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**Special Election Duties and Deadlines
36th, 43rd, and 74th State House Districts**

This calendar lists the duties and deadlines associated with the special election called by Governor Whitmer to fill the vacancies in the offices of State Representative, 36th, 43rd, and 74th Districts. All deadlines elapse at 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

December 14, 2021	Call for Special Election issued.
By 4:00 p.m. on January 7, 2022	Deadline for Democratic and Republican Party candidates to file Affidavits of Identity and nominating petitions (200-400 signatures) or \$100.00 filing fee with the appropriate County Clerk.
By 4:00 p.m. on January 10, 2022	Deadline for Democratic and Republican Party candidates who wish to withdraw from the special primary to file a written notice of withdrawal with the appropriate County Clerk.
By January 15, 2022	Deadline for City and Township Clerks to electronically transmit or mail (as requested) an absent voter ballot to each military or overseas voter who applied for an absent voter ballot 45 days or more before the special primary. MCL 168.759a.
By January 20, 2022	Absent voter ballots must be available for issuance to absent voters. 1963 Mich. Const. art. 2, sec. 4.
January 20 through February 8, 2022	Appointment of precinct inspectors for the special primary election. MCL 168.674.
By 5:00 p.m. January 25, 2022	Deadline for petitions to place proposals on the May special election ballot to be filed with the designated filing official. MCL 168.646a.
By January 30, 2022	Deadline to publish notice of voter registration for the special primary. MCL 168.498.
By January 30, 2022	Deadline to post and notify the Secretary of State of hours the City and Township Clerks' offices will be open during the weekend immediately before the special primary to issue and receive absent voter ballots; a minimum of 8 weekend hours must be scheduled on Saturday or Sunday, or both days. MCL 168.761b.

By January 30, 2022	Deadline to post and notify the Secretary of State of any additional locations and hours the City and Township Clerks' offices will be available to issue and receive absent voter ballots, if applicable. MCL 168.761b.
By 4:00 p.m. on February 2, 2022	Deadline for candidates without political party affiliation to file Affidavits of Identity and qualifying petitions with the appropriate County Clerk. MCL 168.590c.
By 4:00 p.m. on February 7, 2022	Deadline for candidates without political party affiliation who wish to withdraw from the May special election to file a written notice of withdrawal with the appropriate County Clerk. MCL 168.590c.
By 4:00 p.m. on February 8, 2022	Deadline for ballot wording of proposals that will appear on the May special election ballot to be certified to the designated filing official; local clerks receiving ballot wording must forward to the county clerk within 2 days. MCL 168.646a.
February 14, 2022	Last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk for the August special primary. MCL 168.497.
February 15, 2022 through 8:00 p.m., March 1, 2022	In-person registration with local clerk with proof of residency. MCL 168.497.
By 4:00 p.m. on February 18, 2022	Deadline for write-in candidates seeking the Democratic or Republican Party nomination at the special primary to file Declaration of Intent forms. MCL 168.737a.
By February 19, 2022	Deadline for County Clerks to deliver remainder of ballots and election supplies to the City and Township Clerks. MCL 168.714.
By February 22, 2022	Notice of March special primary published. One notice required. MCL 168.653a.
By February 24, 2022	Public accuracy test must be conducted. R. 168.778. Notice of test must be published at least 48 hours before test. MCL 168.798.
Up to February 25, 2022	Electors may obtain an absent voter ballot via First Class mail. MCL 168.759.
By 5:00 p.m. on February 25, 2022	Voters may submit written request to spoil their absent voter ballot and receive new ballot by mail. MCL 168.765b.
Up to 4:00 p.m. on February 28, 2022	Electors may obtain an absent voter ballot in person in the clerk's office. MCL 168.761.
March 1, 2022 4:00 p.m.	Deadline for emergency absentee voting for the special primary. MCL 168.759b.

March 1, 2022 8:00 p.m.	Election Day registrants with proof of residency may obtain and vote an absent voter ballot in-person in the clerk's office or vote in- person in the correct precinct. MCL 168.761.
March 1, 2022	SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
March 1, 2022	Last day for minor parties to hold county caucuses to nominate candidates for the special election; filing deadline is 1 business day after the conclusion of the county caucus. Minor party nominees are certified to the appropriate County Clerk; nominees must file Affidavits of Identity, Certificate of Acceptance and Certificate of Nomination forms.
By 9:00 a.m., on March 3, 2022	Boards of County Canvassers must meet to canvass the March special primary. MCL 168.821.
By March 15, 2022	Boards of County Canvassers completes the canvass of the special primary; County Clerk must forward the results to the Secretary of State within 24 hours. MCL 168.581, 168.822, 168.828.
By March 19, 2022	Deadline for County Clerks to deliver absent voter ballots for the November special election to the City and Township Clerks. MCL 168.714.
By March 19, 2022	Deadline for City and Township Clerks to electronically transmit or mail (as requested) an absent voter ballot to each military or overseas voter who applied for an absent voter ballot 45 days or more before the special election. MCL 168.759a.
By March 24, 2022	Absent voter ballots must be available for issuance to absent voters. MCL 168.714. 1963 Mich. Const. art. 2, sec. 4.
March 24 through April 12, 2022	Appointment of precinct inspectors for the special election. MCL 168.674.
By April 4, 2022	Deadline to publish notice of voter registration for the special election. MCL 168.498.
By April 4, 2022	Deadline to post and notify the Secretary of State of hours the City and Township Clerks' offices will be open during the weekend immediately before the special election to issue and receive absent voter ballots; a minimum of 8 weekend hours must be scheduled on Saturday or Sunday, or both days. MCL 168.761b.

By April 4, 2022	Deadline to post and notify the Secretary of State of any additional locations and hours the City and Township Clerks' offices will be available to issue and receive absent voter ballots, if applicable. MCL 168.761b.
April 18, 2022	Last day for individuals to register to vote for the special election by any method other than appearing in-person in the clerk's office. MCL 168.497.
April 19 through 8:00 p.m. May 3, 2022	Period for individuals to register to vote for the special election in-person in the clerk's office with proof of residency. MCL 168.497.
By 4:00 p.m. on April 22, 2022	Deadline for write-in candidates seeking election to the office to file Declaration of Intent forms. MCL 168.737a
By April 23, 2022	Deadline for County Clerks to deliver the remainder of ballots and election supplies to the City and Township Clerks. MCL 168.714.
By April 26, 2022	Deadline to publish Notice of Special Election. MCL 168.653a.
By April 28, 2022	Deadline to conduct public accuracy test. R 168.778. Notice of public accuracy test must be published at least 48 hours before the test. MCL 168.798.
Up to 5:00 p.m. on April 29, 2022	Electors may obtain an absent voter ballot via First Class mail. MCL 168.759.
By 5:00 p.m. on April 29, 2022	Voters may submit written request to spoil their absent voter ballot and receive new ballot by mail. MCL 168.765b.
Up to 4:00 p.m. on May 2, 2022	Electors may obtain an absent voter ballot in person in the clerk's office. MCL 168.761.
Up to 4:00 p.m. on May 3, 2022	Deadline for emergency absentee voting for the special election. MCL 168.759b.
Up to 8:00 p.m. on May 3, 2022	Election Day registrants with proof of residency may obtain and vote an absent voter ballot in-person in the clerk's office or vote in-person in the correct precinct. MCL 168.761.
May 3, 2022	SPECIAL ELECTION
By 9:00 a.m. on May 5, 2022	Board of County Canvassers meets to canvass special election. MCL 168.821.
By May 17, 2022	Board of County Canvassers completes the canvass of the special election; County Clerk must forward the results to the Secretary of State within 24 hours. MCL 168.581, 168.822, 168.828.