

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

Only candidates running as members of one of California's seven qualified political parties are eligible to participate in the primary election process. The independent nomination provisions of Part 2 of Division 8 of the Elections Code, beginning at Section 8300, were established to provide a method for the nomination of candidates who are not affiliated with a qualified political party to partisan public offices. There is no limitation to the number of independent candidates who can be nominated and placed on the ballot at the general election, provided each meets the legal requirements.

To be eligible as an independent candidate at the general election, the potential candidate:

- 1) Cannot have filed as a partisan candidate at the primary election and have been defeated for the party's nomination at that primary election; and,
- 2) Cannot have been registered to vote in California since October 7, 2005, as being affiliated with a qualified political party (i.e., Democratic, Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Natural Law, or Peace and Freedom).

The number of signatures of qualified registered voters which must appear on the nomination papers of persons seeking an independent candidacy is based on the previous general election's registration figures. Depending on the office sought, nomination papers require either one percent (1%) or three percent (3%) of the number of registered voters in the election jurisdiction as of October 18, 2004. The charts on the following pages provide the specific signature requirements for each district.

Independent Candidates for Statewide and Constitutional Offices¹
 Number of Signatures Required to Place
 Candidate on November 7, 2006 General Election Ballot

Office	October 2004 Registration	Signatures Required
Governor	16,557,273	165,573
Lieutenant Governor	16,557,273	165,573
Secretary of State	16,557,273	165,573
Controller	16,557,273	165,573
Treasurer	16,557,273	165,573
Attorney General	16,557,273	165,573
Insurance Commissioner	16,557,273	165,573
United States Senator	16,557,273	165,573
 <u>Board of Equalization²</u>		
District One	4,534,450	136,034
District Two	4,169,194	125,076
District Three	4,395,171	131,856
District Four	3,458,458	103,754

¹Independent candidates for statewide office need registered voter signatures equaling 1% of the previous general election's registration total. §8400

²Board of Equalization candidates need registered voter signatures equaling 3% of the entire number of registered voters in the area at the time of the close of registration prior to the previous general election's registration total. §8400

Independent Candidates for U.S. Representative in Congress
Number of Signatures Required to Place
Candidate on November 7, 2006 General Election Ballot

District	Oct 2004 Registration	Signatures Required*	District	Oct 2004 Registration	Signatures Required*
1	372,974	11,190	27	279,946	8,399
2	361,592	10,848	28	228,259	6,848
3	387,067	11,613	29	298,341	8,951
4	432,934	12,989	30	399,940	11,999
5	299,882	8,997	31	168,627	5,059
6	363,217	10,897	32	224,399	6,732
7	292,354	8,771	33	271,888	8,157
8	398,668	11,961	34	174,337	5,231
9	360,718	10,822	35	231,500	6,945
10	359,728	10,792	36	321,733	9,652
11	362,299	10,869	37	252,016	7,651
12	350,556	10,517	38	229,703	6,892
13	285,154	8,555	39	237,602	7,129
14	367,920	11,038	40	320,386	9,612
15	329,958	9,899	41	325,591	9,768
16	293,947	8,819	42	348,708	10,462
17	284,276	8,529	43	214,166	6,425
18	278,874	8,367	44	321,075	9,633
19	332,522	9,976	45	328,047	9,842
20	203,736	6,113	46	394,064	11,822
21	279,779	8,394	47	187,846	5,636
22	343,797	10,314	48	410,431	12,313
23	331,374	9,942	49	314,851	9,446
24	366,241	10,988	50	384,844	11,546
25	310,682	9,321	51	282,473	8,475
26	342,810	10,285	52	371,663	11,150
			53	341,778	11,254

*Independent candidates for U.S. Representative in Congress need registered voter signatures equaling 3% of the previous general election's registration total in the district.

Independent Candidates for State Senate
 Number of Signatures Required to Place
 Candidate on November 7, 2006 General Election Ballot

District	October 2004 Registration	Signatures Required*
2	480,670	14,421
4	508,456	15,254
6	405,729	12,172
8	465,948	13,979
10	377,814	11,335
12	349,460	10,484
14	456,182	13,686
16	267,694	8,031
18	405,400	12,162
20	262,563	7,877
22	212,991	6,390
24	294,629	8,839
26	346,479	10,395
28	426,457	12,794
30	295,327	8,860
32	281,080	8,433
34	273,439	8,304
36	506,998	15,210
38	455,505	13,666
40	335,234	1,058

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Independent Candidates for State Assembly
Number of Signatures Required to Place Candidate
on November 7, 2006 General Election Ballot

District	October 2004 Registration	Signatures Required*	District	October 2004 Registration	Signatures Required*
1	255,244	7,658	41	245,125	7,354
2	236,094	7,083	42	258,617	7,759
3	255,719	7,672	43	190,757	5,723
4	279,073	8,373	44	221,097	6,633
5	247,394	7,422	45	126,266	3,788
6	246,513	7,396	46	87,043	2,612
7	220,553	6,617	47	205,766	6,173
8	222,147	6,665	48	123,243	3,698
9	188,450	5,654	49	147,220	4,417
10	243,367	7,302	50	119,965	3,599
11	201,894	6,057	51	162,045	4,862
12	235,009	7,051	52	123,109	3,694
13	279,611	8,389	53	246,285	7,389
14	251,867	7,557	54	224,947	6,749
15	274,938	8,249	55	168,139	5,045
16	216,261	6,488	56	168,390	5,052
17	193,403	5,803	57	160,480	4,815
18	197,557	5,927	58	170,154	5,105
19	226,017	6,781	59	236,330	7,090
20	191,496	5,745	60	225,511	6,766
21	260,795	7,824	61	142,818	4,285
22	210,761	6,323	62	134,163	4,025
23	163,149	4,895	63	213,551	6,407
24	244,095	7,323	64	225,959	6,779
25	234,964	7,049	65	222,630	6,679
26	199,205	5,977	66	211,205	6,337
27	244,941	7,349	67	251,707	7,552
28	155,521	4,666	68	204,341	6,131
29	220,440	6,614	69	113,056	3,392
30	133,112	3,994	70	276,096	8,283
31	147,882	4,437	71	245,552	7,367
32	224,746	6,743	72	205,603	6,169
33	239,026	7,171	73	230,710	6,922
34	169,974	5,100	74	238,230	7,147
35	234,941	7,049	75	257,075	7,713
36	193,139	5,795	76	258,351	7,751
37	242,755	7,283	77	237,400	7,122
38	237,310	7,120	78	233,846	7,016
39	113,935	3,419	79	160,477	4,815
40	170,515	5,116	80	180,201	5,407

*Independent candidates for Assembly need registered voter signatures equaling 3% of the previous general election's registration total in the district.