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Important 2012 Election Dates

May 12, 2012 – Limited Uniform Election Date

Note: Information is subject to preclearance by the USDOJ.	
Authority conducting elections	*Local political subdivisions other than counties
	(NEW LAW: County-ordered elections may not be held on this date. County Election Officials may but are not required to contract to provide election services to political subdivisions.)
First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for cities and schools ONLY) (filing deadline for other political subdivisions may vary)*	February 4, 2012 (Even though the first day to file falls on a Saturday, this does not require the filing authority to hold weekend office hours to receive candidate applications.)
Last Day to File for Place on Ballot, if regular filing deadline*	March 5, 2012 (NEW LAW: 71st day before election day; falls on state holiday March 2, 2012; moves to Monday, next business day) *March 16, 2012 (see note below relating to four-year terms)
Last Day to Order General Election (or Special Election on a Measure)*	March 5, 2012 (NEW LAW: 71st day before election day; falls on state holiday March 2, 2012; moves to Monday, next business day)
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	March 13, 2012
Last Day to Register to Vote	April 12, 2012
First Day of Early Voting	April 30, 2012

Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received , not Postmarked)	May 4, 2012 (Friday, preceding business day)
Last Day of Early Voting	May 8, 2012

November 6, 2012 - Uniform Election Date

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Authority conducting elections	County Clerk/Elections Administrator/ *Local political subdivisions
First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for cities and schools ONLY) (filing deadline for other political subdivisions may vary)*	July 21, 2012 (Even though the first day to file falls on a Saturday, this does not require the filing authority to hold weekend office hours to receive candidate applications.)
Last Day to Order General Election (or Special Election)**	August 20, 2012 (NEW LAW: 78th day before election day)
Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY)*	August 20, 2012 (NEW LAW: 78th day before election day)
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (does not apply to FPCA)	September 7, 2012
Last Day to Register to Vote	October 9, 2012 (Tuesday, next business day after Columbus Day)
First Day of Early Voting	October 22, 2012 (Monday, next business day)
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received , not Postmarked)	October 30, 2012 (Received , not Postmarked)
Last Day of Early Voting	November 2, 2012

***Filing deadlines:**

1. Generally, the filing deadline is the 71st day prior to Election Day (78th day prior to November General Election in even-numbered years); however, the Election Code may provide a different special election filing deadline. See Section 201.054 of the Texas Election Code.
2. Local political subdivisions, other than cities or school districts, might not have a "first day" to file. Write-in deadlines for general and special elections also vary, but the deadline is usually on the 5th day after the regular filing deadline for the election.
3. If no candidate for a **four-year term** has filed an application for a place on the ballot for a **city office**, the filing deadline for that office is extended to 5 p.m. of the 57th day before the election. See Section 143.008 of the Texas Election Code.