2012 Soil and Water Conservation District 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	**PRECINCT CAUCUS: Soil and Water Conservation Districts:** 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	Soil and Water Dist.	Caucus
Tuesday, February 07, 2012	Tuesday, February 07, 2012	**PRECINCT CAUCUS: Soil and Water Conservation District:** 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	Soil and Water Dist.	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

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Tuesday, February 21, 2012	Tuesday, February 21, 2012	**Soil and Water Conservation Districts:** Intended deadline for legislative redistricting - 25 weeks befoe primary. *Minn. Stat. §204B.14, subd. 1a*	204B.14, subd. 1a	Soil and Water Dist.	Redistrict
Tuesday, March 13, 2012	Tuesday, March 13, 2012	**Soil and Water Conservation District:** (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	Soil and Water Dist.	Redistrict
Tuesday, March 13, 2012	Tuesday, March 13, 2012	**TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY: Soil and Water Conservation Districts:** No special taxing district governing body shall conduct a meeting between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. - on the day that an election is held within the boundaies of the special taxing district. *Minn. Stat. §204C.03*	204C.03	Soil and Water Dist.	Election Day
Tuesday, April 10, 2012	Tuesday, April 10, 2012	**Soil and Water Conservation Districts:** 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	Soil and Water Dist.	Redistrict
Tuesday, May 01, 2012	Tuesday, May 01, 2012	**Soil and Water Conservation District:** 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	Soil and Water Dist.	Redistrict
Thursday, May 03, 2012	Thursday, May 03, 2012	**Soil and Water Conservation Districts:** (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	Soil and Water Dist.	Redistrict

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Tuesday, May 08, 2012	Tuesday, May 08, 2012	**Soil and Water Conservation Districts:** (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)	Soil and Water Dist.	Redistrict
Tuesday, May 08, 2012	Tuesday, May 08, 2012	**Soil and Water Conservation Districts:** Last day to publish notice of filing - at least 2 weeks before filing opens. *Minn. Stat. § 204B.33*	204B.33	Soil and Water Dist.	Notice
Tuesday, May 08, 2012	Tuesday, May 08, 2012	**Soil and Water Conservation Districts:** 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	Soil and Water Dist.	Redistrict
Friday, May 11, 2012	Friday, May 11, 2012	**Soil and Water Conservation District:** Last day for County Auditor to post notice of filing - at least 10 days before filing. *Minn. Stat. §204B.33*	204B.33	Soil and Water Dist.	Notice
Tuesday, May 22, 2012	Tuesday, June 05, 2012	**Soil and Water Conservation Districts:** Filing period for Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors, with the County Auditor's office in the county in which the district office is located - during the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for county offices. (A primary may not be held) *Minn. Stat. §103C.305, subd. 2*	103C.305, subd. 2	Soil and Water Dist.	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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Tuesday, June 05, 2012	Tuesday, June 05, 2012	**Soil and Water Conservation Districts:** Candidate filing period closes for soil and water conservation district supervisors (A primary may not be held) - (during the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for county offices) 70 days before primary. *Minn. Stat.§103C.305, subd. 2*	103C.305, subd. 2	Soil and Water Dist.	Filing
Thursday, June 07, 2012	Thursday, June 07, 2012	**Soil and Water Conservation District:** 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	Soil and Water Dist.	Fililng
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, August 14, 2012	Tuesday, August 14, 2012	**STATE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: Soil and Water Conservation Districts:** 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	Soil and Water Dist.	Redistrict
Tuesday, August 14, 2012	Tuesday, August 14, 2012	**STATE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: Soil and Water Conservation Districts:** No special taxing district governing body shall conduct a meeting between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. - on the day that an election is held within the boundaries of the special taxing district. *Minn. Stat. §204C.03, subd. 1*	204C.03, subd. 1	Soil and Water Dist.	Election Day
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
Tuesday, October 30, 2012	Tuesday, October 30, 2012	**Soil and Water Conservation District:** 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	Soil and Water Dist.	Filing
Tuesday, November 06, 2012	Tuesday, November 06, 2012	**STATE GENERAL ELECTION DAY: Soil and Water Conservation Districts:** 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	Soil and Water Dist.	Election Day
Tuesday, November 06, 2012	Tuesday, November 06, 2012	**STATE GENERAL ELECTION DAY: Soil and Water Convervation Districts:** Elections must be held at the State General Election - the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year. *Minn. Stat. §103C.305, subd. 1; §204D.03, subd. 2*	103C.305, subd. 1; 204D.03, subd. 2	Soil and Water Dist.	Election Day

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Friday, November 09, 2012	Friday, November 16, 2012	**Soil and Water Conservation Districts:** The County Auditor shall certify the results of the Soil and Water Conservation Supervisor races to the Board of Water and Soil Resources. If the District includes more than one county the County Auditor shall immediately certify the vote to the Board. *Minn. Stat. §103C.305, subd. 4*	103C.305, subd. 4	Soil and Water Dist.	After the Election
Friday, November 09, 2012	Friday, November 16, 2012	**Soil and Water Conservation District:** Last day for Counties, Cities, Towns with November Elections, and School Districts to canvass results of general election - between the 3rd and 10th day following general election. *Minn. Stat. §204C.33, subd. 1; §205.185, subd. 3; 205A.10, subd. 3*	204C.33, subd. 1; 205.185, subd. 3; 205A.10, subd. 3	Soil and Water Dist.	After the Election
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 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	**Soil and Water Conservation Districts:** Terms begin for officers elected at the November General Election - First Monday in January. *Minn. Stat. §204D.02, subd. 2*	204D.02, subd. 2	Soil and Water Dist.	After the Election

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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