

# November 2, 2010 General Election Calendar

## Monday, July 26 **State & Federal Candidate Filing Begins** **§44.4, §45.5**

This is the first day for **non-party organizations and candidates nominated by petition** for state and federal offices to file nomination petitions and affidavits of candidacy in the [Office of the Secretary of State](#). [SOS links to candidate guides, nomination petitions, affidavits & signature requirements](#)

### **Federal Offices Open** ([SOS links to candidate guides, nomination petitions & affidavits](#))

- U.S. Senate: One (1) seat (6-year term)
- U.S. Representative: All seats (2-year terms)
- Story County is in the [4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District](#)

### **State Legislative Offices Open**

- State Senate: Odd numbered districts only (4-year terms)
- Two (2) seats in Story County: Districts [5](#) & [23](#)

- State Representative: All 100 seats, statewide (2-year terms)
- Three (3) seats in Story County: Districts [10](#), [45](#), [46](#)

### **State Offices Open**

- Governor & Lieutenant Governor (must run as a team). [Nomination petition for Governor/Lt. Governor](#)
- Secretary of State
- Auditor of State
- Treasurer of State
- Secretary of Agriculture
- Attorney General

## Monday, August 2 **County Candidate Filing Begins** **§44.4, §45.5**

This is the first day for **non-party organizations and candidates nominated by petition** for county and township offices to file nomination papers and affidavits of candidacy in the county auditor's office.

- [Signatures needed](#)
- [Non-party political organization conventions](#)

### **County Offices Open** ([SOS links to candidate guides, nomination petitions & affidavits](#))

- Attorney: One (1) seat (4-year term). 250 signatures.
- Recorder: One (1) seat (4-year term). 250 signatures.
- Supervisor: Two (2) seats (4-year term). 250 signatures.
- Treasurer: One (1) seat (4-year term). 250 signatures.
- Township Officials: All townships, one (1) clerk seat and two (2) trustee seat (4-year term). Township candidates file an [affidavit of candidacy](#) only.
- Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioner: Two (2) seats (4-year term). 25 signatures.
- Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioner – To Fill Vacancy: One (1) seat (2-year term). 25 signatures.
- County Hospital Trustee: Three (3) seats (6-year term). 50 signatures.
- County Agricultural Extension Council: Five (5) seats (4-year term). 25 signatures.

## Wednesday, August 4 **Special Absentee (“Submarine”) Ballots** **§53.45**

The first day for [UOCAVA](#) voters who will be outside the continental United States and unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within the time provided to request a special absentee ballot. [Submarine ballot info.](#)

## Thursday, August 5 **Vacancy Deadline – State & Federal** **§43.6(1)**

Vacancies in state and federal offices occurring 89 or more days before the General Election must go on the General Election ballot.

## Thursday, August 5 **Withdrawal Deadline – State & Federal** **§43.76(1)**

The last day for **candidates who were nominated at the Primary Election** to withdraw. Notice must be submitted in writing to the [Secretary of State](#).

## Friday, August 13 **Filing Deadline - State & Federal Candidates** **§43.78(2), §44.4, §45.5**

This is the last day for candidates for state and federal offices to file nomination papers in the [Office of the Secretary of State](#). This includes non-party political organizations candidates nominated by petition and Democratic and Republican parties' nominations to fill ballot vacancies. **The deadline is 5:00 p.m.**

## Friday, August 20 **Withdrawal Deadline – State & Federal** **§45.4, §44.9**

The last day for **non-party candidates and non-party political organizations** who filed in the Office of the Secretary of State to withdraw. Notice must be submitted in writing to the [Secretary of State](#).

## Friday, August 20 **Objection Deadline – State & Federal** **§44.4(2)(a)**

This is the last day to file written objections to nomination petitions filed with the [Secretary of State](#) by 5 p.m.

## Friday, August 20 **Substitution Deadline – State & Federal** **§44.11**

This is the last day for **non-party political organizations** to replace candidates who withdrew, died or were found ineligible for state and federal offices.

## Friday, August 20 **Withdrawal Deadline – County** **§43.76(2)**

This is the last day that candidates for county office who were nominated in the Primary Election to withdraw. Notice must be submitted in writing to the County Auditor.

## Friday, August 20 **Vacancy Deadline – County** **§43.6(2), §43.77(5), §69.14 A**

If a mid-term vacancy in a county office occurs before August 20, the office must be on the ballot at the General Election to fill the vacancy. Political party nominations must be made by convention.

- Tuesday, August 24**                      **Proxy Requests Begin**                      **§53.40**  
The first day for [UOCAVA](#) family members to submit proxy absentee ballot request forms. [Proxy absentee ballot request form.](#)
- Wednesday, August 25**                      **Filing Deadline – County Candidates**                      **§43.78(3), §44.4, §45.5**  
This is the last day for candidates for county offices to file nomination papers in the Office of the County Auditor. This includes non-party political organizations candidates nominated by petition and Democratic and Republican parties' nominations to fill ballot vacancies. **The deadline is 5:00 p.m.**
- Wednesday, August 25**                      **Nominations Certified to the County Auditor**                      **§43.73, §46.21**  
This is the last day for the [Secretary of State](#) to certify candidates' names for the General Election ballot to the County Auditor.
- Thursday, August 26**                      **Non-Partisan Office Ballot Order**                      **§49.31(2)(c)**  
The County Auditor draws the names of candidates for non-partisan offices (township officials, soil & water commissioner, county hospital trustee, ag extension council) to determine the order in which the names of those candidates will appear on the ballot.
- Monday, August 30**                      **Withdrawal Deadline – County**                      **§44.9(2), §45.4**  
The last day for non-party candidates and candidates nominated by petition who have filed nomination papers with the County Auditor to withdraw. Notice must be submitted in writing to the County Auditor.
- Monday, August 30**                      **Objection Deadline – County**                      **§44.4(2)**  
This is the last day to file written objections to nomination petitions filed with the County Auditor.
- Monday, August 30**                      **Substitution Deadline – County**                      **§44.11**  
This is the last day for non-party political organizations to replace candidates who withdrew, died or were found ineligible for county office.
- Friday, September 3**                      **Proclamation by Governor**                      **§49A.7**  
The Governor will issue a proclamation for any proposed amendments to the constitution to be included on the General Election ballot.
- Monday, September 6**                      **Labor Day – County Offices Closed**
- Thursday, September 16**                      **Deadline – Satellite Voting Petitions**                      **§53.11(2)(a)**  
A petition (minimum 100 signatures) requesting a satellite absentee voting station must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. today.
- Saturday, September 18**                      **UOCAVA Absentee Ballots Must Be Ready**                      **§53.8(1), §53.39**  
Overseas and Armed Forces ballots must be ready to mail 45 days before the election.
- Thursday, September 23**                      **Absentee Ballots Must Be Ready**                      **§53.10, §53.18**  
This is the first day that absentee voting will be available in the County Auditor's Office. The Auditor's Office must review all affidavits upon receipt.
- Tuesday, October 12**                      **No Special Elections Today**                      **§39.2(1)**
- Monday, October 18**                      **Worry-free Postmark Date**                      **§48A.9(3)**  
Correctly completed voter registration forms postmarked by today are considered on time even if received after 5 p.m. on October 25.
- Tuesday, October 19**                      **No Special Elections Today**                      **§39.2(1)**
- Tuesday, October 19**                      **Absentee Ballots to Healthcare Facilities**                      **§53.22**  
Special Board teams begin delivery of absentee ballots to registered voters who are residents or patients in a health care facility or hospital located in the county and who have requested absentee ballots.
- Saturday, October 23**                      **Voter Pre-Registration Deadline**                      **§48A.9, §48A.7A, §53.2**  
All voter registration forms must be received by the Auditor no later than 5:00 p.m. unless postmarked on or before October 18. The Auditor's Office must be open 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- NOTE:** After 5:00 p.m. on October 23, a person may register to vote at the County Auditor's Office or at a satellite absentee voting station and vote an absentee ballot. The process is the same as for [registering to vote on Election Day](#). The voter must show ID.
- Tuesday, October 26**                      **No Special Elections Today**                      **§39.2(1)**
- Friday, October 29**                      **Deadline – Absentee Ballot by Mail Request**                      **§53.2**  
This is the deadline to request that an absentee ballot for the General Election be mailed to the voter. Requests must be received no later than 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 30**                      **Auditor's Office Open for Absentee Voting**                      **§47.2(5), §53.18**  
The County Auditor's Office must be open for at least eight hours for absentee voting, absentee ballot affidavit review, and other election business.  
**The County Auditor's Office must be open until 5:00 p.m.**
- Saturday, October 30 –**  
**5 p.m. on Election Day**                      **Voters Admitted to Hospitals/Nursing Homes**                      **§53.22(2)**  
Voters admitted to hospitals or nursing homes after 12:00 a.m. October 30 may telephone to request delivery of an absentee ballot. The deadline to [call the Auditor's Office](#) is 5:00 p.m. on Election Day (Tuesday, November 2).
- Monday, November 1**                      **Last Day for In-Person Absentee Voting**                      **§53.2**  
This is the last day to vote by absentee ballot in person at the Auditor's Office. Absentee voting is available in the Auditor's Office until the normal close of business at 5:00 p.m.  
This is the last day for voters to fix deficient affidavit envelopes. The deadline is 5:00 p.m.

<b>Tuesday, November 2</b>	<b>General Election</b>	<b>§39.1, §49.73, §48A.7A</b>
Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Vote at regular <a href="#">polling places</a> .		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absentee ballot requests are delivered to hospitals and care centers for voters admitted within three days of the election.</li> <li>• Special Board counts absentee ballots.</li> <li>• Absentee ballots may be returned to Auditor’s Office (NOT to a polling place) until the close of polls at 9:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Iowa Law permits <a href="#">Same Day Registration</a>.</li> </ul>		
<b>Thursday, November 4</b>	<b>Provisional Ballots Considered</b>	<b>§50.21, §50.22</b>
Special Board reconvenes no earlier than 12 noon to begin to consider provisional ballots and absentee ballots that were postmarked on or before Monday, November 1.		
<b>NOTE:</b> Laws pertaining to provisional ballots, including this date, may be changed by proposed legislation in the current session.		
<b>Friday, November 5</b>	<b>Email/Fax Requests Must Have Original</b>	<b>IAC 721-21.2(2)</b>
Original absentee ballot requests must be received by today if a scanned or facsimile request was submitted. If the original request does not arrive in time or is postmarked after October 29, the ballot cannot be counted.		
<b>Monday, November 8</b>	<b>Deadline – Absentee Ballots</b>	<b>§53.17(2), IAC 721-21.360</b>
Absentee ballots postmarked on or before November 1 <sup>st</sup> must be received in the Auditor’s Office by 12 noon. Special Board reconvenes to consider absentee ballots.		
<b>Tuesday, November 9</b>	<b>No Special Elections Today</b>	<b>§39.2(1)</b>
<b>Tuesday, November 9</b>	<b>County Canvass of Votes</b>	<b>§50.24</b>
The Board of Supervisors meets to canvass the election.		
<b>Thursday, November 11</b>	<b>Veterans Day – County Holiday</b>	
<b>Friday, November 12</b>	<b>Recount Deadline</b>	<b>§50.48(1)</b>
This is the last day for recount requests to be filed with the County Auditor. Deadline is 5:00 p.m.		
<b>Tuesday, November 16</b>	<b>No Special Elections Today</b>	<b>§39.2(1)</b>
<b>Tuesday, November 23</b>	<b>No Special Elections Today</b>	<b>§39.2(1)</b>
<b>Thursday, November 25 – Friday, November 26</b>	<b>Thanksgiving – County Holiday</b>	
<b>Monday, November 29</b>	<b>State Canvass of Votes</b>	<b>§50.38</b>
The state canvass of votes must be completed for all offices.		