

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

<b>Wednesday, January 1, 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First day to apply for a ballot by mail</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, April 20, 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First day of early voting by personal appearance</li> </ul>
<b>Monday, 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 (<b><i>received <u>not</u> postmarked</i></b>)</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, 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>

<b>Tuesday, April 28, 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last day of early voting by personal appearance</li> </ul>
<b>Saturday, 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, May 12, 2026</b> <i>(Tentative)</i> <b><u>Back-up date, if needed:</u></b> <b><u>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, 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.