2012 Presidential Campaigns Election 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.

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*** 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
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
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, February 07, 2012	Tuesday, February 07, 2012	**Presidential Campaigns:** Political Party Precinct Caucuses held beginning at 7:00 p.m. - if the chairs of the two largest major political parties do not jointly submit a single date for conducting their precinct caucuses then the first Tuesday in February shall be considered the day o fa major political party precinct caucus. *Minn. Stat. §202A.14, subd. 1*	202A.14, subd. 1	Presidential Campaigns	Caucus
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	**Presidential Campaigns:** Intended deadline for legislative redistricting - 25 weeks before primary. *Minn. Stat. §204B.14, subd. 1a*	204B.14, subd. 1a	Presidential Campaigns	Redistrict
Tuesday, April 03, 2012	Tuesday, April 03, 2012	**Presidential Campaigns:** Deadline for municipal redistricting - 19 weeks before primary. *Minn. Stat. §204B.14, subd. 3(c); 204B.135, subd. 1*	204B.14, subd. 3(c); 204B.135, subd. 1	Presidential Campaigns	Redistrict
Tuesday, May 22, 2012	Tuesday, August 21, 2012	**Presidential Campaigns:** 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	Presidential Campaigns	Filing

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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
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
Monday, August 13, 2012	Monday, August 13, 2012	**Presidential Campaigns:** Last day for Secretary of State to determine the order of minor parties for listing on the State General Election ballot - 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	Presidential Campaigns	Election Day
Tuesday, August 14, 2012	Tuesday, August 14, 2012	**STATE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: (Not a Presidential Primary) Presidential Campaigns:** 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	Presidential Campaigns	Redistrict
Monday, August 27, 2012	Monday, August 27, 2012	**Presidential Campaigns:** 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	Presidential Campaigns	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

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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
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
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
Tuesday, December 11, 2012	Tuesday, December 11, 2012	**Presidential Campaigns:** Deadline for compliance with 3 USC section 5 relating to determination of controversy relating to Presidential Electors. 3 USC 5	3 USC 5	Presidential Campaigns	Presidential
Monday, December 17, 2012	Monday, December 17, 2012	**Presidential Campaigns:** 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	Presidential Campaigns	Presidential
Monday, December 17, 2012	Monday, December 17, 2012	**Presidential Campaigns:** 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	Presidential Campaigns	Presidential

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Monday, December 17, 2012	Monday, December 17, 2012	**Presidential Campaigns:** 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	Presidential Campaigns	Presidential
Monday, December 17, 2012	Monday, December 17, 2012	**Presidential Campaigns:** 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	Presidential Campaigns	Presidential
Monday, December 17, 2012	Monday, December 17, 2012	**Presidential Campaigns:** 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	Presidential Campaigns	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	Presidential Campaigns	Presidential

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Tuesday, December 18, 2012	Tuesday, December 18, 2012	**Presidential Campaigns:** 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	Presidential Campaigns	Presidential
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
Sunday, January 06, 2013	Sunday, January 06, 2013	**Secretary of State:** The U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representativfes 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	Presidential Campaigns	Presidential
Sunday, January 20, 2013	Sunday, January 20, 2013	**Presidential Campaigns:** Presidential Inauguration Day. *Amendment XX to the United States Constitution*	Amendment XX - U.S. Constitution	Presidential Campaigns	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