

UNOFFICIAL - ELECTION CALENDAR - CITY OF LINCOLN 2023

PRIMARY ELECTION -- APRIL 4, 2023

2022	December	Statutory or City Charter Reference
Dec 5	First day to accept early voting request for Primary Election.	Not more than 120 days prior to the Primary (32-941)
2023	January	Statutory or City Charter Reference
Jan 2	First day to accept early voting request for General Election.	Not more than 120 days prior to the General (32-941)
Jan 5	First Day the Election Commissioner may accept candidate filings for Lincoln Public School Board of Education.**	January 5 (32-606)
** Please note that there is not a "first day" to accept candidate filings for Mayor, City Council or Airport Authority		
Jan 5	Deadline for City of Lincoln, Lincoln Airport Authority and Lincoln Public Schools to certify offices to be filled, terms, vacancies, votes to cast	No later than January 5 (32-601 (a))
No Later than January 30th	Publish information from political sub-divisions' certifications on offices to be filled, terms, vacancies, votes to casts and filing deadlines	At least 15 days prior to filing deadlines (32-601)
2023	February	Statutory or City Charter Reference
Feb 15	5:00 p.m. -- Incumbent Filing Deadline for Lincoln Public Schools Board of Education**	February 15 (32-606 & 32-206)
Feb 15	5:00 p.m. -- Deadline for City of Lincoln, Lincoln Airport Authority or Lincoln Public Schools to certify a special issue for inclusion on the Primary Election Ballot**	At least 50 days prior to Primary Election (32-606 & 32-206)
2023	March	Statutory or City Charter Reference
Mar 1	5:00 p.m. -- Non-Incumbent Filing Deadline for Lincoln Public Schools Board of Education	March 1 (32-606 & 32-206)
Mar 1	5:00 p.m. -- Last Day a candidate may withdraw for Lincoln Public Schools Board of Education	March 1 (32-606 & 32-206)
Mar 3	5:00 p.m. -- Filing Deadline for Lincoln Mayor, Lincoln City Council and Lincoln Airport Authority	32 days prior to Primary Election Lincoln City Charter, Article IV, Section 2 (32-206)
Mar 3	5:00 p.m. -- Last Day a candidate may withdraw for Lincoln City Council and Lincoln Airport Authority	(32-622 & 32-206)
Mar 7	Notice of Election Publication -- Lincoln Journal Star (Candidates only)**	Not later than 42 days prior to Election (32-802)
** Please note that state statute states 42 days prior to the election but City Charter outlines that filing deadlines for City and Airport Authority races are 32 days prior to election so unable to comply with 42 days.		
Mar 17	Postmark Deadline for mailed-in voter registrations	Third Friday preceding the Election (32-321)
Mar 17	At close of business, last day that voter registrations can be completed at DMV/County Treasurers	Third Friday preceding the Election (32-321)
Mar 17	6:00 p.m. -- Deadline for deputy registrars to register voters for an upcoming Election.	Third Friday preceding the Election (32-321)
Mar 17	At close of business, last day that voter registrations can be completed at State Agencies/Departments for the person to be registered to vote in an upcoming Election.	Third Friday preceding the Election (32-321)
Mar 17	Prior to Midnight -- Last day that voter registrations can be completed online for the person to be registered to vote for the upcoming election.	Prior to Midnight on the Third Friday preceding the Election (32-304)
Mar 20	First day sample ballot may be published in Lincoln Journal Star	No earlier than 15 days prior to Election (32-803)
Mar 20	Publication of Early Vote Ballot Application	When ballots become available (32-808)
Mar 20	First day to mail Early Vote ballots	15 days prior to Primary (32-808)
Mar 20	First day to pick up Early Vote ballot or vote at Election Office	15 days prior to Primary (32-808)
Mar 24	Last day for write-in candidate to file notarized affidavit and filing fee with the filing officer	No later than the second Friday prior to the Election (32-615)

Mar 24	6:00 p.m. -- Deadline for in person voter registration. Election Office open until 6:00 p.m.	2nd Friday preceding the Election (32-302)
Mar 24	6:00 p.m. -- Deadline to receive an application for Early Voting ballots to be mailed out to a specific address	2nd Friday preceding the Election (32-941)
2023	April	Statutory or City Charter Reference
Apr 2	Last day sample ballot may be published in Lincoln Journal Star	No later than 2 days prior to Election (32-803)
Apr 3	Last Day to vote an Early Voter's ballot in the Election Office -- Office open 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	(32-942)
Apr 4	City of Lincoln, Lincoln Airport Authority, and Lincoln Public Schools -- Primary Election	Fourth Tuesday preceding date of General Election (Lincoln City Charter IV, Section 2)
Apr 4	Polls open 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	(32-943)
Apr 4	7:00 p.m. -- Deadline for agent to pick up Early Voting Ballot	(32-943)
Apr 4	8:00 p.m. -- Close of the polls is the deadline for return of early voting ballot/return of voter registration form with an Early Voting Ballot.	(32-941) (32-943) (32-950)
Apr 6	Convassing Board Convenes 9:00 a.m.	(32-1031)
GENERAL ELECTION -- MAY 2, 2023		
2023	January	Statutory or City Charter Reference
Jan 3	First day to accept early voting request for General Election.	Not more than 120 days prior to the Primary (32-941)
2023	March	Statutory or City Charter Reference
Mar 13	5:00 p.m. - Deadline for City of Lincoln, Lincoln Airport Authority or Lincoln Public Schools to certify a special issue for inclusion on the General Election Ballot.	At least 50 days prior to General Election (32-559)
Mar 20	Notice of Election Publication -- Lincoln Journal Star (Initiative, Refendum or other Ballot Issues Only)**	Not later than 42 days prior to Election (32-802)
Mar 225	Last Day for Mayor to issue proclamation of Primary Election	At least 10 days before election (Lincoln City Charter III, Section 1)
Mar 25	Last day for City of Lincoln to publish Notice of Primary Election	At least 10 days before election (Lincoln City Charter III, Section 1)
2023	April	Statutory or City Charter Reference
Apr 10	Notice of Election Publication -- Lincoln Journal Star (Candidates only)**	Not later than 42 days prior to Election (32-802)
** Please note that state statute states 42 days prior to the election but City Charter places the Primary Election four weeks (28 days) prior to the General Election so unable to comply with 42 days.		
Apr 14	Postmark Deadline for mailed-in voter registrations	Third Friday preceding the Election (32-321)
Apr 14	At close of business, last day that voter registrations can be completed Online, at DMV/County Treasurers	Third Friday preceding the Election (32-321)
Apr 14	6:00 p.m. -- Deadline for deputy registrars to register voters for an upcoming Election.	Third Friday preceding the Election (32-321)
Apr 14	At close of business, last day that voter registrations can be completed at State Agencies/Departments for the person to be registered to vote in an upcoming Election.	Third Friday preceding the Election (32-321)
Apr 14	Prior to Midnight -- Last day that voter registrations can be completed online for the person to be registered to vote for the upcoming election.	Prior to Midnight on the Third Friday preceding the Election (32-304)
Apr 17	Publication of Early Vote Ballot Application	When ballots become available (32-808)
Apr 17	First day sample ballot may be published in Lincoln Journal Star	No earlier than 15 days prior to Election (32-803)
Apr 17	First day to mail Early Vote ballots	15 days prior to Primary (32-808)
Apr 17	First day to pick up Early Vote ballot or vote at Election Office	15 days prior to Primary (32-808)
Apr 21	Last day for write-in candidate to file notarized affidavit and filing fee with the filing officer	No later than the second Friday prior to the Election (32-615)
Apr 21	6:00 p.m. -- Deadline for in person voter registration. Election Office open until 6:00 p.m.	2nd Friday preceding the Election (32-302)

Apr 21	6:00 p.m. -- Deadline to receive an application for Early Voting ballots to be mailed out to a specific address	2nd Friday preceding the Election (32-941)
Apr 22	Last Day for Mayor to issue proclamation of General Election	At least 10 days before election (Lincoln City Charter III, Section 1)
Apr 22	Last day for City of Lincoln to publish Notice of General Election	At least 10 days before election (Lincoln City Charter III, Section 1)
Apr 30	Last day sample ballot may be published in Lincoln Journal Star	No later than 2 days prior to Election (32-803)
2023	May	Statutory or City Charter Reference
May 1	Last Day to vote an Early Voter's ballot in the Election Office -- Office open 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	(32-942)
May 2	City of Lincoln, Lincoln Airport Authority, and Lincoln Public Schools -- General Election	1st Tuesday in May (Lincoln City Charter Article III, Section 1)
May 2	Polls open 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	(32-943)
May 2	7:00 p.m. -- Deadline for agent to pick up Early Voting Ballot	(32-943)
May 2	8:00 p.m. -- Close of the polls is the deadline for return of early voting ballot/return of voter registration form with an Early Voting Ballot.	(32-941) (32-943) (32-950)
May 4	Convassing Board Convenes -- 9:00 a.m.	(32-1031)