



EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

2006 ELECTION CALENDAR

August 8, 2006 – Colorado Primary Election
November 7, 2006 – General Election

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ELECTION CALENDAR FOR Primary and General 2006

DATE	EVENT/ACTION	CITATION
January 1, 2006	ABSENTEE BALLOT Earliest day to apply for an absentee ballot for an election in 2006. The application shall be accepted and filed no earlier than January 1, 2006. (Exception for absent uniformed services elector, a nonresident overseas elector, or a resident overseas elector, as defined in section 1-2-208.)	CRS 1-8-104 (3) 1-8-103.5(1.5)
January 3, 2006	MAP The County Clerk and Recorder, no later than 120 days prior to a regular special district election, shall prepare a map of the county showing the location of polling places.	CRS 1-5-102(2)
January 17, 2006 (annual disclosure)	FCPA HONORARIA REPORT Last day to file gift & honoraria reports for all public office holders & judges.	CRS 24-6-203(2)
January 23, 2006 (2 months before the precinct caucus)	AFFILIATION DEADLINE Last day to affiliate with a political party in order to vote in the precinct caucus.	CRS 1-3-101(1)
February 1-16, 2006 (No more than 90 and not less than 75 days before a regular special district election)	CALL FOR NOMINATIONS Not less than 75 days nor more than 90 days before a regular special district election, the DEO shall provide notice by publication of a call for nominations for the election.	CRS 32-1-804.1
February 21, 2006 (29 days prior to caucus day)	PRECINCT BOUNDARIES Last day to change precinct boundaries.	CRS 1-5-103(1)(a) 1-1-106 (4)
February 21, 2006 (No later than 29 days before the caucus)	LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE PRECINCT CAUCUS	CRS 1-3-101 (1) 1-1-106 (4)
February 21, 2006 (No later than 30 days prior to precinct caucus)	LIST OF ELECTORS TO MAJOR PARTIES Last day for County Clerk to furnish each major political party in the county a list of the registered electors in the county who are affiliated with the political party.	CRS 1-3-101(3)(a); 1-1-106(4)
February 27, 2006 (Close of business on the 64 th day before a regularly scheduled special district election)	WRITE-IN CANDIDATE AFFIDAVIT OF INTENT Candidates must file affidavit of intent with the designated election official.	CRS 1-4-1101
February 28, 2006 (Close of business on the 63 rd day before a regularly	SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION MAY BE CANCELED If the only matter before the electors in a nonpartisan election is the election of persons to office and if, at the close of business on the sixty-third (63) day before the election, there are not more candidates	CRS 1-5-208

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scheduled special district election)	than offices to be filled at the election, including candidates filing affidavits of intent, the DEO, if instructed by resolution of the governing body, shall cancel the election and declare the candidates elected.	
March 9, 2006 (No later than 12 days before the precinct caucus)	PRECINCT CAUCUS SIGNS Last day to post precinct caucus signs.	CRS 1-4-602(4)
March 21, 2006 (Third Tuesday in March)	PRECINCT CAUCUS DAY	CRS 1-3-102(1)(a)(I)
March 23, 2006 (No later than 40 days preceding a scheduled nonpartisan election)	REGISTRATION RECORDS-NONPARTISAN ELECTION The designated election official shall order the registration records from the County Clerk and Recorder. (Service District Election) LIST OF PROPERTY OWNERS-NONPARTISAN ELECTION The designated election official shall order the list of property owners from the County Assessor. (Service District Election)	CRS 1-5-303(1) CRS 1-5-304
March 27, 2006 (Last Monday in March)	PARTY PETITIONS First day to circulate minor/major party candidate petitions for the Primary Election.	CRS 1-4-801(5); 1-4-802(1)(d)(II)
*	An elector who signs a major party candidate petition must have been affiliated with the party at least 29 days prior to signing; Any circulator of a major party candidate petition must be affiliated with the major party at the time of circulation.	1-4-904(2)(A); 1-4-905(1)
March 31-April 20, 2006	COUNTY ASSEMBLIES County assemblies to be held not less than 10 nor more than 30 days after the precinct caucuses.	CRS 1-4-602(1)(a)(I)
*	County candidates' designations and acceptances must be filed with the County Clerk and Recorder within 4 days after the county assembly. If acceptance is faxed, the original must also be filed and postmarked no later than 10 days after the adjournment of the assembly.	CRS 1-4-601(3)(a)
April 3, 2006 (No later than 29 days before the election)	REGISTRATION DEADLINE – SPECIAL DISTRICTS Last day to register to vote for a regularly scheduled Special District Election.	CRS 1-2-201(3)
April 12, 2006 (No later than the 20 th day preceding the election)	SUPPLEMENTAL LIST-NON PARTISAN ELECTIONS The county clerk and recorder shall certify and make available no later than the twentieth (20) day preceding the election a supplemental list of the eligible electors who have become eligible since the earlier list was certified.	CRS 1-5-303
April 25, 2006 (Last Tuesday of April)	LIST OF JUDGES Last day for the county chairperson to certify list of election judges to the County Clerk. Last day an unaffiliated voter may give notice in writing to the County Clerk that he/she wishes to serve as an election judge.	CRS 1-6-103(1) CRS 1-6-103.7

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May 2, 2006 (First Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in May)	SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTION DAY	CRS 32-1-805(1)
May 5, 2006 (No petition shall be circulated earlier than 186 days before the General Election.)	UNAFFILIATED PETITIONS Earliest day an unaffiliated candidate may circulate a petition for county, district, state and national offices.	CRS 1-4-802(1)(d)(I)
May 20, 2006	Republican State Assembly	
May 25, 2006 (No later than 75 th day before the Primary Election)	PARTY PETITIONS Last day to file candidate party petitions for the Primary Election.	CRS 1-4-801(5)
May 30, 2006	NOTICES OF JUDGE APPOINTMENT Last day for County Clerk to send notices of appointment to election judges. Each person appointed as an election judge shall file an acceptance form within 7 days after the certification and acceptance form are mailed.	CRS 1-6-104(1) 1-6-106(3)
May 30, 2006 (No later than 70 days preceding the Primary Election)	DISTRICT/STATE ASSEMBLIES Last day to hold district and state assemblies for the Primary Election.	CRS 1-4-601(1)
*	<p>Certificates of designation by assembly shall be filed no later than 4 days after the adjournment of the assembly.</p> <p>Any minor political party nominating candidate shall file a certificate of designation with the designated election official.</p> <p>Minor political party candidates must file a written acceptance no later than 4 days after filing the certificate of designation.</p> <p>Objections to nominations, designations, or petitions shall be filed within 5 days after the election official's sufficiency statement was issued or after the certificate of designation is filed with the designated election official.</p>	<p>CRS 1-4-604(3)</p> <p>CRS 1-4-1304(3)</p> <p>CRS 1-4-1304(4)</p> <p>CRS 1-4-909(1)</p>
June 1, 2006 (Within 30 days after the election)	SPECIAL DISTRICT RESULTS CERTIFIED Last day for the results of the Special District Election to be certified to the Division of Local Government.	CRS 1-11-103(3)
June 1, 2006 (No later than 68 days before the Primary Election)	CANDIDATE MAY WITHDRAW Last day a candidate can withdraw from the Primary Election and the party can fill the vacancy.	CRS 1-4-1002(1); (2); (2.3)(a)
June 2, 2006 (No later than 67 days before the Primary election) (By the close of	CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION - VACANCY Last day a person designated by the Assembly Vacancy Committee to fill a vacancy for the Primary Election can file the certificate of designation and written acceptance. WRITE-IN AFFIDAVIT OF INTENT	CRS 1-4-1002(5)(a) CRS 1-4-1102(1)

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business on the 67 th day before the Primary Election)	Last day a write-in candidate can file an Affidavit of Intent for the Primary Election.	
June 9, 2006 (No later than 60 days before the Primary Election)	BALLOT CERTIFICATION - PRIMARY Last day for the Secretary of State to certify the ballot content for the Primary Election to the County Clerks. Last day for the designated election official to certify the ballot content to the County Clerk.	CRS 1-5-203(1) CRS 1-5-203(3)(a)
June 12, 2006 (No later than the 57 th day before the primary election)	SPECIAL WRITE-IN BALLOTS Last day for election official to send qualified electors special primary write-in blank absentee ballot along with a list of all candidates and measures that are to be submitted to the voters.	CRS 1-8-116(2)
June 12, 2006	Secretary of State will forward the write-in candidate information to the county clerk for voter registration verification.	CRS 1-4-501(1)
June 20, 2006 (No later than 3:00 P.M. on the 140 th day before the General Election)	UNAFFILIATED NOMINATION PETITIONS Last day to file an unaffiliated candidate nomination petition.	CRS 1-4-802(1)(f); 1-4-303(1) 1-1-106
June 30, 2006	LOSS OF MINOR PARTY STATUS The Secretary of State shall notify the County Clerks and the chairperson of any minor political party should loss of minor political party status occur.	CRS 1-4-1305(2) 1-1-106(5)
July 1-15, 2006	LOT DRAWING Notification of lot drawing for ballot positions of candidates to appear on the 2006 General Election Ballot.	CRS 1-5-404(2)
July 7, 2006 (Not less than 32 days before the Primary Election)	BALLOTS Ballots for Primary Election must be printed and in possession of the designated election official.	CRS 1-5-402(1)
July 10, 2006 (No later than 29 days before the election)	REGISTRATION DEADLINE Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election. Last day of registration for overseas citizens for the Primary Election. CHANGE/WITHDRAW AFFILIATION Last day to change or withdraw from major political party affiliation. Registered unaffiliated electors may declare a political party affiliation at the polls for the Primary Election.	CRS 1-2-201(3) CRS 1-2-209(2) CRS 1-2-219(1) 1-7-201(3)
July 11-August 08, 2006	CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION/EMERGENCY REGISTRATION/CERTIFICATES OF REINSTATEMENT	CRS 1-2-216(4)

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election) – Reporting period 07/14/06-07/30/06	Reports of contributions and expenditures for all manually filed municipal and county committees active in the 2006 Primary Election.	1-45-108(2)(a)(II); CPF Rule 5.8
August 4, 2006 (No later than 3 p.m., 95 days before the General Election)	AMEND UNAFFILIATED PETITION Last day to amend a previously filed unaffiliated candidate nomination petition.	CRS 1-4-912(1)
August 7, 2006	EMERGENCY BALLOT AVAILABLE In the event a condition arises after the last day to apply for an absentee ballot, eligible electors may request an emergency ballot.	CRS 1-8-115(1)(a); 1-8-115(2)
August 8, 2006	EMERGENCY BALLOT CLOSE Emergency absentee ballot must be requested by 5:00 pm and returned no later than 7:00 p.m. ABSENTEE BALLOTS All absentee ballots shall be in the hands of the county clerk no later than 7:00 p.m.	CRS 1-8-115(1)(b); 1-8-115(2) CRS 1-8-113(1)(a); 1-8-115(2)
August 8, 2006	PRIMARY ELECTION Polls are open 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	CRS 1-4-101(1)
August 9, 2006	POST ELECTION AUDIT By 7:00 p.m., SOS shall notify all counties of which voting devices and which race or races have been selected for auditing purposes.	SOS Rule 11.5.4.1
August 9, 2006 (90 days before the General Election)	ESTABLISH POLL PLACES Last day to establish polling places for the General Election.	CRS 1-5-102.5; Rule 7.4
August 9, 2006 (No later than the 90 th day before the General Election)	NOTIFY UNAFFILIATED CANDIDATE OF SUFFICIENCY Last day for designated election official to notify an unaffiliated candidate of whether the amended nominating petition is sufficient.	CRS 1-4-912(1)
*	Protest to nominations and designations shall be filed within 5 days after the election official's sufficiency statement was issued.	CRS 1-4-909(1)
August 10, 2006 (Within 2 days after election day)	SIGNATURE VERIFICATION LETTER County Clerk shall send a letter to eligible electors who voted absentee or provisional, but whose signature does not appear to match the signature on file in the office of the County Clerk & Recorder, with a form to confirm that the elector returned a ballot.	CRS 1-8-114.5(2)(a)
August 15, 2006 (No later than 7 days after the Primary Election)	LT. GOVERNOR SELECTION Last day for a party's candidate for Governor to select a candidate for Lieutenant Governor.	CRS 1-4-502(3)(a)
August 16, 2006 (Within 8 days after election day)	SIGNATURE VERIFICATION RESPONSE In the case of a discrepancy in signatures, last day for elector to return form confirming that they did vote an absentee or provisional ballot.	CRS 1-8-114.5(2)(a)
August 18, 2006 (Within 10 days after the election)	PROVISIONAL BALLOT COUNTING COMPLETED Last day for verification and counting of provisional ballots to be completed.	CRS 1-9-303
August 21, 2006	OFFICIAL ABSTRACT OF VOTES	CRS 1-10-102(1)

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(No later than the 13 th day after the election.)	The County Board of Canvassers shall prepare official Abstract of Votes for the Primary Election and immediately deliver a copy to the Secretary of State.	
<p>August 28, 2006 (No later than the 20th day after the election)</p> <p>(Within 20 days after the election)</p>	<p>SECRETARY OF STATE TO COMPILE RETURNS Last day for Secretary of State to compile, total the returns and order appropriate recounts of the Primary Election.</p> <p>REQUEST RECOUNT Last day a losing candidate may request a recount of the Primary Election at his or her own expense.</p>	<p>CRS 1-10-103(2)</p> <p>CRS 1-10.5-106(2); 1-1-106(5)</p>
<p>August 29, 2006 (No later than 70 days before the General Election)</p> <p>(By the close of business on the 70th day before the election)</p> <p>(No later than 70 days before the election)</p>	<p>CANDIDATE MAY WITHDRAW Last day a candidate may withdraw from the General Election and the party can fill the vacancy.</p> <p>WRITE-IN AFFIDAVIT OF INTENT Last day for a write-in candidate to file an Affidavit of Intent for the General Election.</p> <p>INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT Intergovernmental agreements to be signed by County Clerks and political subdivisions.</p>	<p>CRS 1-4-1002 (2); (2.3)(a)</p> <p>CRS 1-4-1102(1)</p> <p>CRS 1-7-116(2)</p>
<p>August 30, 2005 (No later than the close of business on the 69th day before the election)</p>	<p>CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION - VACANCY Last day for a person designated to fill a vacancy in designation or nomination for the General Election to file the certificate of designation or nomination to fill the vacancy; together with a written acceptance, with the designated election official.</p>	<p>CRS 1-4-1002(5)(a)</p>
<p>September 7, 2006 (30days after the Primary Election)</p> <p>(30 days after election) Reporting Period 07/31/06-09/02/06</p>	<p>RECOUNT COMPLETED Last day to complete statutory or requested recount of the Primary Election.</p> <p>FCPA DISCLOSURE REPORT Reports of contributions and expenditures for all manually filed municipal and county committees active in the 2006 Primary Election.</p>	<p>CRS 1-10.5-103; 1-10.5-102(2); 1-10.5-106(2); 1-1-106(5)</p> <p>CRS 1-45-108 (2)(a)(II); CPF Rule 5.4; Rule 5.8</p>
<p>September 11, 2006 (At least 57 days before the General Election)</p>	<p>BALLOT CERTIFICATION - GENERAL Last day for the Secretary of State to send notice and certification of the General Election ballot to the county clerks.</p> <p>The designated election official of each political subdivision that intends to conduct an election shall certify the order of the ballot and ballot content.</p>	<p>CRS 1-5-203(1)</p> <p>CRS 1-5-203(3)(a)</p>
<p>September 22, 2006 (Friday before the 45th day before the</p>	<p>PRO/CON COMMENTS Last day to file pro/con comments pertaining to local ballot issues with the designated election official in order to be included in the</p>	<p>CRS 1-7-901(4); Art. X, Sec. 20 (3) (b) (v)</p>

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election)	issue mailing.	
September 26, 2006 (No later than 42 days before the election)	BALLOT ISSUE NOTICE Last day for the designated election official to deliver ballot issue notices to the County Clerk and Recorder.	CRS 1-7-904
October 6, 2006 (Not less than 32 days before every General Election) (At least 30 days before a ballot issue election)	BALLOTS AVAILABLE Ballots for the General Election must be printed and in the possession of the designated election official. BALLOT ISSUE MAILED Last day to mail notice of election ballot issues. LIST OF REGISTERED VOTERS & PROPERTY OWNERS Registration and property owners list may be ordered by the designated election official with the first list as of the 30 th day before the election and the supplemental list provided the 20 th day before the election.	CRS 1-5-403(1) Art. X, Sec. 20 (3) (b) CRS 1-1-106(5) CRS 1-5-303(1); 1-5-304(2) 1-1-106(5)
October 10, 2006 (No later than 29 days before the General Election)	VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE Last day to register to vote for the General Election. Last day of registration for overseas citizens for the General Election. (Ballot issued for Federal office only)	CRS 1-2-201(3) CRS 1-2-209(2)
October 11 – November 7, 2006 (For the 28 days before and on the day of the election)	CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION/EMERGENCY REGISTRATION/CERTIFICATES OF REINSTATEMENT Elector may complete a sworn affidavit for a change of address in the county clerk’s office stating that he/she moved within the county or from another county within Colorado prior to 30 days before the election. Elector may be issued a certificate of reinstatement if he/she was cancelled in error and can prove that they have not moved outside of the county for the past 6 years.	CRS 1-2-216(4) 1-2-217.5(1) 1-2-605(10)
October 17, 2006 (21 days before the General Election) Reporting period 09/03/06-10/12/06	FCPA DISCLOSURE REPORT Reports of contributions and expenditures for all manually filed municipal and county committees active in the 2006 Primary/General Election.	CRS 1-45-108(2)(a)(II); CPF Rule 5.8
October 23, 2006 (15 days before the election) (At least 15 days before the election)	EARLY VOTING Early voting begins at the early voters’ polling place for the General Election. BOARD OF CANVASSERS Last day for county chairpersons of each of the two major political parties to appoint Board of Canvassers for the General Election.	CRS 1-8-202 CRS 1-10-101(1)(a)
October 26, 2006 (At least 12 days before the election)	POLL PLACE SIGNS Last day to post polling place signs for the General Election.	CRS 1-5-106
October 27, 2006 (At least 10 days	ELECTION NOTICE Last day for County Clerks to give notice of the General Election.	CRS 1-5-205(1); 1-1-106(5)

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before the election) October 27, 2006 (11 th day preceding the election)	LAST DAY FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT - MAIL Last day to apply for an absentee ballot for the General Election if mailed.	CRS 1-8-104(3)
October 28, 2006 (10 days prior to the election)	COUNTING ABSENTEE/EARLY BALLOTS Counting of absentee/early voters' ballots may begin. No results can be disclosed until after 7:00 p.m. on election day.	CRS 1-8-302(2)
November 3, 2006 (Friday preceding the election) (Close of business the Friday preceding the General Election) (Friday before the election) – Reporting Period 10/13/06 – 10/29/06	LAST DAY FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT – NOT MAILED Last day to apply for an absentee ballot for the General Election if not mailed. EARLY VOTING ENDS Last day for early voting at the early voter's polling place for the General Election. FCPA DISCLOSURE REPORT Reports of contributions and expenditures for all manually filed municipal and county committees active in the 2006 Primary/General Election.	CRS 1-8-104(3) CRS 1-8-208(3) CRS 1-45-108(2)(a)(II); CPF Rule 5.5a; 5.8
November 6, 2006	EMERGENCY BALLOTS AVAILABLE In the event a condition arises after the last day to apply for an absentee ballot, eligible electors may request an emergency ballot.	CRS 1-8-115(1)(a); 1-8-115(2)
November 7, 2006	EMERGENCY BALLOT CLOSE Emergency absentee ballot requests must be made before 5:00 p.m. and returned no later than 7:00 p.m. on General Election Day. RECEIPT OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS All absentee ballots shall be in the hands of the county clerk no later than 7:00 p.m.	CRS 1-8-115 (10)(b); 1-8-115(2) CRS 1-8-113(1)(a); 1-8-115(2)
November 7, 2006	GENERAL ELECTION – Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	CRS 1-1-104(17); 1-4-201
November 8, 2006	POST ELECTION AUDIT By 7:00 p.m., SOS shall notify all counties of which voting devices and which race or races have been selected for auditing purposes.	SOS Rule 11.5.4.1
November 9, 2006 (Within 2 days after the election)	SIGNATURE VERIFICATION LETTER County Clerk shall send a letter to eligible electors who voted an absentee or provisional ballot, but whose signature does not appear to match the signature on file in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder, with a form to confirm that the elector returned a ballot.	CRS 1-8-114.5(2)(a)
November 15, 2006 (Within 8 days after election day)	SIGNATURE VERIFICATION RESPONSE In the case of a discrepancy in signatures, last day for elector to return form confirming that they did vote an absentee or provisional ballot.	CRS 1-8-114.5(2)(a)
November 21, 2006 (Within 14 days after the election)	PROVISIONAL BALLOTS COUNTING COMPLETED Last day for verification and counting of provisional ballots to be completed.	CRS 1-9-303
November 24, 2006 (No later than the	OFFICIAL ABSTRACT OF VOTES County Board of Canvassers shall prepare official abstract of votes	CRS 1-10-102(1)

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17 th day after the General Election)	cast for the General Election.	
November 27, 2006 (No later than the 18 th day after the election)	CLERK TO TRANSMIT RESULTS TO SECRETARY OF STATE Last day for County Clerks to transmit returns to the Secretary of State.	CRS 1-10-103(1)
December 1, 2006 (24 days after the election) (Within 24 days after the election)	SECRETARY OF STATE TO COMPILE RETURNS Last day for the Secretary of State to compile and total returns from all counties and order appropriate recounts, if any. REQUEST RECOUNT Last day a losing candidate may request a recount of the results of the General Election at their own expense. Last day a ballot issue proponent or opponent may request a recount of the results of the General Election at their own expense.	CRS 1-10-103(2) CRS 1-10.5-106(2); 1-1-106 CRS 1-10.5-106(2); 1-1-106(5)
December 7, 2006 (30 days after the election) Reporting period 10/30/06-12/02/06	FCPA DISCLOSURE REPORT Report of contributions and expenditures for manually filed municipal and county committees active in the 2006 Primary/General Election.	CRS 1-45-108(2)(a)(II); CPF Rule 5.4, 5.8
December 7, 2006 (No later than the 30 th day after the election)	RECOUNT COMPLETED Last day to complete a mandatory or requested recount.	CRS 1-10.5-102(2); 1-10.5-106(2); 1-1-106(5)