

Election Timeline Calendar



December-2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 EC Regular Meeting	4 Candidate Filing Packets Available	5 Election Period Begins Candidates can accept Contributions §44A EC can accept AB Requests §73A
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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January-2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2
3	4	5	6	7 EC Regular Meeting	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 <i>MLK Jr. Day</i>	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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February-2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	-FILING PERIOD - 8am-5pm, February 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th ...§36 A -DESIGNATION OF AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL AGENT - 8am-5pm, February 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th§42A -SUBMIT CHEROKEE WATCHERS - 8am-5pm, , February 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th§53 C			EC Regular Meeting	Candidate Contest of Eligibility §37 A		
				Commission Certification of Candidates §36 C			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	Candidate Contest of Eligibility (5 Business days after close of filing) §37 A, Deadline-Feb 11, 2027						
	Commission Certification of Eligibility of Candidates (12 working days after close of filing) §36 C						
			First Financial Reports Due: Dec 2026 & Jan 2027 §46 B				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	Commission Certification of Eligibility of Candidates (12 working days after close of filing) §36 C						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	Commission Certification or Denial of Eligibility of Candidates Deadline Feb 22, 2027 §36 C						
28	Any Candidate who receives notice of denial of eligibility for candidacy may contest such determination by <u>submitting their contest on an Election Commission prescribed form, submitted to the EC no later than 3 business days after receipt of denial of eligibility</u> . An appeal of any decision of the EC concerning eligibility shall be filed with the CN Supreme Court in writing no later than 5 business days after receipt of the EC's decision. §37 B						

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March-2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 EC Regular Meeting	5	6
<p>Cherokee Nation Supreme Court establishes Hearing schedule, "within 3 business days of the Court's receipt of an appeal of eligibility" §40 A Hearing shall be no later than 10 business days..., §40 A Hearing may be continued for good cause, not more than 10 business days..., §40 A</p>						
7	8	9	10 Feb 1 to Feb 28 Financial Due, §46 B	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Good Friday	27
28 Easter Sunday	29	30	31 Voter Registration Deadline, §21 A2			

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April-2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 EC Regular Meeting	2	3
4	5	6	7 Absentee Ballot Request Deadline §73A; CNEC RR1.06	8	9	10
11	12 Mar 1 to Mar 31 Financial Due, §46 B	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Withdraw Deadline 5pm §36 D	24
25	26	27 Mail Out Absentee Ballots for General Election, §73 A	28 Mail Out Absentee Ballots for General Election, §73 A	29	30	

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May-2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6 EC Regular Meeting	7 10th Day from Mailing-Voters must wait 10 days from mailing of AB's to request a substitute AB. §80A	8
9	10 Apr 1 to Apr 30 Financial Due, §46 B	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Last day to request replacement Absentee Ballot, § 80A
	30 Verify Absentee Ballots Begins §91A Memorial Day	31				Early Walk-In Voting 7am-7pm, § 62D AB Drop Box Available 7am-7pm, § 78

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June-2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	31	1	2	3 EC Regular Meeting	4	5 General Election §51 A Absentee Ballot Deadline to be received at Tahlequah Post Office, 12pm noon, §78
		Early Walk-In Voting 7am-7pm, § 62D AB Drop Box Available 7am-7pm, § 78	Early Walk-In Voting 7am-7pm, § 62D AB Drop Box Available 7am-7pm, § 78	Early Walk-In Voting 7am-7pm, § 62D AB Drop Box Available 7am-7pm, § 78	AB Drop Box Available 7am-7pm, § 78	AB Drop Box Available 7am-12pm, § 78
Beginning Monday, Verify Absentee Ballots, Scan & Process until complete §91A						
6	7	8	9 Recount Deadline §93 C	10 May 1 to May 31 Financial Due, §46 B	11 Recount §93 F	12
Note: Candidates have 5 business days from the date of approval of the Unofficial Vote Count to submit Watchers for a Runoff Election §53 B						
13	14 Runoff Watchers DUE Absentee Request Deadline for Runoff §73B Election Appeal Deadline, §101 D	15	16	17 CN Supreme Court Appeal Hearing, §101 E	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Withdraw Deadline §36 D	26
27	28 Mail Out Absentee Ballots for Runoff Election, §73 B	29 Mail Out Absentee Ballots for Runoff Election, §73 B	30			

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July-2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 EC Regular Meeting	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 10th Day from Mailing-Voters must wait 10 days from mailing of AB's to request a substitute AB. §80A	9	10
11	12 Jun 1 to Jun 30 Financial Due, §46 B	13	14	15	16	17 Last day to request replacement Absentee Ballot, § 80A Early Walk-In Voting 7am-7pm, § 62D AB Drop Box Available 7am-7pm, § 78
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Beginning Monday, Verify Absentee Ballots, Scan & Process until complete §91A						
25	26	27	28 Recount Deadline §93 C	29	30 Recount §93 F	31

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August-2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 EC Regular Meeting	6	7
	Election Appeal Deadline, §101 D			CN Supreme Court Appeal Hearing, §101 E		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Final Candidate Financial Report Due for All Candidates §46 B	***Candidates who still carry a balance after submitting their Final Financial Report or who receive Contributions after the Final Report has been submitted, must submit a Revised Final Financial Report each month until your balance is zero. Your balance must be zero and your last Revised Final Report submitted by the December Election Commission meeting.				Swearing in of Elected Officials, §51 E
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Any Contributions and/or Expenditures during the 6 months period following the election date shall be recorded on a Revised Final Report to be filed no later than the first of the month following the expiration date of said 6 month period. §46 D			

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			1	2	3	4
<p>NEW!!! Candidates with unpaid balances and/or missing Financial Disclosure Reports at the end of an Election Period (as defined in §3.17), shall be contacted by the Election Commission and scheduled a show cause hearing for payment and possible barring from any Cherokee Nation election for a five-year period. §46 C</p> <p>NEW!!! §46 F - <u>Disqualifications for Unpaid Balances Owed; Missing Reports.</u> The Election Commission shall provide written notice to any Candidate with an unpaid balance and/or a missing Financial Disclosure Report at the end of an election period. Such notice shall describe the specific nature of the Candidate's noncompliance; shall state the amount of any fine or unpaid balance owed, if any; shall describe the missing reports, if any; and shall state a deadline of not less than thirty (30) days from the date of notice to remit payment in full and/or submit any missing report. Such notice shall also state the Candidate may submit a written contest to the Election Commission to any fine or unpaid balance owed and/or a missing Financial Disclosure Report. The Election Commission shall review such submissions and issue a final determination within a reasonable time. Any Candidate who fails to cure a violation under this Section or fails to timely initiate and pursue a good-faith contest within the prescribed period, shall be ineligible to file as a Candidate for any elected office of the Cherokee Nation for a period of five (5) years from the date a final determination is issued by the Election Commission.</p>				<p>EC Regular Meeting At Meeting Review Balances and/or Missing Reports & Schedule Hearing</p>		
				9	10	11
				16	17	18
				23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	