## **2024 SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT ELECTION CALENDAR**

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## 2023-2024

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2024   Candidate Filing Closes at Spm.   13-1-502(4)(b) .		2023	
Candidate Filing Closes at Spm.   13.1-502(1)			<u>13-1-502(1)</u>
Deadline for a candidate to withdraw.  Last day for Governing Body to pass an order or resolution calling for the election. The order or resolution shall specify whether the governing body is requesting that the election be conducted by mail.  Deadline for candidates to be registered to vote in Montana.  (*Note: exception exist for under 18-year-olds who will turn 18 before the election.)  Ballot certification deadline.  75 days before election  March 4, 2024  65 days before election  March 9, 2024  65 days before election  March 9, 2024  65 days before election  March 9, 2024  65 days before election  March 11- April 7  Starting not earlier than four weeks before close of regular voter registration.  March 11- April 7  Starting not earlier than four weeks before close of forter registration.  March 28 - April 27  Between 10 and 40 days before election  March 28 - April 27  April 3, 2024  April 11, 2024  Within a days of the close of regular voter registration opens.  Voter registration opens.  Deadline for scertary of Starte to receive write may be published two times).  Deadline for Secretary of Starte to receive written plans for May 7 mail ballot elections.  Publish notice of close of regular registration and availability of late registration at least three times in the four weeks preceding the close of regular voter registration closes.  30 days before election  April 3, 2024  Absentee ballots must be available for voting; in a polling place election, electors on the absentee elector list, including absent millitary and overseas electors, are sent ballots automatically on April 17; no later than April 27; no later than April 22  If election is conducted by mail ballot, ballots must be mailed on a single date during this range.		2024	
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Ballot certification deadline.   HB 306 (2023)			13-1-504(4) and
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April 9, 2024  Late registration opens.  April 11, 2024  Within 3 days of the close of regular voter registration  April 17, 2024  April 17, 2024  Absentee ballots must be available for voting; in a polling place election, electors on the absentee elector list, including absent military and overseas electors, are sent ballots automatically on April 17.  No sooner than April 17; no later than April 22  Late registration opens.  13-2-304(1)  13-2-301(3)  13-1-503(1)  13-1-503(1)  13-1-503(2)	Between 10 and 40 days		13-1-108(1) and (2)
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May 7, 2024 Election Day 13-1-504(1)	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· ·	13-1-503(2)
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