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FROM THE EDITOR’S DESK . . .

This special edition of the MPBC Messenger provides information on upcoming special, primary and general elections (midterm elections) in 2026 for the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. This edition has a “Did You Know?” section on midterm elections as well as a 2026 midterm elections calendar. The calendar is color-coded to show which elections are being held and provides key dates. Finally, official department/board of elections websites are provided for you if you need additional information regarding elections in your community.

“Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it.”~Susan B. Anthony

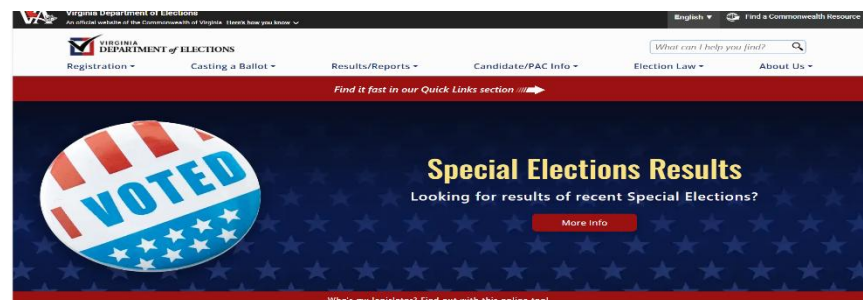
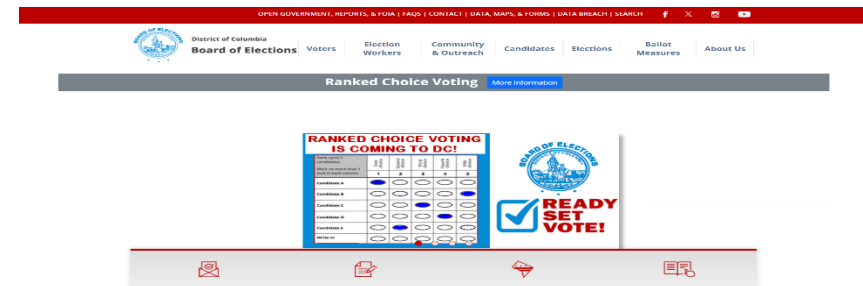
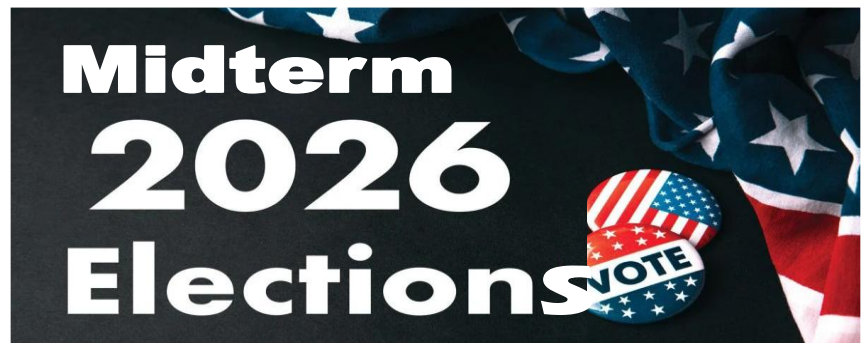
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Did You Know?

United States Midterm Elections

Midterm elections in the United States are the general elections that are held near the midpoint of a president's four-year term of office. Election Day is on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Federal offices that are up for election during the midterms include all 435 seats in the United States House of Representatives, and 33 or 34 of the 100 seats in the United States Senate.

In addition, 34 of the 50 U.S. states elect their governors for four-year terms during midterm elections, while Vermont and New Hampshire elect governors to two-year terms in both midterm and presidential elections. Thus, 36 governors are elected during midterm elections. Many states also elect officers to their state legislatures in midterm years. There are also elections held at the municipal level. On the ballot are many mayors, other local public offices, and a wide variety of citizen and legislatively referred initiatives.

Special elections are often held in conjunction with regular elections, so additional Senators, governors and other local officials may be elected to partial terms.

Midterm elections are just as important as presidential elections because they directly impact local governance and daily life.



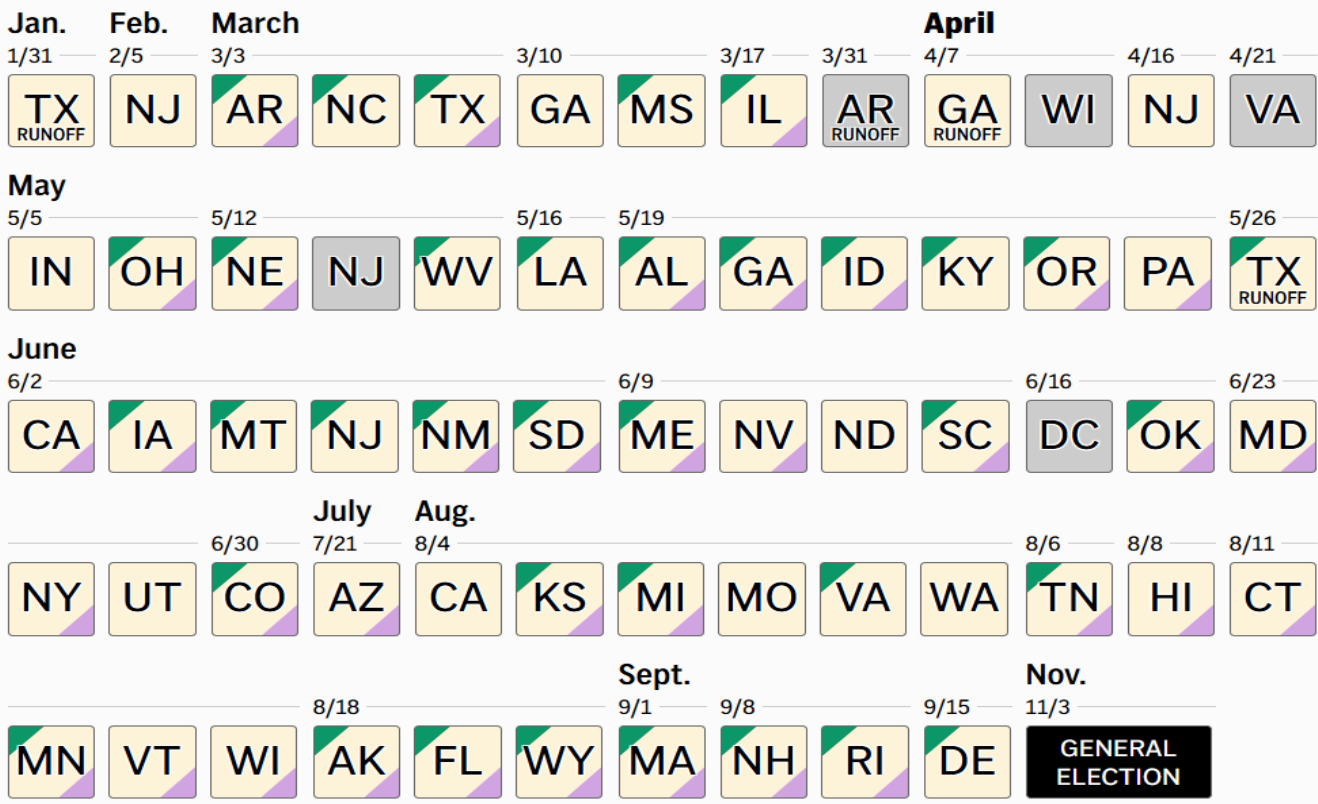
**Be election ready! Are you registered to vote?
Do you know where your polling place is located? Contact your local
election commission to get information.**

VOTING IS MORE THAN AN EVENT; IT IS A LIFESTYLE.



2026 Midterm Elections Calendar

■ U.S. Senate: 35 states
 ■ Governor: 36 states
 ■ U.S. House: 50 states
 ■ Other



APRIL 21
 Virginia Special Election Other
WHAT TO KNOW
 • **Special ballot measure:** This constitutional amendment would authorize new congressional district boundaries drawn by the Democratic-led Legislature, beginning with the 2026 elections.



AUGUST 4
 Virginia State Primary U.S. Senate U.S. House



JUNE 16
 District of Columbia District Primary Other



NOVEMBER 3
 General Election U.S. Senate U.S. House Governor Other



JUNE 23
 Maryland State Primary U.S. House Governor Other



Department/Board of Elections Websites: [Contact for more information.]

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MD: www.elections.maryland.gov

VA: www.elections.virginia.gov

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Vision Statement

“Building a vibrant, engaged faith community serving, growing, and transforming Lives.”
(1 Peter 4:10–11)

Mission Statement

“To grow a congregation of believers committed to the ministry of Worship, Evangelism, Missions, Discipleship, Service, and Fellowship with a heart for Prayer, Bible Study, and the Great Commission.” (Matthew 28:19–20)

Theme

“Stepping Forward in Faith” (Joshua 1:9)

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