initiative petition with the Secretary of State for the 2010 General Election, no later than 3:00 p.m. (At least 3 months and 3 weeks before the election*. *Article V, Section 1(2) of the Colorado Constitution provides that the petition must be filed at least 3 months prior to the election; however, recent legislation has set the deadline at 3 months and 3 weeks)	1-40-108 1-40-107(5) Art V, Sect. 1(2)
12-July Mon.	Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election. (No later than 29 days before the Primary Election)	1-2-201(3) 1-2-209(2)
12-July Mon.	Last day to change or withdraw from major political party affiliation. (No later than 29 days before the Primary Election) Registered unaffiliated electors may declare a major political party affiliation at the polls for the Primary Election.	1-2-219(1) 1-7-201(2)
13-July Tue. to 10-Aug. Tue.	Elector may complete a sworn affidavit for a change of address in the county clerk's office stating that he/she moved within the state prior to 30 days before the Primary Election. (28 days before and on election day)	1-2-216(4)
19-July Mon.	First day mail-in ballots may be sent to voters with an active request, except for UOCAVA voters. First day that mail ballots may be sent to all active affiliated electors and all affiliated electors marked "inactive - failed to vote," except for UOCAVA voters, if the Primary Election is conducted as a mail ballot election. First day mail ballots may be made available at the county clerk's office if the Primary Election is conducted by mail ballot.(No sooner that 22 days before the Primary Election)	1-8-111(1) 1-7.5-107(3)
20-July Tue.	Last day for Secretary of State to designate a point of contact for the Emergency Electronic Transfer form. Contact information must be posted to the website and e-mailed to each county clerk. (No later than 21 days before the Primary Election)	SOS Rule 42.11.2
21-July Wed.	Last day for the county clerk to give published notice of the Primary Election if conducted by mail ballot. (No later than 20 days prior to the Primary Election)	1-7.5-107(2.5)

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