



Ballot Issue Calendar

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Deadline	*Deadline is 5:00 p.m. on specified day unless otherwise noted	Statute
Signature gathering may not begin until after Secretary of State issues final petition form	Earliest time for gathering signatures on initiative referendum; also earliest time to submit signed initiative referendum petition signature sheets to county election administrators	Article III, Section 5, MT Const.
June 22, 2017	First day to circulate approved constitutional and statutory initiative petitions (<i>see also initiative referendum information above</i>)	13-27-202
4 weeks before 6 months after adjournment of the Legislature	Deadline for submitting initiative referendum petitions to county election administrators; last day to withdraw initiative referendum signatures	13-27-301
October 20, 2017	First day for submitting constitutional and statutory initiative petition signatures to county election administrators (<i>see also initiative referendum information above</i>)	13-27-301
Within 6 months of adjournment of the Legislature	Deadline for county election administrators to file certified initiative referendum petitions with the Secretary of State's office	Article III, Section 5, MT Const.
After county election administrator filing deadline	Secretary of State tabulates certified initiative referendum petition signature totals	13-27-307
After final SOS tabulation of certified initiative referendum petition signature totals	Secretary of State certifies for the ballot all qualified initiative referendum ballot issues to Governor	13-27-308
June 5, 2018	PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION	13-1-107(1)
June 22, 2018	Signatures due to election administrators for constitutional and statutory initiatives for certification; last day for withdrawal of signatures	13-27-301
July 17, 2018	Appointment of committee members for Voter Information Pamphlet (VIP) arguments by designated individuals	13-27-403
July 20, 2018	Deadline for county election administrators to file certified constitutional and statutory initiative petitions in the Secretary of State's office	13-27-104
After county election administrator filing deadline	Secretary of State tabulates certified constitutional and statutory initiative petition signature totals	13-27-307
After final SOS tabulation of certified statutory or constitutional initiative petition signature totals	Secretary of State certifies for the ballot all qualified constitutional and statutory initiatives to Governor	13-27-308
July 22, 2018	Secretary of State to notify committee members by certified mail of deadlines by this date (or within 5 days of committee member appointment)	13-27-403
July 24, 2018	Committee arguments for VIP due to Secretary of State; appointments by committee members to fill vacancies	13-27-403; 13-27-406
July 26, 2018	Supporters and opponents for VIP arguments must file supporting documents for factual statements made in arguments (within 2 business days of the argument deadline)	13-27-409
August 3, 2018	Rebuttal arguments due to the Secretary of State	13-27-407
August 7, 2018	Deadline for supporters and opponents to file supporting documents for factual statements made in rebuttals (within 2 business days of the rebuttal deadline)	13-27-409
October 9, 2018	VIP for all certified ballot issues must be mailed to voters	13-27-410
November 6, 2018	GENERAL ELECTION	13-1-104(1)