

Cities and Counties- Nov 2014 Bond Election Schedule of Major Events *

Tuesday 4-Nov-2014 <===== Election Date ¹			
Date	Event	Time frame **	
Wednesday 6-Aug-2014	First day for governing body to adopt the Order/Ordinance calling the Bond Election. Gov. Code §1251.003(c)	90 days before election	
Monday 18-Aug-2014	Last day for governing body to adopt the Order/Ordinance calling the Bond Election. §3.005	78 days before election	
Friday 5-Sep-2014	Last day for governing body (other than a Commissioners Court) to give notice of election to applicable county clerk(s) and to voter registrar. §4.008	60 days before election	
Friday 5-Sep-2014	First day for voters to submit an application (by mail, personal delivery or fax if clerk has fax) for early ballot to be voted by mail. §84.007(c)	60 days before election	
Monday 15-Sep-2014	First day of mandatory office hours in which the secretary/ clerk must keep office open for election duties for at least 3 hours during regular business hours on regular business days. §31.122(a)(1)	50 days before election	
Sunday 5-Oct-2014	First day to publish the first of two successive weekly notices of election in a newspaper circulated in the territory covered by the election. ² §4.003(a)(1), (c) & Gov Code §1251.003(e)	30th day before election	
Monday 6-Oct-2014	Last day for eligible voters who are not yet registered to submit their applications for registration. §13.143(a) & (b)	30th day before election	
Tuesday 14-Oct-2014	Last day to post election order, Notice of Election and contents of proposition on city or county's website, if website is maintained. §4.003(f)	21st day before election	
Tuesday 14-Oct-2014	Last day to post Notice of Election and polling places on bulletin board. §4.003(b)	21st day before election	
Tuesday 14-Oct-2014	Last day to post election order in three public places in the boundaries of the political subdivision. §4.003(f)	21st day before election	
Friday 17-Oct-2014	Last day to submit by personal delivery an application for a ballot to be voted by mail. §84.008(a) & §85.001(a)	Last business day before the first day for Early Voting	
Monday 20-Oct-2014	First day for Early Voting. The bond election order must be posted at each polling location. §85.001(a), (c) & (e) & §4.003(f)(1)	17th day before election ³	
Monday 20-Oct-2014	Last day to publish the first of two successive weekly notices of election in a newspaper circulated in the territory covered by the election. §4.003(a)(1), (c) & Gov Code §1251.003(e)	17th day before election	
Monday 27-Oct-2014	Last day to publish the second of two successive weekly notices of election in a newspaper circulated in the territory covered by the election. §4.003(a)(1), (c) & Gov Code §1251.003(e)	10th day before election	
Monday 27-Oct-2014	Last day to post notices of consolidated precincts. §4.003(b)	10th day before election	
Friday 24-Oct-2014	Last day to submit by mail an application for a ballot to be voted by mail. §84.007(c)	9th day before election ⁴	
Friday 31-Oct-2014	Last day for Early Voting. §85.001(a)	4th day before election	
Friday 31-Oct-2014	First day to post notice of each delivery of early voting ballots to the early voting ballot board. §87.023(b)	24 hours before each delivery	
Saturday 1-Nov-2014	First day to deliver early voting ballots to the early voting ballot board (assuming notice has been posted 24 hours in advance of each delivery). §87.023(b)	After the end of the period for Early Voting	
Tuesday 4-Nov-2014	Election Day- Polls Open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The bond election order must be posted at each polling location. §41.031 & §4.003(f)(1)	Election Day	
Wednesday 12-Nov-2014	Earliest possible day for governing body to canvass election. §67.003 (Notice of meeting to canvass election returns must be posted 72 hours before meeting. Texas Gov. Code §551.043)	8th day after election ⁵	
Monday 17-Nov-2014	Last day for governing body to canvass election. §67.003	11th day after election	
Monday 15-Dec-2014	Last day of mandatory office hours for the election. §31.122(a)(2)	40th day after election	

* All dates and deadlines may be subject to change by the Texas Legislature through future legislation.

** As a general rule, if the last day to perform an act falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal state or national holiday, then the deadline becomes the next regular business day, unless a particular provision of the election code provides otherwise. **§1.006**

¹ Bond elections may only be held on the May and November uniform election dates. Pursuant to SB 100 adopted by the 82nd Leg, Regular Session, county ordered elections may not be held on the May uniform election date in even-numbered years. **§41.001**

² Home Rule cities must also give notice as provided in their charters.

³ If the governing body orders early voting to occur on a Saturday or Sunday, then notice of the early voting must be posted on the bulletin board 72 hours before such early voting during the early voting period. **§85.007(b) & (c)**

⁴ If this date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal state or national holiday, then the deadline is moved to the first regular business day before that date. **§84.007(c)** (NOTE: This is an exception to the general rule) Senate Bill 910, 2013 Legislative Session, changed the deadline for filing an application for ballot by mail to the 9th day before election day. This amendment does not affect the deadline for submitting a federal postcard application.

⁵ Before canvassing, any provisional ballots cast must be verified and counted and all ballots from outside the US received within 5 days of the election must also be counted.