



**SOUTH CAROLINA  
ELECTION CALENDAR FOR  
2010 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION**

**NOTE:** All numerical statutes are in reference to the S. C. Code of Laws 1976, as amended.  
(Example, 7-5-120 means Title 7, Chapter 5, Section 120) All dates are based on current law.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Statutes</b>
January 1, 2010	Absentee precincts established for elections in 2010.	7-15-330
January 9	First day 17 year-olds may register to vote in June 8 primary.	7-5-180
March 2	Advertisement to be placed by party county chairman on notice of candidate filing.	7-13-45
March 16 12:00 noon	Filing opens for party primary and convention candidates for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Governor</li> <li>- Lieutenant Governor</li> <li>- Secretary of State</li> <li>- State Treasurer</li> <li>- Attorney General</li> <li>- Comptroller General</li> <li>- State Superintendent of Education</li> <li>- Adjutant General</li> <li>- Commissioner of Agriculture</li> <li>- U.S. Senate</li> <li>- U.S. House of Representatives</li> <li>- State House of Representatives</li> <li>- multi-county district offices</li> <li>- Solicitor (circuits 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 15)</li> <li>- countywide and less than countywide offices</li> </ul> Candidates file proper forms including Statement of Intention of Candidacy with their political party.	7-11-15, 7-11-210, 7-11-220
March 30 12:00 noon	Filing closes.	7-11-15
March 31	Last day for political parties to hold county conventions.	7-9-70
April 9 12:00 noon	Political parties holding primaries must certify candidates to county or State Election Commission (whichever is appropriate).	7-11-15, 7-13-40
April 9	First public notice of primary and polling place locations to be published no later than this date in newspaper of general circulation in county.	7-13-35
April 23	Second public notice of primary to be published no later than this date.	7-13-35
not later than April 24	Last day to mail absentee ballots to UOCAVA voters (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act)	7-15-405
not later than April 24	Political parties may submit list of prospective primary poll managers to county election commission.	7-13-72
April 29	County election commission provides copies of each primary absentee ballot style to State Election Commission no later than this date.	7-13-320 (F)
May 8	Last day to register to vote in June 8 primary election.	7-5-150

Date	Event	Statutes
May 15	Last day for political parties to hold state conventions.	7-9-100
<b>June 8</b>	<b>Primary Election Day.</b> Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.	7-13-40, 7-13-60
June 10	County Election Commission meets before 1:00 p.m. to canvass votes and declare results. CEC must certify results to SEC no later than noon, June 17.	7-17-510
June 12 not later than 12:00 noon	Board of State Canvassers meets to canvass vote and declare results of primaries for federal, state and multi-county offices.	7-17-510
June 14 12:00 noon	Deadline for filing protest of election with appropriate party officials.	7-17-520, 7-17-560
June 17	Protest hearings held by appropriate party executive committee.	7-17-530, 7-17-570
June 18 3:00 p.m.	Deadline for notice of appeal to the State Executive Committee from decisions by county executive committee.	7-17-540
June 19 12:00 noon	Deadline for State Executive Committee to hear appeals.	7-17-550
<b>June 22</b>	<b>Primary run-off (if required).</b> NOTE: Certification and protest procedures for run-offs follow same time frame as above.	7-13-40
July 15 12: 00 noon	Last day for submission of petitions to appropriate election official for name to be placed on November 2 General Election ballot.	7-13-351
August 16 12:00 noon	a) Petition candidates must be certified by this date. b) Questions for a referendum to be held during the General Election must be submitted to the county election commission by this date.	7-13-351 7-13-355
August 16 12:00 noon	Last day for political parties to certify candidates to county or State Election Commission (whichever is appropriate).	7-13-350
August 16 12:00 noon	Last day to file for nonpartisan offices that file by statement of candidacy, including watershed and municipal offices. (Filing deadlines for some non-partisan school board seats could differ according to local legislation.)	7-13-352
September 3	First public notice of November 2 General Election to be published no later than this date in newspaper of general circulation in county.	7-13-35
September 15	County election commission provides copies of general election absentee ballot styles to State Election Commission by this date.	7-13-320 (F)
September 17	Second notice of General Election to be published no later than this date.	7-13-35
October 2	Last date to register to vote in November 2 General Election.	7-5-150
<b>November 2</b>	<b>General Election Day.</b> Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.	7-13-10, 7-13-60
November 3	County election commissions transmit results via online computer system to State Election Commission by 10:00 a.m.	7-13-1160
November 5	County election commissions to organize no later than 1:00 p.m. to hear provisional ballots and canvass votes.	7-17-10

Date	Event	Statues
November 6 12:00 noon	Deadline for county election commissions to certify results and issue statements of returns to be transmitted to the State Election Commission.	7-17-20
November 10 12:00 noon	Deadline for filing protests of county or less than countywide elections with county election commissions.	7-17-30
November 12	Deadline to convene State Board of Canvassers to certify all offices and questions of the November 2 General Election.  Protests to the State Board of Canvassers for federal, state or multi-county offices must be filed by noon, the fifth day following State Board certification.	7-17-220  7-17-260
November 15	Protest hearings held by county election commissions for countywide or less than countywide elections.	7-17-50
November 22 12:00 noon	Deadline to file appeal of county board decision to State Board. Written and electronic transcript of protest hearing submitted to the State Board of Canvassers.	7-17-60 7-17-50
December 6 12:00 noon	Last day for State Board to hear appeals from November 15.  State Board of Canvassers shall hear protests filed concerning federal, state or multi-county offices certified by the State Board not earlier than the fifth nor later than the 25th day following the date the protest was filed.	7-17-70  7-17-270

**NOVEMBER 2, 2010 GENERAL ELECTION  
CERTIFICATION AND PROTEST SCHEDULE**

*COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Statues</b>
November 2	General Election	7-13-10
November 5	County election commission, serving as the county board of canvassers, meets to canvass and certify election results.	7-17-20
November 10 12:00 noon	Protests of countywide and less than countywide offices are filed with the county board of canvassers.	7-17-30
November 15	Protest hearings heard by county board of canvassers.	7-17-50
November 22 12:00 noon	Written and electronic transcript of protest hearing submitted to the State Board of Canvassers.	7-17-50
November 22 12:00 noon	Deadline to file appeals with the State Board of Canvassers from decisions of the county boards.	7-17-60

**CERTIFICATION, APPEAL AND PROTEST SCHEDULE**

*STATE ELECTION COMMISSION*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Statues</b>
no later than November 12	State Election Commission, serving as the Board of State Canvassers, meets to canvass and certify the votes for all races.	7-17-220
no later than November 17 12:00 noon	Deadline to file protests for federal, statewide, State House of Representatives and multi-county offices with the State Board.	7-17-260
November 22 12:00 noon	Deadline to file appeals with the State Board of Canvassers from decisions of the county boards.	7-17-60
November 16 – December 6	State Board hears appeals.	7-17-70
November 17 - December 12	State Board hears protests.	7-17-270

## **STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY TIME LINES for 2010 Primaries and Conventions**

**Filing for** State House of Representatives, countywide and less than countywide offices takes place with the county of residence political party.

March 16      Filing opens for party primary and convention candidates. Candidates file proper  
12:00 noon      forms including Statement of Intention of Candidacy with their county political  
party. 7-11-15, 7-11-210, 7-11-220.

March 30      Filing closes.  
12:00 noon

White copy of the Statement of Intention of Candidacy is kept by the County Executive Committee.

Gold copy is given to the candidate.

April 4      Yellow copy must be filed with State Executive Committee along with applicable  
filing fees.

April 9      Pink copy must be filed with your county election commission. State political  
12:00 noon      party forwards a list of candidates to appropriate county election commission.  
List must show specifically how candidates' names should appear on ballots.

April 9      All filing fees and a copy of the list of candidates sent to the county election  
commissions must be filed with the State Election Commission.

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**Filing for** U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, statewide offices, multi-county district offices and Solicitor takes place with the state political party.

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12:00 noon      including Statement of Intention of Candidacy with their state political party.  
7-11-15, 7-11-210, 7-11-220.

March 30      Filing closes.  
12:00 noon

White copy is kept by the state political party

Pink copy must be given to the candidate

Gold copy may be recycled

April 9      Yellow copy must be filed with the State Election Commission along with  
12:00 noon      applicable filing fees.

April 9      State political party forwards a list of candidates to appropriate county election  
12:00 noon      commission and State Election Commission. List must show specifically how  
candidates' names should appear on ballots.