2012 Secretary of State Elections Calendar

This calendar lists important election dates related to the 2012 Election Cycle. Date entries include citations to Minnesota Statutes or Minnesota Rules. Minnesota Statutes and Rules are available at http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us. In all matters, Minnesota Election Law is the final authority, not this calendar. Changes to Minnesota Election Law enacted by the Minnesota State Legislature in 2012 may alter dates or other information on this calendar. For the most current version of this document please check the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.mn.us.

This calendar is not intended to provide legal advice and should not be used as a substitute for legal guidance. Readers should consult with an attorney for advice concerning specific situations.

*** Metro Towns (200.02, subd. 24)**: Towns located in Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington, and Wright Counties.

**** Metropolitan area (473.121, subd. 2)**: The area over which the Metropolitan Council has jurisdiction, including only the counties of Anoka; Carver; Dakota excluding the city of Northfield; Hennepin excluding the cities of Hanover and Rockford; Ramsey; Scott excluding the city of New Prague; and Washington.

Calculation of Dates:
Dates on the 2012 Minnesota Combined Election Calendar are calculated in the following manner, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 645: When counting the number of days before an election or other event, the day before the event is the first day counted. When counting the number of days after an election or other event, the day after the event is the first day counted. When the last day falls on a weekend or legal holiday, that day is usually omitted from the computation.

Note: When Minnesota Election Law requires that action be taken on or before a date that falls on a weekend, this calendar usually uses the previous Friday date to ensure timely action.

For relevant law on the calculation of dates, see Minn. Stat. §§ 645.13; 645.15; 645.151; 331A.08, subd. 1; 331A.08, subd. 2.

645.13 Time; publication for successive weeks.
When the term "successive weeks" is used in any law providing for the publishing of notices, the word "weeks" shall be construed as calendar weeks. The publication upon any day of such weeks shall be sufficient publication for that week, but at least five days shall elapse between each publication. At least the number of weeks specified in "successive weeks" shall elapse between the first publication and the day for the happening of the event for which the publication is made.

645.15 Computation of time.
Where the performance or doing of any act, duty, matter, payment, or thing is ordered or directed, and the period of time or duration for the performance or doing thereof is prescribed and fixed by law, the time, except as otherwise provided in sections 645.13 and 645.14, shall be computed so as to exclude the first and include the last day of the prescribed or fixed period or duration of time. When the last day of the period falls on Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, that day shall be omitted from the computation.

645.151 Timely delivery or filing.
When an application, payment, return, claim, statement or other document is to be delivered to or filed with a department, agency or instrumentality of this state or of a political subdivision on or before a prescribed date and the prescribed date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, it is timely delivered or filed if it is delivered or filed on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

331A.08
Subd.1. **Time for publication.** The time for publication of public notices shall be computed to exclude the first day of publication and include the day on which the act or event, of which notice is given, is to happen or which completes the full period required for publication.
Subd. 2. **Time for act or proceeding.** The time within which an act is to be done or proceeding had or taken, as prescribed by the rules of procedure, shall be computed by excluding the first day and including the last. If the last day is Sunday or a legal holiday the party shall have the next secular day in which to do the act or take the proceeding.

Begin Date	End Date	**Bolded type indicates subdivision affected:**	Statute §	Affected	Reference
Friday, September 30, 2011	Friday, September 30, 2011	**Secretary of State:** End of HAVA grant reporting period, annual county HAVA Grant Progress Report due to the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State on or before November 14. Begin preparing report including the following amounts relating to HAVA funds, as of September 30, 2011: 1) The amount spent to purchase election equipment; 2) The amount spent for operating costs; 3) The balance left from assistive voting machine grants; 4) The balance left from optical scan central count and precinct count machine grants; 5) Interest earned from: a) assistive voting machine grants; and b) optical scan central count and precinct machine grants; and 6) Balance left from interest earned. *HAVA*	HAVA	Secretary of State	HAVA
Tuesday, October 18, 2011	Tuesday, October 18, 2011	**Secretary of State:** Last day to preregister for November general election - closes at 5:00 p.m. 21 days before election. *Minn. Stat. §201.061*	201.061	Secretary of State	Reg.
Tuesday, November 08, 2011	Tuesday, November 08, 2011	**GENERAL ELECTION DAY - Secretary of State:** The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. *Minn. Stat. §205.065; §205A.04*	205.065;205A.04	Secretary of State	Election Day
Monday, December 12, 2011	Monday, December 12, 2011	**Secretary of State:** Last day for jurisdictions to submit applications for Eletion Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (EAID) grants (Grant awards will be announced in December) - by 4:00 p.m. on December 12, 2011. *42 U.S.C. 15421 et seq. (HAVA)*	42 USC 15421	Secretary of State	HAVA

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Tuesday, December 20, 2011	Tuesday, December 20, 2011	**Secretary of State:** Last day for County Auditor to meet with March Township officials to review election procedures for 2010 March Township Elections - at least 12 weeks before the general election. *Minn. Stat. §204B.28, subd. 1*	204B.28, subd. 1	Secretary of State	Election Day
Tuesday, December 20, 2011	Tuesday, December 20, 2011	**Secretary of State:** Last day for town clerks to publish notice of filing period for March Township Elections stating the first and last dates on which affidavits of candidacy may be filed in the Clerk's office and the closing time for filing on the last day for filing - at least 2 weeks before the first day to file Affidavits of Candidacy. *Minn. Stat. §205.13, subd. 2*	205.13, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Notice
Friday, December 23, 2011	Friday, December 23, 2011	**Secretary of State:** Last day for town clerks to post notice of filing period for March Township Elections stating the first and last dates on which affidavits of candidacy may be filed in the Clerk's office and the closing time for filing on the last day for filing - at least 10 days before the first day to file affidavits of candidacy. *Minn. Stat. §205.13, subd. 2*	205.13, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Notice
Friday, December 30, 2011	Friday, December 30, 2011	**Secretary of State:** Last day for Secretary of State to make the absentee ballot application forms available to County Auditors through electronic means - by January 1 of each even-numbered. *Minn. Stat. §203B.04, subd. 1*	203B.04, subd. 1	Secretary of State	AB
Monday, January 02, 2012	Monday, January 02, 2012	**New Year's Day Holiday.** No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. *Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd.5*	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Tuesday, January 03, 2012	Tuesday, January 03, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Terms begin for city, town, and school district officers elected at the November 2011 General Election - first Monday in January. *Minn. Stat. §412.02, subd. 2; §367.03, subd. 4; 123B.09*	412.02, subd. 2; 367.03, subd. 4; 123B.09	Secretary of State	After the Election

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Tuesday, January 03, 2012	Tuesday, January 17, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Candidate filing period for March township elections— Between 70 and 56 days before the election**.** *Minn. Stat. § 205.13, subd.1a*	205.13, subd. 1a	Secretary of State	Filing
Monday, January 09, 2012	Friday, January 13, 2012	**Secretary of State:** MACO winter conference.		Secretary of State	
Wednesday, January 11, 2012	Wednesday, January 11, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Secretary of State must send Example Ballot to township clerk - 30 days before absentee ballots must be made available. *Minn. Stat. §205.17, subd. 7*	205.17, subd. 7	Secretary of State	Ballots
Monday, January 16, 2012	Monday, January 16, 2012	**Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday** - No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. *Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd. 5*	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Tuesday, January 17, 2012	Tuesday, January 17, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Candidate filing closes for March township elections - 56 days before the election. *Minn. Stat. §205.13, subd. 1a*	205.13, subd. 1a	Secretary of State	Filing
Wednesday, January 18, 2012	Wednesday, January 18, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for the Chair of the county or legislative district executive committee of a political party to issue the call for the precinct caucus - at least 20 days before the time set for holding the caucuses. *Minn. Stat. §202A.14, subd. 2*	202A.14, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Caucus
Wednesday, January 18, 2012	Wednesday, January 18, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for the Chair of the county or legislative district executive committee to provide the County Auditor and Municipal Clerk with the place, date, and time of the caucus - at least 20 days before the precinct caucus. *Minn. Stat. §202A.14, subd. 3*	202A.14, subd. 3	Secretary of State	Caucus
Tuesday, January 24, 2012	Tuesday, January 24, 2012	**Secretary of State: Legislative Session Begins**		Secretary of State	Legislature

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Friday, January 27, 2012	Friday, January 27, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for town board to cancel a special election scheduled for March Township Election Day that was ordered by the town board on its own motion - not less than 46 days before the election - M*inn. Stat. §205.10, subd. 6*	205.10, subd. 6	Secretary of State	Election Day
Friday, January 27, 2012	Friday, January 27, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The County Auditor shall make available information about the place, date and time of the precinct caucuses upon request - at least 10 days before the date of the caucuses. *Minn. Stat. §202A.14, subd. 3*	202A.14, subd. 3	Secretary of State	Caucus
Friday, January 27, 2012	Friday, January 27, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day to send an absentee ballot application to each person on the list of voters who have applied to automatically receive an absentee ballot application – at least 45 days before the election. *Minn. Rule 8210.0200*	8210.0200	Secretary of State	AB
Monday, January 30, 2012	Tuesday, March 13, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The County Auditor must establish UOCAVA absentee ballot board for March Township Elections to examine all returned UOCAVA absentee ballot envelopes and accept or reject the absentee ballots. If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must be considered spoiled and the official in charge of the absentee ballot board must provide the voter with a replacement absentee ballot and return envelope - during the 45 days before the election the board must immediately examine the return envelopes. *Minn. Stat. 203B.23*	203B.23	Secretary of State	AB
Tuesday, January 31, 2012	Tuesday, January 31, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Projected date for Secretary to notify entities who are being awarded EAID grants. *42 U.S.C. 15421 et seq. (HAVA)*	42 USC 15421	Secretary of State	HAVA

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Tuesday, January 31, 2012	Tuesday, January 31, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day to give notice of mail ballot procedures - 6 weeks before the election. *Minn. Stat. §204B.45, subd. 2; Minn. Rules 8210.3000*	204B.45, subd. 2 ; 8210.3000	Secretary of State	Mail Elections
Wednesday, February 01, 2012	Wednesday, February 01, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for County or Legislative District Chair to provide published notice of the holding of the precinct caucus stating the place, date, and time for holding the caucus - at least 6 days published notice. *Minn. Stat. §202A.14, subd. 3*	202A.14, subd. 3	Secretary of State	Caucus
Tuesday, February 07, 2012	Tuesday, February 07, 2012	**PRECINCT CAUCUS: Secretary of State:** This date is statutorily provided for precinct caucuses for the Major Political Parties - at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday in February in every state general election year, unless the chairs of the two largest major political parties agree in writing to a different date by March 1 of the previous odd-numbered year. (The political parties control the proceedings at the caucus) *Minn. Stat. §202A.14, subd. 1*	202A.14, subd. 1	Secretary of State	Caucus
Tuesday, February 07, 2012	Tuesday, February 07, 2012	**PRECINCT CAUCUS: Secretary of State:** No special taxing district governing body, school board, county board of commissioners, township board, or city council may conduct a meeting after 6:00 p.m. No state agency, board, commission, department, or committee shall conduct a public meeting after 6:00 p.m. Also no public elementary or secondary school sponsored event after 6:00 p.m. - on the day of a major political party precinct caucus. *Minn. Stat. §202A.19, subds. 1 & 5*	202A.19, subds. 1 and 5	Secretary of State	Caucus
Friday, February 10, 2012	Monday, March 12, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Period of Time for Absentee Voting in March Township Elections - at least 30 days before election. *Minn. Stat. §204B.35*	204B.35	Secretary of State	AB

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Monday, February 13, 2012	Tuesday, February 28, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Period of time to mail ballots to registered voters in mail precincts for March Township Elections. No earlier than 30 days prior to the election and no later than 14 days before the election. - No later than 14 days before the election, the auditor must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters who register to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election. If an absentee ballot envelope is rejected at least 5 days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must be considered spoiled and the auditor or clerk shall provide the voter with a replacement ballot - no earlier than 30 days prior to election and no later than 14 days prior to election. *Minn. Stat. 204B.45, subd. 2*	204B.45, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Mail Elections
Wednesday, February 15, 2012	Wednesday, February 15, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Secretary of State shall prepare the master list for each county auditor - by February 15 of each year. *Minn. Stat. §201.091, subd. 2*	201.091, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Reg.
Monday, February 20, 2012	Monday, February 20, 2012	**Presidents' Day Holiday:** No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. *Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd. 5*	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Tuesday, February 21, 2012	Tuesday, February 21, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Intended deadline for legislative redistricting - 25 weeks befoe primary. *Minn. Stat. §204B.14, subd. 1a*	204B.14, subd. 1a	Secretary of State	Redistrict

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Wednesday, February 22, 2012	Monday, March 12, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Period of time during which Election Judges shall deliver absentee ballots only to an eligible voter who is a temporary or permanent resident in a healthcare facility or hospital located in the municipality in which the voter maintains residence who has applied for absentee ballots to the county auditor or municipal clerk – 20 days preceding an election (Healthcare Facility Outreach). *Minn. Stat. §203B.11, subd. 2*	203B.11, subd. 2	Secretary of State	AB
Tuesday, February 28, 2012	Tuesday, February 28, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day to mail ballots to registered voters in mail precincts – no later than 14 days before election. *Minn. Rules 8210.3000, subp. 4*	8210.3000, subp.4	Secretary of State	Mail Elections
Tuesday, February 28, 2012	Tuesday, February 28, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day to send a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters in a mail ballot precinct who registered to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election - no later than 14 days before the election. *Minn. Stat. 204B.45, subd. 2*	204B.45, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Mail Elections
Tuesday, February 28, 2012	Tuesday, February 28, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for town clerk to publish first of two notices, optional for*non-metro townships - two weeks published notice. *Minn. Stat. §205.16, subd. 1*	205.16, subd. 1	Secretary of State	Notice
Tuesday, February 28, 2012	Monday, March 12, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Period of time for official in charge of March Town Election to do public accuracy test of voting equipment for – within 14 days of election. Publish notice at least 2 days before test. *Minn. Stat. §206.83*	206.83	Secretary of State	Equipment

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Wednesday, February 29, 2012	Wednesday, February 29, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for jurisdictions awarded EAID grants to sign and return contract to Secretary of State's Office. *42 U.S.C. 15421 et seq. (HAVA)*	42 USC 15421	Secretary of State	HAVA
Friday, March 02, 2012	Friday, March 02, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day to post notice of township election, including bad weather alternate date – at least 10 days before election. Optional for *metro towns; mandatory for *non-metro towns that dispensed with published notice. *Minn. Stat. §205.16, subd. 1; §365.51, subd. 2*	205.16, subd. 1; 365.51, subd.2	Secretary of State	Notice
Saturday, March 10, 2012	Saturday, March 10, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Clerk's office open 10:00 a.m. to Noon for absentee voting. The County Auditor's Office must remain open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for acceptance of absentee ballots – Saturday before election.(If County Auditor administers the absentee voting) *Minn. Stat. §203B.085*	203B.085	Secretary of State	AB
Monday, March 12, 2012	Monday, March 12, 2012	**Secretary of State:** County Auditor's office open until 5:00 p.m. on the day immediately preceding the March Township election for acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots. (If County Auditor is administering absentee voting for the township) *Minn. Stat. §203B.085*	203B.085	Secretary of State	AB
Tuesday, March 13, 2012	Tuesday, March 13, 2012	**Secretary of State:** (If redistricting plan adoted on intended deadline of 2-21-2012) Deadline for municipalities to acquire maps of school district located within the municipality - within 21 days of completion of legislative redistricting. *Minn. Rule 8255.0015*	8255.0015	Secretary of State	Redistrict
Tuesday, March 13, 2012	Tuesday, March 13, 2012	**TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY: Secretary of State:** 2nd Tuesday in March. *Minn. Stat. §205.075, subd. 1*	205.075, subd. 1	Secretary of State	Election Day

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Thursday, March 15, 2012	Thursday, March 15, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for township board to canvass election results – within 2 days of election. *Minn. Stat. §205.185, subd. 3*	205.185, subd. 3	Secretary of State	After the Election
Friday, March 23, 2012	Friday, March 23, 2012	**Secretary of State:** First day for candidates to prepare and sign affidavits of candidacy - during the 60 day period prior to the first filing date. *Minn. Stat. §204B.09, subd. 1*	204B.09, subd. 1	Secretary of State	Filing
Friday, March 30, 2012	Friday, March 30, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Due date for Secretary of State's Office to provide EAC with HAVA Report with Addendum - due March 30 each year until all funds are disbursed. *HAVA, title II, section 251*	HAVA Title II, section 251	Secretary of State	HAVA
Friday, March 30, 2012	Friday, March 30, 2012	**Cities with a Primary:** Last day for city to withdraw from participating in a combined polling place by filing a resolution of withdrawal with county auditor - no later than April 1 of any year. *Minn. Stat. §204B.14, subd. 2*	204B.14, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Polling Place
Tuesday, April 03, 2012	Tuesday, April 03, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Deadline for reestablishing precinct boundaries - must be restablished within 60 days of the time when the legislature has been redistricted, or at least 19 weeks before the state primary election in a year ending in two, whichever comes first. *Minn. Stat. §204B.14, subd. 3*	204B.14, subd. 3(c); 204B.135, subd. 1	Secretary of State	Redistrict
Tuesday, April 03, 2012	Tuesday, April 03, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for a municipality or school district to hold a special Election prior to the State Primary - no municipality or school district may conduct a special election during the 19 weeks before the state primary election in the year ending in two. *Minn. Stat. §204B.135, subd. 4*	204B.135, subd. 4	Secretary of State	Redistrict

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Tuesday, April 10, 2012	Tuesday, April 10, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day to publish notice of intent to redistrict county commissioners districts - three weeks prior to scheduled meeting. *Minn. Stat. §375.025, subd. 1*	375.025, subd. 1	Secretary of State	Redistrict
Tuesday, April 10, 2012	Tuesday, April 10, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Voters have at least one week and up to three weeks to apply for revisions to ward redistricting plan - 18 weeks before primary. *Minn. Stat. §204B.135, subd. 3(b)*	204B.135, subd. 3(b)	Secretary of State	Redistrict
Friday, April 13, 2012	Friday, April 13, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for school district to adopt a resolution to choose nominees for school board by Primary - by resolution adopted by April 15. *Minn. Stat. §205A.03, subd. 1*	205A.03, subd. 1	Secretary of State	Election Day
Tuesday, April 24, 2012	Tuesday, April 24, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Deadline for publishing notice of hearing for redistricting school board members district - one week prior to scheduled meeting. *Minn. Stat. §205A.12, subd. 6*	205A.12, subd. 6	Secretary of State	Redistrict
Monday, April 30, 2012	Monday, April 30, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Each major political party shall prepare a list of eligible voters to act as election judges in each election precinct and furnish the lists electronically to the Secretary of State - on May 1 in a year when there is an election for partisan political office. *Minn. Stat. §204B.21, subd. 1*	204B.21, subd. 1	Secretary of State	Election Judges
Tuesday, May 01, 2012	Tuesday, May 01, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Deadline for all other redistricting (county, school districts, SWCD, park) - 15 weeks before primary, or 80 days after legislative redistricting. *Minn. Stat. §204B.135, subd. 2*	204B.135, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Redistrict

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Tuesday, May 01, 2012	Tuesday, May 01, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Secretary of State shall send notice of filing to County Auditors. This shall indicate the offices for which candidates need to file with the Secretary of State along with the time and place of filing -At least 15 weeks before the state primary. *Minn. Stat. §204B.33*	204B.33	Secretary of State	Notice
Tuesday, May 01, 2012	Tuesday, May 01, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day to establish combined polling places for certain separate precincts - no later than May 1 of any year. *Minn. Stat. §204B.14, subd. 2*	204B.14, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Polling Place
Tuesday, May 01, 2012	Tuesday, May 01, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for Secretary of State to supply example primary and general ballot to county auditors (no later than May 1). *Minn. Stat. §204D.09, subd. 1*	204D.09, subd. 1	Secretary of State	Ballots
Tuesday, May 01, 2012	Friday, May 04, 2012	**Secretary of State:** (Tentative Time Frame) Auditor Training Conference. (Specific Dates, Times, and Location to be determined)		Secretary of State	
Thursday, May 03, 2012	Thursday, May 03, 2012	**Secretary of State:** (If redistricting plan adopted between 2-3-2012 and 4-3-2012) Deadline for notification to Secretary of State and County Auditor of precinct boundary changes - within 30 days after change is made. *Minn. Stat. §204B.14, subd. 5*	204B.14, subd. 5	Secretary of State	Redistrict
Tuesday, May 08, 2012	Tuesday, May 08, 2012	**Secretary of State:** (If redistricting plan adopted between 2-3-2012 and 4-3-2012) Voters have at least one week and up to three weeks to file to compel redistricting or to apply for revisions to school district, SWCD, park district redistricting plans - 14 weeks before primary. *Minn. Stat. §204B.135, subd. 3(c)*	204B.135, subd. 3(c)	Secretary of State	Redistrict
Tuesday, May 08, 2012	Tuesday, May 08, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for County Auditor to publish notice of filing - at least 2 weeks before filing opens. *Minn. Stat. § 204B.33*	204B.33	Secretary of State	Notice

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Tuesday, May 08, 2012	Tuesday, May 08, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for a redistricting plan for county Commissioners to be filed for the plan to be effective - not less than two weeks before the first date candidates may file for the office of County Commissioner. *Minn. Stat. §375.025, subd. 4*	375.025, subd. 4	Secretary of State	Boundaries
Tuesday, May 08, 2012	Tuesday, May 08, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day to publish notice of new election district lines - 14 days prior to filing. *Minn. Stat. §204B.14, subd. 4*	204B.14, subd. 4	Secretary of State	Redistrict
Friday, May 11, 2012	Friday, May 11, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for County Auditor to post notice of filing - at least 10 days before filing. *Minn. Stat. §204B.33*	204B.33	Secretary of State	Notice
Monday, May 14, 2012	Monday, May 14, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The County Auditor must forward appropriate names of potential election judges to the appropriate municipal clerk - the county auditor must promptly forward. *Minn. Stat. §204B.21, subd. 1*	204B.21, subd. 1	Secretary of State	Election Judges
Monday, May 14, 2012	Monday, May 14, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for the Secretarty of State to electronically furnish a list to the County Auditors of the appropriate names of each election precinct in the jurisdiction of the appointing authority - by May 15. *Minn. Stat. §204B.21, subd. 1*	204B.21, subd. 1	Secretary of State	Election Judges
Tuesday, May 15, 2012	Tuesday, May 15, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day to file an application for revision of redistricting plan of a county - must be filed with the District Court no later than 1 week before the first day to file for office in the year ending in "2". *Minn. Stat. §375.025, subd. 2*	375.025, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Boundaries
Wednesday, May 16, 2012	Wednesday, May 16, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for county or municipality to change polling place prior to primary election - not less than 90 days prior to election. *Minn. Stat. §204B.16, subd. 3*	204B.16, subd. 3	Secretary of State	Polling Place

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Monday, May 21, 2012	Monday, May 21, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last Day for 2012 Legislature to meet in regular session - first Monday following the 3rd Saturday in May of any year. *Minnesota Constitution, Article IV, Section 12*	Minn. Const. Article IV, Section 12	Secretary of State	Legislature
Tuesday, May 22, 2012	Tuesday, June 05, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Secretary of State notifies Campaign and Finance Disclosure Board of filing candidates - Upon receiving an affidavit of candidacy or petition to appear on the ballot from someone required to file a statement of economic interest. (**Metropolitan counties, and cities with population over 50,000 in Metropolitan area) *Minn. Stat. §10A.09, subd. 2*	10A.09, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Filing
Tuesday, May 22, 2012	Tuesday, June 05, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Filing period with Secretary of State for federal or state offices to be elected at state general election - not more than 84 days nor less than 70 days before the state primary. *Minn. Stat. §204B.09, subd. 1*	204B.09, subd. 1	Secretary of State	Filing
Tuesday, May 22, 2012	Tuesday, August 21, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Period of time when eligible voters may sign Presidential Elector Nominating Petition for candidates who are not members of one of the major political parties - nominating petitions shall be signed during the period when petitions may be filed. Non-major political party presidential electors may file petitions at least 77 days before the General election. *Minns. Stat. §204B.08, subd. 1; §204B.09, subd. 1*	204B.08, subd. 1; 204B.09, subd. 1	Secretary of State	Filing
Monday, May 28, 2012	Monday, May 28, 2012	**Memorial Day Holiday:** No public business shall be transacted except in cases of necessity. *Minn. Stat.§645.44, subd. 5*	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday

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Wednesday, May 30, 2012	Wednesday, May 30, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Deadline to file combined polling place action with county auditors - 30 days after combined polling place established. *Minn. Stat. §204B.14, subd. 2*	204B.14, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Polling Place
Friday, June 01, 2012	Friday, June 01, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for the governing body of a school district to cancel a special election scheduled for State Primary Day that was ordered by the governing body on its own motion - not less than 74 days before the election. *Minn. Stat. §205.10, subd. 6; §205A.05, subd. 3*	205.10, subd. 6; 205A.05, subd. 3	Secretary of State	Election Day
Friday, June 01, 2012	Friday, June 01, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Deadline for changing the boundary of an election precinct - must be adopted no later than June 1 in the year of the state general election. *Minn. Stat. §204B.14, subd. 4*	204B.14, subd. 4	Secretary of State	Boundaries
Tuesday, June 05, 2012	Tuesday, June 05, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for Secretary of State to prescribe form for election summary statements and abstracts - no later than ten weeks before the state primary of each even numbered year. *Minn. Stat. §204C.26, subd. 3*	204C.26, subd. 3	Secretary of State	Election Day
Tuesday, June 05, 2012	Tuesday, June 05, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Candidate filing period closes for federal offices, state offices, county offices, cities with a primary, school districts with a primary, and soil and water conservation districts - 70 days before primary. *Minn. Stat.§§204B.09, subd. 1; 205.13, subd. 1a; 205A.06, subd. 1a; 103C.305,subd. 2*	204B.09, subd. 1; 205.13, subd. 1a; 205A.06, subd. 1a; 103C.305, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Filing
Thursday, June 07, 2012	Thursday, June 07, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for candidate to withdraw. Candidates may withdraw until 5:00 p.m. by filing an Affidavit of Withdrawal - within 2 days after filing closes. *Minn. Stat. §204B.12, subd. 1*	204B.12, subd. 1	Secretary of State	Filing

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Friday, June 08, 2012	Friday, June 08, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day to notify the Secretary of State of a city primary election or school district primary election - at least 67 days before election. *Minn. Stat.§205.16, subd. 5; 205A.§07, subd. 3b*	205.16, subd. 5; 205A.07, subd. 3b	Secretary of State	Notice
Friday, June 08, 2012	Friday, June 15, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Secretary of State certifies candidates to County Auditor for Primary Election - at least 42 days before a State Primary. *Minn. Stat. §204D.06*	204D.06	Secretary of State	Filing
Friday, June 08, 2012	Tuesday, August 14, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day to meet with local election officials to review election procedures - at least 12 weeks before the general election. *Minn. Stat. §204B.28, subd. 1*	204B.28, subd. 1	Secretary of State	Election Day
Friday, June 15, 2012	Friday, June 15, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for County Auditor to mail absentee application to voters on the permanent list and the ongoing absentee list - 60 days prior to election. *Minn. Stat §§203B.04, subds. 5 & 6; 203B.06, subd. 1Minn. Rule 8210.0200, subp. 4*	203B.04, subd. 5 & 6; 203B.06, subd. 1; 8210.0200, subp. 4	Secretary of State	AB
Friday, June 15, 2012	Friday, November 02, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Period of time during which Election Judge training courses may be provided - not more than 60 days before the state primary election or fewer than 3 days before the state general election. *Minn. Rule 8240.1300, subp. 4*	8240.1300, subp. 4	Secretary of State	Election Judges
Tuesday, June 19, 2012	Tuesday, June 19, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Deadline for posting notice of new precinct boundaries in municipal clerk or county auditor's office - 56 days before primary election. *Minn. Stat. §204B.14, subd. 4*	204B.14, subd. 4	Secretary of State	Redistrict
Wednesday, June 27, 2012	Wednesday, June 27, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for OSS to load NCOA data - not within 47 days before the state primary.	201.13, subd. 3	Secretary of State	Reg.

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Friday, June 29, 2012	Friday, June 29, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Beginning with this day all noncommercial signs of any size may be posted in any number in any municipality, whether or not the municipality has an ordinance that regulates the size or number of noncommercial signs - from 46 days before the State Primary in a state general election year until ten days following the State General Election. *Minn. Stat. §211B.045*	211B.045	Secretary of State	Campaigns
Friday, June 29, 2012	Friday, June 29, 2012	**Secretary of State: (Major Political Parties):** Date by which a Major Political Party needs to qualify for inclusion on the income tax form and property tax refund return - must qualify as a Major Political Party by July 1 of the taxable year. *Minn. Stat. §10A.31, subd. 3a*	10A.31, subd. 3a	Secretary of State	Political Parties
Friday, June 29, 2012	Friday, June 29, 2012	**Secretary of State: (Minor Political Parties):** Date by which a Minor Political Party needs to qualify for inclusion on the income tax form and property tax refund return - must qualify as a Minor Political Party by July 1 of the taxable year. *Minn. Stat. §10A.31, subd. 3a*	10A.31, subd. 3a	Secretary of State	Political Parties
Friday, June 29, 2012	Friday, June 29, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The Secretary of State shall notify each political party, the commissioner of revenue, and the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board which political parties qualify for inclusion on the income tax form and property tax return - by July 1, of the taxable year. *Minn. Stat. §10A.31, subd. 3a*	10A.31, subd. 3a	Secretary of State	Political Parties

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Friday, June 29, 2012	Friday, June 29, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for Secretary of State to make an electronic copy of Minnesota Election Laws available on web site - on or before July 1 of every even numbered year. *Minn. Stat. §204B.27, subd. 2*	204B.27, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Notice
Friday, June 29, 2012	Friday, July 13, 2012	**Secretary of State:** County Auditor makes Master list available for city primary absentee voting - 32 days before primary. *Minn. Stat. §201.091, subd. 2 (Ballots must be available for absentee voting at least 46 days prior to the State Primary)*	201.091, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Reg.
Friday, June 29, 2012	Tuesday, July 31, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Period of time to mail ballots to registered voters in mail precincts for State Primary Election. No earlier than 46 days prior to the election and no later than 14 days before the election. - No later than 14 days before the election, the auditor must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters who register to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election. If an absentee ballot envelope is rejected at least 5 days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must be considered spoiled and the auditor or clerk shall provide the voter with a replacement ballot - no earlier than 46 days prior to election and no later than 14 days prior to election. *Minn. Stat. 204B.45, subd. 2*	204B.45, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Mail Elections
Friday, June 29, 2012	Monday, August 13, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Absentee voting for State Primary Election - during the 46 days before the election. *Minn. Stat. §204B.35; §203B.085; §203B.05, subd. 2*	204B.35; 203B.085, 203B.05, subd. 2	Secretary of State	AB

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Monday, July 02, 2012	Tuesday, August 14, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The County Auditor must establish UOCAVA absentee ballot board for the State Primary to examine all returned UOCAVA absentee ballot envelopes and accept or reject the absentee ballots. If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must be considered spoiled and the official in charge of the absentee ballot board must provide the voter with a replacement absentee ballot and return envelope - during the 45 days before the election the board must immediately examine the return envelopes. *Minn. Stat. 203B.23*	203B.23	Secretary of State	AB
Monday, July 02, 2012	Tuesday, August 14, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The County Auditor (if the County is administering absentee voting) must establish an absentee ballot board for the State Primary to examine all the absentee ballot envelopes and accept or reject the absentee ballots. If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must be considered spoiled and the official in charge of the absentee ballot board must provide the voter with a replacement absentee ballot and return envelope - during the 45 days before the election. *Minn. Stat. §203B.121*	203B.121	Secretary of State	AB
Tuesday, July 03, 2012	Tuesday, July 03, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day to give notice of mail ballot procedures - 6 weeks before the primary. *Minn. Stat. §204B.45, subd. 2; Minn. Rules 8210.3000, subp. 3*	204B.45, subd. 2; 8210.3000, subp. 3	Secretary of State	Mail Elections
Wednesday, July 04, 2012	Wednesday, July 04, 2012	**Independence Day Holiday:** No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. *Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd. 5*	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday

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Friday, July 13, 2012	Friday, July 13, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for hospital districts to conduct a special election prior to the State Primary Election - not within 30 days of State Primary Election. *Minn. Stat. §447.32, subd. 2*	447.32, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Special Elections
Friday, July 13, 2012	Friday, July 13, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Deadline for County Auditor to notify school districts in their county that have territory affected by a precinct boundary change - 30 days before effective date of change. *Minn. Stat. §204B.14, subd. 5*	204B.14, subd. 5	Secretary of State	Redistrict
Tuesday, July 17, 2012	Tuesday, July 17, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for Cities without a primary School Districts without a Primary, and Towns with a November Election to publish notice of filing - at least 2 weeks before filing opens July 31, 2012. *Minn. Stat. §§205.13, subd. 2; 205A.06, subd. 2; 447.32, subd. 3*	205.13, subd. 2; 205A.06, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Notice
Friday, July 20, 2012	Friday, July 20, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for the Secretary of State to supply paper ballot voter instruction posters to County Auditors - at least 25 days before every State Election. *Minn. Stat. §204B.27, subd. 3*	204B.27, subd. 3	Secretary of State	Election Day
Tuesday, July 24, 2012	Tuesday, July 24, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for Hospital Districts to publish notice of filing - at least 2 weeks before filing opens July August 7, 2012. *Minn. Stat. §§205.13, subd. 2; 205A.06, subd. 2; 447.32, subd. 3*	447.32, subd. 3	Secretary of State	Notice
Wednesday, July 25, 2012	Monday, August 13, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Period of time during which Election Judges shall deliver absentee ballots only to an eligible voter who is a temporary or permanent resident in a healthcare facility or hospital located in the city in which the voter maintains residence who has applied for absentee ballots to the county auditor or city clerk - 20 days preceding an election. (Healthcare facility outreach) *Minn. Stat. §203B.11, subd. 2*	203B.11, subd. 2	Secretary of State	AB

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Friday, July 27, 2012	Friday, July 27, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for the Clerk of the Hospital District to post notice of filing period stating the first and last day on which affidavits of candidacy may be filed. Notice needs to be posted in at least one conspicuous place in each city and town in the district - at least 10 days before the first day to file affidavits of candidacy. *Minn. Stat. §447.32, subd. 3*	447.32, subd. 3	Secretary of State	Notice
Monday, July 30, 2012	Monday, July 30, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The County Auditor shall post a notice stating the officers to be elected in the state general election, the location of each polling place in the county including information concerning any polling places in unorganized territories in the county, and hours for voting - at least 15 days before any state primary or state general election (This may include municipal officers to be elected. The county may also publish this information) *Minn. Stat. §204B.34*	204B.34	Secretary of State	Notice
Tuesday, July 31, 2012	Tuesday, July 31, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day to mail primary ballots to registered voters in mail precincts - 14 days before primary. *Minn. Stat. §204B.45, subd. 2*	204B.45, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Mail Elections
Tuesday, July 31, 2012	Tuesday, July 31, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for Secretary of State to transmit examples of any blank forms to be used at the Primary Election - at least 14 days before every State Election. *Minn. Stat. §204B.27, subd. 1*	204B.27, subd. 1	Secretary of State	Election Day
Tuesday, July 31, 2012	Tuesday, July 31, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day to send a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters in a mail ballot precinct who registered to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election - no later than 14 days before the election. *Minn. Stat. 204B.45, subd. 2*	204B.45, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Mail Elections

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Tuesday, July 31, 2012	Monday, August 13, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Period of time for official in charge of elections to conduct public accuracy test of optical scan voting equipment - within 14 days of election. (Publish notice at least two days before test) *Minn. Stat. §206.83*	206.83	Secretary of State	Equipment
Tuesday, July 31, 2012	Tuesday, August 14, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Candidate filing period for cities without a primary, towns with November Elections, and school districts without a primary - opens 98 days before election and closes 84 days before election. *Minn. Stat. §§205.13, subd. 1a; 205A.06, subd. 1a*	205.13, subd. 1a; 205A.06, subd. 1a	Secretary of State	Filing
Tuesday, August 07, 2012	Tuesday, August 07, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for the Secretary of State to provide abstract forms to County Auditors (may be electronically via the Minnesota State Election Reporting System) - at least one week prior to the election. *Minn. Stat. §204B.27, subd. 1*	204B.27, subd. 1	Secretary of State	Election Day
Tuesday, August 07, 2012	Tuesday, August 14, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Period of time for agent delivery of absentee ballots to a voter who would have difficulty getting to the polls because of incapacitating health reasons, or who is disabled, or who is a patient of a healthcare facility, a resident of a facility providing assisted living services, a participant in a residential program for adults or a resident of a shelter for battered women. The agent must have a preexisting relationship with the voter - During the 7 days preceding an election and until 2:00 p.m. on Election Day. *Minn. Stat. §203B.11, subd. 4*	203B.11, subd. 4	Secretary of State	AB

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Tuesday, August 07, 2012	Tuesday, August 21, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Filing period with municipal clerk for hospital district office seats - opens 91 days before and closes 77 days before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Affidavits of Candidacy must be filed with the city clerk or town clerk. *Minn. §447.32, subd. 4*	447.32, subd. 4	Secretary of State	Filing
Friday, August 10, 2012	Friday, August 10, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day to complete work under EAID grant contracts for 2012 elections. *42 U.S.C. 15421 et seq. (HAVA)*	42 USC 15421	Secretary of State	HAVA
Friday, August 10, 2012	Tuesday, August 14, 2012	**Secretary of State:** After close of business on the 4th day before the State Primary, return envelopes marked "accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed, initialed and deposited in ballot box.	203B.121, subd. 4	Secretary of State	AB
Saturday, August 11, 2012	Saturday, August 11, 2012	**Secretary of State:** County Auditor's office open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots - on the Saturday immediately preceding the election. *Minn. Stat. §203B.085*	203B.085	Secretary of State	AB
Monday, August 13, 2012	Monday, August 13, 2012	**Secretary of State:** County Auditor's office open until 5:00 p.m. on the day immediately preceding the election for acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots. *Minn. Stat. §203B.085*	203B.085	Secretary of State	AB
Monday, August 13, 2012	Monday, August 13, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for Secretary of State to determine the order of minor parties - prior to the state primary, the Secretary of State shall determine by lot the order of candidates nominated by petition. *Minn. Stat. § 204D.13*	204D.13	Secretary of State	Election Day
Tuesday, August 14, 2012	Tuesday, August 14, 2012	**STATE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: Secretary of State:** The second Tuesday in August in each even-numbered year. *Minn. Stat. §204D.03*	204D.03	Secretary of State	Election Day

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Tuesday, August 14, 2012	Tuesday, August 14, 2012	**STATE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: Secretary of State:** Agents may return absentee ballots to the clerk until 3:00 p.m. *Minn. Stat. §203B.08*	203B.08	Secretary of State	AB
Tuesday, August 14, 2012	Tuesday, August 14, 2012	**STATE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: Secretary of State:** New precincts and districts take effect. *Minn. Stat. §204B.14, subd. 3(d)); §204D.03; §205.84, subd. 2*	204B.14, subd. 3(d); 204D.03; 205.84, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Redistrict
Tuesday, August 14, 2012	Tuesday, August 14, 2012	**STATE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: Secretary of State :** (Less than 500 inhabitants and located outside the *Metro Area, as defined in 200.02) Voting hours - May set a poll opening time later than 7:00 a.m. if the Town Board fixes a time and it is approved by a vote of the town electors at the annual town meeting. The polls cannot open later than 10:00 a.m. The polls close at 8:00 p.m. *Minn. Stat. §204C.05, subd. 1a*	204C.05, subd. 1a	Secretary of State	Election Day
Tuesday, August 14, 2012	Tuesday, August 14, 2012	**Secretary of State:** After polls have closed, ballot board tabulates AB by precinct. AB totals added to precinct polling place results.	203B.121, subd. 5	Secretary of State	AB
Tuesday, August 14, 2012	Tuesday, August 14, 2012	**Secratrary of State:** Candidate filing period closes for cities without a primary, towns with November Elections, and school districts without a primary - 84 days before election. *Minn. Stat. §§205.13, subd. 1a; 205A.06, subd. 1a*	205.13, subd. 1a; 205A.06, subd. 1a	Secretary of State	Filing
Wednesday, August 15, 2012	Wednesday, August 15, 2012	**Secretary of State:** If not completed, AB ballot board must accept/reject no later than 24 hours after end of voting ABs that arrived after rosters/supplement reports generated.	203B.121, subd. 5	Secretary of State	AB
Wednesday, August 15, 2012	Monday, November 05, 2012	**Secretary of State:** A special primary and special election may not be held between the state primary and state general election.	204D.195	Secretary of State	Special Elections

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Thursday, August 16, 2012	Thursday, August 16, 2012	**Secretary of State:** After 5:00 p.m. cities without a primary, towns with November elections, and school districts without a primary send candidate names, addresses and phone numbers to auditor.	Adm.	Secretary of State	Filing
Thursday, August 16, 2012	Friday, August 17, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The County Canvassing Board in each county must set the date, time, and place for the Post Election Equipment Review (PER) of the State General Election - at the County Canvass of the State Primary. *Minn. Stat. §206.89, subd. 2*	206.89, subd. 2	Secretary of State	PER
Tuesday, August 21, 2012	Tuesday, August 21, 2012	**Secretary of State:** State Canvassing Board meets to canvass the certified copies of the county canvassing board reports received from the County Auditors - 7 days after the State Primary. *Minn. Stat. §204C.32, subd. 2*	204C.32, subd. 2	Secretary of State	After the Election
Tuesday, August 21, 2012	Tuesday, August 21, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Secretary of State certifies nominees for general election to the County Auditors - immediately after the canvassing board declares the results. (The Secretary of State shall mail a notice of nomination to each nominee) *Minn. Stat. §204C.32, subd. 2*	204C.32, subd. 2	Secretary of State	After the Election
Tuesday, August 21, 2012	Tuesday, August 21, 2012	**Towns with March Elections:** Candidate filing period closes for hospital districts - 77 days before election. *Minn. Stat. §447.32, subd. 4*	447.32,subd. 4	Secretary of State	Filing
Thursday, August 23, 2012	Thursday, August 23, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for candidates to withdraw. Candidates may withdraw until 5:00 p.m. by filing an Affidavit of Withdrawal with the clerk of the hospital district - No later than 5:00 p.m. two days after the last day to file Affidavits of Candidacy. *Minn. Stat. §447.32, subd. 4*	447.32, subd. 4	Secretary of State	Filing

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Friday, August 24, 2012	Friday, August 24, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for a candidate for nomination to statewide federal office, state constitutional office, statewide judicial office, congressional office, state legislative office, or district judicial office to request an optional recount - during the time for filing a notice of contest of the primary which is within 5 days of canvass. *Minn. Stat. §204C.35, subd. 2*	204C.35,subd. 2	Secretary of State	After the Election
Monday, August 27, 2012	Monday, August 27, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for chair of Major Political Party to certify to the Secretary of State the names of the persons nominated as presidential electors, the names of eight alternate presidential electors, and the names of the party candidates for President and Vice President. The cair shall also certify that the party candidates for President and Vice President have no affidavit on file as a candidate for any office in this state at the ensuing general election - at least 77 days before the General Election Day. *Minn. Stat. §208.03*	208.03	Secretary of State	Filing
Monday, September 03, 2012	Monday, September 03, 2012	**Labor Day Holiday:** No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. *Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd. 5*	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Friday, September 07, 2012	Friday, October 05, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Secretary of State must provide auditors with Dept of Corrections data between 30 and 60 days before the election.	201.157	Secretary of State	Reg.
Friday, September 07, 2012	Friday, October 05, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Secretary of State must provide auditors with Dept of Public Safety citizenship data between 30 and 60 days before the election.	201.158	Secretary of State	Reg.
Wednesday, September 19, 2012	Wednesday, September 19, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for OSS to load NCOA data - not within 47 days before the state general.	201.13, subd. 3	Secretary of State	Reg.

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Friday, September 21, 2012	Friday, September 21, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for governing body of a municipality to cancel a special election scheduled for State General Election Day that was ordered by the governing body of the Municipality or school district on its own motion - not less than 46 days before the election. *Minn. Stat. §205.10, subd. 6; §205A.05, subd. 3*	205.10, subd. 6	Secretary of State	Election Day
Friday, September 21, 2012	Friday, October 05, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Master list available from county auditor for city, and township absentee voting – 32 days before election. *Minn. Stat. §201.091, subd. 2 (Ballots must be available for absentee voting at least 46 days prior to the State General Election)*	201.091, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Reg.
Friday, September 21, 2012	Tuesday, October 23, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Period of time to mail ballots to registered voters in mail precincts for the State General Election. No earlier than 46 days prior to the election and no later than 14 days before the election. - No later than 14 days before the election, the auditor must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters who register to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election. If an absentee ballot envelope is rejected at least 5 days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must be considered spoiled and the auditor or clerk shall provide the voter with a replacement ballot - no earlier than 46 days prior to election and no later than 14 days prior to election. *Minn. Stat. 204B.45, subd. 2*	204B.45, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Mail Elections
Friday, September 21, 2012	Monday, November 05, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Absentee ballots available for general election – 46 days before election. *Minn. Stat. §204B.35; §203B.085; §203B.05*	204B.35; 203B.085; 203B.05	Secretary of State	AB

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Monday, September 24, 2012	Tuesday, November 06, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The County Auditor must establish UOCAVA absentee ballot board for the State General Election to examine all returned UOCAVA absentee ballot envelopes and accept or reject the absentee ballots. If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must be considered spoiled and the official in charge of the absentee ballot board must provide the voter with a replacement absentee ballot and return envelope - during the 45 days before the election the board must immediately examine the return envelopes. *Minn. Stat. 203B.23*	203B.23	Secretary of State	AB
Monday, September 24, 2012	Tuesday, November 06, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The County Auditor (if administering absentee voting) must establish an absentee ballot board for the State Primary to examine all the absentee ballot envelopes and accept or reject the absentee ballots. If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must be considered spoiled and the official in charge of the absentee ballot board must provide the voter with a replacement absentee ballot and return envelope - during the 45 days before the election the board must immediately examine the return envelopes. *Minn. Stat. §203B.121*	203B.121	Secretary of State	AB
Tuesday, September 25, 2012	Tuesday, September 25, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day to give notice of mail ballot procedures - 6 weeks before the State General Election. *Minn. Stat. §204B.45, subd. 2; Minn. Rule 8210.3000, subp. 3*	204B.45, subd. 2; 8210.3000, subp. 3	Secretary of State	Mail Elections

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Monday, October 08, 2012	Monday, October 08, 2012	**Columbus Day Holiday:** Political subdivisions have the option of determining whether Columbus Day shall be a holiday on which no business shall be transacted. Where it is determined that Columbus Day is not a holiday, public business may be conducted. *Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd. 5*	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Wednesday, October 17, 2012	Wednesday, October 17, 2012	**Secretary of State:** First day of period during which Election Judges shall deliver absentee ballots only to an eligible voter who is a temporary or permanent resident in a healthcare facility or hospital located in the township in which the voter maintains residence who has applied for absentee ballots to the county auditor or township clerk – 20 days preceding an election. (Healthcare facility outreach) *Minn. Stat. §203B.11, subd. 2*	203B.11, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Election Judges - AB
Monday, October 22, 2012	Sunday, November 04, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The County Auditor publishes the sample ballots in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county - no earlier than 15 days and no later than 2 days before the state general election. *Minn. Stat. §204D.16*	204D.16	Secretary of State	Notice
Tuesday, October 23, 2012	Tuesday, October 23, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day to mail ballots to registered voters in mail precincts - no later than 14 days prior to election. *Minn. Rule 8210.3000, subp. 4*	8210.3000, subp. 4	Secretary of State	Mail Elections
Tuesday, October 23, 2012	Tuesday, October 23, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for Secretry of State to transmit examples of any blank forms to be used at the State General Election - at least14 days before every State Election. *Minn. Stat. §204B.27, subd. 1*	204B.27, subd. 1	Secretary of State	Election Day

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Tuesday, October 23, 2012	Tuesday, October 23, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day to send a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters in a mail ballot precinct who registered to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election - no later than 14 days before the election. *Minn. Stat. 204B.45, subd. 2*	204B.45, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Mail Elections
Tuesday, October 23, 2012	Monday, November 05, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Period of time for official in charge of elections to do public accuracy test of electronic voting equipment - within 14 days of the election. Publish notice at least 2 days before the test. *Minn. Stat. §206.83*	206.83	Secretary of State	Equipment
Tuesday, October 30, 2012	Tuesday, October 30, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for write-in candidate for county, state, or federal office, who wants write-in votes to be counted, to file a written request for write-in votes to be counted with the filing officer. (A candidate for governor must include the name of a candidate for lieutenant governor) - no later than the seventh day before the general election. *Minn. Stat. §204B.09, subd. 3*	204B.09, Subd. 3	Secretary of State	Filing
Tuesday, October 30, 2012	Tuesday, November 06, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Period of time for agent delivery of absentee ballots to a voter who would have difficulty getting to the polls because of incapacitating health reasons, or who is disabled, or who is a patient of a healthcare facility, a resident of a facility providing assisted living services, a participant in a residential program for adults or a resident of a shelter for battered women. The agent must have a preexisting relationship with the voter - During the 7 days preceding an election and until 2:00 p.m. on Election Day. *Minn. Stat. §203B.11, subd. 4*	203B.11, subd. 4	Secretary of State	AB

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Friday, November 02, 2012	Tuesday, November 06, 2012	**Secretary of State:** After close of business on the 4th day prior to the State General Election, return envelopes marked "accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed, initialed and deposited in ballot box.	203B.121, subd. 4	Secretary of State	AB
Saturday, November 03, 2012	Saturday, November 03, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Auditor's Office must be open for absentee voting from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Saturday before the Election. *Minn. Stat. §203B.085*	203B.085	Secretary of State	AB
Monday, November 05, 2012	Monday, November 05, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The County Auditor's office is open for absentee voting for general election - open until 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election. *Minn. Stat. §203B.085*	203B.085	Secretary of State	AB
Tuesday, November 06, 2012	Tuesday, November 06, 2012	**STATE GENERAL ELECTION DAY: Secretary of State:** Minimum voting hours 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. except for 1) Townships with fewer than 500 inhabitants which are not located in the *metro area if the town board fixes a later time and the change is approved by the electors at the annual town meeting; and 2) Unorganized territories that constitute a voting district if at least 20% of the registered voters residing in the voting district sign a petition for shorter hours. These areas may open their polls as late as 10:00 a.m. *Minn. Stat. §204C.05*	204C.05	Secretary of State	Election Day
Tuesday, November 06, 2012	Tuesday, November 06, 2012	**STATE GENERAL ELECTION DAY: Secretary of State:** First Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even-numbered years. *Minn. Stat. §204D.03, subd. 2*	204D.03, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Election Day
Tuesday, November 06, 2012	Tuesday, November 06, 2012	**Secretary of State:** After polls have closed, ballot board tabulates AB by precinct. AB totals added to precinct polling place results.	203B.121, subd. 5	Secretary of State	AB

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Wednesday, November 07, 2012	Wednesday, November 07, 2012	**Secretary of State:** If not completed, AB ballot board must accept/reject no later than 24 hours after end of voting ABs that arrived after rosters/supplement reports generated.	203B.121, subd. 5	Secretary of State	AB
Friday, November 09, 2012	Friday, November 16, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The County Canvassing Board must select, by lot at a public meeting, the precincts for the PER (2 precincts - Counties with fewer than 50,000 registered voters; 3 precincts - Counties with 50,000 to 100,000; and 4 precincts or three percent of the total number of precincts in the county, whichever is greater - Counties with more than 100,000 registered voters) (The absentee ballot precinct for each jurisdiction administering absentee voting is also eligible for selection)- at the County Canvass of the State General Election. *Minn. Stat. §206.89, subd. 2*	206.89, subd. 2	Secretary of State	PER
Friday, November 09, 2012	Friday, November 16, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The County Auditor must notify the Secretary of State of the precincts that have been chosen for review and time and place the PER for that county will be conducted - as soon as the decisions are made. *Minn. Stat. §206.89, subd. 2*	206.89, subd. 2	Secretary of State	PER
Friday, November 09, 2012	Friday, November 16, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The Secretary of State must post the PER information received from the counties on the Secretary of State's web site. *Minn. Stat. §206.89, subd. 2*	206.89, subd. 2	Secretary of State	PER

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Saturday, November 10, 2012	Friday, November 23, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Phase 1 of PER: The Review must be conducted of the votes cast for Governor, and U.S. Representative and must consist of a manual count of the ballots used in the precincts selected - the review must be completed no later than 2 days before the meeting of the State Canvassing Board to certify the results of the State General Election. *Minn. Stat. §206.89, subd. 3*	206.89, subd. 3	Secretary of State	PER
Sunday, November 11, 2012	Sunday, November 25, 2012	**Secretary of State:** PER Phase 2 (if necessary): If the results of the electronic voting system differ from the results of the manual count by more than one-half of one percent, or more than 2 votes in a precinct where 400 or fewer voters cast ballots then a second level of review is necessary. At least 3 additional precincts must be reviewed (if the difference is more than one-half of one percent in any of these precincts, or more than 2 votes in a precinct where 400 or fewer voters cast ballots then a Phase 3 review is required) - the additional review must be completed within 2 days after the initial PER is completed. *Minn. Stat. §206.89, subd. 4 & 5*	206.89, subd. 4 & 5	Secretary of State	PER
Monday, November 12, 2012	Monday, November 12, 2012	**Veterans Day Holiday:** No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. *Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd. 5*	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday

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Monday, November 12, 2012	Sunday, December 02, 2012	**Secretary of State:** PER Phase 3 (if necessary): If, in Phase 2 of the PER, the results of the electronic voting system differ from the results of the manual hand count by more than one-half of one percent or by more than 2 votes in a precinct where 400 or fewer voters cast ballots then a third level of review is necessary. A review must be conducted of the ballots from all the remaining precincts in the county (If the results of Phase 3 from one or more counties comprising in the aggregate more than ten percent of the total number of persons voting in the election clearly indicate that an error in vote counting has occurred, then a Phase 4 PER is required) - the review must be completed and the results reported to the Secretary of State within one one week after Phase 2 was completed. *Minn. Stat. §206.89, subd. 5*	206.89, subd. 5	Secretary of State	PER
Tuesday, November 13, 2012	Monday, December 17, 2012	**Secretary of State:** PER Phase 4 (if necessary): If the results of Phase 3, the countywide review, from one or more counties comprising more than ten percent of the total number of persons voting in the election clearly indicate that an error in vote counting has occurred, the secretary of state must notify the post election review official of each county in the district that they must conduct munual recounts of all the ballots in the district - the recount must be completed and the results reported to the appropriate canvassing board within two weeks after the post election review official received notice from the Secretary of State. *Minn. Stat. §206.89, subd. 5*	206.89, subd. 5	Secretary of State	PER

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Friday, November 16, 2012	Friday, November 16, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day of period of time when all noncommercial signs of any size may be posted in any number whether or not the municipality has an ordinance that regulates the size or number of noncommercial signs - from 46 days before the state primary in a state general election until ten days following the state general elections. *Minn. Stat. §211B.045*	211B.045	Secretary of State	Campaigns
Thursday, November 22, 2012	Thursday, November 22, 2012	**Thanksgiving Holiday:** No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. *Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd. 5*	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Friday, November 23, 2012	Friday, November 23, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day to complete Phase 1 of PER: The results of the electronic voting system must not differ from the manual count by more than one-half of one percent. If the difference is greater than one-half of one percent or greater than 2 votes in a precinct where 400 or fewer voters cast ballot further review is required - the review must be completed no later than two days before the State Canvassing Board meets to certify the results of the State General Election. *Minn. Stat. §206.89, subd. 3 & 4*	206.89, subd. 3 & 4	Secretary of State	PER
Tuesday, November 27, 2012	Tuesday, November 27, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The State Canvassing Board shall meet at the Secretary of State's office to canvass the certified copies of the county canvassing board reports received from the County Auditor - shall meet at the Secretary of State's office on the third Tuesday following the state general election. *Minn. Stat. §204C.33, subd. 3*	204C.33, subd. 3	Secretary of State	After the Election

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Tuesday, November 27, 2012	Tuesday, November 27, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The State Canvassing Board shall choose 4 precincts in each Congressional District for which the Secretary of State shall monitor and evaluate election procedures in precincts subject to the PER Audit in section 206.89 - the precincts must be chosen by lot by the State Canvassing Board at its meeting to canvass the State General Election. *Minn. Stat. §206.895*	206.895	Secretary of State	PER
Tuesday, November 27, 2012	Tuesday, November 27, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The State Canvassing Board shall meet at the Secretary of State's office to canvass the certified copies of the county canvassing board reports received from the County Auditor - shall meet at the Secretary of State's office on the third Tuesday following the State General Election. *Minn. Stat. §204C.33*	204C.33, subd. 3	Secretary of State	After the Election
Wednesday, November 28, 2012	Thursday, December 30, 2010	**Secretary of State:** The Secretary of State shall notify each political Party, the commissioner of revenue, and the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board of the political parties that qualify for inclusion on the income tax form and property tax refund - following certification of the results of each general election. *Minn. Stat. §10A.31, subd. 3a*	10A.31, subd. 3a	Secretary of State	Political Parties
Tuesday, December 04, 2012	Tuesday, December 04, 2012	**Secretary of State:** First day to issue certificate of election to winning state and federal candidates - no certificate of election shall be issued until seven days after the canvassing board has declared the result of the election. (In the case of a a contest, an election certificate shlll not be issued until a court of proper jurisdiction has finally determined the contest. This does not apply to state senators and state representatives). *Minn. Stat. §204C.40, subd. 1*	204C.40, subd. 1	Secretary of State	After the Election

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Tuesday, December 11, 2012	Tuesday, December 11, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Deadline for compliance with 3 USC section 5 relating to determination of controversy relating to Presidential Electors. 3 USC 5	3 USC 5	Secretary of State	Presidential
Monday, December 17, 2012	Monday, December 17, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The Presidential Electors of each state shall meet and give their votes for President and Vice President in the manner directed by the U.S. Constitution - the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December following their election. *3 USC 7*	3 USC 7	Secretary of State	Presidential
Monday, December 17, 2012	Monday, December 17, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The Presidential Electors shall make and sign six certificates of all the votes given by them, each of which certificates shall contain two distinct lists, one of the votes for President and the other of the votes for vice President, and shall annex to each of the certificates one of the lists of the electors which shall have been furnished to them by the executive of the State. *3 USC 9*	3 USC 9	Secretary of State	Presidential
Monday, December 17, 2012	Monday, December 17, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The Presidential Electors shall seal up the certificates and certify upon each that the lists of all the votes of the state given for President and all the votes given for Vice President, are contained therein. *3USC 10*	3 USC 10	Secretary of State	Presidential
Monday, December 17, 2012	Monday, December 17, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The Presidential electors shall forward by registered mail one of the certificates to the President of the Senate - they shall forthwith forward. *3 USC 11*	3 USC 11	Secretary of State	Presidential

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Monday, December 17, 2012	Monday, December 17, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The Presidential Electors shall deliver two of the certificates to Secretary of State of the State, one of which shall be held subject to the order of the President of the Senate, the other to be preserved for one year and shall be a part of the public records of the Secretary of State's Office and shall be open to public inspection - second, two certificates shall be delivered to the Secretary of State of the state. *3USC 11*	3 USC 11	Secretary of State	Presidential
Tuesday, December 18, 2012	Tuesday, December 18, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The Presidential Electors shall forward by registered mail two of the certificates and lists to the Archivist of the United States, one of which shall be held subjedt to the order of the President of the Senate. The other shall be preserved by the Archivist of the United States for one yeaar and shall be a part of the public records of that office and shall be open to public inspection - third, on the day thereafter they shall forward by registered. *3USC 11*	3 USC 11	Secretary of State	Presidential
Tuesday, December 18, 2012	Tuesday, December 18, 2012	**Secretary of State:** The Presidential Electors shall deliver the other certificate and list to the Judge of the District in which the Electors have assembled - fourth, they shall forwith deliver the other certificate and list to the Judge of the district in which the electors shall have assembled. *3 USC 11*	3 USC 11	Secretary of State	Presidential
Tuesday, December 18, 2012	Tuesday, December 18, 2012	**Secretary of State:** Last day for county Auditor to conduct a meeting with local election officials to review the procedures the March township Election - at least 12 weeks before each regularly scheduled general election. *Minn. Stat. §204B.28, subd. 1*	204B.28, subd. 1	Secretary of State	Election Day

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Tuesday, December 18, 2012	Tuesday, January 15, 2013	**Secretary of State:** Secretary of State must provide auditors with Dept of Corrections data between 6 and 10 weeks after the election.	201.157	Secretary of State	Reg.
Tuesday, December 18, 2012	Tuesday, January 15, 2013	**Secretary of State:** Secretary of State must provide auditors with Dept of Public Safety citizenship data between 6 and 10 weeks after the election.	201.158	Secretary of State	Reg.
Tuesday, December 25, 2012	Tuesday, December 25, 2012	**Christmas Day Holiday:** No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. *Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd. 5*	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Tuesday, January 01, 2013	Tuesday, January 01, 2013	**New Year's Day Holiday:** No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. *Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd. 5*	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Thursday, January 03, 2013	Thursday, January 03, 2013	**Secretary of State:** Terms begin for U.S. Representatives and U.S. Senators - January 3. *United States Constitution, Amendment XX, section 1*	U.S. Constitution, Amendment XX, Section 1	Secretary of State	After the Election
Friday, January 04, 2013	Friday, January 04, 2013	**Secretary of State:** Last day for County Auditor to report to the Secretary of State on the combined number of UOCAVA absentee ballots transmitted to voters and the number of UOCAVA absentee ballots returned and cast - no later than 60 days after the general election. *Minn. Stat. §203B.19*	203B.19	Secretary of State	AB
Sunday, January 06, 2013	Sunday, January 06, 2013	**Secretary of State:** The U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives shall meet in the hall of the House of Representatives with the President of the Senate presiding. The votes of the Electors are announced - at the hour of 1 o'clock on the sixth day of January succeeding every meeting of the electors. 3 USC 15	3 USC 15	Secretary of State	Presidential

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Monday, January 07, 2013	Monday, January 07, 2013	**Secretary of State:** The Secretary of State shall notify each Major Political Party and Minor Political Party of the conditions necessary for the party to participate in income tax form and property tax refund return programs - by the first Monday in January of each odd-numbered year. *Minn. Stat. §10A.31, subd. 3a*	10A.31, subd. 3a	Secretary of State	Political Parties
Monday, January 07, 2013	Monday, January 07, 2013	**Secretary of State:** Terms begin for State Officers elected at the November State Election - first Monday in January of the odd-numbered year following their election. *Minn. Stat. §204D.02, subd. 2*	204D.02, subd. 2	Secretary of State	After the Election
Wednesday, January 09, 2013	Wednesday, January 09, 2013	**Secretary of State:** Secretary of State must send Example Ballots to township clerks in Towns with March Elections - 30 days before absentee ballots must be made available. *Minn. Stat. §205.17, subd. 7*	205.17, subd. 7	Secretary of State	Ballots
Tuesday, January 15, 2013	Tuesday, January 15, 2013	**Secretary of State:** Secretary of state shall provide absentee statistical report to chairs of legislative committees	203B.28	Secretary of State	AB
Sunday, January 20, 2013	Sunday, January 20, 2013	**Secretary of State:** Presidential Inauguration Day. *Amendment XX to the United States Constitution*	Amendment XX - U.S. Constitution	Secretary of State	Presidential
Monday, January 21, 2013	Monday, January 21, 2013	**Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday:** No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. *Minn. Stat. §645.44, subd. 5*	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
Monday, February 04, 2013	Monday, February 04, 2013	**Secretary of State:** Last day for Secretary of State to report to the EAC the number of absentee ballots transmitted to voters under section 203B.16 - no later than 90 days after the general election. *Minn. Stat. §203B.19*	203B.19	Secretary of State	AB

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Monday, February 11, 2013	Tuesday, February 26, 2013	**Secretary of State:** Period of time to mail ballots to registered voters in mail precincts for March Township Elections. No later than 14 days before the election, the auditor must make a subsequent mailing of ballots to those voters who register to vote after the initial mailing but before the 20th day before the election. If an absentee ballot is refected at least 5 days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must be considered spoiled and the auditor or clerk shall provide the voter with a replacement ballot - no earlier than 30 days prior to election and no later than 14 days prior to election. *Minn. Stat. §204B.45, subd. 2*	204B.45, subd. 2	Secretary of State	Mail Elections
Friday, February 15, 2013	Friday, February 15, 2013	**Secretary of State:** Secretary of State must provide auditors with Dept of Corrections data as part of ALM.	201.157	Secretary of State	Reg.
Friday, February 15, 2013	Friday, February 15, 2013	**Secretary of State:** Secretary of State must provide auditors with Dept of Public Safety citizenship data as part of ALM.	201.158	Secretary of State	Reg.
Tuesday, February 19, 2013	Tuesday, February 19, 2013	**Secretary of State:** Last day to preregister for March Township election - closes at 5:00 p.m. 21 days before election. *Minn. Stat. §201.061*	201.061	Secretary of State	Reg.
Wednesday, February 20, 2013	Monday, March 11, 2013	**Secretary of State:** Period of time during which Election Judges shall deliver absentee ballots only to an eligible voter who is a temporary or permaent resdent in a healthcare facility or hospital located in the municipality in which the voter maintains residence who has aplied for absentee ballots to the county auditor or municipal clerk - 20 days preceding an election (Healthcare Facility Outreach). *Minn. Stat. §203B.11, subd. 2*	203B.11, subd. 2	Secretary of State	AB

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Friday, March 01, 2013	Friday, March 01, 2013	**Secretary of State:** Secretary of state shall provide report on number of non-deliverable EDR notices which auditor reported to county attorney and OSS.	201.121, subd. 3	Secretary of State	Reg.
Saturday, March 09, 2013	Saturday, March 09, 2013	**Secretary of State:** (If County Auditor is administering absentee voting for the town) County Auditor's office open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots - on the Saturday immediately preceding the election. *Minn. Stat. §203B.085*	203B.085	Secretary of State	AB
Monday, March 11, 2013	Monday, March 11, 2013	**Secretary of State:** County Auditor's office open until 5:00 p.m. on the day immediately preceding the March Township Election for acceptance of absentee ballot applications and casting of absentee ballots. (If County Auditor is administering absentee voting for the township). *Minn. Stat. §203B.085*	203B.085	Secretary of State	AB
Tuesday, March 12, 2013	Tuesday, March 12, 2013	**TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY: Secretary of State:** 2nd Tuesday in March. *Minn. Stat. §205.075, subd. 1*	205.075, subd. 1	Secretary of State	Election Day
Thursday, March 14, 2013	Thursday, March 14, 2013	**Secretary of State:** Last day for township board to canvass election results - within 2 days of election. *Minn. Stat. §205.185, subd. 3*	205.185, subd. 3	Secretary of State	After the Election