



Key Dates for the 2020 Election Cycle

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Presidential Preference Primary and State/County Primary

Primary elections will be held for President for the Republican and Democratic Parties, and the Republican Party will elect delegates to its national convention.

County primaries and primaries for state judicial offices where a vacancy has occurred will also be held if the parties called a primary. The deadlines below apply to all candidates for these offices whether they will be nominated by primary or caucus or file as independent candidates if a March 2020 primary has been called. No petition is necessary for caucus nominations, however, the nominating party must submit the caucus nomination by the qualifying deadline.

First Day to Pick Up Petitions	Wednesday, September 4, 2019 (presidential candidates who do not anticipate being nationally recognized) Friday, September 13, 2019 (delegate candidates) Monday, October 14, 2019* (state and county candidates)
Announcement of Nationally Recognized Presidential Candidates	Tuesday, December 3, 2019
Qualifying Deadlines	Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 12:00 Noon (presidential candidates who are not nationally recognized) Thursday, December 12, 2019, 12:00 Noon (delegate and state and county candidates)
Withdrawal Deadlines	Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 12:00 Noon (presidential candidates) Thursday, December 19, 2019, 12:00 Noon (delegate and state and county candidates)
Voter Registration Deadline	Monday, February 3, 2020
Early Voting Period	Wednesday, February 12 – Tuesday, February 25, 2020
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Tuesday, February 25, 2020

** Check holiday hours to ensure your county election commission will be open on October 14.*



Thursday, August 6, 2020

State/Federal Primary and State/County General Election

Primary elections will be held for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Tennessee Senate (even-numbered districts), and Tennessee House of Representatives. General elections will be held for applicable county offices and state judicial offices where a vacancy has occurred.

First Day to Pick Up Petitions	Monday, February 3, 2020
Qualifying Deadline	Thursday, April 2, 2020, 12:00 Noon
Withdrawal Deadline	Thursday, April 9, 2020, 12:00 Noon
Voter Registration Deadline	Tuesday, July 7, 2020
Early Voting	Friday, July 17 – Saturday, August 1, 2020
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Thursday, July 30, 2020

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

State/Federal General Election

First Day to Pick Up Petitions	Monday, February 3, 2020 (for offices on August ballot) Friday, May 22, 2020 (independent presidential candidates) Monday, June 22, 2020 (municipal candidates)
Qualifying Deadline	Thursday, April 2, 2020, 12:00 Noon (for offices on August ballot) Thursday, August 20, 2020, 12:00 Noon (for independent presidential and municipal candidates)
Withdrawal Deadline	Thursday, April 9, 2020, 12:00 Noon (for offices on the August ballot) Thursday, August 27, 2020, 12:00 Noon (for independent presidential and municipal candidates)
Voter Registration Deadline	Monday, October 5, 2020
Early Voting	Wednesday, October 14 – Thursday, October 29, 2020
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Tuesday, October 27, 2020