

July 02, 2025

IMPORTANT: Municipal Calendar Update



Please be aware of the **following updates to the 2025/2026 Municipal Calendar** based on changes in the recently signed elections bill (H.474). Those who refer to a printed calendar will want to cross out and add the following dates. The online 2025/2026 **Municipal Calendar** will include these updates when it goes live. The physical calendar was mailed to town officials in late June.

DELETE

Sunday February 1, 2026: (Beginning 30 days before polls open) First day for town clerk to direct two election officials to open outer envelopes in order to check and sort absentee ballots, check the name of the early voter off the entrance checklist, and place certificate envelopes into a secure container marked “checked in early absentee ballots.” Notice to voters of defective ballots commences. 17 V.S.A. § 2546(a)

ADD

Saturday January 17, 2026: (Beginning 45 days before polls open) First day for town clerk to direct two election officials to open outer envelopes in order to check and sort absentee ballots, check the name of the early voter off the entrance checklist, and place



certificate envelopes into a secure container marked "checked in early absentee ballots."
Notice to voters of defective ballots commences. 17 V.S.A. § 2546(a) (See page 67 of [H.474](#)
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