



House Bill 1130

2026 Municipal Election

City of Brookings

Current Election details:

- Council Members serve 3-year terms
 - 3 / 2 / 2 election rotation
- Annual Election held 2nd Tuesday of April
- Annual Combined Election with the Brookings School District

HB 1130 effective January 1, 2026.

Election Date to be identified by January 14, 2026.

City Council's decisions -

Determine 2026 Election Date

- First Tuesday after the First Monday in June; OR
- First Tuesday after the First Monday in November

City Council's Terms of Office

- State Statute 9-13-41: extends the current elected officials' term until the office holder or another candidate is duly elected and qualified.
- Council Member Term start date / swearing in:
 - June 2, 2026 Election
 - Elected Official to be sworn in no later than 1st regular council meeting in July
 - November 4, 2026 Election
 - Elected Official to be sworn in no later than 1st regular council meeting in December

Election details unknown

- Administrative Election details to be determined at a later date:
 - Election Calendar, which includes:
 - Notices
 - Petition carrying / filing dates
 - Absentee voting timeframes
 - Also needed:
 - Clarification on verbiage “in conjunction with” – would this allow a Municipality / School Board to run a ‘mirror’ election alongside a June or November State or Federal Election.

Election Data to Consider

- Voter Turnout
 - Average: 2,500
 - Voter Registration: 12,000
- Election Costs
 - Average: \$21,000

Brookings County Results -- Primary Election (June)

	<u>Ballots Cast</u>	<u>Registered Voters</u>	<u>Voter Turnout</u>
2018	3,386	17,845	19%
2020	4,490	18,590	24%
2022	6,344	19,776	32%
2024	2,608	20,696	13%

Brookings County Results -- General Election (November)

	<u>Ballots Cast</u>	<u>Registered Voters</u>	<u>Voter Turnout</u>
2018	11,870	18,417	64%
2020	14,745	19,685	75%
2022	12,605	20,292	62%
2024	15,255	21,587	71%

Election Facts – June Primary

- Potential shorter ballot. Local candidates more prominent.
- Increase in number of ballot styles
- Smaller voter turnout.
- Voter Confusion -- Independents and Democrats have not typically voted in June Primary Elections.
- Candidate Forums – would be scheduled in May
- New elected officials seated the first meeting of July. Seated at the start of the next year's budget planning.

Election Facts – November General

- Potential longer ballot.
- Election date well known by the public.
- Everyone votes - highest voter turnout.
- Fewer ballot styles than June Primary.
- Local candidate costs to run could see significant increase.
- Local candidate may have difficulty gaining name recognition in a crowded field against state / federal candidates and statewide ballot questions.
- SDSU Students will be in town
- Candidate Forums – would be scheduled in October
- New elected officials seated the first meeting of December. Next year's budget has been adopted by previous council.

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QUESTIONS?

