



Election Administration

2022 Elections



Levels of Government Election Oversight

Federal Government: Passes Federal and nation-wide election laws

State Legislature: Creates and passes State Election Law

- Needs to be signed by Governor to be enacted

Secretary of State: State's Chief Election Official

- Provides voter registration and election oversight

Local government: Registrar of Voters

- Tasked with conducting Washoe County elections
- Washoe County and Clark County had the option of creating a Registrar of Voters office to conduct elections
- Other counties and cities conduct elections through their respective clerks



Federal Laws

The federal government has passed many laws related to elections. Major examples:

- Election and terms of US President, Senators and House of Representatives
- Requirements to serve as the US President
- Requirements to serve in the US Senate and House of Representatives
- Who is eligible to vote:
 - Citizens; 18 or older at the time of the election
- Federal Election Laws
 - The Voting Rights Act of 1965
 - Compliance with the Americans with Disability (ADA) requirements
 - Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act of 1986
 - National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA or "Motor Voter")
 - Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA)



State Laws and Oversight

State election laws are passed by the State Legislature, signed by the Governor

Nevada has replicated Federal Laws to ensure they are preserved in Nevada. Examples of state election laws:

- Voter Bill of Rights
- Qualifications to vote
- Voter Registration locations & deadlines
- Automatic voter registration at the DMV
- Same day voter registration
- Candidate qualifications
- Candidate filing dates
- Challenging of candidates
- Mail in ballots
- Dates for ballots to be mails
- Ability to opt-out of mail in ballot
- Order that candidates will appear on the ballot
- Election dates and times, including early voting
- Minimum number of polling locations
- That voters can vote at any polling location within their registered county
- Confidentiality of a vote
- Voter verification
- Voter- ID laws
- Election observation rules
- When count needs to be finished (Canvas of the vote)
- Consideration of petition
- Major political parties vs minor political parties
- Size of election precincts
- Regulation of elections
- Approval of voting systems
- Ties, recounts and contests
- Uniformed military and overseas voters
- Campaign practices
- Ballot questions
- Recall of public officers



Local Authority

Washoe County:

- Creation of the Registrar of Voters
- Administration of elections
- Administer candidate filing for certain offices
- Determine Vote Center Locations
- Specify Early Voting Centers and Schedules
- Voter Registration (in conjunction with Secretary of State)
- Formatting of Ballots
- Which State approved voting system is used
- Through formal agreement, county can conduct an election for cities
- Sample Ballots
- Appointment of certain election boards

**Many of the requirements for operations of elections have been addressed by Federal and State Government requirements*



2019 Legislative Changes

Bills that impact Washoe County Elections:

AB137 - Requirement of a voting location within the boundaries of an Indian Reservation or Indian Colony on Primary and General Election days.

AB40 - Requires city elections to be held in even-numbered years on the statewide election cycle beginning in 2022 and amended the Municipal Court filing dates.

AB345 - Removes requirement for a voter registration card to vote, changes publication requirements, authorized additional methods and times for voter registration for primary and general elections. Extends the time for individuals to be able to register to vote online through the Secretary of the State office. Creates same-day voter registration to vote. Verification of voter information before counting of provisional ballots for same day voter registrants. Authorized the establishment of polling places where any person entitled to vote may vote in-person. Revised deadline to request and absentee ballot and provides for a permanent absentee ballot roll.

SB123 - Requires at least 1 polling location allow for same day voter registration, locations must be advertised, requires proof of identity to register, requires the canvass of the voter be returned on or before the 10th day following the election. Requires annual training of elected officials on cybersecurity threats and election security procedures and enacts risk-limiting audits (RLA).

SJR3* - Amend the Nevada Constitution by adding a new section to Article 2 to provide similar rights that exist in Federal voting laws.

SB450 - Made changes to the provisions for a petition for a recall of a public officer.



2021 Legislative Changes

Bills that impact Washoe County Elections:

AB121 - Requires the Secretary of State to allow for an approved electronic transmission system to be used by an elector with a disability to register to vote and to apply for or cast an absentee ballot. Will allow for the uniformed military and overseas voters to use the same process. Local election officials will be required to time stamp the electronic ballot. Removes the requirement that a person's registration be cancelled if the person requests to affiliate or change their affiliation with a political party.

AB126 - Changes Nevada to a Presidential preference primary replacing the major party caucuses.

AB321 - Made mail-in ballots permanent for all active registered voters; allows for individuals to opt-out of mail-in ballots. Requires mail-in ballots to be postmarked by 5pm on election day and received by the 4th business day following the election. Extended the date to "cure" a challenged signature to the 6th day following the election. Made requirements for training for signature verification. Created a minimum of in-person polling locations and requirements for ballot drop boxes.

AB390 - Requires that a notice of contested election be provided to a person whose election is being contested by the Secretary of State for certain state level elections.

AB422 - Starts the transition to a top-down voter registration system; the primary duties of maintaining voter registration will remain with the individual counties, but the statewide system will allow for a timelier data for changes and updates to voter registration and vote history information.

AB432 - Expands automatic voter registration to other state departments and tribal agencies.

SB84 - Increases the maximum number of registered voters in an election precinct from 3,000 to 5,000.

SB292 - Made changes to qualifying as a minor political party and the petition deadlines for such. Codified the process for filing a vacancy of US Senator or US Representative. Changed how a vacancy would be filled for the State Legislature

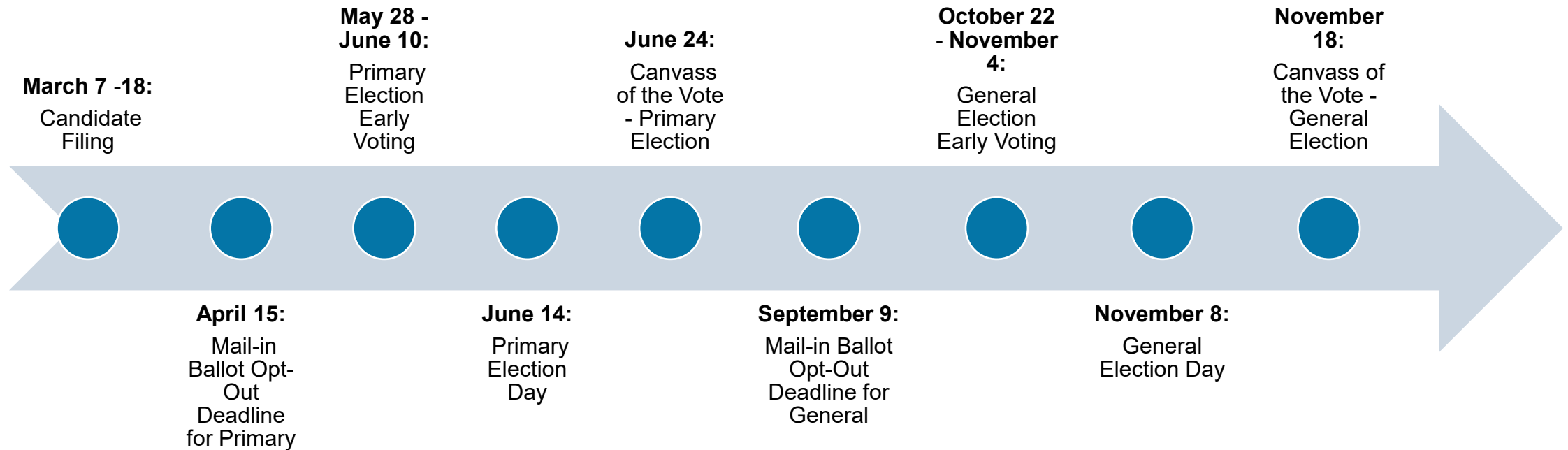


Special Legislative Changes – November 2021

- **AB1** - Judicial filings, for the 2022 election only, will occur with all other candidate filing, scheduled for March 7-18 due to redistricting occurring later than normal.



2022 Election Timeline





Offices up for Election in 2022; Washoe County

Candidates filing for these offices file with the **Secretary of State** as these offices represent the entire state, or more than one county.

- United States Senator
- Representative of Congress, District 2
- Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- Secretary of State
- State Treasurer
- State Controller
- Attorney General
- State Senator District 14
- State Senator District 16
- State Assembly District 32
- State Assembly District 40
- Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat A
- Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat E
- Court of Appeals, Dept. 1
- Court of Appeals, Dept. 2
- Court of Appeals, Dept. 3
- University of Nevada Regent, District 11



Offices up for Election in 2022; Washoe County

Candidates filing for these offices file with the Washoe County Registrar of Voters as these offices represent all or parts of Washoe County.

- State Senate District 13
- State Assembly District 24
- State Assembly District 25
- State Assembly District 26
- State Assembly District 27
- State Assembly District 30
- State Assembly District 31
- County Commission District 2
- County Commission District 3
- County Commission District 5
- County Assessor
- County Clerk
- District Attorney
- Public Administrator
- County Recorder
- County Treasurer
- Sheriff
- Reno/Verdi Justice of the Peace, Dept 2
- Reno/Verdi Justice of the Peace, Dept 3
- Reno/Verdi Justice of the Peace, Dept 4
- Reno/Verdi Justice of the Peace, Dept 5
- Sparks Justice of the Peace, Dept 2
- Sparks Justice of the Peace, Dept 3



Offices up for Election in 2022; Washoe County

Candidates filing for these offices file with the Washoe County Registrar of Voters as these offices represent all or parts of Washoe County.

- School Board, District B
- School Board, District C
- School Board, District D
- School Board, District F
- Gerlach GID (2 seats)
- Grand View Terrace Water Board (2 seats)
- Incline Village GID (2 seats)
- North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District (2 seats)
- Palomino Valley GID (2 seats)
- Sun Valley GID (2 seats)
- Verdi TV District (2 seats)



Offices up for Election in 2022; Washoe County

Candidates filing for these offices file with the **Reno City Clerk** as these are City of Reno governmental offices

- Reno Mayor
- Reno City Council Ward 2
- Reno City Council Ward 4
- Reno City Attorney
- Reno Municipal Court Judge, Dept 2
- Reno Municipal Court Judge, Dept 3
- Reno Municipal Court Judge, Dept 4



Offices up for Election in 2022; Washoe County

Candidates filing for these offices file with the **Sparks City Clerk** as these are City of Sparks governmental offices

- Sparks Mayor
- Sparks City Council Ward 2
- Sparks City Council Ward 4
- Sparks Municipal Court Judge, Dept 1

Thank you

