

GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 3, 1998

Dec 26, 1997-
Feb 4, 1998
(E-281 to E-272)

1. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees – Independent Candidates

During this period, any independent candidate may obtain his or her forms from the county elections official 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 paper. §§8105, 8106, 8302, 8405

Jan 5-Mar 6
7 p.m.
(E-148 to E-88)

2. Elections Official's Verification Method-Independent Candidates

Between these dates, the Secretary of State is to receive actual notice of the total number of signatures submitted in each county and the method of verification to be used. Notice must be received within two working days of the final deposit of petition sections, or close of the circulation period, whichever is earlier, but in no event later than 7 p.m. on March 6, 1998.

Cal. Code Regs., Title 2, §20087

Jan 26-Feb 4
(E-281 to E-272)

3. Declarations of Intention - Independent Candidates

Independent candidates for state and legislative offices must file declarations of intention during the pre-primary filing period.

§8350

Feb 4
(E-118)

4. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - Independent Candidates

The last day for independent candidates 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 August 7 (E-88). Upon receipt of the minimum number of in-lieu signatures required, or a sufficient combination of such signatures and the prorated filing fee, the county elections official shall issue nomination papers provisionally. §§8106, 8405

Feb 5-Feb 9
(E-271 to E-267)

5. Declarations of Intention - Extension Period for Independent Candidates

If the incumbent 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. If failure to file a declaration of intention is because the incumbent has already served the maximum number of terms, there shall be no extension of the period for filing the declaration of intention.

§8022

Feb 9-Mar 11
(E-113 to E-83)

6. Declarations of Intention Forwarded to the Secretary of State - Independent Candidates - Office for which there is a Filing Fee

During this period, county election officials must file the declarations of intention and filing fees of independent candidates with the Secretary of State.

§8403

Feb 14
(E-108)

7. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - Independent Candidates

The last day for the county elections official to determine the sufficiency of the in-lieu signatures submitted by independent candidates. 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 March 6, 1988 either submit a supplemental petition or pay a prorated fee to cover the deficiency.

§§8106b(3), 8405

Mar 6
(E-88)

8. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - Supplemental

The last day for any independent candidate to submit any supplemental in-lieu signatures to the county elections official or to pay the prorated portion of the filing fee to cover any deficiency in the filing fee payment.

§§8106(b)(3), 834.1

Apr 24-July 23
(E-193 to E-103)

9. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - Independent Candidates Running for U.S. Senate and Congress

During this period, a candidate for U.S. Senate and Congress 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.

§§8061, 8106

- Jun 1-July 31
(Dates fixed by law)
10. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees-Supreme and Appellate Courts
- Between these dates, any Justice of the Supreme or Appellate Court may obtain his or her forms from the county elections official for circulating petitions and securing signatures in lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Cal. Const. art VI, §16(d); Elec. C. §8106
- Jun 8- Aug 7
(E-148 to E-88)
11. Nomination Papers - Independent Candidates - Office for which there is a Filing Fee
- Between these dates, independent candidates shall circulate nomination papers and submit them to the county elections official for examination. If the candidate is filing for a district office and if the district falls within two or more counties, the county elections official shall report in writing within two working days to the Secretary of State the total number of signatures submitted. Any registered voter may sign an in-lieu-of-filing-fee petition for any candidate for whom he or she is eligible to vote. However, minor party candidates filing signatures-in-lieu per Elections Code §8106(a)(6) are limited to members of their own party.
§§8106(a)(6)&(b)(1)
- Independent candidates for specified offices must have filed declarations of intention or they may not file nomination papers (See item #1). §§8350, 8403, 8454
- Jun 8
(Suggested date)
(E-148)
12. 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, 20-word ballot labels, summaries, analyses, texts, and statement of bonded indebtedness for the measures which qualify for the general 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 July 17 for deadline date.

Jun 8
(E-148)

13. Governor's Proclamation - Issuance

By this date, the Governor shall issue a proclamation calling the general 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

Jun 8
(E-148)

14. Request to Political Parties for Statements of Purpose

The Secretary of State shall request from the chair of each qualified party a statement of the party's philosophy and purposes for inclusion in the state ballot pamphlet. Each statement shall contain no more than 200 words.

Jun 25
(E-131)

15. Initiative Measure Qualification Deadline

The last day for an initiative measure to qualify for the general election ballot. Cal.Const. art II, §8(c); Elec. C. §9013

Jun 25
(E-131)

16. 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 general election ballot. §9040

Jun 29
(Suggested date)
(E-127)

17. 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 measure has not been prepared and filed. §§9030-9063

Jul 7
(Suggested date)
(E-119)

18. State Measures - Arguments Submission Deadline

By this day, legislators and their appointee(s) must submit to the Secretary of State their arguments for and against each legislative measure that qualifies by June 25 (E-131). This is also the last day for proponents of each initiative measure to submit their arguments to the Secretary of State. Once submitted, the arguments may not 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. If the author of the measure desires separate arguments to be written in its favor by each person appointed, separate arguments may be written, but the combined length shall not exceed 500 words. §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

If those members appointed to write an argument against the measure so choose, each may write a separate argument opposing it, but the combined length of the two arguments shall not exceed 500 words. §9042

If legislators and their appointee(s) do not file an argument for or against any legislative measure, any voter may request the Secretary of State for permission to prepare and file an argument for either side of any such measure on which no argument has been prepared. 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 on 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 measures. §§9062, 9067

Jul 8
(Suggested date)
(E-118)

19. State Measures - Arguments Selected

If more than one argument for or against any measure has been filed by this date, the Secretary of State will select arguments for inclusion in the ballot pamphlet and will exchange arguments with the opposing authors so that they may prepare and submit rebuttal arguments not exceeding 250 words. §§9067, 9069

Jul 13
(E-113)

20. Candidate Statements and Pictures Due

Last day candidate's statement and picture for publication in the state ballot pamphlet will be accepted by the Secretary of State.

- Jul 16-Aug 15
(Dates fixed by law)
21. Declaration of Candidacy - Supreme and Appellate Court Justices
- Between these dates, each Justice of the Supreme and Appellate Court who must stand for confirmation at the general election may file a declaration of candidacy with the Secretary of State. The nonrefundable filing fee must be paid at the time the declaration of candidacy is filed.
- Cal. Const., art VI, § 16; Elec. C. §§8103, 8105
- Jul 17
(Suggested date)
(E-109)
22. State Measures - Titles, Summaries, Analyses, Text, and Bond Statement Deadline
- The Attorney General, Legislative Analyst and Legislative Counsel are asked to provide, no later than this date, all official titles, 20-word ballot labels, summaries, analyses, texts, and statements of bonded indebtedness for the measures that have qualified for the general election ballot so that the Secretary of State has sufficient time to translate the ballot pamphlet into any appropriate minority languages as well as to prepare copy for public display.
- §§9050, 9087, 9083, 9091
- Jul 17
(Suggested date)
(E-109)
23. State Measures - Rebuttal Arguments Submission Deadline
- The last day rebuttal arguments for or against ballot measures qualified for the general election ballot may be submitted. The arguments shall not exceed 250 words.
- §§9044, 9069
- Jul 17
(Suggested date)
(E-109)
24. Statement of Purpose of Political Parties
- Deadline for qualified political parties to submit statements of purpose and philosophy for inclusion in the state ballot pamphlet.
- Jul 21- Aug 10
(E-105 to E-85)
25. State Ballot Pamphlet Available for Public Examination
- During this period, the ballot pamphlet for the general election will be available for public examination.
- Gov.C. §88006; Elec. C. §9092
- Jul 23
(E-103)
26. Signatures In Lieu for Independent Candidates Running for U.S. Senate and Congress
- The last day for candidates running under the independent nomination provisions for U.S. Senate and Congress to turn in their signature in lieu 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.

§§806:1, 8105

July 28
(E-98)

27. Change of Candidate's Designation on Ballot

The last day that any candidate may request in writing a different ballot designation than that used at the primary election. This request should be made to both the Secretary of State and the county elections official.

§13107e)

July 31
(Date fixed by law)

28. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - Supreme and Appellate Courts

The last day for Justices of the Supreme and Appellate Courts to turn in their petitions to the county elections official of the county in which the petition signers reside and are registered to vote. The county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency within ten days following receipt of the petitions. The candidate may then cover the deficiency either by submitting a supplemental petition or by paying a prorated portion of the filing fee not later than August 15, 1998.

§8106

July 31

29. Campaign Statement - Semiannual

The last day to file semiannual campaign statements for candidates and committees.

Gov.C. §§8420C, 84218

July 31

30. 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

Aug 3
(E-92)

31. 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 August 13 (E-82).

§13112(c)

Aug 7
5 p.m.
(E -88)

32. Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers - Independent Candidates

The last day for an independent candidate to leave his or her declaration of candidacy and to circulate and leave the nomination papers with the county elections official. Candidates for specified offices must have filed declarations of intention with the Secretary of State or county election officials between January 26 and February 4 to be allowed to file declarations of candidacy and nomination papers with the county election officials.

§§8350, 8403, 8550

Aug 7
7 p.m.
(E-88)

33. Nomination Paper Verification Method - Independent Candidates

The Secretary of State must receive actual notice of the total number of signatures submitted in each county and of the method of verification to be used by the county within either two working days of the final deposit of petition sections or by the close of the circulation period, but in no event later than 7 p.m. on this date. If notice is given by telephone, written confirmation must be transmitted to the Secretary of State on the same day that the telephone notice is given.

Cal. Code. Reg., Title 2 §20087; Elec. C. §3403(c)

Note: The Secretary of State will immediately notify each affected county of the method of verification being used in each multi-county district.

Aug 7
(E-88)

34. 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 general election. The elections official shall also notify each voter of the two nearest polling places; in the event the voter chooses to return the ballot on election day. No precinct shall be divided in order to conform to the provisions of this section.

§3005

Aug 10
(E-85)

35. 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

- Aug 11
(E -84)
36. Nomination Papers - Independent Candidates - Multi-County Districts
- Last day for county elections official to report in writing to the Secretary of State the total number of signatures submitted in that county for independent candidates seeking election in a district which includes two or more counties. §8403
- Aug 12
(Date fixed by law)
37. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - Supreme and Appellate Courts
- The last day for the county elections official to determine the sufficiency of the in-lieu signatures submitted by Supreme and Appellate Court justices. If the county elections official determines that the petition is deficient, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of such deficiency within ten days of their having been left for examination. Such candidates may, before the close of the nomination period (August 15, 1998), either submit a supplemental petition or pay a prorated fee to cover the deficiency. §8106(b)(3)
- Aug 12
(E -83)
38. Written Certification Results - Independent Candidates:
- The last day for the Secretary of State to receive actual notice of each county's total valid signature certification. If the county elections official telephones the actual notice, the county elections official shall send written certification on the same day that telephone notice was given. Cal. Code Regs., Title 2 §20089(c)
- The last day for the county elections officials to report the results of the random sampling method for checking each signature for any candidate running for election in a district involving two or more counties where at least one of the counties chooses to verify the candidate's nomination papers by the random sampling method. Cal. Code Regs., Title 2 §20089(c)
- Aug 12
(E-83)
39. Write-in Campaign for Judicial Office when Incumbent is Unopposed
- The last day to file a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted in any county or judicial district in which the incumbent is unopposed. The petition must be signed by 100 registered voters qualified to vote with respect to the office. §8203

Any write-in candidate must file, between September 7 (E-57) and October 20 (E-14), his or her statement of write-in candidacy and the number of signatures required on the nomination paper.

§§8603-8604

If the incumbent judge's name does not appear on either the primary or the general election ballots, then, on the day of the general election, November 3, 1998, the incumbent judge shall be declared reelected.

§8203

Aug 13
(E-82)

40. Randomized Alphabet Drawing

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 general election ballot.

§13112(b)

Aug 13
(E-82)

41. Results of Written Certification - Independent Candidates

The last day for the Secretary of State to compute the number of valid signatures submitted for each candidate's nomination paper to notify the election officials of the results and to determine whether further action is necessary.

Cal. Code Regs., Title 2 §20090; Elec. C §8403

Aug 15
(Date fixed by law)

42. Declaration of Candidacy – Supreme and Appellate Court Justices

The last day for each Justice of the Supreme and Appellate Court who must stand for confirmation at the general election to file with the Secretary of State a declaration of candidacy and pay the nonrefundable filing fee. Cal. Const., art VI, §16; Elec.C. §8103

Aug 27
(E-68)

43. Certified List of Candidates and Rotation List

The last day for the Secretary of State to prepare and send to each elections official a certified list by public office showing the name, party affiliation, and ballot designation of every person entitled to receive votes within the county at the general election who has received the nomination as a candidate for public office.

§8148

By this date, the Secretary of State shall also provide to county elections official a list of candidates arranged according to the randomized alphabet drawn on August 13, 1998.

§8149

- Aug 27
(E-68) 44. Death of a Candidate
- The last day for the county elections official to remove a deceased candidate's name from the general election ballot. §8810
- Aug 27
(E-68) 45. Filling Vacancy on Ballot
- No vacancy on the ballot for the general election shall be filled except by reason of the death of a candidate occurring on or before this date. §8803
- Aug 31
(E-64) 46. Nomination Papers Forwarded to the Secretary of State - Independent Candidates - Office for which there is a Filing Fee
- The last day for the county elections official to file the nomination papers of an independent candidate with the Secretary of State. §8403
- Aug 31
(E-64) 47. Nomination Signatures - Written Certification - Independent Candidates
- The last day for the county elections official to report the results of checking each signature to a nomination paper. This reporting date is used if all counties in a district choose this method of verification or if the Secretary of State orders the checking of every signature. Cal. Code Regs., Title 2 §§20089(d), 20090(b)(2)
- Sep 1
(Date fixed by law) 48. 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
- Sep 1-Sep 7
(Dates fixed by law) 49. Felony Conviction - Cancellation of Affidavits
- The county elections official shall, in the first week of September, cancel the affidavits of registration of all voters who are currently imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony. §2212
- Sep 4
(E-60) 50. Special Absent Voters' Ballot Applications
- The first day county elections official 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 October 5 through October 27 (E-29 to E-7) because of military or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery. §§300(b), 3103

Sep 4
(E-60)

51. 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 September 14 (E-50). §2187(c) & (d)(4)

Sep 7-Oct 20
(E-57 to E-14)

52. Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers

During this period, all write-in candidates must file their statement of write-in candidacy and nomination papers with the county elections official. §8601

Sep 14
(E-50)

53. 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 September 4 (E-60). §2187(c) & (d)(4)

Sep 15
(Date fixed by law)

54. Candidate Nomination - Supreme and Appellate Courts

The last day for the Governor to nominate a candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court or Justice of the Court of Appeal when an incumbent justice who was to have stood for confirmation at the general election did not file his or her declaration of candidacy with the Secretary of State. Cal.Const. art VI, §16 sub(d)

Sep 19
(E-45)

55. 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 official, members of the Legislature, proponents of statewide ballot measures, public libraries, and educational institutions. §9096

Sep 19
(E-45)

56. 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 to maintain their registered voter files.

Ballot pamphlets will also be sent to all counties for their supplemental mailings to persons who registered between September 5 and October 5 (E-59 to E-29). §9094(b) & (c)

Sep 24-Oct 13
(E-40 to E-21)

57. 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, September 4 (E-60). This mailing is based on the information provided by the counties' voter registration magnetic tape files, which were sent by September 14 (E-50). §9094(a)

In those counties in which such data processing equipment is not used, the county elections official shall mail the state ballot pamphlets to all voters registered by September 4 (E-60). §9094(b)

Sep 24-Oct 13
(E-40 to E-21)

58. Counties Mail Sample Ballots

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

Oct 4
(E-30)

59. 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

Oct 5-Oct 24
(E-29 to E-10)

60. Report of Registration - 29-day County Report

During this period, county elections official 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 October 5, 1998, the last day to register to vote in the general election. 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)(5)

Oct 5-Oct 24
(Suggested date)
(E-29 to E-10)

61. Mail Ballot Precinct

Between these suggested dates, 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 those voters in precincts which have 250 or fewer persons registered to vote, and location of the two nearest polling places. §3005

Oct 5-Oct 27
(E-29 to E-7)

62. 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 October 5, 1998 shall be kept and processed during this application period. §§3001, 3003

Oct 5
(Date fixed by law)

63. First Preelection Statement

The last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees for the period ending September 30, 1998.
Gov.C. §§84200.5, 84200.7(b)

Oct 5

64. 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. §34203.5

Oct 5
(E-29)

65. Notice of Change of Address within County

The last day before the general 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 notification may be submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) or any NVRA designated agency prior to the election. The county elections official shall correct the registration records accordingly. The notice is in lieu of re-registering. §2119

Oct 5
(E-29)

66. Precinct Boards and Polling Places

The last day for county elections official to establish a convenient number of election precincts within the affected jurisdiction, define precinct boundaries, designate polling places for each precinct,

appoint precinct boards, and notify members of each precinct board of their appointment and the location of the precinct and polling place where they will serve. §12286

Oct 5
(E-29)

67. Registration Closes

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

Note: The four-day period in which county elections official must receive completed and timely executed voter registration cards returned by mail ends October 9, 1998.

Oct 9
(E-25)

68. 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 general election. §2185

Oct 13
(E-21)

69. State Ballot Pamphlets - Mailing

The last day for the Secretary of State, or the county elections official if appropriate, to mail state ballot pamphlets to all households with voters who registered by September 4 (E-50). §9094

Oct 13
(E-21)

70. Sample Ballots - County Mailing

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

Oct 13
(Suggested date)
(E-21)

71. 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 that have not yet been designated. §12327

Oct 18-Nov 2

72. Late Contribution Report

All candidates and ballot measure committees that make or receive a late contribution and all other committees that make a late contribution on any date during the 16 days before an election must report the late contribution by guaranteed overnight mail, telegram, personal delivery, or facsimile transmission (where fax capability exists) within 24 hours. Late contribution reports may be reported on Form 497. Gov.C. §84203

Oct 18-Nov 2

73. Late Independent Expenditure Report

All candidates and committees that make a late independent expenditure on any date during the 16 days before an election must report the late independent expenditure by guaranteed overnight mail, telegram, personal delivery, or facsimile transmission (where fax capability exists) within 24 hours. Late independent expenditure reports may be reported on Form 496. **Note:** Current law as revised by Proposition 208 requires that all independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more to support or oppose a candidate must be reported within 24 hours.

Gov.C. §§84204, 85500

Oct 18-Nov 2

74. 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

Oct 18-Nov 2

75. 24-Hour Statement of Organization Filing Requirement for Recipient Committees and Slate Mailer Organizations

During the 16 days immediately preceding an election, any person or entity which qualifies as a recipient committee or slate mailer organization must file the information required to be reported in the Statement of Organization within 24 hours by telegram or personal delivery.

Gov.C. §§84101, 84108

Oct 20
(E-14)

76. 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

Oct 20
(E-14)

77. 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.

§1.2303(d)

- Oct 22 78. Second Preelection Statement
- The last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees for the period ending October 17, 1998. Candidates being voted upon, their controlled committees, and 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, 84200.7(b)
- Oct 22 79. 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
- Oct 24
(E-10) 80. State Ballot Pamphlet - Supplemental Mailing
- The last day for county elections officials to mail ballot pamphlets to voters who registered after September 4 and by October 5 (E-60 to E-29).
- §9094(c)
- Oct 24
(E-10) 81. Central Counting Place Notice
- The last day for county elections official to publish the notice that the general 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.
- §12109
- Oct 24
(E-10) 82. Report of Registration - 29-day County Report
- The last day for county elections official to send the Secretary of State their summary statements of the number of persons registered as of the close of registration, October 5 (E-29), together with a current copy of their voter files on magnetic tape or in index form.
- §2187(a), (c) & (d)(5)
- Oct 24
(E-10) 83. 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 general election.
- §2187(d)(5)

October 28-Nov 3
(E-6 to E)

89. 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 be unable to go to the polls on election day. The voter may designate any authorized representative to return the voted absent voter's ballot. §3021

Oct 31
(Date fixed by law)

90. Quarterly Statement by Ballot Measure Committees¹

All committees which have qualified as a recipient committee and are primarily formed to support or oppose the qualification, passage, or defeat of any measure must file a quarterly campaign statement for the period July 1 through September 30, during any semiannual period before the election in which the measure is not being voted upon. Gov. C. §§4202.3

Nov 2
5 p.m.
(E-1)

91. Special Absentee Voter - Recalled to Military Service

The last day a registered special absentee voter recalled to service after October 27 but before 5 p.m. on November 2 may obtain from the county elections official an absent voter's ballot which can 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

Nov 2
5 p.m.
(E-1)

92. Manual Processing of Absentee Ballots

Counties not having the necessary computer capability may begin to process manually the absent voter's ballots at 5 p.m. on this date, but under NO circumstances is any vote count to be made before the close of the polls at 8 p.m. on November 3 (E).

§15000

Nov 3
(E)

93. Special Absentee Voters

Any registered special absentee 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 election official's office or in a polling place. §§300, 3108

The last day an unregistered special absentee voter who was released from service after the close of registration and who has returned to his or her county of residence may apply in person to register with the county elections official and vote in the election.

¹ File by November 2, 1998. Because the deadline falls on a Saturday, the deadline is extended to the next business filing day.

Documentary proof of release from military service is required.
On or before the day of the election the county elections official shall deliver to the precinct board a list of special absentee voters registered under Elections Code §3107. §3107

The last day a special absentee voter who returns to the county after October 27, 1998 may appear before the county elections official and make application for registration, an absentee voter ballot, or both. The county elections official shall register the voter, if not registered, and shall deliver an absentee voter ballot which may be voted in or outside the county elections official's office on or before the close of the polls on the day of election and returned as are other voted absentee voter ballots. §3109

Nov 3
(E)

94. General Election Day

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

(Voters who have moved from one address to another within the same county and not reregistered may vote a provisional ballot at the polling place for their current (new) address or at a central location. The voter should be able to provide an ID Card or Driver's License with the new address, but if not available, then two other documents must be shown to establish new residence address.) §14311

Nov 3
(E)

95. Absent Voters' Ballots Returned in Order to be Counted

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

Nov 3
8 p.m.
(E)

96. Defacing of Unused Ballots

At 8 p.m., immediately after the close of the polls, each county elections official shall openly and in his or her main office 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

- Nov 3
(E) 97. Unopposed Judge: Superior or Municipal Court
- On this date, the county elections official declares elected any incumbent judge of a superior or municipal court who has filed for office but whose name did not appear on either the primary or general election ballots. §8203
- Nov 3
(E) 98. Semiofficial Canvass
- Beginning at 8 p.m. and continuously until completed, the county elections official will conduct the semiofficial canvass of votes and report totals to the Secretary of State at least every two hours. §§15250-15251
- Nov 5
(E+2) 99. Official Canvass
- By this date, county election officials must begin the official canvass of the precinct returns. This canvass must be completed not later than December 1, 1998. §§15301, 15308
- Nov 23
(E+20) 100. 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 October 24 (E -10). §2187(b) & (d)(5)
- Dec 1
(E+28) 101. 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 also 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 a certificate of election. §§15400-15401
- Dec 8
(E+35) 102. Statement of Results to Secretary of State
- By this date the county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State by registered mail one complete copy of the returns for all candidates for statewide office, Representative in Congress, Member of the State Senate and Assembly, member of the State Board of Equalization, and for all statewide measures. §15310

Dec 8
(E+35)

103. County Central Committee - Democratic Party

The last day for each county central committee to elect members to the state central committee. §7160

Dec 12
(E+39)

104. 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

The Secretary of State issues certificate of election to candidates elected for Representative in Congress, Member of the State Senate and Assembly, member of the State Board of Equalization, and for all statewide offices. §§15503, 15504

Jan 31, 1999
(Date fixed by law)

105. Campaign Statement - Semiannual¹

The last day to file semiannual campaign statements for candidates and committees. Gov.C. §§8420C, 84218

Jan 31, 1999

106. Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report¹

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. §34203.5

Feb 10-Mar 1, 1999
(Dates fixed by law)

107. Report of Registration

During this period, county elections official shall send 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 10, 1999. 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)(6)

¹ File by February 1, 1999. Because the filing deadline falls on a Sunday, the deadline is extended to the next business day.

Apr 11, 1999
(E+159)

108. Supplement to the Statement of the Vote

Last day for the Secretary of State to 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 Governor and United States Senator and on each statewide ballot measure. §15502

Mar 31, 1999

109. Report of Registration - Statewide Compilation

The last day for the Secretary of State to compile a statewide report showing the number of registered voters, by party affiliations, 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 1, 1999. §2187

Sep 12-Oct 1, 1999
(Dates fixed by law)

110. Report of Registration

During this period, county election officials shall send 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 September 12, 1999. 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)(7)