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**2026 ELECTION CALENDAR AND HIGHLIGHTS**

The purpose of this calendar is to provide information on deadlines for election activities. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-14, when the last day for the exercise of any privilege or discharge of any duty falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the next succeeding business day shall be the last day to exercise such duty.

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| <b>QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR ALL CANDIDATES FOR THE 2026<br/>GENERAL ELECTION CYCLE</b> | <b>MARCH 2, 2026 – MARCH 6, 2026</b> |
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| ELECTION   | ELECTION DATE | ADVANCE VOTING DATES   | REGISTRATION DEADLINE<br><small>*FEDERAL CONTEST REGISTRATION<br/>DEADLINE</small> |
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| Special Election                                 | 03/17/2026    | 02/23/26 – 03/13/26  | 02/16/2026   |
| Special Election Runoff                          | 04/14/2026    | As soon as possible, but no<br>later than 04/06/26 –<br>04/10/26 | 02/16/2026   |
| General Primary Election/Nonpartisan<br>Election | 05/19/2026    | 04/27/26 – 05/15/26  | 04/20/2026   |
| General Primary Election/Nonpartisan<br>Runoff   | 06/16/2026    | As soon as possible, but no<br>later than 06/08/26 –<br>06/12/26 | 04/20/2026<br>*05/18/2026  |
| General Election/Special Election                | 11/03/2026    | 10/13/26 – 10/30/26  | 10/05/2026   |
| General Election/Special Election Runoff         | 12/01/2026    | As soon as possible, but no<br>later than 11/23/26 –<br>11/25/26 | 10/05/2026<br>*11/02/2026  |

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| <b>15 months prior to</b> | <p><b><u>EARLIEST DAY TO CIRCULATE PETITIONS TO QUALIFY POLITICAL BODIES TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES BY CONVENTION</u></b></p> <p>Petitions to qualify political bodies to nominate candidates for statewide offices by convention shall not be signed by the voters more than 15 months prior to the submission of the petitions to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-182</p> |
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| <b>December 29, 2025</b> | <p><b><u>EARLIEST DAY TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b><br/>The earliest day for voters to apply for absentee ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A).</p>   |
| <b>January 1, 2026</b>   | <p><b><u>EARLIEST DAY TO ACCEPT UOCAVA BALLOT APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2026 CYCLE</u></b><br/>In accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 20306, any absentee ballot application received from UOCAVA voters beginning January 1, 2026 shall be considered timely, even if not received 78 days prior.</p>  |
| <b>January 1, 2026</b>   | <p><b><u>EARLIEST DAY FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES TO FILE/PUBLISH NOTICE OF INTENT</u></b><br/>First day to publish Notice of Intent of Write-in Candidacy. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133(a)</p>   |
| <b>January 15, 2026</b>  | <p><b><u>FIRST DAY TO CIRCULATE NOMINATION PETITIONS FOR ELECTION CYCLE</u></b><br/>Independent/political body candidate may begin circulating nomination petitions.<br/>O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-132(h)(4), 21-2-170(e)</p>   |
| <b>February 1, 2026</b>  | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH QUALIFYING FEES</u></b><br/>The last day for the Secretary of State and Election Superintendents to fix and publish 2026 qualifying fees for candidates running for federal, state, and local offices. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131(a)</p>   |
| <b>February 9, 2026</b>  | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE FOR MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b><br/>The board of registrars shall publish the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting in its jurisdiction on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, or if the county does not have such a website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and by posting in a prominent location in the county, no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general election, or special election and no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(3)</p> |
| <b>February 16, 2026</b> | <p><b><u>MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b><br/>First day registrars shall mail/issue official absentee ballots. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)</p>  |
| <b>February 16, 2026</b> | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR ADVANCE VOTING FOR MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b><br/>Each political party and political body shall each be entitled to designate, at least 7 days prior to the beginning of the advanced voting period for such election or runoff election, no more than two official poll watchers for each location at which advance voting is conducted. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A)</p>  |
| <b>February 16, 2026</b> | <p><b><u>REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION/RUNOFF</u></b><br/>Last day for an applicant to register and for an elector to change address prior to the primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. §§ 2-2-224(a), 21-2-218</p>  |
| <b>February 16, 2026</b> | <p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR PRECINCT BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b><br/>Last day to make changes to precinct boundaries. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-261(c)</p>   |
| <b>February 16, 2026</b> | <p><b><u>LAST DAY TO ISSUE THE CALL FOR THE MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b><br/>At least 29 days shall intervene between the call of a special election and the holding of same.<br/>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540(b)</p>   |

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| February 20, 2026   | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO SEND COPIES OF POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO STATE/COUNTY</u></b></p> <p>At least three days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent and the chief registrar of the county or municipality in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03</p> |
| February 20, 2026   | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO CONDUCT LOGIC &amp; ACCURACY TESTING FOR ADVANCE VOTING FOR MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>Last day to begin voting equipment testing. O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-379.6(c), 21-2-379.25; SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08</p>  |
| February 23, 2026   | <p><b><u>FIRST DAY OF ADVANCE VOTING FOR MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>Advance voting must begin the fourth Monday before each primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(A)</p>  |
| February 28, 2026<br><i>AND</i><br>March 7, 2026              | <p><b><u>MANDATORY SATURDAY VOTING FOR MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>Advance voting shall be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday prior to Election Day. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(B)</p>   |
| March 1, 2026<br><i>and/or</i><br>March 8, 2026               | <p><b><u>OPTIONAL SUNDAY VOTING FOR MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>Advance voting may be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday prior to Election Day. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(B)</p>  |
| March 6, 2026   | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>Last day to request absentee by mail ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)</p>  |
| March 2, 2026 – 9AM<br><i>through</i><br>March 6, 2026 – 12PM | <p><b><u>CANDIDATE QUALIFYING WEEK/PERIOD FOR MAY PRIMARY AND NOVEMBER GENERAL</u></b></p> <p>The qualifying period for a candidate to file and qualify to appear on the ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132(d)</p>   |
| March 2, 2026   | <p><b><u>EARLIEST DAY TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>The earliest day for voters to apply for absentee ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A).</p>   |
| March 6, 2026<br>2:00 p.m.                                    | <p><b><u>POSTING OF CANDIDATE NAMES BY PARTIES FOR MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>A list of all candidates who have qualified shall be posted. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-153(d)(1)</p>   |

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| <b>March 9, 2026<br/>12:00 P.M.</b> | <b><u>DEADLINE FOR POLITICAL PARTY TO CERTIFY CANDIDATES FOR MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION</u></b><br>Last day for political party to certify list of qualified candidates. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-154<br><br><b><u>DEADLINE TO CERTIFY POLITICAL PARTY QUESTIONS FOR MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION</u></b><br>Last day for political party to certify to the SOS the wording of questions.<br>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-284(d)                               |
| <b>March 10, 2026</b>               | <b><u>DEADLINE FOR NOTICE OF INTENT TO TABULATE EARLY FOR MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b><br>If the county election superintendent chooses to open the inner envelopes and begin tabulating such ballots prior to the close of the polls on the day of the primary, election or runoff, the superintendent shall notify the Secretary of State, in writing, at least seven days prior to the primary, election or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(3) |
| <b>March 10, 2026</b>               | <b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH CONSOLIDATION NOTICE FOR MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b><br>The superintendent shall give at least one week's notice of the time and place for the computation and canvassing of the returns by publishing the notice in a conspicuous place in the superintendent's office. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-492  |
| <b>March 10, 2026</b>               | <b><u>DEADLINE TO DESIGNATE ELECTION DAY POLL WATCHERS FOR MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b><br>In an election or run-off election, each political party and political body shall each be entitled to designate, at least seven days prior to such election or run-off election, no more than two official poll watchers in each precinct. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1)  |
| <b>March 13, 2026</b>               | <b><u>LAST DAY OF ADVANCE VOTING FOR MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b><br>Last day of advance voting. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)   |
| <b>March 14, 2026</b>               | <b><u>DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ELECTION DAY POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO STATE/COUNTY FOR MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b><br>At least three days prior to the election, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent of the county in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.08  |
| <b>March 14, 2026</b>               | <b><u>DEADLINE TO CONDUCT LOGIC &amp; ACCURACY TESTING FOR MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b><br>Last day to begin voting equipment testing O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-379.6(c), 21-2-379.25; SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08  |

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| <b>March 17, 2026</b><br><b>ELECTION DAY</b> | <b>DATE OF MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION</b><br>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540 (c)(1)(B); Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403 403<br><br><b>OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN</b><br>County election office(s) to remain open until completion of their duties. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490<br><br><b>BALLOT CAST REPORT DUE</b><br>Report due by 11:59 p.m. of total number of ballots cast, including provisional ballots, and absentee-by-mail ballots received by the close of polls to the registrar. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421            |
| <b>March 18, 2026</b><br><b>9:00 a.m.</b>    | <b>MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION PROVISIONAL BALLOT DOCUMENTATION DUE TO REGISTRAR</b><br>The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b); SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18 (10)   |
| <b>March 20, 2026</b><br><b>5:00 p.m.</b>    | <b>DEADLINE FOR MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION PROVISIONAL VOTER TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION</b><br>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)(1)(2)(3)<br><br><b>UOCAVA BALLOT RECEIPT DEADLINE</b><br>Eligible UOCAVA absentee ballots postmarked by election date and received within the three business days following the election deemed valid shall be counted. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(G)<br><br><b>ABSENTEE BALLOT CURE DEADLINE</b><br>Last day voters can cure timely submitted absentee ballots for missing signature or information mismatch. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(C) |
| <b>March 20, 2026</b>                        | <b>DEADLINE FOR PRECINCT BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION</b><br>Last day to make changes to precinct boundaries. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-261(c)  |
| <b>March 23, 2026</b><br><b>5:00 p.m.</b>    | <b>DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION</b><br>Returns shall be certified by the superintendent no later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-493(k)   |
| <b>March 30, 2026</b>                        | <b>DEADLINE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR ADVANCE VOTING FOR APRIL RUNOFF ELECTION</b><br>Each political party and political body shall each be entitled to designate, at least 7 days prior to the beginning of the advanced voting period for such election or runoff election, no more than two official poll watchers for each location at which advance voting is conducted. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A)  |

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| <b>March 31, 2026</b>                          | <p><b><u>FIRST DAY TO MAIL/TRANSMIT UOCAVA BALLOT FOR MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>First day registrars shall mail/issue absentee ballot to eligible UOCAVA voters. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a) <i>*Instant runoff ballots must also be included in UOCAVA ballot packet.</i></p>   |
| <b>April 3, 2026</b>                           | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR APRIL RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>Last day to request absentee by mail ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)</p>   |
| <b>April 3, 2026</b>                           | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO SEND COPIES OF POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO STATE/COUNTY</u></b></p> <p>At least three days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent and the chief registrar of the county or municipality in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03</p>   |
| <b>April 3, 2026</b>                           | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO CONDUCT LOGIC &amp; ACCURACY TESTING FOR ADVANCE VOTING FOR APRIL RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>Last day to begin voting equipment testing O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-379.6(c), 21-2-379.25; SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08</p>  |
| <b>April 6, 2026</b>                           | <p><b><u>SAMPLE BALLOT FOR MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION EXHIBITION</u></b></p> <p>At least 45 days prior, the superintendent shall post sample ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.8(b)</p>   |
| <b>April 6, 2026<br/>or prior to this date</b> | <p><b><u>SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF ADVANCE VOTING</u></b></p> <p>Advance voting should commence as soon as possible prior to a runoff but not later than the second Monday immediately prior to such runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(B)</p>   |
| <b>April 7, 2026</b>                           | <p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR NOTICE OF INTENT TO TABULATE EARLY FOR APRIL RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>If the county election superintendent chooses to open the inner envelopes and begin tabulating such ballots prior to the close of the polls on the day of the primary, election or runoff, the superintendent shall notify the Secretary of State, in writing, at least seven days prior to the primary, election or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(3)</p>  |
| <b>April 7, 2026</b>                           | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH CONSOLIDATION NOTICE FOR APRIL RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>The superintendent shall give at least one week's notice of the time and place for the computation and canvassing of the returns by publishing the notice in a conspicuous place in the superintendent's office. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-492</p>   |
| <b>April 7, 2026</b>                           | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE FOR APRIL RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>The board of registrars shall publish the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting in its jurisdiction on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, or if the county does not have such a website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and by posting in a prominent location in the county, no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general</p> |

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|  | election, or special election and no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(3)   |
| <b>April 7, 2026</b>                         | <b><u>DEADLINE TO DESIGNATE ELECTION DAY POLL WATCHERS FOR APRIL RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b><br>In an election or run-off election, each political party and political body shall each be entitled to designate, at least seven days prior to such election or run-off election, no more than two official poll watchers in each precinct. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1)   |
| <b>April 10, 2026</b>                        | <b><u>LAST DAY OF ADVANCE VOTING FOR SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF</u></b><br>Last day of advance voting. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)  |
| <b>April 11, 2026</b>                        | <b><u>DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ELECTION DAY POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO STATE/COUNTY</u></b><br>At least three days prior to the election, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent of the county in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.08   |
| <b>April 11, 2026</b>                        | <b><u>DEADLINE TO CONDUCT LOGIC &amp; ACCURACY TESTING FOR APRIL RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b><br>Last day to begin voting equipment testing O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-379.6(c), 21-2-379.25; SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08   |
| <b>April 13, 2026</b>                        | <b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE FOR MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION</u></b><br>The board of registrars shall publish the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting in its jurisdiction on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, or if the county does not have such a website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and by posting in a prominent location in the county, no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general election, or special election and no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(3) |
| <b>April 14, 2026</b><br><b>ELECTION DAY</b> | <b><u>DATE OF SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF</u></b><br>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-501(a)(1). Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403<br><br><b><u>OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN</u></b><br>County election office(s) to remain open until completion of their duties. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490<br><br><b><u>BALLOT CAST REPORT DUE</u></b><br>Report due by 11:59 p.m. of total number of ballots cast, including provisional ballots, and absentee-by-mail ballots received by the close of polls to the registrar. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421  |

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| <b>April 15, 2026<br/>9:00 a.m.</b> | <p><b><u>APRIL RUNOFF ELECTION PROVISIONAL BALLOT DOCUMENTATION DUE TO REGISTRAR</u></b><br/>The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b); SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18 (10)</p>   |
| <b>April 16, 2026</b>               | <p><b><u>MARCH SPECIAL ELECTION RECONCILIATION REPORT DUE</u></b><br/>As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(e)</p>                       |
| <b>April 17, 2026<br/>5:00 p.m.</b> | <p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR APRIL RUNOFF ELECTION PROVISIONAL VOTER TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION</u></b><br/>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)(1)(2)(3)</p> <p><b><u>UOCAVA BALLOT RECEIPT DEADLINE</u></b><br/>Eligible UOCAVA absentee ballots postmarked by election date and received within the three business days following the election deemed valid shall be counted. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(G)</p> <p><b><u>ABSENTEE BALLOT CURE DEADLINE</u></b><br/>Last day voters can cure timely submitted absentee ballots for missing signature or information mismatch. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(C)</p> |
| <b>April 20, 2026</b>               | <p><b><u>FIRST DAY TO MAIL NON-UOCAVA ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION</u></b><br/>First day registrars shall mail/issue official absentee ballots. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)</p>  |
| <b>April 20, 2026</b>               | <p><b><u>REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION</u></b><br/>Last day for an applicant to register and for an elector to change address prior to the primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. §§ 2-2-224(a), 21-2-218</p>   |
| <b>April 20, 2026<br/>5:00 p.m.</b> | <p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF APRIL RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b><br/>Returns shall be certified by the superintendent no later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-493(k)</p>   |
| <b>April 20, 2026</b>               | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR ADVANCE VOTING FOR MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION</u></b><br/>Each candidate entitled to have his or her name placed on the primary or run-off primary ballot may submit the names of one poll watcher for each location at which advance voting is conducted. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(a)(2)</p>  |

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| <p><b>April 24, 2026</b></p>                          | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO CONDUCT LOGIC &amp; ACCURACY TESTING FOR ADVANCE VOTING FOR MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION</u></b><br/>Last day to begin voting equipment testing. O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-379.6(c), 21-2-379.25; SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08</p>  |
| <p><b>April 24, 2026</b></p>                          | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO SEND COPIES OF POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO STATE/COUNTY</u></b><br/>At least three days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent and the chief registrar of the county or municipality in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(a)(2)</p>   |
| <p><b>April 27, 2026</b></p>                          | <p><b><u>FIRST DAY OF ADVANCE VOTING FOR MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION</u></b><br/>Advance voting must begin the fourth Monday before each primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(A)</p>  |
| <p><b>May 2, 2026<br/>AND<br/>May 9, 2026</b></p>     | <p><b><u>MANDATORY SATURDAY VOTING FOR MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION</u></b><br/>Advance voting shall be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday prior to Election Day. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(B)</p>   |
| <p><b>May 3, 2026<br/>and/or<br/>May 10, 2026</b></p> | <p><b><u>OPTIONAL SUNDAY VOTING FOR MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION</u></b><br/>Advance voting may be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday prior to Election Day. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(B)</p>  |
| <p><b>May 8, 2026</b></p>                             | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION</u></b><br/>Last day to request absentee by mail ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)</p>  |
| <p><b>May 12, 2026</b></p>                            | <p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR NOTICE OF INTENT TO TABULATE EARLY FOR MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION</u></b><br/>If the county election superintendent chooses to open the inner envelopes and begin tabulating such ballots prior to the close of the polls on the day of the primary, election or runoff, the superintendent shall notify the Secretary of State, in writing, at least seven days prior to the primary, election or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(3)</p> |
| <p><b>May 12, 2026</b></p>                            | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH CONSOLIDATION NOTICE FOR MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION</u></b><br/>The superintendent shall give at least one week's notice of the time and place for the computation and canvassing of the returns by publishing the notice in a conspicuous place in the superintendent's office. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-492</p>  |
| <p><b>May 12, 2026</b></p>                            | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO DESIGNATE ELECTION DAY POLL WATCHERS FOR MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION</u></b><br/>Each candidate entitled to have his or her name placed on the primary or run-off primary ballot may submit the names of one poll watcher for each location at which advance voting is conducted. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(a)(1)</p>  |

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| <p><b>May 15, 2026</b></p>                         | <p><b><u>LAST DAY OF ADVANCE VOTING FOR MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION</u></b><br/>Last day of advance voting. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)</p>  |
| <p><b>May 16, 2026</b></p>                         | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO CONDUCT LOGIC &amp; ACCURACY TESTING FOR MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION</u></b><br/>Last day to begin voting equipment testing. O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-379.6(c), § 21-2-379.25; SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08</p>  |
| <p><b>May 16, 2026</b></p>                         | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ELECTION DAY POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO STATE/COUNTY</u></b><br/>At least three days prior to the election, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent of the county in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(a)(1)</p>   |
| <p><b>May 18, 2026</b></p>                         | <p><b><u>REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR JUNE FEDERAL RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b><br/>Last day for an applicant to register and for an elector to change address prior to the primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. §§ 2-2-224(a), 21-2-218</p>  |
| <p><b>May 19, 2026</b><br/><b>ELECTION DAY</b></p> | <p><b><u>GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION</u></b><br/>O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-150, 21-2-138. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403</p> <p><b><u>OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN</u></b><br/>County election office(s) to remain open until completion of their duties. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490</p> <p><b><u>BALLOT CAST REPORT DUE</u></b><br/>Report due by 11:59 p.m. of total number of ballots cast, including provisional ballots, and absentee-by-mail ballots received by the close of polls to the registrar. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421</p> |
| <p><b>May 20, 2026</b><br/><b>9:00 a.m.</b></p>    | <p><b><u>MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION PROVISIONAL BALLOT DOCUMENTATION DUE TO REGISTRAR</u></b><br/>The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b); SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18 (10)</p>   |
| <p><b>May 20, 2026</b></p>                         | <p><b><u>APRIL RUNOFF ELECTION RECONCILIATION REPORT DUE</u></b><br/>As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(e)</p>                 |

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| <p><b>May 22, 2026<br/>5:00 p.m.</b></p>                | <p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION PROVISIONAL VOTER TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION</u></b><br/>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)(1)(2)(3)</p> <p><b><u>UOCAVA BALLOT RECEIPT DEADLINE</u></b><br/>Eligible UOCAVA absentee ballots postmarked by election date and received within the three business days following the election deemed valid shall be counted. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(G)</p> <p><b><u>ABSENTEE BALLOT CURE DEADLINE</u></b><br/>Last day voters can cure timely submitted absentee ballots for missing signature or information mismatch. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(C)</p>  |
| <p><b>May 26, 2026<br/>5:00 p.m.</b></p>                | <p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION</u></b><br/>Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-493(k)<br/><i>Date moved to next business day due to state holiday.</i></p>  |
| <p><b>May 28, 2026<br/>through<br/>June 1, 2026</b></p> | <p><b><u>CONDUCT RISK LIMITING AUDIT</u></b><br/>Local election superintendents shall conduct risk-limiting audit on one federal or state-wide contests randomly selected by the Secretary of State during this period. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-498(b)(c)</p>  |
| <p><b>June 1, 2026</b></p>                              | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR ADVANCE VOTING FOR JUNE RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b><br/>Each candidate entitled to have his or her name placed on the primary or run-off primary ballot may submit the names of one poll watcher for each location at which advance voting is conducted. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(a)(2)</p>  |
| <p><b>June 1, 2026</b></p>                              | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE FOR JUNE RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b><br/>The board of registrars shall publish the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting in its jurisdiction on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, or if the county does not have such a website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and by posting in a prominent location in the county, no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general election, or special election and no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(3)</p> |
| <p><b>June 5, 2026</b></p>                              | <p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR STATE CERTIFICATION OF RETURNS</u></b><br/>Last day for the Secretary of State's Office to certify the votes cast for federal and statewide contests. O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-499, 21-2-497(a)(4)(A)</p>  |
| <p><b>June 5, 2026</b></p>                              | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR JUNE RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b><br/>Last day to request absentee by mail ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)</p>  |

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| <b>June 5, 2026</b>                                  | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO CONDUCT LOGIC &amp; ACCURACY TESTING FOR ADVANCE VOTING FOR JUNE RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>Last day to begin voting equipment testing O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-379.6(c), 21-2-379.25; SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08</p>   |
| <b>June 5, 2026</b>                                  | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO SEND COPIES OF POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO STATE/COUNTY</u></b></p> <p>At least three days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent and the chief registrar of the county or municipality in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(a)(2)</p>   |
| <b>June 8, 2026<br/><i>or prior to this date</i></b> | <p><b><u>JUNE RUNOFF ELECTION ADVANCE VOTING</u></b></p> <p>Advance voting should commence as soon as possible prior to a runoff but not later than the second Monday immediately prior to such runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(B)</p>  |
| <b>June 9, 2026</b>                                  | <p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR NOTICE OF INTENT TO TABULATE EARLY FOR JUNE RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>If the county election superintendent chooses to open the inner envelopes and begin tabulating such ballots prior to the close of the polls on the day of the primary, election or runoff, the superintendent shall notify the Secretary of State, in writing, at least seven days prior to the primary, election or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(3)</p> |
| <b>June 9, 2026</b>                                  | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH CONSOLIDATION NOTICE FOR JUNE RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>The superintendent shall give at least one week's notice of the time and place for the computation and canvassing of the returns by publishing the notice in a conspicuous place in the superintendent's office. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-492</p>  |
| <b>June 9, 2026</b>                                  | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO DESIGNATE ELECTION DAY POLL WATCHERS FOR JUNE RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>Each candidate entitled to have his or her name placed on the primary or run-off primary ballot may submit the names of one poll watcher for each location at which advance voting is conducted. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(a)(1)</p>  |
| <b>June 12, 2026</b>                                 | <p><b><u>LAST DAY OF ADVANCE VOTING FOR JUNE RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b></p> <p>Last day of advance voting. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)</p>   |
| <b>June 13, 2026</b>                                 | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ELECTION DAY POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO STATE/COUNTY</u></b></p> <p>At least three days prior to the election, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent of the county in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(a)(1)</p>  |
| <b>June 13, 2026</b>                                 | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO CONDUCT LOGIC &amp; ACCURACY TESTING</u></b></p> <p>Last day to begin voting equipment testing O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-379.6(c), 21-2-379.25; SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08</p>   |

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| <b>June 16, 2026</b><br><b>ELECTION DAY</b> | <b>DATE OF JUNE RUNOFF ELECTION</b><br>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-501(a)(1). Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403<br><br><b>OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN</b><br>County election office(s) to remain open until completion of their duties. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490<br><br><b>BALLOT CAST REPORT DUE</b><br>Report due by 11:59 p.m. of total number of ballots cast, including provisional ballots, and absentee-by-mail ballots received by the close of polls to the registrar. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421  |
| <b>June 17, 2026</b><br><b>9:00 a.m.</b>    | <b>JUNE RUNOFF ELECTION PROVISIONAL BALLOT DOCUMENTATION DUE TO REGISTRAR</b><br>The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b); SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18 (10)   |
| <b>June 18, 2026</b><br><b>11:59 p.m.</b>   | <b>MAY PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION RECONCILIATION REPORT DUE</b><br>As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(e)  |
| <b>June 22, 2026</b><br><b>5:00 p.m.</b>    | <b>DEADLINE FOR JUNE RUNOFF ELECTION PROVISIONAL VOTER TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION</b><br>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)(1)(2)(3)<br><br><b>UOCAVA BALLOT RECEIPT DEADLINE</b><br>Eligible UOCAVA absentee ballots postmarked by election date and received within the three business days following the election deemed valid shall be counted. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(G)<br><br><b>ABSENTEE BALLOT CURE DEADLINE</b><br>Last day voters can cure timely submitted absentee ballots for missing signature or information mismatch. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(C)<br><i>Date moved to next business day due to state holiday.</i> |
| <b>June 23, 2026</b><br><b>5:00 p.m.</b>    | <b>DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF JUNE RUNOFF ELECTION</b><br>Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. §21-2-493(k)<br><i>Date moved to next business day due to state holiday.</i>   |

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| <b>June 22, 2026<br/>9:00 am</b>                   | <b>FIRST DAY TO FILE NOMINATION PETITION-POLITICAL BODY/INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE</b><br>First day political body or independent candidate may file a nomination petition.<br>O.C.G.A §§ 21-2-170, 21-2-132(e)  |
| <b>June 24, 2026<br/>through<br/>June 26, 2026</b> | <b>CONDUCT RISK LIMITING AUDIT IF THERE IS A STATEWIDE OR FEDERAL CONTEST ON BALLOT</b><br>Local election superintendents shall conduct risk-limiting audit on one federal or state-wide contests randomly selected by the Secretary of State during this period. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-498(b)(c)   |
| <b>July 6, 2026</b>                                | <b>DEADLINE FOR STATE CERTIFICATION OF RETURNS</b><br>Last day for the Secretary of State's Office to certify the votes cast for federal and statewide contests. O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-499, 21-2-497(a)(4)(A)<br><i>Date moved to next business day due to state holiday.</i>  |
| <b>July 14, 2026<br/>12:00 p.m.</b>                | <b>LAST DAY TO FILE NOMINATION PETITION-POLITICAL BODY/INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE</b><br>Last day a political body or independent candidate may file a nomination petition with the local filing officer or SOS, if federal or state office. O.C.G.A §§ 21-2-170, 21-2-132(e), 21-2-185  |
| <b>August 17, 2026</b>                             | <b>EARLIEST DAY TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION</b><br>The earliest day for voters to apply for absentee ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A).  |
| <b>September 4, 2026</b>                           | <b>DEADLINE FOR PRECINCT BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION</b><br>Last day to make changes to precinct boundaries. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-261(c)  |
| <b>September 8, 2026</b>                           | <b>DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATE TO FILE AND PUBLISH NOTICE OF INTENT</b><br>Last day for write-in candidate to file notice of intent and run publication. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133(a)   |
| <b>September 14, 2026</b>                          | <b>DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATE TO FILE COPY OF NOTICE AND AFFIDAVIT</b><br>Last day to file affidavit of publication. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133(b)  |
| <b>September 15, 2026</b>                          | <b>FIRST DAY MAIL/TRANSMIT UOCAVA BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION</b><br>First day registrars shall mail/issue absentee ballot to eligible UOCAVA voters.<br>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a) <i>*Instant runoff ballots must also be included in UOCAVA ballot packet.</i>  |
| <b>September 21, 2026</b>                          | <b>CERTIFICATION OF WRITE-IN CANDIDATES</b><br>SOS to certify and publish federal and state certified write-in candidates. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133(e)   |
| <b>September 19, 2026</b>                          | <b>SAMPLE BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION EXHIBITION</b><br>At least 45 days prior, the superintendent shall post sample ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.8(b)  |
| <b>September 28, 2026</b>                          | <b>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION</b><br>The board of registrars shall publish the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting in its jurisdiction on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, or if the county does not have such a website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and by posting in a prominent location in the county, no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general |

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|   | election, or special election and no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(3)   |
| <b>October 5, 2026</b>                                  | <b><u>FIRST DAY TO MAIL NON-UOCAVA ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION</u></b><br>First day registrars shall mail/issue official absentee ballots. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)   |
| <b>October 5, 2026</b>                                  | <b><u>REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION</u></b><br>Last day for an applicant to register and for an elector to change address prior to the primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. §§ 2-2-224(a), 21-2-218  |
| <b>October 5, 2026</b>                                  | <b><u>DEADLINE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR ADVANCE VOTING FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION</u></b><br>Each political party and political body shall each be entitled to designate, at least 7 days prior to the beginning of the advanced voting period for such election or runoff election, no more than two official poll watchers for each location at which advance voting is conducted. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A) |
| <b>October 5, 2026</b>                                  | <b><u>LAST DAY TO ISSUE THE CALL FOR A NOVEMBER SPECIAL ELECTION</u></b><br>At least 29 days shall intervene between the call of a special election and the holding of same. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540(b)  |
| <b>October 9, 2026</b>                                  | <b><u>DEADLINE TO SEND COPIES OF POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO STATE/COUNTY</u></b><br>At least three days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent and the chief registrar of the county or municipality in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03                                       |
| <b>October 10, 2026</b>                                 | <b><u>DEADLINE TO CONDUCT LOGIC &amp; ACCURACY TESTING FOR ADVANCE VOTING FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION</u></b><br>Last day to begin voting equipment testing O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-379.6(c), 21-2-379.25; SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08  |
| <b>October 13, 2026</b>                                 | <b><u>FIRST DAY OF ADVANCE VOTING FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION</u></b><br>Advance voting must begin the fourth Monday before each primary or election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(A)<br><i>Date moved to next business day due to state holiday.</i>   |
| <b>October 17, 2026<br/>AND<br/>October 24, 2026</b>    | <b><u>MANDATORY SATURDAY VOTING FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION</u></b><br>Advance voting shall be held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday prior to Election Day. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(B)  |
| <b>October 18, 2026<br/>and/or<br/>October 25, 2026</b> | <b><u>OPTIONAL SUNDAY VOTING FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION</u></b><br>Advance voting may be held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(B)   |

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| <b>October 23, 2026</b>                        | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION</u></b><br/>Last day to request absentee by mail ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)</p>  |
| <b>October 27, 2026</b>                        | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO DESIGNATE ELECTION DAY POLL WATCHERS FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION</u></b><br/>In an election or run-off election, each political party and political body shall each be entitled to designate, at least seven days prior to such election or run-off election, no more than two official poll watchers in each precinct. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1)</p>  |
| <b>October 27, 2026</b>                        | <p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR NOTICE OF INTENT TO TABULATE EARLY FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION</u></b><br/>If the county election superintendent chooses to open the inner envelopes and begin tabulating such ballots prior to the close of the polls on the day of the primary, election or runoff, the superintendent shall notify the Secretary of State, in writing, at least seven days prior to the primary, election or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(3)</p> |
| <b>October 27, 2026</b>                        | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH CONSOLIDATION NOTICE FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION</u></b><br/>The superintendent shall give at least one week's notice of the time and place for the computation and canvassing of the returns by publishing the notice in a conspicuous place in the superintendent's office. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-492</p>  |
| <b>October 30, 2026</b>                        | <p><b><u>LAST DAY OF ADVANCE VOTING FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION</u></b><br/>Last day of advance voting. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)</p>   |
| <b>October 31, 2026</b>                        | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ELECTION DAY POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO STATE/COUNTY</u></b><br/>At least three days prior to the election, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent of the county in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.08</p>  |
| <b>October 31, 2026</b>                        | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO CONDUCT LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING</u></b><br/>Last day to begin voting equipment testing O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-379.6(c), 21-2-379.25; SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08</p>  |
| <b>November 2, 2026</b>                        | <p><b><u>REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER FEDERAL RUNOFF</u></b><br/>Last day for an applicant to register and for an elector to change address prior to the primary, election, or runoff. O.C.G.A. §§ 2-2-224(a), 21-2-218</p>   |
| <b>November 3, 2026</b><br><b>ELECTION DAY</b> | <p><b><u>DATE OF GENERAL ELECTION</u></b><br/>O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-9, 21-2-540. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403</p> <p><b><u>OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN</u></b><br/>County election office(s) to remain open until completion of their duties. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490</p> <p><b><u>BALLOT CAST REPORT DUE</u></b></p>  |

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|  | Report due by 11:59 p.m. of total number of ballots cast, including provisional ballots, and absentee-by-mail ballots received by the close of polls to the registrar. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421  |
| <b>November 4, 2026<br/>9:00 a.m.</b>                      | <b><u>NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION PROVISIONAL BALLOT DOCUMENTATION DUE TO REGISTRAR</u></b><br>The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b); SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18 (10)  |
| <b>November 6, 2026<br/>5:00 p.m.</b>                      | <b><u>DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION PROVISIONAL VOTER DOCUMENTATION</u></b><br>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)(1)(2)(3)<br><br><b><u>UOCAVA BALLOT RECEIPT DEADLINE</u></b><br>Eligible UOCAVA absentee ballots postmarked by election date and received within the three business days following the election deemed valid shall be counted. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(G)<br><br><b><u>ABSENTEE BALLOT CURE DEADLINE</u></b><br>Last day voters can cure timely submitted absentee ballots for missing signature or information mismatch. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(C) |
| <b>November 9, 2026<br/>5:00 p.m.</b>                      | <b><u>DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION</u></b><br>Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-493(k)   |
| <b>November 13, 2026<br/>through<br/>November 17, 2026</b> | <b><u>CONDUCT RISK LIMITING AUDIT FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION</u></b><br>Local election superintendents shall conduct risk-limiting audit on one federal or state-wide contests randomly selected by the Secretary of State during this period. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-498(b)(c)   |
| <b>November 16, 2026</b>                                   | <b><u>DEADLINE TO DESIGNATE POLL WATCHERS FOR ADVANCE VOTING FOR DECEMBER RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b><br>Each political party and political body shall each be entitled to designate, at least 7 days prior to the beginning of the advanced voting period for such election or runoff election, no more than two official poll watchers for each location at which advance voting is conducted. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A)   |
| <b>November 16, 2026</b>                                   | <b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH ADVANCE VOTING NOTICE FOR DECEMBER RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b><br>The board of registrars shall publish the dates, times, and locations of the availability of advance voting in its jurisdiction on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections or registrations, or if the county does not have such a website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and by posting in a prominent location in the county, no later than 14 days prior   |

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|  | to the beginning of the advance voting period for a general primary, special primary, general election, or special election and no later than seven days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period for any run-off election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(3)   |
| <b>November 20, 2026</b>                           | <b><u>DEADLINE TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR DECEMBER RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b><br>Last day to request absentee by mail ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)  |
| <b>November 20, 2026</b>                           | <b><u>DEADLINE FOR STATE CERTIFICATION OF RETURNS</u></b><br>Last day for the Secretary of State’s Office to certify the votes cast for federal and statewide contests. O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-499, 21-2-497(a)(4)(A)  |
| <b>November 20, 2026</b>                           | <b><u>DEADLINE TO SEND COPIES OF POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO STATE/COUNTY</u></b><br>At least three days prior to the beginning of the advance voting period, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent and the chief registrar of the county or municipality in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(3)(A); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.03   |
| <b>November 20, 2026</b>                           | <b><u>DEADLINE TO CONDUCT LOGIC &amp; ACCURACY TESTING</u></b><br>Last day to begin voting equipment testing O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-379.6(c), 21-2-379.25; SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08   |
| <b>November 23, 2026<br/>or prior to this date</b> | <b><u>DECEMBER RUNOFF ELECTION ADVANCE VOTING</u></b><br>Advance voting should commence as soon as possible prior to a runoff but not later than the second Monday immediately prior to such runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(B)  |
| <b>November 24, 2026</b>                           | <b><u>DEADLINE FOR NOTICE OF INTENT TO TABULATE EARLY FOR DECEMBER RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b><br>If the county election superintendent chooses to open the inner envelopes and begin tabulating such ballots prior to the close of the polls on the day of the primary, election or runoff, the superintendent shall notify the Secretary of State, in writing, at least seven days prior to the primary, election or runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(3) |
| <b>November 24, 2026</b>                           | <b><u>DEADLINE TO PUBLISH CONSOLIDATION NOTICE FOR DECEMBER RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b><br>The superintendent shall give at least one week’s notice of the time and place for the computation and canvassing of the returns by publishing the notice in a conspicuous place in the superintendent’s office. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-492  |
| <b>November 24, 2026</b>                           | <b><u>DEADLINE TO DESIGNATE ELECTION DAY POLL WATCHERS FOR DECEMBER RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b><br>In an election or run-off election, each political party and political body shall each be entitled to designate, at least seven days prior to such election or run-off election, no more than two official poll watchers in each precinct. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1)  |
| <b>November 25, 2026</b>                           | <b><u>LAST DAY OF ADVANCE VOTING FOR DECEMBER RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b><br>Last day of advance voting. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)   |

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| <p><b>November 28, 2026</b></p>                        | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO CONDUCT LOGIC &amp; ACCURACY TESTING FOR DECEMBER RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b><br/>Last day to begin voting equipment testing. O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-379.6(c), 21-2-379.25; SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08</p>   |
| <p><b>November 28, 2026</b></p>                        | <p><b><u>DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ELECTION DAY POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION LETTERS TO STATE/COUNTY</u></b><br/>At least three days prior to the election, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent of the county in which the poll watcher is to serve. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(b)(1); SEB Rule 183-1-13-.08</p>   |
| <p><b>December 1, 2026</b><br/><b>ELECTION DAY</b></p> | <p><b><u>DATE OF GENERAL ELECTION RUNOFF</u></b><br/>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-501(a)(1). Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-403</p> <p><b><u>OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN OPEN</u></b><br/>County election office(s) to remain open until completion of their duties. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-490</p> <p><b><u>BALLOT CAST REPORT DUE</u></b><br/>Report due by 11:59 p.m. of total number of ballots cast, including provisional ballots, and absentee-by-mail ballots received by the close of polls to the registrar. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421</p> |
| <p><b>December 2, 2026</b><br/><b>9:00 a.m.</b></p>    | <p><b><u>DECEMBER RUNOFF ELECTION PROVISIONAL BALLOT DOCUMENTATION DUE TO REGISTRAR</u></b><br/>The election superintendent shall provide to the registrar all provisional voter certificates, voter registration forms and the provisional numbered list no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following the election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(b); SEB Rule 183-1-12-.18 (10)</p>  |
| <p><b>December 3, 2026</b><br/><b>11:59 p.m.</b></p>   | <p><b><u>NOVEMBER GENERAL RECONCILIATION REPORT DUE</u></b><br/>As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(e)</p>       |
| <p><b>December 4, 2026</b><br/><b>5:00 p.m.</b></p>    | <p><b><u>DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER RUNOFF ELECTION PROVISIONAL VOTER DOCUMENTATION</u></b><br/>O.C.G.A. § 21-2-419(c)(1)(2)(3)</p> <p><b><u>UOCAVA BALLOT RECEIPT DEADLINE</u></b><br/>Eligible UOCAVA absentee ballots postmarked by election date and received within the three business days following the election deemed valid shall be counted. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(G)</p> <p><b><u>ABSENTEE BALLOT CURE DEADLINE</u></b></p>  |

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|  | Last day voters can cure timely submitted absentee ballots for missing signature or information mismatch. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(C)   |
| <b>December 7, 2026<br/>5:00 p.m.</b>                      | <b><u>DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF DECEMBER RUNOFF ELECTION</u></b><br>Returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held, and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State. O.C.G.A. §21-2-493(k)  |
| <b>December 10, 2026<br/>through<br/>December 14, 2026</b> | <b><u>CONDUCT RISK LIMITING AUDIT</u></b><br>Local election superintendents shall conduct risk-limiting audit on one federal or state-wide contests randomly selected by the Secretary of State during this period. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-498(b)(c)  |
| <b>December 18, 2026</b>                                   | <b><u>DEADLINE FOR STATE CERTIFICATION OF RETURNS</u></b><br>Last day for the Secretary of State's Office to certify the votes cast for federal and statewide contests. O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-499, 21-2-497(a)(4)(A)  |
| <b>December 31, 2026<br/>11:59 p.m.</b>                    | <b><u>DECEMBER RUNOFF ELECTION RECONCILIATION REPORT DUE</u></b><br>As soon as possible but no later than 30 days following the certification of election results, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(e) |