TWO ELECTIONS. ONE OFFICE.

THE OVERLAP: While Voters are casting ballots in the 2026 General Election, Candidates are circulating Petitions for the 2027 Consolidated Election.

NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION | Important Dates for Voters		APRIL 6, 2027 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION | Candidate and Voter Dates	
AUG 5	Vote by Mail Applications Open		
		AUG 25	Petition Circulation Begins
SEP 24	Early Voting & Vote by Mail Begins		
OCT 7	Grace Period Registration & Voting Begins		
OCT 18	Online Voter Registration Closes		
OCT 29	Last Day to Request a Vote by Mail Ballot (by Mail)		
NOV 2	Last Day of Early Voting		
NOV 3	**GENERAL ELECTION DAY | Polls open 6 AM-7 PM**		
NOV 17	General Election Results Certification	**NOV 16 - 23**	Candidate Filing Period
		JAN 6	Vote by Mail Applications Open
		JAN 28	Candidate Certification Deadline
		FEB 25	Early Voting & Vote by Mail Begins
		MAR 10	Grace Period Registration & Voting Begins
		MAR 21	Online Voter Registration Closes
		APR 1	Last Day to Request a Vote by Mail Ballot (by Mail)
		APR 5	Last Day of Early Voting
		APR 6	**CONSOLIDATED ELECTION DAY | Polls open 6 AM-7 PM**

CANDIDATE CHECKLIST

- ✓ Identify the exact office and term you are seeking.
- ✓ Obtain the correct petition packet and signature requirement.
- ✓ Confirm the proper filing office and its filing hours.
- ✓ File your Statement of Economic Interests and retain the receipt, when required.
- ✓ Keep complete copies of everything you file.

WHY TWO ELECTIONS OVERLAP

Elections do not begin on Election Day. While one election is entering Early Voting and Vote by Mail operations, the next may already require candidate packets, petition circulation, filing preparation, legal notices, certifications, ballot development and coordination with local election officials.

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Candidate Resources: dekalbcountyclerkil.gov/running-for-office/