

## **PREFACE**

The Elections Division of my office has prepared this calendar for the November 8, 2005 Special Statewide Election.

California's elections require a great deal of work, advance preparation, and expertise from a number of persons at all levels of government. We are fortunate in the Golden State to have an elections community made up of dedicated, experienced, and innovative professionals who are deeply committed to conducting honest, efficient, and successful statewide elections. We will conduct this election with integrity and efficiency to ensure that every eligible voter has the opportunity to cast a ballot and that every properly cast vote is counted.

**BRUCE MCPHERSON**  
Secretary of State

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- Jun 13, 2005  
(E-148)
1. **Governor's Proclamation**  
On or before this date, the Governor must issue the proclamation calling the special statewide election. § 12000
- Jun 30, 2005  
(E-131)
2. **Initiative Measure Qualification Deadline**  
The last day for an initiative measure to qualify for the special election ballot. Cal. Const., art. II, § 8(c); Elec. Code § 9013
- Jun 30, 2005  
(E-131)
3. **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 special election ballot. § 9040
- Jul 11, 2005  
(E-120)
4. **State Measures - News Release Inviting Arguments**  
No later than this date, the Secretary of State will issue a general news release requesting voters to submit an argument in each case where the argument for or against any statewide ballot measure has not been prepared and filed. §§ 9060-9063
- Jul 12, 2005  
(E-119)  
(Date set by  
Secretary of State)
5. **State Measures - Argument 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 June 30, 2005 (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

Any voter or group of voters may, at any time within the time limit, prepare and file with the Secretary of State an argument for or against any measure to which arguments have not been prepared or filed. This argument shall not exceed 500 words in length. § 9064

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 measure submitted to the voters by the Legislature was not adopted unanimously, one Member of the Senate who voted against it shall be appointed by the President pro Tempore of the Senate and one Member of

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the Assembly who voted against it shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, at the same time as appointments to draft an argument in its favor are made, to write an argument against the measure. An argument shall not exceed 500 words. § 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

Jul 15, 2005  
(E-116)

6. **State Measures - Arguments Selected and Exchanged**

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. A rebuttal argument shall not exceed 250 words. §§ 9067, 9069

Jul 21, 2005  
(E-110)

7. **State Measures - Title, Summary, Analysis, 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 and summaries, ballot labels, analyses, texts, and statement of bonded indebtedness for the measures that have qualified for the special election ballot so that the Secretary of State has sufficient time to translate the ballot pamphlet into any appropriate minority language as well as to prepare copy for public display. §§ 9050, 9087, 9088, 9091

Jul 21, 2005  
(E-110)

8. **State Measures - Rebuttal Argument Submission Deadline**

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

Jul 26 to  
Aug 15, 2005  
(E-105 to E-85)

9. **State Ballot Pamphlet Available for Public Examination**

During this period, the ballot pamphlet for the special election will be available for public examination. Gov. Code § 88006; Elec. Code § 9092

Aug 15, 2005  
(E-85)

10. **State Ballot Pamphlet Copy to the Office of State Publishing**

The last day for the Secretary of State to deliver copy for preparation of the ballot pamphlets to the Office of State Publishing. § 9082

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- Sep 9 to  
Sep 19, 2005  
(E-60 to E-50)
11. **Report of Registration – 60-Day County Report**  
During this period, the county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State a summary of the number of persons registered by party in their counties and in each political subdivision thereof as of September 9, 2005.  
§ 2187
- Sep 19, 2005  
(E-50)
12. **Voter Registration Files to the Secretary of State**  
The last day for county elections official to send the Secretary of State via Calvoter a copy of their voter registration files of all voters registered prior to September 9, 2005 (E-60).  
§ 2187(c)&(d)(2)
- Sep 24, 2005  
(E-45)
13. **State Ballot Pamphlets Furnished to Counties**  
By this date, the Secretary of State shall furnish copies of the state ballot pamphlet to the counties for their supplemental mailings to persons who registered between September 10 and October 10, 2005 (E-59 to E-29).  
§ 9094(b)&(c)
- Sep 24, 2005  
(E-45)
14. **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
- Sep 29 to  
Oct 18, 2005  
(E-40 to E-21)
15. **State Ballot Pamphlet Mailing**  
Between these dates, the Secretary of State shall mail state voter information guides to all households in which voters were registered by Friday, September 9, 2005 (E-60). This mailing is based on the information provided in the files transmitted to the Secretary of State by September 19, 2005 (E-50).  
§ 9094(a)
- Sep 29 to  
Oct 18, 2005  
(E-40 to E-21)
16. **Counties Mail Sample Ballots**  
Between these dates, the county elections official shall mail a polling place notice and a 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 10 to  
Nov 1, 2005  
(E-29 to E-7)
17. **Absent Voter Ballot Application**  
Between these dates, any registered voter may apply to the county elections official for an absent voter's ballot. Elections official shall keep any applications received before October 10, 2005 (E-29) and process them during this application period.  
§§ 3001, 3003

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- Oct 18, 2005  
(E-21)
18. **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 9, 2005 (E-60). § 9094
- Oct 24, 2005  
(E-15)
19. **Registration Closes**  
The last day for any person to register to vote in the special statewide election. §§ 2102, 2107
- Note:** No person shall be registered as a voter except by affidavit of registration. The affidavit shall be mailed or delivered to the county elections official and shall set forth all of the facts required to be shown. A properly executed registration shall be deemed effective upon receipt of the affidavit by the county elections official if any of the following apply:
- (1) The affidavit is postmarked on or before the 15th day prior to the election and received by mail by the county elections official.
  - (2) The affidavit is submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles or accepted by any other public agency designated as a voter registration agency pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1973gg) on or before the 15th day prior to the election.
  - (3) The affidavit is delivered to the county elections official by means other than those described in paragraphs (1) or (2) on or before the 15th day prior to the election.
- Oct 24 to Nov 1, 2005  
(E-15 to E-7)
20. **Report of Registration - 15-Day Report**  
During this period, each county elections official shall 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. § 2187(a),(c)&(d)(3)
- Oct 25 to  
Nov 1, 2005  
(E-14 to E-7)
21. **New Citizens Registration Period**  
Any person who becomes a citizen in California after the 15<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election may register to vote beginning on the 14<sup>th</sup> day prior to an election and ending on the seventh day prior to election day. This registration must be executed in the county elections office.
- A new citizen registering to vote after the close of registration shall provide the county elections official with proof of citizenship prior to voting, and shall declare that he or she has established residency in California. §§ 331, 3500, 3501
- The ballots of new citizens shall be received and canvassed at the same time and under the same procedure as absent voter ballots. § 3502

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- Oct 29, 2005  
(E-10)      22. **State Ballot Pamphlet - Supplemental Mailing by County**  
The last day for county elections officials to mail ballot pamphlets to voters who registered after September 9 and by October 10, 2005 (E-60 to E-29).  
§ 9094(c)
- Nov 1, 2005  
(E-7)      23. **Absent Voters**  
The last day to file applications for absent voter ballots.      § 3001
- Nov 1, 2005  
(E-7)      24. **Computer Program to Secretary of State**  
The last day to verify computer vote count programs and deposit copies thereof with the Secretary of State.      § 15001  
  
The last day to send logic and accuracy test certifications to the Secretary of State.      § 15001
- Nov 1, 2005  
(E-7)      25. **Computer Processing of Absentee Ballots**  
Counties 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 the vote counting system, but under **NO** circumstance shall a vote count be made before the polls close at 8 p.m. on November 8, 2005 (E).      § 15101(b)
- Nov 2 to  
Nov 7, 2005  
(E-6 to E-1)      26. **Special Absent Voter - Recalled to Military Service**  
A registered voter recalled to service after November 1, 2005 but before 5 p.m. on November 7, 2005 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
- Nov 2 to  
Nov 8, 2005  
(E-6 to E)      27. **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
- Nov 8, 2005  
(E)      28. **Election Day**  
On this date, all polls shall be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
  
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 shall be reregistered at the place of voting for future elections.  
  
The last day county election officials may receive ballots cast by absent

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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.  
§§ 3020, 14212, 14311

- Nov 10, 2005  
(E+2)      29. **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 December 6, 2005.      §§ 15301, 15372
- Dec 6, 2005  
(E+28)      30. **Official Canvass**  
No later than this date, the county elections official must complete the canvass, certify its results, and submit it to the board of supervisors. § 15372
- Dec 13, 2005  
(E+35)      31. **Statement of Results to Secretary of State**  
By this date, the county elections officials shall send to the Secretary of State by registered mail one complete copy of the returns for the special statewide election.      § 15375
- Dec 17, 2005  
(E+39)      32. **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 returns.      § 15501
- Apr 16, 2006  
(E+159)      33. **Supplement to the Statement of 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.      § 15502