

April 16, 2026 Special General Election for U.S. House of Representatives, 11th Congressional District

February

February 5 – 4 p.m.

Nomination Petition Filing Deadline for Independent Candidates for Special General Election

February 9 – 4 p.m.

Deadline for Amendments to Defective Petitions for Independent Special General Election Candidates

February 9 – 4 p.m.

Filing Deadline for Objections to Nomination Petitions for Independent Special General Election Candidates

February 14

Deadline for Determination of Petition Challenge for Independent Special General Election Candidates

February 19

Publication of Notice of Mail-In Ballot Availability for Special General Election by County Clerks

February 19

Deadline for Independent Candidates to Decline Nomination for Special General Election

February 20

Last Day Vacancy Can Occur for Special Primary Election Nominees for the Special General Election

February 23

Deadline for Filling Special Primary Nominee Vacancy for Special General Election

February 24 - March 25

Publication of Notice of Special General Election by County Boards of Election

February 24- 12 p.m.

Deadline for Secretary of State to Submit to the County Clerks the Statement of All Duly Nominated Candidates for Special General Election

February 24- 3 p.m.

Drawing of Ballot Position for Special General Election Candidates by the County Clerks

February 24

Deadline for Preparation of Official Special General Election Ballot for Printing

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March

March 2

Commencement of Mailing of Mail-In Ballots for Special General Election

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March 26

Voter Registration Deadline for Special General Election

March 26

Mandated Evening Voter Registration Available for Special General Election in Offices of County Commissioners of Registration

(optional for Municipal Clerks)

March 29 - April 4

Publication of Notice of Special General Election by County Boards of Election

March 31

Deadline for Filing of Challenger Appointments for Special General Election

April

April 1

Mailing of Sample Ballots for Special General Election

April 6 – April 14

Early Voting Period

April 9

Publication of Challenge and Complaint Procedures for Special General Election by County Boards of Election

April 9

Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for Special General Election

April 11

Last Recommended Day for Testing of Electronic Scanning Equipment for Tabulation of Paper Ballots for Special General Election

April 12

Deadline for Application to Receive Special General Election Mail-In Ballots by Electronic Means for Qualified Overseas Civilian and Military Voters

April 15 – by 3:00 p.m.

Deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications for Special General Election

April 15

Publication of Challenge and Complaint Procedures for Special General Election by County Boards of Election

April 16

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April 16

Deadline for Post Office Receipt of Mail-In Ballots from the Special General Election

April 16

Deadline for in Person Submission of Special General Election Mail-In Ballots to County Boards of Election and to Authorized Ballot Drop Boxes

April 18

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

April 22

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

April 27

Deadline for Receipt of Cure Form to County Boards of Election

May

May 1

Meeting of County Board of Canvassers for Special General Election

May 1

Deadline for Preparation of Emergency and Provisional Ballot Reports by Each County Board of Election for the Special General Election

May 4

Deadline for Recount Applications for Special General Election

May 6

Deadline for County Clerk to transmit Official Special General Election Results to the Secretary of State

May 16

Deadline for Meeting of Board of State Canvassers to Certify Special General Election Results

May 18

Deadline for Filing of Election Contest Petitions for Special General Election