

**DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION CALENDAR
MARCH 26, 1996**

Oct 20 - Nov 29
(E -158 to
E -118)

1. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - Judicial and Legislative Candidates

During this period, a candidate for any judicial or legislative office may obtain his or her forms from the county elections official or the Secretary of State for circulating petitions to secure signatures in-lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Signatures may also be applied to the signature requirements for office on the Nomination papers. §§8061, 8105, 8106

Oct 20 - Dec 14
(E -158 to
E -103)

2. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - U.S. Congressional

During this period, a candidate for any congressional office may obtain his or her forms from the county elections official or the Secretary of State for circulating petitions to secure signatures in-lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Signatures may also be applied to the signature requirements for office on the Nomination papers. §§8061, 8105, 8106

Oct 24
(E -154)

3. Registration in New Party

The last day any person may register to vote and declare an intention to affiliate with a particular party in order to qualify that party to participate in the March 26, 1996, Primary Election candidate nominating process.

§§2187(d)(1), 5100(b)

Oct 24 - Nov 12
(E -154 to
E -135)

4. Report of Registration - 154-day County Report

During this period, each county elections official shall prepare to send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered, by party affiliation, by county, and by each political subdivision thereof. In addition to this summary statement, each county shall send a magnetic tape copy of its data processing file of all voters registered as of Tuesday, October 24, 1995, the deadline for party qualification through registration. Those counties not using data processing machines to maintain their files of registered voters shall send an updated copy of their indexes listing their voters alphabetically by precinct. §2187(a), (c) & (d)(1)

- Oct 27
(Suggested date)
(E-151)
5. Post-UDEL Election Voter Residency Confirmation
- The county elections official shall correct the address or update the registration for each registered voter based on information obtained through the residency confirmation procedure, or as a result of undelivered sample ballots. §2224
- Oct 28
(E- 150)
6. Letter Requesting Information - Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom
- The last day for the Secretary of State to send a letter to the chairpersons of record of the Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom parties' state and county central committees requesting information he may consider in selecting presidential candidates for placement on the presidential primary election ballot. §6721
- Oct 28 - Nov 27
(E - 150 to
E - 120)
7. Announcement of Selected Presidential Candidates
- During this period, the Secretary of State will announce and publicize the list of names of those persons, nationally recognized as candidates for President, whom he intends to place on the presidential primary election ballot. Following this announcement, the Secretary of State may add candidates, but he may not delete any candidate whose name appears on the announced list. All candidates may withdraw their names in writing at any time through January 22nd (E -64).
§ 6041-6043, 6340-6342, 6520-6522, 6720-6724
- Oct 30
(E -148)
8. Governor's Proclamation - Issuance
- By this date, the Governor shall issue a proclamation calling the primary election and shall state the time of the election and the offices to be filled and transmit a copy of the proclamation to the board of supervisors of each county. The Secretary of State will send an informational copy of the proclamation to each county elections official. §12000
- Oct 30
(Suggested date)
(E -148)
9. State Measures - Notification of Deadline
- The Secretary of State will notify the Attorney General, the Legislative Analyst, and the Legislative Counsel of the time requirements for furnishing the official titles, summaries, analyses, "yes/no" information, text and statement of bonded indebtedness for the measures which qualify for the primary election ballot. The Secretary of State will also contact the Lieutenant Governor's and Assembly Speaker's offices to

remind them of the procedures for appointing authors to write opposing arguments. §§9042, 9050, 9087, 9088, 9091

See item at December 8th (E -109) for deadline date.

Nov 12
(E -135)

10. Report of Registration - 154-day County Report

On this day, each county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered as of October 24th (E-154) together with a current copy of the voter file on magnetic tape or in index form. §2187(a), (c) & (d)(1)

Nov 12
(E -135)

11. New Party Qualification

The last day for the Secretary of State to determine whether a new political party has qualified either by registration or by filing a petition.

Minimum registration required	89,007
Signatures required for petition	890,064

§5100(b) & (c)

Nov 16
(E -131)

12. Initiative Measure Qualification Deadline

The last day for an initiative measure to qualify for the primary election ballot. Cal.Const. Art II, §8(c); E.C. §9040

Nov 16
(E -131)

13. Legislative Measure Qualification Deadline

The last day for the Legislature to adopt a constitutional amendment, bond measure, or other legislative measure in order for the proposed measure to appear on the primary election ballot. §9040

Nov 17
(Suggested date)
(E -130)

14. Preelection Residency Confirmation

By this date, the county elections official shall mail nonforwardable residency confirmation postcards to registered voters. §2220

Nov 20
(Suggested date)
(E -127)

15. State Measures - News Release Inviting Arguments

On this date, the Secretary of State will issue a general news release requesting voters to submit an argument in each case where either the argument for or against any statewide ballot measure has not been prepared and filed. §§9060-9063

Nov 20 - Nov 29
(E - 127 to
E - 118)

16. Declarations of Intention - Judicial, Legislative and Independent⁶ Candidates

During this period, each candidate for judicial and legislative offices shall pay the appropriate filing fee at the time of filing his or her Declaration of Intention to become a candidate for such office in the office of the Secretary of State or the county elections official of the county in which the candidate is a resident. This Declaration shall be filed on a form supplied by the Secretary of State or the county elections official. If this Declaration is filed with the Secretary of State, the entire nonrefundable filing fee must be paid; signatures cannot be accepted by the Secretary of State, since the Secretary of State has no records against which to verify signatures on in-lieu petitions.

Refer to the Term Limits section on pages 125-127 for a listing of which offices are affected by term limits and will, therefore, have filing extensions.

The entire nonrefundable filing fee, represented by cash, signatures, or any prorated combination of cash and signatures, must be presented at the time of filing the Declaration of Intention with the county elections official. The county elections official shall send a copy of each Declaration of Intention filed by a candidate and the filing fee to the Secretary of State but shall leave the judicial filing fees in the county treasury. §§8103-8106

Nov 22
(E - 125)

17. County Central Committees - American Independent, Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom Parties

The last day for the Secretary of State to compute the number of members of the central committees to be elected in each county and to mail certificates to that effect to each county elections official, to the chairpersons of the state central committees, and to the chairpersons of record of each county central committee. §§7671, 7770

Nov 22
(Suggested date)
(E -125)

18. Newly-Qualified Parties' Procedures for Presidential Primary⁹

The last day for the officers of a newly-qualified political party to notify the Secretary of State of the designated procedures the party has selected for its presidential primary election.

§5006

Nov 24
(E-123)

19. Disqualified Parties

The last day for the Secretary of State, with the advice and consent of the Attorney General, to determine which parties, if any, are disqualified from participating in any primary election under §5102. §5200

Nov 27
(Date fixed by law)
(E -120)

20. Publication of Selected Presidential Candidates

The last day for the Secretary of State to announce and publicize the list of names of those persons nationally recognized as candidates for President and whom he intends to place on the presidential primary election ballot. Following the announcement, he may add candidates to, but may not delete any candidate from, the list. The Secretary of State shall mail copies of the lists of selected Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom Party candidates, and subsequent additions thereto, to the chairpersons of the Green Party, Libertarian Party and the Peace and Freedom Party central committees, respectively. § §6041, 6340, 6520, 6722

Nov 27
(E - 120)

21. Number of Delegates for National Conventions

By this date, the chairperson of each qualified party's state central committee shall notify the Secretary of State of the number of delegates to represent California at its next national convention. The Green Party, Libertarian Party and the Peace and Freedom Party chairs must state the name of the national party with which the state party has affiliated as well as the number of delegates from the northern and southern portions of the state. The Democratic Party shall state the number of delegates and alternates to be selected from each congressional district. § §6005, 6020, 6023, 6320, 6321, 6540, 6541, 6740, 6741, 6744, 6745, 6763

If any party fails to notify the Secretary of State of the number of delegates, the Secretary of State shall ascertain the number from the call for the national convention issued by the national committee of that party. In the case of the Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom Parties, the Secretary of State shall ascertain the party's national affiliation and the number of delegates and alternates from the chairperson or any other officer of record of the party state central committee or from the national party with which the Peace and Freedom Party was most recently affiliated.

§ §6024, 6322, 6542, 6742, 6762, 6763, 6764

Nov 27
(E - 120)

22. Democratic Delegates-Pledged Elected Officials

The chairperson of the Democratic State Central Committee shall notify specified office holders who are affiliated with the Democratic Party as to their right to serve as pledged elected official delegates to the Democratic Party national convention. §6020

Nov 27 - Jan 11
(E - 120 to
E - 75)

23. Nomination Period; Unselected Democratic Presidential Candidates

Between these dates the steering committee of each unselected presidential candidate or uncommitted delegation may appoint circulators to obtain signatures to Nomination papers. Papers shall be left for examination with the county elections official of the county in which they are circulated. §§6061, 6101, 6108, 6120, 6122

Within five days after Nomination papers are left with the county elections official, the elections official shall examine and affix a certificate reciting that he or she has examined them and stating the number of names which have not been marked "not sufficient." The elections official shall transmit the papers to the Secretary of State, who shall file them. §6144

Nov 28
(Pending legislation)
(Date
designated by
Party)
(E -119)

24. Democratic Delegates-District Level and Alternate Positions

First day declarations of candidacy for district-level delegate or alternate position are available at the district headquarters in Sacramento and Los Angeles for submission in Sacramento between January 2, 1996, and January 25, 1996. §§6021, 6083, 6201(d)

Nov 28
(Suggested date)
(E -119)

25. State Measures - Arguments For and Against

By this day, legislators and their appointee(s) must submit to the Secretary of State their arguments for and against each legislative measure that qualified by November 16th (E -131). This is also the last day for the proponents of each initiative measure to submit their arguments to the Secretary of State. Once submitted, no argument may be changed or amended. §9043

Whenever the Legislature submits any measure to the voters of the state, the author of the measure and no more than two persons appointed by the author may draft an argument for its

adoption or the author of the measure may appoint no more than three persons to draft the argument. This argument shall not exceed 500 words in length. §9041

If a legislative measure was not adopted unanimously, one member of each house who voted against it shall be appointed by the presiding officers of the respective houses to write an argument against the measure. This argument shall not exceed 500 words in length. §9042

Any voter may request the Secretary of State's permission to prepare and file an argument for either side on which no argument has been prepared by a member of the Legislature. The Secretary of State shall grant permission unless two or more voters request permission to submit arguments on the same side of a measure, in which event, the Secretary of State shall designate one of the voters to write the argument. §§9044, 9067

Proponents of initiatives are given preference in submitting ballot arguments in favor of their measures. Opposing arguments are solicited from the public, with priority given to bona fide associations of citizens, followed by individual voters, when more than one argument is submitted against the initiative measure. §§9062, 9064, 9067

Nov 29
(E -118)

26. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - Judicial and Legislative Candidates

The last day for candidates for judicial or legislative offices to turn in their petitions to the county elections official of the county in which the petition signers reside and are registered to vote. Within ten days after receipt of a petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. The candidate shall then cover the deficiency either by submitting a supplemental petition or by paying a prorated portion of the filing fee not later than December 29th (E -88). If the required number of in-lieu signatures, or a sufficient combination of such signatures and the prorated filing fee have been filed by this date (November 29th), the county elections official shall issue during the regular filing period (October 20th through November 29th) the Nomination papers provisionally. Any candidate who submits a number of valid in-lieu signatures equal to or exceeding the minimum number required by §8041 for his or her Nomination paper, shall not be required to file Nomination papers. §§8061, 8105, 8106(b)(3)

Nov 29
(E -118)

27. Declarations of Intention - Judicial, Legislative and Independent Candidates

The last day on which a candidate may file a Declaration of Intention. § §8022, 8023, 8350

Refer to the Term Limits section on pages 125-127 for a listing of which offices are affected by term limits and will, therefore, have filing extensions.

Nov 29
(E -118)

28. Declarations of Intention Forwarded to the Secretary of State

The last day for the county elections official to send to the Secretary of State: (a) copies of the Declarations of Intention for all superior court judge candidates; and (b) the Declarations of Intention for all legislative candidates who filed with the county elections official unless the close of the filing period is extended. § §8022, 8023, 8105

Nov 30 - Dec 4
(E - 117 to
E - 113)

29. Declarations of Intention - Extension Period for Non-Incumbent Judicial and Legislative Candidates, Including Independent⁵ Candidates

If the incumbent legislator, including independents⁵, has not filed a Declaration of Intention to succeed to the same office, then any person, other than the incumbent, may file such a Declaration during this extension period.

§ §8022, 8023, 8350

Dec 2
(E -115)

30. County Central Committees - Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom Parties

The last day for the county elections official to compute the number of members of central committees to be elected in each Assembly or supervisorial district, as the case may be.

§7771

Dec 2
(Suggested Date)
(E -115)

31. County Central Committee - American Independent Party

The last day for each county elections official to compute the number of members of central committees to be elected in each Assembly or supervisorial district, as the case may be.

Dec 2
(Suggested date)
(E -115)

32. County Central Committees - Democratic and Republican Parties⁹

By this date, the county elections official shall compute the number of members of each county central committee to be elected in each Assembly or supervisorial district, as the case may be. § 7226, 7421

Dec 3
(E-114)

33. Selection and Exchange of Arguments For and Against Measures

On or before this day, the Secretary of State will select arguments for inclusion in the ballot pamphlet where more than one has been submitted in favor of or against the same measure. The Secretary of State will exchange arguments with opposing authors and request rebuttal arguments. (Date designated by the Secretary of State.) § 9067, 9069

Dec 4
(E - 113)

34. Declarations of Intention - Extension Period for Judicial and Legislative Candidates, Including Independent Candidates

The last day any person other than the incumbent may file a Declaration of Intention. § 8022, 8023, 8350

Dec 4 - Dec 29
(E -113 to
E -88)

35. Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers - Non-Presidential Candidate Filing

During this period, all non-presidential candidates must file their Declarations of Candidacy for office and circulate their Nomination papers and deliver them for filing with the county elections official. All candidates, except those for legislative and judicial offices and independent candidates, must pay the nonrefundable filing fees or present in-lieu signatures at the time they receive their Nomination papers from the county elections official. The number of the valid in-lieu signatures any candidate obtains may be subtracted from the number required for his or her Nomination papers. A candidate shall not be required to execute a Nomination paper if the number of signatures equals or exceeds the minimum number required by § 8041. § 8020, 8041, 8061, 8100, 8105, 8106

Dec 4 - Dec 29
(E -113 to
E -88)

36. Local Consolidation - Nomination Period

Between these dates and whenever other elections are consolidated with the primary election, candidates shall file their nomination documents in the office of the appropriate officer during regular office hours. § 10407

Dec 4 - Dec 29
(E -113 to
E -88)

37. Statements of Economic Interests

Between these dates, specified non-incumbent candidates in an election shall file statements of economic interests disclosing their investments, interests in real property, and any income received during the immediately preceding 12 months. These statements must be filed no later than December 29th (E -88), the final date for filing the Declaration of Candidacy. This filing of statements of economic interests is not required if the candidate has filed such statements within the past sixty days for the same jurisdiction. Gov.C. §§87200, 87201, 87500

Note: The deadlines for filing the statements of economic interests by certain officeholders may be earlier. Call the Fair Political Practices Commission for deadline information at (916) 322-5660.

Dec 4 - Jan 3
(E -113 to
E -83)

38. Nomination Documents - Forwarded to the Secretary of State

During this period and within five days of receipt of the nomination documents, the county elections official shall deliver to the Secretary of State the nomination documents for Representative in Congress, State Senator, Member of the Assembly and Judge of the Superior Court, together with a statement showing the number of valid signatures on the nomination document from each candidate. §§8070, 8082

Dec 7
(E - 110)

39. Certification of Number of Delegates (Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom Parties)

By this date, the Secretary of State will certify to the county elections official the number of delegates to be elected at the presidential primary election. For the Green, Libertarian and the Peace and Freedom Parties, the certificate will include the number of delegates to represent the party at their respective national conventions, the name, address and telephone number of the national party with which the state party is presently affiliated, and the number of delegates to be selected from each territory by each committee proposing a group of national convention delegates. §§6323, 6543, 6743, 6744

- Dec 8
(Suggested date)
(E -109)
40. State Measures - Titles, Summaries, Analyses, "Yes/No" Information, Text and Bond Statement
- The Attorney General, Legislative Analyst and Legislative Counsel are asked to provide official titles and summaries, analyses, "yes/no" information, text and statement of bonded indebtedness no later than this day to permit time for translation and to meet the provisions of Government Code §88006. §§9050, 9085, 9087, 9088, 9091
- Dec 8
(Suggested date)
(E -109)
41. State Measures Summary and Rebuttal Arguments Submission Deadline
- The last day summary and rebuttal arguments for or against ballot measures qualified for the primary election ballot may be submitted. The arguments shall not exceed 250 words. §9069
- Dec 9
(E -108)
42. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - Judicial and Legislative Candidates
- The last day for the county elections official to determine the sufficiency of in-lieu signatures submitted by candidates for judicial and legislative offices. Within ten days after receipt of a petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. Such candidates may, before the close of the nomination period (December 29th), either submit a supplemental petition or pay a prorated fee to cover the deficiency. §§8105, 8106(b)(3)
- Dec 12
(E -105)
43. Newly-Qualified Party Procedures for Primary Election
- The last day for officers of a newly-qualified political party to file a notice with the Secretary of State stating the statutory provisions applicable to the party's operation. §5005
- Dec 12 - Jan 1
(E -105 to
E -85)
44. State Ballot Pamphlet Available for Public Examination
- Commencing this day, the Secretary of State will make a complete copy of the ballot pamphlet available for public inspection for 20 days. The ballot label will also be made available. §§9092, 13282; Gov.C. §88006
- Dec 13
(E -104)
45. Notice of Offices and Parties in the Primary Election
- The last day for the Secretary of State to prepare and to send to each county elections official a notice designating all the

offices, except for county officers and judges of inferior courts, for which candidates are to be nominated at the primary election, together with the names of the political parties qualified to participate in the primary election. §12101

Dec 13
(E -104)

46. Delegates - American Independent Party

The last day for a committee proposing the nomination of a group of candidates for delegate to file with the Secretary of State a statement containing the name of the committee and the names of its officers. The number of alternates to be selected shall be no greater than one for each delegate.

§§6560 - 6564

Each group of candidates for delegate must obtain the endorsement of the candidate for presidential nominee for whom the members of the group have filed a preference. The endorsement of the candidate for presidential nominee must be on file with the Secretary of State before the circulation of any Nomination papers by a group of candidates pledged to the support of his or her candidacy as presidential nominee.

§§6565 - 6567

Dec 13
(E -104)

47. Delegates - Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom Parties

The last day for a committee proposing the nomination of a group of candidates for delegate in support of a selected or unselected candidate to file with the Secretary of State a statement containing the name of the committee and the names, residence addresses and telephone numbers of at least five of its members and its officers.

§§6760, 6761, 6767, 6768

Each group of candidates for delegate must obtain the endorsement of the candidate for presidential nominee for whom the members of the group have filed a preference. The endorsement of the candidate for presidential nominee must be on file with the Secretary of State before the circulation of any Nomination papers by a group of candidates pledged to the support of his or her candidacy as presidential nominee.

§6765

Dec 13 - Jan 12
(E -104 to
E -74)

48. Presidential Nomination Papers - Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom Parties

Between these dates, circulators may obtain signatures to the Nomination papers, and file them for examination with the county elections official for unselected Republican Party candidates; unselected presidential preference candidates for American Independent, Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom Parties; groups of delegates for selected and unselected candidates and uncommitted delegations for American Independent, Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom Parties. §§6343, 6360, 6365, 6382, 6568, 6581, 6586, 6587, 6591, 6781, 6786, 6787, 6791

The county elections official has five days from receipt to verify and certify Nomination papers and to forward them to the Secretary of State. §§6404, 6597, 6796

See item at November 27th (E -120) for Democratic Party Presidential Nomination papers.

Dec 14
(Suggested date)
(E -103)

49. Report of Registration - 154-day Statewide Report

The last day for the Secretary of State to compile a statewide report showing the number of registered voters, by party affiliation, in the state and in each county and political subdivision thereof. This statement must be compiled by the Secretary of State within 30 days after receiving the summary statements sent by the county elections official on November 12th (E -135). §2187(b) & (d)(1)

See item at November 12, 1995, for Report of Registration 154-day County Report.

Dec 14
(E - 103)

50. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - U.S. Congressional Candidates

The last day for candidates for congressional offices to turn in their petitions to the county elections official of the county in which the petition signers reside and are registered to vote. Within ten days after receipt of a petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. The candidate shall then cover the deficiency either by submitting a supplemental petition or by paying a prorated portion of the filing fee not later than December 29th (E - 88). Upon receipt of the required number of the in-lieu signatures, or of a sufficient combination of such signatures and the prorated filing

fee, the county elections official shall issue the Nomination papers provisionally. Any candidate who submits a number of valid in-lieu signatures equal to or exceeding the minimum number required by §8041 for his or her Nomination paper shall not be required to file the Nomination papers.

§§8061, 8105, 8106(b)(3),(4)

Dec 24
(E - 93)

51. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - Congressional Candidates - County Elections Official

The last day for the county elections official to determine the sufficiency of the in-lieu signatures submitted by candidates for all congressional offices. Within ten days after receipt of a petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. Such candidates shall, before the close of the nomination period (December 29th), either submit a supplemental petition or pay a prorated fee to cover the deficiency.

§8106(b)(3)

Dec 25
(E -92)

52. Randomized Alphabet Drawing - Notice

The last day for the Secretary of State to notify the news media and other interested parties of the date, time and place of the randomized alphabet drawing to be held at 11 a.m. on January 4th (E -82).

§13112(c)

Dec 27
(E -90)

53. County Central Committees May Nominate Precinct Board Members

The last day county central committees may nominate in writing the names of persons for appointment as precinct board members for the primary and general elections. These persons shall be registered voters residing in the precinct for which they are nominated. The county elections official will give preference to the precinct board member nominees of the parties with at least ten percent of the registered voters in that precinct.

§12306

Dec 29
(E -88)

54. Notification of Mail Ballot Precinct

The last day for the county elections official to determine that there are 250 or fewer persons registered to vote in any precinct. The county elections official may then mail to each voter an absent voter's ballot along with a statement that there will be no polling place for the primary election. No precinct shall be divided in order to conform to the provisions of this section.

§3005

Dec 29
(E -88)

55. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - Supplemental

The last day a candidate may submit a supplemental in-lieu petition to the county elections official or pay a prorated portion of the filing fee to cover any deficiency in the filing fee payment. §8106(b)(3)

Dec 29
5 p.m.
(E -88)

56. Declarations of Candidacy and Nomination Papers

Not later than 5 p.m. on this day, all non-presidential candidates must deliver to the county elections official for filing their Declarations of Candidacy and their Nomination papers. §§8020, 8063, 8064

Dec 29
(E -88)

57. When Judicial Incumbent is the Only Nominee

If, in any county or in any judicial district, only the incumbent judge has filed or delivered for filing his or her Nomination papers for the office of judge of the superior or municipal court, the incumbent's name shall not appear on the ballot unless a petition is filed not later than January 8th (E -78), signed by 100 registered voters qualified to vote with respect to the office, indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted for the office. §8203

Dec 30 - Jan 3
(E -87 to
E -83)

58. Nomination Extension Period for Judicial and Legislative Office

If the incumbent of a judicial office for any reason fails to file his or her Nomination papers by December 29th (E -88), or dies on or before December 29th (E -88), or if an incumbent state legislator (excluding independent incumbent) files a Declaration of Intention but for any reason fails to qualify for the nomination by December 29th (E -88), a five-day extension is allowed for any person, other than the incumbent, if otherwise qualified, to file for such office during the extended period, notwithstanding that he or she has not filed a written and signed Declaration of Intention to become a candidate for the office. §§8022(b), 8204

Dec 30 - Jan 12
(E -87 to
E -74)

59. Extension Period When the Only Partisan Candidate Dies

If only one candidate has filed Nomination papers for a partisan nomination at the primary election and that candidate dies after December 29th and by January 3rd (E -88 to E -83), any person qualified under §8001 may circulate and deliver Nomination papers for the office to the county elections official

- not later than 5 p.m. on January 12th (E -74). §8025
- Dec 30 - Jan 18
(E -87 to
E -68)
60. Death of Incumbent or Lone Opponent - Non-Partisan, Non-Judicial Office
- Death between these dates causes filing to re-open between the day following death and January 18th (E -68). Any person qualified to be a candidate for the office may circulate and return Nomination papers. §§8026, 8027
- Jan 1
(Date fixed by law)
(E -85)
61. Approved Ballot Vendors
- By this date, the Secretary of State will publish the list of approved manufacturers, finishers, and printers of ballot cards for use in California elections.
Cal. Code Regs., Title 2, §20226
- Jan 1
(E -85)
62. State Ballot Pamphlet Copy to the State Printer
- The last day for the Secretary of State to deliver copy for preparation of the ballot pamphlets to the Office of State Printing. §9082
- Jan 2*
(E -85)
63. Democratic Steering Committees
- The chairperson of each candidate's seven-member steering committee shall file with the Secretary of State a statement containing the names and addresses of the members of the steering committee. §§6080, 6081
- Each steering committee shall appoint a caucus organizer for each congressional district. §6082
- Jan 2 - Jan 25
(Date designated by
Party)
(E -84 to
E -61)
64. Democratic Delegates - District Level and Alternate Positions
- Between these dates, persons wishing to be elected to a district level or alternate position shall file a Declaration of Candidacy for delegate with the state party chair. §§6021, 6083
- Jan 3
(E -83)
65. Nomination Documents Filed with the Secretary of State
- The last day for county elections officials to forward nomination documents that are required to be filed with the Secretary of State for filing. §8082

Jan 3
(E -83)

66. Party Contributor Envelopes or Letters

The last day for the county central committee of each qualified political party to supply its county elections official with party contributor envelopes or a one-page letter to be included in the mailing of the sample ballot, if desired. The committee shall reimburse the county for any actual costs incurred by such inclusion. §13305

Jan 4
11 a.m.
(E -82)

67. Randomized Alphabet Drawing⁹

The Secretary of State shall conduct the randomized alphabet drawing at 11 a.m. and mail the results immediately to county elections officials so that they may determine the order in which the candidates shall appear on the primary election ballot. §13112(b)

Jan 8
(E -78)

68. When Judicial Incumbent is the Only Nominee (Unopposed) - Write-In Petition

The last day to file a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted in any county or judicial district in which only the incumbent has filed Nomination papers for the office of superior court judge or municipal court judge. The petition must be signed by 100 registered voters qualified to vote for the office. §8203

Any write-in candidate must file, between January 29th and March 12th (E -57 to E -14), his or her statement of write-in candidacy and the number of signatures required on the Nomination paper. §§8600-8604

If the incumbent judge's name does not appear on either the primary election ballot or the general election ballot, then, on the day of the general election, November 5th (E), the elections official shall declare the incumbent judge elected. §8203

Jan 11
(E -75)

69. Nomination Period - Unselected Democratic Presidential Candidates

Last day steering committee of each unselected presidential candidate or uncommitted delegation may leave Nomination papers with the county elections official. §§6101, 6122

Jan 12
(E -74)

70. Presidential Nomination Papers - Republican Party

Last day for unselected candidates to leave for examination Nomination papers with the county elections official of the county in which they are circulated. §6360

There are no provisions for an uncommitted delegation.

Jan 12
(E -74)

71. Presidential Nomination Papers - American Independent, Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom Parties

The last day unselected candidates for the presidential preference portion of the primary ballot can file properly prepared, circulated, signed and verified Nomination papers with the county elections official of the county in which they are circulated. This applies to the nomination of a candidate for the presidential preference portion of the primary ballot, to the nomination of a slate of delegates pledged to the candidacy of a particular candidate and to the nomination of a slate of delegates not expressing a preference for a particular candidate. §§6580, 6581, 6780, 6781

Jan 12
(E -74)

72. Nomination Period Extension - Death of Only Partisan Candidate

By 5 p.m. on this day, any person qualified under §8001 can deliver to the county elections official his or her Nomination papers for any partisan office for which only one candidate had filed but who had died after December 29th and by January 3rd (E -88 to E -83). §8025

Jan 13
(Saturday)
(E -73)

73. Notice to Candidates

On or before this date, but not fewer than five days before sending the Certified List of Candidates to the county elections officials, the Secretary of State shall notify each candidate for office of the names, addresses, offices, ballot designations and party affiliations, if applicable of all other persons who have filed for the same office. §8121

Jan 13 - Jan 18
(E -73 to
E -68)

74. County Central Committees - When Not on the Ballot - Democratic, Republican, American Independent Parties

The county elections official shall determine whether the number of county central committee candidates who have filed for each supervisorial or Assembly district, whichever is appropriate, exceeds the number to be elected. If not, the

county elections official shall not include the designation of the office or the candidates on the ballot, unless a petition signed by 25 registered voters indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted for the office is filed with the county elections official not later than January 18th (E - 68). In lieu thereof, the board of supervisors shall declare elected the candidates who were nominated. § 7228, 7423, 7673

Jan 16
(E - 70)

75. County's Filing Deadline for Presidential Nomination Papers - Democratic Party

Last day for the county elections official to certify and send to Secretary of State any Democratic Presidential Candidate Nomination papers filed by January 11th (E - 75).

§ 6101, 6144

Jan 16
(Date designated by
Party)
(E -70)

76. Democratic Delegates- Pledged Party Leader, Elected Official, Delegates At-Large and Alternates

First day declarations of candidacy for pledged party leader and elected official delegates, at-large delegates and alternates are available at the district headquarters in Sacramento and Los Angeles for submission in Sacramento between January 29th and March 28th (E -88 to E + 2). § 6021, 6022, 6083

Jan 17
(E - 69)

77. County's Filing Deadline for Presidential Nomination Papers - Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom Parties

Last day for the county elections official to certify and send to the Secretary of State any presidential Nomination papers received by January 12th (E -74). § 6404, 6597, 6796

Jan 18
(E -68)

78. Certified List of Candidates

The last day for the Secretary of State to prepare and send to each county elections official a Certified List of Candidates showing the name of every person eligible to receive votes within the county at the primary election, their addresses, the offices for which they seek nomination and, if the office is partisan, the party each person represents. § 8120-8125

- Jan 18
(E -68)
79. Death of Incumbent or Lone Opponent - Non-Partisan, Non-Judicial Office
- Last day to reopen filing based on death of candidate.
§§8026, 8027
- Jan 18
5 p.m.
(E -68)
80. Last Day to File Based on Death Of Candidate
- Nomination papers circulated following death of incumbent candidate or lone opponent for nonjudicial, nonpartisan office must be returned for filing no later than 5 p.m. this date.
§§8026, 8027
- Jan 18 - Mar 25
(E -68 to
E -1)
81. Death of Candidate - Cancel Election for that Office
- Death of incumbent candidate or lone opponent (excluding write-ins) for nonjudicial, nonpartisan office after 12:01 a.m. on January 18th (E -68) causes election for that office to be canceled and results in a special election to occur at a different time.
- Elections officials are to take actions to ensure that voters do not erroneously vote in a canceled election. No votes are to be counted. All votes are null and void as to that office. §8026
- Jan 18 - Mar 26
(E - 68 to E)
82. Death of Partisan Candidate - Name on Ballot
- If a candidate dies on or after this date, his or her name shall be printed upon the ballot for the primary election. §8809
- Jan 22
(E -64)
83. Democratic Presidential Candidates - Notification of Qualifications Placement on Ballot
- Last day for the Secretary of State to notify each steering committee whether or not it has qualified a candidate or uncommitted delegation for placement on the ballot by the nomination process. §6160
- Jan 22
(E -64)
84. Withdrawal of Presidential Candidate - Democratic, Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom Parties
- The last day a selected or unselected presidential candidate may file an affidavit with the Secretary of State in order to have his or her name withdrawn from the primary election ballot. §§6042, 6043, 6341, 6342, 6521, 6522, 6723, 6724

- Jan 25
5 p.m.
(Pending legislation)
(Date designated by
Party)
(E -61)
85. Democratic Delegates
- Last day to postmark a Declaration of Candidacy for district-level delegate or alternate position for submission to the state party chair. §§6021, 6083, 6201
- Jan 26
(E -60)
86. Special Absent Voters' Ballot Applications
- The first day county elections officials may process applications for special absent voters' ballots. Any application received by the county elections official prior to this day shall be kept and processed on or after this date. The application must include the statement that the voter cannot vote an absentee ballot during the normal absentee voting period of February 26th through March 19th (E -29 to E -7) because of military or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery. §§300(b), 3103
- Jan 26
(E -60)
87. Registration Files Update
- Counties using data processing equipment to store registered voter information set forth in the affidavits of registration shall begin their computer updates in order to send a copy of their registered voter magnetic tape files to the Secretary of State by February 5th (E -50). §2187
- Jan 26 - Mar 19
(E -60 to
E -7)
88. Federal Election - Overseas Voter, Application for Absent Voter's Ballot
- During this period, counties may receive Federal Post Card Applications (FPCA) from persons already registered to vote. (Note: a single FPCA may be used to request both primary and general election absentee ballots in a calendar year.) §§3304, 3306
- Jan 27
(E -59)
89. Secretary of State Certifies Presidential Candidates
- The last day for the Secretary of State to certify and to send the county elections officials the names of presidential candidates and chairpersons of uncommitted delegations of all parties and the names of delegate candidates who are entitled to be voted for at the presidential primary election. §§6950, 6951, 6953, 6954

- Jan 29 - Mar 12
(E -57 to
E -14)
90. Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers
- During this period, all write-in candidates, other than write-in presidential candidates, must file their statement of write-in candidacy and Nomination papers with the county elections official. §8601
- Jan 29 - Mar 28
5 p.m.
(Date designated by
Party)
(E -57 to
E +2)
91. Democratic Delegates - Pledged Party Leader. Elected Official and At-Large
- Between these dates, Declarations of Candidacy for party, elected official, delegates, at-large delegates and alternates will be accepted by the state party chair. §§6021, 6083
- Jan 30
(Pending legislation)
(E -56)
92. Democratic - Delegate List to Candidate
- By this day the State Party Chair shall provide the candidate or authorized representative with a list of all persons who have filed for district - level delegate or alternate and are pledged to that candidate. §6201(g)
- Jan 31
(Date fixed by law)
(E -55)
93. Campaign Statement - Semiannual
- The last day to file semiannual campaign statements, if required, by all candidates and committees.
Gov. C. §§84200, 84218
- Jan 31
(E -55)
94. Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report
- Last day to file supplemental independent expenditure reports for candidates or committees making independent expenditures of \$500 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose a candidate or measure. Independent expenditure reports are filed at the same time, and in the same places, as would be required if the filer were primarily formed to support or oppose the candidate, measure or measure qualification affected by the independent expenditure. Gov. C. §84203.5
- Feb 5
(E -50)
95. Data Processing Tapes to the Secretary of State
- The last day for county elections officials to send the Secretary of State a copy of their voter registration files on magnetic tape (together with the file format) or indexes of all registered voters registered prior to January 26th (E -60). §2187(c) & (d)(2)

- Feb 5
(E - 50)
96. List of Democratic Candidates for Delegate
- On or before this date, the Democratic State Central Committee shall transmit to the steering committee of each presidential candidate and uncommitted delegation a list of all persons who have filed a Declaration of Candidacy for delegate pledged to that presidential candidate or uncommitted delegation. §6084
- Feb 10
(E -45)
97. State Ballot Pamphlets Furnished to Counties
- By this date, the Secretary of State shall furnish copies of the state ballot pamphlet to those counties that do not use data processing equipment. Ballot pamphlets will also be sent to all counties for their supplemental mailings to persons who registered between January 27th and February 26th (E -59 to E - 29). §9094(b)
- Feb 10
(E -45)
98. State Ballot Pamphlets to Specified Persons and Institutions
- By this date, the Secretary of State shall send a specified number of copies of the state ballot pamphlet to city and county elections officials, members of the Legislature, proponents of statewide ballot measures, public libraries and educational institutions. §9096
- Feb 11
3 p.m.
(Date designated by
Party)
(E -44)
99. Democratic Delegate Selection Caucuses
- On this day, each Democratic presidential candidate/campaign to hold district-level delegate caucuses in each of the 52 congressional districts. Locations to be determined by each Democratic presidential candidate/campaign. §§6021, 6086, 6201
- Feb 15
(E -40)
100. First Preelection Statement
- The last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees for the period ending February 10th (E -45). Gov.C. §§84200.5, 84200.8(a)
- Feb 15
(E -40)
101. Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report
- Last day to file supplemental independent expenditure reports for candidates or committees making independent expenditures of \$500 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose a candidate or measure. Independent expenditure reports are

filed at the same time, and in the same places, as would be required if the filer were primarily formed to support or oppose the candidate, measure, or measure qualification affected by the independent expenditure. Gov. C. §84203.5

Feb 15
(E -40)

102. Democratic Delegate Slates

Last day for the steering committee of each candidate or uncommitted delegation to rank delegate candidates provided by each caucus and immediately thereafter to file with the Secretary of State a statement containing the names of delegate candidates in ranked order from each congressional district. §6086

Feb 15 - Mar 5
(E -40 to
E -21)

103. State Ballot Pamphlet Mailing

Between these dates, the Secretary of State shall mail state ballot pamphlets to all households in which voters were registered by Friday, January 26th (E -60). This mailing is based on the information provided by the counties' voter registration magnetic tape files sent to the Secretary of State by February 5th (E -50). §9094(a)

Feb 15 - Mar 5
(E -40 to
E -21)

104. Counties Mail Sample Ballots

Between these dates, the county elections official shall mail a polling place notice and an appropriate partisan or nonpartisan sample ballot to each registered voter. The polling place notice shall state whether the polling place is accessible to the physically handicapped. §§13303, 13304

The county elections official shall also give sample ballots of each political party to the chairperson of the county central committee, shall mail a copy to each candidate, and shall post a copy of each sample ballot in a conspicuous place in the office. §§13300, 13302

Feb 19
(Date designated by
Party)
(E -36)

105. Certified List of Democratic Delegates

Last day for Secretary of State to transmit to each county elections official a certified list for each congressional district wholly or partially within that county, containing the names of delegate candidates selected and pledged to each candidate or uncommitted delegation. §6950

The elections official shall enclose a copy of the appropriate list for each congressional district with each absentee ballot mailed

for the primary election in that congressional district. On election day the elections official shall: (1) post a copy of the list at each polling place and (2) provide with their presidential primary election ballot a copy of the list to each voter affiliated with the Democratic Party. §6181

Feb 25
(E -30)

106. Notice of Early Tabulation

The last day for the Secretary of State to notify county elections officials that certain offices or measures to be voted on are of more than ordinary public interest and will require an early tabulation and announcement. §15100

Feb 25
(E -30)

107. Election Precinct Changes - Voting Machine Counties

The last day county elections officials may create, unite, divide or combine election precincts in those counties in which voting machines are to be used. §12227

Feb 26*
(E -30)

108. Republican Delegates

The final date a Republican candidate or his or her designees may submit to the Secretary of State the names of persons chosen as delegates. §§6460, 6461

Feb 26
(E -29)

109. Notice of Change of Address within County

The last day before the primary election for any voter to send a card or letter to the county elections official advising of the change of address within the county. The county elections official shall correct the registration records accordingly. The notice is in-lieu of reregistering, and may not be handled by telephone. §2119

Feb 26
(E -29)

110. Registration Closes

The last day for any person to register to vote in the primary election. §§2102, 2107

Feb 26
(E -29)

111. Federal Election - Overseas Voter, Last Day to Register

The last day for: a) members of the Uniformed Services and merchant marine; b) their spouses and dependents; and, c) California residents temporarily residing outside the U.S. to complete and sign the FPCA (Federal Post Card Application) requesting an absent voter ballot and send it so that the county

elections official receives it no later than Friday, March 1st (E-25).

Feb 26
(E -29)

112. Sample Ballots - Preparation

The last day for the county elections official to prepare separate sample ballots for each political party and a separate sample nonpartisan ballot. §13300

Feb 26
(E -29)

113. Precinct Boards and Polling Places

The last day for the county elections official to:

- Issue an order appointing precinct board members
- Designate polling places
- Publish the list of board members and polling places in any newspaper of general circulation in the county
- Deliver to the county central committees of each qualified political party a copy of the list of precinct board members
- Make a copy of the list of precinct board members available to the public
- Mail or deliver to each member appointed:
 - The member's notice of appointment
 - The position to which he or she is assigned
 - The penalty for failure to serve
- Any other matters the county elections official determines are necessary or appropriate

§§12103, 12280, 12307, 12318, 12326, Gov.C. §6061

Feb 26 - Mar 18
(Suggested date)
(E -29 to
E -8)

114. Mail Ballot Precinct

The county elections official shall mail an absent voter's ballot, along with a statement that there will be no polling place for the election, to each voter in a precinct designated as a mailed ballot precinct. The county elections official shall also notify each voter of the two nearest polling places in the event the voter chooses to return the ballot election day. §3005

Feb 26 - Mar 19
(E -29 to
E -7)

115. Absent Voter Ballot Application

Between these dates, any registered voter may apply to the county elections official for an absent voter's ballot. Applications received before February 26th (E -29) shall be kept and processed during this application period. §§3001, 3003

Feb 27 - Mar 16
(E -28 to
E -10)

116. Report of Registration - 29-day County Report

During this period, county elections officials shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of

persons registered by party in their counties and in each political subdivision thereof. Along with this summary statement will be sent a magnetic tape copy of their data processing files of all voters registered as of February 26th (E -29). Those counties not using data processing to maintain their files of registered voters shall send an updated copy of their indexes listing their voters alphabetically by precinct.

§2187(a), (c) & (d)(3)

Mar 1
(E -25)

117. Index to Central Committees

The last day for the county elections official, when requested, to furnish without charge to each state or county central committee not more than two copies of the printed indexes of registration for the primary election. §2185

Mar 5
(E -21)

118. Presidential Write-In Candidates

Last day for write-in presidential candidates of all parties to file declarations with the Secretary of State in order to have write-in votes counted. No filing fee is required.

§§6241, 6441, 6621,6822

Mar 5
(E -21)

119. State Ballot Pamphlets - Mailing

The last day for the Secretary of State to mail state ballot pamphlets to all households with voters who registered by January 26th (E -60). §9094

Mar 5
(E -21)

120. Sample Ballots - County Mailing

The last day for each county elections official to mail sample ballots to the voters. §13303

Mar 5
(Suggested date)
(E -21)

121. Precinct Boards and Polling Places

The suggested last day for the county elections official to appoint any precinct board members who have not yet been appointed and to designate polling places which have not been designated. §12327

Mar 8
(E - 18)

122. Certified List of Write-In Candidates - Presidential

Secretary of State to prepare and send to affected county elections officials a certified list of presidential write-in candidates eligible to receive votes at the primary election.

Mar 10 - Mar 25
(E -16 to E -1)

123. Late Contribution Report

During this late contribution period, each candidate or primarily formed committee that makes or receives a late contribution or each general purpose committee that makes a late contribution must file a late contribution report within 24 hours by guaranteed overnight mail, telegram, personal delivery, or facsimile transmission, where accepted (FPPC Form 497 is a suggested format). Gov.C. §84203

Mar 10 - Mar 25
(E -16 to E -1)

124. Late Independent Expenditure Report

During this late independent expenditure period, each candidate or committee that makes a late independent expenditure must report the late independent expenditure within 24 hours by guaranteed overnight mail, telegram, personal delivery, or facsimile transmission, where accepted (FPPC Form 496 is a suggested format). Gov.C. §84204

Mar 10 - Mar 25
(E -16 to E -1)

125. Slate Mailer Organization; Late Contributions

During the 16 days immediately preceding an election, each slate mailer organization that receives a payment of \$2,500 or more for the purpose of supporting or opposing any candidate or measure in a slate mailer must report the late payment within 24 hours by guaranteed overnight mail, telegram, personal delivery, or facsimile transmission, where accepted. Gov. C. §84220

Mar 10 - Mar 25
(E -16 to E -1)

126. 24-Hour Statement of Organization Filing Requirement for Recipient Committees and Slate Mailer Organizations

During the 16 days immediately preceding an election, any recipient committee or slate mailer organization which qualifies in connection with the election shall file within 24 hours the information required to be reported in their Statement of Organization by guaranteed overnight mail, telegram, personal delivery, or facsimile transmission, where accepted.

Gov. C. §§84101, 84108

Mar 12
(E - 14)

127. Non-Presidential Write-in Candidate's Declaration

The last day for any write-in candidate to file with the county elections official his or her statement of write-in candidacy and the required number of signatures on the nomination papers. No filing fee is required. §§8601, 8604

Mar 12
(E -14)

128. Bilingual Precinct Board Members

By this date, the county elections official shall prepare a list of precincts to which bilingual officials were appointed. A copy of this list shall be made available to the public. §12303(d)

Mar 14
(E -12)

129. Second Preelection Statement

The last day to file second preelection statements for candidates and measure committees for the period February 11th through March 9th (E -44 to E -17). Candidates being voted upon, their controlled committees, and measure committees primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate or measure must file the second preelection statement by guaranteed overnight mail or personal delivery.

Gov.C. §§84200.5, 84200.8(b)

Mar 14
(E -12)

130. Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report

Last day to file supplemental independent expenditure reports for candidates or committees making independent expenditures of \$500 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose a candidate or measure. Independent expenditure reports are filed at the same time, and in the same places, as would be required if the filer were primarily formed to support or oppose the candidate, measure or measure qualification affected by the independent expenditure. Gov. C. §84203.5

Mar 15
(E - 11)

131. Certified List of Write-In Candidates - Non-Presidential

Secretary of State to prepare and send to affected county elections officials a certified list of non-presidential write-in candidates showing the name of all write-in candidates eligible to receive votes within the county at the primary election, their addresses, the offices for which they seek nomination, and, if the office is partisan, the party each person represents. This list will also be sent to each person in the affected offices.

Mar 16
(E -10)

132. State Ballot Pamphlet - Supplemental Mailing by County

The last day for county elections officials to mail ballot pamphlets to voters who registered after January 26th and by February 26th (E -60 to E -29). §9094(c)

Mar 16
(E -10)

133. Central Counting Place Notice

The last day for county elections officials to publish the notice that the primary election ballots will be counted at a specified central public place. The notice shall be posted or published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.

§12107

Mar 16
(E -10)

134. Report of Registration - 29-day County Report

The last day for county elections officials to send the Secretary of State their summary statements of the number of persons registered as of the close of registration, February 26th (E -29), together with a current copy of their voter files on magnetic tape or in index form.

§2187(a), (c) & (d)(3)

Mar 16
(E -10)

135. Copy of Tape or Index to Secretary of State

The last day for county elections officials to send the Secretary of State a copy of their data processing magnetic tape files (together with the file format), or the indexes, of registered voters eligible to vote in the primary election.

§2187(d)(3)

Mar 19
(E -7)

136. Absent Voter's Application

The last day for the county elections official to receive a voter's application for an absent voter's ballot and to issue such ballot for the primary election.

§3001

Mar 19
(E -7)

137. Supplemental Index to Central Committees

The last day for county elections officials, when requested, to furnish without charge to state and county central committees a copy of printed indexes, by Assembly district, of all voters who registered after February 1st (E -54).

§2185

Mar 19
(E -7)

138. Computer Program to Secretary of State

The last day for counties to verify their election night vote count computer programs and deposit copies thereof with the Secretary of State.

§§15642, 17500

The last day for county elections officials to send Logic and Accuracy Test certifications to the Secretary of State.

Mar 19
(E -7)

139. Computer Processing of Absentee Ballots

Counties having the necessary computer capability may begin to process their absent voter's ballots on this date. This process may be completed to the point of placing the ballot information on computer tape, but under NO circumstance is a vote count to be made before the polls close at 8 p.m. on March 26th (E). §15000

Mar 20 - Mar 25
(E -6 to
E -1)

140. Special Absent Voter - Recalled to Military Service

A registered special absent voter recalled to service after March 20th (E -6) but before 5 p.m. on March 25th (E -1) may obtain from the county elections official an absent voter's ballot which may be voted in the county elections official's office or outside the county elections official's office, on or before the close of the polls and returned as are other voted absent voter ballots. §3110

Mar 20 - Mar 26
(E -6 to E)

141. Absentee Ballots - Late Conditions

On or between these dates, any voter may apply in writing for an absent voter's ballot if he or she will unexpectedly be unable to go to the polls on election day. The voter may designate a representative to return the absent voter's ballot. §3021

Mar 25
5 p.m.
(E -1)

142. Manual Processing of Absentee Ballots

Counties not having the necessary computer capability may begin to manually process absent voter ballots at 5 p.m. on this date, but under NO circumstance is a vote count to be made before the close of the polls at 8 p.m. on March 26th (E). §15000

Mar 26
(E)

143. Special Absent Voters

Any registered special absent voter who has returned on or before this day and to whom an absent voter's ballot has been mailed but not voted may apply to vote in the county elections official's office or in a polling place. §§300, 3108

The last day an unregistered special absent voter released from service after the close of registration may register with the county elections official and vote in the election. Documentary proof of release from service is required. §3107

The last day a special absent voter who returns to the county after March 19th (E -7) may appear before the county elections official and make application for registration, an absent voter ballot, or both. The county elections official shall register the voter, if not registered, and shall deliver an absent voter ballot which may be voted in, or outside, the county elections official's office on or before this day at 8 p.m. and returned as are other voted absent voter ballots. §3109

Mar 26
(E)

144. Absentee Ballots - Late Conditions

The last day any voter may request in writing an absent voter's ballot because of specified conditions resulting in unexpected absence from the polling place or precinct. §3021

Mar 26
(E)

145. Primary Election Day

On this date, the polls shall be open throughout the state from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. §§1000, 14212

(Registered voters moving after February 26th (E -29) to another precinct in California are entitled to vote in the precinct where they were previously registered.) §2035

Mar 26
(E)

146. Absent Voter's Ballots Returned in Order to be Counted

The last day county elections officials may receive ballots cast by absent voters by mail or in person. Absent voter ballots may be received by 8 p.m. at any polling place in the county or at the office of the elections official. §§3017, 3020

Mar 26
8 p.m.
(E)

147. Defacing of Unused Ballots

At 8 p.m. immediately after the close of the polls, each county elections official openly and in his or her main office shall deface or seal in a special container all unused ballots in his or her control and shall make and file an affidavit of the number of ballots destroyed or sealed. §14406

Mar 28
(E + 2)

148. Official Canvass

The last day for the county elections official to begin the official canvass of the precinct returns. This canvass must be completed not later than April 23rd (E + 28).

§§15301, 15308

- Mar 28
5 p.m.
(Date designated by
Party)
(E + 2)
149. Democratic Delegates - Pledged Party Leader, Elected Official, At-large and Alternates
- Last day to postmark a Declaration of Candidacy for pledged party leader and elected official delegates and at-large delegates and alternates for submission to the state party chair.
- Mar 29
(E + 3)
150. Semi-Official Canvass - Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom Parties
- The last day for the Secretary of State to send to the chairpersons of each committee qualifying a group of candidates for the presidential primary election ballot a copy of the semi-official canvass of the vote for each group in each county, the total statewide vote for each group and the tentative number of delegates which each group will be entitled to have declared elected. §6841
- Mar 29
(Date designated by
Party)
(E + 3)
151. Democratic Delegates
- On this day the Democratic State Central Committee shall send to the steering committee of each candidate or uncommitted delegation a list of persons who have filed for pledged party and elected official delegates.
- Mar 30 - Aug 10
10 a.m.
(Date fixed by law)
(E + 4 to
(E + 137)
152. State Convention - American Independent Party
- On a Saturday during this period, the biennial state convention shall convene at 10 a.m. at a location designated by the state central committee. §7570
- On the Sunday following the state convention, the Secretary of State shall deliver to the chair of the state central committee a certified alphabetical list of members by state senate districts. §§7553, 7554, 7620, 7621
- Apr 1
(Date fixed by law)
(E + 6)
153. Felony Convictions - Clerk's Notice
- The county clerk shall furnish to the county elections official a statement showing the names, addresses and dates of birth of all persons convicted of felonies, and who are currently imprisoned. Such persons, if registered to vote, shall be purged from voter rolls. §2212

Apr 1 - Apr 7
(Dates fixed by law)
(E + 6 to
E + 12)

154. Felony Convictions - Cancellation of Affidavits

The county elections official shall, in the first week of April, cancel the affidavits of registration of all voters who are currently imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony. §2212

Apr 5
(E + 10)

155. Republican Presidential Write-In Candidate - List of Delegates

The last day a Republican presidential write-in candidate who received a plurality of the votes cast may file his or her list of delegates with the Secretary of State. If the candidate fails to file the list, the state central committee shall file by April 15th (E + 20) a list of delegates who shall go to the convention unpledged to any candidate. §§6442, 6443

Apr 9
(Date designated by
Party)
(E + 14)

156. Democratic Delegates Approved List from Candidate

By this date the presidential candidate shall notify the state party chair which delegates are approved as delegate candidates at the April 28th (E + 33) convention.

Apr 15
(E + 20)

157. Official Canvass - Presidential Primary Election

The last day for the county elections official to send the canvassed presidential primary election returns to the Secretary of State. §15310(c)

Apr 15
(E + 20)

158. Report of Registration - 29-day Statewide Report

The last day for the Secretary of State to compile a statewide report showing the number of registered voters, by party affiliation, in the state and in each county and political subdivision thereof. This statement is based on the summary statements sent by the county elections official by March 16th (E - 10). §2187(b) & (d)(3)

Apr 15
(E + 20)

159. Republican Write-In Presidential Candidate's Delegates - Failure to File

Last day for the state central committee to file the list of delegates if the write-in presidential candidate receiving a plurality of the votes cast fails to file a list of delegates by April 5th (E + 10). §6443

Apr 16
(E + 21)

160. Certified Delegate Order - Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom Parties

The last day for the chairperson of each group of candidates for delegate to certify to the Secretary of State the order in which the delegates of each group are to be certified as elected. §6842

Apr 19
(E + 24)

161. Official Canvass - Presidential Primary Election

Not later than this date, the Secretary of State shall compile and file a statement of the canvassed presidential primary election returns of all parties filed by the county elections official, and shall issue certificates to the presidential nominees and to the delegates.

§§6220, 6420-6422, 6640, 6641, 6843, 6844

Apr 23
(E + 28)

162. Official Canvass - End

No later than this date, the county elections official must complete the canvass, certify its results and submit it to the board of supervisors. §15308

This is the suggested date for the board of supervisors to declare the winners for each office and the results of each measure under its jurisdiction. The county elections official shall make and deliver to each person elected or nominated a certificate of election or nomination. §§15400, 15401

Upon completion of the official canvass, the county elections official shall certify to the Secretary of State the final total of votes cast for each Green Party, Libertarian Party and Peace and Freedom Party candidate for central committee, including the name, address and ballot designation of each such candidate, and a specification as to which candidates were declared elected. The county elections official shall simultaneously send one copy of this final certification to the chairpersons of the Green Party, Libertarian Party and the Peace and Freedom Party state central committees. §7784

Apr 25
(E + 30)

163. Republican Party Candidates Submit Alternate Delegates

The last day for a presidential candidate or his or her designee to submit to the Secretary of State a list of alternates to delegates by congressional district to the Republican National Convention. §6461(b)

Apr 26
(E + 31)

164. File Write-In Presidential Candidate's Delegates - American Independent, Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom Parties

The last day for any qualified presidential write-in candidate to file a list of delegates with the Secretary of State. If the candidate fails to file the list, the state central committee shall then file within ten days (May 6th, (E + 41)) a list of delegates who shall go to the convention unpledged to any candidate.

§§6642, 6643, 6845, 6846

Apr 28
(Date designated by Party)
(E + 33)

165. Democratic Delegates' Committee Meeting

On this day, congressional district elected delegates shall convene as specified by the Democratic State Chair to elect pledged party and elected official delegates, at-large delegates, and at-large alternate delegates. The chairperson of the Democratic State Central Committee shall serve as chairperson of the committee meeting until the selection process is completed, electing the chair of the delegation.

Apr 30
(Pending legislation)
(Date designated by Party)
(E + 35)

166. Democratic Delegates; Reported to Secretary of State

Last day for the chairperson of the Democratic State Central Committee to notify the Secretary of State of the names and addresses of delegates and alternates selected at the post-primary convention. The chairperson shall also submit to the steering committee of each presidential candidate or uncommitted delegation affidavits executed by delegates and alternates as provided in §6083.

§6201

Apr 30
(Date fixed by law)
(E + 35)

167. Quarterly Statement by Ballot Measure Committees

All committees primarily formed to support or oppose the qualification, passage or defeat of a ballot measure must file a quarterly campaign statement (prior to the election) for the period January 1st through March 31st (E -85 to E + 5) during any semiannual period in which the measure is not being voted upon.

Gov. C. §84202.3

May 1
(Pending legislation)
(Date designated by Party)
(E + 36)

168. Announcement of Democratic - District Level Delegates

On this day the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Democratic State Central Committee, shall announce the number of delegates and alternates to which each candidate or uncommitted delegation is entitled and shall announce the names of the congressional district delegates and alternates.

§6201

- May 2
(Suggested date)
(E + 37)
169. Delegate Certification - Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom Parties
- The tentative date for the Secretary of State to certify to the chairperson of the state central committee and to the chairperson of record of each county central committee the final list of national convention delegates. §6849
- May 4
(E + 39)
170. Statement of the Vote
- The last day for the Secretary of State to prepare, certify and file a Statement of the Vote from the compiled election returns. §15501
- May 6
(E + 41)
171. Write-In Presidential Candidate's Delegates - Failure to File - American Independent, Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom Parties
- Last day for the state central committee to file the list of delegates if the write-in presidential candidate receiving a plurality of the votes cast fails to file a list of delegates by April 26th (E + 31). §§6643, 6846
- Jul 4
(Date designated by Party)
(E + 100)
172. Libertarian Party Nominating Convention
- On this day the Libertarian Party will hold its national nominating convention and will notify the Secretary of State as to the results of the convention.
- Jul 9
(Date fixed by law)
(E + 105)
173. County Central Committee - American Independent Party
- On this date, the county central committee shall hold its organizational meeting. The location for the meetings shall be arranged or provided for by the county elections official. In each county, the county elections official shall ascertain by July 14th (E + 110) who is the newly elected chairperson of the county central committee and shall mail a certificate to that effect to the Secretary of State. §§7680, 7694
- Jul 15
(Date fixed by law)
(E + 111)
174. County Central Committee - American Independent Party
- On this date, vacancies filled by the county central committee shall be filed with the Secretary of State. §7558

- Jul 20
(Date fixed by law)
(E + 116)
175. State Central Committees - Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom Parties
- The last day for the Secretary of State to send a notice by mail to each of the elected members of the state central committee informing them that they are members of the central committee, and giving them the date, time and location of the convention meeting. The Secretary of State shall send a copy of the certified list by county of all the central committee members, including their addresses and primary election ballot designations. The Secretary of State shall send copies of this list of members to the registrars of voters of the counties of Los Angeles and San Francisco. §§7785, 7801
- Jul 22
5 p.m.
(Date fixed by law)
(E + 118)
176. State Central Committee - American Independent Party
- On this date, vacancies filled by the state central committee shall be filed with the Secretary of State. §7558
- Jul 31
(Date fixed by law)
(E + 127)
177. Campaign Statement - Semiannual
- The last day to file semiannual campaign statements, if required, by all candidates and committees.
Gov.C. §§84200, 84218
- July 31
(E + 127)
178. Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report
- Candidates or committees making independent expenditures of \$500 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose a candidate or measure shall file independent expenditure reports at the same time as reports required from the candidate or committee, as if it were formed or existing primarily to support or oppose the candidate or measure.
Gov.C. §§84203.5, 82031
- Sept 1
(E + 159)
179. Supplement to the Statement of the Vote
- Within 120 days of the filing of the Statement of the Vote, the Secretary of State, upon the basis of the information provided, shall compile a Supplement to the Statement of the Vote, showing the number of votes cast in each county, city, Assembly district, State Senatorial district, Congressional district, and supervisorial district for each candidate for the office of presidential elector and on each statewide ballot measure. §15502