

Initiative and Referendum Calendars

2020	Last day:	March 10	May 19	September 15	November 3
County Initiative or Referendum					
→ for chief petitioners to submit signatures for verification and qualify for this election		Does not apply	February 19	Does not apply	August 5
City Initiative					
→ for the City Elections Official to file qualified initiative with governing body		Does not apply	February 19	Does not apply	August 5
Both signature verification, which can take up to 15 days, and a meeting of the city governing body must occur by this date.					
City Referendum					
→ for chief petitioners to submit signatures for verification and qualify for this election		Does not apply	February 19	Does not apply	August 5
District Initiative or Referendum District does not hold regular elections					
→ for the County Elections Official to complete signature verification and place qualified measure on the ballot		Does not apply	March 19	Does not apply	September 3
Signature verification, which can take up to 15 days, must be complete by this date.					
District Initiative or Referendum District holds regular elections					
→ for the District Elections Authority to file Notice of Measure Election with County Elections Official		Does not apply	March 19	Does not apply	September 3
Signature verification, which can take up to 15 days, must be complete by this date.					

2021	Last day:	March 9	May 18	September 21	November 2
County Initiative or Referendum					
→ for chief petitioners to submit signatures for verification and qualify for this election		Does not apply	February 17	Does not apply	August 4
City Initiative					
→ for the City Elections Official to file qualified initiative with governing body		Does not apply	February 17	Does not apply	August 4
City Referendum					
→ for chief petitioners to submit signatures for verification and qualify for this election		Does not apply	February 17	Does not apply	August 4
District Initiative or Referendum District does not hold regular elections					
→ for the County Elections Official to complete signature verification and place qualified measure on the ballot		Does not apply	March 18	Does not apply	September 2
District Initiative or Referendum District holds regular elections					
→ for the District Elections Authority to file Notice of Measure Election with County Elections Official		Does not apply	March 18	Does not apply	September 2

Statute does not specify a deadline for chief petitioners of **city initiatives, district initiatives, or referendums** to submit signatures for verification. Coordinate signature submission with the filing officer to allow sufficient time for the 15 day signature verification process to be completed and, for city initiatives, submission to the city governing body prior to the deadlines outlined above.