

**Special Election Calendar**  
**Special General Election August 4, 2026**  
**U.S. Representative, 1st District (Doug LaMalfa)**

6/11/26	(E-54)	1	<b>NOTICE TO EACH 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>
6/11/26	(E-54)	2	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENTS IN THE COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE</b> Last day for U.S. Representative candidates to purchase space for a 250-word candidate statement in the voter information guide of the county or counties in the jurisdiction.	Gov. Code § 85601(c)
6/11/26	(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 voter information guide.	§ 13302(b)
6/16/26	(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.	§ 8148
6/20/26* (Saturday)	(E-45)	5	<b>MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS</b> Last day for the county elections official to transmit ballots to military and overseas voters.	52 U.S.C. § 20302 (MOVE Act); § 3114
6/25/26 to 7/14/26	(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.	§§ 4005(a)(8)(B), 13300.7, 13303, 13304, 13305, 14282
7/6/26	(E-29)	7	<b>ALL COUNTIES: VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT ISSUANCE</b> Every active registered voter will be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot.  No later than this date, 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 or polling place.  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, 3010  §§ 3000.5, 3001, 3010, 3016.3, 3102(e), 4005(a)(8)(A), (B)  §§ 3000.5, 3001, 4005(a)(8)(A), (B)
7/6/26	(E-29)	8	<b>VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS: PROCESSING BEGINS</b> All county elections officials may begin to process vote-by-mail ballot return envelopes and vote-by-mail ballots.  This process may be completed to the point of placing the ballot information on a computer medium, but under <b>NO</b> circumstances may a vote count be accessed or released until 8:00 p.m. on August 4, 2026 (E).	§ 15101(a)  § 15101(b), (c)
7/6/26	(E-29)	9	<b>ALL COUNTIES EXCEPT FOR BUTTE AND SIERRA: PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS AND POLLING LOCATIONS</b> On or before this date, the county elections official shall appoint members of the precinct boards and designate the polling places.	§ 12286
7/7/26 to 8/4/26	(E-28 to E)	10	<b>ALL COUNTIES: DROP-OFF LOCATIONS OPEN</b> By this date, all counties shall open ballot drop-off locations. These locations shall be open at least during regular business hours beginning not less than 28 days before the election through Election Day. At least one ballot drop-off location shall be an accessible, secured, exterior drop box that is available for a minimum of 12 hours per day, including regular business hours.	§§ 3025.5, 4005(a)(1)
7/14/26	(E-21)	11	<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, 14282

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7/20/26	(E-15)	12 <b>15-DAY CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION</b> Last day to register to vote in the special general election.	§§ 2102, 2170
7/21/26	(E-14)	13 <b>ALL COUNTIES EXCEPT FOR SIERRA: 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)
7/21/26 to 8/4/26	(E-14 to E)	14 <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, vote center or polling location after the 15-day voter registration deadline.	§ 2170
7/21/26 to 8/4/26	(E-14 to E)	15 <b>CHANGE OF ADDRESS WITHIN SAME COUNTY AND/OR CHANGE OF POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE</b> Period in which an elector can, in lieu of executing a new affidavit of registration for a change of address within the same county and/or a change of political party preference, submit a written request that discloses specific information. The written request shall be delivered to the county elections official’s office or to any location that offers conditional voter registration and at which a ballot can be issued.	§§ 2119.5, 2152
7/25/26** (Saturday)	(E-10)	16 <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 location to be used as the central tally center for counting the ballots.	§ 12109
7/25/26 (Saturday) to 8/3/26	(E-10 to E-1)	17 <b>OPEN AT LEAST ONE VOTE CENTER FOR EVERY 60,000 REGISTERED VOTERS</b> Not less than 10 days before the day of the election, for a minimum of eight hours per day, at least one vote center is provided for every 60,000 registered voters. If the jurisdiction is not wholly contained within the county, the county elections official shall make a reasonable effort to establish a vote center within the jurisdiction where the special election is held. For a jurisdiction with fewer than 30,000 registered voters, the county elections official shall make a reasonable effort to establish a vote center.	§ 4005(b)(3)
7/28/26 [5:00 p.m.]	(E-7)	18 <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
7/29/26 to 8/3/26 [5:00 p.m.]	(E-6 to E-1)	19 <b>MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTER — RECALLED TO SERVICE</b> Period in which a registered military or overseas voter recalled to service after July 28, 2026 (E-7), but before 5:00 p.m. on August 3, 2026 (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
8/2/26** (Saturday)	(E-2)	20 <b>EARLY BALLOT PICKUP NOTIFICATION DEADLINE</b> If a county elections official will pick up ballots prior to the closing of the polls, at least 48 hours in advance of an election the elections official must notify the public of the dates, times, and places at which ballot containers will be delivered.	Cal. Code Regs. tit. 2, § 20142; § 14422(a)(3)
8/3/26 [5:00 p.m.]	(E-1)	21 <b>MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTER — RECALLED TO SERVICE</b> Last day a registered military or overseas voter recalled to service after July 28, 2026 (E-7), but before 5:00 p.m. on August 3, 2026 (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

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8/4/26	(E)	22 <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 vote center or polling location, drop box, at the office of the elections official, or at any ballot dropoff location. If one candidate receives a majority of the votes (50% + 1), no special general election will be held.	§§ 3017, 10705, 14212
8/4/26	(E)	23 <b>MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTERS — LATE CONDITIONS</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, vote center or in a polling location.  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 July 28, 2026 (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), 321, 3014, 3109  § 3110
8/4/26	(E)	24 <b>OPEN AT LEAST ONE VOTE CENTER FOR EVERY 30,000 REGISTERED VOTERS</b>  On the day of the election, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., inclusive, at least one vote center is provided for every 30,000 registered voters. If the jurisdiction is not wholly contained within the county, the county elections official shall make a reasonable effort to establish a vote center within the jurisdiction where the special election is held. For a jurisdiction with fewer than 30,000 registered voters, the county elections official shall make a reasonable effort to establish a vote center.	§ 4005(b)(2)
8/4/26	(E)	25 <b>CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION — DEADLINE</b> Last day for conditional voter registration.	§ 2170
8/4/26	(E)	26 <b>CHANGE OF ADDRESS WITHIN SAME COUNTY AND/OR CHANGE OF POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE — DEADLINE</b> Last day for an elector, in lieu of executing a new affidavit of registration for a change of address within the same county and/or a change of political party preference, to submit a written request that discloses specific information. The written request shall be delivered to the county elections official's office or to any location that offers conditional voter registration and at which a ballot can be issued.	§§ 2119.5, 2152
8/6/26	(E+2)	27 <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)
8/6/26 to 9/3/26	(E+2 to E+30)	28 <b>OFFICIAL CANVASS — BEGINNING</b> Beginning no later than the Thursday following the election, the county elections official must begin the official canvass of the precinct returns. This canvass must be completed no later than September 3, 2026 (E+30)	§§ 15301, 15372

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8/6/26 to 9/3/26	(E+2 to E+30)	29	<p><b>OFFICIAL CANVASS — REPORTING</b></p> <p>Beginning no later than the Thursday following the election, county elections officials must post updated information on their Internet website at least two times by the following Thursday. The updates shall include at least the following information: (1) Updated results for any candidate; (2) The number of ballots processed and an estimated number of outstanding ballots remaining unprocessed for each of the following categories: ballots voted at a polling place, vote-by-mail ballots received on or before Election Day, vote-by-mail ballots received after Election Day, provisional ballots, and conditional registration ballots; (3) The date and time when it is expected that the next results will be posted. This information shall be posted on the homepage of an elections official's internet website, on the stand-alone webpage for the specific election on an elections official's internet website, or on the stand-alone website that contains updated election results for the specific election. Posting a hyperlink to a separate file containing this information does not satisfy the requirements.</p>	§§ 15305, 15306(a)
			<p>The elections official may stop posting the results described above when either of the following occurs: (1) A certified statement of results is published pursuant to Section 15372; (2) The only ballots left to count are vote-by-mail ballots for which a voter has the opportunity either to verify their signature pursuant to Section 3019(d) or to provide their signature pursuant to Section 3019(e). If the elections official stops posting results for this reason, they shall post a notice stating this reason on their Internet website.</p>	§ 15306(b)
8/10/26 to 9/3/26	(E+6 to E+30)	30	<p><b>REPORT ON ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNPROCESSED BALLOTS</b></p> <p>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.</p>	§ 15305(c)
8/11/26	(E+7)	31	<p><b>VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS RETURNED BY MAIL — LAST DAY TO BE COUNTED</b></p> <p>Any vote-by-mail ballot cast shall be deemed timely if it is received by the county 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.</p>	§§ 3011, 3017, 3020
8/17/26	(E+13)	32	<p><b>BALLOT COUNTING — DEADLINE</b></p> <p>By this date, all counties shall finish counting all ballots and release the vote count for those ballots except ballots needing to be duplicated, ballots forwarded from other counties, provisional ballots, conditional ballots, vote-by-mail ballots whose signature on their vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope did not compare with their signatures on their voter record or did not sign their vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope, ballots received after the fourth day following the election. Elections officials that will not meet this deadline shall file an extension with the Secretary of State and include the reason for the extension.</p>	§ 15307

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8/26/26	(E+22)	33	<p><b>VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS — NOTICE TO CURE NONCOMPARABLE SIGNATURE ON IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE OR UNSIGNED IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE</b></p> <p>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 compare with their signature(s) in their voter record a notice of the opportunity to verify their signatures no later than 5 p.m. on September 1, 2026 (E+28).</p> <p>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 1, 2026 (E+28).</p>	<p>§ 3019(d)(1), (j)(2)</p> <p>§ 3019(e)(1), (j)(2)</p>
9/1/26 [5:00 p.m.]	(E+28)	34	<p><b>VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS — DEADLINE TO CURE NONCOMPARABLE SIGNATURE ON IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE OR UNSIGNED IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE</b></p> <p>Last day for the county elections official to receive from a voter, whose signature on their vote-by-mail identification envelope did not compare with their signature(s) in their voter record, a "signature verification statement;" this statement can be submitted in person, or by mail, email, or fax.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>§ 3019(d)(4)</p> <p>§ 3019(e)(1)</p>
9/3/26	(E+30)	35	<p><b>ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNPROCESSED BALLOTS — FINAL REPORT</b></p> <p>No later than this date, the last report on the estimated number of outstanding unprocessed ballots shall be delivered to the Secretary of State.</p>	<p>§ 15305(c)</p>
9/3/26	(E+30)	36	<p><b>OFFICIAL CANVASS — DEADLINE</b></p> <p>Last day for the county elections official to complete the official canvass and certify the results to the Secretary of State.</p>	<p>§§ 15301, 15305, 15306, 15372 Date designated by Secretary of State</p>
9/4/26	(E+31)	37	<p><b>STATEMENT OF RESULTS TO SECRETARY OF STATE</b></p> <p>By this date, the county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State, in an electronic format, one complete copy of the special general election returns for all candidates.</p>	<p>§§ 15374, 15375</p>
9/4/26	(E+31)	38	<p><b>BALLOT REJECTION REPORT TO SECRETARY OF STATE</b></p> <p>By this date, the county elections official shall identify and provide to the Secretary of State the number of vote-by-mail ballots rejected, categorized according to the reason for the rejection.</p> <p>The Secretary of State shall publish a report containing the above information for every election, including local special elections, on the Secretary of State's internet website.</p>	<p>§ 15377(a)</p> <p>§ 15377(b)</p>
9/11/26	(E+38)	39	<p><b>CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION (CANDIDATE)</b></p> <p>Last day for the Secretary of State to determine votes cast for U.S. Representative 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</p>	<p>§§ 15501, 15504</p>

\* Elections Code section 3114 and the federal MOVE Act require that ballots and ballot materials be transmitted to each military and overseas voter no later than 45 days prior to an election. E-45 is June 20, 2026, which is a Saturday; this deadline must be adhered to and does not move forward to the next business day.

\*\* Date falls on a weekend or state holiday; it does not move forward to the next business day.

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