

## Key Dates For 2012 Elections

Date	Event	Citation	Election Date	Election Month
4/5/2012	To qualify for federal and state offices, and for county offices for which a primary election was not held, <b>all petitions must be filed</b> no later than 12:00 NOON prevailing time on this date, in the appropriate County Election Commission Office(s) or the office of the Coordinator of Elections. Any duplicate petitions that may be required, as well as the originals, <b>MUST</b> also be filed by this deadline.	(TCA § 2-5-101(a))	N/A	August, November
5/18/2012	First day <b>nominating petitions</b> may be issued for the November general election (Independent Candidates for United States President or <b>municipal candidates</b> for a city election held with the regular November election).	(TCA § 2-5-102(b)(5))	11/6/2012	November
7/3/2012	Last day to register to vote at the local County Election Commission Office.	(TCA § 2-2-109)	8/2/2012	August
7/13/2012	EARLY VOTING. First day a registered voter may vote early by personal appearance.	(TCA §§ 2-6-102(a)(1) and 2-6-103(a)(1))	8/2/2012	August
7/28/2012	Last day a voter may vote early by personal appearance.	(TCA § 2-6-102(a)(1))	8/2/2012	August
8/2/2012	<b>ELECTION DAY</b> State Primary and County General	(T. C. A. §§ 2-1-104(a)(24), 2-3-202, & 2-13-202)	8/2/2012	August

8/16/2012	To qualify for the state general ballot in November, independent candidates for United States President must file their <b>nominating petitions</b> with the State Election Commission Office and municipal candidates must file their nominating petitions with the respective county election commission office on this date, no later than 12:00 NOON prevailing time.	(TCA §§ 2-5-101(a) and 5-1-104)	11/6/2012	November
10/9/2012	Last day to <b>register to vote</b> at the local County Election Commission Office.	(TCA § 2-2-109)	11/6/2012	November
10/17/2012	EARLY VOTING. First day a registered voter may vote early by personal appearance.	(TCA §§ 2-6-102(a)(1) and 2-6-103(a)(1))	11/6/2012	November
11/1/2012	EARLY VOTING ENDS. Last day a voter may vote early by personal appearance.	(TCA § 2-6-102(a)(1))	11/6/2012	November
11/6/2012	<b>ELECTION DAY</b> State and Federal General Election	(TCA §§ 2-1-104(25) and 2-3-203)	11/6/2012	November