

# 2012 STATEWIDE ELECTION CALENDAR

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Date	Election	Activity	Reference
<i>Jan 01</i>		<i>New Year's Day Observed</i>	
Jan 01		Absentee ballot applications may be filed by voters for all elections in the 2012 calendar year. Applications filed by absentee uniformed services voters may cover 4 years.	
<i>Jan 02</i>		<i>State &amp; Federal Holiday - New Year's Day Observed - Offices Closed</i>	AS 44.12.010
<i>Jan 16</i>		<i>State &amp; Federal Holiday - Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday - Offices Closed</i>	AS 44.12.010
Jan 17		List Maintenance: Second notice mailed.	AS 15.07.130
Jan 17		First Day of the Second 27th Legislative Session.	AS 24.05.090
Jan 17		Initiative petitions must be filed prior to the legislature convening at 1pm on this day, in order to appear on the 2012 ballot. Signatures must be reviewed w/in 60 days.	AS 15.45.150, AS 15.45.190
<i>Feb 20</i>		<i>State &amp; Federal Holiday - President's Day - Offices Closed</i>	AS 44.12.010
Mar 01		Deadline for the Director to submit Employee and Election Officials Training Plan to the Lt. Governor	AS 15.10.107

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Mar 02		List Maintenance: COMPLETE	AS 15.07.130
Mar 05	REAA	Order and Notice of Election signed by Director.	6 AAC 27.020
Mar 11		<i>Spring forward to Daylight Savings Time Change - Lose 1 hour</i>	
Mar 26		<i>State Holiday - Seward's Day - Offices Closed</i>	AS 44.12.010
Apr 15		90th Day of the Legislative Session.	AS 24.05.150
Apr 16	Primary General	Deadline for parties to submit names of Election Workers.	AS 15.10.120
May 28		<i>State &amp; Federal Holiday - Memorial Day - Offices Closed</i>	AS 44.12.010
May 31	Primary General	Requested deadline to receive names from political parties for SRB.	AS 15.10.180
May 31		Deadline for a political group to file their bylaws and an application to become a recognized political party if they have met the qualifications in AS 15.80.010.	AS 15.80.008
Jun - Oct		Federal Register prepares letters and instructional materials for US Archivist to send to Governors in all 50 States relating to the Electoral College.	U.S. National Archives & Records Administration

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Jun 01		Director may suspend the monthly verifications of the number of registered voters who have registered in each political group, on and after June 1 and before November 30 of a general election year.	AS 15.80.008(c)
Jun 01	Primary General	Statutory Candidacy Filing deadline for both party and no-party candidates.	AS 15.25.040, AS 15.25.150
Jun 08	Primary	Deadline to receive the original copy of the faxed Declaration of Candidacy. If the original copy, in its entirety is not received by this date, candidate will be notified of non-receipt in order to re-file with proof that previous Declaration was filed and mailed timely in accordance with the law.	AS 15.25.040
Jun 11	Primary	Deadline to receive complaints regarding the eligibility of a candidate. Complaint must be received by close of business on the 10th day after the filing deadline. Eligibility must be determined within 30 days of receipt of the complaint.	AS 15.25.042, 6 AAC 25.260(a)
Jun 18	Primary	Deadline to receive original materials from candidacy filings that were originally sent via fax. <i>(15th day after filing deadline)</i>	AS 15.25.040(a)(2)
Jun 29	Primary	Deadline for first mailing of Special Advance overseas and remote Alaska ballots. <i>(60th day prior to the election)</i>	AS 15.20.082(a), 6 AAC 25.660
Jul 04		<i>State &amp; Federal Holiday - Independence Day - Offices Closed</i>	<i>AS 44.12.010</i>
Jul 08	Primary	Last day an incumbent candidate for renomination can be disqualified and replaced by a party petition. Party petitions for replacement candidates are due 7/11. <i>(51st day prior to the election)</i>	AS 15.25.056

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Jul 09	General	Deadline to provide statewide electronic voter lists to each political party. <i>(120th day prior to the General Election)</i>	AS 15.07.140
Jul 11	Primary	Withdrawal deadline for party candidates names to be withdrawn. <i>(Notice must be received by close of business on the 48th day prior to the election)</i>	AS 15.25.055, 6 AAC 25.210
Jul 11	Primary	Deadline for candidates to make a change to the way their name appears on the ballot.	6AAC 25.212
Jul 11	Primary	Deadline for a political party to submit a party petition to replace an incumbent candidate who dies, is disqualified or incapacitated.	AS 15.25.056
Jul 12	Primary	Ballot certified for the printer.	
Jul 14	Primary	Deadline to mail official ballots to UOCAVA voters beginning today. <i>(45 days prior to the election)</i>	MOVE Act
Jul 15	REAA	Deadline for REAAs to notify the division of vacancies. <i>(Since the deadline falls on a weekend, the deadline is moved to the next business day 7/16.)</i>	6 AAC 27.015
Jul 16	REAA	Deadline for REAAs to notify DOE of vacancies.	6 AAC 27.015
Jul 16	General	Deadline for political parties to have materials in the Director's Office for the Official Election Pamphlet.	AS 15.58.040(a)

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Jul 20 - Jul 27	Primary	State Review Board tests memory cards with test decks.	AS 15.20.900, 6 AAC 25.045
Jul 23	General	Deadline for party and no-party candidates to submit materials to the Division for the Official Election Pamphlet.	AS 15.58.030(b)
Jul 27	Primary	Target date to have Primary Ballot Measure Pamphlet mailed to voters and placed on web.	
Jul 28	Primary	Division offices open for voter registration 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	
Jul 29	Primary	<b>Deadline for voters to register to vote or update their registration. Division offices open for voter registration 12 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (30th day prior to the election)</b>	<b>AS 15.07.010, AS 15.07.070 (c)(d)</b>
Jul 29	Primary	Deadline for Regional Supervisors to appoint 4 members each for the Absentee and Questioned review boards. (30th day prior to the election)	AS 15.20.190
Jul 29	Primary	Deadline for political parties to submit names for State Review Board members. (By at least 30 days prior to the election) Requested deadline 5/31.	AS 15.10.180
Jul 31	Primary	Deadline to receive absentee by-mail applications requesting a Special Advance overseas and remote Alaska ballot. (28 days prior to an election)	6AAC 25.660(b)
Aug 01	General	Deadline for judges seeking retention to file for office.	AS 15.35.040; .055; .070; .110

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Aug 03	Primary	Deadline for election supplies and ballots to be in regional offices. <i>(25th day prior to the election)</i>	AS 15.15.050
Aug 03	Primary	Target date for first mailing of absentee by-mail ballots. <i>(If official ballots are available prior to this date, the ballots will be mailed to the voters as soon as they are ready for distribution.)</i>	AS 15.20.081(c)
Aug 03	REAA	Deadline for Candidates to file for seats up 10/2/12. Filings submitted in person or via fax must be received by close of business, 5:00 p.m. <i>(First Friday in August)</i> Declarations that are mailed must be postmarked by 8/3/12 and received by 8/13/12.	6 AAC 27.035(b)
Aug 07	General	Deadline for judges and judicial council to have material in to the Division for the Official Election Pamphlet.	AS 15.58.050
Aug 08	REAA	Last day to receive complaints of the eligibility of candidates. <i>(5th day after the filing deadline)</i>	6 AAC 27.037
Aug 08	General	Deadline for Limited Political Parties and Independent Candidates to submit petition for presidential candidates.	AS 15.30.025(a)
Aug 13	Primary	Absentee In-Person, Early Voting, Absentee by Fax and Special Needs voting begins. <i>(15th day prior to the election)</i>	AS 15.20.045, AS 15.20.061 - .081 6 AAC 25.500
Aug 13	REAA	Deadline for Declaration of Candidacy for an REAA school board seat to be received by mail. Candidate can be certified if the candidate qualifies and the Declaration is postmarked by 8/3/12. <i>(10th day after the filing deadline)</i>	6 AAC 27.035(b), 6 AAC 27.120
Aug 15	REAA	Deadline for candidates to withdraw their name from the REAA ballot. <i>(48th day prior to the election)</i>	6 AAC 27.035(e)

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Aug 16	REAA	Ballot certified for printer.	
Aug 18	Primary	Deadline to receive absentee by-mail applications. <i>(10th day prior to the election)</i> Absentee Office is open	AS 15.20.081(b)
Aug 18	Primary	Deadline for Public Notice: posting notices and other advertising for the election. <i>(10th day prior to the election)</i>	AS 15.15.070
Aug 21	Primary	Deadline for Absentee Review Boards to begin reviewing absentee ballots received up to this date. <i>(no less than 7 days prior to the election)</i>	AS 15.20.201(a)
Aug 25	Primary	Regional Offices open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. for Absentee and Early Voting.	
Aug 26	Primary	Regional Offices open 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. for Absentee and Early Voting.	
Aug 27	Primary	5:00 p.m. Alaska Time - Deadline to receive absentee by-fax ballot applications. <i>(1 day prior to the election)</i>	AS 15.20.081(b)
Aug 28	Primary	<b>Primary Election Day. Polls open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.</b>	<b>AS 15.25.020</b>
Aug 28	Primary	Election Central in Anchorage only-Division of Elections staff displays election results for public.	
Aug 28	Primary	Deadline for by-mail ballots to be postmarked.	AS 15.20.081(e)

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Aug 28	Primary	8:00 p.m. Alaska Time - Deadline for faxed ballots to be received.	6 AAC 25.680(g)
Aug 28	General	5:00 p.m. Alaska Time - Deadline for no-party candidates to submit nominating petition signatures. Signatures submitted by mail must be postmarked by this date before 5:00 p.m.	AS 15.25.150
Aug 30	Primary	Questioned Review Boards begin their review. <i>(2nd day following the election)</i>	AS 15.20.205(a)
Aug 30	General	Deadline to receive materials from Presidential candidates for the Official Election Pamphlet.	AS 15.58.030(a)
Sep 02	REAA	Deadline for voters to register to vote or update an existing registration for the REAA elections. <i>(30th day prior to the election)</i> *Note: This is also the registration deadline for Municipal Elections held on October 2, 2012.	AS 15.07.010, AS 15.07.070 (c) - (d)
Sep 03		<i>State &amp; Federal Holiday - Labor Day - Offices Closed</i>	<i>AS 44.12.010</i>
Sept. 4 - Sept. 6	REAA	State Review Board tests memory cards with test decks.	
Sep 04	Primary	State Review Board randomly selects precincts for hand count verification.	AS 15.15.430, 6AAC 25.068
Sep 04	General	Deadline for political party officials and qualified Independent Candidates to submit names of presidential electors to the Division of Elections.	AS 15.30.020, AS 15.30.026(b)

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Sep 07	Primary	Deadline to receive by-mail ballots mailed from within the United States. Ballots must be postmarked by Primary Election Day to be counted. <i>(10th day following the election)</i>	AS 15.20.081(e)
Sep 07	General	Deadline for first mailing of Special Advance and remote Alaska ballots. <i>(60th day prior to the election)</i>	AS 15.20.082(a), 6AAC 25.660
Sep 07	REAA	Deadline for election materials to be in regional offices. <i>(25th day prior to the election)</i>	AS 15.15.050
Sep 10 - Sep 20	Primary	State Review Board reviews election materials.	AS 15.20.220
Sep 10 - Sep 12	Primary	Hand Count Team conducts a verification of randomly drawn precincts.	AS 15.15.430, 6AAC 25.068
Sep 10	REAA	Deadline to mail ballots to voters in by-mail sections. <i>(22 days before the election)</i>	AS 15.20.800(c)
Sep 11	REAA	Begin mailing regular absentee by-mail REAA ballots to voters.	
Sep 12	Primary	Deadline to receive by-mail ballots mailed from overseas or military addresses. <i>(15th day following the election)</i>	AS 15.20.081(h)
Sep 12	Primary	Final count of regional absentee and questioned ballots by review boards and certification of the review. <i>(15th day following the election)</i>	AS 15.20.201(c)
Sep 12	General	Deadline to receive nominating petition and signatures that were mailed and postmarked by 5:00pm on Primary Election Day.	AS 15.25.150

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Sep 17	REAA	Absentee In-Person and Special Needs voting begins today for REAA elections. <i>(15th day prior to the election)</i>	AS 15.20.045, AS 15.20.061 6 AAC 27.050(b)
Sep 17	REAA	Deadline for Regional Supervisors to appoint 4 members to Absentee & Questioned Boards. <i>(15th day prior to the election)</i>	6 AAC 27.060(a)
Sep 17	REAA	Deadline to appoint State Review Board Members. <i>(15th day prior to the election)</i>	6 AAC 27.070
Sep 19	General	Deadline for candidates to withdraw their name from ballot. Notice must be received by close of business. <i>(48th day prior to the General Election)</i>	AS 15.25.110, AS 15.25.200, AS 15.35.135, 6 AAC 25.210(b)
Sep 19	General	Deadline for recognized political parties to submit party petitions, to fill vacancies left by party candidates nominated at the Primary Election. <i>(48th day prior to the election)</i>	AS 15.25.110
Sep 19	General	Deadline for parties to submit a certificate with the names of their candidates for President & Vice-President to appear on the general election ballot.	
<b>Sep 20</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Target date to certify the Primary Election.</b>	<b>AS 15.15.450</b>
Sep 20	General	Ballot certified for the printer.	
Sep 22	REAA	Deadline for public notice: posting notices and other advertising for the election. <i>(10th day prior to the election)</i>	AS 15.15.070

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Sep 22	General	Deadline to begin mailing official ballots to UOCAVA voters. <i>(45th day prior to the election)</i>	MOVE Act
Sep 24	REAA	Deadline to receive absentee by-mail applications for REAA. <i>(10th day prior to the election)</i>	6 AAC 27.050(a)
Sep 25	Primary	Deadline for defeated candidate or 10 qualified voters to file an application for recount; must be received by 5:00pm. Recount will be held within 5 days after receipt.	AS 15.20.430
Sep 25	REAA	Absentee Review Board may begin review of absentee ballots received up to this date. <i>(no less than 7 days prior to the election)</i>	AS 15.20.201(a)
Sept. 27 - Oct. 5	General	State Review Board tests memory cards with test decks.	AS 15.20.900, 6 AAC 25.045
Sep 27	REAA	Deadline for write-in candidate to submit a letter of intent. <i>(5th day prior to the election)</i>	AS 15.25.105( c), 6 AAC 27.036
Sep 30	Primary	<i>10th day after the completion of the state review of the election falls on a weekend. All deadlines for this date are moved to the next business day 10/1/12.</i>	
Oct 01	Primary	Deadline for an election contest to be filed in superior court. <i>(10th day after the completion of the state review)</i>	AS 15.20.540, AS 15.20.550
Oct 02	REAA	<b>REAA ELECTION DAY. Polls open 8am to 8pm.</b>	<b>AS 14.08.071(b), 6 AAC 27.010; 6 AAC 27.120</b>
Oct 02	REAA	Deadline for by-mail ballots to be postmarked. Ballots must be postmarked by REAA Election Day.	AS 15.20.081(e)

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Oct 04	REAA	Questioned Review Boards begin their review. <i>(2nd day after election)</i>	AS 15.20.205(a)
Oct 06	General	Offices open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. for registration deadline.	
Oct 07	General	Offices open 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. for registration deadline.	
<b>Oct 07</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Deadline for voters to register to vote or update their registration.</b>	<b>AS 15.05.010, AS 15.07.070(c) -(d)</b>
Oct 07	General	Deadline for Regional Supervisors to appoint at least 4 members each for the Absentee and Questioned Review Boards. <i>(30th day prior to the election)</i>	AS 15.20.190
Oct 07	General	Deadline for political parties to submit names for State Review Board members. <i>(By at least 30 days prior to the election)</i> Requested deadline 5/31.	AS 15.10.180
<i>Oct 08</i>		<i>Federal Holiday - Columbus Day - No mail service.</i>	
Oct 09	General	Deadline to receive absentee by-mail applications requesting a Special Advance overseas and remote Alaska ballot. <i>(28 days prior to an election)</i>	6AAC 25.660(b)
Oct 09	General	Target date to mail Official Election Pamphlets to voters and post to the division's web site.	AS 15.58.080(a)
Oct 12	REAA	Deadline to receive by-mail ballots mailed from within the United States. Ballots must be postmarked by REAA Election Day to be counted. <i>(10th day following the election)</i>	AS 15.20.081(e)

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Oct 12	REAA	Final count of absentee and questioned ballots by the regional offices. <i>(10th day following the election)</i>	6AAC 27.060(b) - (d)
Oct 12	General	Target date for first mailing of regular absentee by-mail ballots. <i>(If official ballots are available prior to this date, the ballots will be mailed to voters as soon as they are ready for distribution.)</i>	AS 15.20.081(c)
Oct 12	General	Deadline for election supplies and ballots to be in all offices. <i>(25th day prior to the election)</i>	AS 15.15.050
Oct 15	General	Statutory deadline for Official Election Pamphlets to be mailed to Voters for General Election. <i>(22nd day prior to the election)</i>	AS 15.58.080(a)
Oct 17 - Oct 23	REAA	State Review Board reviews election materials.	6 AAC 27.070
Oct 17	REAA	Deadline to receive by-mail ballots mailed from overseas or military addresses. Ballots must be postmarked by REAA Election Day to be counted. <i>(15th day following the election)</i>	AS 15.20.81(h)
Oct 18		<i>State Holiday - Alaska Day - Offices Closed</i>	AS 44.12.010
Oct 22	General	Absentee In-Person, Absentee by Fax, Early Voting and Special Needs voting begins today. <i>(15 days before the election)</i>	AS 15.20.045, AS 15.20.061 - .081 6 AAC 25.500
Oct 23	REAA	<b>Target date to certify the REAA Election.</b>	<b>6 AAC 27.080, 6AAC 27.130</b>
Oct 27	General	Deadline to receive absentee by-mail applications. <i>(10th day prior to the election)</i> Absentee Office open	AS 15.20.081(b)

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Oct 27	General	Deadline for public notice: posting notices and other advertising for the election. <i>(10th day prior to the election)</i>	AS 15.15.070
Oct 29	REAA	Deadline for defeated candidate or 10 qualified voters to file an application for recount; must be received by 5:00pm. Recount will be held within 5 days after receipt.	AS 15.20.430
Oct 30	General	Deadline for Absentee Review Boards to begin review of absentee ballots received up to this date. <i>(No less than 7 days prior to the election)</i>	AS 15.20.201(a)
Nov 01	General	Deadline for write-in candidates to submit a letter of intent. <i>(5th day prior to the election)</i>	AS 15.25.105(c)
Nov 02	REAA	Deadline for an election contest to be filed in superior court.	AS 15.20.540, AS 15.20.550
Nov 03	General	Regional Offices open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. for Absentee and Early Voting.	
Nov 04	General	Regional Offices open 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. for Absentee and Early Voting.	
Nov 04		Fall back to Standard Time - Gain 1 Hour	
Nov 05	General	5:00 p.m. Alaska Time - Deadline to receive absentee by fax ballot applications. <i>(1 day prior to the election)</i>	AS 15.20.081(b)
Nov 06	General	<b>GENERAL ELECTION DAY. Polls open from 7a.m. - 8p.m.</b>	<b>AS 15.15.020</b>

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Nov 06	General	8:00 p.m. Alaska Time - Deadline for Faxed Ballots to be received	6 AAC 25.680(g)
Nov 06	General	Deadline for by-mail ballots to be postmarked. Ballots must be postmarked by General Election Day to be counted.	AS 15.20.081(e)
Nov 06	General	Election Central in Juneau, Anchorage and Fairbanks - Division of Elections displays election results.	
Nov 08	General	Questioned Board begins review of questioned ballot envelopes. <i>(2nd day following the election.)</i>	AS 15.20.205(a)
Nov 12		<i>State &amp; Federal Holiday - Veteran's Day Observed- Offices Closed</i>	<i>AS 44.12.010</i>
Nov 16	General	Deadline to receive by-mail ballots mailed from within the United States. Ballots must be postmarked by General Election Day to be counted. <i>(10th day following the election)</i>	AS 15.20.081(e)
Nov 19 - Dec 3	General	State Review Board reviews election materials.	AS 15.20.220
Nov 19	General	State Review Board randomly selects precincts for hand count verification.	AS 15.15.430 6AAC 25.068
Nov 20 - Nov 23	General	Hand Count Team conducts hand count verification of randomly selected precincts.	AS 15.15.430 6AAC 25.068
Nov 21	General	Deadline to receive by-mail ballots mailed from overseas or military addresses. Ballots must be postmarked by General Election Day to be counted. <i>(15th day following the election)</i>	AS 15.20.81(h)

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Nov 21	General	Final count of regional absentee and questioned ballots by review boards and certification of the review. <i>(15th day following the election)</i>	AS 15.20.201(c) AS 15.20.205(c)
Nov 22		<i>State &amp; Federal Holiday - Thanksgiving Day - Offices Closed</i>	<i>AS 44.12.010</i>
Dec 03	General	<b>Target date to certify the GENERAL ELECTION.</b>	<b>AS 15.15.450</b>
Dec 10	General	Deadline for defeated candidate or 10 qualified voters to file an application for recount; must be received by 5:00pm. Recount will be held within 5 days after receipt.	AS 15.20.430
Dec 11	General Electoral College	Deadline for States to make final determination of any controversies or contests as to the appointment of electors.	3 U.S.C. 1.5, U.S. National Archives & Records Administration
Dec 13	General	Deadline for an election contest to be filed in superior court.	AS 15.20.540, AS 15.20.550
Dec 17	General Electoral College	Electors meet at 11:00am to cast their votes for President and Vice- President.	AS 15.30.070
Dec 17	General Electoral College	Vacancies for electors shall be filled by plurality vote, which may occur in the meeting of the electoral college.	AS 15.30.080, 3 U.S.C. 1.4
Dec 17	General Electoral College	Electors sign, seal and certify electoral votes.	3 U.S.C. 1.6, U.S. National Archives & Records Administration
Dec 25		<i>State &amp; Federal Holiday - Christmas Day - Offices Closed</i>	<i>AS 44.12.010</i>

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Dec 26	<i>General Electoral College</i>	Deadline for President of the Senate and the Archivist to receive the electoral votes in hand.	3 U.S.C. 1.13, U.S. National Archives & Records Administration
Late Dec Early Jan	<i>General Electoral College</i>	Archivist transmits copies of the <i>Certificates of Ascertainment</i> to Congress.	U.S. National Archives & Records Administration
Jan 03	<i>General</i>	Congress is sworn into office.	U.S. Constitution - Article II, Twentieth Amendment
Jan 06	<i>General Electoral College</i>	Congress meets in joint session to count the electoral votes.	3 U.S.C. 1.15, U.S. National Archives & Records Administration
Jan 20	<i>General Electoral College</i>	The President elect takes the Oath of Office and becomes President of the United States.	U.S. Constitution - Article II, Twentieth Amendment