



2025 ALABAMA MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS CALENDAR

May 28, 2025

• Last day a person can become a resident of the municipality and district in order to become a candidate. §§ 11-46-25 (g) and 11-43-63.

June 10, 2025

- Mayor gives notice of election §11-46-22(a).
- Candidates may begin qualifying at City Hall once notice is published. Qualifying forms are available from the municipal clerk §11-46-22(a).
- Candidates must file a Statement of Economic Interest form with the Alabama Ethics Commission in order to appear on the ballot. §36-25-15(a).
 - *For questions regarding the Statement of Economic Interest form, please call the Alabama Ethics Commission at 334-242-2997 or email at candidates@ethics.gov.
 - *NOTE: Only candidates running for municipal office who receive contributions or make expenditures in excess of \$1,000 are required to electronically file and Appointment of Principal Campaign Committee form. Act 2024-104.

June 24, 2025

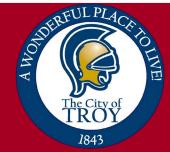
- Last day, by 5:00 p.m., to qualify to run for municipal office. §11-46-25(g).
- Candidates must file a Statement of Economic Interest form with the Alabama Ethics Commission in order to appear on the ballot. §36-25-15(a).

July 25, 2025

• Last day to display sample ballot. §11-46-32.

July 27, 2025

• Last day to establish residency to vote in the municipal general election. §11-46-38(b).





July 29, 2025

• Last day for Mayor to deliver ballots and absentee supplies to the municipal clerk. §§17-11-12 and 11-46-32.

August 11, 2025

- Last day for the council to appoint election officials. §11-46-27(a).
- **NOTE:** The municipal clerk must hold an election school for the persons chosen election officials and must notify the official that they have been selected at least 48 hours before the school is scheduled. §11-46-30.
- Last day to register to vote for the municipal general election. §§11-46-38(b) and 17-3-50.

August 12, 2025: Electronic Voting Role

• First day to publicly test electronic vote counters. Rule 307-X-1-.04, Alabama Administrative Code.

August 15, 2025

• Last day to publish lists of the election officers and the voting places to which they are assigned. \$11-46-27(f).

August 18, 2025

• Beginning on this day, any absentee applicant who has not included a copy of acceptable ID but who is otherwise qualified to vote shall be issued a provisional absentee ballot. §17-9-30(c).

August 19, 2025

• Last day to receive an application for a regular absentee ballot by mail. §17-11-3(b).

August 21, 2025

- Last day for a voter to <u>hand deliver</u> an application for a regular absentee ballot. §17-11-3(b).
- Last day to publish the list of qualified voters. §11-46-26(a).
- Last day to conduct a training school for officials who will conduct an election using electronic voting machines. §17-8-9(a).



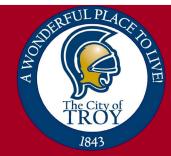


August 25, 2025

- Last day for a voter to apply for an emergency absentee ballot if he or she:
 - (1) is required by employer to be unavailable to vote at the polls;
 - (2) is a caregiver of a person who requires emergency treatment within five days of an election; or
 - (3) has a family member to the 2^{nd} degree of kinship who dies within five days of the election. \$17-11-3(e)(2)
- Last day, up to close of business, for a voter to deliver an absentee ballot (non-emergency). §§17-11-3(c) and 17-11-18.
- The municipal clerk, along with two watchers, must inspect and seal voting tabulators which will be used in the election beginning no later than 9:00 a.m. §11-46-33(a)(6)(b).

AUGUST 26, 2025 – ELECTION DAY

- Regular municipal elections are held on the fourth Tuesday in August. §11-46-21(a).
- NOTE: All polling places shall open for voting from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. §11-46-28(a).
- Election officials must meet at their respective polling places at least 30 minutes before polls open. §11-46-28(a).
- **NOTE:** Candidates may appoint a poll watcher to observe voting procedures in the polling place. The appointment must be made in writing, signed by the candidate, and filed with the election officials at the polling place. §11-46-35.
- The municipal clerk must ensure that all ballots, boxes and supplies are provided at each polling place. §11-46-33.
- Precinct counters must be tested according to the manufacturer's instructions to ensure that they are set at zero and prepared for voting. Rule 307-X-1-.11, Alabama Administrative Code.





ABSENTEE BALLOTS ON ELECTION DAY

- An absentee ballot returned by <u>mail</u> must be received no later than noon on the day of the election. §17-11-18(a).
- An emergency absentee ballot for a registered voter who requires emergency treatment by a licensed physician within five days of the election must return the absentee ballot by 12:00 noon on the day of the election. §17-11-3(d).
- Beginning at 7:00 a.m., the municipal clerk shall deliver the sealed affidavit envelopes containing absentee ballots to the absentee election officials. §17-11-10(b)(1).

August 27, 2025

- Deadline for the absentee election manager to notify voters, whose absentee ballots have become provisional due to the inspector's personal knowledge that the voter was not eligible to vote, by mailing a copy of the challenge statement of the inspector by the day after the election. §17-10-2(c)(3)(b).
- Deadline, no later than noon, the municipal clerk must deliver written affirmations of the provisional voters, inspector challenge statements, and all voter re-identification forms in a sealed envelope addressed to the board of registars. §17-10-2(d).

August 29, 2025

• Last day, no later than 5:00 p.m., for a provisional absentee voter, who was required to provide identification but failed to provide it before the election, to submit identification to the board of registars to have to vote counted. §17-10-2(c)(1)(b)(3).

September 2, 2025 – Canvassing of Election Results

• Commencing at noon on the first Tuesday after the election, the council must canvass the election results. §§11-46-55(a) and 11-46-46. If a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for the office, the council issues a certificate of election. If no candidate receives a





majority, the council shall order a run-off election to be held on the fourth Tuesday following the regular election. §§11-46-55(d) and 11-46-21(a).

September 4, 2025

• Deadline for anyone withstanding to contest the election to request a recount (must be within 48 hours of the official canvass on September 2). §11-46-55.1.

September 8, 2025

- Last day for the council to appoint election officials for run-off election. §§11-46-27 and 11-46-30.
- Last day to register to vote for the run-off election. §§11-46-38 and 17-3-50

September 9, 2025

• First day to publicly test electronic vote counters. Rule 307-X-1-.04, Ala. Admin Code.

September 11, 2025

• Last day for the municipal clerk to file certificates of general municipal election with the probate judge, secretary of state and Alabama League of Municipalities. §11-46-55(g).

September 15, 2025

Beginning on this day, any absentee applicant who has not included a copy of acceptable ID but who is otherwise qualified to vote shall be issued a provisional absentee ballot. §17-9-30(c).

September 18, 2025

- Last day for a voter to apply for a regular absentee ballot. §17-11-3(a).
- Last day to publish the list of qualified voters. §11-46-36
- Last day to conduct a training school for officials who will conduct an election using electronic voting machines. §17-8-9.

September 22, 2025

• Last day for voter to apply for an emergency absentee ballot.





• Last day, up to the close of business, for a voter to deliver an absentee ballot (non-emergency). §§17-11-3(c) and 17-11-18.

September 23, 2025: RUN-OFF ELECTION DAY §§11-46-55(d) and 11-46-21(a).

See instructions under <u>AUGUST 26</u> in the main 2025 Municipal Election Calendar.

September 30, 2025: CANVASSING OF ELECTION RESULTS

• Election canvass commencing at noon. §§11-46-55 and 11-46-46.

October 2, 2025

• Deadline for anyone withstanding to contest the election to request a recount (must be within 48 hours of the official canvass). §§11-46-55.1.

October 6, 2025

• Last day a candidate may contest the results of the run-off election. §11-46-69.

November 3, 2025

- Newly elected municipal officials take office on the first Monday in November following the election. §11-46-21(c).
- Council meets for its organizational session. §11-43-44.