

**Special Election Calendar  
Special General Election August 31, 2021  
State Assembly, 18th District (Rob Bonta)**

07/08/21	(E-54)	1 <b>NOTICE TO CANDIDATE</b> Secretary of State to notify each candidate for voter-nominated office of the names, addresses, offices, occupations, and party preferences of all other persons whose names are to appear on the general election ballot.	§ 8147.5 <sup>1</sup>
07/08/21	(E-54)	2 <b>CANDIDATE STATEMENTS IN THE COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE</b> During this period, State Assembly candidates may purchase space for a 250-word candidate statement in the voter information guide of the county in the jurisdiction. Candidates for State Assembly may purchase statement space only if they have agreed to voluntary expenditure limits.	Gov. Code § 85601(c)
07/08/21	(E-54)	3 <b>POLITICAL PARTY ENDORSEMENTS</b> Last day for any qualified political party to submit to the county elections official a list of all candidates for voter-nominated office who will appear on any ballot in the county in question, and who have been endorsed by the party. The county elections official shall print any such list that is timely received from the state party chairperson in the county voter information guide.	§ 13302(b)
07/13/21	(E-49)	4 <b>CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES</b> Last day for the Secretary of State to send the Certified List of Candidates to the county elections official.	§ 8120
07/17/21* (Saturday)	(E-45)	5 <b>MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS</b> Last day for the county elections officials to transmit ballots to military and overseas voters.	§ 3114
07/22/21 to 08/10/21	(E-40 to E-21)	6 <b>COUNTY MAILS VOTER INFORMATION GUIDES</b> Suggested first day for the county elections official to begin mailing a polling location notice and voter information guide to each registered voter. The polling location notice may state whether the polling location is accessible to the physically handicapped.	§§ 13300.7, 13303, 13304, 13305
08/02/21	(E-29)	7 <b>PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS AND POLLING LOCATIONS</b> Last day for the county elections official to appoint the members of the precinct boards and designate the polling locations.	§ 12286
08/02/21 to 08/24/21	(E-29 to E-7)	8 <b>VOTE-BY-MAIL ISSUANCE</b> No later than the beginning date of this period, the county elections official shall begin mailing each registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot, a vote-by-mail packet that includes an envelope with instructions on the use and return of the vote-by-mail ballot, and other information including the locations and hours of each vote center in the county. The county elections official shall have five days to mail a ballot to each person who is registered to vote by this date and five days to mail a ballot to each person who is subsequently registered to vote.	§§ 3000.5, 3001, 302, 10704(c)
8/10/2021	(E-21)	9 <b>COUNTY MAILS VOTER INFORMATION GUIDES — DEADLINE</b> Last day for the county elections official to mail voter information guides to voters for the special general election.	§§ 13300.7, 13303, 13304, 13305
08/16/21	(E-15)	10 <b>VOTER REGISTRATION</b> Last day to register to vote in the special general election.	§§ 2102, 2170
08/17/21 to 08/31/21	(E-14 to E)	11 <b>CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD</b> Period in which an individual can “conditionally” register and vote provisionally at the county elections office, a satellite office, or polling location after the 15-day voter registration deadline.	§ 2170
08/17/21 to 08/31/21	(E-14 to E)	12 <b>NEW CITIZEN REGISTRATION PERIOD</b> Period in which new citizens may register to vote. 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
8/17/2021	(E-14)	13 <b>BILINGUAL PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS</b> Last day to prepare a list of precincts to which bilingual officers were appointed. A copy of this list shall be made available to the public.	§ 12303(d)
08/21/21** (Saturday)	(E-10)	14 <b>PUBLICATION OF TALLY CENTER LOCATION</b> On or before this date, a notice shall be published by the county elections official at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the district specifying the public place to be used as the central tally center for counting the ballots.	§ 12109

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08/24/21	(E-7)	15 <b>VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT ISSUANCE - DEADLINE</b> Last day for the county elections official to send a registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot for the special general election.	§§ 3000.5, 3001, 3102(e), 10704(c)
08/24/21 [5:00 p.m.]	(E-7)	16 <b>COMPUTER PROGRAM TO SECRETARY OF STATE</b> Last day for the county to verify their election night vote count computer programs and deposit copies thereof with the Secretary of State.	§ 15001
08/25/21 to 08/30/21 [5:00 p.m.]	(E-6 to E-1)	17 <b>MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTER — RECALLED TO SERVICE</b> Period in which a registered military or overseas voter recalled to service after August 24, 2021 (E-7), but before 5:00 p.m. on August 30, 2021 (E-1), may appear before the county elections official where they are registered and obtain a vote-by-mail ballot which may be voted in, or outside, the county elections official's office on or before the close of the polls and returned as are other voted vote-by-mail ballots.	§ 3111
08/25/21 to 08/31/21	(E-6 to E)	18 <b>VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS — LATE CONDITIONS</b>  Period in which any voter may request in writing a vote-by-mail ballot if, because of specified conditions, he or she will be unable to go to the polls for an election. A written statement is not necessary if the vote-by-mail ballot is voted in the office of the elections official at the time of the request. The voter may designate any authorized representative to receive the ballot and return the voted vote-by-mail ballot.	§ 3021
08/30/21 [5:00 p.m.]	(E-1)	19 <b>MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTER — RECALLED TO SERVICE</b> Last day a registered military or overseas voter recalled to service after August 24, 2021 (E-7), but before 5:00 p.m. on August 30, 2021 (E-1), may appear before the county elections official where they are registered and obtain a vote-by-mail ballot which may be voted in, or outside, the county elections official's office on or before the close of the polls and returned as are other voted vote-by-mail ballots.	§ 3111
08/31/21	(E)	20 <b>MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTERS</b> Any registered military or overseas voter or any individual born outside of the United States or District of Columbia whose parent or legal guardian was a resident of California when the parent was last living in the United States who has returned to their county of registration on or before this day, and to whom a vote-by-mail ballot has been mailed but not voted, may apply to vote in the county elections official's office or in a polling location.  An unregistered military or overseas voter who was 1) released from service after the close of registration and who has returned to his or her county of residence or 2) required to move under official active duty military orders after the close of registration may apply in person to register with the county elections official and vote in the election. Documentary proof of release from service or official military orders are required. On or before the day of the election, the county elections official shall deliver to the precinct board a list of military or overseas voters registered under Elections Code section 3108.  A military or overseas voter or any individual born outside of the United States or District of Columbia whose parent or legal guardian was a resident of California when the parent was last living in the United States who returns to the county after August 24, 2021 (E-7), may appear before the county elections official and apply for registration, a vote-by-mail ballot, or both. The county elections official shall register the voter, if not registered, and shall deliver a vote-by-mail 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 vote-by-mail ballots.	§§ 300(b), 3109  § 3108  § 3110
08/31/21	(E)	21 <b>NEW CITIZEN REGISTRATION</b> Last day for new citizen registration.	§§ 331, 3500, 3501
08/31/21	(E)	22 <b>CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION</b> Last day for conditional voter registration.	§ 2170

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08/31/21	(E)	23 <b>SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION AND VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS</b> Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Hand-delivered vote-by-mail ballots shall be received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day at any polling place, drop box, at the office of the elections official, or at any ballot dropoff location.	§§ 3017, 10705, 14212
08/31/21	(E)	24 <b>VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS — LATE CONDITIONS</b> Last day any voter may request in writing a vote-by-mail ballot because of specified conditions resulting in his or her absence from the polling location or precinct on Election Day.	§ 3021
09/02/21	(E+2)	25 <b>VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS — NOTICE TO CURE MISMATCHED SIGNATURE ON IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE OR UNSIGNED IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE</b> By this date, the county elections official shall provide to all voters who have been identified as having a signature on the vote-by-mail identification envelope that did not match with their signature on their voter record a notice of the opportunity to verify their signatures no later than 5 p.m. on September 8, 2021 (E+8)	§ 3019(d)(1)
		By this date, the county elections official shall provide to all voters identified as having failed to sign the vote-by-mail identification envelope a notice of the opportunity to provide a signature no later than 5 p.m. on September 8, 2021 (E+8)	§ 3019(e)(1)
09/02/21	(E+2)	26 <b>ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNPROCESSED BALLOTS</b> On this day, the county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State an initial report containing the estimated number of outstanding unprocessed ballots.	§ 15305(b)
09/06/21 to 09/10/21	(E+6 to E+10)	27 <b>REPORT ON ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNPROCESSED BALLOTS</b> Beginning on this day, the county elections official shall, on any day that the county elections official publicly releases updated election results, send to the Secretary of State a report on the estimated number of outstanding unprocessed ballots. The last report shall be delivered upon completion of the official canvass.	§ 15305(c)
09/07/21	(E+7)	28 <b>MAILED VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS — LAST DAY TO BE COUNTED</b> Any vote-by-mail ballot cast shall be deemed timely if it is received by the elections official via the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company no later than seven days after Election Day and either of the following is satisfied if: 1) the ballot is postmarked on or before Election Day or is time stamped or date stamped by a bona fide private mail delivery company on or before Election Day, or 2) if the ballot has no postmark, a postmark with no date, or an illegible postmark, the vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope is date stamped by the elections official upon receipt of the vote-by-mail ballot from the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company, and is signed and dated pursuant to Section 3011 on or before Election Day.	§§ 1605(d), 3017, 3020
09/08/21 [5:00 p.m.]	(E+8)	29 <b>VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS — MISMATCHED SIGNATURE ON IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE</b> Last day for the county elections official to receive from a voter, whose signature on their vote-by-mail identification envelope did not match with their signature on their voter record, a "signature verification statement;" this statement can be submitted in person, or by mail, email, or fax.	§ 3019(d)(4)
09/08/21 [5:00 p.m.]	(E+8)	30 <b>VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS — UNSIGNED IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE</b> Last day for a voter who did not sign the vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope to either sign the identification envelope at the office of the county elections official or complete and submit an "unsigned ballot statement" in person to the county elections official, or by mail, email, or fax.	§ 3019(e)(1)

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09/10/21	(E+10)	31 <b>ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNPROCESSED BALLOTS — FINAL REPORT</b> No later than this date, the last report on the estimated number of outstanding unprocessed ballots shall be delivered to the Secretary of State.	§ 15305(c)
09/10/21	(E+10)	32 <b>OFFICIAL CANVASS — DEADLINE</b> Last day for the county elections official to complete the official canvass and certify the results to the Secretary of State.	Date designated by Secretary of State
10/08/21	(E+38)	33 <b>CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION (CANDIDATE)</b> Last day for the Secretary of State to determine votes cast for State Assembly and to certify the person having the highest number of votes for that office as duly elected. It is the intention of the Secretary of State to issue a certificate immediately after receipt of the results of the official canvass.	§§ 15501, 15504

\* Elections Code section 3114 requires that ballots and ballot materials be transmitted to each military and overseas voter on the 45th day before the election. E-45 is July 17, 2021, which is a Saturday; this deadline does not move forward to the next business day.

\*\* Date falls on a weekend or state holiday; it moves forward to the next business day.

<sup>1</sup>All code references are to the California Elections Code unless otherwise stated.