

General Election

DATE	EVENT
January 29, 2018	2018 Election Regulations shall be mailed to each Tribal member who will be eighteen (18) years old as of the date of the election whose address of Tribal record is within the Tribe's six-county service area (Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, and Manistee counties).
January 29, 2018	Declaration of Candidacy and Consent forms shall be made available by Membership office.
February 22, 2018 4:00 p.m.	Deadline for filing completed Declaration of Candidacy and Consent forms declaring candidacy for Tribal office.
April 8, 2018	Deadline for Election Board releasing list of registered voters and absentee voters for posting.
April 12, 2018	Requests for absentee ballots for the General Election accepted by the Membership Office.
April 26, 2018 4:00 p.m.	Deadline for submitting a request for an absentee ballot.
April 27, 2018	Absentee ballots mailed out to each registered voter who has sent in a timely request for an absentee ballot.
May 2, 2018 4:00 p.m.	Deadline for registering to vote for the General Election .
May 7, 2018 12:00 p.m. (noon)	Deadline for submitting a request for emergency absentee ballot.
May 7, 2018 3:00 p.m.	Deadline for receipt of absentee ballots and emergency absentee ballots by mail to Election Board P.O. Box or hand-delivered to the Membership Office.
May 7, 2018 5:00 p.m.	Testing and certification of polling machines by Election Board. All Tribal members are welcome to attend.
May 8, 2018 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Polls open for voting for General Election .
May 8, 2018 7:00 p.m.	Deadline for receiving hand-delivered absentee ballots and emergency absentee ballots at the voter's designated polling place.
May 8, 2018 8:30 p.m. (approximately)	Ballots for the General Election counted by Election Board in Tribal Council Chambers at the Tribal Administration Building in Peshawbestown and unofficial election results announced. All Tribal Members are welcome to attend.
May 15, 2018 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for filing election challenges with Election Board.
May 16, 2018 5:00 p.m.	General Election results certified if no election challenges filed.
May 17, 2018 (Tentative)	Oath of Office administered at Leelanau Sands Showroom. (Date tentative pending expiration of challenge period or resolution of any election challenges, or Leelanau Sands scheduling issues).