

# Benton County Ballot Measure Submission

Information for jurisdiction administrators

2026 Election Cycle

## Who can participate?

Benton County automatically publishes a local voters' pamphlet and all jurisdictions having measures or candidates on the ballot are included.

## Jurisdiction responsibilities

The jurisdiction placing a measure on the ballot must file a resolution with the Benton County Elections Division by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the deadline.

- Coordinating with a jurisdiction's legal counsel to prepare an explanatory statement (200 words).
- Appointing members to pro and con committees who are willing to write statements for the local voters' pamphlet.
- Submitting all materials to the Benton County Elections Division by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the deadline.
  - Resolution
  - Ballot measure resolution cover sheet
  - Explanatory statement
  - Committee roster form

## Pro/Con Committee responsibilities

The pro and con committees will agree to submit statements in favor of and in opposition to the ballot measure for the local voters' pamphlet.

Additionally, they are responsible for the following:

- Submitting pro/con statement, following all guidelines, to the Benton County Elections Division by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the deadline.
- Submitting rebuttal statement, following all guidelines, to the Benton County Elections Division by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the deadline.

## Resolution Deadlines:

**12/12/25**

Last day to file a resolution for the 2026 February Special Election.

**02/27/26**

Last day to file a resolution for the 2026 April Special Election.

**05/01/26**

Last day to file a resolution for the 2026 August Primary Election.

**08/04/26**

Last day to file a resolution for the 2026 November General Election.

## Benton County Elections Division responsibilities

The Benton County Elections Division will receive all materials from the jurisdiction, as well as the pro and con committees. Additionally, they are responsible for the following:

- Sending an acknowledgment of receipt of the resolution calling for an election.
- If the jurisdiction is unable to find committee members, the Benton County Elections Division will publish a press release requesting members.
- Informing committees of the rules, procedures and deadlines for submitting statements for the local voters' pamphlet.
- Following the deadline for pro and con statements, sending each to the opposing committee so rebuttals can be written.

## Statement Deadlines:

**Explanatory Statement** - To be turned in at time of Resolution filing

**"Pro" and "Con" Statements** - Due 10 calendar days after Resolution deadline

**Rebuttal Statement** - Due within 5 days of receiving committee statements

### **2026 February Special Election**

**Explanatory Statement** - To be turned in at time of Resolution filing

**"Pro" and "Con" Statements** - December 22

**Rebuttal Statement** - December 27

### **2026 April Special Election**

**Explanatory Statement** - To be turned in at time of Resolution filing

**"Pro" and "Con" Statements** - March 9

**Rebuttal Statement** - March 13

### **2026 August Primary Election**

**Explanatory Statement** - To be turned in at time of Resolution filing

**"Pro" and "Con" Statements** - May 11

**Rebuttal Statement** - May 15

### **2026 November General Election**

**Explanatory Statement** - To be turned in at time of Resolution filing

**"Pro" and "Con" Statements** - August 14

**Rebuttal Statement** - August 19

**Benton County is not responsible for the validity or accuracy of statements, arguments or rebuttals.**