



## **IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION**

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| <b>Wednesday,<br/>January 1, 2026</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>First day to apply for a ballot by mail</li></ul>  |
| <b>Wednesday,<br/>January 14, 2026</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>First day candidates may file an application for place on the ballot in the General Election* (Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)</li><li>First day for filing declaration of write-in candidacy</li><li>At this time, the appointment of a Campaign Treasurer Form (CTA) may be submitted</li></ul>   |
| <b>Friday,<br/>February 13, 2026</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><u>5:00 p.m. deadline</u> – Last day candidates may file an application for place on the ballot in the General Election* (Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)</li><li>Appointment of a Campaign Treasurer Form (CTA) must also be received by <u>5:00 p.m.</u></li><li>Last day to order General Election or Special Election on a Measure</li></ul>  |
| <b>Tuesday,<br/>February 17, 2026</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>5:00 p.m. deadline – Last day to file a declaration of write-in candidacy</li></ul>  |
| <b>Friday,<br/>February 20, 2026</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>5:00 p.m. deadline – Last day for a ballot candidate in the General Election to withdraw and have name omitted from the ballot</li><li>5:00 p.m. deadline – Last day a write-in candidate in the General Election to withdraw and have name removed from write-in list</li><li>5:00 p.m. deadline – Last day that a declaration of ineligibility causes omission of candidate's name from ballot in the General Election</li></ul> |
| <b>Monday,<br/>February 23, 2026</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>12:00 p.m. – Drawing for order of names on ballot at City Hall</li><li>Need to certify ballot to Elections Administrator (names as they will appear on ballot and the order)</li></ul>   |
| <b>Thursday,<br/>April 2, 2026</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>5:00 p.m. deadline – First filing of Campaign Finance Report* (Form C/OH)</li><li>Last day to submit voter registration application to Hays County Voter Registrar in time to vote in the May 7, 2022 General Election</li></ul>   |
| <b>Monday,<br/>April 20, 2026</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>First day of early voting by personal appearance</li></ul>   |
| <b>Monday,<br/>April 20, 2026</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>12:00 p.m. deadline (<i>or close of business, whichever is later</i>) – Last day for Hays County Elections Administrator to accept application <u>by mail</u> for a ballot to be voted by mail (<i>received not postmarked</i>)</li></ul>  |
| <b>Friday,<br/>April 24, 2026</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>5:00 p.m. deadline – Second filing of Campaign Finance Report* (Form C/OH)</li></ul>   |

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| <b>Tuesday,<br/>April 28, 2026</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last day of early voting by personal appearance</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Saturday,<br/>May 2, 2026</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ELECTION DAY (Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)</b></li> <li>• Last day to receive ballot by mail, at 7:00 p.m., if carrier envelope is not postmarked</li> <li>• Unofficial Tabulation of Results</li> </ul>                   |
| <b>Tuesday,<br/>May 12, 2026<br/>(Tentative)<br/><u>Back-up date, if needed:<br/>Wed., May 13, 2026</u></b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5:30 p.m. – Official Election Canvass (May not be able to have canvass reports ready, if there are any provisional ballots that need to be handled)</li> <li>• Administer Oath of Office &amp; Issue Certificates of Election</li> </ul> |
| <b>Wednesday,<br/>July 15, 2026</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last day for timely filing of semiannual report of contributions and expenditures</li> </ul>   |

\* ELECTION CODE §1.007. DELIVERING, SUBMITTING, AND FILING DOCUMENTS. (c) A delivery, submission, or filing of a document or paper under this code may be made by personal delivery, mail, or any other method of transmission.