

## DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION CALENDAR JUNE 2, 1998

Dec 26, 1997-  
Feb 4, 1998  
(E-158 to E-118)

1. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - State Constitutional, Legislative, Judicial, Insurance Commissioner and Independent Candidates

During this period, a candidate for any state constitutional, legislative, or judicial office, office of the Insurance Commissioner, or independent candidate 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 paper if they meet party registration requirements. §§8061, 8105, 8106

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Feb 19, 1998  
(E-158 to E-103)

2. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - U.S. Senate, U.S. Congressional, and All Other Candidates

During this period, a candidate for any office, other than state constitutional, legislative, or judicial offices, or office of Insurance Commissioner, 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 paper if they meet party registration requirements. §§8061, 8106

Dec 26, 1997  
(E-158)

3. Notice of Offices 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. §12103

Dec 30, 1997-  
Jan 18, 1998  
(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 December 30, 1997, 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)

Dec 30, 1997  
(E-154)

5. 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 June 2, 1998 Primary Election candidate nominating process. §§2187(d)(1), 51C0(b)

Jan 1  
(Date fixed by law)

6. 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 2  
(Suggested Date)  
(E-151)

7. Preelection Residency Confirmation Procedure

The county elections official shall conduct a preelection residency confirmation procedure as provided in Elections Code §2220. This procedure shall be completed by the 90<sup>th</sup> day immediately prior to the primary election.

The county elections official, at his or her discretion, shall not be required to mail a residency confirmation postcard to any voter who has voted at an election held within the last six months preceding the start of the confirmation procedure.

§§2220-2:226

See item at March 4, 1998 for deadline date.

Jan 5  
(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 election official. §12000

Jan 5  
(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, 20-word ballot labels, summaries, analyses, texts, 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 February 13, 1998 for deadline date.

Jan 18  
(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 December 30, 1997 together with a current copy of the voter file on magnetic tape or in index form. §2187(a), (c) & (d)(1)

Jan 18  
(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(t) & (c)

Jan 22  
(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), §9013

Jan 22  
(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

Jan 23  
(E-130)

14. Candidates Packets

On or before this date, the Secretary of State will send informational packets and forms to all potential statewide candidates who have filed a Form 500 with the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC).

Jan 26-Feb 4  
(E-127 to E-118)

15. Declarations of Intention - Judicial Candidates

During this period, every candidate for a judicial office, whether numerically designated or not, 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 county elections official. This declaration shall be filed

on a form supplied by the county elections official.

§§8023, 8105

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.

§§8104-8107

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(E-127 to E-118)

16. Declarations of Intention – Candidates for State Constitutional, Legislative, or Insurance Commissioner Offices, and Independent Candidates

During this period, each candidate for state constitutional, legislative or Insurance Commissioner offices and independent candidates 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 either the Secretary of State or the county elections official of the county in which the candidate is a resident. Independent legislative candidates, even though not required to file nomination papers until June 8-August 7, because they don't run in the primary, must also file declarations of intention during this filing period. 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.

§§8022(a), 8105, 8350

Refer to the Term Limits section on pages 116-125 for a listing of which offices are affected by term limits and will, therefore, have no 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 state constitutional, legislative, Insurance Commissioner and independent candidates and the filing fee to the Secretary of State.

§§8103, 8106

- Jan 26  
(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 statewide ballot measure has not been prepared and filed. §§906C-9063
- Jan 28  
(E-125)
18. Notice of Parties Qualified
- The last day for the Secretary of State to prepare and send to each county elections official a notice designating the names of the political parties qualified to participate in the primary election. §2103
- Jan 28  
(E-125)
19. County Central Committees – American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, Peace and Freedom and Reform 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
- Jan 30  
(E-123)
20. 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
- Jan 31  
(Date fixed by law)
21. County Central Committees - Democratic and Republican Parties
- 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
- Jan 31  
(Date fixed by law)
22. Campaign Statement – Semiannual<sup>1</sup>
- The last day to file semiannual campaign statements for candidates and committees. Gov.C. §§84200, 84218

<sup>1</sup> File by February 2, 1998. Because the filing deadline falls on a Saturday, the deadline is extended to the next business day.

Jan 31

23. Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report<sup>1</sup>

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 3

(Suggested date)  
(E-119)

24. 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 qualified by January 22 (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. 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

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<sup>1</sup> File by February 2, 1998. Because the filing deadline falls on a Saturday, the deadline is extended to the next business day.

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 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, 9067

Feb 4  
(E-118)

25. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees – Candidates for State Constitutional, Legislative, Judicial, Insurance Commissioner, and Independent Offices

The last day for candidates for state constitutional, legislative, judicial, Insurance Commissioner, and independent 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 March 6 (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 (February 4), the county elections official shall issue during the regular filing period (February 9 through March 6) 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 and which meet party registration requirements shall not be required to file nomination papers. §§8061, 8105, 8106(b)(3)

Feb 4  
(E-118)

26. Declarations of Intention – Candidates for State Constitutional, Legislative, Judicial, and Insurance Commissioner Offices, and Independent Candidates

The last day on which a candidate may file a declaration of intention for a state constitutional, legislative, judicial, Insurance Commissioner, and independent office. §§8022(a), 8023, 8050

Feb 4  
(E-118)

27. Declarations of Intention - Elections Official Sends to the Secretary of State

The last day for the county elections official to send to the Secretary of State the declarations of intention and the filing fees for all state constitutional, legislative, Insurance Commissioner and independent candidates who filed with the county elections official unless the close of the filing period is extended. §§8022(a), 8023, 8350

Feb 4  
(Suggested date)  
(E-118)

28. 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

Feb 5-Feb 9  
(E-117 to E-113)

29. Declarations of Intention - Extension Period for Candidates for State Constitutional, Legislative, Judicial, and Insurance Commissioner Offices, and Independent Candidates

If the incumbent state constitutional, legislative or judicial officer, Insurance Commissioner, or independent candidate 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, 8023(b), 8350

Refer to the Term Limits section on pages 116-125 for a listing of which offices are affected by term limits and will, therefore, have no filing extensions.

Feb 7  
(E-115)

30. County Central Committees – Green, Libertarian, Peace and Freedom, Natural Law and Reform 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

Feb 9-Mar 6  
(E-113 to E-88)

31. Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers – Candidate Filing

During this period, all 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 state constitutional, legislative, or judicial office or office of Insurance Commissioner 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 valid in-lieu signatures any candidate obtains may be subtracted from the number required for his or her nomination papers if they meet party registration requirements. A candidate shall not be required to execute a nomination paper if the number of in-lieu signatures equals or exceeds the minimum number required by §3041. All nomination documents for state offices, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, Legislature, and member of the Board of Equalization are to be filed in the office of the county elections official who will ultimately process and forward them to the Secretary of State.

§§8020, 8041, 8061, 8100, 8105, 8106

Feb 9-Mar 6  
(E-113 to E-88)

32. Statements of Economic Interests

Between these dates, specified nonincumbent 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 March 6, 1998, 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 (FPPC) for deadline information at (916) 322-5662.

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

33. 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 those nomination documents for state office, United States Senator, State Board of

Equalization, Representative in Congress, or Member of the Senate or Assembly, together with a statement showing the number of valid signatures on the nomination document from all candidates. §§8070, 8082

Feb 9  
(E-113)

34. Candidate Statements and Pictures Due

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

Feb 13  
(Suggested date)  
(E-109)

35. State Measures - Titles, Summaries, Analyses, Texts, 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 statement of bonded indebtedness for the measures which have qualified for the primary 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, 9088, 9091

Feb 13  
(Suggested date)  
(E-109)

36. State Measures - Rebuttal Arguments Submission Deadline

The last day rebuttal arguments for or against ballot measures qualified for the primary election ballot may be submitted. The arguments shall not exceed 250 words. §9069

Feb 14  
(E-108)

37. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees – Candidates for State Constitutional, Legislative, Judicial, and Insurance Commissioner Offices and Independent Candidates

The last day for the county elections official to determine the sufficiency of in-lieu signatures submitted by candidates for state constitutional, legislative, and judicial offices, office of Insurance Commissioner, and independent candidates. 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 (March 6), either submit a supplemental petition or pay a prorated fee to cover the deficiency. §8106(b)(3)

Feb 17-Mar 9  
(E-105 to E-85)

38. State Ballot Pamphlet Available for Public Examination

During this period, the ballot pamphlet for the primary election will be available for public examination.

Gov.C. §88006; Elec. C. §9092

Feb 17  
(E-105)

39. 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

Feb 19  
(Suggested date)  
(E-103)

40. 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 county and political subdivisions 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 January 18, 1998.

§2187(b) & (d)(1)

See item at January 18, 1998 for Report of Registration 154-day County Report submissions.

Feb 19  
(E-103)

41. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - U.S. Senate, U.S. Congressional, and All Other Candidates

The last day for candidates for offices other than state constitutional, legislative, judicial, and Insurance Commissioner 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 March 6 (E-88). Upon receipt of the required number of 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 if they meet party registration requirements. §§8061, 8105, 8106(b)(3) & (b)(4)

Mar 1  
(E-93)

42. Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - U.S. Senate, U.S. Congressional, and All Other Candidates

The last day for the county elections official to determine the sufficiency of the in-lieu signatures submitted by candidates for all offices other than state constitutional, legislative, judicial, and Insurance Commissioner 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 (March 6), either submit a supplemental petition or pay a prorated fee to cover the deficiency. §8106(b)(3)

Mar 2  
(E-92)

43. 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 March 12 (E-82). §13112(c)

Mar 4  
(E-90)

44. 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

Mar 4  
(E-90)

45. Preelection Residency Confirmation Procedure

By this date, the county elections official must complete the preelection residency confirmation procedure required by Elections Code §2220. §§2220-2226

Mar 6  
(E-88)

46. 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)

- Mar 6  
(E-88)  
5 p.m.
47. Declarations of Candidacy and Nomination Papers
- Not later than 5 p.m. on this day, all candidates must deliver to the county elections official for filing their declarations of candidacy and their nomination papers §§8020 8100
- Mar 6  
(E-88)
48. When Judicial Incumbent is the Only Nominee
- If, in any county or in any judicial district, only the incumbent officer 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 March 16, 1998 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
- Mar 6  
(E-88)
49. 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. 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
- Mar 7-Mar 11  
(E-87 to E-83)
50. Nomination Period Extension for Candidates for State Constitutional, Legislative, Judicial, or Insurance Commissioner Offices
- If the incumbent of a judicial office for any reason fails to file his or her nomination papers by March 6 or dies on or before March 6, or if an incumbent state constitutional or legislative officer or Insurance Commissioner files a declaration of intention but for any reason fails to qualify for the nomination by March 6, 1998 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), 3204

- Mar 7-Mar 20  
(E-87 to E-74)
51. Nomination Period Extension 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 March 6 and by March 11, 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 March 20, 1998. §8025
- Mar 7-Mar 26  
(E-87 to E-68)
52. Death of Incumbent or Lone Opponent - Nonpartisan, Nonjudicial Office
- Death between these dates causes filing to reopen between the day following death and E-68. Any person qualified to be a candidate for the office may circulate and return nomination papers. §§8026, 8027
- Mar 9  
(E-85)
53. 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
- Mar 11  
(E-83)
54. 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. §8082
- Mar 11  
(E-83)
55. 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
- Mar 12(11 a.m.)  
(E-82)
56. 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 primary election ballot. §13112(b)

Mar 16  
(E-78)

57. 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 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 April 6 (E-57) and May 19 (E-14), his or her statement of write-in candidacy and the number of signatures required on the nomination paper.

§§8600, 8601, 8603, 8604

If the incumbent'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 3, 1998, the elections official shall declare the incumbent judge elected. §8203

Mar 20  
(E-74)

58. 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 March 6 and by March 11.

§8025

Mar 21  
(E-73)

59. Notice to Partisan 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 partisan office of the names, addresses, offices, ballot designations, and party affiliations of all other persons who have filed for the same office. §8121

Mar 21  
(E-73)

60. 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 March 26 (E-68). In lieu thereof the board of supervisors shall declare elected the candidates who were nominated. §§7228, 7423, 7673

Mar 22  
(Date fixed by law)

61. First Preelection Statement<sup>1</sup>

The last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees for the period ending March 17, 1998.

Gov.C. §§84200.5, 84200.7(a)

Mar 22

62. Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report<sup>1</sup>

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 26-Jun 1  
(E-68 to E-1)

63. 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. of March 26 (E-68) causes election for that office to be canceled and results in a special election to occur at a different time.

Election 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

Mar 26  
(E-68)

64. Certified List of Candidates and Rotation List

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

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<sup>1</sup> File by March 23, 1998. Because the filing deadline falls on a Sunday, the deadline is extended to the next business day.

By this date, the Secretary of State shall also provide to county election officials a list of candidates arranged according to the randomized alphabet drawn on August 12, 1998.

§8149

Mar 26  
(E-68)

65. Death of Incumbent or Lone Opponent - Nonpartisan, Nonjudicial Office

Last day to reopen filing based on death of either candidate.

§§8026-8027

Mar 26  
5 p.m.  
(E-68)

66. 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

Apr 1  
(Date fixed by law)

67. 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)

68. 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 3-May 26  
(E-60 to E-7)

69. 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

Apr 3  
(E-60)

70. 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 May 4 through May 26 (E-29 to E-7) because of military or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery.

§§300(b), 3103

Apr 3  
(E-60)

71. 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 April 13 (E-50).

§2187(c) & (d)(2)

Apr 6-May 19  
(E-57 to E-14)

72. Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers

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

§8601

Apr 13  
(E-50)

73. 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 April 3 (E-60). The copy of the voter registration file should reflect the results of the preelection residency confirmation procedure.

§§2187(c) & (d)(2), 2220

Apr 18  
(E-45)

74. 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 April 4 and May 4 (E-59 to E-29).

§9094(b)&(c)

Apr 18  
(E-45)

75. 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

Apr 23-May 12  
(E-40 to E-21)

76. 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, April 3 (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 April 13 (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 April 3 (E-60). §9094(b)

Apr 23-May 23  
(E-40 to E-10)

77. 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. §§13300-13304

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

April 30  
(Date fixed by law)

78. Quarterly Statements by Ballot Measure Committees

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 January 1 through March 31, during any semiannual period before the election in which the measure is not being voted upon.

Gov. C. §84202.3

May 3  
(E-30)

79. 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

May 4-May 23  
(E-29 to E-10)

80. Report of Registration - 29-day County Report

During this period, county election 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 May 4, 1998.

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)

May 4-May 23  
(Suggested date)  
(E-29 to E-10)

81. 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

May 4-May 26  
(E-29 to E-7)

82. 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 May 4, 1998 shall be kept and processed during this application period.

§§3001, 3003

May 4  
(E-29)

83. 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.

§12086

May 4  
(E-29)

84. 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 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 reregistering, and may not be handled by telephone.

§2119

- May 4  
(E-29)                      85. Registration Closes
- The last day for any person to register to vote in the primary election.                      §§2102, 2107
- Note:** The four-day period in which county elections officials must receive completed and timely executed voter registration cards returned by mail ends May 8, 1998.
- May 4  
(E-29)                      86. Sample Ballots - Preparation
- The last day for the county elections official to prepare identical sample ballots for each voter and separate party central committee ballots.                      §13300
- May 8  
(E-25)                      87. 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
- May 12  
(E-21)                      88. 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 April 3 (E-60).                      §9094
- May 12  
(Suggested date)  
(E-21)                      89. 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
- May 17-Jun 1                      90. 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. §84:03

May 17-Jun 1

91. 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

May 17-Jun 1

92. Slate Mailer Organization; Late Contributions

During the sixteen 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

May 17-Jun 1

93. 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

May 19  
(E-14)

94. 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

May 19  
(E-14)

95. 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)

- May 21                    96. Second Preelection Statement
- The last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees for the period ending May 16, 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(a)
- May 21                    97. 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
- May 23  
(E-10)                    98. Sample Ballots - County Mailing
- The last day for each county elections official to mail sample ballots to the voters. §1330(c)
- May 23  
(E-10)                    99. State Ballot Pamphlet - Supplemental Mailing by County
- The last day for county elections officials to mail ballot pamphlets to voters who registered after April 3 and by May 4 (E-60 to E-29). §9094(c)
- May 23  
(E-10)                    100. Central Counting Place Notice
- The last day for county elections official 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.  
§12109
- May 23  
(E-10)                    101. 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, May 4 (E-29), together with a current copy of their voter files on magnetic tape or in index form. §2187(a), (c) & (d) (3)

May 26  
(E-7)

102. 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

May 26  
(E-7)

103. Supplemental Index to Central Committees

The last day for the county elections official, 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 April 9 (E-54). §2185

May 26  
(E-7)

104. 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 official to send Logic and Accuracy Test certifications to the Secretary of State.

May 26  
(E-7)

105. Computer Processing of Absentee Ballots

Counties having the necessary computer capability may begin to process their absent voter ballots on this date. This process may be completed to the point of placing the ballot information on computer tape, but under NO circumstance shall a vote count be made before the polls close at 8 p.m. on June 2 (E). All other county elections officials shall start to process absent voter ballots at 5 p.m. on the day before the election.

§15000

May 27-Jun 1  
(E-6 to E-1)

106. Special Absent Voter - Recalled to Military Service

A registered special absent voter recalled to service after May 26 but before 5 p.m. on June 1 may appear before the county elections official and 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

May 27-Jun 2  
(E-6 to E)

107. 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 any authorized representative to return the voted absent voter's ballot.

§3021

Jun 1  
5 p.m.  
(E-1)

108. 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 June 2 (E).

§15000

Jun 2  
(E)

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

§3107

The last day a special absent voter who returns to the county after May 26, 1998 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 the close of the polls on the day of the election and returned as are other voted absent voter ballots.

§3109

- Jun 2  
(E)                      110. Primary 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
- Jun 2  
(E)                      111. Absent Voter's Ballots Returned in Order to be Counted
- The last day county election officials may receive ballots cast by absent voters by mail or in person. Absent voter ballots must be received by 8 p.m. at any polling place in the county or at the office of the elections official.                      §§3017, 3020
- Jun 2  
8 p.m.  
(E)                      112. 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
- Jun 2  
(E)                      113. Semiofficial Canvass
- Beginning at 8 p.m. and continuously until completed, the county elections official shall conduct the semiofficial canvass of votes and report totals to the Secretary of State at least every two hours.                      §§15250-15251
- Jun 4  
(E+2)                      114. 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 June 30 (E+28).                      §§15301, 15308

June 6-Aug 15  
10:00 a.m.  
(Date fixed by law)

115. State Convention-American Independent Party

On a Saturday during this period, the biennial state convention shall convene at 10:00 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. §7621

Jun 22  
(E+20)

116. 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 May 23 (E-10). §2187(b)(d) (3)

Jun 30  
(E+28)

117. 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, Libertarian, Natural Law, Peace and Freedom, and Reform 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, Libertarian, Natural Law, Peace and Freedom, and Reform party state central committees. §7734

July 7  
(E+39)

118. 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

Jul 11  
(E+39)

119. 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

Jul 11  
(E+39)

120. Certificates

Secretary of State issues certificates of nomination to candidates nominated for Representative in Congress, Member of the State Senate and Assembly, member of the State Board of Equalization, and for all statewide offices. §8147

Jul 14  
(Date fixed by law)

121. 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. Within five days after the organizational meeting, the newly elected chairperson shall notify the county elections official of his or her name. The county elections official shall mail a certificate to that effect to the Secretary of State.

§§7680, 7634

July 14  
(Date fixed by law)

122. County Central Committee – Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, Peace and Freedom, and Reform Parties

On this date, the county central committee shall hold its first meeting. Within five days after a committee meets, the newly elected chairperson of the committee shall notify the county elections official of his or her name. The county elections official shall mail a certificate to that effect to the Secretary of State.

§§7850, 7834

Jul 20  
5 p.m.  
(Date fixed by law)

123. 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)
124. State Central Committees – Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, Peace and Freedom, and Reform Parties
- The last day for the Secretary of State to send a notice by mail to each of the elected members of the county 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 with this notice. The Secretary of State shall also send copies of this list of members to the registrars of voters of the counties of Los Angeles and San Francisco. §§7785, 7801
- Jul 27  
5 p.m.  
(Date fixed by law)
125. 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)
126. Campaign Statement - Semiannual
- The last day to file semiannual campaign statements for candidates and committees. Gov. C. §§84200, 84218
- Jul 31
127. 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
- Nov 8  
(E+159)
128. 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 United States Senator and Governor and on each statewide ballot measure. §15502