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COORDINATED POLLING PLACE/VOTE CENTER
ELECTION TIMETABLE

Ballot Issue Election*
November 3, 2009

Note: All statutory references are to the Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended; rule references are to the Election Rules of the Colorado Secretary of State, as adopted May 21, 2009.

**This Timetable only provides dates for Ballot Issue Elections; no dates are included for Board or Council member elections.*

DATE	EVENT
July 24 (100 days before the election) (Since 100 days is Sunday, July 26, use Friday, July 24. § 1-1-106(5)).	Political Subdivision notifies County Clerk in writing regarding the Political Subdivision's participation in coordinated election, if the Political Subdivision has taken formal action to participate in the election. § 1-7-116(5).
August 5 (no later than 90 days prior to the election).	County Clerk establishes coordinated polling places. §1-5-102.5(1) and Rule 7.2. The County Clerk may combine polling places or precincts or establish one or more vote centers, subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners. §1-5-102.7. Each polling place shall be made accessible to persons with disabilities. §1-5-703.
August 25 (no later than 70 days prior to the election).	Intergovernmental agreement for coordinated election signed with County Clerk regarding election duties. §1-7-116(2), Rule 6.1.2. For coordinated elections, the canvassing board is appointed in accordance with the intergovernmental agreement. § 1-10-202.
September 4 (no later than 60 days before the election).	Last day to file registration challenge with County Clerk (hearing to be held not later than 30 days after filing). § 1-9-101(1)(a).

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<p>September 4 (no later than 60 days before the election).</p>	<p>Designated election official certifies the order of the ballot and the ballot content to the County Clerk. § 1-5-203(3)(a). The list of ballot issues shall be in the following order: constitutional issues, statewide issues, county issues, municipal issues, school district issues, ballot issues for political subdivisions in more than one county, and ballot issues for political subdivisions in one county. Rule 6.5.2. § 1-5-407(5). Measures are ordered as follows: (1) initiatives to increase taxes; (2) initiatives to retain excess revenues; (3) initiatives to increase debt; (4) other citizen petitions; (5) referred measures to increase taxes; (6) referred measures to retain excess revenues; (7) referred measures to increase debt; (8) other referred measures. Rule 6.5.2. § 1-5-407(5). See § 1-41-103 for local government ballot matters arising under Article X § 20 of the Colorado Constitution.</p>
<p>At least 60 days prior to the election.</p>	<p>METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS ONLY: Designated election official shall request the clerk and recorder to provide the designated election official with a list of the names and addresses of registered electors of the county who are also registered electors of the metropolitan district and who have applied to the county clerk for a permanent mail-in voter status. If the election is conducted by the Board, the designated election official shall mail a mail-in ballot to each eligible elector on the list provided by the county clerk. § 32-1-805 (5)(a) and (b). Designated election official shall certify to the county clerk that the metropolitan district has provided the county clerk with a current, accurate map of its boundaries. § 32-1-805 (5)(a).</p>

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<p>September 18 (by the end of the business day on the Friday before the 45th day before the election).</p> <p>(no later than 45 days before the election) (Since September 19 is a Saturday, use Friday, September 18. § 1-1-106(5)).</p>	<p>Last day to file pro and con statements on ballot issues with designated election official. Colorado Constitution Article X, § 20(3)(b)(v). § 1-7-901(4). Rule 6.6. TABOR notice should be finalized.</p> <p>Last day for the Secretary of State to approve a plan previously submitted by the designated election official for an alternative method of ballot counting. § 1-7-603.</p>
<p>September 19 (not more than 45 days prior to the election).</p>	<p>County Clerk holds classes of instruction for election judges §1-6-101(5).</p>
<p>September 21 (no later than 43 days before the election).</p>	<p>If ballot issue is on the ballot as the result of a citizen's petition, petition representatives are required to submit to designated election official summary of favorable comments. § 1-7-903(3). Rule 6.6.6.</p>

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<p>September 22 (no later than 42 days before the election).</p>	<p>The designated election official shall prepare and deliver to the County Clerk(s) for the county or counties in which the Political Subdivision is located the full text of any required ballot issue notices (TABOR notice). §1-7-904. (Pursuant to the intergovernmental agreement, the County Clerk(s) may have additional requirements or require notice earlier). § 1-7-116(2)).</p>
<p>September 24 (no later than 40th day preceding the election).</p>	<p>Designated election official orders the registration records. § 1-5-303(1); and sends notice of election to the County Clerk and Recorder. Rule 12.3.1.</p> <p>For elections where owning property is a requirement for voting in the election (e.g., §32-1-103(5)(a)), the designated election official shall order the list of property owners from the County Assessor. § 1-5-304(1) and (2).</p>
<p>October 2 (at least 30 days before election) (Since 30 days is Sunday, October 4, use Friday, October 2. § 1-1-106(5)).</p>	<p>Mailing of TABOR Notice by County Clerk, at the least cost and as a package by overlapping political subdivisions, Colorado Constitution Article X, § 20(3)(b); §1-7-906(1); §1-40-125; Rule 6.6.</p> <p>For Special Districts: The designated election official is responsible for mailing the TABOR Notice to each address of one or more active registered electors who do not reside within the county or counties where the Political Subdivision is located. §1-7-906(2).</p> <p>Official ballots must be printed and in the possession of the designated election official. §1-5-406.</p>

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<p>October 2 (as of the 30th day prior to election day) (Since 30 days is Sunday, October 4 use Friday, October 2. § 1-1-106(5)).</p>	<p>The designated election official may order a list of the registered electors as of the 30th day prior to the election with a supplementary list provided on the twentieth day, <u>or</u> the designated election official may order a complete list as of the 20th day prior to the election. § 1-5-303(1). The designated election official of a special district may order a list of property owners from the County Assessor as of the 30th day before the election with a supplementary list to be provided on the 20th day, <u>or</u> the designated election official may order a complete list as of the 20th day before the election. §1-5-304(2).</p>
<p>October 5 (no later than 29 days before the election).</p>	<p>Last day to register to vote. § 1-2-201(3).</p>
<p>October 9 (no later than 25 days before election).</p>	<p>Last day to withdraw ballot issue from election. § 1-5-208(2).</p> <p>Changes in boundaries of precincts or the creation of new precincts for nonpartisan elections shall be completed. § 1-5-104(1).</p>
<p>October 14 (no later than 20 days before the election).</p>	<p>County Clerk and County Assessor each submit to designated election official supplemental list of eligible electors or property owners whose names were not included on the preliminary list. §1-5-303(1), §1-5-304(1). For Special Districts, § 1-5-304(2).</p> <p>A local government (excluding enterprises) submitting a ballot issue concerning the creation of any debt or other financial obligation shall post notice of audited (if available) financial information prescribed by § 1-7-908(1) on the local government’s website, or if the local government does not maintain a website, at the local government’s chief administrative office. § 1-7-908(1).</p>

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<p>October 19 (15 days before the election).</p> <p>(no later than 15 days before the election).</p>	<p>Early voting available during regular business hours at the early voters' polling place. § 1-8-202.</p> <p>Designated election official or the coordinated election official <u>MAY</u> mail a voter information card to each household where one or more active eligible electors reside. §1-5-206(2)(a) (discretionary). The information may be included with the TABOR notice.</p>
<p>October 22 (at least 12 days before the election).</p> <p>(no later than 12 days before the election).</p>	<p>Last day to post polling place signs. §1-5-106.</p> <p>Any request for a change of polling place to a handicapped accessible polling place must be received by the designated election official. §1-2-225(6).</p>
<p>October 23 (no later than 10 days before the election) (Since 10 days is Saturday, October 24, use Friday, October 23 § 1-1-106(5)).</p> <p>(at least 10 days prior to the election).</p>	<p>The last day for the designated election official, or the coordinated election official if so provided by an intergovernmental agreement, to provide notice of the election by publication, §1-5-205(1), and publication of vote center locations, if any. §1-5-102.7(1).</p> <p>Notice of election posted in a conspicuous place in the office of the Clerk and Recorder (until 2 days after election (i.e., November 5, 2009)). §1-5-205(1.3).</p>
<p>October 24 (10 days prior to the election).</p>	<p>Counting of early voters' ballots may begin. § 1-8-302(2).</p>
<p>October 27 (no later than the close of business on the seventh day immediately preceding the election).</p>	<p>Last day to file application for a mail-in ballot if applicant wishes to receive mail-in ballot by mail. § 1-8-104(3). Rule 12.5.2.</p>
<p>October 30 (no later than the close of business on the Friday immediately preceding the election).</p>	<p>Last day to file application for a mail-in ballot (if not mailed). §1-8-104(3). Rule 12.5.2.</p> <p>Last day for early voting. § 1-8-208(3).</p>

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<p>November 3 - Election Day</p>	<p>ELECTION DAY. (7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) § 1-41-102(1) and § 1-7-101.</p>
<p>November 3 – 10 (no later than the 7th day after the election).</p>	<p>Last day for the canvass board to certify the abstract of votes cast to designated election official. § 1-10-203(1). Clerk and Recorder shall examine official abstract of votes cast and order appropriate recount, if required. § 1-10.5-103.</p> <p>Mandatory recount is required if the difference between the highest number of votes cast and the next highest number of votes is less than or equal to one-half of one percent of the highest number of votes cast. § 1-10.5-101(b).</p>
<p>November 13 – 20 (immediately after abstract of votes cast is prepared).</p>	<p>Designated election official notifies the governing body of the Political Subdivision and the petition representatives of election results and makes certificate of election available for public inspection in the office of the designated election official for no less than ten days following completion of the abstract of votes cast by the canvass board. §1-11-103(2).</p>
<p>November 13 – 20 (within 10 days after official survey of returns is filed with designated election official).</p>	<p>Last day to file a written statement of intent to contest ballot issue election in district court. § 1-11-213(4).</p>
<p>November 17 (within 14 days after election).</p>	<p>Last day for designated election official to complete verification and counting of provisional ballots. §1-8.5-105(5).</p>
<p>November 27 (within 24 days after election).</p>	<p>Last day for an interested party to file a notarized, written request for a recount on ballot issues at their own expense. § 1-10.5-106(2).</p>

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<p>November 30 (within 1 day after request for recount is filed) (Since 1 day after is Saturday, November 28, use Monday, November 30. § 1-1-106(4)).</p>	<p>Election official with whom written request for recount is filed notifies the Political Subdivision that an interested party has requested a recount. § 1-10.5-106(2).</p>
<p>December 3 (within 30 days after the election).</p>	<p>The results of a special district election shall be certified to the Division of Local Government. § 1-11-103(3) and § 32-1-104(1). The results of a special district ballot issue election to incur general obligation indebtedness shall be certified by the special district by certified mail to the Board of County Commissioners or to the governing body of a municipality that has adopted a resolution of approval for organization of a special district. The special district shall file a copy of certification with the Division of Securities. § 32-1-1101.5(1).</p>
<p>December 3 (no later than 30th day after election).</p>	<p>Requested recount must be completed. § 1-10.5-106(2).</p>
<p>December 3 (no later than the 30th day after election).</p>	<p>Mandatory recount must be completed. § 1-10.5-103.</p>