

PREPARING FOR NOVEMBER 2026 & MAY 2027 BOND ELECTIONS

Timeline for November 2026 and May 2027 Bond Elections



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Texas school districts weighing a bond program in the coming year have two options: the **November 3, 2026** and **May 1, 2027** uniform election dates.

Many may skip the November ballot, where a bond proposition would compete for attention amid hotly contested midterm races. Meanwhile, with the Texas Legislature convening in 2027, some worry that May 2027 could be the last opportunity for a May bond election. The proposals that we saw in 2025 to remove the May uniform election date appear likely to return in 2027. As such, May 2027 should be a busy time for bond elections.

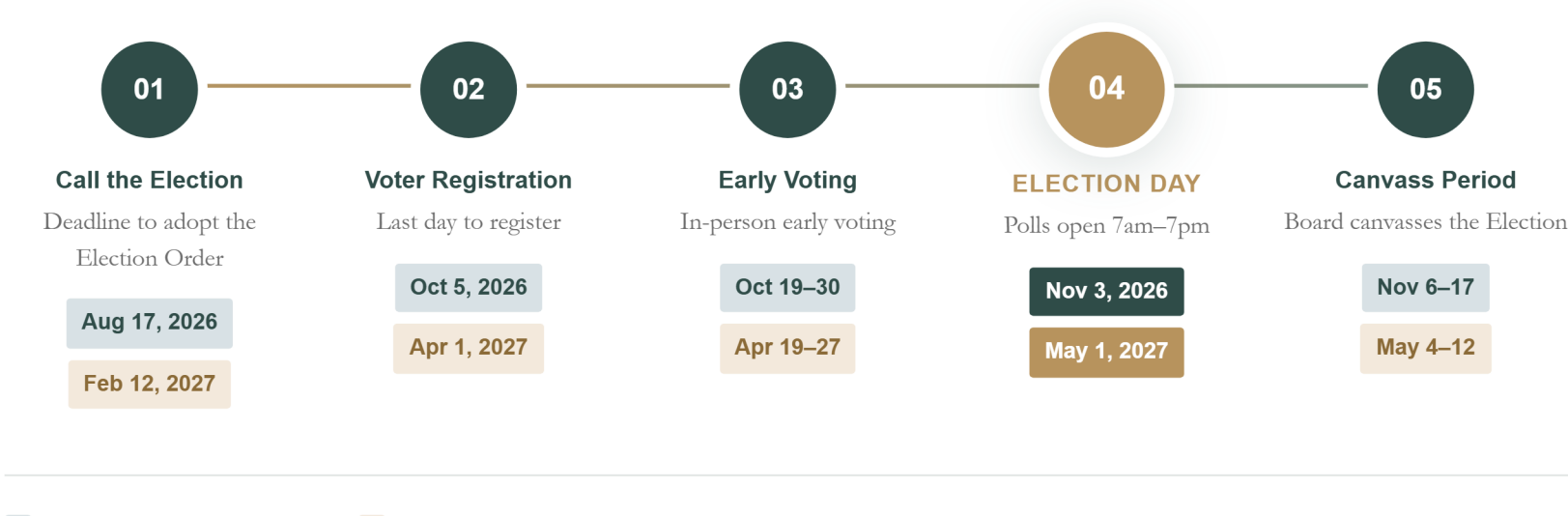
Whichever date you choose, Leon, Alcala, Morse & Reynolds is among the most experienced school bond counsel in Texas, and we would be happy to assist with your bond election and the bonds that follow.

The schedules below set out both calendars in full.

THE SEQUENCE

Two calendars, one fixed sequence

The upper date applies to a November 2026 election; the lower date applies to a May 2027 election.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

November 3, 2026 Election

MONDAY Aug 17, 2026	Deadline for the Board of Trustees to adopt the order calling the Bond Election (the “Election Order”).
FRIDAY Sep 4, 2026	Deadline to deliver the Notice of Election to the County Clerk and Voter Registrar of each county in which the District is located.
SUNDAY Oct 4, 2026	First day to publish the Notice of Election in a newspaper of general circulation in the District.
MONDAY Oct 5, 2026	Last day to register to vote in the Election.
TUESDAY Oct 13, 2026	Deadline to post the Notice of Election and Election Order on county and District websites and in three public places. Postings must remain through the day after Election Day.
WEDNESDAY Oct 14, 2026	Deadline to file the pre-election report with the Bond Review Board detailing the propositions and estimated costs.
MONDAY Oct 19, 2026	First day to vote early by personal appearance. The Election Order must be posted at each polling place.
SATURDAY Oct 24, 2026	Deadline for publication of the Notice of Election in a newspaper of general circulation.
FRIDAY Oct 30, 2026	Last day to vote early by personal appearance.
TUESDAY Nov 3, 2026	ELECTION DAY Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Election Order must be posted at each polling place.
WEDNESDAY Nov 4, 2026	First day for the filing of an election contest.
FRIDAY Nov 6, 2026	First day for the Board to canvass the Election, if applicable ballots have been counted.
TUESDAY Nov 17, 2026	Last day for the Board to canvass the Election. The District must then post the results on its website.
MONDAY Nov 23, 2026	Deadline to file the post-election report with the Bond Review Board reporting the vote totals.
DEC 7–18 Dec 2026	Last day to file an election contest — thirty days after the election records become publicly available.
SEPTEMBER 2028	Voted ballots may be destroyed if no contest is filed and no related investigation or proceeding is pending.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 1, 2027 Election

FRIDAY Feb 12, 2027	Deadline for the Board of Trustees to adopt the order calling the Bond Election (the “Election Order”).
TUESDAY Mar 2, 2027	Deadline to deliver the Notice of Election to the County Clerk and Voter Registrar of each county in which the District is located.
THURSDAY Apr 1, 2027	First day to publish the Notice of Election in a newspaper of general circulation in the District.
THURSDAY Apr 1, 2027	Last day to register to vote in the Election.
SATURDAY Apr 10, 2027	Deadline to post the Notice of Election and Election Order on county and District websites and in three public places. Postings must remain through the day after Election Day.
SUNDAY Apr 11, 2027	Deadline to file the pre-election report with the Bond Review Board detailing the propositions and estimated costs.
MONDAY Apr 19, 2027	First day to vote early by personal appearance. The Election Order must be posted at each polling place.
WEDNESDAY Apr 21, 2027	Deadline for publication of the Notice of Election in a newspaper of general circulation.
TUESDAY Apr 27, 2027	Last day to vote early by personal appearance.
SATURDAY May 1, 2027	ELECTION DAY Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Election Order must be posted at each polling place.
SUNDAY May 2, 2027	First day for the filing of an election contest.
TUESDAY May 4, 2027	First day for the Board to canvass the Election, if applicable ballots have been counted.
WEDNESDAY May 12, 2027	Last day for the Board to canvass the Election. The District must then post the results on its website.
FRIDAY May 21, 2027	Deadline to file the post-election report with the Bond Review Board reporting the vote totals.
JUN 4–12 Jun 2027	Last day to file an election contest — thirty days after the election records become publicly available.
MARCH 2029	Voted ballots may be destroyed if no contest is filed and no related investigation or proceeding is pending.

HOW THE FIRM CAN ASSIST

The firm guides districts through every step of the bond election process.

From calling the election through the post-election canvass and Bond Review Board filings, Leon, Alcala, Morse & Reynolds prepares the orders, notices, and tailored calendars each district needs. Districts considering a November 2026 or May 2027 bond program are encouraged to begin planning now.

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