

2026 ELECTIONS

(DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE LEGISLATURE)

Date of Election	February 7	March 14	May 16	June 27	November 3	December 12
Type of Election	Special Legislative Primary [^]	Special Legislative General/ Special Primary (69 th State Representative District Only) [*]	Party Primary/ Municipal Primary	2 nd Party Primary/ Municipal General	U.S. Senate General/Open U.S. Representative Primary/ Open Primary	Open U.S. Representative General/Open General
1 st Day to Obtain Signature for Nominating Petitions ⁺	n/a	n/a	9/16/2025	n/a	4/7/2026 5/14/2026 (U.S. Reps. Only)	n/a
Deadline: Submit Nominating Petitions to Registrar of Voters ⁺	12/5/2025	1/16/2026 [*]	1/14/2026	n/a	7/8/2026 7/9/2026 (U.S. Reps. Only)	n/a
Deadline: Specials	n/a	n/a	1/14/2026	n/a	7/8/2026	n/a
Deadline: Propositions	n/a	n/a	1/14/2026	4/27/2026	7/8/2026	10/12/2026
Qualifying Dates	12/17/2025 - 12/19/2025	1/28/2026 - 1/30/2026 [*]	2/11/2026 - 2/13/2026	n/a	8/5/2026 - 8/7/2026	n/a
In Person/By Mail Registration Deadline	1/7/2026	2/11/2026	4/15/2026	5/27/2026	10/5/2026	11/12/2026
Geaux Vote Online Registration Deadline	1/17/2026	2/21/2026	4/25/2026	6/6/2026	10/13/2026	11/21/2026
Deadline to Request a Mail Ballot from Registrar (other than Military and Overseas)	2/3/2026	3/10/2026	5/12/2026	6/23/2026	10/30/2026	12/8/2026
Deadline for Registrar to Receive Voted Mail Ballot (other than Military and Overseas)	2/6/2026	3/13/2026	5/15/2026	6/26/2026	11/2/2026	12/11/2026
Early Voting Begins	1/24/2026	2/28/2026	5/2/2026	6/12/2026 ^{**}	10/20/2026	11/28/2026
Early Voting Ends	1/31/2026	3/7/2026	5/9/2026	6/20/2026	10/27/2026	12/5/2026

IMPORTANT NOTES

Dates for the 2026 calendar year have been adjusted per Act 640 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session. Spring election dates have been adjusted per Act 1 of the 2025 First Extraordinary Legislative Session. Fall election dates have been adjusted per Act 7 of the 2026 Regular Session.

[^]The Special Legislative Primary and General is for the 37th (Parishes of Calcasieu and Jefferson Davis), 60th (Parishes of Assumption and Iberville), 97th (Parish of Orleans), and 100th (Parish of Orleans) State Representative Districts and the 3rd (Parishes of Orleans and St. Bernard) State Senatorial District.

^{*}Dates apply only to the 69th (Parish of East Baton Rouge) State Representative District.

^{**}Early Voting advanced one day due to the state observed holiday for Juneteenth.

+ Beginning in 2026, all candidates for closed party primary offices who are not affiliated with the Democratic or Republican parties must qualify via nominating petition by the deadline for the Party Primary Election. (Act 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Legislative Session and Act 640 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session)

Per Act 7 of the 2026 Regular Session, U.S. Representative is no longer considered a closed party office for purposes of the November and December election cycle, and anyone planning to qualify may do so by either paying the qualifying fee or via nominating petition regardless of party.

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2026 PARTY PRIMARY/SPRING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

**PARTY PRIMARY/
MUNICIPAL PRIMARY**
May 16, 2026

**2ND PARTY PRIMARY/
MUNICIPAL GENERAL**
June 27, 2026

QUALIFYING PERIOD
February 11-13, 2026

OFFICE TITLES	YEARS OF TERM	BEGINNING OF TERM	EXPIRATION OF TERM	DISTRICTS
PARTY PRIMARY				
U.S. Senator*^	-	-	-	-
U.S. Representative*^	-	-	-	4
Associate Justice, Supreme Court*^	-	-	-	4
Public Service Commissioner*^	-	-	-	5

^ Democratic and Republican Closed Party Races

2026 FALL ELECTIONS

**OPEN CONGRESSIONAL
GENERAL AND
OPEN PRIMARY**
November 3, 2026

GENERAL ELECTION
December 12, 2026

QUALIFYING PERIOD

~~July 29-31, 2026~~

August 5-7, 2026

OFFICE TITLES	YEARS OF TERM	BEGINNING OF TERM	EXPIRATION OF TERM	DISTRICTS
OPEN GENERAL				
U.S. Senator*	6	1/3/2027	1/3/2033	-
U.S. Representative*	2	1/3/2027	1/3/2029	4
Associate Justice, Supreme Court*	10	1/1/2027	12/31/2036	4
Public Service Commissioner*	6	1/1/2027	12/31/2032	5
OPEN PRIMARY				
Court of Appeal Judge*	10	1/1/2027	12/31/2036	2-2-at-lg.
District Judges	6	1/1/2027	12/31/2032	2 nd JDC
District Attorney	6	1/11/2027	1/9/2033	2 nd JDC
School Board Members	4	1/1/2027	12/31/2030	all
Justices of the Peace	6	1/1/2027	12/31/2032	all
Constables (Justice of the Peace Courts)	6	1/1/2027	12/31/2032	all

ATHENS:				
Mayor, Chief of Police, Aldermen	4	1/1/2027	12/31/2030	-
HAYNESVILLE:				
Mayor, Chief of Police, Council Members	4	1/1/2027	12/31/2030	-
HOMER:				
Mayor, Marshal, Selectmen	4	1/1/2027	12/31/2030	-
JUNCTION CITY:				
Mayor, Chief of Police, Aldermen	4	1/1/2027	12/31/2030	-