

**BOIS FORTE SPECIAL ELECTION CALENDAR  
DISTRICT I REPRESENTATIVE VACANCY  
2025-2026**

**Prepared in accordance with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Election Ordinance  
(Revised 12/11/2023)**

<b>August 22, 2025:</b>	<b>Post Election Announcement and Election Calendar for Special Primary Election</b>
<b>August 25, 2025:</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. – Opening of period for filing for office</b>
<b>September 4, 2025:</b>	<b>4:30 p.m. – Close of filing period</b>
<b>September 9, 2025:</b>	<b>Deadline for Notice of Certifications to TEC</b>
<b>September 9, 2025:</b>	<b>Notice of Special Primary Election and Posting</b>
<b>September 11, 2025:</b>	<b>Challenge certification or non-certification of candidates to MCT by 4:30 p.m. on the second business day following notice of certification or non-certification</b>
<b>September 12, 2025:</b>	<b>Deadline for appointment of Election Boards</b>
<b>September 12, 2025:</b>	<b>Deadline for appointment of Election Contest Judge and Alternate Election Contest Judge</b>
<b>September 15, 2025:</b>	<b>Complete record of all documents related to certification challenge submitted to MCT by 4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>September 15, 2025:</b>	<b>Answer to challenge from person whose certification is being challenged to be submitted to the MCT by 4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>September 17, 2025:</b>	<b>Deadline for Decision of certification or non-certification by Tribal Election Court of Appeals</b>
<b>September 29, 2025:</b>	<b>TEC provides ballots for Special Primary Election</b>
<b>October 21, 2025:</b>	<b>RTC notifies MCT on choice of appellate forum</b>
<b>October 28, 2025:</b>	<b>Special Primary Election (Polling places open 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)</b>
<b>October 29, 2025:</b>	<b>General Reservation Election Board certifies Special Primary Results (Prior to 8:00 p.m.)</b>
<b>October 30, 2025:</b>	<b>General Reservation Election Board publishes Special Primary Election Results</b>

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<b>October 31, 2025:</b>	<b>Deadline for Request for Recount.</b> (Filed with General Reservation Election Board prior to 5:00 p.m.)
<b>November 4, 2025:</b>	<b>4:30 p.m. – Deadline for Notice of Contest of Special Primary Election</b> (Filed with Reservation Election Contest Judge and Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe)
<b>November 5, 2025</b> <i>(or earlier, depending on date of request):</i>	<b>Deadline for Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if allowed</b>
<b>November 14, 2025:</b>	<b>Deadline for Decision on Contest of Special Primary Election</b>
<b>November 17, 2025:</b> <i>(or within 3 days of decision on Contest):</i>	<b>4:30 p.m. - Deadline for appeal to MCT Tribal Election Court of Appeals</b> (Filed with the Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe with a copy to the Reservation Election Contest Judge who made the decision being appealed)
<b>November 21, 2025</b> <i>(at least two (2) days prior to the hearing date):</i>	<b>Record of contest forwarded to MCT Tribal Election Court of Appeals</b>
<b>November 24, 2025</b> <i>(hearing within seven (7) days of notice of appeal):</i>	<b>Last Day for Hearing on Appeal</b>
<b>December 1, 2025:</b>	<b>Last Day for Decision on Appeal</b>
<b>December 1, 2025</b> <i>(or earlier if no appeal):</i>	<b>TEC provides ballots for Special General Election</b>
<b>December 8, 2025</b> <i>(or earlier if no appeal):</i>	<b>RTC prepares and posts Notice of Special General Election</b>
<b>December 29, 2025:</b>	<b>Special General Election</b> (Polling places open 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

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<b>December 30, 2025:</b>	<b>General Reservation Election Board certifies results of Special Election (Prior to 8:00 p.m.)</b>
<b>December 31, 2025:</b>	<b>General Reservation Election Board publishes Special Election results</b>
<b>January 2, 2026:</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. – Deadline for Request for Recount</b>
<b>January 5, 2026:</b> <i>(By 7<sup>th</sup> day following the election):</i>	<b>4:30 p.m. – Deadline for Notice of Contest of Special Election</b> (Filed with Reservation Election Contest Judge and Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe)
<b>January 7, 2026:</b> <i>(or within 5 days following the day Request is filed):</i>	<b>Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if allowed</b>
<b>January 8, 2026:</b>	<b>Winning candidate assumes office by operation of law at 12:01 a.m., unless the election is contested in which case the winning candidate assumes office at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the final order if the order upholds the election.</b>
<b>January 15, 2026:</b> <i>(or within 10 days of the deadline for filing a Notice of Contest):</i>	<b>Deadline for Decision on Contest of Special General Election</b>
<b>January 19, 2026:</b> <i>(or within 3 days of decision on Contest):</i>	<b>4:30 p.m. – Deadline for appeal to MCT Tribal Election Court of Appeals.</b> (Filed with the Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe with a copy to the Reservation Election Contest Judge who made the decision being appealed)
<b>January 23, 2026:</b> <i>(at least two (2) days prior to the hearing date):</i>	<b>Record of contest forwarded to MCT Tribal Election Court of Appeals</b>

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<b>January 26, 2026:</b> <i>(within one week (7 days) from receipt of the Notice of Appeal):</i>	<b>Last day for hearing on appeal</b>
<b>February 5, 2026</b> <i>(or within 10 days of Hearing on Appeal):</i>	<b>Deadline for decision of the MCT Tribal Election Court of Appeals</b>
<b>Day following Decision on Appeal:</b>	<b>Winning candidate takes office at 12:01am if election is upheld</b>