

2025 Idaho Election Calendar

This edition of the 2025 Idaho Election Calendar is subject to amendatory changes during the 2025 session of the Idaho Legislature. If changes occur, an updated version will be published.

Jan. 3	Election Register Examination: Deadline for county clerks to examine the election register, from the Nov. 5 election, and note challenges. [§34-432(1) , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Jan. 17	Early Voting Security Plan: Deadline for county clerks to submit their ballot security plan to the secretary of state. (*NOTE: The Early Voting Security Plan must be submitted at least 30 days prior to implementing an early voting plan.) [§34-1013 , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Mar. 5	Voter Registration Cancellation: Last day for county clerk to cancel registration of those electors who have not voted in any election in the last four years. [§34-435 , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Mar. 7 – 14	Publish Notification of Candidate Filing Deadline: County clerk must publish a notification of the candidate filing deadline for all taxing districts for which officers will be elected in the May 20 election — during this period. The notice should appear in the official newspaper of the political subdivision. [§34-1405 <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Mar. 21	Nonpartisan Candidate Filing Deadline: Petitions must be filed by 5 p.m. — with the clerk of the political subdivision — to nominate political subdivision candidates — for the May 20 election. [§34-1404 , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Mar. 28	Nonpartisan Nominee Certification: Deadline for the clerk of the political subdivision to certify nominees — to be placed on the ballot — for the May 20 election. [§34-1404 , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Mar. 28	Nonpartisan Write-In Candidates: Deadline for write-in candidates to file a declaration of intent with the clerk of the political subdivision for the May 20 election. [§34-1407 , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Mar. 31	Ballot Question Submission Deadline: Political subdivisions must submit ballot language (to the county clerk) for any bond, levy, initiative, referendum, or other question — to be placed on the ballot — for the May 20 election [§34-106(8) , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Apr. 4	Candidate Withdrawal Deadline: Last day nonpartisan candidates can withdraw from the May 20 election. [§34-1405A , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Apr. 4	Recall Notification Deadline: Political subdivisions must notify the county clerk if a recall election is ordered — for the May 20 election. [§34-106(9) , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Apr. 4	Absentee Ballot Delivery Witnesses: Deadline for political parties to supply names of witnesses (if desired) to accompany the clerk in the personal delivery of an absentee ballot for the May 20 election. [§34-1003(5) , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Apr. 4*	Early Voting Security Plan: Deadline for county clerks to submit their ballot security plan to the secretary of state. (*NOTE: The Early Voting Security Plan must be submitted at least 30 days prior to implementing an early voting plan. If a plan was submitted and approved earlier in the year, and has not changed, it need not be resubmitted.) [§34-1013 , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Apr. 4	Investigation of Candidate Qualifications: Deadline to file complaint [§34-219 , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Apr. 10	Voting Procedure Modifications: Deadline for county clerks to submit their plans to the secretary of state; if they want to modify voting procedures (for a political subdivision) — for the May 20 election. [§34-1413 , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Apr. 10	Mail Absentee Ballots: County clerks must begin mailing absentee ballots — to voters who have requested absentee ballots — for the May 20 election. [§34-1003(3) , <i>Idaho Code</i> and Secretary of State Directive 2015-1]
Apr. 18	Designate Polling Places: Deadline for county commissioners to designate polling places — for the May 20 election. [§34-302 , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Apr. 25	Preregistration Deadline: Voter registrations must be received by the county clerk — for the May 20 election. (Deadline is postmarked by this date for mailed paper applications, 5 p.m. for paper applications handed in to the county clerk’s office, or until midnight for online applications.) [§34-408 and §34-410 , <i>Idaho Code</i>]

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Apr. 25	Mail Ballot Precincts: County clerks may begin mailing ballots to voters located in designated mail ballot precincts — for the May 20 election. [<u>§34-308, Idaho Code</u>]
May 5	Early Voting Must Begin: For the May 20 election in those counties that choose to conduct early voting. [<u>§34-1012, Idaho Code</u>]
May 6	Mail Ballot Precincts: Deadline for county clerks to complete mailing ballots to voters in designated mail ballot precincts — for the May 20 election. [<u>§34-308, Idaho Code</u>]
May 8	Publish First Election Notification: Deadline for county clerk to publish the first notice of election — in the county’s official newspaper(s) — for the May 20 election. (If possible, the notice should appear in at least two newspapers published in the county. If not possible, it should be published in one newspaper published or circulated in the county.) [<u>§34-602</u> and <u>§34-1406, Idaho Code</u>]
May 8	Poll Watchers: Deadline for candidates and pro and con representatives to submit a written request (to the county clerk) for the purpose of authorizing watchers to observe at polling places — for the May 20 election. [<u>§34-304, Idaho Code</u>]
May 9	Absentee Ballot Application Deadline: Applications must be received by the county clerk by 5 p.m. — for the May 20 election. [<u>§34-1002(7), Idaho Code</u>]
May 15	Publish Second Election Notification: Deadline for county clerk to publish the second notice of election — along with a facsimile sample ballot — for the May 19 election. (If possible, the notice should appear in at least two newspapers published in the county. If not possible, it should be published in one newspaper published or circulated in the county.) [<u>§34-602</u> and <u>§34-1406, Idaho Code</u>]
May 15	Emergency Absentee Ballots: County clerks may receive emergency absentee ballot applications from this date through 5 p.m. on May 19 from those who cannot be present for voting due to hospitalization if hospitalization began after 5 p.m. on May 9. [<u>§34-1002A, Idaho Code</u>]
May 16	In-Person Absentee/Early Voting Ends: At 5 p.m. — for the May 20 election. [<u>§34-1002(7)</u> and <u>§34-1012, Idaho Code</u>]
May 20	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline: Voted absentee ballots must be received — by the county clerk — by 8 p.m. for the May 20 election. [<u>§34-1005, Idaho Code</u>]
May 20	Election Day: Polling places — and the county clerk’s office — to be open 8 a.m.–8 p.m. Qualified individuals may register and vote at their designated polling place on election day. [<u>§34-211</u> , <u>§34-408A</u> , and <u>§34-1101, Idaho Code</u>]
May 21	Voter Registration Reopens. [<u>§34-408, Idaho Code</u>]
May 30	County Canvass: Deadline for the board of county commissioners to meet and conduct the canvass — of the May 20 election. [<u>§34-1410, Idaho Code</u>]
May 30*	Election Certification: Deadline for county clerks to certify the results — of the May 20 election — to the clerk of the political subdivision(s). (*This date may vary; to be done immediately after the county canvass.) [<u>§34-1410, Idaho Code</u> .]
May 30*	Election Certificates: Deadline for the clerk of the political subdivision to issue certificates of election. (*This date may vary; to be done immediately after the canvass, the deadline for which is May 30.) [<u>§34-1410, Idaho Code</u>]
June 19*	Recount Applications: Deadline — for candidates and supporters/opponents of a ballot measure, excluding county ballot measures — to apply to the county clerk for a recount of the May 20 election. Applications for a recount of county ballot measures must be filed with the Attorney General. (*This date may vary; it must be done within 20 days of the county canvass). [<u>§34-2301, Idaho Code</u>]
June 19*	Election Disputes: Deadline for electors to contest the results of the May 20 election. (*This date may vary; complaints must be filed in the proper court within 20 days of the county canvass.) [<u>§34-2008, Idaho Code</u>]
July 18	Election Register Examination: Deadline for county clerks to examine the election register, from the May 20 election, and note challenges. [<u>§34-432(1), Idaho Code</u>]

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- Aug. 15 – 22 **Publish Notification of Candidate Filing Deadline:** County clerk (and city clerk, for municipal offices) must publish a notification of the candidate filing deadline for all taxing districts for which officers will be elected in the Nov. 4 election — during this period. The notice should appear in the official newspaper of the political subdivision. [~~§34-1405~~ and ~~§50-411~~, *Idaho Code*]
- Aug. 18 – 29 **City and Nonpartisan Candidate Filing Window:** Candidates may file nomination petitions with the clerk of the political subdivision beginning at 8 a.m on Monday and must be filed by 5:00pm on the last day of the filing period. [~~§34-1404~~ and ~~§50-410~~, *Idaho Code*]
- Aug. 29 **Ballot Question Submission Deadline:** Political subdivisions must submit ballot language (to the county clerk) for any bond, levy, initiative, referendum, or other question — to be placed on the ballot — for the Nov. 4 election. [~~§34-106~~, *Idaho Code*]
- Aug. 29 **Recall Notification Deadline:** Political subdivisions must notify the county clerk if a recall election is ordered — for the Nov. 4 election. [~~§34-106(9)~~, *Idaho Code*]
- Sep. 5 **City and Political Subdivision Nonpartisan Write-In Candidates:** Deadline for write-in candidates for office to file a declaration of intent with the clerk of the political subdivision for the Nov. 4 election. [~~§34-1407~~, *Idaho Code*]
- Sep. 5 **Nonpartisan Nominee Certification:** Deadline for the clerk of the political subdivision to certify nominees — to be placed on the ballot — for the Nov. 4 election. [~~§34-1404~~, *Idaho Code*]
- Sep. 5 **Nonpartisan Candidate Withdrawal Deadline:** Last day nonpartisan candidates can withdraw from the Nov. 4 election. [~~§34-1405A~~, *Idaho Code*]
- Sep. 12* **Early Voting Security Plan:** Deadline for county clerks to submit their ballot security plan to the secretary of state. (*NOTE: The Early Voting Security Plan must be submitted at least 30 days prior to implementing and early voting plan. If a plan was submitted and approved earlier in the year, and has not changed, it need not be resubmitted.) [~~§34-1013~~, *Idaho Code*]
- Sep. 19 **Absentee Ballot Delivery Witnesses:** Deadline for political parties to supply names of witnesses (if desired) to accompany the clerk in the personal delivery of an absentee ballot for the Nov. 4 election. [~~§34-1003(5)~~, *Idaho Code*]
- Sep. 19 **Investigation of Candidate Qualifications:** Deadline to file complaint [~~§34-219~~, *Idaho Code*]
- Sep. 25 **Voting Procedure Modifications:** Deadline for county clerks to submit their plans to the secretary of state; if they want to modify voting procedures (for a political subdivision) — for the Nov. 4 election. [~~§34-1413~~, *Idaho Code*]
- Sept. 25 **Mail Absentee Ballots:** County clerks are recommended to mail absentee ballots — to voters who have requested absentee ballots — for the Nov. 4 election. [Secretary of State Directive 2015-1]
- Oct. 3 **Designate Polling Places:** Deadline for county commissioners to designate polling places — for the Nov. 4 election. [~~§34-302~~, *Idaho Code*]
- Oct. 10 **Mail Ballot Precincts:** County clerks may begin mailing ballots to voters located in designated mail ballot precincts — for the Nov. 4 election. [~~§34-308~~, *Idaho Code*]
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- Oct. 21 **Mail Ballot Precincts:** Deadline for county clerks to complete mailing ballots to voters in designated mail ballot precincts — for the Nov. 4 election. [~~§34-308~~, *Idaho Code*]
- Oct. 23 **Poll Watchers:** Deadline for candidates or pro and con representatives to submit a written request (to the county clerk) for the purpose of authorizing watchers to observe at polling places — for the Nov. 4 election. [~~§34-304~~, *Idaho Code*]
- Oct. 23 **Publish First Election Notification:** Deadline for county clerk to publish the first notice of election — in the county's official newspaper(s) — for the Nov. 4 election. (If possible, the notice should appear in at least two newspapers published in the county. If not possible, it should be published in one newspaper published or circulated in the county.) [~~§34-602~~ and ~~§34-1406~~, *Idaho Code*]

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Oct. 24	Preregistration Deadline: Voter registrations must be received by the county clerk — for the Nov. 4 election. (Deadline is 5 p.m. for paper applications handed in or mailed to the county clerk's office, or until midnight for online applications.) [§34-408 and §34-410 , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Oct. 24	Absentee Ballot Application Deadline: Applications must be received by the county clerk by 5 p.m. — for the Nov. 4 election. [§34-1002(7) , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Oct. 30	Publish Second Election Notification: Deadline for county clerk to publish the second notice of election along with a facsimile sample ballot — for the Nov. 4 election. (If possible, the notice should appear in at least two newspapers published in the county. If not possible, it should be published in one newspaper published or circulated in the county.) [§34-602 and §34-1406 , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Oct. 30	Emergency Absentee Ballots: County clerks may receive emergency absentee ballot applications through 5 p.m. on November 3 from those who cannot be present for voting due to hospitalization if hospitalization began after 5 p.m. on October 24. [§34-1002A , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Oct. 31	In-Person Absentee/Early Voting Ends: At 5 p.m. — for the Nov. 4 election. [§34-1002(7) and §34-1012 , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Nov. 4	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline: Voted absentee ballots must be received — by the county clerk — by 8 p.m. for the Nov. 4 election. [§34-1005 , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Nov. 4	Election Day: Polling places — and the county clerk's office — to be open 8 a.m.–8 p.m. Qualified individuals may register and vote at their designated polling place on election day. [§34-211 , §34-408A , and §34-1101 , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Nov. 5	Voter Registration Reopens [§34-408 , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Nov. 13	County Canvass: Deadline for the board of county commissioners to meet and conduct the canvass — of the Nov. 4 election. (This deadline also applies to the canvass for political subdivisions.) [§34-1205 and §34-1410 , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Nov. 13*	County Election Certification: Deadline for county clerks to certify the results of the Nov. 4 election to the clerk of the political subdivision(s). (*This date may vary; to be done immediately after the county canvass.) [§34-1410 , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Nov. 13*	Election Certificates: Deadline for the clerk of the political subdivision to issue certificates of election. (*This date may vary; to be done immediately after the county canvass.) [§34-1410 , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Dec 3*	Recount Applications: Deadline — for candidates and supporters/opponents of a ballot measure, excluding city candidates and city or county ballot measures — to apply to the county clerk for a recount of the Nov. 4 election. Applications for a recount of city elections or county ballot measures must be filed with the Attorney General. (*This date may vary; it must be done within 20 days of the county canvass). [§34-2301 , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Dec. 3*	Election Disputes: Deadline for electors to contest the results of the Nov. 4 election. (*This date may vary; complaints must be filed in the proper court within 20 days of the county canvass. [§34-2008 , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Dec. 4	City Runoff Elections: If authorized by city ordinance, last day for a runoff city election between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast if no candidate received a majority of the votes cast. [§50-612 and §50-707B , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Dec. 31	2026 Election Calendar Publication Deadline: County clerks to publish the 2026 election calendar. [§34-1405(2) , <i>Idaho Code</i>]
Jan. 2, 2026	Election Register Examination: Deadline for county clerks to examine the election register, from the Nov. 4 election, and note challenges. [§34-432(1) , <i>Idaho Code</i>]