



**CITY OF AUSTIN
NOVEMBER 2, 2021
SPECIAL ELECTION CALENDAR**

July 15, 2021	Deadline for electronically filing semiannual report of campaign contributions, with the City Clerk's Office (applicable to candidates, officeholders, specific-purpose and/or general-purpose political committees; required to file by Title 15 of the Texas Election Code; rules adopted by the Texas Ethics Commission; and City Code Chapter 2-2). ¹
August 16, 2021	Last Day for City Council to order an election. ²
October 4, 2021	Deadline for electronically filing report of campaign contributions and expenditures (30th Day Before Election Report), with the City Clerk's Office. This report must be filed by specific-purpose and/or general-purpose political committees involved in the election supporting or opposing ballot measures, which are required to be filed by Title 15 of the Texas Election Code; rules adopted by the Texas Ethics Commission; and City Code Chapter 2-2. ³ <u>The deadline is 11:59 p.m.</u> ⁴
October 4, 2021	Deadline to register to vote, whether voting early or on Election Day. ⁵
October 18, 2021	First day of early voting by personal appearance. ⁶
October 22, 2021	Last day to apply (by mail, fax or electronic transmission) for an early ballot to be voted by mail. ⁷
October 25, 2021	Deadline for electronically filing report of campaign contributions and expenditures (8th Day Before Election Report), with the City Clerk's Office. This report must be electronically filed by specific-purpose and/or general-purpose political committees involved in the election supporting or opposing ballot measures, which are required to be filed by Title 15 of the Texas Election Code; rules adopted by the Texas Ethics Commission; and City Code section 2-2-29 and Chapter 2-2. ⁸ <u>The deadline is 11:59 p.m.</u> ⁹
October 25 – November 1, 2021	Period for required electronic filings of City of Austin Pre-Election Reports by political committees who meet reporting thresholds delineated in City Code section 2-2-29. ¹⁰
October 29, 2021	Last day of early voting by personal appearance. ¹¹
November 2, 2021	ELECTION DAY
November 5 – 15, 2021	Earliest possible date for canvassing is the 3 rd day after the election and the latest date for canvassing is the 11 th day after the election, but the 11 th day falls on a Saturday and the deadline moves to the next business day, Monday, November 15. ¹²

- 1 Candidates shall electronically file semiannual report not later than July 15. Tex. Election Code § 254.063(a) and (b). Officeholders shall electronically file semiannual report not later than July 15. Tex. Election Code § 254.093(a) and (b). Under City Code section 2-2-26(A), a candidate, officeholder, or political committee required by the City Code or state law to file a campaign finance report with the city clerk. To comply with this, all filings must be submitted in the cities Electronic Filing system. The Texas Ethics Commission's "Campaign Finance Guide for Candidates and Officeholders Who File with Local Filing Authorities" guide can be found here:
https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/resources/guides/coh_local_guide.pdf All reports are due by 11:59pm on the assigned reporting due date.
- 2 A special election with propositions on the ballot must be ordered not later than the 78th day before Election Day, that being August 16. Tex. Election Code § 3.005(c).
- 3 A political committee that supports or opposes a measure shall electronically file two additional reports, the first being due not later than the 30th day before Election Day (that being Sunday, October 3, but the deadline is extended by Texas Election Code, Section 1.006 to the next regular business day which is Monday, October 4th; and the second being due not later than the 8th day before Election Day (that being October 25). Tex. Election Code § 254.064(a),(b), and (c). Texas Ethics Commission's "Campaign Finance Guide for Political Committee" provides information under "Reports Due 30 Days and 8 Days Before an Election."
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Under City Code section 2-2-26(A), a candidate, officeholder, or political committee required by the City Code or state law to electronically file a campaign finance report with the city clerk.
- 4 Required reports must be received by the City Clerk by the deadline. Tex. Election Code § 254.064(b) and (c).
- 5 An approved voter registration application becomes effective on the 30th day after the date of the application is submitted to the voter registrar. Tex. Election Code § 13.143(a). A registration is effective for purposes of voting early if it will be effective on Election Day. Tex. Election Code § 13.143. The deadline to register to vote falls on Sunday, October 3, but is extended by Texas Election Code, Sec. 13.143(e) to the next regular business day which is Monday, October 4.
- 6 For an election held on the uniform election date in November, the period for early voting by personal appearance would begin on the 17th day before Election Day (that being Saturday, October 16), but the first day to vote is extended by Texas Election Code, Section 85.001(c) to the next regular business day (that being Monday, October 18), and early voting continues through the fourth day before Election Day (that being October 29). Tex. Election Code § 85.001.
- 7 Application must be received, not postmarked before the close of regular business in the early voting county clerk's office or 12:00 noon, whichever is later, on the 11th day before Election Day (that being 5:00 p.m. Friday, October 22). Tex. Election Code § 84.007(c). An application is considered to be submitted at the time of its receipt by the early voting county clerk. Texas Election Code, Sec. 84.007(d). For an application for ballot by mail submitted by telephonic facsimile (fax) machine or electronic transmission (email) to be effective, the application also must be submitted by mail and received by the early voting clerk not later than the fourth business day after transmission by fax or email. Tex. Election Code § 84.007(b-1).

- 8 A political committee that supports or opposes a measure shall electronically file two additional reports, the first being due not later than the 30th day before Election Day (that being Sunday, October 3, but the deadline is extended by Texas Election Code, Section 1.006 to the next regular business day which is Monday, October 4th; and the second being due not later than the 8th day before Election Day (that being October 25). Tex. Election Code § 254.064(a),(b), and (c). Texas Ethics Commission's "Campaign Finance Guide for Political Committee" provides information under "Reports Due 30 Days and 8 Days Before an Election." https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/data/resources/guides/coh_local_guide.pdf
Under City Code section 2-2-26(A), a candidate, officeholder, or political committee required by the City Code or state law to electronically file a campaign finance report with the city clerk.
- 9 Required reports must be received by the City Clerk by the deadline. Tex. Election Code §254.064(b) and (c).
- 10 City Code § 2-2-29 and Chapter 2-2.
- 11 Early voting continues through the fourth day before Election Day (that being October 29). Tex. Election Code § 85.001.
- 12 Canvass must be held not earlier than the 3rd day after Election Day (that being November 5 for the earliest day to canvass), or later than the eleventh day after Election Day, but that deadline is extended by Texas Election Code, Section 1.006 to the next regular business day which is Monday, November 15. Tex. Election Code § 1.006, 67.003(c).