2012 Campaign Finance 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
Tuesday, November 15, 2011	Tuesday, November 15, 2011	**Campaign Finance:** Last day for candidate to file Campaign Financial Report Certification of Filing form - within 7 days of general election. *Minn. Stat. §211A.05*	211A.05	Campaign Finance	Filing
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, January 17, 2012	Tuesday, January 17, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** Candidate filing closes for March township elections - 56 days before the election. *Minn. Stat. §205.13, subd. 1a*	205.13, subd. 1a	Campaign Finance	Filing
Thursday, January 19, 2012	Thursday, January 19, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** Candidates for March township election may withdraw until 5:00 p.m. – within 2 days after filing closes. Minn. Stat. §205.13, subd. 6	205.13, subd. 6	Campaign Finance	Filing
Tuesday, January 31, 2012	Tuesday, January 31, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** Annual Campaign Finance Reports due - January 31 of each year. *Minn. Stat. §211A.02, subd. 1*	211A.02, subd. 1	Campaign Finance	Filing
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	**Campaign Finance:** Intended deadline for legislative redistricting - 25 weeks befoe primary. *Minn. Stat. §204B.14, subd. 1a*	204B.14, subd. 1a	Campaign Finance	Redistrict
Friday, March 02, 2012	Friday, March 02, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** Campaign finance reports due (If more than $750 raised or spent) - 10 days before the March Township election. *Minn. Stat. §211A.02, subd. 1*	211A.02, subd. 1	Campaign Finance	Filing

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Tuesday, March 13, 2012	Tuesday, March 13, 2012	**TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY: Campaign Finance:** 2nd Tuesday in March. *Minn. Stat. §205.075, subd. 1*	205.075, subd. 1	Campaign Finance	Election Day
Thursday, March 15, 2012	Thursday, March 15, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** Last day for township board to canvass election results – within 2 days of election. *Minn. Stat. §205.185, subd. 3*	205.185, subd. 3	Campaign Finance	After the Election
Tuesday, April 10, 2012	Tuesday, April 10, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** 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	Campaign Finance	Redistrict
Thursday, April 12, 2012	Thursday, April 12, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** Campaign Finance Report due - 30 days after the March Township election (If more than $750 raised or spent). *Minn. Stat. §211A.02, subd. 1*	211A.02, subd. 1	Campaign Finance	Filling
Friday, April 13, 2012	Friday, April 13, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** Individuals file supplemental statement of economic interest (**Metropolitan Counties, and cities with population over 50,000 in Metropolitan Counties) - on April 15 of each year. *Minn. Stat. §10A.09, subd. 6*	10A.09, subd. 6	Campaign Finance	Filing
Tuesday, May 01, 2012	Tuesday, May 01, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** 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	Campaign Finance	Redistrict
Thursday, May 03, 2012	Thursday, May 03, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** (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	Campaign Finance	Redistrict

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Tuesday, May 08, 2012	Tuesday, May 08, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** (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)	Campaign Finance	Redistrict
Tuesday, May 08, 2012	Tuesday, May 08, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** 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	Campaign Finance	Redistrict
Tuesday, May 22, 2012	Tuesday, June 05, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** Candidate filing period for federal offices, state offices, county offices, cities with a primary, school districts with a primary, and soil and water conservation districts - opens 84 days before election and closes 70 days before election. *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	Campaign Finance	Filing
Tuesday, May 22, 2012	Tuesday, June 19, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** Candidates for November Election file statement of economic interest with Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board - within 14 days of filing. (**Metropolitan Counties, and cities with population over 50,000 in Metropolitan Counties) *Minn. Stat. §10A.09, Subd. 1*	10A.09, subd. 1	Campaign Finance	Filing
Tuesday, May 22, 2012	Tuesday, November 06, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** Initial Campaign Financial Report due within 14 days of raising or spending more than $750. *Minn. Stat. §211A.02, subd. 1*	211A.02, subd. 1	Campaign Finance	Filing
Tuesday, May 22, 2012	Tuesday, November 06, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** (If committee or candidate receives contributions or makes disbursements of more than $750 in a calendar year) Initial campaign financial reports due within 14 days of receiving contributions or making disbursements of more than $750. *Minn. Stat. §211A.02, subd. 1*	211A.02, subd. 1	Campaign Finance	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
Tuesday, June 05, 2012	Tuesday, June 05, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** 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	Campaign Finance	Filing
Wednesday, June 06, 2012	Wednesday, June 06, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** Auditor 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 Counties) *Minn. Stat. §10A.09, subd. 2*	10A.09, subd. 2	Campaign Finance	Filing
Thursday, June 07, 2012	Thursday, June 07, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** Last day for candidates 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	Campaign Finance	Filing
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
Tuesday, July 31, 2012	Tuesday, August 14, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** 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	Campaign Finance	Filing

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Tuesday, July 31, 2012	Tuesday, November 06, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** (If committee or candidate receives contributions or makes disbursements of more than $750 in a calendar year) Initial campaign financial reports due within 14 days of receiving contributions or making disbursements of more than $750. *Minn. Stat. §211A.02, subd. 1*	211A.02, subd. 1	Campaign Finance	Filing
Friday, August 03, 2012	Friday, August 03, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** Candidate campaign finance reports due - 10 days before primary. *Minn. Stat. §211A.02*	211A.02	Campaign Finance	Filing
Tuesday, August 14, 2012	Tuesday, August 14, 2012	**STATE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: Campaign Finance:** First Tuesday after the second Monday in September. *Minn. Stat. §204D.03*	204D.03	Campaign Finance	Election Day
Tuesday, August 14, 2012	Tuesday, August 14, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** 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	Campaign Finance	Filing
Tuesday, August 14, 2012	Tuesday, August 14, 2012	**STATE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: Campaign Finance:** 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	Campaign Finance	Redistrict
Thursday, August 16, 2012	Thursday, August 16, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** Last day for candidates in Cities without a Primary, Towns with November Elections, and School Districts without a Primary to withdraw. Candidates may withdraw until 5:00 p.m. by filing an Affidavit of Withdrawal - no later than 5:00 p.m. 2 days after filing closes. *Minn. Stat. §205.13, subd. 6; §205A.06, subd. 5*	205.13, subd. 6; 205A.06, subd. 5	Campaign Finance	Filing

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Tuesday, August 21, 2012	Tuesday, August 21, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** 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	Campaign Finance	After the Election
Tuesday, August 21, 2012	Tuesday, August 21, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** Candidate filing period closes for hospital districts - 77 days before election. *Minn. Stat. §447.32, subd. 4*	447.32, subd. 4	Campaign Finance	Filing
Thursday, August 23, 2012	Thursday, August 23, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** 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	Campaign Finance	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
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
Friday, October 26, 2012	Friday, October 26, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** Campaign finance reports due - 10 days before the general election. *Minn. Stat. §211A.02*	211A.02	Campaign Finance	Filing
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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Tuesday, November 13, 2012	Tuesday, November 13, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** Last day for candidate to file *Campaign Financial Report Certification of Filing* form - within 7 days of general election. *Minn. Stat. §211A.05*	211A.05	Campaign Finance	Filing
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, November 27, 2012	Tuesday, November 27, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** 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 auditors - on the third Tuesday following the State General Election. *Minn. Stat. §204C.33, subd. 3*	204C.33, subd. 3	Campaign Finance	After the Election
Thursday, December 06, 2012	Thursday, December 06, 2012	**Campaign Finance:** Campaign financial reports due - 30 days after general election. *Minn. Stat. §211A.02, subd. 1*	211A.02, subd. 1	Campaign Finance	Filing
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
Monday, January 07, 2013	Monday, January 07, 2013	**Campaign Finance:** The Secretary of State shall notify each Major Political Party and Minor Political Party of the conditions necessary for the party to participate in incom 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	Campaign Finance	Political Parties

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Monday, January 07, 2013	Monday, January 07, 2013	**Campaign Finance:** Terms begin for state, county, city, town and school district 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	Campaign Finance	After the Election
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
Thursday, January 31, 2013	Thursday, January 31, 2013	**Campaign Finance:** Annual Campaign Finance Reports due - January 31 of each year. *Minn. Stat. §211A.02, subd. 1*	211A.02, subd. 1	Campaign Finance	Filing