

# 2008 STATEWIDE ELECTION CALENDAR

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Date	Election	Activity	Reference
Jan 01	Primary REAA / CRSA General	Absentee by-mail ballot applications may be filed by voters for all elections in the calendar year.	AS 15.20.081(b), AS 15.20.081(i), 42 U.S.C.
Jan 01		<i>State &amp; Federal Holiday - New Year's Day Observed - Offices Closed</i>	<i>AS 44.12.010</i>
Jan 14		List Maintenance: Second notice mailed.	AS 15.07.130
Jan 15		Initiative petitions must be filed prior to the legislature convening at 1pm on this day, in order to appear on the 2008 ballot. Signatures must be reviewed w/in 60 days.	AS 15.45.150, AS 15.45.190
Jan 15		First Day of the Second Legislative Session of the 2008-2009 Legislature	AS 24.05.090
Jan 21		<i>State &amp; Federal Holiday - Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday - Offices Closed</i>	<i>AS 44.12.010</i>
Feb 05	General	Political Parties hold their Presidential Caucuses.	
Feb 18		<i>State &amp; Federal Holiday - President's Day (Washington's &amp; Lincoln's Birthday combined)- Offices Closed</i>	<i>AS 44.12.010</i>
Mar 01		Deadline for the Director to submit Employee and Election Officials Training Plan to the Lt. Governor	AS 15.10.107
Mar 03	REAA / CRSA	Order and Notice of Election completed, signed by Director.	6 AAC 27.020, 6 AAC 27.120
Mar 04		List Maintenance: COMPLETE	AS 15.07.130

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Mar 09		<i>Spring forward to Daylight Savings Time Change - Lose 1 hour</i>	
Mar 31		<i>State Holiday - Seward's Day - Offices Closed</i>	AS 44.12.010
Apr 13		90th Day of the Legislative Session	AS 24.05.150
Apr 15		Deadline for political parties to submit names in writing for election board workers.	AS 15.10.120
May 26		<i>State &amp; Federal Holiday - Memorial Day - Offices Closed</i>	AS 44.12.010
Jun 01		Director may suspend the monthly verifications of the number of registered voters who have registered in each political group , on and after June 1 and before November 30 of a general election year.	AS 15.60.008(c)
Jun 1- Oct	General Electoral College	Federal Register prepares letters and instructional materials for US Archivist to send to Governors in all 50 States relating to the Electoral College.	U.S. National Archives & Records Administration
Jun 01		Statutory Deadline for a political group to file their bylaws and an application to become a recognized political party if they have met the qualifications in AS 15.60.010(25). If they meet the qualifications and submit the appropriate information, they will be considered a recognized political party for ballot access purposes in the 2008 election. <b>(Since June 1 falls on a Sunday, the deadline is extended to June 2)</b>	AS 15.60.008

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Jun 01	08PRIM 08GENR	Statutory Candidacy Filing Deadline for both party and no-party candidates - Offices will not be open on the weekend. <b>(Since June 1 falls on a Sunday, the deadline is extended to June 2)</b>	AS 15.25.040
Jun 02	08PRIM	Candidacy Filing Deadline for both party and no-party candidates.	AS 15.25.040
Jun 02		Deadline for a political group to file their bylaws and an application to become a recognized political party if they have met the qualifications in AS 15.60.010(25).	AS 15.60.008
Jun 09	Primary	Deadline to receive the original copy of the faxed Declaration of Candidacy. If the original copy, in its entirety is not received by this date, notify candidate of non-receipt so candidate can re-file with proof that previous Declaration was filed and mailed timely in accordance with law (7 days after June 2)	AS 15.25.040
Jun 12	Primary	Deadline to receive complaints regarding the eligibility of a candidate. Must be received by close of business. (10th day after filing deadline .) Eligibility must be determined within 30 days of receipt of the complaint.	AS 15.25.042, 6 AAC 25.260(a)
Jun 17	Primary	Deadline to receive original materials from candidacy filings that were originally sent via fax. (15th day after filing deadline)	AS 15.25.040(a)(2)
Jun 27	Primary	Deadline for first mailing of Special Advance Overseas and Remote Alaska ballots to be mailed to voters. (60th day prior to the election) Mailings continue as needed until 7/25 applications are processed.	AS 15.20.082(a), 6 AAC 25.660

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Jul 06	Primary	(51st day prior to election.) If an unopposed incumbent candidate for renomination dies, becomes disqualified or is certified as being incapacitated between June 1 and more than 50 days before the primary election, a party petition must be filed within 14 days after death, disqualification or incapacity or 7/9/08 (48 days before the election) whichever is earlier.	AS 15.25.056
Jul 04		<i>State and Federal Holiday Observed - Independence Day - Offices Closed</i>	AS 44.12.010
Jul 07	General	Deadline to provide statewide electronic voter lists to each political party. (120th day prior to the General Election)	AS 15.07.140
Jul 09	Primary	Withdrawal deadline for party candidates names to be withdrawn. (Notice must be received by close of business on the 48th day prior to the election)	AS 15.25.055 6 AAC 25.210
Jul 10	Primary	Ballot certified for the printer.	
Jul 15	General	Deadline for political parties to have materials in the Director's Office for the Official Election Pamphlet.	AS 15.58.040(a)
Jul 15	REAA / CRSA	Deadline for REAA/CRSA contacts to notify the Division of any seat vacancy, for the seat to appear on the 10/7/08 ballot.	6 AAC 27.015
Jul 18 - Jul 25	Primary	State Review Board tests memory cards with test decks (Jul 18 - Jul 25)	AS 15.20.900 6 AAC 25.045
Jul 22	General	Deadline for party and no-party candidates to submit materials to the Division for the Official Election Pamphlet.	AS 15.58.030(b)

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Jul 25	Primary	Deadline to receive absentee by-mail ballot applications requesting special advance overseas and remote Alaska ballots. (32nd day prior to the election)	6 AAC 25.660(b)
Jul 26	Primary	Regional & Satellite Office open for voter registration 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	
Jul 27	Primary	Deadline for Regional Supervisors to appoint 4 members each for the Absentee and Questioned review boards. (30th day prior to the election)	AS 15.20.190
Jul 27	Primary	<b>Deadline for voters to register to vote or update an existing registration. Regional Offices open for voter registration 12 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (30th day prior to the election)</b>	<b>AS 15.07.010 AS 15.07.070 (c)(d)</b>
Jul 28	Primary	Deadline for political parties to submit names for State Review Board members (30th day prior to the election)	AS 15.10.180
Jul 28 - Aug 1	Primary	Target date to have Primary Voter Pamphlet mailed to voters and placed on web	
Aug 01	Primary	Deadline for election supplies and ballots to be in regional offices. (25th day prior to the election)	AS 15.15.050
Aug 01	REAA / CRSA	Deadline for Candidates to file for seats up 10/7/08. Filings submitted in person or via fax must be received by close of business, 5:00 p.m. (First Friday in August) Declarations that are mailed must be postmarked by 8/1/08 and received by 8/11/08.	6 AAC 27.035(b)
Aug 01	General	Deadline for judges seeking retention to file for office.	AS 15.35.040, 055, 070, 110

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Aug 04	Primary	Target date for first mailing of absentee by-mail ballots. (If official ballots are available prior to this date, the ballots will be mailed to the voters as soon as they are ready for distribution.)	AS 15.20.081(c)
Aug 06	REAA / CRSA	Last day to receive complaints of the eligibility of candidates. (5th day after the filing deadline.)	6 AAC 27.037
Aug 06	General	Deadline for Limited Political Parties and Independent Candidates to submit petition for presidential candidates.	AS 15.30.025(a)
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Aug 07	General	Deadline for judges and judicial council to have material in to the Division for the Official Election Pamphlet.	AS 15.58.050
Aug 11	Primary	Absentee In Person, Early Voting, Absentee by Fax and Special Needs voting begins. (15th day prior to the election)	AS 15.20.045, AS 15.20.061 - .081 6 AAC 25.500
Aug 11	REAA / CRSA	Deadline for Declaration of Candidacy for an REAA or CRSA Board seat to be received by mail. Candidate can be certified if the candidate qualifies and the Declaration is postmarked by 8/1/08. (10th day after the filing deadline)	6 AAC 27.035(b), 6 AAC 27.120
Aug 16	Primary	Deadline to receive absentee by-mail applications. (10th day prior to the election) Absentee Office is open	AS 15.20.081(b)
Aug 16	Primary	Deadline for Public Notice: posting notices and other advertising for the election. (10th day prior to the election)	AS 15.15.070

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Aug 19	Primary	Absentee Review Boards begin review of absentee ballot envelopes. (7th day prior to the election)	AS 15.20.201(a)
Aug 20	REAA / CRSA	Deadline for candidates to withdraw their name from the ballot. (48th day prior to the election)	6 AAC 27.035(e)
Aug 21	REAA / CRSA	Ballot certified for printer	
Aug 23	Primary	Regional Offices open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. for Absentee and Early Voting.	
Aug 24	Primary	Regional Offices open 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. for Absentee and Early Voting.	
Aug 25	Primary	5:00 p.m. Alaska Time - Deadline to receive absentee by-fax ballot applications. (1 day prior to the election)	AS 15.20.081(b)
Aug 26	Primary	<b>Primary Election Day. Polls open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Results posted on the web after 9 p.m. (Waiting until majority of OS &amp; TSX results have been uploaded before we post 1st set on public websites.)</b>	<b>AS 15.25.020</b>
Aug 26	Primary	Election Central in Anchorage only-DOE displays election results for public and media at set location.	
Aug 26	Primary	Deadline for by-mail ballots to be postmarked. Must be postmarked by this date to be counted.	AS 15.20.081(e)
Aug 26	Primary	8:00 p.m. Alaska Time - Deadline for faxed ballots to be received.	6 AAC 25.680(g)

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Aug 26	General	5:00 p.m. Alaska Time - Deadline for no-party candidates to submit nominating petition signatures. Signatures submitted by mail must be postmarked by this date before 5:00 p.m.	AS 15.25.150
Aug 28	Primary	Questioned Review Boards begin their review. (2nd day following the election)	AS 15.20.205(a)
Sep 01		<i>State Holiday - Labor Day - Offices Closed</i>	AS 44.12.010
Sep 02	REAA / CRSA	State Review Board tests memory cards with test decks	
Sep 02	General	Deadline for recognized political party officials and qualified Independent Candidates to submit names of presidential electors to the Division of Elections.	AS 15.30.020, AS 15.30.026(b)
Sep 02	General	Deadline to receive materials from Presidential candidates for OEP submission.	
Sep 05	Primary	Deadline to receive by-mail ballots mailed from within the United States. Ballots must be postmarked by 8/26/08 to be counted. (10th day following the election)	AS 15.20.081(e)
Sep 05	Primary	State Review Board randomly selects precincts for hand count verification.	AS 15.15.430
Sep 05	General	Deadline for first mailing of Special Advance Overseas and Remote Alaska ballots to be mailed to voters. (60th day prior to the election) Mailings continue as needed until 10/3/08 applications are processed.	AS 15.20.082(a), 6AAC 25.660



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Sep 07	REAA / CRSA	Deadline for voters to register to vote or update an existing registration for the REAA/CRSA elections. (30th day prior to the election) *Note: This is also the registration deadline for Municipal Elections held on October 7, 2008	AS 15.07.010, AS 15.07.070(c),(d)
Sep 8 - Sep 16	Primary	State Review Board Hand Count Team conducts a verification of randomly drawn precincts.	AS 15.15.430 6AAC 25.068
Sep 8 - Sep 18	Primary	State Review Board reviews election materials.	AS 15.20.220
Sep 09	REAA / CRSA	Mail advance flyers to voters in by-mail sections.	6 AAC 25.590(c)
Sep 10	Primary	Deadline to receive by-mail ballots mailed from overseas or military addresses. Ballots must be postmarked by 8/26/08 to be counted. (15th day following the election)	AS 15.20.081(h)
Sep 10	Primary	Deadline for final regional count of absentee and questioned ballots, certification of the review and forwarding of materials to the Director. (15th day following the election)	AS 15.20.201(c)
Sep 10	General	Deadline to receive nominating petition and signatures that were mailed and postmarked by 5:00pm, 8/26/08	AS 15.25.150
Sep 12	REAA / CRSA	Deadline for election materials to be in regional offices. (25th day prior to the election)	AS 15.15.050

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Sep 15	REAA / CRSA	Deadline to mail ballots to voters in by-mail sections (22 days before the election).	AS 15.20.800(c)
Sep 16	REAA / CRSA	Begin mailing regular absentee by-mail ballots to voters.	
Sep 17	General	Deadline for candidates, including presidential candidates, to withdraw name from ballot. Notice must be received by close of business (48th day prior to the General Election).	AS 15.25.110, AS 15.25.200, 6 AAC 25.210(b)
Sep 17	General	Deadline for Judicial candidates to withdraw name from ballot. Notice must be received by close of business (48th day prior to the General Election).	AS 15.35.135
Sep 17	General	Deadline for recognized political parties to submit party petitions, to fill vacancies left by party candidates nominated at the Primary Election. (48th day prior to the election)	AS 15.25.110
Sep 17	General	Deadline for parties to submit a certificate with the names of their candidates for President & Vice-President to appear on the general election ballot.	
Sep 18	Primary	<b>Target date to certify the PRIMARY ELECTION</b>	<b>AS 15.15.450</b>
Sep 19	General	Ballot certified for the printer.	
Sep 22	REAA / CRSA	Absentee in-person and special needs voting begins for REAA/CRSA ELECTIONS. (15th day prior to the election)	AS 15.20.045, AS 15.20.061, 6 AAC 27.050(b)

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Sep 22	REAA / CRSA	Deadline for Regional Supervisors to appoint 4 members to Absentee & Questioned Boards. (15th day prior to the election)	6 AAC 27.060(a)
Sep 22	REAA / CRSA	Deadline to appoint State Review Board Members. (15th day prior to the election)	6 AAC 27.070
Sep 23	Primary	Deadline for defeated candidate or 10 qualified voters to file an application for recount; must be received by 5:00pm. Recount will be held within 5 days after receipt.	AS 15.20.430
Sep 25 - Oct 3	General	State Review Board tests memory cards with test decks (Sep 25 - Oct 3)	AS 15.20.900 6 AAC 25.045
Sep 27	REAA / CRSA	Deadline for public notice: posting notices and other advertising for the election. (10th day prior to the election)	AS 15.15.070
Sep 29	REAA / CRSA	Deadline to receive absentee by-mail applications for REAA/CRSA elections. (10th day prior to the election is Saturday, Sept. 27. Deadline was extended to the following business day 9/29))	6 AAC 27.050(a)
Sep 30	REAA / CRSA	Absentee Review Board may begin review	AS 15.20.201(a)
Oct 02	REAA / CRSA	Deadline for write-in candidate to submit a letter of intent. (5th day prior to the election)	AS 15.25.105(c)
Oct 03	Primary	Deadline for an election contest to be filed in superior court.	AS 15.20.540, AS 15.20.550

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Oct 03	General	Deadline to receive absentee by-mail ballot applications requesting special advance overseas and Remote Alaska ballots. (32nd day prior to the election)	6 AAC 25.660(b)
Oct 04	General	Regional Offices open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. for voter registration.	
Oct 05	General	<b>Deadline for voters to register to vote or update an existing registration for the General Election. Regional Offices open 10 - 4pm for voter registration. (30th day prior to the election)</b>	<b>AS 15.05.010, AS 15.07.070(c),(d)</b>
Oct 05	General	Deadline for Regional Supervisors to appoint at least 4 members each for the Absentee and Questioned Review Boards. (30th day prior to the election)	AS 15.20.190
Oct 05	General	Deadline for political parties to submit names for State Review Board members (30th day prior to the election)	AS 15.10.180
Oct 07	REAA / CRSA	<b>REAA/CRSA ELECTION DAY. Polls open 8am to 8pm. Results posted on the web after 8pm. (1st Tues. in Oct.)</b>	<b>AS 14.08.071(b), 6 AAC 27.010, 6 AAC 27.120</b>
Oct 07	REAA / CRSA	Deadline for by-mail ballots to be postmarked. Must be postmarked by this date (election day) to be counted.	AS 15.20.081(e)
Oct 8 - 13	General	Target mailing date to mail Official Election Pamphlets to voters	
Oct 09	REAA / CRSA	Questioned Review Boards begin their review (2nd day after election)	AS 15.20.205(a)

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Oct 10	General	Deadline for election supplies and ballots to be in all offices. (25th day prior to the election)	AS 15.15.050
Oct 13		<i>Federal Holiday - Columbus Day - No mail service.</i>	
Oct 13	General	Statutory deadline for Official Election Pamphlet to be mailed to Voters for General Election. (22nd day prior to the election)	AS 15.58.080(a)
Oct 14	General	Target date for first mailing of absentee by-mail ballots. (If official ballots are available prior to this date, the ballots will be mailed to the voters as soon as they are ready for distribution.)	AS 15.20.081(c)
Oct 17	REAA / CRSA	Deadline to receive by-mail ballots mailed from within the United States. Ballots must be postmarked by 10/7/08 to be counted. (10th day following the election)	AS 15.20.081(e)
Oct 17	REAA / CRSA	Deadline for final regional count of absentee and questioned ballots, certification of the review and forwarding of materials to the Director. (10th day following the election)	6AAC 27.060(b)-(d)
Oct 17		State Holiday - Alaska Day - Offices Closed	AS 44.12.010
Oct 22	REAA / CRSA	Deadline to receive by-mail ballots mailed from overseas or military addresses. Ballots must be postmarked by 10/07/08 to be counted. (15th day following the election)	AS 15.20.81(h)
Oct 20	General	Absentee in person, absentee by fax, early voting and special needs voting begins (15 days before the election)	AS 15.20.045, AS 15.20.061 - .081 6 AAC 25.500
Oct 22 - Oct 28	REAA / CRSA	State Review Board reviews election materials.	6 AAC 27.070

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Oct 23	REAA / CRSA	Target date to certify the REAA/CRSA Election.	6 AAC 27.080, 6AAC 27.130
Oct 25	General	Deadline to receive absentee by-mail applications. (10th day prior to the election)- Absentee Office open	AS 15.20.081(b)
Oct 25	General	Deadline for public notice: posting notices and other advertising for the election. (10th day prior to the election)	AS 15.15.070
Oct 28	REAA / CRSA	Deadline for defeated candidate or 10 qualified voters to file an application for recount; must be received by 5:00pm. Recount will be held within 5 days after receipt.	AS 15.20.430
Oct 30	General	Deadline for write-in candidates, including presidential candidates, to submit a letter of intent. (5th day prior to the election)	AS 15.25.105(c)
Oct 28	General	Absentee Review Boards begin review of absentee ballot envelopes. (7th day prior to the election)	AS 15.20.201(a)
Nov 01	General	Regional Offices open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. for Absentee and Early Voting.	
Nov 02		Fall back to Standard Time - Gain 1 Hour	
Nov 02	General	Regional Offices open 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. for Absentee and Early Voting.	
Nov 03	REAA / CRSA	Deadline for an election contest to be filed in superior court.	AS 15.20.540, AS 15.20.550
Nov 03	General	5:00 p.m. Alaska Time - Deadline to receive absentee by fax ballot applications. (1 day prior to the election)	AS 15.20.081(b)

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Nov 04	General	GENERAL ELECTION DAY. Polls open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Results posted on the web after 9 p.m.	AS 15.15.020
Nov 04	General	Election Central in Juneau, Anchorage and Fairbanks - DOE displays election results for public and media at set location.	
Nov 04	General	Deadline for by-mail ballots to be postmarked. Must be postmarked by this date to be counted.	AS 15.20.081(e)
Nov 04	General	8:00 p.m. Alaska Time - Deadline for Faxed Ballots to be received	6 AAC 25.680(g)
Nov 06	General	Questioned Board begins review of questioned ballot envelopes	AS 15.20.205(a)
Nov 11		State & Federal Holiday - Veteran's Day Observed - Offices Closed	AS 44.12.010
Nov 12	General	Determine which precincts meet the requirements for hand count verification	AS 15.15.430
Nov 13	General	State Review Board randomly selects precincts for hand count verification	AS 15.15.430
Nov 17 - Nov 25	General	State Review Board reviews election materials	AS 15.20.220
Nov 18-20	General	State Review Board Hand Count Team conducts hand count verification of randomly selected precincts.	AS 15.15.430

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Nov 19	General	Deadline to receive by-mail ballots mailed from overseas or military addresses. Ballots must be postmarked by 11/04/08 to be counted. (15th day following the election)	AS 15.20.81(h)
Nov 19	General	Final count of absentee and questioned ballots by review boards and certification of the review. Forward materials to the Director. (15th day following the election)	AS 15.20.201(c) AS 15.20.205(c)
Nov 25	General	<b>Target date to certify the GENERAL ELECTION.</b>	<b>AS 15.15.450</b>
Nov 27		State & Federal Holiday - Thanksgiving Day - Offices Closed	AS 44.12.010
Dec 09	General Electoral College	Deadline for States to make final determination of any controversies or contests as to the appointment of electors.	3 U.S.C. 1.6, U.S. National Archives & Records Administration
Dec 09	General Electoral College	Director sends a certificate of election to each elector and notifies them of the time and place of their meeting and their duties of electors.	AS 15.30.060
Dec 15	General	Deadline for defeated candidate or 10 qualified voters to file an application for recount; must be received by 5:00pm. Recount will be held within 5 days after receipt.	AS 15.20.430
Dec 15	General Electoral College	Electors meet at 11:00am to cast their votes for President and Vice- President.	AS 15.30.070
Dec 15	General Electoral College	Vacancies for electors shall be filled by plurality vote, which may occur in the meeting of the electoral college on 12/15/08.	AS 15.30.080, 3 U.S.C. 1.4



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Dec 15	General Electoral College	Certificates of Ascertainment, listing the names of electors, prepared for Archivist of the United States. (States prepare 7 originals) Certificates must be transmitted no later than Dec. 15th.	3 U.S.C. 1.6, U.S. National Archives & Records Administration
Dec 15	General Electoral College	Electors sign, seal and certify packages of electoral votes and immediately send one set to the President of the US Senate and two sets to the US Archivist.	3 U.S.C. 1.6, U.S. National Archives & Records Administration
Dec 18	General	Deadline for an election contest to be filed in superior court.	AS 15.20.540, AS 15.20.550