



Timeline of Important Dates for North Carolina's 2022 November Election

Voting by Mail

- [**Friday, September 9**](#) - Absentee ballots will be made available to the public.
- [**Tuesday, October 4**](#) - County boards of election must begin to conduct absentee meetings at 5 pm every Tuesday until election day.
- [**Tuesday, November 1**](#) - Deadline for voters to request an absentee ballot by mail. Applications must be received by the appropriate county board of elections by 5 pm.
- **Monday, November 7**
 - [**5 pm**](#) - Deadline for active military and overseas (UOCAVA) voters to register to vote.
 - [**5 pm**](#) - Deadline for active military and overseas (UOCAVA) voters to request an absentee ballot
- [**Tuesday, November 8 - Election Day**](#) - All absentee mail-in ballots must be received by the county election board by 5 pm to be eligible to be counted. Exceptions apply to certain voted absentee ballots.
- [**Friday, November 11**](#) - County board of elections must receive certain voted absentee ballots postmarked on or before Election Day by 5 pm.
- [**Thursday, November 17**](#) - Cure certification form to cure deficient absentee ballots must be received by the appropriate county board of elections by 5 pm.¹

In-Person Voting (Early & Election Day)

- [**Friday, October 14**](#) - Voter registration deadline. Extension applies to certain voter registration applications.
- [**Friday, October 19**](#) - Extended voter registration deadline for certain registration applications.
- [**Thursday, October 20**](#) - In-person early voting (Absentee One Stop Voting) begins.
- [**Tuesday, November 1**](#)

¹ "Cure" is the process by which a voter may fix certain deficiencies or issues with their absentee ballot. In North Carolina, a voter may cure their ballot with a cure certificate if the voter did not sign the Voter Certification or signed their absentee ballot in the wrong place.

- Deadline to request an absentee ballot. The appropriate county board of elections must receive the absentee ballot application by 5 pm.
- Voters who are sick or with a physical disability and may not be present at the polling place on November 8, may request an absentee mail-in ballot.
- **Saturday, November 5** - In-person early voting (Absentee One Stop Voting) ends at 3 pm.
- **Tuesday, November 8** - Election Day
 - **6:30 a.m.** - Polling locations open.
 - **7:30 p.m.** - Polling locations close. All voters still in line after polls close must be allowed to vote.

Counting, Canvassing, & Certification

- **Tuesday, November 8** - Election Day
 - UOCAVA ballots may be counted starting at 9 am.
 - All non-UOCAVA ballots may be counted starting at 5 pm. Localities may start earlier at 2 pm if a resolution was passed previously.
- **Friday, November 18** - County canvass begins at 11 am.²
- **Thursday, November 24** - County Boards of Elections issue certificates of election, if no election protest is pending.³
- **Tuesday, November 29** - State canvass begins at 11 am.
- **Monday, December 5** - State Board of Elections issuance of certificate of elections, if no election protest is pending.

Recounts and Contests

- **Monday, November 21** - Local candidates may file a request for a recount to the appropriate county board of elections until 5 pm.
- **Monday, November 22** - Candidates may file a request for a recount to the State Board of Elections until 12 noon.
- **Monday, November 22** - A qualified voter may file an election protest until 5 pm with the appropriate county board of election.

² “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.

³ “Certification” is the process by which winners in elections are officially declared following the completion of the canvass. For local races that can be determined following the county canvass, certification will occur after the county canvass. For federal, state, and multicounty races that must be determined by the state canvass, certification will generally occur immediately following the completion of the state canvass.