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COUNTDOWN '24

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As state election officials prepare for primary and general elections in 2024, some elected officials and political party leaders are taking different approaches to increased scrutiny on election security for the coming year's contests.

- Though presidential candidates like former President Donald Trump have called for Republicans to only vote in-person on Election Day — falsely claiming that it is the only way to securely vote — the Republican National Committee and state parties in places like Florida are [encouraging Republicans to vote early](#) in next year's general election.
- Concerns over election integrity have kickstarted a conversation in Mohave County, Arizona, where [county supervisors will vote Monday](#) on whether to hand-tally all ballots cast in the county's 2024 elections, an effort that would cost around \$1.1 million.
- In Idaho, the state Republican Party set a new rule requiring voters to affiliate with the GOP by Dec. 30 to vote in 2024 GOP primary. But the Idaho Secretary of State [said Thursday that his office could not enforce that rule](#) under state law.

TOP IMPACT *What to read this week*

[**Courts, state officials hesitate to keep Trump off 2024 ballots**](#)



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Some scholars say a little-known, Civil War-era provision in the U.S. Constitution should prohibit former President Donald Trump from appearing on state ballots in next year's presidential election. But it seems increasingly unlikely that he will be disqualified.

Courts in Colorado, Michigan, New Jersey and elsewhere are considering whether Trump engaged in insurrection on Jan. 6, 2021, and should, therefore, be kept off the 2024 primary and general election presidential ballots. But two months before the first primary, it's a question with no clear consensus among legal scholars, and one that state election officials have been hesitant to weigh and that courts have been reluctant to entertain. | [Stateline](#)

[Trump says he was 'great' for Iowa, asks for big caucus win](#)



(Photo by Jared Strong/Iowa Capital Dispatch)

Former President Donald Trump rallied supporters on Saturday and asked them to repay his kindnesses to Iowa of keeping it the first state in the Republican presidential nomination process and of paying farmers billions of dollars during trade disputes with China in his first term.

He mentioned the payments to farmers several times during his roughly hourlong address to a capacity crowd in the gymnasium of Fort Dodge High School. Trump also insinuated U.S. Sens. Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst owe credit to his endorsements for their last election wins. | [Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)

BIG PICTURE *Election coverage across the country*



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- **DeSantis, Haley and Ramaswamy compete for Iowa evangelicals' support at Family Leader forum** | [Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)
- **Poll: Kim Reynolds endorsement has yet to boost Ron DeSantis in Iowa** | [Florida Politics](#)
- **Nikki Haley's Abortion Views Go Under The Microscope In Iowa** | [The Messenger](#)
- **Brown and Black Forums of America to announce details on Iowa GOP presidential forum** | [Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)

Candidates

- DeSantis calls for consolidation of GOP primary field | [Florida Phoenix](#)
- Gov. Greg Abbott endorses Donald Trump during border trip | [Texas Tribune](#)
- Former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley announces slate of endorsements, aiming to leap ahead of DeSantis | [Iowa Capital Dispatch](#)
- Tim Scott endorses flock to DeSantis after senator suspends campaign | [The Hill](#)
- Christie tells donors he still can beat Trump | [Axios](#)
- Biden turns 81 as questions about age continue to dominate 2024 race | [ABC News](#)
- The 2024 Republican presidential field is rapidly shrinking. But is it too late to stop Trump? | [Associated Press](#)

Courts

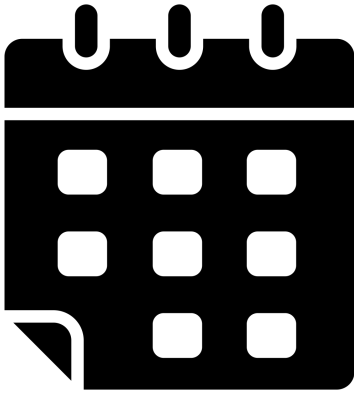
- Fulton 19 update: Floyd's bond revocation hearing Tuesday; Trump trial to run beyond '24 election | [Georgia Recorder](#)
- Colorado judge rejects attempt to bar Trump from 2024 ballot under 'insurrection' clause | [Colorado Newslite](#)
- Group appeals ruling by Michigan judge keeping Trump on the 2024 ballot | [Michigan Advance](#)
- Battle for U.S. House Control in 2024 Is Fought in a New York Courtroom | [New York Times](#)
- Georgia prosecutor seeks August trial date for Trump and others in election case | [Associated Press](#)

Voting

- New Hampshire sets Jan. 23 presidential primary date, the first in the nation | [New Hampshire Bulletin](#)
- Lawmakers close out year with election reforms like 16 and 17 year old voting pre-registration | [Michigan Advance](#)
- Anti-gerrymandering ballot initiative resurrected for 2024 election cycle | [Nevada Current](#)
- Dismal early voting turnout in Louisiana suggests big win for Republicans, pollster says | [Louisiana Illuminator](#)
- What to know about abortion and the 2024 election | [NPR](#)
- 2024 ballot measure would make Colorado's primaries open, enact ranked-choice voting for general elections | [Colorado Sun](#)

COMING UP Calendar of events

- **Dec. 6, 2023, TUSCALOOSA, AL** | The fourth Republican presidential debate.
- **Dec. 9, 2023, SIOUX CENTER, IA** | Five presidential candidates will [speak at a fundraiser](#) for U.S. Rep. Randy



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- **Jan. 23, 2024, NEW HAMPSHIRE** | The New Hampshire Primary. Secretary of State Dave Scanlan [set the state's primary date](#) in defiance of the Democratic National Committee's calendar.

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