



Timeline for 2025 Special Election

First Tuesday After First Monday in November

November 4, 2025



		No later than:
Last day for school board to publish notice of filing period.	14 days before filing opens	July 15, 2025
Last day for school district to post notice of filing period.	10 days before filing opens	July 19, 2025
Candidate filing period for General Election. MN SOS Affidavit of Candidacy Form	Not less 98 to 84 days before the election	July 29 to August 12, 2025
Submit candidate filing affidavits to county auditor(s)	84 days prior to election	August 12, 2025
Last day for candidates to withdraw. Send candidate withdrawal form to county auditor(s). MN SOS Candidacy Withdrawal Form	5 p.m. 2 days after filing closes	August 14, 2025
Last day to adopt resolution calling General Election.	84 days prior to election	August 12, 2025
Last day to notify county auditors with written notice of General Election.		
First day absentee ballots must be available for General Election.	46 days prior to election	September 19, 2025
Last day to adopt resolution appointing election judges (<i>County handles during general election, School District is responsible for special election and nothing else on ballot</i>)	25 days prior to election	October 10, 2025
Last day to preregister for General Election.	5 p.m. 21 days prior to election	October 14, 2025
Last day to publish first notice of General Election.	At least 14 days prior to election	October 21, 2025
Last day to post notice of General Election.	10 days prior to election	October 25, 2025
Campaign finance reports due if spent or received more than \$750, an initial report was filed, and the name is on the ballot.	10 days prior to election	October 25, 2025
Last day to publish second notice of November General Election.	At least 7 days prior to election	October 28, 2025
Last day to post sample ballot of November General Election.	At least 4 days prior to election	October 31, 2025
Publish notice of testing Public Accuracy Test (PAT)	At least 3 days prior to election	November 1, 2025
General Election Day. No public meetings or school events may be held between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.		November 4, 2025
Time period to canvass results of the General Election. Note that districts should NOT canvass on Veterans Day, Nov. 10.	3 to 10 days after election	November 7 to November 14, 2025
Notify the Commissioner of the Results	3 to 10 days after election	November 7 to November 14, 2025
Last day for candidates to file Campaign Financial Report Certification of Filing form.	7 days after election	November 11, 2025
Time period for candidates to request a recount.	Up to 7 days after canvass period ends	November 14 to November 21, 2025
Time period to issue certificate of election. (IF candidate has filed the Campaign Financial Report Certification of Filing form, AND no recounts are requested.	Up to 7 days after recount period ends	November 15 to November 22, 2025
Time period for newly elected school district officers to file acceptance of office and oath forms.	Within 30 days of Receiving Certificate of Election	November 15 to December 22, 2025
Campaign finance reports due	30 days after election	December 4, 2025
Terms begin for members elected at 2025 November Election.	First Monday in January After Election	January 5, 2026