

New Spring Special Election Deadlines

Passage of Substitute House Bill 1919 changes deadlines for spring elections. New resolution deadlines and certification dates will be in effect as of **July 24, 2015**.

Deadlines for placing measures on the February or April ballot has increased from 46 days to 60 days. County Auditors must receive resolutions to the ballot no later than 60 days before the election. (RCW 29A.04.321 and RCW 29A.04.330.)

Certification for February and April elections will now be on the 10th day following Election Day. There are no changes to certification of primaries (14 days) and general elections (21 days). (RCW 29A.60.190.)

Calendar Item	Original Date	New Date
2015		
Laws enacted in the regular legislative session become effective	July 26, 2015	July 24, 2015
Statutory deadline to file a resolution for next year's February Special Election – 60 days	December 25, 2015	December 11, 2015
2016		
County Canvassing Board certifies February Special Election results	February 23, 2016	February 19, 2016
Last day to file a resolution for the April Special Election – 60 days	March 11, 2016	February 26, 2016
County Canvassing Board certifies April Special Election results – 10 days	May 10, 2016	May 6, 2016
Statutory deadline to file a resolution for February Special Election	December 30, 2016	December 16, 2016
2017		
County Canvassing Board certifies February Special Election results	February 28, 2017	February 24, 2017
Last day to file a resolution for the April Special Election – 60 days	March 20, 2017	February 24, 2017
County Canvassing Board certifies April Special Election results – 10 days	May 9, 2017	May 5, 2017
Statutory deadline to file a resolution for February Special Election	December 29, 2017	December 15, 2017