



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Special Election Duties and Deadlines

-- 35th State Senate District --

This calendar lists the duties and deadlines associated with the special election called by Governor Whitmer to fill the vacancy in the office of State Senator, 35th district. All deadlines elapse at 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified. Any questions about other applicable dates and deadlines may be directed to the Bureau of Elections.

Candidates wishing to file should submit an affidavit of identity and a \$100 filing fee (or nominating petitions) to the Bureau of Elections.

Date	Event
8/29/2025	Governor calls Special Election
9/30/2025 by 4:00 pm	Candidate filing deadline (500-1,000 signatures or \$100 filing fee. Due to the Bureau of Elections)
10/3/2025 by 4:00 pm	Deadline for partisan candidates to withdraw
12/20/2025	Deadline for clerks to electronically transmit or mail (as requested) an absent voter ballot to each absent UOCAVA (uniformed services or overseas) voter who applied for an absent voter ballot 45 days or more before the election (MOVE deadline).
	County clerks deliver AV ballots to local clerks.
12/25/2025	AV ballots must be made available for issuance to voters.
1/4/2026	Deadline for notice of days and hours for voter registration at clerk's office to be published in the newspaper. If considered advisable by the township or city clerk, notice may also be posted in at least two conspicuous places in each precinct. Notice must include offices and proposals that will be on the ballot.
1/19/2026	Deadline to register by mail or online and be eligible to vote for the special primary.

1/20/2026	In-person registration with local clerk with proof of residency allowed between this date and Election Day.
1/23/2026 by 4:00 pm	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms.
2/3/2026	SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
2/3/2026	Last day for minor parties to hold a convention to nominate candidates for special election. Filing deadline is 1 business day after the conclusion of the convention.
2/4/2026 by 4:00 pm	Deadline for candidates without political party affiliation to file Affidavits of Identity and qualifying petitions with the Bureau of Elections.
2/5/2026 by 9:00 am	Deadline for boards of county canvassers to meet to canvass election.
2/6/2026 by 4:00 pm	Deadline for candidates without political party affiliation to withdraw from the special election.
2/6/2026 by 5:00 pm	Deadline for voter to cure the signature on AV ballot return envelope, allowing an otherwise valid ballot to be accepted for tabulation.
2/9/2026	Deadline for a ballot submitted by a MOVE voter and postmarked on or before Election Day to be deemed timely received and counted.
2/9/2026	Deadline for local clerk to deliver ballots with a signature that was cured after Election Day and by 5:00 p.m. the third day after Election Day to the county clerk.
2/10/2026	Deadline for local clerk to deliver MOVE ballots received within 6 days of Election Day to the county clerk
2/17/2026	Deadline for County Board of Canvassers to certify the county canvass of the special primary election.
2/23/2026	Deadline for the Board of State Canvassers to meet and certify the special primary election.
3/21/2026	Deadline for clerks to electronically transmit or mail (as requested) an absent voter ballot to each absent UOCAVA (uniformed services or overseas) voter who applied for an absent voter ballot 45 days or more before the election (MOVE deadline).
3/26/2026	Absent voter ballots must be made available for issuance to voters.
4/5/2026	Deadline for notice of days and hours for voter registration at clerk's office to be published in the newspaper. If considered advisable by the township or city clerk, notice may also be posted in at least two conspicuous places in each precinct. Notice must include offices and proposals that will be on the ballot.

4/20/2026	Deadline to register by mail or online and be eligible to vote for the special election.
4/21/2026	In-person registration with local clerk with proof of residency allowed between this date and Election Day.
4/24/2026 by 4:00 pm	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms.
5/5/2026	SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION
5/7/2026 by 9:00 am	Deadline for boards of county canvassers to meet to canvass election.
5/8/2026 by 5:00 pm	Deadline for voter to cure the signature on AV ballot return envelope, allowing an otherwise valid ballot to be accepted for tabulation.
5/11/2026	Deadline for a ballot submitted by a MOVE voter and postmarked on or before Election Day to be deemed timely received and counted.
5/11/2026	Deadline for local clerk to deliver ballots with a signature that was cured after Election Day and by 5:00 p.m. the third day after Election Day to the county clerk.
5/12/2026	Deadline for local clerk to deliver MOVE ballots received within 6 days of Election Day to the county clerk
5/19/2026	Deadline for boards of county canvassers to complete canvass of special general election; county clerk forwards results to the Secretary of State within 24 hours
5/26/2026	Deadline for the Board of State Canvassers to meet and certify the election