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2002 ELECTION CALENDAR

April 9, 2002: Precinct Caucuses
August 13, 2002: Colorado Primary Election Day
November 5, 2002: General Election Day

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(Revised August 22, 2002)

DATE	EVENT/ACTION	CITATION
April 21 - May 11, 2001	CANDIDATE AFFILIATION Last day to affiliate with Party for Candidate Designation by assembly.	1-4-601(4)(a) CRS
May 28, 2001	CANDIDATE AFFILIATION Last day to affiliate with Party for Party Petition candidates.	1-4-801(3)(5) CRS
July 8, 2001	UNAFFILIATED CANDIDATE Last day to register as unaffiliated for unaffiliated petition candidate.	1-4-802(1)(g) CRS
January 1, 2002	ABSENTEE BALLOT First day to apply for absentee ballot for an election in 2002.	1-8-104(3) CRS
February 25, 2002 (amended)	PRECINCT CAUCUS ELIGIBILITY Last day to affiliate with political party in order to be eligible as Pct Comm., or delegate.	1-3-101-(1) CRS; 1-1-106(4) CRS
(amended)	PRECINCT CAUCUS LISTS Counties will furnish a preliminary list as soon as available after Reapportionment is complete.	1-3-101(3) CRS
April 1, 2002 (First Monday in April)	PARTY PETITIONS First day to circulate party petitions.	1-4-801(5) CRS
April 16, 2002 (amended)	CAUCUS SIGNS Last day to post precinct caucus signs.	1-4-602(4) CRS

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April 19, 2002 (amended)	SUPPLEMENTAL LIST Counties will furnish a supplemental list to each major political party the Friday before caucus.	
April 19, 2002 (no later than 10 days after precinct Caucus)	ELECTION JUDGES Last day for precinct committee people to submit list of election judges to county chairperson.	1-6-102 CRS
April 23, 2002 (amended)	PRECINCT CAUCUS DAY	1-3-102(1) CRS
April 23 thru May 18, 2002 (amended)	<p>COUNTY ASSEMBLIES First and last day to hold county assemblies.</p> <p>ACCEPTANCE / DESIGNATIONS County candidate's designation and acceptances must be filed with the County Clerk within 4 days after the assembly. Acceptance may be transmitted by fax, but original must be filed and postmarked no later than 10 days after assembly.</p> <p>PARTY PETITIONS An elector who signs a candidate party petition must have been affiliated with the party at least 29 days prior to signing, and circulator of a candidate petition must have been affiliated with the party at the time of circulation and be eligible to vote in the voting district for the office for which the petition is being circulated.</p>	<p>1-4-602(1)(a) CRS</p> <p>1-4-601(3) & 1-4-604 CRS</p> <p>1-4-904(2) & 1-4-905(1) CRS</p>
May 1, 2002	<p>MINOR POLITICAL PARTY Last day to file a petition by a minor political party with the SOS in order to nominate candidates for the General election ballot.</p> <p>No later than 21 days after receipt of petition, the SOS shall notify the minor political party of sufficiency or insufficiency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · If not sufficient, it may be amended once prior to 3 p.m. on the 7th day following the date of notification of insufficiency. If amended, SOS shall notify the minor political party no later than the 14th day following the date of notification of insufficiency. · If the petition is sufficient, the SOS shall notify the County Clerk. 	<p>1-4-1302(1) CRS</p> <p>1-4-1302(4)(b)(c) CRS</p>
May 6, 2002 (not more than 6 mo. Prior to the General election)	JUDICIAL DECLARATION OF INTENT Earliest day for judicial candidates to file declaration of intent.	Colo. Const. Art. VI, Sec. 25
May 7, 2002	SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTIONS	32-1-805(1)
May 9, 2002 (30 days after precinct Caucus)	LAST DAY TO HOLD COUNTY ASSEMBLY	1-4-602(1)(a) CRS
May 14, 2002 (amended)	ELECTION JUDGES Last day for county party chairperson to certify list of judges to the county clerk.	1-6-103(1) CRS
May 15, 2002	INITIATIVE TITLES SET Last day Title Setting Bd. meets to set ballot titles for measures to be voted on in the General election.	1-40-106(1) CRS

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May 24, 2002 (165 days before the General election)	UNAFFILIATED PETITIONS Earliest day an unaffiliated candidate may circulate a petition for county, district, state and U.S. Congressional Office.	1-4-802(1)(d) CRS
May 28, 2002 (Last Tuesday in May)	JUDGE APPOINTMENTS Last day for County Clerk to send notices of appointment to election judges. Each person appointed as an election judge shall file an acceptance forms within 7 days after the certification and acceptance form are mailed.	1-6-104(1) CRS 1-6-106(3) CRS
June 4, 2002 (70 days before primary election)	LAST DAY TO FILE PARTY PETITIONS Party petition candidates must file petitions no later than 70 days before primary election. OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATIONS Objection to nominations and designations shall be filed within 5 days after the election official's issuance of sufficiency statement.	1-4-801(5) CRS 1-4-909(1) CRS
June 9, 2002 (no later than 65 days preceding the Primary election)	DISTRICT AND STATE ASSEMBLIES Last day to hold district and state assemblies. ACCEPTANCE / DESIGNATIONS State candidates designations and acceptances must be filed with the SOS within 4 days after the assembly. Acceptance may be transmitted by fax, but the original must be filed no later than 10 days after the assembly.	1-4-601(1) CRS 1-4-601(3) & 1-4-604 CRS
June 13, 2002 (no later than 61 days before the Primary election)	CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL Last day candidate can withdraw from the Primary election.	1-4-1002(1) CRS
June 14, 2002 (no later than the close of business on the 60th day before the Primary Election)	VACANCY DESIGNATION Last day a person designated by an Assembly Vac. Comm. to fill a vacancy for the Primary election to file the certificate of designation and written acceptance. LAST DAY TO FILE WRITE-IN AFFIDAVIT The affidavit of intent for a write-in candidate must be filed by the close of business of the 60th day before the election.	1-4-1002(5)(a) CRS 1-4-1102(1) CRS
June 19, 2002 (no later than 55 days before the Primary election)	CERTIFY BALLOT CONTENT Last day for SOS to send notice to County Clerk. Last day for DEO of each political subdivision to certify ballot & content to the County Clerk.	1-5-202(1) CRS 1-5-203(3)(a) CRS
July 1, 2002	DISQUALIFICATION OF MINOR POLITICAL PARTY STATUS The SOS to notify the County Clerk and the Chair of the minor political party of the disqualification.	1-4-1305(2) CRS
July 1 thru July 15, 2002	LOT DRAWING Lot drawing for ballot positions of candidates to appear on the General election ballot	1-5-404(2) CRS

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<p>July 8, 2002 (no later than 3:00pm on the 120th day preceding the General election)</p>	<p>UNAFFILIATED PETITION FILING DEADLINE</p> <p>CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION Last day a minor political party candidate to file certificate of designation.</p> <p>WRITTEN ACCEPTANCE Minor political party candidate must file a written acceptance no later than 4 days after filing of the certificate of designation. Acceptance may be transmitted by fax, but original must also be postmarked no later than 10 days after the filing of the designation.</p>	<p>1-4-802(1)(f) CRS</p>
<p>July 12, 2002 (not less than 32 days before the Primary election)</p>	<p>BALLOTS PRINTED Ballots for the Primary election must be printed and in the possession of the DEO.</p>	<p>1-5-402(1) CRS</p>
<p>July 15, 2002 (no later than 29 days preceding the Primary election)</p> <p>(29 days before the Primary election)</p>	<p>OVERSEAS CITIZEN REGISTRATION Last day of registration for overseas citizens for the Primary election. (Applies only to ballots issued for federal offices.)</p> <p>REGISTRATION DEADLINE Last day to register for the Primary election.</p> <p>CHANGE OR WITHDRAW PARTY AFFILIATION Last day to change or withdraw from major political party; registered "unaffiliated" electors may declare a major political party affiliation at the polls on Primary election day.</p>	<p>1-2-209(2)(3) CRS</p> <p>1-2-201(3) CRS</p> <p>1-2-219(1), 1-2-206(1) & 1-7-201(2) CRS</p>
<p>July 16 thru August 13, 2002</p>	<p>CHANGE OF ADDRESS For the 28 days before and on election day, the elector may complete a sworn affidavit for a change of address in the county clerk's office stating that they have moved no later than the 30th day within the county.</p>	<p>1-2-216(4) CRS</p>
<p>July 23, 2002 (21st day before the Primary election)</p>	<p>FPCA FILING DUE (Reg. Date thru 7/18/02)</p>	<p>1-45-108(2)(a) CRS</p>
<p>July 24, 2002 (no later than 20 days prior to the Primary election)</p>	<p>JUDGES SCHOOL of instruction for election judges for the Primary election.</p>	<p>1-6-101(5) CRS</p>
<p>July 26, 2002 (at least 1 week before any ballots are counted electronically)</p>	<p>CONTINGENCY PLAN Last day for County Clerks to file contingency plan for elec. vote counting facilities.</p>	<p>SOS Rule 11.6.1</p>
<p>July 29, 2002 (at least 15 days before the Primary election)</p> <p>(100 days before the General election)</p>	<p>BOARD OF CANVASSERS Last day to appoint the Board of Canvassers for the Primary election</p> <p>POLITICAL SUBDIVISION NOTICE If by 100 days before the election, a political sub. has taken formal action to participate in a General election that will be conducted by the county clerk, the political sub. shall notify the county clerk in writing.</p>	<p>1-10-101(1)(a) CRS</p> <p>1-7-116(5) CRS</p>

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August 1, 2002 (at least 12 days before the Primary election)	POST POLLING SIGNS Last day to post polling place signs for the Primary election	1-5-106 CRS
August 3, 2002 (no later than 10 days before the Primary election)	ELECTION NOTICE DEADLINE for Clerk to give notice of Primary election.	1-5-205 CRS
August 3, 2002 (10 days before the Primary election)	EARLY VOTING begins at the early voting polling places for the Primary election. COUNTING OF ABSENTEE/EARLY VOTERS' BALLOTS may begin 10 days prior to election. No results can be disclosed until after 7:00 p.m. on election day.	1-8-202 CRS 1-8-302(2) CRS
August 5, 2002 (at least 3 months before the General election)	INITIATIVE PETITIONS FILED with SOS, no later than 3:00pm. JUDICIAL DECLARATION OF INTENT Last day for judicial candidates to file dec. of intent	Colo. Const.V, Sec.1(2);1-40-108 CRS Colo. Const. VI, Sec. 25
August 6, 2002 (Tuesday preceding election)	ABSENTEE VOTING Last day to apply for absentee ballot that will be mailed to elector.	1-8-104(3) CRS
August 7, 2002 (no later than 90 days before the General Election)	POLLING PLACES Last day to establish polling places for a Coordinated election.	1-5-102.5 CRS
August 9, 2002 (Friday preceding Primary Election) (close of business on Friday preceding Primary election)	ABSENTEE VOTING Last day for in-person delivery of ballot for Primary election. LAST DAY OF EARLY VOTING for Primary election. FCPA FILING DUE (7/19/02 thru 8/4/02)	1-8-104(3) CRS 1-8-208(3) CRS 1-45-108(2)(a) CRS
August 13, 2002 (2nd Tuesday in August)	PRIMARY ELECTION DAY (7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) EMERGENCY ABSENTEE & REGULAR ABSENTEE BALLOTS must be returned and in the hands of the County Clerk by 7:00 p.m.	1-4-101(1) CRS 1-8-115(1)(b)&(2); 1-8-113(1) CRS
August 13 thru August 28, 2002 (no later than the 15th day after the Primary election)	BOARD OF CANVASSERS shall prepare the official abstract of votes for the Primary election.	1-10-102(1) CRS
August 20, 2002 (prior to 3:00pm on the 77th day before the General Election)	AMEND UNAFFILIATED PETITION Last day to amend.	1-4-912(1) CRS

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<p>August 22, 2002 (no later than the 75th day before the General election)</p>	<p>SUFFICIENCY STATEMENT Last day for DEO to notify unaffiliated candidate of whether an amended petition is sufficient.</p> <p>OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATIONS AND DESIGNATIONS must be filed in writing 5 days after the statement of sufficiency has been issued. The DEO shall hear any protest within 10 days after protest filed and issue findings and conclusions within 72 hours after the hearing.</p>	<p>1-4-912(1) CRS</p> <p>1-4-909(1) CRS</p>
<p>August 26, 2002 (no later than the 12th day after the Primary election)</p>	<p>PROVISIONAL BALLOTS The verification and counting of all provisional ballots shall be completed within twelve days.</p>	<p>1-9-303 CRS</p>
<p>August 29, 2002 (no later than the 16th day after the Primary election)</p>	<p>TRANSMIT RETURNS TO SOS that portion of the abstract that contains the statewide abstract of votes cast.</p>	<p>1-10-103(1) CRS</p>
<p>September 4, 2002 (no later than the 22nd day after the Primary election)</p>	<p>MANDATORY RECOUNT Last day for SOS to compile and total returns received from all counties and determine if recount is necessary.</p>	<p>1-10-103(2) CRS</p>
<p>September 5, 2002 (no later than 61 days before the General election)</p>	<p>CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL Last day for candidate to withdraw from General election.</p>	<p>1-4-1002(2) CRS</p>
<p>September 6, 2002 (no later than 60 days prior to the General election)</p> <p>(no later than the close of business on the 60th day before the General election)</p>	<p>INTERGOVTL AGREEMENT to be signed by County Clerk & political subdivisions.</p> <p>VACANCY DESIGNATION Last day for a person designated to fill a vacancy to file certificate of designation or nomination to fill the vacancy, together with written acceptance, with the DEO.</p> <p>MINOR PARTY Last day for minor party to notify of desire to participate in electronic vote count testing.</p> <p>WRITE-IN AFFIDAVIT of intent for write-in candidate must be filed.</p>	<p>1-7-116(2) CRS</p> <p>1-4-1002(5)(a) CRS</p> <p>1-7-506</p> <p>1-4-1101 CRS</p>
<p>September 9, 2002 (within 25 days after the election)</p>	<p>LAST DAY TO REQUEST RECOUNT if mandatory recount not required. Political sub. must be notified no later than the day following the request. Cost of the recount must be determined within 3 days of request. Interested party making request shall pay cost of recount within 2 days of receiving cost estimate. SOS shall notify County Clerk by fax and certified mail of recount.</p>	<p>1-10.5-106(2) CRS</p> <p>1-10.5-102(1) CRS</p>
<p>September 11, 2002 (no later than 55 days before the General election)</p>	<p>CERTIFY BALLOT CONTENT Last day for SOS and political subdivisions to certify ballot content to County Clerk.</p>	<p>1-5-203(1-3) CRS</p>

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<p>September 20, 2002 (Friday before the 45th day before the General election)</p> <p>(no later than 45 days before the General election)</p>	<p>TABOR NOTICE COMMENTS (pro/con) pertaining to local ballot issues are due to DEO.</p> <p>ALTERNATE BALLOT COUNT final day for SOS to approve alternate ballot counting.</p>	<p>1-7-901(4) CRS & Colo. Const. X, 20(3)(b)(v)</p> <p>1-7-603 CRS</p>
<p>September 23, 2002 (40th day after the Primary election)</p>	<p>MANDATORY AND REQUESTED RECOUNT COMPLETED</p> <p>FCPA FILING DUE (08/05/02 thru 09/07/02)</p>	<p>1-10.5-102(2); 106(2) CRS</p> <p>1-45-108(2)(a) CRS</p>
<p>September 23, 2002 (no later than 3:00pm on the 43rd day before the General election)</p>	<p>SUMMARY OF TABOR COMMENTS by petition representatives in favor of their petition, in summary form, must be submitted to the DEO in typewritten form.</p>	<p>1-7-903(3) CRS & SOS Rule 6.5.5</p>
<p>September 24, 2002 (at least 42 days before the General election)</p>	<p>TABOR NOTICE must be delivered by DEO to County Clerk.</p>	<p>1-7-904 CRS</p>
<p>September 26, 2002 (no later than 40th day preceding the date of the scheduled non-partisan election)</p>	<p>LIST OF REGISTERED VOTERS to be certified by County Clerk for a nonpartisan election in November.</p>	<p>1-5-303(1) CRS</p>
<p>October 4, 2002 (no later than 32 days before the General election)</p> <p>(at least 30 days before a ballot issue election)</p> <p>(at least 30 days before a General election)</p> <p>(30th day prior to the General Election)</p>	<p>BALLOTS PRINTED and in the possession of the County</p> <p>TABOR NOTICE MAILED Last day to mail notice of election ballot issues.</p> <p>STATE INFO. BOOK Last day for Legis. Council to distribute statewide info. book.</p> <p>REGISTRATION & PROPERTY OWNER LIST may be ordered by DEO with first list as of the 30th day before the election and supplemental list provided 20 days before election.</p>	<p>1-5-403(1) CRS</p> <p>Colo. Const. X, 20(3)(b)</p> <p>Colo. Const. V, 1(7.5)(b)</p> <p>1-5-303(1), 304(2) CRS</p>
<p>October 7, 2002 (30 days prior to the election)</p> <p>(29 days prior to the election)</p>	<p>RESIDENCY DEADLINE Last day to establish residency.</p> <p>LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE</p>	<p>1-2-101 CRS</p> <p>1-2-201(3) CRS</p>
<p>October 8 thru November 5, 2002 (for the 28 days before and on the day of election)</p>	<p>EMERGENCY REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATE OF REINSTATEMENT may be filed by elector with County Clerk if they changed address within county prior to 30th day before election.</p>	<p>1-2-216(4)(a) & 217.5 CRS</p>
<p>October 15, 2002 (21 days before the General Election)</p>	<p>FCPA FILING DUE (09/08/02 thru 10/10/02)</p>	<p>1-45-108(2)(a) CRS</p>
<p>October 18, 2002 (at least 1 week before any ballots are counted electronically)</p>	<p>CONTINGENCY PLAN for electronic vote counting facility must be filed with SOS.</p>	<p>SOS Rule 11.6.1</p>

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<p>October 21, 2002 (at least 15 days before the General election)</p> <p>(15 days before the General election)</p>	<p>BOARD OF CANVASSERS Last day for county chairpersons of each major party to appoint Board of Canvassers for General election.</p> <p>EARLY VOTING for General election begins.</p>	<p>1-10-101(1)(a) CRS</p> <p>1-8-202 CRS</p>
<p>October 24, 2002 (at least 12 days before the General election)</p>	<p>POLLING PLACE SIGNS posted for the General election.</p>	<p>1-5-106 CRS</p>
<p>October 26, 2002 (no later than 10 days prior to the General election)</p>	<p>ELECTION NOTICE DEADLINE</p>	<p>1-5-205(1) & 1-1-106(5) CRS</p>
<p>October 26, 2002 (10 days before the General election)</p>	<p>COUNTING OF ABSENTEE AND EARLY VOTER'S BALLOTS may begin 10 days prior to the election. No info. concerning the count shall be released by the election</p>	<p>1-8-302(2) CRS</p>
<p>October 29, 2002 (Tuesday preceding election)</p>	<p>ABSENTEE VOTING Last day to apply for absentee ballot that will be mailed to elector.</p>	<p>1-8-104(3) CRS</p>
<p>November 1, 2002 (1st day of the month in which anniv. of major election occurs)</p>	<p>FCPA FILING DUE from candidates and committees from 2001 election cycle.</p>	<p>1-45-108(2)(a) CRS</p>
<p>November 1, 2002 (Friday preceding the General election)</p>	<p>ABSENTEE VOTING Last day for in-person delivery of ballot for General election.</p> <p>EARLY VOTING Last day for early voting for General election.</p> <p>FCPA FILING DUE from General election candidates. (10/11/02 thru 10/27/02)</p>	<p>1-8-104(3) CRS</p> <p>1-8-208(3) CRS</p> <p>1-45-108(2)(a) CRS</p>
<p>November 5, 2002</p>	<p>GENERAL ELECTION DAY (7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)</p> <p>ABSENTEE AND EMERGENCY ABSENTEE BALLOTS must be in the hands of the County Clerk no later than 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>1-1-107(17) CRS</p> <p>1-8-113(1); 1-8-115(1)(b) & (2) CRS</p>
<p>November 6 thru November 20, 2002 (no later than 15th day after the General election)</p>	<p>BOARD OF CANVASSERS shall prepare the official abstract of votes for the General election.</p>	<p>1-10-102(1) CRS</p>
<p>November 21, 2002 (no later than the 16th day after the General election)</p>	<p>OFFICIAL ABSTRACT Last day for County Clerk to certify official abstract of votes, including list of names of those candidates elected to county offices, to the SOS.</p>	<p>1-10-103(1) CRS</p>
<p>November 27, 2002 (no later than the 22nd day after the General election)</p>	<p>MANDATORY RECOUNT Last day for SOS to compile and total returns and determine if a recount is necessary; and notify County Clerks.</p>	<p>1-10-103(2); 1-10.5-102(2) CRS</p>
<p>December 2, 2002 (within 25 days of the General election)</p>	<p>LAST DAY TO REQUEST A RECOUNT by an interested party if no mandatory recount is required. When requested, DEO must notify political subdiv. no later than the day following the request; Before conducting recount DEO must determine cost within 3 days of request; Interested party requesting recount shall pay the cost of the recount within 2 days of receiving the cost estimate.</p>	<p>1-10.5-106(2)</p>

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December 16, 2002 (40th day after the General election)	MANDATORY AND REQUESTED RECOUNT COMPLETED FCPA FILING DUE (10/28/02 thru 11/30/02)	1-10.5-102(2); 106(2) CRS 1-45-108(2)(a) CRS
June 2003	OFFICIAL BIENNIAL ABSTRACT OF GENERAL ELECTION shall be furnished by the SOS to each County Clerk.	1-10-105(6) CRS