

Elections Timetable for 2014 General Election

(November 4, 2014)

Dates	Activity/Event
May 8, 2014, Thursday	State Write-In Ballot (s. 101.6951(1), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First date state write-in ballot may be made available to overseas voters
June 27, 2014, Friday	Absentee Ballot Request Files (s. 101.62(3), F.S. and R1S-2.043, F.A.C.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am, Start of daily file availability and upload to Department of State Begins 60 days before primary election through 15 days after general election (132-day cycle)
August 4, 2014, Monday	Election Preparation Report (s. 100.032, F.S.) (3 months before general election) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day for supervisors of elections to post election preparation report on official website for General Election
September 5-10, 2014, Friday-Wednesday	Security Procedures Revisions (s. 101.015, F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any revisions due to Department of State at least 45 days before early voting begins (specific date will depend on when county begins early voting)
September 20, 2014, Saturday	UOCAVA Ballots 45-day "Mail-out" before election (s. 101.62(4)(a), F.S.)
September 22, 2014, Monday	UOCAVA Ballots 45-day DOJ Report (due on 43rd day before election) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervisors of elections to upload in SOE Portal status of UOCAVA 45-day mail-out and Division of Elections to send report to DOJ
September 30- October 7, 2014, Tuesday-Tuesday	Domestic Absentee Ballots (s. 101.62(4)(b), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7-day window during which to deliver absentee ballots to voters with requests on file (between 35th and 28th day before election)
October 5, 2014, Sunday	Voter challenges (s. 101.111(1)(c), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day a voter challenge can be filed for the General Election Early voting sites (s. 101.657(1)(b), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day for Supervisors of Elections to designate early voting sites and to notify the Division of Elections of addresses and hours for each site
October 6, 2014, Monday	Registration Deadline (s. 97.055, F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 29 days before Election Day
October 6-11, 2014, (noon), Monday-Saturday	Poll Watcher designations (s. 101.131(2), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to supervisor of elections before noon at least 14 days before early voting begins (specific date will depend on when county will conduct early voting)
October 10-15, 2014, Friday-Wednesday	Logic & Accuracy (L&A) test (s. 101.5612(2) F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than 10 days prior to beginning of early voting (specific date will depend on when county will begin conducting early voting)
October 13-18, 2014, Monday-Saturday	Poll Watcher and ID Badges (s. 101.131(2), (5), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day for supervisors of elections to approve poll watchers and issue ID badge for early voting sites
October 15, 2014, Wednesday	Poll Worker Appointment (s. 102.012(1), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day for supervisor of elections to appoint poll workers
October 20, 2014, Monday	Absentee Ballots' Canvass (s. 101.68(2), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 am, Canvassing may begin as early as 15 days before Election Day (if publicly noticed) Optional Early Voting (EV) period (s. 101.657, F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day that EV optional period may begin. EV may include one or more of the following days: 15th, 14th, 13th, 12th, 11th and Sunday before Election Day EV summary and detail reports due each day by 8 am subsequent to beginning of EV and ends on day after last day of EV period
October 25- November 1, 2014, Saturday-Saturday	Mandatory Early Voting (EV) period (s. 101.657, F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum 8 days (beginning 10th day and ending 3rd day before election) EV summary and detail reports due each day by 8 am subsequent to beginning of EV and ends on day after last day of EV period
October 28, 2014,	Poll Watcher and ID Badges (s. 101.131(2), (5), F.S.)

Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day for supervisors of elections to approve poll watchers and provide ID badge for Election Day Sample ballots (s. 101.20(2), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day for supervisors of elections to mail or email sample ballots to voters
October 29, 2014, Wednesday, 5pm	Request for Absentee Ballots to be Mailed (s. 101.62(2), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day for supervisor of elections to receive request for absentee ballot to be mailed
October 30, 2014, Thursday	Designee Picking Up Absentee Ballot (s. 101.62(4)(c), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day that a designee may pick up an absentee ballot on behalf of a voter
October 31, 2014, Friday	Mailing Absentee Ballot (s. 101.62(4)(c), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day that a supervisor of elections may mail an absentee ballot to a voter Late Registration Deadline (s. 97.0555) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5pm: late registration only available for specified category of UOCAVA voters
November 3, 2014, Monday	Early Upload of EV results and Absentee Ballots (canvassed and tabulated to date) (s. 102.141(4)(a), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 pm: Upload is only to county management system until after polls close on Election Day Sample ballots (s. 101.20(2), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day for supervisors of elections to publish sample ballot in newspaper of general circulation Absentee ballot delivery (s. 101.62(4), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day for supervisor of elections to deliver “no excuse” absentee ballot or designee to pick up “no excuse” absentee ballot.
November 4, 2014, Tuesday, 7am – 7pm	GENERAL ELECTION DAY
	Election Night (Enight) Preliminary Results (s. 102.141(4)(b), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All EV results; only absentee canvassed/tabulated to date; and precinct results Due within 30 minutes of close of polls at 7 pm (canvassing board duty) 45-minute interval reporting until completed
November 5, 2014, Wednesday, 2 am	Precinct Returns (s. 102.141(3), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to canvassing board no later than 2 am, day following Election Day
November 6, 2014, Thursday, 5 pm	Provisional Ballot -deadline for proof of eligibility (s. 101.048, F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No later than 2 days after election day
November 8, 2014, Saturday, Noon	1st Unofficial Results (s. 102.141(5), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report all EV results; absentee canvassed/tabulated to date; precinct returns and provisional ballots Due no later than 4th day after General Election
November 8-13, 2014, (Saturday-Thursday) (or earlier if 1 st unofficial results reported before November 8	Machine Recount (if required) (s. 102.141(7), F.S., and R1S-2.031, F.A.C.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triggered by ½ of 1% or less margin of loss Ordered by Secretary of State for federal, state or multicounty race; for all other races, ordered by canvassing board Conducted by canvassing board Requires outstacking overvotes and undervotes in the event of manual recount No machine recount required if defeated candidate waives recount in writing
November 13, 2014, Thursday, 3 pm	2nd Unofficial Results (if machine recount conducted) (s. 102.141(7)(c), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due no later than 9th day after General Election Includes results of machine recount if completed by deadline – if not, 1st unofficial becomes 2nd unofficial and must include explanation why recount not timely completed Outcome may trigger manual recount
During November 13–16, 2014, Thursday – Sunday (or done earlier if 2 nd unofficial reported before November 13)	Manual Recount (s. 102.166, F.S., and R1S-2.031, F.A.C.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triggered by ¼ of 1% or less margin of loss Ordered by Secretary of State for federal, state or multicounty race and notice to affected candidates and state executive committees Ordered by county canvassing board for all other races Conducted by county canvassing board Consists only of recount of overvotes and undervotes from machine recount in affected race No recount required if number of overvotes and undervotes is less than number of voters needed to change outcome of election or defeated candidate waives recount in writing

November 16, 2014, Sunday, Noon	Official Results (s. 102.112(2), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due no later than 12th day after General Election • Certified by canvassing board to Department of State • Conduct of Elections report due to Division of Elections at same time (s. 102.141(9), F.S.)
November 17, 2014, Monday	Voting System Audit (s. 101.591(1), F.S. and R1S-5.026, F.A.C.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicly noticed audit <i>to begin immediately</i> after canvassing board certifies official results • Option for manual audit or automated, independent audit • Not required if manual recount was conducted List of Elected/Nominated Officers (s. 102.151, F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisors of elections to transmit to the Department of State a list containing the names and mailing address and office of all county and district officers nominated or elected
November 18, 2014, Tuesday, 9 am	Certification of Election Returns (ss. 102.111(2) and 102.121, F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elections Canvassing Commission (ECC) certifies official results • 14th day after General Election
November 19, 2014, Wednesday, 8 am	Absentee Ballot Request Files (s. 101.62(3), F.S. and R1S-2.043, F.A.C.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day to upload files to Department of State • 15 days after election (total start to end cycle-132 days)
November 23, 2014, Tuesday, 11:59 pm	Voting System Audit Results (s. 101.591(4), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit to be completed and made public no later than 7 days after canvassing board certifies election results • If official results certified prior to November 17, audit results due no later than 7 days from that date)
November 28, 2014, Friday (or earlier if official results certified prior to November 18)	Contest of Election (s.102.168, F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be filed by any unsuccessful candidate, elector or taxpayer • Must be filed no later than 10 days after ECC certifies election results for federal, state, or multicounty offices • Filed in circuit court • Limited to 4 grounds: 1. Misconduct/fraud corruption of election official or board member, 2. Ineligibility of successful candidate in dispute, 3. Receipt of illegal votes or rejection of legal votes sufficient to change or to doubt election results, 4. Bribery by elector, election official or canvassing board member in exchange for candidate nomination or election or outcome of issue
December 1, 2014, Monday	Candidate Petition Reimbursement (s. 99.097(4), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for supervisors of elections to submit total number of petition signatures verified at no charge to Division of Elections for reimbursement from Chief Financial Officer
December 4, 2014, Thursday	Provisional Ballot Information on Free Access System (s. 101.048(6), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day for supervisors of elections to make provisional ballot outcome available to voters on free access system
December 8, 2014, Monday*	Voting System Audit Report (s. 101.591(5), F.S., and R1S-5.026, F.A.C.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due no later than 15 days after completion of audit (to Department of State) • May be due earlier if audit completed before November 23
December 15, 2014, Monday	Voter Education Programs (s. 98.255(3), F.S.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for supervisors of elections to submit a detailed description of voter education programs implemented (to Department of State)
December 18, 2014, Thursday	Voting history from Supervisor of Elections (s. 98.0981(1), F.S. and R1S-2.043, F.A.C.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due no later than 30 days after Election Day (to Department of State) Precinct-Level Election Results from Supervisor of Elections (98.0981(2), F.S. and R1S-2.043, F.A.C.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due no later than 30 days after Election Day (to Department of State)
January 2, 2015, Friday	Voting history from Department of State (s. 98.0981(1), F.S. and R1S-2.043, F.A.C.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due no later than 45 days after certification of election (to Legislature) Precinct-Level Election Results from Department of State (98.0981(2), F.S., R1S-2.043, F.A.C.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due no later than 45 days after certification of election (to website)