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Primary/Runoff Election Date Changes: On December 16, 2011, by federal court order, the 2012 Primary Election date has been set for April 3; the 2012 Runoff Election date has been set for June 5. For further details, please refer to the order and our Candidate Information page.

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Important 2012 Election Dates (Revised by Federal Court Orders)

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April 3, 2012 - Primary Election Date

Federal Court Order of December 16, 2011

A more detailed calendar is at our Candidates Guide

Authority conducting elections	*Political Party County Chairs
First Day to File for Place on Ballot	First day of "first time period": November 28, 2011 (September 13, 2011 for Precinct Chair) (COURT ORDERS)
	First Day of "second time period": To Be Determined (at a later date by court order)
Last Day to File for Place on Ballot	Last day of "first time period": December 19, 2011 (COURT ORDER)
	Last Day of "second time period": February 1, 2012 (COURT ORDER)
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (does not apply to FPCA)	February 3, 2012
Last Day to Register to Vote	March 5, 2012 (Monday, which is next business day after statutory deadline)
First Day of Early Voting	March 19, 2012
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	March 27, 2012
Last Day of Early Voting	March 30, 2012

June 5, 2012 - Primary Runoff Election Date

<u>Federal Court Order</u> of December 16, 2011 A more detailed calendar is at our <u>Candidates Guide</u>	
Authority conducting elections	*Political Party County Chairs
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (does not apply to FPCA)	April 6, 2012 (if did not request runoff ballot on application for primary ballot)
Last Day to Register to Vote	May 7, 2012 (Monday, which is next business day after statutory deadline)
First Day of Early Voting	May 29, 2012 (Tuesday, which is next business day after Memorial Day)
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	May 29, 2012 (Received, not Postmarked)
Last Day of Early Voting	June 1, 2012

May 12, 2012 – Limited Uniform Election Date

The more detailed May 12, 2012 Election Law Calendar is available on the Elections homepage and on the “Conducting Your Elections” pages.

Authority conducting elections	*Local political subdivisions other than counties
	(NEW LAW : County-ordered elections may <u>not</u> be held on this date. County Election Officials may but is not required to contract to provide election services to political subdivisions.)
First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for cities and schools ONLY) (filing deadline for other political subdivisions may vary)*	February 4, 2012 (Even though the first day to file falls on a Saturday, this does not require the filing authority to hold weekend office hours to receive candidate applications.)
Last Day to File for Place on Ballot, if regular filing deadline*	March 5, 2012 (NEW LAW : 71st day before election day; falls on state holiday March 2, 2012; moves to Monday, which is next business day after statutory deadline) ***March 16, 2012 (see note below relating to four-year terms)
Last Day to Order General Election (or Special Election on a Measure)*	March 5, 2012 (NEW LAW : 71st day before election day; falls on state holiday March 2, 2012; moves to Monday, which is next business day after statutory deadline)
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	March 13, 2012

Last Day to Register to Vote	April 12, 2012
First Day of Early Voting	April 30, 2012
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received , not Postmarked)	May 4, 2012 (Friday, which is first preceding business day before statutory deadline)
Last Day of Early Voting	May 8, 2012

November 6, 2012 - Uniform Election Date

Authority conducting elections	County Clerk/Elections Administrator/ *Local political subdivisions
First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for cities and schools ONLY) (filing deadline for other political subdivisions may vary)*	July 21, 2012 (Even though the first day to file falls on a Saturday, this does not require the filing authority to hold weekend office hours to receive candidate applications.)
Last Day to Order General Election (or Special Election on a Measure)*	August 20, 2012 (NEW LAW : 78th day before election day)
Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY)*	August 20, 2012 (NEW LAW : 78th day before election day)
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (does not apply to FPCA)	September 7, 2012
Last Day to Register to Vote	October 9, 2012 (Tuesday, which is next business day after Columbus Day)
First Day of Early Voting	October 22, 2012 (Monday, which is next business day after statutory deadline)
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received , not Postmarked)	October 30, 2012 (Received , not Postmarked)
Last Day of Early Voting	November 2, 2012

***Filing deadlines:**

1. Generally, the filing deadline is the 71st day prior to Election Day (78th day prior to November General Election in even-numbered years); however, the Election Code may provide a different special election filing deadline. See Section 201.054 of the Texas Election Code.
2. Local political subdivisions, other than cities or school districts, might not have a "first day" to file. Write-in deadlines for general and special elections also vary; the deadline for most local (city, school, other) general elections is now the same day as the filing deadline for application for a place on the ballot; special election write-in rules vary, see long calendars for details.

3. If no candidate for a four-year term has filed an application for a place on the ballot for a city office, the filing deadline for that office is extended to 5 p.m. of the 57th day before the election. See Section 143.008 of the Texas Election Code.