



# IDAHO SECRETARY OF STATE

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### 2008 IDAHO PRIMARY and GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR

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This edition of the 2008 Election Calendar is subject to amendatory change by the Idaho Legislature. If changes occur an updated version will be published.

January 15	Last day for County Commissioners to establish election precincts.	Sec. 34-301, Idaho Code
March (Regular meeting of board)	County Commissioners to authorize suitable number of ballots.	Sec. 34-902, Idaho Code
March 10	First day for filing declarations of candidacy of all candidates, including independents, with Secretary of State or County Clerk.	Sec. 34-704, Idaho Code
March 21	Last day for filing declarations of candidacy until 5:00 p.m.	Sec. 34-704, Idaho Code
March 24	Last day for Secretary of State to certify candidates to Legislative District and State Central Committees.	Sec. 34-706, Idaho Code
March 24	Last day for County Clerk to certify candidates to County Central Committees.	Sec. 34-706, Idaho Code
March 28	Last day for precinct committeemen to supply list for precinct election personnel.	Sec. 34-303, Idaho Code
March 28	Last day for Secretary of State to designate candidates for presidential primary.	Sec. 34-732, Idaho Code
March 31	Last day for Secretary of State to certify candidates to County Clerk.	Sec. 34-705, Idaho Code
April 1	Last day for County Commissioners to designate mail ballot precincts.	Sec. 34-308, Idaho Code
April 7	County Clerk to appoint election personnel.	Sec. 34-303, Idaho Code
April 14	Last day for political parties to supply the name of its county chairman or alternate to County Clerk in order to have witnesses accompany County Clerk or Deputy Clerk in the delivery of absentee ballots.	Sec. 34-1003, Idaho Code
April 14	Last day a candidate may withdraw before the Primary.	Sec. 34-717, Idaho Code
April 17	Last day for Secretary of State to provide form of sample Primary Election ballot.	Sec. 34-712, Idaho Code
April 28	Last day for undesignated presidential candidates to file nominating petitions with the Secretary of State.	Sec. 34-732, Idaho Code
April 28	Last day for Secretary of State to remove presidential candidates because of death, incapacity or withdrawal.	Sec. 34-733, Idaho Code

April 28	Last day for County Commissioners to designate polling places prior to Primary Election.	Sec. 34-302, Idaho Code
May 1	Last day to submit initiative petition signatures to County Clerk. This date is dependent upon when 18 month circulation period started.	Sec. 34-1802, Idaho Code
May 2	Last day for elector to pre-register for the Primary Election. Election day registration is available.	Sec. 34-408, Idaho Code
May 13	Last day declaration of intent to be filed by write-in candidates.	Sec. 34-702A, Idaho Code
May 15	First notice of Primary Election to be published.	Sec. 34-602, Idaho Code
May 16	Last day for a candidate for President or a designated representative to file with the Secretary of State a list of names and addresses of the persons proposed to be delegates to the national convention of the party of that candidate.	Sec. 34-735, Idaho Code
May 21	Last day for application for mail-in absentee ballot to be received by County Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m.	Sec. 34-1002, Idaho Code
May 22	Last day for County Clerk to receive written requests for the purpose of authorizing persons to act as watchers and challengers at the polling place.	Sec. 34-304, Idaho Code
May 22	Second notice of Primary Election to be published. Facsimile sample ballot should be published at this time.	Sec. 34-602, Idaho Code Sec. 34-2425, Idaho Code Secretary of State Directive
May 26	Last day for application for in person absentee voting at the absent elector's polling place until 5:00 p.m.	Sec. 34-1002, Idaho Code
May 27	Last day for return of absentee ballots by 8:00 p.m.	Sec. 34-1005, Idaho Code
May 27	Primary Election -- 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (* ) At Clerk's option, polling places may be opened at 7:00 a.m.	Sec. 34-102, Idaho Code Sec. 34-1101, Idaho Code
May 27	County Clerk's office to remain open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Sec. 34-211, Idaho Code
May 28	Registration reopens.	Sec. 34-408, Idaho Code
June 3	Last day for County Board of Canvassers to meet.	Sec. 34-1205, Idaho Code
June 4	County Clerk issues certificates of nomination or election to candidates and certifies to Secretary of State.	Sec. 34-1208, Idaho Code
June 6	Last day for county central committee to meet and elect officers.	Sec. 34-502, Idaho Code
June 7	Last day for legislative district central committees to meet and elect officers.	Sec. 34-503, Idaho Code
June 11	Last day for State Board of Canvassers to meet.	Sec. 34-1211, Idaho Code
June 13	Last day for write-in candidates to pay filing fee. This date is dependent upon the day of county canvass--10 days after canvass.	Sec. 34-702, Idaho Code
June 13	Secretary of State issues certificates of nomination or election.	Sec. 34-1214, Idaho Code

June 30	Last day for County Clerk to verify initiative petition signatures.	Sec. 34-1802, Idaho Code
July 25	Last day for County Clerk to examine election register and note challenges from Primary Election.	Sec. 34-432, Idaho Code
August 6	Last day for Magistrates up for retention to file declarations of candidacy with County Clerk.	Sec. 1-2220, Idaho Code
August 24	Last day for independent candidates for President and Vice-President to file nomination petitions.	Sec. 34-708A, Idaho Code
August 30	Last day for new political party formation petitions to be filed with the Secretary of State.	Sec. 34-501, Idaho Code
September 1	Last day for state party chairmen to certify candidates for President, Vice-President and Presidential Electors. <i>(Five day extension may be granted by Secretary of State.)</i>	Sec. 34-711, Idaho Code
September 1	Last day for independent candidates for President to certify Presidential Electors.	Sec. 34-711A, Idaho Code
September 7	Last day for Secretary of State to forward General Election sample ballots.	Sec. 34-909, Idaho Code
September 7	Last day for Secretary of State to certify to the County Clerk constitutional amendments.	Sec. 34-603, Idaho Code
September 7	Last day a candidate may withdraw before the General Election.	Sec. 34-717, Idaho Code
September 15	Last day for County Clerk to print absentee ballot.	Secretary of State Directive
September 22	Last day for political parties to supply the name of its county chairman or alternate to County Clerk in order to have witnesses accompany County Clerk or Deputy Clerk in the delivery of absentee ballots.	Sec. 34-1003, Idaho Code
October 6	Last day for County Commissioners to designate polling places prior to General Election.	Sec. 34-302, Idaho Code
October 10	Last day for elector to pre-register for the General Election. Election day registration is available.	Sec. 34-408, Idaho Code
October 21	Last day declaration of intent to be filed by write-in candidates.	Sec. 34-702A, Idaho Code
October 23	First notice of General Election to be published.	Sec. 34-602, Idaho Code
October 25	Last day for Secretary of State to certify vacancy candidates who have been appointed by the central committees.	Sec. 34-909, Idaho Code
October 29	Last day for application for mail-in absentee ballot be received by County Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m.	Sec. 34-1002, Idaho Code
October 30	Last day for County Clerk to receive written requests for the purpose of authorizing persons to act as watchers and challengers at the polling place.	Sec. 34-304, Idaho Code
October 30	Second notice of General Election to be published. Facsimile sample ballot should be published with this notice.	Sec. 34-602, Idaho Code Sec. 34-2425, Idaho Code Secretary of State Directive
November 3	Last day for application of in person absentee ballot applications at the absent elector's polling place until 5:00 p.m.	Sec. 34-1002, Idaho Code
November	Last day for return of absentee ballots by 8:00 p.m.	Sec. 34-1005, Idaho Code

November 4	General Election -- 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (* ) At Clerk's option, polling places may be opened at 7:00 a.m.	Sec. 34-101, Idaho Code Sec. 34-1101, Idaho Code
November 4	County Clerk's office to remain open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Sec. 34-211, Idaho Code
November 5	Registration reopens.	Sec. 34-408, Idaho Code
November 14	Last day for County Board of Canvassers to meet.	Sec. 34-1205, Idaho Code
November 17	County Clerk issues certificates of election.	Sec. 34-1209, Idaho Code
November 19	Last day for State Board of Canvassers to meet.	Sec. 34-1211, Idaho Code
November 20	Secretary of State issues certificates of election.	Sec. 34-1215, Idaho Code
December 15	Presidential Electors meet and cast votes.	3 United States Code 7
January 5, 2009	Last day for County Clerk to examine election register and note challenges from General Election.	Sec. 34-432, Idaho Code
January 19, 2009	Last day for County Clerk to submit report to Secretary of State on absentee voters as required by federal law.	Sec. 34-1002, Idaho Code
March 4, 2009	Last day for County Clerk to cancel registration of those electors who have not voted in four (4) years.	Sec. 34-435, Idaho Code

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