



Timeline of Important Dates for Arizona's 2022 November Election

Voting by Mail

- **Wednesday, October 12**
 - Counties must begin sending mail ballots to voters (other than military and overseas voters) with accepted applications. Mail ballots are called “early ballots” in Arizona
 - Verification of early ballots (whether sent out by mail or delivered in-person) may begin. While a specific date is not named, early ballots are verified [upon receipt by the county recorder](#).
- **Friday, October 28** - Deadline for voters to request to receive an early ballot by mail. Applications must be *received* by the appropriate county recorder by this date to be accepted.
- **Tuesday, November 8** - **Election Day** - Voters must return their mail (early) ballots so they are received by 7 p.m., the close of polls, regardless of return method. This is also the deadline for voters who returned an [unsigned early ballot to cure](#) it by providing a signature.¹
- **Tuesday, November 15** - Deadline for voters whose signature on their early ballot envelope was found not to match their signatures on file to cure the issue.

In-Person Voting (Early & Election Day)

- **Monday, October 10** - Voter registration deadline. All in-person applications must be completed. [Mail applications](#) must be *postmarked* by this date or the application must be dated by this date and received by the recorder by mail within five days of this date (Saturday October 15).
- **Wednesday, October 12** -

¹ “Curing” is the process by which a voter: 1) receives notice from election officials of a discrepancy on the mail ballot carrier envelope; and 2) has an opportunity to correct the issue and have the ballot counted. In Arizona, a voter may have an opportunity to cure a carrier envelope if: 1) the voter failed to sign the envelope or 2) election officials are unsure that the voter’s signature on the certificate on the ballot envelope matches the information in the voter’s registration record. The cure deadlines for the two issues are different.

- Counties must offer in-person early voting at the recorder's office, and may offer it at additional locations.²
- Verification of early ballots (whether sent out by mail or delivered in-person) may begin. While a specific date is not named, early ballots are verified [upon receipt by the county recorder](#).
- **[Friday, November 4](#)** - Last day of the in-person early voting period. Early voting ends at 5 p.m.
- **[Saturday, November 5](#) through [Monday, November 7](#)** - Counties must offer emergency voting for registered voters who, because of an emergency arising after 5 p.m. on Friday November 4, cannot vote on Election Day. Counties may choose their own process.
- **[Tuesday, November 8](#) - Election Day.**
 - **6 a.m.** - Polling locations open.
 - **7 p.m.** - Polling locations close. All voters still in line must be allowed to vote.

Counting, Canvassing, & Certification

- **[Wednesday October 12/Immediately after verifying early ballots](#)** - Counties may begin tabulating verified early ballots (completed in-person or returned by mail) as soon as the verification of the ballot by the recorder is complete.
- **[Tuesday, November 8 - Election Day - After polls close](#)** - Voting locations using machines that tabulate votes on site produce and deliver [statements of tally](#). All other counting is done at [central counting locations](#) until the count is complete. If the personnel have been appointed by the political parties, a hand count audit is conducted under the supervision of the officer in charge of the election until it is complete.
- **[Monday November 15 - Monday November 28](#)** - County boards of supervisors must canvass their counties' results in this window in general³. If any results are missing, however, the board of supervisors can adjourn day to day up to six times to enable the results to come in. Thus in extraordinary situations, counties may certify as late as Sunday December 4. If results are still missing, the canvass is completed without them. Counties have no discretion to refuse to certify votes.⁴
- **[Monday December 5](#)** - The Secretary of State canvasses the county canvasses, unless one or more counties have not submitted them. If any are missing, the Secretary may adjourn the state canvass until the 30th day after the election, Thursday December 8,

² Although Ariz. Stat. § 16-542(A) speaks of offering early in-person voting at the recorder's office as permissive, using "may establish", the [2019 Election Procedures Manual](#) (EPM), which has the force of law and was recently upheld as being in effect through the November election and beyond, makes it mandatory. See page 63.

³ "Canvassing" is the process by which the appropriate authority checks the results from each voting location and ballot counting location for accuracy and compliance with statutory procedures. After these checks, the results from each location are compiled to create results for each race on the ballot. In Texas, the county canvass is typically conducted by the county commissioners' court. The state canvass is conducted by the Governor with the support of the Secretary of State.

⁴ EPM at p. 240.

at which point the results must be certified. The Secretary has no discretion to refuse to certify.⁵

Recounts & Election Contests

- **After Monday December 5** - (or December 8, if the state canvass is delayed).
 - Automatic recounts are conducted if the certified margin in the races is [0.5% or less](#). Recounts are begun by the Secretary [certifying the results needing to be recounted](#) to a superior court. Recounts are [conducted](#) according to the rules for election contests.
 - [Election contests](#) may be filed by any voter.
- **Monday December 12** - Deadline for voters to file election contests.⁶

⁵ EPM at p. 243

⁶ Specifically, the [law requires](#) contests to be filed “within five days after the completion of the [state] canvass.” While five days later is Saturday, December 10, the [Arizona rules of civil procedure](#) provide that if a deadline is on a Saturday, the filing deadline is the next business day. If the state canvass is delayed to December 8, the deadline would be Tuesday, December 13.