



# SOUTH CAROLINA BLUES FEDERAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

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## A Deep Dive into the CARES Act

National Journal explains the CARES act and what exactly it means for individuals and small businesses. With their blessing, we are attaching it for you to gain a better understanding of what is happening at the federal level in regards to the coronavirus.

Click on the image to download the presentation.

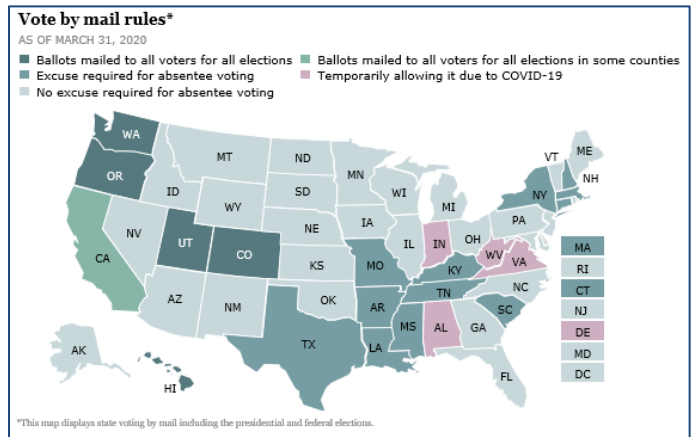


## 2020 Elections

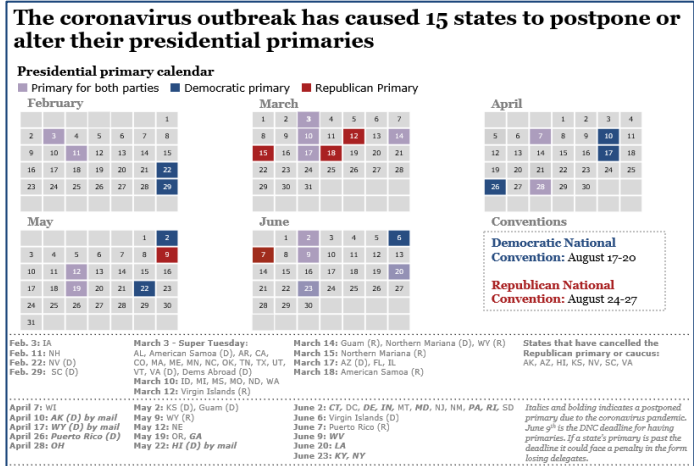
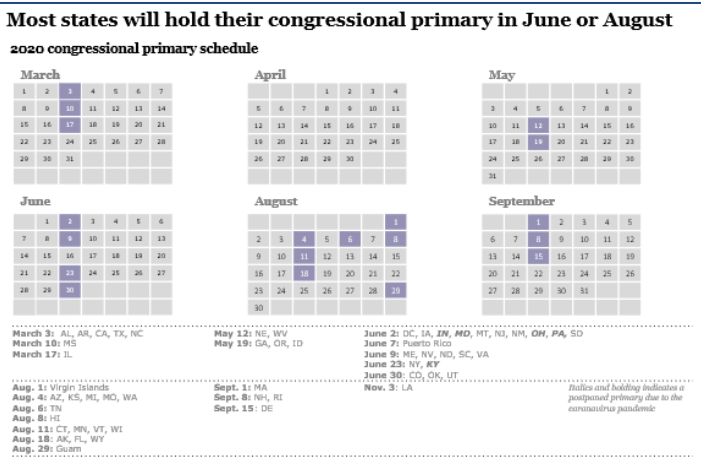
The coronavirus is impacting the 2020 elections through

- Changes in state primary dates and mail-in options
- Digital campaign trails and access to voters through online platforms
- Voter turnout
- Incumbent performance

Here are three charts that show the vote by mail rules by state, updated congressional primary dates, and new presidential primary dates as well as national conventions.



Source: NationalJournal2020Elections

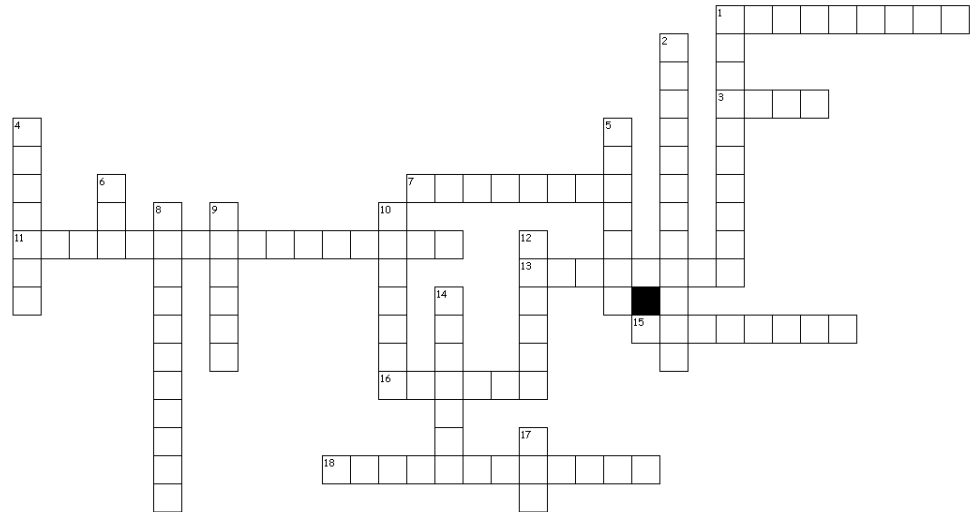




## Quarantine Fun

Enjoy this political crossword puzzle in your spare time.

Email [victoria.halydier@bcbssc.com](mailto:victoria.halydier@bcbssc.com) for the answer key when you are ready.



### Across

1. The person currently in a particular job or political office
3. The set length of time for someone to serve in an elected office.
7. A political party's collection of beliefs, legislative goals, morals, and ideals
11. The process Americans use to elect the president and vice president. The number of electors a state receives is equal to that state's number of U.S. senators and representatives.
13. A ballot filed by a voter who cannot be present at their polling place on Election Day.
15. A setting in which candidates for office answer questions from voters
16. The group of candidates that a party is running in an election
18. The day when the most states and territories hold presidential primary elections or caucuses. The candidates who win are more likely to win their party's nomination.

### Down

1. A proposed law drafted by citizens and placed on the ballot. Citizens will vote to approve or reject it.
2. A day of ceremony in which a newly-elected official takes office. This usually involves a swearing-in ceremony, speeches, and celebrations.
4. The federal election for members of Congress held between presidential elections
5. The final candidate chosen by a party to represent them in an election
6. A group organized to raise money or support for a politician or cause
8. A person who lives, works, or pays taxes in an area that a politician represents
9. A meeting held by members of a party to decide an issue. Most often, they are statewide meetings held in presidential election years.
10. Counting the votes again because of a suspected error in totaling them the first time
12. A list of candidates and proposed laws that voters mark to make choices
14. A person who is certified to represent their state's vote in the Electoral College
17. A proposed new law or a proposal to repeal an existing law, passed to the voters to approve or reject

## Is the coronavirus already affecting future elections?

Our current pandemic is affecting more than just our here and now. It is predicted to affect future elections and who the nominees will be for President in 2024. Governors are becoming some of the most recognized names across our country; not only in their respective states but nationally. Citizens are watching every step they make and how they are protecting and handling the crisis in their areas.

Catastrophes in the past 20 years have for the most part been handled at the federal level, affecting only small parts of the country at a time. Tragedies such as hurricanes, wildfires, floods, and tornadoes are typically state affairs and the audience is usually comprised of those only in the affected areas.

But now the tables are shifting. Governors are gaining attention from all states in regards to their response and reaction. Former Governor of California, Gray Davis, said it best, "A leader who makes a difference in keeping his or her constituents safer will be seen as a hero."

If any sitting governor decides to run in the next election, they will face a couple issues very specific to their role. Most of them don't have a huge war chest in reserves making fundraising a top priority. And most, will not be able to step away from their obligations to travel around the country. It would be next to impossible to do both jobs at one time. But how many times in an elected official's life can we actually see how they respond in emergency situations? Because of this, many people like Bill Richardson, former New Mexico governor who also ran for president, predicts that more governors will be on the ticket for president in the next cycle.