

2024 General Election Timeline

September

September 2*

Deadline for Preparation of Official General Election Ballot for Printing

(64 days before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:14-1

** County Commissioner of Registration is to provide notice to the two County Chairpersons of the date to inspect voting machines after they have been prepared for the upcoming election. This date will vary from county to county. N.J.S.A. 19:48-6*

September 10

Publication of Notice of Mail-In Ballot Availability for General Election by County Clerks

(prior to the 55th day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-6

September 15 - October 14

Publication of Notice of General Election by County Boards of Election

(within 30 days before the close of registration election)

N.J.S.A. 19:12-7

September 21

Commencement of Mailing of Mail-In Ballots for General Election

(45 days before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-5, N.J.S.A. 19:63-9

October

October 15

Voter Registration Deadline for General Election

(21 days before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:31-6

October 15

Mandated Evening Voter Registration Available for General Election in Offices of County Commissioners of Registration

(optional for Municipal Clerks)

(21 days before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:31-2

October 22

Deadline for Filing of Challenger Appointments for General Election

(second Tuesday preceding election)

N.J.S.A. 19:7-3

October 23

Mailing of Sample Ballots for General Election

(on or before 12 noon on Wednesday preceding the start of the early voting period for the general election)

N.J.S.A. 19:14-25

October 26 - November 3

Early Voting Period

(start on the 10th calendar day before a general election and end on the second calendar day before that general election)

N.J.S.A. 19:15A-1

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October 27 - November 2

Publication of Notice of General Election by County Boards of Election

(once during the calendar week prior to election)

N.J.S.A. 19:12-7

October 29

Publication of Challenge and Complaint Procedures for General Election by County Boards of Election

(7 days before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:12-9

October 29

Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for General Election

(not less than 7 days prior to election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-3

October 31

Last Recommended Day for Testing of Electronic Scanning Equipment for Tabulation of Paper Ballots for General Election

(A county board of elections may begin opening the inner envelopes for each mail-in ballot and canvassing each mail-in ballot from the inner envelope no earlier than five days prior to the day of the election-November 5) (notice to be given 48 hours prior to the start of testing)

N.J.S.A. 19:53A-8; 19:63-22 (b)

November

November 1

Deadline for Application to Receive General Election Mail-In Ballots by Electronic Means for Qualified Overseas Civilian and Military Voters

(4th day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:59-4

November 4 – by 3:00 p.m.

Deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications for General Election

(up to 3:00 p.m. on the day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-3

November 4

Publication of Challenge and Complaint Procedures for General Election by County Boards of Election

(1 day before election)

N.J.S.A. 19:12-9

November 5

General Election

(Tuesday after first Monday in November)

N.J.S.A. 19:2-3, N.J.S.A. 19:15-2

November 5

Deadline for Post Office Receipt of Mail-In Ballots from the General Election

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November 5

Deadline for in Person Submission of General Election Mail-In Ballots to County Boards of Election and to Authorized Ballot Drop Boxes

(by 8:00 p.m. on the day of election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-16; N.J.S.A. 19:63-16.1e

November 5 - November 18

Impoundment Period for Voting Machines Used in the General Election that are exempted by paragraph (2) of subsection b. of R.S. 19:48-1

(13 days following the closure and locking of the voting machines to comply with P.L. 2023, c.124)

N.J.S.A. 19:52-6

November 7

Deadline for Receipt by County Boards of Elections of Mail-In Ballots by delivery of the United States Postal Service that DO NOT Bear a Postmark of Delivery

(no later than 48 hours (2 days) after the time of the closing of the polls for the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-2

November 11

Deadline for Receipt of Timely Mailed Postmarked Mail-In Ballots to County Boards of Election

(no later than 144 hours (6 days) after the time of the closing of the polls for the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-22

November 16

Deadline for Receipt of Cure Form to County Boards of Election

(within 11 days after the general election)

N.J.S.A. 19:63-17

November 18

Deadline for Applications for Recheck of Voting Machines Used in the General Election that are exempted by paragraph (2) of subsection b. of R.S. 19:48-1

(within 13 days after election)

N.J.S.A. 19:52-6

November 20

Meeting of County Board of Canvassers for General Election

(15 days after the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:19-1; N.J.S.A. 19:19-4; N.J.S.A. 19:19-6

November 20

Deadline for Preparation of Emergency and Provisional Ballot Reports by Each County Board of Election for the General Election

(within 15 days after the election or the day of the certification of the results of the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:53B-21; N.J.S.A. 19:53C-21

November 23

Deadline for Recount Applications for General Election

(within 3 days after the certification of the results of the election)

N.J.S.A. 19:28-1

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November 25

Deadline for County Clerk to transmit Official General Election Results to the Secretary of State

(5 days after the meeting of the board)

N.J.S.A. 19:19-13; N.J.S.A. 19:20-6

December

December 3

Municipal Non-Partisan Run-Off Election

(Tuesday next after the first Monday in December)

N.J.S.A. 40:45-19

December 5

Deadline for Meeting of Board of State Canvassers to Certify General Election Results

(on or before the 30th day after election)

N.J.S.A. 19:21-1

December 7

Deadline for Filing of Election Contest Petitions for General Election

(not later than 32 days after election)

N.J.S.A. 19:29-3

December 15

Deadline for County Boards of Election to Submit Early Voting Plan to the Secretary of State

(December 15 of each year; changes can be made no later than February 1 of each year)

N.J.S.A. 19:15A-1