



**SOUTH CAROLINA
ELECTION CALENDAR FOR
2008 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.

Date	Event	Statutes
January 1, 2008	Absentee precincts established for elections in 2008.	7-15-330
January 11	First day 17 year-olds may register to vote in June 10 primary.	7-5-180
January 29	Democratic Presidential Preference Primary	7-11-20
February 2	Republican Presidential Preference Primary	7-11-20
March 3	Advertisement to be placed by party county chairman on notice of candidate filing.	7-13-45
March 17 12:00 noon	Filing opens for party primary and convention candidates for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- U.S. Senate- U.S. House of Representatives- State Senate- State House of Representatives- multi-county district offices- solicitor (circuits 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16)- countywide and less than countywide offices Candidates file proper forms including Statement of Intention of Candidacy with their political party.	7-11-15, 7-11-210, 7-11-220
March 31 12:00 noon	Filing closes.	7-11-15
March 31	Last day for political parties to hold county conventions.	7-9-70
April 10 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 11	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 25	Second public notice of primary to be published no later than this date.	7-13-35
not later than April 26	Political parties may submit list of prospective primary poll managers to county election commission.	7-13-72
May 1	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 10	Last day to register to vote in June 10 primary election.	7-5-150
May 15	Last day for political parties to hold state conventions.	7-9-100
June 6	First day 17 year-olds may register to vote in November 4 General Election.	7-5-180

Date	Event	Statues
June 10	Primary Election Day. Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.	7-13-40, 7-13-60
June 12	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 14.	7-17-510
June 14 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 16 12:00 noon	Deadline for filing protest of election with appropriate party officials.	7-17-520, 7-17-560
June 19	Protest hearings held by appropriate party executive committee.	7-17-530, 7-17-570
June 20 3:00 p.m.	Deadline for notice of appeal to the State Executive Committee from decisions by county executive committee.	7-17-540
June 21 12:00 noon	Deadline for State Executive Committee to hear appeals.	7-17-550
June 24	Primary run-off (if required). 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 4 General Election ballot.	7-13-351
August 15 12:00 noon	a) petition candidates must be certified by this date. b) Questions for a countywide 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 15 12:00 noon	Last day for political parties to certify candidates to county or State Election Commission (whichever is appropriate).	7-13-350
September 5	First public notice of November 4 General Election to be published no later than this date in newspaper of general circulation in county.	7-13-35
September 10 12:00 noon	Last day for political parties to certify Presidential candidates to State Election Commission.	7-13-350 (B)
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 19	Second notice of General Election to be published no later than this date.	7-13-35
October 4	Last date to register to vote in November 4 General Election.	7-5-150
November 4	General Election Day. Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.	7-13-10, 7-13-60
November 5	County election commissions transmit results via on-line computer system to State Election Commission by 10:00 a.m.	7-13-1160
November 7	County election commissions to organize no later than 1:00 p.m. to hear challenged ballots and canvass votes.	7-17-10
November 8 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

Date	Event	Statuses
November 12 12:00 noon	Deadline for filing protests of county or less than countywide elections with county election commissions.	7-17-30
November 14	Deadline to convene State Board of Canvassers to certify all offices and questions of the November 4 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 17	Protest hearings held by county election commissions for countywide or less than countywide elections.	7-17-50
November 24 12:00 noon	Deadline to file appeal of county board decision to State Board.	7-17-60
December 8 12:00 noon	Last day for State Board to hear appeals from November 24. 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 4, 2008 GENERAL ELECTION
CERTIFICATION AND PROTEST SCHEDULE**

COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

Date	Event	Statuses
November 4	General Election	7-13-10
November 7	County election commission, serving as the county board of canvassers, meets to canvass and certify election results.	7-17-10
November 12 12:00 noon	Protests of countywide and less than countywide offices are filed with the county board of canvassers.	7-17-30
November 17	Protest hearings heard by county board of canvassers.	7-17-50
November 24 12:00 noon	Written transcript of protest hearing submitted to the State Board of Canvassers.	7-17-50
November 24 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

Date	Event	Statuses
no later than November 14	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 19 12:00 noon	Deadline to file protests for federal, statewide, State Senate, State House of Representatives and multi-county offices with the State Board.	7-17-260
November 24 12:00 noon	Deadline to file appeals with the State Board of Canvassers from decisions of the county boards.	7-17-60
November 18 - December 8	State Board hears appeals.	7-17-70
November 19- December 15	State Board hears protests.	7-17-270

STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY TIME LINES for 2008 Primaries and Conventions

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

March 17 12:00 noon Filing opens for party primary and convention candidates. Candidates file proper forms including Statement of Intention of Candidacy with their county political party. 7-11-15, 7-11-210, 7-11-220.

March 31 12:00 noon Filing closes.

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

Gold copy is given to the candidate.

April 6 Yellow copy must be filed with State Executive Committee along with applicable filing fees.

April 10 12:00 noon Pink copy must be filed with your county election commission. State political party forwards a list of candidates to appropriate county election commission. List must show specifically how candidates' names should appear on ballots.

April 10 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.

Filing for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, and solicitor takes place with the state political party.

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March 31 12:00 noon Filing closes.

White copy is kept by the state political party

Pink copy must be given to the candidate

Gold copy may be recycled

April 10 12:00 noon Yellow copy must be filed with the State Election Commission along with applicable filing fees.

April 10 12:00 noon State political party forwards a list of candidates to appropriate county election commission and State Election Commission. List must show specifically how candidates' names should appear on ballots.