Florida Department of State Division of Elections

2013 – 2014 Dates to Remember



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2014 Election Dates

Candidate Qualifying Dates

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U.S. Representative, Judicial, State Attorney (20 th Circuit Only) and Public Defender (20 th Circuit Only)Noon, April 14, 2014 – Noon, April 18, 2014		
Governor and Cabinet, State Senator, State Representative, County Office and Special Districts		
Noon, June 2, 2014 – Noon, June 6, 2014		
Voter Registration Book Closing Dates		
Primary Election		
Absentee Ballot Dates		
Deadline to send absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters (absent stateside and overseas uniformed services voters and overseas civilian voters):		
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Primary Election		
General ElectionSeptember 20, 2014		
Deadline (7-day window) to mail domestic absentee ballots to domestic (non-UOCAVA) absentee voters:		
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Primary Election		
General Election September 30 – October 7, 2014		
Early Voting Dates		
Primary Election August 2, 2014 – August 9, 2014		
General Election October 25, 2014 – November 1, 2014		
Election Day Dates		
Primary ElectionAugust 12, 2014		
General Election November 4, 2014		
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2013 DATES TO REMEMBER

January – December

Supervisors of Elections to initiate programmatic address list maintenance (<u>Section 98.065</u>, F.S. – Each supervisor shall conduct at a minimum in odd-numbered years address registration list maintenance program to be complete no later than 90 days before any federal election)

February 1

Deadline for State and Supervisors of Elections to submit initial responses to U.S. Election Assistance Commission's 2012 Election Administration and Voting Survey. (Congress chartered U.S. EAC to collection information on election data and monitor voting, registration and voting technology and impact of National Voter Registration Act, Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, Military and Overseas Voting Act, and Help America Vote Act)

February 15

Deadline for participating Supervisors of Elections to upload responses to 2012 FVAP Post-Election Quantitative Voting Survey. (The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) is the administrative arm of the U.S. Department of State and administers and monitors compliance with Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act of 1986 (UOCAVA). FVAP is collecting data to assist with program improvement and to provide a report to Congress regarding the absentee voting process.)(42 United States Code, Section 1973ff, and Executive Order 12642.)

April 14**

Deadline for U.S. Representative, State Attorney, and Public Defender candidates to change party affiliation. (Section 99.021, F.S. – 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election)

June 2**

Deadline for Governor and Cabinet, State Senator, State Representative, County Office and Special District candidates to change party affiliation. (Section 99.021, F.S. – 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election)

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2014 DATES TO REMEMBER

January 31 Supervisors of Elections to certify list maintenance activities to the Division of Elections (Sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S. – No later than January 31 of each year) February 1* Initiative petition signature certification deadline (Article XI, section 5, Fla. Const. – not later than February 1 of the general election year) Legislative Session begins (Article III, section 3, Fla. Const. – 1st March 4 Tuesday after the 1st Monday in March) March 15* Department of State to publish notice of general election in a newspaper of general circulation in each county twice before April 14 (Section 100.021, F.S. – During the 30 days prior to the beginning of qualifying) March 17 Noon, petitions for federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method due to Supervisors of Elections (Sections 99.095 and 105.035, F.S. – Before noon of the 28th day preceding the 1st day of the qualifying period for the office sought) March 31 Qualifying offices may begin accepting and holding qualifying papers for federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates to be processed and filed during the qualifying period (Sections 99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – No earlier than 14 days prior to the beginning of the qualifying period) Written resignations due for officers qualifying as judicial, state April 4 attorney or public defender candidates if the terms of the offices, or any part thereof, run concurrently with each other (Section 99.012, F.S. At least 10 days prior to the first day of the qualifying period) April 7 Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify to the Division of Elections the number of valid signatures for federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method (Sections 99.095 and 105.035, F.S. - No later than the 7th day before the first day of the qualifying period) April 14 Noon, qualifying **begins** for all federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates (Sections 99.061 and 105.031, F.S. – At any time after noon ... of the 120th day prior to the primary election) April 18*** Noon, qualifying **ends** for all federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates (Sections 99.061 and 105.031, F.S. - No later than noon of the 116th day prior to the date of the primary election)

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April 25 Deadline for Department of State to certify to the Supervisors of Elections the names of all duly qualified federal, judicial, state attorney and public defender candidates who have qualified with the Department (Section 99.061, F.S. – Within 7 days after the closing

date for qualifying)

May 5 Noon, petitions for federal, statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method due to Supervisors of Elections (Section 99.095, F.S. – Before noon of the 28th day preceding the 1st day of the qualifying period for the office sought)

May 8 Department of State to remit to the respective state executive committees of political parties, 95% of their entitled filing fees and party assessments from federal, state attorney, and public defender candidates (Section 99.103, F.S. – No later than 20 days after the close of qualifying)

First day state write-in absentee ballots made available to overseas voters (Section 101.6951, F.S. – 180 days prior to the General Election)

May 14 Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to notify overseas voters of upcoming primary and general elections (Section 100.025, F.S. – At least 90 days prior to regular primary and general elections)

Last day to complete any address list maintenance program activities and to remove from the rolls registered voters who are designated as "inactive" because of an undeliverable address confirmation notice or never responded to such notice and who have thereafter not voted, requested an absentee ballot, or updated their voter registration records after 2 general federal elections (Section 98.065, F.S. – 90 days prior to a federal election) (Note: Voters ineligible for reasons such as felony conviction, mental incapacity, death, not a U.S. citizen, fictitious person, etc., can be removed at any time including in the 90-day period before an election)

May 19 Qualifying offices may begin accepting and holding qualifying papers for statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates to be processed and filed during the qualifying period (Section 99.061, F.S. – No earlier than 14 days prior to the beginning of the qualifying period)

May 23 Written resignations due for officers qualifying as a candidate for statewide, multi-county, county, or district office if the terms of the offices, or any part thereof, run concurrently with each other (Section 99.012, F.S. – At least 10 days prior to the first day of the qualifying period)

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May 26***

Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to certify to the Division of Elections the number of valid signatures for statewide, multi-county, and district candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method (Section 99.095, F.S. – No later than the 7th day before the first day of the qualifying period)

June 2 Noon, qualifying **begins** for all statewide, multi-county, county, and district candidates (other than judicial, state attorney, and public defender candidates)(Section 99.061, F.S. – Noon of the 71st day prior to the primary election)

June 6 Noon, qualifying **ends** for all statewide, multi-county, county, and district candidates (other than, judicial, state attorney, and public defender candidates)(Section <u>99.061</u>, F.S. – No later than noon of the 67th day prior to the primary election)

June 7* Supervisors of Elections to submit to the Department of State a list containing the names, party affiliations, and addresses of all candidates and the offices for which they qualified (Section 99.092, F.S. – Immediately after the last day for qualifying)

Supervisors of Elections to prepare daily electronic files of absentee ballot request information and upload to the Department of State for the Primary Election (Section 101.62, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – 60 days prior to the primary on a daily basis by 8 a.m. until 15 days after the general election)

Deadline for Department of State to certify to the Supervisors of Elections the names of all duly qualified federal, statewide, multicounty, and district candidates who have qualified with the Department (Section 99.061, F.S. – Within 7 days after the closing date for qualifying)

June 18 Revisions to Security procedures due to the Department of State (Section 101.015, F.S. – At least 45 days before early voting begins)

June 26 Department of State to remit to the respective state executive committees of political parties, 95% of their entitled filing fees and party assessments from statewide, multicounty, and district candidates (Section 99.103, F.S. – No later than 20 days after the close of qualifying)

June 28* Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to mail absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters for the Primary Election (Section 101.62, F.S. – No fewer than 45 days before the primary election)

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July 6**	Supervisors of Elections to remit filing fees to the state executive committee of the political party of the candidates (Section 99.061, F.S. – Within 30 days after the close of qualifying)
July 8 – July 15	7-day mandated period in which to send out absentee ballots to all non-UOCAVA absentee voters (Section 101.62, F.S. – Between 35 th and 28 th day before the election)
July 13**	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to designate early voting sites for the Primary Election and to notify the Division of Elections of addresses and hours for each site (Section 101.657, F.S. – No later than the 30 th day prior to the election)
	First day a challenge to a voter may be filed for the Primary Election (Section 101.111, F.S. – No sooner than 30 days before an election)
July 14	Voter registration closes for the Primary Election (Section 97.055, F.S. – On the 29 th day before each election)
July 18	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail notice of time and location of logic and accuracy test (L&A test) to county party chairs and candidates who did not receive notice at qualifying (Section 101.5612, F.S. – At least 15 days prior to the beginning of early voting)
July 19*	Noon, poll watcher designations due for early voting sites for Primary Election (Section 101.131, F.S. – Before noon at least 14 days before early voting begins)
July 22	Deadline to report HAVA "Balance" Report (i.e., remaining balance of HAVA funds as of June 30, 2013 for 2012-2013)(Help America Vote Act of 2002)
July 23	First day to conduct logic and accuracy test (L&A test) for Primary Election (Section 101.5612, F.S. – No more than 10 days prior to beginning of early voting)
	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to appoint poll workers for the Primary Election (Section 102.012, F.S. – At least 20 days prior to any election)
July 26*	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification badges for early voting sites for the Primary Election (Section 101.131, F.S. – No later than 7 days before early voting begins)

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July 26*	Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to request reimbursement for 2008 HHS Funds (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities (VOTE) Program for Polling Place Accessibility
July 28	7 a.m., canvassing board may begin canvassing absentee ballots for the Primary Election (Section 101.68, F.S. – 7 a.m. on the 15 th day before the election)
July 29	Noon, poll watcher designations for the Primary Election due (Section 101.131, F.S. – Prior to noon of the 2 nd Tuesday preceding the election)
July 31	Supervisors of Elections to certify address and eligibility list maintenance activities to the Division of Elections (Sections 98.065 and 98.075, F.S. – No later than July 31 of each year)
August 2*	Early voting begins for the Primary Election (Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting shall begin on the 10 th day before an election)
August 3**	First day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details and upload to the Department of State (Section 101.657, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities)
August 5	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification badges for the Primary Election (Section 101.131, F.S. – On or before the Tuesday before the election)
	Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail sample ballots to voters in lieu of publication for the Primary Election (Section 101.20, F.S. – At least 7 days prior to any election)
August 6	Last day state write-in ballot is available to overseas voters (Section 101.6951, F.S. – 90 days prior to a general election)
	5 p.m., deadline for Supervisors of Elections to receive requests for absentee ballots to be mailed to voters for the Primary Election (Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 6 th day before the election)
August 7	First day to provide absentee ballots to designees for the Primary Election (Section 101.62, F.S. – up to 5 days prior to the election)

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August 8

Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail absentee ballots for the Primary Election (Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 4 days before the election)

5 p.m., deadline for late registration for specified subcategory of UOCAVA individuals (Section 97.0555, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.029, F.A.C. – 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election; any uniformed services or Merchant Marine member discharged or separated after 29-day registration deadline, or for any overseas U.S. citizen who left employment after 29-day registration deadline, and any family member accompanying them).

August 9*

Early voting ends for the Primary Election (Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting shall end on the 3rd day before an election)

August 10**

Last day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details and upload to the Department of State (Section 101.657, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities

August 11

Last day to publish sample ballot in newspaper of general circulation in the county for the primary election (Section 101.20, F.S. – Prior to the day of the election)

August 12 PRIMARY ELECTION (Section 100.061, F.S. – On the Tuesday 12 weeks prior to the general election)

7 p.m. deadline for receipt of absentee ballots for the Primary Election (Section 101.67, F.S., – All absentee ballots must be received by 7 p.m. election day)

Preliminary Election Results must be filed with the Department of State, within 30 minutes after polls close and in 45-minute increments thereafter on election night until all results (except provisional ballots) are completely reported. (Section 102.141, F.S.,)(All Election Day ballots cast, early voting ballots, and for absentee ballots, those that are canvassed and tabulated by each reporting increment, until completed.)

Department of State to remit remainder of filing fees and party assessments to the respective political parties (Section 99.103, F.S. – No later than the date of the primary election)

August 14

5 p.m., deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide evidence of eligibility to Supervisors of Elections (Section 101.048, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day following the election)

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August 15 Noon, deadline for county canvassing boards to file 1st Unofficial Results of the Primary Election with the Department of State (Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than noon of the 3rd day after a primary election)

August 17** 3 p.m., deadline for county canvassing board to file 2nd Unofficial Results for the Primary Election, if recount conducted (Section 102.141, F.S. – No later than 3 p.m. of the 5th day after a primary election)

August 19 5 p.m., deadline for county canvassing boards to submit Official Results to the Department of State for the Primary Election (Section 102.112, F.S. – 5 p.m. on the 7th day following a primary)

County canvassing boards to submit 'Conduct of Elections' report on Primary Election to the Division of Elections (Section 102.141, F.S., – At the same time that the results of an election are certified)

August 20 County canvassing boards to begin publicly noticed manual audit of the voting system for the Primary Election (Section 101.591, F.S. – Immediately following the certification of the election by the county canvassing board)

Supervisors of Elections to transmit to the Department of State a list containing the names of all county and district officers nominated or elected, the office for which each was nominated or elected, and the mailing address of each (Section 102.151, F.S. – Immediately after the county canvassing board has canvassed the returns of the election)

- August 21 9 a.m., Elections Canvassing Commission meets to certify 'Official Results for federal, state, and multicounty office (Section 102.111, F.S. 9 a.m. on the 9th day after a primary election)
- August 26 11:59 p.m., deadline for completion of the manual audit and for the results to be made public (Section 101.591, F.S. and Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. No later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7th day following certification of the election by the county canvassing board)
- September 10 Report of manual audit due to Division of Elections (Section 101.591, F.S. and Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. Within 15 days after completion of the audit)

Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit revisions to Security procedures to the Department of State (Section <u>101.015</u>, F.S. – At least 45 days before early voting begins)

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September 11 Deadline for provisional ballot information to be made available to individual voters on free access system for the Primary Election (Section 101.048, F.S. – No later than 30 days following the election)

September 20* Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters for the General Election (Section 101.62, F.S. – not less than 45 days before the general election)

Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to file precinct level results of the Primary Election with the Division of Elections (Section 98.0981, F.S.—Within 30 days after certification of election results by Elections Canvassing Commission for primary election)

Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to update voting history for Primary Election (Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 30 days after certification of election by Elections Canvassing Commission results for primary election)

September 30 –

October 7

7-day mandated period for Supervisors of Elections to send out absentee ballots to all non-UOCAVA absentee voters (Section 101.62, F.S. – Between 35th and 28th day before the election)

October 5**

Last day for Supervisors of Elections to designate early voting sites for the General Election and to provide the Division of Elections with addresses and hours for early voting sites (Section 101.657, F.S. – No later than the 30th day prior to the election)

First day that a challenge to a voter may be filed for the General Election (Section <u>101.111</u>, F.S. – No sooner than 30 days before an election)

Deadline for Department of State to report to Florida Legislature updated voting and voter information (Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 45 days after certification of election results for primary election)

Department of State to make publicly available on website compiled precinct level results of the General Election (Section <u>98.0981</u>, F.S. – Within 45 days after certification of election results for general election)

October 6

Voter registration closes for the General Election (Section 97.055, F.S. – On the 29th day before each election. If the 29th day falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, the registration books must be closed on the next day that is not a Sunday or a legal holiday)

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- October 10 Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail notice of time and location of logic and accuracy (L&A) test to county party chairs and candidates who did not receive notice at qualifying (Section 101.5612, F.S. At least 15 days prior to the beginning of early voting)
- October 11* Noon, poll watcher designations due for early voting sites for General Election (Section 101.131, F.S. Before noon at least 14 days before early voting begins)
- October 15 Last day for Supervisors of Elections to appoint poll workers for the General Election (Section 102.012, F.S. At least 20 days prior to any election)

First day to conduct logic and accuracy test for General Election (Section 101.5612, F.S. – No more than 10 days prior to beginning of early voting)

- October 18* Last day for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification badges for early voting sites for the General Election (Section 101.131, F.S. No later than 7 days before early voting begins)
- October 20 7 a.m., canvassing board may begin canvassing absentee ballots for the General Election (Section 101.68, F.S. 7 a.m. on the 15^h day before the election)
- October 21 Noon, poll watcher designations for the General Election due (Section 101.131, F.S. Prior to noon of the 2nd Tuesday preceding the election)
- October 25* Early voting begins for the General Election (Section 101.657, F.S. Early voting shall begin on the 10th day before an election)
- October 26** First day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details and upload to the Department of State (Section 101.657, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities)
- October 28 Last day for Supervisors of Elections to approve poll watchers and provide poll watcher identification and badges for the General Election (Section 101.131, F.S. On or before the Tuesday before the election)

Last day to mail sample ballots to voters in lieu of publication for the General Election (Section 101.20, F.S. – At least 7 days prior to any election)

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October 29 5 p.m., deadline for Supervisors of Elections to receive requests to mail absentee ballots voters for the General Election (Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 5 p.m. on the 6th day before the election)

October 30 First day to provide absentee ballots to designees for the General Election (Section 101.62, F.S. – Up to 5 days prior to the election)

October 31 Last day for Supervisors of Elections to mail absentee ballots for the General Election (Section 101.62, F.S. – No later than 4 days before the election)

5 p.m., deadline for late registration for specified subcategory of UOCAVA individuals (Section <u>97.0555</u>, F.S. and Rule <u>1S-2.029</u>, F.A.C. – 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election; any uniformed services or Merchant Marine member discharged or separated after 29-day registration deadline, or for any overseas U.S. citizen who left employment after 29-day registration deadline, and any family member accompanying them)

Deadline for Supervisors to submit annual report on HHS Funds (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities (VOTE) Program for Polling Place Accessibility

November 1* Early voting ends for the General Election (Section 101.657, F.S. – Early voting shall end on the 3rd day before an election)

Last day for Supervisors of Elections to prepare daily electronic files of early voting summary and early voting details and upload to the Department of State (Section 101.657, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – No later than noon of each day for the previous day's activities.)

November 3 Last day for Supervisors of Elections to publish sample ballot in newspaper of general circulation in the county for the General Election (Section 101.20, F.S. – Prior to the day of the election)

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November 4*** GENERAL ELECTION (Section 100.041, F.S. – On the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November of each even-numbered year)

7 p.m., deadline for receipt of absentee ballots for the General Election (except votes cast for federal office on overseas absentee ballots which are postmarked or signed and dated no later than the date of the general election if received no later than 10 days from the date of the general election) – (Rule 1S-2.013, F.A.C. – Based on settlement agreement: United States vs. State of Florida et al., TCA-80-1055 [N.D. Fla. Apr. 2, 1982])

Preliminary election returns must be filed with the Department of State, beginning within 30 minutes after polls close and in 45-minute increments thereafter until all results (except provisional ballots) are completely reported. (Section 102.141, F.S. – On election night) (all election day ballots cast, early voting ballots, and for absentee ballots, those that are canvassed and tabulated by time of reporting, until completed)

- November 6 5 p.m., deadline for persons voting a provisional ballot to provide evidence of eligibility to Supervisors of Elections (Section 101.048, F.S. No later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day following the election)
- November 8* Noon, deadline for county canvassing boards to file 1st Unofficial Results of General Election with the Department of State (Section 102.141, F.S. No later than noon of the 4th day after a general election)
- November 13 3 p.m., deadline for county canvassing board to file 2nd Unofficial Results of General Election with the Department of State, if recount was conducted (Section 102.141, F.S. No later than 3 p.m. of the 9th day after the election)
- November 14 Deadline for receipt of overseas ballots for General Election (Rule 1S-2.013, F.A.C. Ballot postmarked or signed and dated no later than the date of the federal election and received no later than 10 days from the date of the election)
- November 16** Noon, deadline for county canvassing boards to submit Official Results to the Department of State for the General Election (Section 102.112, F.S. Noon on the 12th day following the election)

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- November 16** Noon, deadline for county canvassing boards to submit 'Conduct of Elections' report to the Division of Elections on the conduct of the General Election (Section 102.141, F.S., At the same time that the results of an election are certified)
- November 17 County canvassing boards to begin publicly noticed manual audit of the voting system for the General Election (Section 101.591, F.S. and Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. Immediately following the certification of the election by the county canvassing board)

Supervisors of Elections to transmit to the Department of State a list containing the names of all county and district officers elected, the office for which each was elected, and the mailing address of each (Section 102.151, F.S. – Immediately after the county canvassing board has canvassed the returns of the election)

- November 18 9 a.m., Election Canvassing Commission meets to certify 'Official Results' for federal, state, and multicounty office (Section 102.111, F.S. 9 a.m. on the 14th day after a General Election)
- November 19 Last day to prepare and upload daily electronic files of absentee ballot request information to the Department of State by 8 a.m. (Section 101.62, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. Beginning 60 days prior to the primary election on a daily basis by 8 a.m. until 15 days after the general election)
- November 23** 11:59 p.m., deadline for completion of the Manual Audit and for the results to be made public (Section 101.591, F.S. and Rule 1S-5.026, F.A.C. No later than 11:59 p.m. on the 7th day following certification of the election by the county canvassing board)
- December 1 Deadline for Supervisors of Elections of each county, in which signatures are verified at no charge for a petition for a candidate or organization, to submit the total number of such signatures checked to the Chief Financial Officer for reimbursement (Section 99.097, F.S. No later than December 1 of the general election year)
- December 4 Deadline for provisional ballot information to be made available on free access system for the General Election (Section 101.048, F.S. No later than 30 days following the election)
- December 8 Report of manual audit due to Division of Elections (Section 101.591, F.S. Within 15 days after completion of the audit)

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December 15 Deadline for reports on voter education programs implemented to be filed with the Department of State (Section 98.255, F.S. – By December 15 of each General Election year)

Deadline for reports on the total number of overvotes and undervotes in the Presidential and Vice Presidential race to be filed with the Department of State (Section 101.595, F.S. – No later than December 15 of each general election year)

December 18 Supervisors of Elections to file precinct level results of the General Election with the Division of Elections (Section 98.0981, F.S. – Within 30 days after certification of election results for general election)

Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to update voting history for General Election (Section 98.0981, F.S. and Rule 1S-2.043, F.A.C. – Within 30 days after certification of election results for general election)

December 31 Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to submit to the Department of State HAVA Funds Expenditure Reports for use of funds relating to voter education, poll worker recruitment and training, federal elections assistance, voting systems assistance and ballot-on-demand

Deadline for Supervisors of Elections to remove all designated *inactive* voters who have not voted or attempted to vote, requested an absentee ballot, or updated their voter registration record in two general (federal) elections since they were made inactive. (Section 98.065(4)(c), F.S.; s. 8, NVRA)

All user IDs and passwords issued during prior year for access to statewide absentee ballot request information expires

Supervisors of Elections should review <u>General Records Retention</u>
<u>Schedule 3</u> for Election Records and conduct public records retention/management for public records that are ready for disposition

^{*}Saturday **Sunday *** Legal Holiday (s.683.01, F.S.)
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2015 DATES TO REMEMBER

January 2

Deadline for Department of State to report to the Florida Legislature updated voting and voter information history (Section <u>98.0981</u>, F.S. – Within 45 days after certification of election results for general election)

Department of State to make publicly available on website compiled precinct level results of the General Election (Section <u>98.0981</u>, F.S. – Within 45 days after certification of election results for general election)

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