

# 2026 February Fire District Election Timeline

## December 2025

### **December 27**

#### **Publication of Notice of Mail-in Ballot Availability for Annual Fire District Election by Fire District Commissioners**

*(prior to the 55th day before election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:63-6**

## January 2026

### **January 10**

#### **Publication of Notice of Fire Election by Fire District Commissioners**

*(at least 6 weeks prior to election)*

**N.J.S.A. 40A:14-72**

### **January 23**

#### **Nomination Petition Filing Deadline for Fire District Elections**

*(29 days before election)*

**N.J.S.A. 40A:14-71**

### **January 31**

#### **Voter Registration Deadline for Fire District Elections**

*(21 days before election)*

**N.J.S.A. 40A:14-74**

## February

### **February 14**

#### **Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for Fire District Elections**

*(not less than 7 days prior to election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:63-3**

### **February 16**

#### **Last Day for Testing of Electronic Scanning Equipment for Tabulation of Paper Ballots for February Fire District Election**

*(A county board of elections may begin opening the inner envelopes for each mail-in ballot and canvassing each mail-in ballot from the inner envelope no earlier than five days prior to the day of the election-February 21)*

*(notice to be given 48 hours prior to the start of testing)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:53A-8; 19:63-22 (b)**

### **February 17**

#### **Deadline for Applications to Receive Mail-In Ballot for Fire District Elections by Electronic Means for Qualified Overseas Civilian and Military Voters**

*(4th day before election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:59-4**

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## **February 20 – by 3:00 p.m.**

### **Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot in person for Fire District Elections**

*(up to 3:00 pm on the day before election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:63-3**

## **February 21**

### **Fire District Elections**

*(3rd Saturday in February)*

**N.J.S.A. 40A:14-72**

## **February 21**

### **Deadline for Post Office Receipt of Mail-In Ballots from the Fire District Elections**

## **February 21**

### **Deadline for In-Person Submission of Fire District Election Mail-In Ballots to County Boards of Election**

*(by 9:00 p.m. on the day of election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:63-16; 40A:14-76**

## **February 23**

### **Deadline for Receipt by County Boards of Elections of Mail-In Ballots by delivery of the United States Postal Service that DO NOT Bear a Postmark of Delivery**

*(no later than 48 hours (2 days) after the time of the closing of the polls for the election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:63-22**

## **February 27**

### **Deadline for Receipt of Timely Mailed Postmarked Mail-In Ballots to County Boards of Election**

*(no later than 144 hours (6 days) after the time of the closing of the polls for the election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:63-22**

## **February 28**

### **Deadline for Receipt of Cure Form to County Boards of Election**

*(no later than 48 hours (2 days) prior to the final certification of the results of the election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:63-17**

## **March**

## **March 2**

### **Fire District Certification of Election Results**

*(to comply with N.J.S.A. 19:63-22)*

## **March 5 - 8**

### **Deadline for Preparation of Emergency and Provisional Ballot Reports by Each County Board of Elections for the Fire District Elections**

*(within 15 days after election or 3 days after the certification of the results of the election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:53B-21; N.J.S.A. 19:53C-21**

## **March 5**

### **Deadline for Recount Applications for Fire District Elections**

*(within 3 days after the certification of the results of the election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:28-1**

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## **March 25**

**Deadline for Filing of Election Contest Petitions for Fire District Elections**

*(not later than 32 days after election)*

**N.J.S.A. 19:29**