Midterm Election 2026 Key Dates

From Election Day on Nov. 3 to the new Congress in January, in date order

1. **Tue., Nov. 3** ☐
   Election Day. Polls close from 6 p.m. ET in parts of Indiana and Kentucky to 1 a.m. ET in Alaska's Aleutian Islands
2. **Fri., Nov. 6** ☐
   County canvasses begin in some states, such as Pennsylvania (latest start day)
3. **Thu., Nov. 19 to Thu., Dec. 10** ☐
   State certification dates in the 10 states we confirmed
4. **Tue., Dec. 1** ☐
   Georgia runoff, if a race needs one
5. **Sat., Dec. 12** ☐
   Louisiana open general and special primary election

My notes

Source: 2 U.S.C. 7, the 20th Amendment, USAGov, state election offices. New Congress terms begin at noon on Jan. 3, 2027, unless Congress sets another day.