



NEW MEXICO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 2, 2021 REGULAR LOCAL (SCHOOL) ELECTION CALENDAR*

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**This calendar is current as of January 1, 2021, and replaces all prior calendars regarding regular school district elections. References to statutory requirements are to the Local Election Act, as amended.*

June 5, 2021	First day for School District to notify County Clerk of all School Board positions to be filled at November 2, 2021 Regular Local Election [NMSA 1978, § 1-22-4(A)]
July 5, 2021	Last day for School District to notify County Clerk of all School Board positions to be filled at November 2, 2021 Regular Local Election [NMSA 1978, § 1-22-4(A)]
July 13, 2021	Last day for County Clerk to notify Secretary of State of all positions to be filled at November 2, 2021 Regular Local Election [NMSA 1978, § 1-22-4(A)]
July 15, 2021	Last day to notify local government division of the department of finance and administration of intent to place the question of imposing or renewing a mill levy on the November 2, 2021 Regular Local Election ballot [NMSA 1978, § 7-38-36.2]
August 4, 2021	Secretary of State shall issue and file a proclamation in English and Spanish calling 2021 Regular Local Election [NMSA 1978, § 1-22-4(B)]
After receipt	County Clerk shall post Secretary of State's entire proclamation in English and Spanish on County Clerk's website [NMSA 1978, § 1-22-4(D)]
August 19, 2021	County Clerk shall publish portions of School Board's election proclamation in English and Spanish in a newspaper of general circulation within County (or Counties for multi-county school districts) [NMSA 1978, § 1-22-4(D)]
August 23, 2021	Last day for School Board to adopt Resolution proposing mill levy or bond question for regular election ballot [NMSA 1978, § 1-16-3(B)]
August 24, 2021	Deadline of between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for candidates to file Declarations of Candidacy with County Clerk [NMSA 1978, § 1-22-7(A)]
August 24, 2021	Deadline for School District to file School Board's Resolution proposing mill levy or bond question for regular local election ballot with County Clerk of each county containing voting precincts within School District [NMSA 1978, § 1-16-3(B)]
August 27, 2021	Deadline for County Clerk to certify School District ballot question(s) to Secretary of State [NMSA 1978, § 1-16-3(B)]
August 31, 2021	Deadline of between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for persons to file Declarations of Candidacy to be a write-in candidate with County Clerk [NMSA 1978, § 1-22-8.1(C)]

August 31, 2021	Deadline to withdraw as candidate [NMSA 1978, § 1-10-6(C)(1)]
September 3, 2021	Deadline of 5:00 p.m. for County Clerk to place candidate's name on ballot for position declared and to notify candidate in writing that name will appear on ballot [NMSA 1978, § 1-22-10(A)]
September 18, 2021	Deadline for County Clerk to have access to ballots to send to federal qualified electors [NMSA 1978, § 1-10-5]
September 23, 2021	Deadline for County Clerk to have all other printed ballots in possession [NMSA 1978, § 1-10-5]
October 5, 2021	Deadline to register to vote in November 2, 2021 Regular Local Election [NMSA 1978, § 1-4-8(A)]
October 5, 2021	Absentee voting begins [NMSA 1978, § 16(F)]
October 5, 2021	Early voting begins [NMSA 1978, § 1-6-.7(A)]
October 12, 2021	First day for County Clerk's publication of notice of election [NMSA 1978, § 1-11-3(A)]
October 26, 2021	Last day for County Clerk's publication of notice of election [NMSA 1978, § 1-11-3(A)]
October 30, 2021	Last day to vote early [NMSA 1978, § 1-6-5.7(A)]
November 2, 2021	Election Day
November 8, 2021	First day for county canvassing board (the County Commission) to: (1) meet to approve the report of the canvass of the returns; (2) declare the results of the election and of all ballot questions affecting only precincts within the county, and (3) issue a certificate of canvass of the results of the election and send one copy to: (a) the County Clerk, (b) each local government with a candidate or ballot question (including the School District), (c) the Secretary of State, (d) the State Records Center, and (e) the State Canvassing Board [NMSA 1978, §§ 1-13-13(A), (B), and (C)]
November 12, 2021	Last day for county canvassing board (the County Commission) to complete canvassing duties (see prior deadline) [NMSA 1978, §§ 1-13- 13(A), (B), and (C)] (Note: For counties with more than 150,000 voters, the deadline is November 15, 2021)
November 19, 2021	Suggested date for publication of results of election if ballot included a bond question [NMSA 1978, § 22-18-10]
November 26, 2021	First day for Secretary of State to issue certificates of election to appropriate candidates [NMSA 1978, § 1-13-16(C)(1)]
January 1, 2022	Term of office begins for elected candidates [NMSA 1978, § 1-22-18]