

AUDITOR'S CALENDAR – 2008

Days before election	Date	Primary Election - June 3, 2008 Event	Code Cite
	Thursday December 20	First Day To Publish Caucus Locations. Political Parties must publish a list of caucus locations and attendance invitation at least 2 times. First publication not more than 15 days or less than 7 days before caucus date.	43.92
	Thursday December 27	Caucus Publication Second publication; not more than 7 days before nor later than the date of the caucus. Caucus Locations Filed With Auditors. Caucus sites and the number of delegates to be chosen in each precinct in the offices of the County Auditor at least seven days before the day of the caucuses. The County Auditor determines the number of delegates to be chosen from each precinct if the party chairs do not file them on time.	43.92 43.4, 43.90
	Thursday January 3	Caucus Day. Democratic and Republican parties' precinct caucuses.	43.4
	Thursday January 17	Caucus Report Deadline. County - Democratic and Republican central committees must certify the names of delegates to the county convention and the names of people elected as party committee members within 14 days after the precinct caucuses.	43.4
	Monday January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – State Holiday	1C.1
99	Monday February 25	State and Federal Candidate Filing Begins. First day for Democratic and Republican candidates for state and federal offices to file nomination petitions in the Office of the Secretary of State.	43.11(2)
92	Monday March 3	County Candidate Filing Begins. First day for Democratic and Republican candidates for county offices to file nomination petitions in the County Auditor's office.	43.11(1)
89	Thursday March 6	Vacancy Deadline - State and Federal Offices. Vacancies in State and Federal offices occurring 89 or more days before election day must be nominated at the primary.	43.6(1)

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81	Friday March 14 5 p.m.	Filing Deadline – State and Federal. Last day for Democratic and Republican candidates to file nomination petitions in the Office of the Secretary of State. The deadline is 5 p.m.	43.11(2)
	Wednesday– Friday March 12-14	ISAC Spring School – Des Moines.	
76	Wednesday March 19	Withdrawal Deadline – State and Federal. Last day for candidates who filed in the Office of the Secretary of State to withdraw. Notice must be submitted in writing.	43.16 43.23(1)
74	Friday March 21	Objection Deadline – State and Federal. Last day to file written objections to nomination petitions filed with the Secretary of State. Vacancy Deadline – County. Vacancies in county offices occurring more than 73 days before the primary election must be nominated at the primary.	43.24(1) 43.6(2)
71	Monday March 24	Last Day to Substitute – State and Federal. Last day political parties may designate to the Secretary of State a substitute candidate for another who withdrew or died by March 19.	43.23
69	Wednesday March 26 *5 p.m.	Filing Deadline – County. Last day for Democratic and Republican candidates for county offices to file in the Office of the County Auditor. The deadline is 5 p.m. Last day for the Secretary of State to certify candidates' names to the County Auditor. * County Auditor's Office must be open until 5 p.m.	43.11 (1) 43.22 47.2(6)
67	Friday March 28	Withdrawal Deadline – County. Last day for candidates who have filed nomination petitions with the County Auditor to withdraw. Notice must be submitted in writing.	43.16 43.23(2)
64	Monday March 31	Objection Deadline – County. Last day to file a written objection to nomination petitions filed with the County Auditor.	43.24(1b)
63	Tuesday April 1	Substitution Deadline – County. Last day Democratic and Republican parties may designate to the County Auditor a substitute candidate for another who withdrew or died by March 26.	43.23(2)

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47	Thursday April 17 *5 p.m.	<p>Absentee Satellite Voting Petitions Deadline. A petition requesting a satellite absentee voting station must be filed no later than 5 p.m. on the forty-seventh day before the election.</p> <p>* County Auditor's Office must be open until 5 p.m.</p>	53.11(2) "a"
40	Thursday April 24	<p>Absentee Ballots Must Be Ready. First day to vote by absentee ballot in the County Auditors' office. New! Auditors must review all affidavits upon receipt.</p> <p>Overseas and Armed Forces ballots shall be ready to mail 40 days before the election. Begin mailing regular absentee ballots as soon as they are ready.</p>	49.63 53.10 53.18 53.8(1) 53.39
30	*Sunday May 4	<p>* If a deadline falls on a day the Auditor's office is closed, move to next work day.</p>	47.4
	Monday May 5	<p>Election Board Names Due. 30 days before the election is the last day for the chairpersons of county Democratic and Republican parties to designate the names of precinct election officials to the County Auditors.</p>	49.15
21	Tuesday May 13	<p>No Elections Today.</p>	39.2(1)
20	Wednesday May 14	<p>Publications Begin. First day to publish notice of changes in polling place.</p> <p>First Day the County Auditor may publish notice of the Primary Election and sample ballot.</p> <p>Election Boards Final. Last day for County Auditor to draw up election boards for elections for the next two years.</p>	49.23 49.53 49.15
15	Monday May 19	<p>Worry Free Postmark Date. Mail voter registration forms which are postmarked on or before today are considered on time to pre-register for the Primary Election even if they are received after 5 p.m. on May 24.</p>	48A.9(3)
14	Tuesday May 20	<p>No Elections Today.</p>	39.2(1)

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10	Saturday May 24 * 5 p.m.	<p>Teams may begin delivery of absentee ballots to health care facilities.</p> <p>Voter Registration Pre-registration deadline. Five o'clock p.m. is the deadline to pre-register to vote for the Primary Election. This applies to registration in person (also registration at driver's license stations or agencies) or by mail.</p> <p>Exceptions. Mail registration forms postmarked on or before Monday May 19, are considered on time even if they are received after the deadline.</p> <p>After 5 pm on May 24 a person may register to vote at the auditor's office or at a satellite absentee voting station and vote an absentee ballot. The process is the same as for registering to vote on Election Day. The voter must show ID. Auditors are not required to keep office open after 5 p.m.</p> <p>*The County Auditor's Office must be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.</p>	53.22 48A.9 48A.7A 53.2
	Monday May 26	Memorial Day – State Holiday - Offices Closed.	1C.1
7	Tuesday May 27	No Elections Today.	39.2(1)
4	Friday May 30 *5 p.m.	<p>Publication Deadline. Last day for County Auditor to publish notice of changes in polling places.</p> <p>Last day for County Auditor to publish notice of election and sample ballots.</p> <p>Deadline to request the auditor to mail an absentee ballot for the primary election.</p> <p>Last day to challenge absentee voters. A registered voter may submit a written challenge to the qualifications of an absentee voter until 5 p.m. (observers witnessing the processing of absentee ballots may submit challenges on Monday and until the polls close on Election Day.)</p> <p>* County Auditor's Office must be open until 5 p.m.</p>	49.23 49.53 53.2 53.31
	Saturday May 31 through Election Day at 5 p.m.	<p>Voters admitted to hospitals or nursing homes after 12:00 a.m. May 31 may telephone to request delivery of an absentee ballot.</p> <p>Deadline to call is 5 p.m. on Election Day.</p>	53.22

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3	Saturday May 31 *5 p.m.	<p>Auditors' Offices Open. The County Auditor's office must be open for at least eight hours for absentee voting and other election business.</p> <p>Absentee Affidavits. Last day for auditor to review absentee affidavits received by 5 p.m.</p> <p>*County Auditor's Office must be open until 5 p.m.</p>	47.2(5) 53.18
1	Monday June 2	<p>Equipment Testing Deadline. Final day to test voting equipment. Must be finished by 7 p.m.</p> <p>Precinct Worker Training Deadline. Last day for training precinct election officials.</p> <p>Auditor May Convene Special Precinct Board. The Board may review affidavits and decide which ones to accept for counting. If secrecy envelopes were enclosed with all absentee ballots, the auditor may direct the board to remove the secrecy envelopes from the affidavit envelopes. They shall NOT remove ballots from secrecy envelopes or examine or count any ballots.</p>	52.9, 52.38 49.124 53.23(3)
0	Tuesday June 3	<p>Primary Election Day. Polls open 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. – Combined precincts are allowed only in very limited circumstances.</p> <p>New! Iowa law now permits Election Day Registration.</p>	43.7 49.73 49.11 48A.7A
+2	Thursday June 5	<p>Post number of Provisional Ballots. Number of provisional ballots cast in each precinct must be posted no later than 9 a.m. on the second day after the Election.</p> <p>Special Precinct Board May Convene. Special precinct board may convene no earlier than noon to begin to consider provisional ballots and absentee ballots that were postmarked before Tuesday June 3rd.</p>	50.20, 50.21 50.22
+3	Friday June 6	<p>Absentee Fax Requests Must Be Matched With Original. Original absentee ballot requests must be received by June 6th if a facsimile request was submitted. If the original does not arrive on time or was postmarked after May 30th, the ballot cannot be counted.</p>	IAC 721- 21.2 (2)
+6	Monday June 9 Noon	<p>Absentee Ballot Deadline – Noon. Absentee ballots that were postmarked before election day (Monday June 2nd or earlier) and received by noon today are considered to be on time to be counted.</p>	53.17(2)

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+6 +7	Monday - Tuesday June 9 - 10	<p>Special precinct board reconvenes to canvass absentee ballots that were postmarked before Tuesday June 3 and received by noon on June 9th.</p> <p>County canvass of votes. May begin either on Monday or Tuesday.</p> <p>Publish offices and names of candidates nominated and offices for which no one was nominated.</p> <p>Abstracts & Turnout Report. ASAP mail signed originals to SOS.</p> <p>Write-in winners. County Auditor must notify people nominated by write-in votes for county offices that nominees must file an Affidavit of Candidacy within seven days (by 5 p.m. June 16 or 17) if they wish to have their names on the General Election Ballot.</p>	<p>50.22</p> <p>43.49 50.24</p> <p>43.62</p> <p>43.59 43.60</p> <p>43.54 43.62</p>
	Tuesday June 10	No Elections Today.	39.2(1)
	Thursday - Friday June 12 – 13	Recount Deadline. Three days following the county canvass of votes is the deadline for recount requests to be filed in the Office of the County Auditor.	<p>50.48(1)</p> <p>43.56</p>
	Monday-Tuesday June 16-17	Write In Winners Filing Deadline – County Offices. County Auditor must notify people nominated by write-in votes for county offices that nominees must file an Affidavit of Candidacy within seven days (by 5 p.m. June 16 or 17) if they wish to have their names on the General Election Ballot.	43.67
	Tuesday June 17	No Elections Today.	39.2 (1)
	Tuesday June 24	No Elections Today.	39.2 (1)
+27	Monday June 30	<p>State Canvass Of Votes Must Be Completed.</p> <p>State Commissioner must notify winning write-in candidates, for state and federal offices that they must file an Affidavit of Candidacy with the state commissioner by 5 p.m. July 7 to have their names on the General Election ballot.</p>	<p>43.63</p> <p>43.67</p>
	Friday July 4	Independence Day – State Offices Closed.	1C.1

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	Monday July 7 5 p.m.	Write In Winners Filing Deadline – State And Federal Offices.	43.67
+45	Friday July 18	EDR Acknowledgement deadline. Last day to mail acknowledgements to election day registrants.	48A.26A
104	Wednesday July 23	Judges' Filing Deadline. Last day for judges standing for retention to <u>file a declaration of candidacy</u> in the Office of the Secretary of State.	46.20
99	Monday July 28	State and Federal Candidates Filing Begins. First day for nonparty organizations and candidates nominated by petition to <u>file nomination papers</u> for state and federal offices in the Office of the Secretary of State.	44.4, 45.5
92	Monday August 4	County Candidate Filing Begins. First day for nonparty organizations and candidates nominated by petition to <u>file nomination papers</u> for county and township offices with the County Auditor's office.	44.4 45.5
90	Wednesday August 6	Submarine ballots. First day for UOCAVA voters who will be outside the continental United States and unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within the time provided to request a special absentee ballot.	53.45
89	Thursday August 7	Withdrawal Deadline – State and Federal. Last day for candidates for state and federal offices who were nominated at the Primary Election to <u>withdraw</u> . Notice must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of State. Last Day for Vacancies – State and Federal. Mid-term vacancies in state or federal offices that happen 89 or more days before the General Election must go on the General Election Ballot.	43.76(1) 43.6(1)
81	Friday August 15 5 p.m.	Filing Deadline – State and Federal. Last day to file nomination papers in the Office of the Secretary of State. <u>This includes:</u> non-party political organizations candidates nominated by petition and Democratic and Republican parties' nominations to fill ballot vacancies. The deadline is 5 p.m.	43.78(2) 44.4 45.4

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74	Friday August 22	<p>Last Day For Vacancies – County. If seventy days or more remain in term, office will be filled at the General Election unless office has been filled by special election called more than seventy-three days before the Primary Election.</p> <p>Withdrawal Deadline – Substitution Deadlines. Last day for candidates for county office who were nominated in the Primary Election to withdraw. Notice must be submitted in writing to the County Auditor.</p> <p>Last day <u>for nonparty candidates</u> who have filed <u>nomination papers</u> in the Office of the Secretary of State <u>to withdraw</u>. Notices must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of State.</p> <p>Last day <u>for nonparty political organizations to replace</u> candidates who withdrew, died or were found ineligible for state and federal offices.</p> <p>Objection Deadline – State. Last day to file a written objection to nomination papers filed with the Secretary of State.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">43.6(2) 43.77(5) 69.14 A</p> <p style="text-align: right;">43.76(2)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">45.4</p> <p style="text-align: right;">44.9(1)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">44.11</p> <p style="text-align: right;">44.4(1)</p>
70	Tuesday August 26	Proxy Requests begin. First day for UOCAVA family members to submit proxy absentee ballot request forms.	53.40
69	Wednesday August 27 * 5 p.m.	<p>Filing Deadline - County. Last day to file nomination papers for county offices in the office of the County Auditor. This includes nonparty political organizations candidates nominated by petition and Democratic and Republican parties' nominations to fill ballot vacancies. The deadline is 5 p.m.</p> <p>Last day for the Secretary of State to <u>certify names</u> for the General Election ballot to the County Auditors.</p> <p>* County Auditor's Office must be open until 5 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">43.78(3) 44.4 45.4</p> <p style="text-align: right;">43.73 46.21</p>
68	Thursday August 28	Draw names – non party political organizations ballot order. County auditor draws the names of NPPO's to determine the order in which those organizations will appear on the ballot.	49.31(2)
64 *	Monday September 1	Labor Day – State Holiday. *If deadline falls on a holiday move to next business day.	1C.1

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	Tuesday September 2	<p>These deadlines have moved due to Labor Day holiday.</p> <p>Withdrawal Deadline – County. Last day for nonparty and candidates nominated by petition who have filed nomination papers with the County Auditor to withdraw. Notice must be submitted in writing to the County Auditor.</p> <p>Objection Deadline – County. Last day to file a written objection to nomination petitions filed with the County Auditor.</p> <p>Last day for <u>non-party political organizations to replace</u> county candidates who withdrew, died or were found ineligible.</p>	<p>44.9(2) 45.4</p> <p>44.4(2)</p> <p>44.11</p>
60	Friday September 5	<p>Proclamation By Governor. Governor to issue a proclamation for any proposed amendments to the constitution to be included on General Election ballot.</p>	49A.7
47	Thursday September 18 *5 p.m.	<p>Satellite Voting Petition Deadline. A petition requesting a satellite absentee voting station must be filed no later than 5 p.m. on the forty-seventh day before the election. * County Auditor's Office must be open until 5 p.m.</p>	53.11 (2"a")
40	Thursday September 25	<p>Absentee Ballots Must Be Ready. First day to vote by absentee ballot in the County Auditors' office.</p> <p>New! Auditors must review all affidavits upon receipt.</p> <p>Overseas and Armed Forces ballots shall be ready to mail 40 days before the election. Begin mailing regular absentee ballots as soon as they are ready.</p>	<p>49.63 53.8 (1) 53.10 53.18 53.39</p>
30	Sunday October 5	<p>Last day to publish the 3rd in a series of notices of changes in precinct boundaries made since November 2006.</p>	49.11
21	Tuesday October 14	<p>No Elections Today.</p>	39.2(1)
20	Wednesday October 15	<p>Publications Begin. First day for the County Auditor to publish notice of the General Election and the sample ballot.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p>First day to publish notice of changes in polling places.</p>	<p>49.53</p> <p>49.23</p>

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15	Monday October 20	Worry Free Postmark Dates. Mailed voter registration forms which are postmarked on or before today are considered on time for pre-registration for the General Election even if they are received after 5 p.m. on October 25.	48A.9 (3)
14	Tuesday October 21	No Elections Today.	39.2(1)
10	Saturday October 25 *5 p.m.	Teams may begin delivery of absentee ballots to health care facilities. Voter Registration Pre-registration deadline 5 p.m. Five o'clock p.m. is the deadline to pre-register to vote for the General Election. This applies to registration in person (including registration at driver's license stations or agencies) or by mail. Exception: Mail registration forms that were postmarked on or before Monday October 20th are considered on time even if they are received after the deadline. After 5 pm on October 25 a person may register to vote at the auditor's office or at a satellite absentee voting station and vote an absentee ballot. The process is the same as for registering to vote on Election Day. The voter must show ID. Auditors are not required to keep offices open after 5 p.m. * The County Auditor's Office must be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.	53.22 48A.9
7	Tuesday October 28	No Elections Today.	39.2(1)
4	Friday October 31 *5 p.m.	Publication Deadline. Last day for County Auditor to publish notice of changes in polling places. Last day for County Auditor to publish notice of election and sample ballots. Deadline to request the auditor to mail an absentee ballot for the general election. Last day to challenge absentee voters. A registered voter may submit a written challenge to the qualifications of an absentee voter until 5 p.m. (observers witnessing the processing of absentee ballots may submit challenges on Monday and until the polls close on Election Day.) *County Auditor's Office must be open until 5 p.m.	49.23 49.53 53.2 53.31

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3	Saturday November 1	Auditors' Offices Open. The County Auditor's office must be open for at least eight hours for absentee voting and other election business. Absentee Affidavits. Last day for auditor to review absentee affidavits received by 5 p.m. *County Auditor's Office must be open until 5 p.m.	47.2(5) 53.18
1	Monday November 3	Equipment Testing Deadline. Last day to test voting equipment. Keep results in your files. Finish testing by 7 p.m. Precinct Worker Training Deadline. Last day for training precinct election officials. Auditor May Convene Special Precinct Board. The board may review affidavits and decide which ones to accept for counting. If secrecy envelopes were enclosed with all absentee ballots, the auditor may direct the board to remove the secrecy envelopes from the affidavit envelopes. They shall NOT remove ballots from secrecy envelopes or examine or count ballots.	52.9 52.35 49.124 53.23(3)
0	Tuesday November 4	General Election Day. Polls open from 7 am until 9 pm. Combined precincts are allowed only in very limited circumstances. New! Iowa law now permits election day registration.	39. 1, 49.11 49.73 48A.7A
	Thursday November 6 9 a.m.	Post the Number of Provisional Ballots. Number of provisional ballots cast in each precinct must be posted by 9 a.m. Special Precinct Board May Convene. Special precinct board may convene no earlier than noon to consider provisional ballots and absentee ballots postmarked before election day, (November 3 or earlier.)	50.20 50.21 50.22
+3	Friday November 7	Absentee Fax Requests Must Be Matched With Original. Original absentee ballot requests must be received by November 7 if a facsimile request was submitted. If the original does not arrive on time or was postmarked after October 31, the ballot cannot be counted. Notify the voter that ballot was rejected.	IAC 721- 21.2(2)

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+6	Monday November 10	Absentee Ballot Deadline - Noon. Absentee ballots that were postmarked before election day (November 3rd or earlier) are received by noon today are considered to be on time to be counted.	53.17(2)
	Monday - Tuesday November 10 -11	Special precinct board reconvenes to canvass absentee ballots postmarked before Tuesday November 4 and received by noon on Monday November 10. County Canvass of Votes. County Canvass of votes convenes.	50.22 50.24
	Tuesday November 11	No Elections Today. Veteran's Day– State Offices Closed. If the county office is closed on Veteran's Day, applicable deadlines move to the next business day.	39.2(1) 1C.1
+10	Thursday November 13 or Friday November 14 *5 p.m.	County Abstracts of Votes Due. Deadline for County Auditor to forward abstracts of votes to the Office of the Secretary of State. Recount Deadline. Three days following the county canvass of votes is the deadline for recount requests to be filed in the office of the County Auditor. * County Auditor's Office must be open until 5 p.m.	50.30 50.48(1)
	Tuesday November 18	No Elections Today.	39.2(1)
	Wednesday– Friday November 19-21	ISAC Fall School – Coralville.	
	Tuesday November 25	No Elections Today.	39.2 (1)
	Thursday - Friday November 27-28	Thanksgiving Holiday – State Offices Closed.	
+27	Monday December 1	State's Canvass Complete. State canvass of votes must be finished for all offices.	50.38

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+45	Friday December 19	EDR Acknowledgment deadline. Last day to mail acknowledgements to election day registrants.	48A.26A
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