

# 2018 MINNESOTA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ELECTIONS CALENDAR

## NOTES ON THE CALENDAR

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This calendar lists important election dates related to the 2018 Election Cycle. Date entries include citations to Minnesota Statutes or Minnesota Rules. [Minnesota Statutes and Rules](http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us) 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 2018 may alter dates or other information on this calendar. For the most current version of this document please check the Secretary of State's [Election Calendars](http://www.sos.state.mn.us/election-administration-campaigns/election-administration/election-calendars/) webpage at <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/election-administration-campaigns/election-administration/election-calendars/>.

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.

### Geographic Definitions

- Metro Towns (M.S. 200.02, subd. 24): Towns located in Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington, and Wright Counties.
- Metropolitan area (M.S. 473.121, subd. 2): The area over which the Metropolitan Council has jurisdiction, including only the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota excluding the cities of Northfield and Cannon Falls; Hennepin excluding the cities of Hanover and Rockford; Ramsey; Scott excluding the city of New Prague; and Washington.

### Calculation of Dates

Dates on the 2018 Minnesota Combined Election Calendar are calculated in the following manner, pursuant to M.S. 331A.08, subs. 1-2; 645.13-.15; & .151: 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 a jurisdiction's administrative 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."

### Relevant law on the calculation of dates

- 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 Computation of time.  
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."

### **Special Elections Uniform Election Dates**

- There are now only 5 uniform election dates on which counties, cities, towns & school districts may hold special elections. These dates fall within the months of February, April, May, August and November. Towns with March general elections may hold special elections for vacancies or questions on the March election date as well.
- Timelines for items such as candidate filing notices, candidate filing periods, canvass board meetings & contest/recount periods have been excluded from the February, April & May uniform election dates because there are too many variables; jurisdiction holding the special election, the type of special election & if the election "standalone" or held "in conjunction" with another jurisdiction.
- Timelines that are universal to all jurisdictions, standalone or those held in conjunction & types of special elections are included."

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Begin Date	End Date	Description of Activity	Statute or Rule	Affected Group	Activity Type
November 07, 2017 Tuesday	November 07, 2017 Tuesday	<b>ODD-YEAR GENERAL ELECTION DAY - SWCD:</b> The 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November. <i>M.S. 123B.09, subd. 5b; 126C.17, subd.9; 205.07, subd. 1; 205.075, subd. 2; 205.10, subd. 3a; 205A.04; subd. 1</i>	123B.09, subd. 5b; 126C.17, subd. 9; 205.07, subd. 1; 205.075, subd. 2; 205.10, subd. 3a; 205A.04, subd. 1	SWCD	Notice
November 23, 2017 Thursday	November 23, 2017 Thursday	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday:</b> No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
November 24, 2017 Friday	November 24, 2017 Friday	<b>Day After Thanksgiving Holiday:</b> Political subdivisions have the option of determining whether Friday after Thanksgiving day shall be a holiday. Where it is determined that day after Thanksgiving is not a holiday, public business may be conducted. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
December 01, 2017 Friday	December 01, 2017 Friday	<b>SWCD:</b> Last day for a municipality or county (unorganized territories) to change election precinct boundaries for the 2018 state primary and general election year - No later than December 1 in the year prior to the year of the <b><i>state general</i></b> election. <i>M.S. 204B.14, subd. 4</i>	204B.14, subd. 4	SWCD	Boundaries
December 25, 2017 Monday	December 25, 2017 Monday	<b>Christmas Day Holiday.</b> No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd.5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday

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December 29, 2017 Friday	December 29, 2017 Friday	<b>SWCD:</b> Last day for <u>cities/towns &amp; counties</u> (unorganized territory) to <i>designate</i> by ordinance or resolution a poll place for each election precinct for the following calendar year. To include designated mail ballot precincts' election day poll place - by December 31 of <u>each</u> year. <i>M.S. 204B.16, subd. 1</i>	204B.16, subd. 1	SWCD	Polling Place
December 29, 2017 Friday	December 29, 2017 Friday	<b>SWCD:</b> Last day for OSS to provide, by electronic means, the <i>formats</i> of absentee ballot <u>application</u> forms - <i>by</i> January 1 of each even-numbered year. <i>M.S. 203B.04, subd. 1</i>	203B.04, subd. 1	SWCD	Absentee Ballot
January 01, 2018 Monday	January 01, 2018 Monday	<b>New Year's Day Holiday.</b> No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
January 01, 2018 Monday	December 31, 2018 Monday	<b>SWCD:</b> Candidate or committee <u><i>Initial Campaign Financial Report</i></u> due with 14 days of raising or spending more than \$750 for a <i>new</i> candidate or ballot question campaign <i>anytime</i> within the calendar year. M.S. 211A.02 identified financial reports are required to be submitted until the Final Report is filed for <i>that</i> candidate or ballot question campaign. <i>M.S. 211A.02, subd. 1(a)</i>	211A.02, subd. 1(a)	SWCD	Filing

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January 01, 2018 Monday	December 31, 2018 Monday	<b>SWCD:</b> Filing officers who receive <i>financial reports</i> as per M.S. 211A.02 must post them on their public <i>websites</i> (if one is maintained) within 30 days of receipt of report. Officer must provide link to that webpage to CFPDB. Does not apply to cities or towns with fewer than 400 registered voters as of January 1 of the year of the election. Reports are kept on website for 4 years. <i>M.S. 211A.02, subd. 6</i>	211A.02, subd. 6	SWCD	Filing
January 15, 2018 Monday	January 15, 2018 Monday	<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday</b> - No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
January 17, 2018 Wednesday	January 17, 2018 Wednesday	<b>SWCD:</b> Last day for party county or legislative district chair to issue call for the precinct caucus and deliver same information to the municipal clerk and county auditor - at least 20 days before the precinct caucus meetings. <i>M.S. 202A.14, subds. 2 &amp; 3</i>	202A.14, subds. 2 & 3	SWCD	Precinct Caucus Meetings
January 26, 2018 Friday	January 26, 2018 Friday	<b>SWCD:</b> County election offices make political party precinct caucus meetings information available. This is done with a <i>precinct caucus finder</i> found on the OSS website. <u>Suggested</u> that a county office keep "back up" copies (paper, electronic) of their county's information in the event of internet access problems, etc. - at least 10 days before precinct caucus meetings. <i>M.S. 202A.14, subd. 3</i>	202A.14, subd. 3	SWCD	Precinct Caucus Meetings
January 31, 2018 Wednesday	January 31, 2018 Wednesday	<b>SWCD:</b> Annual Campaign Finance Reports due if a final report has not been submitted - by January 31 of each year. <i>M.S. 211A.02, subd. 1</i>	211A.02, subd. 1	SWCD	Filing

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January 31, 2018 Wednesday	January 31, 2018 Wednesday	<b>SWCD:</b> Last day for party county or legislative district chair to give published notice of the holding of precinct caucus meetings. To include place, date, and time - at least 6 days' published notice. <i>M.S. 202A.14, subd. 3</i>	202A.14, subd. 3	SWCD	Precinct Caucus Meetings
February 06, 2018 Tuesday	February 06, 2018 Tuesday	<b>PRECINCT CAUCUS MEETINGS: SWCD: First Tuesday in February.</b> In every state general election year, beginning at 7 p.m., there shall be held for every election precinct a party caucus. If the chairs of 2 largest major political parties do not jointly submit another date, they are held the first Tuesday in February in a year when no presidential nomination primary is required. Preference ballot for Office of Governor is distributed and results are reported to OSS. OSS promptly reports results (website). <i>M.S. 202A.14, subd. 1; 202A.18, subd. 2a; 202A.20, subd. 2</i>	202A.14, subd. 1; 202A.18, subd. 2a; 202A.20, subd. 2	SWCD	Precinct Caucus Meetings

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February 06, 2018 Tuesday	February 06, 2018 Tuesday	<b>PRECINCT CAUCUS MEETINGS: SWCD: First Tuesday in February.</b> No special taxing district (M.S. 275.066) governing body, school board, county board of commissioners, township board or city council meetings after 6 p.m. on the day of a major political party precinct caucus. No U of M events after 6 p.m. unless Regents provide permission. No MN state college or university events after 6 p.m. unless Trustees provide permission. No public elementary or secondary school sponsored event after 6 p.m. No state agency, board, commission, department or committee meetings after 6 p.m. <i>M.S. 202A.19, subs. 1, 3, 5 &amp; 6</i>	202A.19, subs. 1, 3, 5 & 6	SWCD	Precinct Caucus Meetings
February 19, 2018 Monday	February 19, 2018 Monday	<b>Presidents' Day Holiday:</b> No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
February 20, 2018 Tuesday	February 20, 2018 Tuesday	<b>Legislature:</b> Legislative Session Reconvenes. <i>Minn. Const. Article IV; M.S. 3.011</i>	Minn. Const. Article IV; 3.011	Legislature	Legislature
March 13, 2018 Tuesday	March 13, 2018 Tuesday	<b>MARCH TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY: SWCD: Between 6:00-8:00 pm:</b> No special taxing district, school board, county board, or town board meeting ( <i>an election</i> ); no state college & university events ( <i>an election</i> ); no public school sponsored events ( <i>regular election</i> ) <b><i>IF</i></b> located within the boundaries of any town having election on this date. <i>M.S. 204C.03</i>	204C.03	SWCD	Election Day

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March 23, 2018 Friday	March 23, 2018 Friday	<b>SWCD:</b> First day for state & county candidates to prepare & sign affidavits of candidacy - during the 60 days before the filing period opens and through the last day of the filing period. <i>M.S. 204B.09, subd. 1(a)</i>	204B.09, subd. 1(a)	SWCD	Filing
May 11, 2018 Friday	May 11, 2018 Friday	<b>SWCD:</b> Last day for counties to <b>post</b> notice stating the <i>state (county of residence)/county offices</i> filing period first & last dates and the closing time for the last day - at least 10 days before the first day to file affidavits for the <b><u>State General</u></b> election date. <i>M.S. 204B.33(b)</i>	204B.33(b)	SWCD	Filing
May 15, 2018 Tuesday	May 15, 2018 Tuesday	<b>SWCD:</b> Last day for counties to <b>publish</b> notice stating the <i>state (county of residence)/county offices</i> filing period first & last dates and the closing time for the last day - at least 1 week before the first day to file affidavits for the <b><u>State General</u></b> election date. <i>M.S. 204B.33(b)</i>	204B.33(b)	SWCD	Filing
May 21, 2018 Monday	May 21, 2018 Monday	<b>Legislature:</b> Last day for 2018 Legislature to meet in regular session - first Monday following the 3rd Saturday in May of any year. <i>Minnesota Constitution, Article IV, Section 12</i>	Minn. Const. Article IV, Section 12	Legislature	Legislature
May 22, 2018 Tuesday	June 05, 2018 Tuesday	<b>SWCD:</b> Federal, state and county (including SWCD) offices 2018 State Election cycle " <b>early</b> " <b><u>filing period</u></b> . Filing period for cities & school districts with a primary candidates to file - 84 - 70 days before the <b><u>State Primary</u></b> . <i>M.S. 103C.305, subd. 2; 204B.09, subd. 1(a); 205.13, subd. 1a; 205A.06, subd. 1a</i>	103C.305, subd. 2; 204B.09, subd. 1(a); 205.13, subd. 1a; 205A.06, subd. 1a	SWCD	Filing



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May 22, 2018 Tuesday	October 30, 2018 Tuesday	<b>SWCD:</b> Time period for a candidate for county, state, judicial or federal office who wants <u>write-in votes for their name counted</u> on <b>State General</b> ballots to file a written request with the filing officer. Request must be accepted by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of filing written request. If ERS is being used, an e-mail about instructions for entry of names, forms printing, vote tally recording/reporting & the write-in abstract will be provided by OSS - not more than 84 days before the primary and no later than the 7th day before the general election. <i>M.S. 204B.09, subd. 3</i>	204B.09, subd. 3	SWCD	After the Election
May 28, 2018 Monday	May 28, 2018 Monday	<b>Memorial Day Holiday:</b> No public business shall be transacted except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
June 05, 2018 Tuesday	June 05, 2018 Tuesday	<b>SWCD:</b> <u>Last day</u> of filing period for federal, state & county offices (including SWCD) for the 2018 <b>State Election Cycle</b> - 70 days before the State Primary. <i>M.S. 103C.305, subd. 2; 204B.09, subd. 1</i>	103C.305, subd. 2; 204B.09, subd. 1	SWCD	Filing
June 07, 2018 Thursday	June 07, 2018 Thursday	<b>SWCD:</b> Last day for candidates who filed by June 5th for a <b>State Primary</b> ballot office to withdraw by 5:00 p.m. - no later than two days after the last day for filing for the office. <i>M.S. 204B.12, subds. 1 &amp; 3; 205.13, subd. 6; 205A.06, subd. 5</i>	204B.12, subds. 1 & 3; 205.13, subd. 6; 205A.06, subd. 5	SWCD	Filing
June 29, 2018 Friday	June 29, 2018 Friday	<b>SWCD:</b> OSS shall prepare and make an electronic copy of all state laws relating to elections. The AG shall provide annotations to the OSS for this volume. It is placed on the OSS website in even years. <i>M.S. 204B.27, subd. 2</i>	204B.27, subd. 2	SWCD	Election Day

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June 29, 2018 Friday	November 16, 2018 Friday	<b>SWCD:</b> Time period when all noncommercial <u>signs</u> of any <b>size</b> may be posted in any <b>number</b> - beginning 46 days before the <u>State Primary</u> until 10 days following the <u>State General</u> in a state general election year. <i>M.S. 211B.045</i>	211B.045	SWCD	Filing
July 04, 2018 Wednesday	July 04, 2018 Wednesday	<b>Independence Day Holiday:</b> No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
July 23, 2018 Monday	July 23, 2018 Monday	<b>SWCD:</b> A change in the boundary of an election precinct that has occurred as a result of a municipal boundary adjustment made under M.S. Chapter 414 that is effective <i>more</i> than 21 days before the 2018 <u>State Primary</u> (regularly scheduled) election takes effect <i>at</i> that election - <i>more</i> than 21 days before the election. <i>M.S. 204B.14, subd. 4a</i>	204B.14, subd. 4a	SWCD	Boundaries
July 31, 2018 Tuesday	July 31, 2018 Tuesday	<b>SWCD:</b> Last day for county auditor to designate location for <u>State General</u> Absentee Ballot voting. Assistive voting device required for all Absentee Ballot voting locations - 14 weeks before election. <i>M.S. 203B.081, subd. 2</i>	203B.081, subd. 2	SWCD	Absentee Ballot

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August 14, 2018 Tuesday	August 14, 2018 Tuesday	<p><b>STATE PRIMARY DAY: SWCD:</b> The second Tuesday in August. There is always a <i>slight</i> chance that a state primary <u>might not</u> be held in <i>some</i> jurisdictions/precincts due to not enough candidates for major party offices. <b>New beginning 2018:</b> Second Tuesday in August (State Primary date) is now 1 of only 5 uniform special election dates in a calendar year. <i>M.S. 123A.48, subd. 14; 200.02, subd. 4(2); 204D.03, subds. 1 &amp; 3; 204D.21, subds. 1 &amp; 2; 204D.28, subds. 5(b) &amp; 7; 204D.29, subd. 2; 205.065, subd. 1; 205.07, subd. 3; 205.10, subd. 3a; 205A.03, subd. 2; 205A.05, subd. 1a; 375.101, subd. 1; 410.10, subd. 1; 447.32, subd. 2</i></p>	<p>123A.48, subd. 14; 200.02, subd. 4(2); 204D.03, subds. 1 &amp; 3; 204D.21, subds. 1 &amp; 2; 204D.28, subds. 5(b) &amp; 7; 204D.29, subd. 2; 205.065, subd. 1; 205.07, subd. 3; 205.10, subd. 3a; 205A.03, subd. 2; 205A.05, subd. 1a; 375.101, subd. 1; 410.10, subd. 1; 447.32, subd. 2</p>	SWCD	Election Day

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August 14, 2018 Tuesday	August 14, 2018 Tuesday	<p><b>STATE PRIMARY DAY: SWCD: Between 6:00-8:00 p.m.</b> No special taxing district, governing body, school board, county board of commissioners, city council or town board shall conduct a meeting if a primary election is being held within its boundaries. Except for regularly scheduled classes, no MN state college or university shall schedule an event. Except for regularly scheduled classes, a public elementary or secondary school may not schedule a school sponsored event - between 6-8 p.m. if a regularly scheduled primary election is being held within its boundaries. <i>M.S. 204C.03, subds. 1, 2 &amp; 3</i></p>	204C.03, subd. 1, 2 & 3	SWCD	Election Day
August 21, 2018 Tuesday	August 21, 2018 Tuesday	<p><b>SWCD:</b> Ballot layout begins (or is finalized) for the <b><u>State General</u></b>. The official charged with the preparation &amp; distribution of general ballots shall prepare instructions to the printer for rotation of the names of candidates &amp; for layout of the ballot. The legal advisor of the ballot preparation official shall approve printer instructions. <i>Suggestion:</i> Before printing of the paper ballot takes place, all jurisdictions with items on the ballot review a proof of their ballots that include their ballot items &amp; provide some sort of confirmation of accuracy. <i>M.S. 204D.04</i></p>	204D.04	SWCD	Ballots

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August 28, 2018 Tuesday	August 28, 2018 Tuesday	<b>SWCD:</b> If a municipality or county (unorganized territories) has chosen mail <i>balloting</i> for <i>state/federal</i> elections, last day to provide notice (post) of mail balloting and the special mail procedure for <b><i>State General</i></b> elections. If 1st mail ballot election, an <i>additional</i> notice must be given by a <i>different</i> method - at least 10 weeks prior to the election. <i>M.S. 204B.45, subd. 2; M.R. 8210.3000, subp. 3</i>	204B.45, subd. 2; 8210.3000, subp. 3	SWCD	Mail Ballot
September 03, 2018 Monday	September 03, 2018 Monday	<b>Labor Day Holiday:</b> No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
September 07, 2018 Friday	September 07, 2018 Friday	<b>SWCD:</b> Last day to send a <b><i>State General</i></b> Absentee Ballot application to each person on the list of eligible voters who have applied to automatically receive an Absentee Ballot application. No need to send a 2nd application to those who turned in an Absentee Ballot application before State Primary for election cycle – at least 60 days before the election. <i>M.S. 203B.04, subd. 5; 203B.06, subd. 1; M.R. 8210.0200, subp. 4</i>	203B.04, subd. 5; 203B.06, subd. 1; 8210.0200, subp. 4	SWCD	Absentee Ballot
September 21, 2018 Friday	September 21, 2018 Friday	<b>SWCD:</b> Last day for county to <i>post</i> & available for public inspection the precinct <b><i>State General</i></b> <i>sample</i> ballots. Last day to send to <u>OSS</u> electronic copy of all precinct <i>sample</i> ballots - at least 46 days before the State General election. <i>M.S. 204D.16; M.R. 8250.0200</i>	204D.16; 8250.0200	SWCD	Notice

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September 21, 2018 Friday	October 23, 2018 Tuesday	<b>SWCD: <u>State General</u></b> mail ballots shall be mailed by nonforwardable mail to all registered voters in mail ballot precincts identified for federal/state elections. If a mail ballot envelope is rejected at least 5 days before the election, the ballot in the envelope must be considered spoiled and the auditor or clerk shall provide the voter with a replacement ballot. Send NRMail Ballot notice to Challenged/See ID identified voters - Not more than 46 days nor later than 14 days before a regularly scheduled election. <i>M.S. 204B.45, subd. 2</i>	204B.45, subd. 2	SWCD	Mail Ballot
September 21, 2018 Friday	November 05, 2018 Monday	<b>SWCD:</b> Period of time for Absentee Voting for <b><u>State General</u></b> elections. Assistive voting device required for all Absentee Ballot voting locations - at least 46 days before election through day before election. <i>M.S. 203B.04, subds. 1 &amp; 2(a); 203B.081, subd. 2; 204B.35, subd. 4; M.R. 8250.0200; 8250.1810, subp. 1</i>	203B.04, subds. 1 & 2(a); 203B.081, subd. 2; 204B.35, subd. 4; 8250.0200; 8250.1810, subp. 1	SWCD	Absentee Ballot

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September 21, 2018 Friday	November 07, 2018 Wednesday	<b>SWCD: <u>State General</u></b> Absentee Ballot & Mail Ballot boards review voted returned ballot envelopes for "acceptance" or "rejection." Within 5 days after receipt for voted ballots returned from beginning of Absentee Ballot & Mail Ballot voting period through the 15th day before the election. Beginning the 14th day before the election, voted ballots must be reviewed within 3 days - beginning of Absentee Ballot & Mail Ballot voting period (at least 46 days before election) until no later than 24 hours after the end of voting. <i>M.S. 203B.08, subd. 3; 203B.121, subd. 5(c); 204B.45, subd. 2</i>	203B.08, subd. 3; 203B.121, subd. 5(c); 204B.45, subd. 2	SWCD	Absentee Ballot & Mail Ballot
September 22, 2018 Saturday	November 06, 2018 Tuesday	<b>SWCD:</b> Municipality must <u>not</u> make a change to the <i>number or name of a street address</i> of an existing residence prior to <b><u>November State General</u></b> elections in a jurisdiction which includes the affected residence - not during the 45 days prior to <b><u>any</u></b> election. <i>M.S. 201.11, subd. 2</i>	201.11, subd. 2	SWCD	Voter Registration
October 05, 2018 Friday	October 05, 2018 Friday	<b>SWCD:</b> Last day for non-metro* town with less than 500 inhabitants according to last census & a county (unorganized territory) to post or publish notice of <b><u>changed voting hours</u></b> for the <b><u>State General</u></b> election. Last day for town to notify county of change - 30 days before the election. <i>M.S. 204C.05, subds. 1a &amp; 1b</i>	204C.05, subds. 1a & 1b	SWCD	Election Day

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October 08, 2018 Monday	October 08, 2018 Monday	<b>Columbus Day Holiday:</b> 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. This day affects federal mail services. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
October 15, 2018 Monday	October 15, 2018 Monday	<b>SWCD:</b> A change in the boundary of an election precinct that has occurred as a result of a municipal boundary adjustment made under M.S. Chapter 414 that is effective <i>more</i> than 21 days before the 2018 <b><u>State General</u></b> (regularly scheduled) election takes effect <i>at</i> that election - <i>more</i> than 21 days before the election. <i>M.S. 204B.14, subd. 4a</i>	204B.14, subd. 4a	SWCD	Boundaries
October 16, 2018 Tuesday	October 16, 2018 Tuesday	<b>SWCD:</b> Last day to pre-register for November 2018 <b><u>State General Elections</u></b> . Paper applications received in person or by mail have a 5:00 p.m. deadline. Online voter registrations received through OSS secure website have a 11:59 p.m. deadline – closes 21 days before election. <i>M.S. 201.061, subd. 1</i>	201.061, subd. 1	SWCD	Voter Registration



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October 17, 2018 Wednesday	November 05, 2018 Monday	<b>SWCD:</b> Period of time during which Election Judges shall deliver <b><u>State General</u></b> absentee ballots only to an eligible voter who is a temporary or permanent resident in a health care 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 (Health Care Facility Outreach). <i>M.S. 203B.11, subd. 2</i>	203B.11, subd. 2	SWCD	Absentee Ballot
October 17, 2018 Wednesday	November 05, 2018 Monday	<b>SWCD:</b> Auditor mails late registration letters to those w/ <b><u>State General</u></b> elections who did not meet the pre-reg. deadline. Some types of <i>returned</i> "mail ballots" have late reg. notice requirements too - begins 20 days before election. <i>M.R. 8200.3110; 8200.5100, subp. 1C; 8210.3000; subps. 7 &amp; 7a</i>	8200.3110; 8200.5100, subp. 1C; 8210.3000; subps. 7 & 7a	SWCD	Voter Registration
October 22, 2018 Monday	November 04, 2018 Sunday	<b>SWCD:</b> Time period for county to <i>publish</i> precinct <b><u>State General</u></b> <i>sample</i> ballots - No earlier than 15 days & no later than 2 days before the State General. <i>M.S. 204D.16</i>	204D.16	SWCD	Notice
October 23, 2018 Tuesday	October 23, 2018 Tuesday	<b>SWCD:</b> Last day to send an initial or <b><u>subsequent</u></b> mailing of ballots to those voters in a <b><u>State General</u></b> mail ballot precinct who registered to vote before the 20th day before the election - no later than 14 days before the election. <i>M.S. 204B.45, subd. 2</i>	204B.45, subd. 2	SWCD	Mail Ballot

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October 23, 2018 Tuesday	November 05, 2018 Monday	<b>SWCD:</b> Period of time to do public accuracy test of <b><u>State General</u></b> voting equipment to include tabulator and/or assistive voting devices – within 14 days of election. <b>Publish notice at least two days before test.</b> <i>M.S. 206.83</i>	206.83	SWCD	Equipment
October 27, 2018 Saturday	October 27, 2018 Saturday	<b>SWCD:</b> Campaign finance reports due ( <u>if</u> more than \$750 raised or spent <u>and</u> an initial report has been filed) - 10 days before the <b><u>State General</u></b> election. <i>M.S. 211A.02, subd. 1</i>	211A.02, subd. 1	SWCD	Filing
October 30, 2018 Tuesday	October 30, 2018 Tuesday	<b>SWCD:</b> After the close of business on the 7th day before the <b><u>State General</u></b> elections, Absentee Ballot & Mail Ballot return envelopes marked as "accepted" may be opened, duplicated as needed, initialed & deposited in ballot box (counted) - begins the 7th day before election. <i>M.S. 203B.121, subds. 2(b)(6), 3(a) &amp; 4; 204B.45, subd. 2; 204B.46; M.R. 8210.2450, subp. 6</i>	203B.121, subds. 2(b)(6), 3(a) & 4; 204B.45, subd. 2; 204B.46; 8210.2450, subp. 6	SWCD	Absentee Ballot & Mail Ballot
October 30, 2018 Tuesday	October 30, 2018 Tuesday	<b>SWCD:</b> Last day for a candidate for county, state, judicial or federal office who wants <u>write-in votes for their name counted</u> on <b><u>State General</u></b> ballots must file a written request with the filing officer. Request must be accepted by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of filing written request. If ERS is being used, an e-mail about instructions for entry of names, forms printing, vote tally recording/reporting & the write-in abstract will be provided by OSS - no later than the 7th day before the general election. <i>M.S. 204B.09, subd. 3</i>	204B.09, subd. 3	SWCD	After the Election

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<p>October 30, 2018 Tuesday</p>	<p>November 05, 2018 Monday</p>	<p><b>SWCD:</b> Period of time when counties or municipalities can choose to make available a ballot counter &amp; ballot box for the use of <b><u>State General</u></b> elections "in person" Absentee Ballot voters (direct balloting). If alternate procedure is made available, Absentee Ballot voter must be given choice to use envelopes as per M.S. 203B.08, subd. 1 or place a voted ballot directly into a ballot counter. Absentee Ballot application &amp; signature of a certification statement are still required. The "accepted" Absentee Ballot must be immediately recorded in SVRS. This alternative procedure is not available for mail ballots - during the 7 days before the election. <i>M.S. 203B.081, subd. 3</i></p>	<p>203B.081, subd. 3</p>	<p>SWCD</p>	<p>Absentee Ballot</p>
<p>October 30, 2018 Tuesday</p>	<p>November 06, 2018 Tuesday</p>	<p><b>SWCD:</b> Period of time for agent delivery of <b><u>State General</u></b> Absentee Ballots to a voter who would have difficulty getting to the polls because: 1) of incapacitating health reasons, 2) of disability, 3) is a patient of a health care facility, 4) is a resident of a facility providing assisted living services, 5) is a participant in a residential program for adults or, 6) is 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 &amp; until 2:00 p.m. on Election Day. <i>M.S. 203B.11, subd. 4</i></p>	<p>203B.11, subd. 4</p>	<p>SWCD</p>	<p>Absentee Ballot</p>

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November 01, 2018 Thursday	November 01, 2018 Thursday	<b>SWCD:</b> If an Absentee Ballot or Mail Ballot returned ballot envelope is rejected within 5 days of the <b><u>State General</u></b> elections, the envelopes must remain sealed & the administrator must attempt to contact the voter by telephone or e-mail to notify them of the rejection. Attempts to contact must be documented. <i>M.S. 203B.121, subd. 2(c)(3); 204B.45, subd. 2; 204B.46</i>	203B.121, subd. 2(c)(3); 204B.45, subd. 2; 204B.46	SWCD	Absentee Ballot & Mail Ballot
November 03, 2018 Saturday	November 03, 2018 Saturday	<b>SWCD:</b> County or municipal clerk's office must be open to accept Absentee Ballot applications & for casting of Absentee Ballots at least 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Saturday before <b><u>State General</u></b> elections. <i>M.S. 203B.085</i>	203B.085	SWCD	Absentee Ballot
November 05, 2018 Monday	November 05, 2018 Monday	<b>SWCD:</b> Last day to apply for <b><u>State General</u></b> Absentee Ballots. Exceptions for some residents/patients in health care/residential facilities, hospitals & shelters (M.S. 203B.04, subd. 2 & 203B.11, subds. 3 & 4) and Mail Ballot & Mail Election eligible voters not registered at the time ballots were mailed (M.S. 204B.45, subd. 2 & 204B.46) - Absentee Ballot applications may be submitted at any time not less than 1 day before the day of that election. <i>M.S. 203B.04, subds. 1 &amp; 2; 203B.11, subds. 3 &amp; 4; 204B.45, subd. 2; 204B.46</i>	203B.04; subds. 1 & 2; 203B.11, subds. 3 & 4; 204B.45, subd. 2; 204B.46	SWCD	Absentee Ballot
November 05, 2018 Monday	November 05, 2018 Monday	<b>SWCD: <u>State General</u></b> Absentee Ballot voting offices open until 5:00 p.m. for acceptance of Absentee Ballot applications & casting of Absentee Ballots - until 5:00 p.m. on the day immediately preceding election. <i>M.S. 203B.085</i>	203B.085	SWCD	Absentee Ballot

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November 05, 2018 Monday	November 05, 2018 Monday	<b>SWCD:</b> Last day to do public accuracy test of <b><u>State General</u></b> voting equipment of tabulator and/or assistive voting devices - within 14 days of election. Publish <i>notice</i> at least 2 days before test. <i>M.S. 206.83</i>	206.83	SWCD	Equipment
November 06, 2018 Tuesday	November 06, 2018 Tuesday	<b>STATE GENERAL ELECTION DAY: SWCD:</b> The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. <b>NEW beginning 2018:</b> State General Election date is now 1 of only 5 uniform special election dates in a calendar year. <i>Minn. Const. Art. VII, Sec. 7; 103C.305, subds. 1 &amp; 6; 123A.48, subd. 14; 123B.09, subd. 5b; 126C.17, subd. 9(a); 200.02, subd. 4(2); 204D.03, subd. 2; 204D.19, subd. 1; 204D.28, subd. 4(b); 205.10, subd. 3a; 205.07, subds. 1 &amp; 3; 205.075, subd. 2; 205A.04, subd. 1; 205A.05, subd. 1a; 375.101, subd. 1; 410.10, subd. 1; 447.32, subds. 2 &amp; 4</i>	Minn. Const. Art. VII, Sec. 7; 103C.305, subds. 1 & 6; 123A.48, subd. 14; 123B.09, subd. 5b; 126C.17, subd. 9(a); 200.02, subd. 4(2); 204D.03, subd. 2; 204D.19, subd. 1; 204D.28, subd. 4(b); 205.10, subd. 3a; 205.07, subds. 1 & 3; 205.075, subd. 2; 205A.04, subd. 1; 205A.05, subd. 1a; 375.101, subd. 1; 410.10, subd. 1; 447.32, subds. 2 & 4	SWCD	Election Day

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November 06, 2018 Tuesday	November 06, 2018 Tuesday	<b>STATE GENERAL ELECTION DAY: SWCD: Between 6:00-8:00 p.m.</b> No special taxing district, governing body, school board, county board of commissioners, city council or town board shall conduct a meeting if an election is being held within its boundaries. Except for regularly scheduled classes, no MN state college or university shall schedule an event. Except for regularly scheduled classes, a public elementary or secondary school may not schedule a school sponsored event - between 6-8 p.m. if a regularly scheduled primary election is being held within its boundaries. <i>M.S. 204C.03, subds. 1, 2 &amp; 3</i>	204C.03, subd. 1, 2 & 3	SWCD	Election Day
November 06, 2018 Tuesday	November 06, 2018 Tuesday	<b>STATE GENERAL DAY: SWCD:</b> Minimum voting hours for most precincts are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Exception for a no later than 10:00 a.m. opening time for *some non-metro towns as per M.S. 204C.05, subd. 1a. <i>M.S. 204C.05, subds. 1 &amp; 1a</i>	204C05, subds. 1 & 1a	SWCD	Election Day

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November 06, 2018 Tuesday	November 06, 2018 Tuesday	<b>STATE GENERAL DAY: SWCD:</b> Agent delivery of absentee ballots <u>to</u> 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 health care 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. <i>M.S. 203B.11, subd. 4</i>	203B.11, subd. 4	SWCD	Absentee Ballot
November 06, 2018 Tuesday	November 06, 2018 Tuesday	<b>STATE GENERAL DAY: SWCD:</b> Returned Absentee Ballots can be returned by the voter or agent, in person, until 3:00 p.m. If delivered by mail or a package delivery service, ballot must arrive by 8:00 p.m. Absentee Ballots must be returned to county or local clerk's office listed in the return address of the Absentee Ballot return envelope. Absentee Ballots are NOT to be returned to the poll place. <i>M.S. 203B.08, subds. 1 &amp; 3; 203B.11, subd. 4</i>	203B.08, subds. 1 & 3; 203B.11, subd. 4	SWCD	Absentee Ballot

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November 06, 2018 Tuesday	November 07, 2018 Wednesday	<b>SWCD:</b> After polls close on <b><u>State General</u></b> Election Day, at least 2 members of the ballot boards must "count" (may "run" tapes/reports) the Absentee Ballot & Mail Ballot ballots providing for vote totals for each candidate & question for each precinct. The Absentee Ballot count for a precinct must be recorded on its own summary statement. May have up to 24 hours to complete Absentee Ballot & Mail Ballot processing & counting tasks as per M.S. 203B.121, subd. 5(c). In state elections, Absentee Ballot & poll place totals for each precinct shall be combined before reported. In other elections, choice to report together or separately is available. <i>M.S. 203B.121, subd. 5</i>	203B.121, subd. 5	SWCD	After the Election
November 07, 2018 Wednesday	December 18, 2018 Tuesday	<b>SWCD:</b> Counties post voter history from <b><u>State General</u></b> elections. Give history to late Absentee Ballot & Mail Ballot (clerks notify auditor of received late Absentee Ballots & Mail Ballots). Roster history must be done - within 6 weeks after the election. <i>M.S. 201.171</i>	201.171	SWCD	Voter Registration
November 07, 2018 Wednesday	December 18, 2018 Tuesday	<b>SWCD:</b> Counties enter <b><u>State General</u></b> EDRs into SVRS within 42 days, unless the county notifies OSS <i>before</i> deadline. <u>Upon receipt</u> , the OSS must extend deadline by an additional 28 days. OSS must post data about county's compliance and deadline dates on OSS website - 42 days after the election. <i>M.S. 201.121, subd. 1(a)</i>	201.121, subd. 1(a)	SWCD	Voter Registration



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November 09, 2018 Friday	November 16, 2018 Friday	<b>SWCD:</b> Time period for county, municipal or school district <b><u>State General Date</u></b> general or special <i>election</i> items <u>canvass board</u> to meet and certify results. Municipality or school district certifies official results to county - between 3rd & 10th day after election. <i>M.S. 204C.33, subd. 1; 205.185, subd. 3; 205A.10, subd. 3</i>	204C.33, subd. 1; 205.185, subd. 3; 205A.10, subd. 3	SWCD	After the Election
November 12, 2018 Monday	November 12, 2018 Monday	<b>Veterans Day Holiday:</b> No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
November 13, 2018 Tuesday	November 13, 2018 Tuesday	<b>SWCD:</b> Last day for all <b><u>State General</u></b> candidates/committees to file <i>Campaign Financial Report Certification of Filing</i> . A jurisdiction clerk who <u>issues</u> a certificate of election to a candidate who <u>has not certified</u> that all reports required have been filed is <u>guilty of a misdemeanor</u> – no later than 7 days after the general or special election. <i>M.S. 211A.05, subd. 1</i>	211A.05, subd. 1	SWCD	Filing
November 16, 2018 Friday	November 16, 2018 Friday	<b>SWCD:</b> Last day for time period for any <b>size &amp; any number</b> of noncommercial <b><u>signs</u></b> to be posted - until 10 days following <b><u>State General</u></b> in a state general election year. <i>M.S. 211B.045</i>	211B.045	SWCD	Filing
November 22, 2018 Thursday	November 22, 2018 Thursday	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday:</b> No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday

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November 23, 2018 Friday	November 23, 2018 Friday	<b>Day After Thanksgiving Holiday:</b> Political subdivisions have the option of determining whether Friday after Thanksgiving day shall be a holiday. Where it is determined that day after Thanksgiving is <i>not</i> a holiday, public business may be conducted. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
December 06, 2018 Thursday	December 06, 2018 Thursday	<b>SWCD:</b> Campaign Finance Report due - 30 days after the <b><u>State General</u></b> (not for special <i>primary</i> ) ( <u>IF</u> initial report filed & final report not filed). If a required subsequent report is not filed by its due date, the filing officer <i>shall</i> immediately notify the candidate/committee of the failure to file. If report is not filed within 10 days after the notification is mailed, the filing officer <i>shall</i> file a complaint with OAH as per M.S. 211B.32. <i>M.S. 211A.02, subd. 1; 211A.05; 211B.32</i>	211A.02, subd. 1; 211A.05; 211B.32	SWCD	Filing
December 18, 2018 Tuesday	December 18, 2018 Tuesday	<b>SWCD:</b> Last day for counties to enter <b><u>State General</u></b> roster voting history (including "received too late" Absentee Ballot & Mail Ballot ballots) & EDRs into SVRS. EDR data entry can be extended if county notifies OSS before deadline. Upon receipt of extension request, the OSS must extend deadline by an additional 28 days. OSS must post data about county's compliance and deadline dates on OSS website for state general election cycle - within 42 days of election. <i>M.S. 201.121, subd. 1(a); 201.171</i>	201.121, subd. 1(a); 201.171	SWCD	Voter Registration
December 25, 2018 Tuesday	December 25, 2018 Tuesday	<b>Christmas Day Holiday:</b> No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday

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January 01, 2019 Tuesday	January 01, 2019 Tuesday	<b>New Year's Day Holiday:</b> No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
January 01, 2019 Tuesday	December 31, 2019 Tuesday	<b>SWCD:</b> Candidate or committee <b><u>Initial Campaign Financial Report</u></b> due with 14 days of raising or spending more than \$750 for a <i>new</i> candidate or ballot question campaign <i>anytime</i> within the calendar year. M.S. 211A.02 identified financial reports are required to be submitted until the Final Report is filed for <i>that</i> candidate or ballot question campaign. <i>M.S. 211A.02, subd. 1(a)</i>	211A.02, subd. 1(a)	SWCD	Filing
January 01, 2019 Tuesday	December 31, 2019 Tuesday	<b>SWCD:</b> Filing officers who receive <i>financial reports</i> as per M.S. 211A.02 must post them on their public <i>websites</i> (if one is maintained) within 30 days of receipt of report. Officer must provide link to that webpage to CFPDB. Does not apply to cities or towns with fewer than 400 registered voters as of January 1 of the year of the election. Reports are kept on website for 4 years. <i>M.S. 211A.02, subd. 6</i>	211A.02, subd. 6	SWCD	Filing
January 07, 2019 Monday	January 07, 2019 Monday	<b>SWCD:</b> Terms begin for state & county officers elected at the November 2018 general elections - first Monday in January of the odd-numbered year follow election. <i>M.S. 204D.02, subd. 2</i>	204D.02, subd. 2	SWCD	After the Election
January 15, 2019 Tuesday	January 15, 2019 Tuesday	<b>Legislature:</b> OSS provides to the chair and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over elections a statistical report related to Absentee Ballot voting in the most recent State Elections Cycle - by January 15 of every odd-numbered year. <i>M.S. 203B.28</i>	203B.28	Legislature	Absentee Ballot

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January 21, 2019 Monday	January 21, 2019 Monday	<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday:</b> No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
January 31, 2019 Thursday	January 31, 2019 Thursday	<b>SWCD:</b> Annual Campaign Finance Reports due if a final report has not been submitted - by January 31 of each year. <i>M.S. 211A.02, subd. 1</i>	211A.02, subd. 1	SWCD	Filing
February 18, 2019 Monday	February 18, 2019 Monday	<b>Presidents' Day Holiday:</b> No public business shall be transacted, except in cases of necessity. <i>M.S. 645.44, subd. 5</i>	645.44, subd. 5	Holiday	Holiday
March 12, 2019 Tuesday	March 12, 2019 Tuesday	<b>MARCH TOWNSHIP ELECTION DAY: SWCD:</b> <b>Between 6:00-8:00 pm:</b> No special taxing district, school board, county board, or town board meeting ( <i>an</i> election); no state college & university events ( <i>an</i> election); no public school sponsored events ( <i>regular</i> election) <b><i>IF</i></b> located within the boundaries of any town having election on this date. <i>M.S. 204C.03</i>	204C.03	SWCD	Election Day