

## 2022 OREGON STATE AND LOCAL ELECTION TIMELINE

*Compiled by League of Women Voters of Marion and Polk Counties – January, 2022*

### Election Days – 2022

<b>May 17</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	Primary
<b>Nov 8</b>	Tues after 1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	General

### Deadline for registering to vote or change party affiliation – 21<sup>st</sup> day before election

Primary – **April 26**

General - **October 18**

### Mailing Ballots

First day for County to mail Primary ballots – **April 27** - 20<sup>th</sup> day before election

Last day for County to mail ballots – **May 3** - 14<sup>th</sup> day before election

**A voter's marked ballot must be postmarked by election day - NEW**

### For May 17 Election – (includes Primary election for major party candidates)

- Filing deadline for major party or local candidates **March 8** (70<sup>th</sup> day before Primary)
- Filing deadline for local ballot measures **March 17** (61<sup>st</sup> day before Primary)
- Deadline for measure argument in county voter's pamphlet **March 21** (2 business days after deadline for local government filing of measure)
- Election Day: **May 17** (third Tuesday)

### For November 8 General Election

- Deadline for submitting signatures for state initiative petition **July 8** (4 months before Election)
- Deadline for Secretary of State to verify signatures on state initiative petitions **August 7** (30 days after submission deadline)
- Deadline to determine minor party ballot access **August 10** (90 days before election)
- Filing deadline for local candidates who first run in Nov **August 30** (70 days before election)
- Filing deadline for nonaffiliated or minor party candidate **August 30** (70 days before election)
- Filing deadline for local ballot measures **September 8** (61 days before election)
- Deadline for measure argument in State Voter's Pamphlet **August 30**
- Deadline for measure argument in county voter's pamphlet **September 12** (2 business days after deadline for local government filing of measure)
- Election Day: **November 8** (Tuesday following the first Monday)

**Some important election differences between Cities of Salem and Keizer and between Marion and Polk Counties (all even-year elections)**

**Salem** Mayor and City Council positions are non-partisan. Candidates first run in May Primary – if a candidate receives a majority of the vote in May, their name is the only one on the ballot in November. If no candidate receives a majority, a runoff occurs in November. Vacancies may be filled at a special election (e.g. March 2017 special election of Chris Hoy)

**Keizer** Mayor and city council position are non-partisan and they run first in November - there is **no primary** (May). Their filing deadline is **August 30**.

**Marion County** Commissioners are partisan with May primaries for parties to select nominees for the November General election, but other offices (Assessor, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer) are non-partisan – for the non-partisan races, if a candidate receives a majority in May, their name is the only one on the ballot in November. If no candidate receives a majority, a runoff occurs in November.

**Polk County** positions are all non partisan. County Commissioners and the Assessor run and can be elected outright in May, i.e. if a candidate receives a majority in May, there is no November runoff for the seat. If no candidate receives a majority a runoff occurs in November. Polk Sheriff, Treasurer, and Clerk are not on the primary ballot in May but go directly to November election.

**Note:** Marion County produces and mails out a Voters Pamphlet – which is also available online. Polk County has not produced a Voters Pamphlet in recent years.

<b>State Initiative and Referendum Filing Deadlines and Requirements</b>	
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<b>Initiative Petitions</b>	<b>2022</b>
Required Signatures Constitutional (8%)*	149,360
Required Signatures Statutory (6%)*	112,020
First Day to File Prospective Petition	Anytime
Signature Submission Deadline	July 8, 2022
Signature Verification Deadline (by Secretary of State)	August 7, 2022

\* The required number of signatures is a percentage of votes cast for governor at the most recent election where a governor was elected to a full term.

<b>Referendum Petitions</b>	<b>2022</b>
Required Signatures (4%)	74,680
First Day to File Prospective Petition	After bill becomes an act
Signature Submission Deadline	90 days after legislature adjourns
Signature Verification Deadline (by Secretary of State)	30 days after submission deadline

**Legislative Referrals Route to the Ballot**

The Oregon Legislature **MUST** refer constitutional changes to voters, and **MAY** refer statutory changes to voters. The Legislature designates the election date – either the next primary or the next general election.

Source: Online State Initiative and Referendum Manual – page 5

**Odd Numbered Years - 2023**

**Note:** While national, State, and city/county elections are in even-numbered years, school districts, and special districts hold their Board elections in May of odd-numbered years. *Candidate filing deadline is 61st day before election - was **March 18 in 2021***

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**Calendar Sources:**

2021-22 Marion County:

<https://www.co.marion.or.us/CO/elections/Documents/2020-2021%20Elections%20Calendar.pdf>

2021-22 State:

<http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/current-elections-calendar.pdf>

**Sources of Candidate and measure information:**

- Marion County Elections 2022 primary: <https://www.co.marion.or.us/CO/elections/Results/Pages/May-17%2c-2022-Primary-Election.aspx>
- Polk County Elections 2022 primary: <https://www.co.polk.or.us/clerk/elections/may-17-2022-primary-election>
- ORESTAR (Secretary of State) candidate database: <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/orestar/CFSearchPage.do>
- Secretary of State initiative and referendum information: [http://egov.sos.state.or.us/elec/web\\_irr\\_search.search\\_form](http://egov.sos.state.or.us/elec/web_irr_search.search_form)
- Ballotpedia measure information: [https://ballotpedia.org/Oregon\\_2022\\_ballot\\_measures](https://ballotpedia.org/Oregon_2022_ballot_measures)