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### **Board Memo 168-2024: State Deadlines for Return Delivery of Mail-In Ballots**

#### **Executive Board,**

NAPS headquarters received from the USPS the list of state deadlines for return delivery of mail-in ballots for the upcoming election.

Please share this information with your membership.

Thank you and be safe.

NAPS Headquarters

## State Deadlines for Return Delivery of Mail-in Ballots

(as of October 11, 2024)

The following chart broadly summarizes the mail-in ballot deadlines for the 2024 General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for domestic, non-military voters in each state and the District of Columbia.

The second column below, “**Election Day Deadline**,” lists the date and time by which a mail-in ballot would be counted as timely if it is received by the appropriate election office. Generally, the Election Day Deadline is on Tuesday, November 5, but please note that Louisiana requires mail-in ballots to be delivered by the *day before Election Day*, Monday, November 4.

The third column below, “**Extended Deadline**,” provides the deadlines for the 18 states and the District of Columbia that accept as timely certain mail-in ballots that are delivered after Election Day.

**The Postal Service must make every reasonable effort, including the extraordinary measures that we previously communicated, to ensure that completed mail-in ballots are delivered to the appropriate election office by the applicable “Election Day Deadline” (second column).** In states with an “Extended Deadline,” the Postal Service must make every reasonable effort, including the extraordinary measures that we previously communicated, to ensure that any ballots that were not delivered by the “Election Day Deadline” are delivered to the appropriate election office as quickly as possible and no later than the applicable “Extended Deadline” (third column).

Reach out to the Election & Government Mail Services team or to the Law Department if you have specific questions about a particular state’s deadline(s).

<b>State</b>	<b>Election Day Deadline*</b> (all efforts should be made to return ballots by this deadline)	<b>Extended Deadline</b> (if you have ballots that were not delivered by the Election Day Deadline, all efforts should be made to return them by this extended deadline)
	*All times are local	
Alabama	12:00 p.m. (noon) on Election Day	None
Alaska	Election Day (presumably close of polls, 8:00 p.m.)	Friday, November 15 (10 days after Election Day), if postmarked by Election Day
Arizona	7:00 p.m. on Election Day	None
Arkansas	7:30 p.m. on Election Day	None
California	Close of polls on Election Day (8:00 p.m.)	Tuesday, November 12 (7 days after Election Day), if postmarked by Election Day
Colorado	7:00 p.m. on Election Day	None
Connecticut	Close of polls on Election Day (8:00 p.m.)	None
Delaware	Close of polls on Election Day (8:00 p.m.)	None

District of Columbia	<b>8:00 p.m. on Election Day</b>	<b>Friday, November 15</b> (10 days after Election Day), if postmarked by Election Day
Florida	<b>7:00 p.m. on Election Day</b>	None
Georgia	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (7:00 p.m., but 8:00 p.m. for municipal general elections in cities whose populations are 300,000 or more)</b>	None
Hawaii	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (7:00 p.m.)</b>	None
Idaho	<b>8:00 p.m. on Election Day</b>	None
Illinois	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (7:00 p.m.)</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 19</b> (14 days after Election Day), if postmarked by Election Day
Indiana	<b>6:00 p.m. on Election Day</b>	None
Iowa	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (8:00 p.m.)</b>	None
Kansas	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (7:00 p.m. but localities can extend time to 8:00 p.m.; varies by locality)</b>	<b>Friday, November 8</b> (3 days after Election Day), if postmarked by Election Day
Kentucky	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (6:00 p.m.)</b>	None
Louisiana	<b>4:30 p.m. on the <u>Monday, November 4</u></b> (the day before Election Day)	None
Maine	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (8:00 p.m.)</b>	None
Maryland	<b>8:00 p.m. on Election Day</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 15</b> (10 days after Election Day), if postmarked by Election Day
Massachusetts	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (generally 8:00 p.m., but could be earlier; varies based on election and locality)</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 8</b> (3 days after Election Day), if postmarked by Election Day
Michigan	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (8:00 p.m.)</b>	None
Minnesota	<b>8:00 p.m. on Election Day</b>	None
Mississippi	<b>Election Day (presumably close of polls, 7:00 p.m.)</b>	<b>Wednesday, November 13</b> (5 business days after Election Day), if postmarked by Election Day
Missouri	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (7:00 p.m.)</b>	None
Montana	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (8:00 p.m.)</b>	None

Nebraska	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (7:00 p.m. for the Mountain time zone, and 8:00 p.m. for the Central time zone)</b>	None
Nevada	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (7:00 p.m.)</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 8</b> (3 days after Election Day), <b>if not postmarked</b> <b>5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 9</b> (4 days after Election Day), <b>if postmarked</b> by Election Day
New Hampshire	<b>5:00 p.m. on Election Day</b>	None
New Jersey	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (8:00 p.m.)</b>	<b>8:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 7</b> (48 hours after the close of polls), <b>if not postmarked</b> <b>8:00 p.m. on Monday, November 11</b> (144 hours after the close of polls), <b>if postmarked</b> by Election Day
New Mexico	<b>7:00 p.m. on Election Day</b>	None
New York	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (9:00 p.m.)</b>	<b>Wednesday, November 6</b> (1 day after Election Day), <b>if not postmarked</b> <b>Tuesday, November 12</b> (7 days after Election Day), <b>if postmarked</b> by Election Day
North Carolina	<b>7:30 p.m. on Election Day</b>	None
North Dakota	<b>Election Day (presumably close of polls, which is anytime between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.; varies by locality)</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 18</b> (13 days after Election Day), if postmarked <b><u>before Election Day</u></b>
Ohio	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (7:30 p.m.)</b>	<b>Saturday, November 9</b> (4 days after Election Day), if postmarked <b><u>before Election Day</u></b>
Oklahoma	<b>7:00 p.m. on Election Day</b>	None
Oregon	<b>8:00 p.m. on Election Day</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 12</b> (7 days after Election Day), if postmarked by Election Day
Pennsylvania	<b>8:00 p.m. on Election Day</b>	None

Rhode Island	<b>8:00 p.m. on Election Day</b>	None
South Carolina	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (7:00 p.m.)</b>	None
South Dakota	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (7:00 p.m.)</b>	None
Tennessee	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (7:00 p.m. for the Central time zone, and 8:00 p.m. for the Eastern time zone)</b>	None
Texas	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (7:00 p.m.)</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6</b> (1 day after Election Day), if postmarked by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day
Utah	<b>Election Day (presumably close of polls, 8:00 p.m.)</b>	<b>12:00 p.m. (noon) on Tuesday, November 12 through Tuesday, November 19</b> (depending on the date of the official county canvass, which varies by county and takes place between 7 and 14 days after Election Day), if postmarked <b><u>before Election Day</u></b>
Vermont	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (7:00 p.m.)</b>	None
Virginia	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (7:00 p.m.)</b>	<b>12:00 p.m. (noon) on Friday, November 8</b> (3 days after Election Day), if postmarked by Election Day
Washington	<b>8:00 p.m. on Election Day</b>	<b>Monday, November 25</b> (before certification of an election, which occurs 21 days after a general election), if postmarked by Election Day
West Virginia	<b>Close of polls on Election Day (7:30 p.m.)</b>	<b>Wednesday, November 6</b> (1 day after Election Day), <b>if not postmarked</b> <b>Tuesday, November 12</b> (before the canvass, which occurs the 5th day after Election Day but not on Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays), if <b>postmarked by Election Day</b>
Wisconsin	<b>8:00 p.m. on Election Day</b>	None
Wyoming	<b>7:00 p.m. on Election Day</b>	None