

Counties that hold Municipal Elections

SCAC Survey of Counties, November 2017

County	County conducts municipal elections?	For all municipalities in the jurisdiction?	County will accept authority for municipal elections not currently conducted by county?	Comments
Abbeville	Yes	All		
Aiken	Yes	All, but some have their Election Commission to certify the Election		
Anderson	Yes	Some	Yes, if the municipality agreed to move the first Tuesday after the first Monday of odd years	
Bamberg	Yes	All but one (soon all)		Town of Govanis in the process of providing an ordinance to give county authority.
Barnwell	Yes	All		
Beaufort	Yes	All		
Calhoun	Yes	All		
Charleston	Yes	Some	Yes, if all authority is transferred to county and the city agrees to disband the municipal elections board.	Charleston County assists all municipalities in some ways during elections, but conducts and certifies elections for only some.
Cherokee	Yes	All but one (soon all)		First reading of ordinance to transfer authority from final municipality to be heard in December.
Chester	Yes	All. Some of the Municipalities have retained their election commission.		
Clarendon	Yes	Some		
Darlington	Yes	All		

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Edgefield	No, but the county does much of the work (supplies election booths, polling site, etc.). Municipalities handle filings and certification.	All	No	County prefers to leave things as is. The relationship and division of duties between the county and municipal elections officials works well and there is no need to change.
Florence	Yes	Some		
Georgetown	Yes	All		
Greenville	No	None	Yes	Greenville County would entertain the possibility [of conducting elections] and would be more than accommodating. Greenville County does most of the work already.
Greenwood	Yes	All		County conducting all elections makes for much cleaner elections since county conducts elections on a regular basis and the municipalities do not.
Hampton	No	None	No	The county would find the added burden challenging to take on 9 municipal elections given its limited resources.
Horry	No	None	No	The majority on the elections board feel it should be left the way it is. Things work well the way they are and cities have not requested that the county take on municipal elections.
Jasper	Yes, but municipality has own commission	All		

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Lancaster	Yes	All	County already conducts all elections. New town of Van Wyck has indicated they will want county to handle their elections.	
Laurens	Yes	All		
Lee	Yes	Some	Yes, if the municipality covers the cost of any additional expenses related to conducting their elections.	
Lexington	Yes	All		Suggestion from Lexington County: legislation that all municipal general elections are to be on the odd year; this would benefit all counties.
Marion	Yes	All		
Marlboro	Yes	All		
McCormick	No	None	Yes	
Newberry	Yes	All		
Oconee	Yes	All		
Orangeburg	Yes	All		
Pickens	Yes	All		
Saluda	Yes	All		
Spartanburg	Yes	All		
Sumter	Yes	All		
Union	Yes	Some	Yes, if all authority is transferred to county and the city agrees to disband the municipal elections board.	
Williamsburg	Yes	Some	Yes	
York	Yes	All		All Municipal Election Commissions were abolished.

Summary:

37 counties (80.4%) responded to the survey

32 responding counties (86.4%) indicated that they conduct municipal elections for some or all municipalities in the jurisdiction.

25 responding counties (67.5%) indicated that the county conducts elections for all municipalities in the jurisdiction.

7 responding counties (18.9%) indicated that they conduct elections for some municipalities in the jurisdiction.

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5 responding counties (13.5%) indicated that they do not conduct elections for any municipality in the jurisdiction.

Of the 12 counties that indicated they conduct elections for some or none of the municipalities, 7 counties (58.3.6%) indicated they are willing to accept authority for municipal elections not currently held by the county.