



Timeline of Important Dates for Ohio's 2022 November Election

Voting Absentee by Mail

- **[Friday, September 23](#)** - Counties must begin sending absentee mail ballots to military and overseas (UOCAVA) voters with accepted applications.
- **[Tuesday, October 11](#)** - Voter registration deadline for the November 8 general election. All in-person registration applications must be submitted and all mail applications postmarked by this date.
- **[Wednesday, October 12](#)** - Counties begin mailing printed absentee ballots to voters (other than military and overseas voters) with accepted applications, and may also begin processing and verifying - but not counting - absentee ballots.
- **[Saturday, November 5](#)** - Deadline for voters to request an absentee by mail ballot. Applications must be received by the appropriate board of elections by noon to be accepted.
- **[Monday, November 7](#)** - Postmark return deadline. Voters returning absentee ballots by mail must have them postmarked by this date.
- **[Tuesday, November 8](#) - Election Day** - Voters returning absentee ballots in person must deliver them to the county board of elections by the close of polls at 7:30 P.M.
- **[Tuesday, November 15](#)** - Identification envelope cure deadline.¹ All voters notified by the board of elections of a defect with their ballot's identification envelope must provide the necessary information to the board of elections by this date for their ballot to be processed and counted.
- **[Friday, November 18](#)** - All eligible absentee ballots cast - including UOCAVA ballots and postmarked ballots returned by mail - must be received by the county board of elections by this date to be eligible to be counted.

¹ "Curing" is the process by which a voter: 1) receives notice from election officials of a discrepancy or incomplete information on the absentee by mail ballot identification envelope; and 2) has an opportunity to correct the issue and have the ballot counted. In Ohio, a voter may have an opportunity to [cure an identification envelope](#) if: 1) the voter failed to provide proof of identification or provided information that did not match their registration; 2) the voter failed to sign the envelope, or election officials are unsure the voter's signature on the envelope matches the voter's registration record; or 3) the voter did not print their name or printed a name that does not match their registration record.

In-Person Voting (Early & Election Day)

- **Tuesday, October 11** - Voter registration deadline for the November 8 general election. All in-person registration applications must be submitted and all mail applications postmarked by this date.
- **Wednesday October 12** - Early in-person absentee voting begins in all counties. For the first two weeks, boards must be open for in-person absentee voting from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each weekday.
- **Wednesday, October 26** - Boards expand early in-person absentee voting hours the third week of voting, extending weekday hours to 6 p.m. and also begin offering weekend voting from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.
- **Wednesday, November 2** - Boards again increase early in-person absentee voting hours for the fourth week of voting, extending to 7 p.m. weekdays, continuing Saturday availability from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and adding availability from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. the Sunday before Election Day.
- **Monday, November 7** - Last day of the early in-person absentee voting period, available from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Monday before Election Day.
- **Tuesday, November 8 - Election Day.**
 - **6:30 a.m.** - Polling locations open.
 - **7:30 p.m.** - Polling locations close. All voters still in line must be allowed to vote. Voters returning mail ballots to their board must do so by this time.

Counting, Canvassing, & Certification

- **Friday, October 28** - Deadline for eligible parties or groups of candidates to file notice of appointing observers with the board of elections.
- **Tuesday, November 8 - Election Day.**
 - **Before polls close** - In counties that will process and count absentee ballots in the precinct, the board must deliver the identification envelopes containing absentee ballots for that precinct before the close of polls.
 - **After polls close** - Polling and central counting locations must count ballots continuously until the count is complete.
- **Wednesday, November 9** - The county boards may begin examining pollbooks, poll lists, and tally sheets to compare the results in any polling place with the summary statement received from the polling locations as prepared by the precinct election official. The board also begins processing and verifying provisional ballots.
- **Saturday, November 19** - County boards of elections *may* begin the canvassing process.
- **Wednesday, November 23** - County boards must begin the canvass process if they have not already done so.
- **Tuesday, November 29** - Deadline for county boards to complete their official canvass and certify the results. Board declarations must be signed by a majority of the board members, bear the date upon which the declaration is made, and a copy must be posted in a conspicuous place in the board's office for at least five days. The board must email the official results to the Secretary of State's office and also send to the President of the Senate a

copy of the board's official results for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Auditor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, and Justices of the Supreme Court

- **Sunday, December 4 (or five days after completion of the county canvass)** - Applications requesting recounts of election results for local, county, and district offices determined by a county canvass - or canvasses from multiple counties but not statewide - must be filed by 5 p.m. Local or district races for which the canvass shows a winning margin of less than 0.5% will be recounted automatically.
- **Friday, December 9** - Deadline for the Secretary of State to complete the official state canvass and declare the results.* For federal and non-executive state offices, the Secretary of State shall conduct the state canvass of official county abstracts no later than ten days after receiving the county-level results.
 - *Except for the major statewide executive offices: Governor; Lieutenant Governor; Secretary of State; Auditor; Treasurer; and Attorney General. [For these races](#), the President of the Senate, in the presence of a majority of the General Assembly, is responsible for canvassing the county abstracts, declaring the results, and certifying the results to the Secretary of State during the first week of the regular session of the general assembly following a regular general election.
- **Wednesday, December 14 (or ten days after recount request)** - Latest possible deadline for beginning a recount of a local/district race. Recounts must begin no later than 10 days after a recount request is filed or a recount is ordered.
- **Wednesday, December 14 (or five days after official state canvass results)** - Deadline for filing an application requesting a recount with the Secretary of State. For races determined by the state canvass, eligible parties must file the recount application with the Secretary within five days after the Secretary declares the official results.
- **Saturday, December 24** - Latest possible deadline for beginning a recount of a race determined by the state canvass. Recounts must begin no later than 10 days after a recount request is filed or a recount is ordered.
- **Election Contests** - A losing candidate, or a group of at least twenty-five voters who voted against the winning candidate, may sign and file a petition in the appropriate court to contest the election of an individual to a state or local public office. Parties must file the petition within 15 days after the official results are announced, or within 10 days of announcing official results following a recount. The range of timelines for the earliest and latest dates by which parties could file a challenge petition depends on the circumstances.