

2016 General Primary Election

Early Voting

40 days through the day preceding the election
February 4 – March 14, 2016

**Grace Period
 Registration and Voting**

Extended to the close of the polls on Election Day for all jurisdictions
February 17 – March 15, 2016

Permanent Polling Places for Early Voting and Grace Period Registration

Election Authorities in counties with a population over 250,000

- Must establish at least one PERMANENT polling place for early and grace period voting within each of the three largest municipalities
- If any of the three largest municipalities is over 80,000, EA must establish two PERMANENT polling places within that municipality
- Additional temporary branch polling places may be established. Schedules of temporary polling places can be set at the discretion of the EA
- Grace Period Registration and Voting must be available in all polling places on Election Day

Election Authorities in counties with a population of 100,000-250,000

- Must establish at least one PERMANENT polling place for early and grace period voting
- Additional temporary branch polling places may be established. Schedules of temporary polling places can be set at the discretion of the EA
- Grace Period Registration and Voting must be available in all polling places on Election Day

Boards of Election Commissioners with a population over 100,000

- Must establish at least two PERMANENT polling places for early and grace period voting
- Additional temporary branch polling places may be established. Schedules of temporary polling places can be set at the discretion of the EA
- Grace Period Registration and Voting must be available in all polling places on Election Day

Election Authorities with a population of less than 100,000

- Not required to have a permanent polling place subject to mandated polling hours
- Early Voting and Grace Period Registration and Voting conducted at the office of the EA
- Additional temporary branch polling places may be established. Schedules of temporary polling places can be set at the discretion of the EA
- If the EA has electronic pollbooks, Grace Period Registration and Voting must be offered in every polling place
- Grace Period Registration and Voting must be available in the office of the EA on Election Day
- Grace Period Registration and Voting must be offered in any municipality that has 20% or more of the county population

Permanent Polling Place Hours

During the Early Voting period (February 4-March 14) a permanent polling place must be open for at least 8 hours (President's Day and Lincoln's Birthday)

Weekdays beginning February 29th
 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM or 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturdays:
 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Sundays:
 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Weekdays After March 4th
 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM or 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Final Weekend Before Election:

Saturday, March 12:
 Minimum* 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Sunday, March 13:
 Minimum* 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

*EA must add 5 hours over the course of the weekend to the minimum times listed above to reach a total of 14 hours during the final weekend.

Vote By Mail

December 16
 2015

February 4
 2016

March 10
 2016

March 15
 2016

First day to apply:

First day for mailing and delivery:

Last day for EA to mail ballot:

Must be postmarked or returned by: