

Abbreviated Calendar of Dates for the

2023 Consolidated Primary Election 2023 Consolidated Election

2023 Consolidated Primary Election

The following dates are for candidates running in the 2023 Consolidated Primary Election to be held on February 28, 2023, and apply to the offices below:

- 1) Established political parties in municipalities over 5,000 population;
- 2) Municipalities of 5,000 or less population which by ordinance nominate candidates by primary;
- 3) Municipalities which by referendum conduct a partisan or nonpartisan primary;
- 4) Managerial municipalities which conduct nonpartisan primaries; and
- 5) Candidates for the City of Chicago offices

Candidates who are unsure if the office they are running for holds a primary election, a caucus, or if they file directly for the Consolidated Election are encouraged to contact the local election official for the unit of government in question.

The dates included in this abbreviated calendar are not comprehensive of all dates surrounding the election, and do not include all relevant details. For additional detail and statutory references for any of the dates in this calendar, please consult the 2023 Election and Campaign Finance Calendar.

August 30, 2022

Petition Circulation Begins for Consolidated Primary Election

First day to circulate petitions for candidates seeking nomination in the 2023 Consolidated Primary Election.

November 15, 2022

Notice of Municipality Conducting Primary

Last day for a municipal clerk to certify, to the election authority, the municipal ordinance providing for the nomination of municipal officers by party primary in municipalities under 5,000 population.

November 21, 2022

First Day to File Petitions for the Consolidated Primary Election

First day to file nomination petitions with the local election official or board of election commissioners for the 2023 Consolidated Primary Election.

November 28, 2022

Last Day to File Petitions for the Consolidated Primary Election

Last day to file nomination petitions with the local election official or board of election commissioners for the 2023 Consolidated Primary Election

Last Day to File Petitions for Public Questions for the Consolidated Primary Election

Last day to file petitions with the local election official for the submission of questions of public policy. Exceptions to this date apply for various binding questions or backdoor referenda, please refer to the authorizing statute for the question to confirm the deadline.

November 30, 2022

First Day to Submit Vote by Mail Applications

First day to apply for a vote by mail ballot for the 2023 Consolidated Primary Election. Please note that ballots will not be mailed before Thursday, January 19, 2022.

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December 5, 2022

Last Day to File Objections to Nomination Papers for Consolidated Primary Elections

Last day to file objections to nomination papers of established party and nonpartisan candidates in the office of the local election official or election authority.

Last Day to File Objections to Petitions for Public Questions for Consolidated Primary Elections

Last day to file objections to petitions for the submission of questions of public policy with the local election official.

Municipal Caucus

Date on which the Municipal Caucus shall be held (in municipalities under 5,000 population) which have established political parties.

December 12, 2022

Last Day for Resolutions for Public Questions

Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution to allow a binding or advisory question to be placed on the ballot at the 2023 Consolidated Primary Election.

December 22, 2022

Ballot Certification Deadline

Last day for the local election official to certify candidates and public questions to the election authority to be included on the 2023 Consolidated Primary ballot.

January 19, 2023

Early Voting Begins

First day for early voting in the office of the election authority and in any additional locations that may have been designated by the election authority.

Voting by Mail Begins

First day for the election authority to mail an official ballot to a voter who has applied for a vote by mail ballot.

January 31, 2023

Close of Voter Registration

Last day for regular registration or transfers of registration within the office of the election authority.

February 1, 2023

Grace Period Registration and Voting Begins

First day of grace period registration and voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.

February 23, 2023

Last Day to Mail Vote by Mail ballots

Last day for the election authority to receive, by mail, an application for a vote by mail ballot and mail that ballot to the voter. (Note: I. An earlier deadline is applicable to UOCAVA voters; 2. In-person applications are still accepted until February 27, 2023)

February 27, 2023

Last Day for Early Voting

Last day for early voting for the 2023 Consolidated Primary Election.

February 28, 2023

Consolidated Primary Election

Date of the 2023 Consolidated Primary Election for units of government that hold this election.

2023 Consolidated Election

The following dates are for the 2023 Consolidated Election to be held on April 4, 2023. The candidate circulation and filing dates apply to the offices which do not require a primary.

Candidates who are unsure if the office they are running for holds a primary election, a caucus, or if they file directly for the Consolidated Election are encouraged to contact the local election official for the unit of government in question.

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September 20, 2022

Petition Circulation Begins for Consolidated Election

First day to circulate petitions for candidates seeking election in the 2023 Consolidated Election.

December 12, 2022

First Day to File Candidate Petitions for the Consolidated Election

First day to file nomination petitions with the local election official or board of election commissioners for the 2023 Consolidated Election.

December 19, 2022

Last Day to File Candidate Petitions for the Consolidated Election

Last day to file nomination petitions with the local election official or board of election commissioners for the 2023 Consolidated Election

December 27, 2022

Last Day to File Objections to Nomination Papers for Consolidated Elections

Last day to file objections to nomination papers of independent, new party, and nonpartisan candidates (when nonpartisan candidates are not subject to a primary) in the office of the local election official or election authority.

January 3, 2023

Last Day to File Petitions for Public Questions for the Consolidated Election

Last day to file petitions with the local election official for the submission of questions of public policy. Exceptions to this date apply for various binding questions or backdoor referenda, please refer to the authorizing statute for the question to confirm the deadline.

January 4, 2023

First Day to Submit Vote by Mail Applications

First day to apply for a vote by mail ballot for the 2023 Consolidated Election. Please note that ballots will not be mailed before Thursday, February 23, 2023.

January 10, 2023

Last Day to File Objections to Petitions for Public Questions for Consolidated Elections

Last day to file objections to petitions for the submission of questions of public policy with the local election official.

January 17, 2023

Last Day for Resolutions for Public Questions

Last day for local governing boards to adopt a resolution to allow a binding or advisory question to be placed on the ballot at the 2023 Consolidated Election.

January 26, 2023

Ballot Certification Deadline

Last day for the local election official to certify candidates and public questions to the election authority to be included on the 2023 Consolidated Election ballot.

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Early Voting Begins

First day for early voting in the office of the election authority and in any additional locations that may have been designated by the election authority (if a primary was held, this is delayed until March 10, 2023).

Voting by Mail Begins

First day for the election authority to mail an official ballot to a voter who has applied for a vote by mail ballot (if a primary was held, this is delayed until March 10, 2023).

March 7, 2023

Close of Voter Registration

Last day for regular registration or transfers of registration within the office of the election authority.

March 8, 2023

Grace Period Registration and Voting Begins

First day of grace period registration and voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.

March 10, 2023

First Day of Early Voting and Voting by Mail if Primary was Held

First day to vote early or by mail if a primary was held in the election jurisdiction.

March 30, 2023

Last Day to Mail Vote by Mail ballots

Last day for the election authority to receive, by mail, an application for a vote by mail ballot and mail that ballot to the voter. (Note: I. An earlier deadline is applicable to UOCAVA voters; 2. In-person applications are still accepted until April 3, 2023)

April 3, 2023

Last Day for Early Voting

Last day for early voting for the 2023 Consolidated Election.

April 4, 2023

Consolidated Election

Date of the 2023 Consolidated Election.