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