

**SUMMARY OF STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION CALENDAR
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Absent Voters/Absentee Ballots

Special Absent Voters' Ballot Applications (#47)..... Apr 4, 2008
 Federal Overseas Voter, Application for Absent Voter's Ballot
 Unregistered Special Absentee Voter (#50, #65)Apr 4-May 19
 Registered Special Absentee Voter (#51)Apr 4-May 27
 Absent Voter Ballot Application (#61, #75).....May 5-May 27
 Computer Processing of Absentee Ballots (#69)..... May 22
 Special Absent Voter - Recalled to Military Service (#77, #81) May 28-Jun 2
 Absentee Ballots - Late Conditions (#78, #83)..... May 28-Jun 3
 Special Absent Voters (#82) Jun 3
 Manual Processing of Absentee Ballots (#80)..... Jun 2, 5 p.m.
 Absent Voters' Ballots Returned in Order to be Counted (#85) Jun 3, 8 p.m.

Approved Ballot Card Vendors (#3) Jan 1, 2008*

Ballot Measure Arguments

Deadline for Measures to Qualify for Ballot (#12, #13)..... Jan 24, 2008
 News Release Inviting Arguments (#17).....Feb 4
 Argument Submission Deadline (#18).....Feb 6
 Argument Selection and Exchange (#21)Feb 11
 Rebuttal Argument and Summary Information Deadline (#26)Feb 14

Ballot Pamphlets

Deadline for Measures to Qualify for Ballot (#12, #13)..... Jan 24, 2008
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 News Release Inviting Arguments (#17).....Feb 4
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 Political Party Statement of Purpose Deadline (#27)Feb 14
 Available for Public Examination (#29, #40)Feb 19-Mar 10
 Copy to the State Printer (#40)Mar 10
 State Ballot Pamphlet Furnished to Counties (#56)..... Apr 19*
 State Ballot Pamphlet to State and Local Officials and Public Institutions (#57)..... Apr 19*
 State Ballot Pamphlet Mailing (#58, #62)Apr 24-May 13
 State Ballot Pamphlet Supplemental Mailing by Counties (#72) May 24*

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Ballots

Approved Ballot Card Vendors (#3)..... Jan 1, 2008*
Counties Mail Sample Ballots (#59, #71).....Apr 24-May 24*
Notice of Early Tabulation (#60)..... May 4*
Computer Program to Secretary of State (#76)..... May 27

Campaign Statements

Contact:

Fair Political Practices Commission at 1-866-ASK-FPPC (1-866-275-3772)
Political Reform Division at (916) 653-6224 or <http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/>

Candidates – Partisan, All Non-Presidential

Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees,

All Non-Presidential Partisan Candidates (#1, #31).....Dec 28, 2007-Feb 21, 2008
Supplemental Signatures Filed with County (#35).....Mar 7
Documents Filed with Secretary of State – Last Day (#41)Mar 12
Declarations of Candidacy and Nomination Papers (#23, #36).....Feb 11-Mar 7
Nomination Documents Forwarded to the Secretary of State (#24, #41).....Feb 11-Mar 12
Nomination Period Extension
 When Incumbent Fails to File (#38)..... Mar 8*-Mar 12
 When the Only Partisan Candidate Dies (#39, #43)..... Mar 8*-Mar 21
Notice to Partisan Candidates (#44) Mar 22*
Certified List of Candidates and Rotation List (#45)..... Mar 27

Canvass

Semi-Official Canvass (#86)..... Jun 3, 2008
 Begin Processing Absentee Ballots (#69, #80).....May 22, Jun 2
 Statewide Direct Primary Election Day (#84) Jun 3
Official Canvass (#87) Jun 5
 Official Canvass Ends (#88) Jul 1
 Statement of Results to Secretary of State (#89) Jul 8
 Secretary of State to Publish Statement of Vote (#90) Jul 12*
 Secretary of State to Publish Supplement to the Statement of the Vote (#92)Nov 9*

County Central Committees

Compute Number of Members

American Independent Party (#15)..... Jan 30, 2008
Green, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom Parties (#20)Feb 9*

Early Tabulation, Notification (#60) May 4, 2008*

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Economic Interests, Statements of

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Filing Fees

Full Payment

All Partisan Candidates (#23)Feb 11-Mar 7, 2008
Extension when incumbent fails to file (#38) Mar 8*-Mar 12
Extension When the Only Partisan Candidate Dies (#39, #43) Mar 8*-Mar 21

Payment with Prorated In-Lieu Signatures

All Partisan Candidates (#1, #31)Dec 28, 2007-Feb 21, 2008
Determine Sufficiency of Signatures – All Partisan Candidates (#32).....Mar 2*
Supplemental Signature Deadline (#35)Mar 7

Governor's Proclamation - Issuance (#7) Jan 7, 2008

Independent Candidates

Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee..... See General Election Calendar
Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers See General Election Calendar

Congressional and Legislative Partisan Candidates

Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee (#1, #31)Dec 28, 2007-Feb 21, 2008
(All Non-Presidential Partisan Candidates)
Declarations of Candidacy and Nomination Papers (#23, #36).....Feb 11-Mar 7
Nomination Documents Forwarded to the Secretary of State (#24, #41).....Feb 11-Mar 12
Extension when incumbent fails to file (#38) Mar 8*-Mar 12
Extension When the Only Partisan Candidate Dies (#39, #43) Mar 8*-Mar 21
Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers (#52, #66)Apr 7-May 20
Candidate Statements in the County Official Sample Ballot (#22, #37)Feb 11-Mar 7

Measures - Initiative and Legislative

Last day to Qualify for the Statewide Direct Primary Election Ballot (#12, #13)..... Jan 24, 2008

Notification Dates

Notice of Offices in the Statewide Direct Primary Election (#2) Dec 28, 2007
(Non-Presidential Candidates)
Governor's Proclamation – Issuance (#7) Jan 7, 2008
Decline to State Voter Participation Notice (#11) Jan 20*
Notice of Parties Qualified to Participate in Statewide Direct Primary (#14) Jan 30

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Notice to Partisan Candidates (#44) Mar 22*
Certified List of Candidates and Rotation List (#45)..... Mar 27

Political Party Qualification and Information

Report of Registration – 154-Day County Report (#4)Jan 1*-Jan 20*, 2008
Last Day to Register to Qualify New Party (#5)..... Jan 1*
Secretary of State Announces Newly Qualified Party (#9) Jan 20*
Newly Qualified Party Activities (#28)Feb 19

Publication Dates

Governor’s Proclamation - Issuance (#7) Jan 7, 2008
Certified List of Candidates and Rotation List (#45)..... Mar 27

Randomized Alphabet

Notice (#33) Mar 3, 2008
Drawing (#42)..... Mar 13, 11 a.m.

Registration, Voter

Report of Registration – 154-Day County Report (#4)Jan 1*-Jan 20*, 2008
 Report of Registration – 154-Day County Report Summaries Due (#8)..... Jan 20*
 154-Day Report of Registration Published (#30)Feb 19
Report of Registration - 60-Day County Report (#49) Apr 4-Apr 14
 Report of Registration – 60-Day County Report Summaries Due (#54)..... Apr 14
 60-Day Report of Registration Published (#55) Apr 18
Registration Closes for the June 3, 2008 Statewide Direct Primary (#64) May 19
New Citizens (#68, #74) May 20-May 27
Report of Registration - 15-Day County Report (#67)May 19-May 27
 Report of Registration – 15-Day County Report Summaries Due (#73)..... May 27
 15-Day Report of Registration Published (#79) May 30

State Measures

Initiative and Legislative Measures - Qualification Deadline (#12, #13)..... Jan 24, 2008
Ballot Label and Title and Summary Deadline (#16).....Feb 1
News Release Inviting Arguments (#17).....Feb 4
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Write-in Candidates

Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers (#52, #66)	Apr 7-May 20
Certified List of Write-in Candidates, Non-Presidential (#70).....	May 23

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1. **Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees, All Non-Presidential Partisan Candidates**
During this period, all partisan candidates may obtain 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 nomination signature requirements for office if they meet party registration requirements. §§ 8020(b), 8061, 8105, 8106
2. **Notice of Offices in the Statewide Direct Primary Election, Non-Presidential Candidates**
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, for which candidates are to be nominated at the primary election. § 12103
3. **Approved Ballot Card 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
4. **Report of Registration-154-Day County Report**
During this period, each county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of voters registered in the county, by party affiliation, by each political subdivision of the county. §§ 2187(a), (d)(1)
5. **Last Day to Register to Qualify 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 3, 2008 primary election candidate nominating process. §§ 2187(d)(1), 5100(b)
6. **Pre-Election Residency Confirmation Procedure**
The county elections official shall conduct a pre-election residency confirmation procedure as provided in Elections Code §2220. This procedure shall be completed by the 90th 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

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voter who has voted at an election held within the last six months preceding the start of the confirmation procedure.

§§ 2220-2226

Jan 7, 2008
(E-148)

7. **Governor's Proclamation - Issuance**

By this date, the Governor shall issue a proclamation calling the statewide direct primary election. The proclamation shall state the time of the election and the offices to be filled. The Governor shall then 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 20, 2008*
(E-135)
*Sunday

8. **Report of Registration - 154-Day County Report Summaries Due**

By this date, each county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered as of January 1, 2008* (E-154).

§ 2187(d)(1)

Jan 20, 2008*
(E-135)
*Sunday

9. **Secretary of State Announces Newly Qualified Party**

The last day for the Secretary of State to determine whether a new political party has qualified for the June 3, 2008 statewide direct primary either by registration or by filing a petition.

Minimum registration required 88,991

Signatures required for petition 889,906

§ 5100(b) & (c)

Jan 20, 2008*
(E-135)
*Sunday

10. **Notice of County Central Committee Elections – Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom Parties**

Last day for the state chairperson of each party to notify the Secretary of State whether or not a county central committee election will be held.

§ 7770

Jan 20, 2008*
(E-135)
*Sunday

11. **Decline to State Voter Participation Notice**

Last day for a political party to notify the Secretary of State that it has adopted a rule that authorizes a person who has declined to state a party affiliation to vote the ballot of that political party at the June 3, 2008 statewide direct primary election.

§ 13102(c)

Jan 24, 2008
(E-131)

12. **Initiative Measure Qualification Deadline**

The last day for an initiative measure to qualify for the statewide direct primary election ballot

Cal. Const., Art II, § 8(c), § 9013

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- Jan 24, 2008
(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 statewide direct primary election ballot. § 9040
- Jan 30, 2008
(E-125)
14. **Notice of Parties Qualified to Participate in Statewide Direct Primary**
The last day for the Secretary of State to prepare and send to each county elections official a notice designating the political parties qualified to participate in the primary. § 12103
- Jan 30, 2008
(E-125)
15. **County Central Committee – American Independent Party**
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 and to the chairperson of record of each state central committee. § 7671
- Feb 1, 2008
(Date designated by the Secretary of State)
(E-123)
16. **State Measures - Ballot Label and Title and Summary Deadline**
The Attorney General is asked to provide, no later than this date, all official ballot labels and titles and summaries for the state measures that have qualified for the statewide direct primary election ballot so that the Secretary of State has sufficient time to translate the ballot labels and titles and summaries in any appropriate minority languages prior to public display. §§ 9050, 9054, 13247
- Feb 4, 2008
(E-120)
17. **State Measures - News Release Inviting Arguments**
On or before 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. §§ 9060-9063
- Feb 6, 2008
(Date designated by the Secretary of State)
(E-118)
18. **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 January 24, 2008 (E-131).

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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

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 for 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

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- Feb 9, 2008*
(E-115)
*Saturday
20. **County Central Committees –Green, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom 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 and to the chairpersons of record of each state central committee. § 7771
- Feb 11, 2008
(Date designated by the Secretary of State)
(E-113)
21. **Selection and Exchange of Arguments For and Against Measures**
On or before this day, the Secretary of State will select arguments for inclusion in the state ballot pamphlet where more than one has been submitted in favor of or against the same measure. Within 5 days of the initial argument submission deadline, the Secretary of State will exchange arguments with opposing authors and request rebuttal arguments and summary information. §§ 9067, 9069
- Feb 11-Mar 7, 2008
(E-113 to E-88)
22. **Candidate Statements in the County Official Sample Ballot**
During this period, legislative candidates may purchase space for a candidate statement in the official sample ballot(s) of the county or counties in the jurisdiction. Candidates may purchase statement space only if they have agreed to voluntary expenditure limits. Gov. Code § 85601(c), 8020(B), 13307
- Feb 11-Mar 7, 2008
(E-113 to E-88)
23. **Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers – Non-Presidential Partisan Candidate Filing**
During this period, all non-presidential partisan candidates must file their declarations of candidacy for office, circulate their nomination papers, and deliver them to the county elections official for filing with the Secretary of State. All candidates must pay the nonrefundable filing fees or present in-lieu signatures at the time they receive their nomination papers from the county elections official. A candidate shall not be required to execute a nomination paper if the number of in-lieu signatures that meet the party registration requirements for nomination signatures equals or exceeds the minimum number required by § 8041. All nomination documents must be filed in the office of the county elections official who will process and forward them to the Secretary of State. §§ 8020, 8041, 8061, 8100, 8105, 8106
- Feb 11-Mar 12, 2008
(E-113 to E-83)
24. **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

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deliver to the Secretary of State the nomination documents for 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 14, 2008
(Date designated by the Secretary of State)
(E-110)

25. **State Measures - Analysis, Text, and Bond Statement Deadline**

The Legislative Analyst and Legislative Counsel are asked to provide, no later than this date, all official analyses and texts for the measures that have qualified for the statewide direct primary election ballot, as well as a statement of bond debt, if necessary, so that the Secretary of State has sufficient time to translate the ballot pamphlet into any appropriate minority languages, and to prepare copy for public display.

§§ 9087, 9088, 9091

Feb 14, 2008
(Date designated by the Secretary of State)
(E-110)

26. **State Measures - Rebuttal Argument and Summary Information Deadline**

The last day rebuttal arguments and summary information for or against ballot measures qualified for the statewide direct primary election ballot may be submitted. Rebuttal arguments shall not exceed 250 words, and summary information shall not exceed 50 words. § 9069

Feb 14, 2008
(Date designated by the Secretary of State)
(E-110)

27. **Political Party Statement of Purpose Deadline**

The last day for political parties to submit statements of purpose, not to exceed 200 words, for inclusion in the state ballot pamphlet. § 9084(e)

Feb 19, 2008
(E-105)

28. **Newly Qualified Party Activities**

The last day temporary officers of a newly qualified political party shall notify the Secretary of State of their operating procedures. If the newly qualified political party has not adopted its own detailed statutory operating procedures, they shall adopt the statutory provisions of any other qualified political party that has provisions for its party operations.

§ 5005

Feb 19-Mar 10, 2008
(E-105 to E-85)

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

During this period, the Secretary of State will make the ballot labels and a complete copy of the state ballot pamphlet, as well as the translations of the ballot labels and titles and summaries, available for public examination for 20 days.

Gov. Code § 88006; Elec. Code §§ 9054, 9092, 13282

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Feb 19, 2008
(E-105)

30. **Report of Registration - 154-Day Statewide Report Published**

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 20, 2008* (E-135). § 2187(d)(1)

See item #8 at January 20, 2008* for Report of Registration 154-day county report submissions.

Feb 21, 2008
(E-103)

31. **Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees - All Non-Presidential Partisan Candidates**

The last day for candidates for partisan office 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 7, 2008 (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 that meet the party registration requirements for nominations equaling or exceeding the minimum number required by § 8041 for his or her nomination paper shall not be required to file the nomination papers.

§§ 8061, 8105, 8106(b)(3) & (4)

Mar 2, 2008*
(E-93)
*Sunday

32. **Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees – Determine Sufficiency**

The last day for the county elections official to determine the sufficiency of the in-lieu signatures submitted by candidates for all 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 7, 2008), either submit a supplemental petition or pay a prorated fee to cover the deficiency. § 8106(b)(3)

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- Mar 3, 2008
(E-92)
33. **Randomized Alphabet Drawing - Notice**
The last day for the Secretary of State to notify the news media and other interested parties of the place the randomized alphabet drawing will be held at 11 a.m. on March 13, 2008 (E-82). § 13112(c)
- Mar 5, 2008
(E-90)
34. **Pre-Election Residency Confirmation Procedure**
By this date, the county elections official must complete the pre-election residency confirmation procedure required by Elections Code § 2220. §§ 2220-2226
- Mar 7, 2008
(E-88)
35. **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 7, 2008
(E-88)
36. **Declarations of Candidacy and Nomination Papers Filing Deadline**
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
- Mar 7, 2008
(E-88)
37. **Candidate Statements in the County Official Sample Ballot Deadline**
The last day legislative candidates may purchase space for a 250-word candidate statement in the official sample ballot(s) of the county or counties in the jurisdiction. Candidates may purchase statement space only if they have agreed to voluntary expenditure limits. Gov. Code § 85601
- Mar 8*-Mar 12, 2008
(E-87 to E-83)
*Saturday
38. **Nomination Period Extension for Candidates for Congressional and Legislative Offices**
If an incumbent congressional or legislative officer fails to file for nomination of that office by March 7, 2008 (E-88), a five-day extension is allowed for any qualified person, other than the incumbent, to file for that office. However, no five-day extension occurs if the incumbent's failure to file is because he or she has already served the maximum number of terms permitted by the California Constitution for that office. In addition, no person may file for more than one office at the same election. §§ 8003(b), 8022

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- Mar 8*-Mar 21, 2008
(E-87 to E-74)
*Saturday
39. **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 7 (E-88) and by March 12, 2008 (E-83), 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 21, 2008 (E-74). § 8025
- Mar 10, 2008
(E-85)
40. **Last Day State Ballot Pamphlet Available for Public Examination and Copy Delivered to the State Printer**
Last day of the public examination period of the State ballot pamphlet. The last day for the Secretary of State to deliver copy for preparation of the ballot pamphlets to the Office of State Publishing.
Gov. Code § 88006; Elec. Code §§ 9054, 9082, 9092, 13282
- Mar 12, 2008
(E-83)
41. **Nomination Documents Forwarded to Secretary of State – Last Day**
The last day for county elections official to forward nomination documents and the number of valid signatures-in-lieu that are required to be filed with the Secretary of State. § 8082
- Mar 13, 2008
11 a.m.
(E-82)
42. **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 statewide direct primary election ballot. § 13112(b)
- Mar 21, 2008
(E-74)
43. **Nomination Period Extension - Death of the 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 7 and by March 12, 2008. § 8025
- Mar 22, 2008*
(E-73)
*Saturday
44. **Notice to Partisan Candidates**
On or before this date, 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

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- Mar 27, 2008
(E-68)
45. **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 statewide direct primary election, their addresses, the offices for which they seek nomination, and, if the office is partisan, the party each person represents.
§§ 8120-8125
- 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 March 13, 2008. § 8149
- Mar 27, 2008
(E-68)
46. **Death of Partisan Candidate – Name on Ballot**
If a candidate dies on or after this date, his or her name shall be printed upon the ballot for the primary election. § 8809
- Apr 4, 2008
(E-60)
47. **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 5 to May 27, 2008 (E-29 to E-7), inclusive because of military or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery.
§§ 300(b), 3103
- Apr 4, 2008
(E-60)
48. **Registration Files Update**
Counties using data processing equipment to store registered voter information set forth in the affidavits of registration begin their computer updates in order to send a copy of their registered voter files to the Secretary of State by April 14, 2008 (E-50). § 2187
- Apr 4-Apr 14, 2008
(E-60 to E-50)
49. **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 April 4, 2008 (E-60). § 2187(d)(2)

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Apr 4-May 19, 2008
(E-60 to E-15)

50. **Federal Election – Unregistered Special Absentee Voter, Application for Absent Voter’s Ballot**

During this period, counties may process Federal Post Card Applications (FPCA) from special absentee voters who are not registered to vote. [Note: A request for an absentee ballot from a special absentee voter will be deemed an affidavit of registration and an application for permanent absent voter status. When a county elections official receives and approves an FPCA from a special absentee voter, the official must provide that voter with absentee ballots for each subsequent election for Federal office in the State through the next two general elections for Federal office.]

42 USC §§ 1973ff-1(a) and 1973ff-3;
Elec. Code, §§ 300, 2102, 3300-3311

Apr 4-May 27, 2008
(E-60 to E-7)

51. **Federal Election – Registered Special Absentee Voter, Application for Absent Voter’s Ballot**

During this period, counties may begin processing Federal Post Card Applications (FPCA) from special absentee voters who are already registered to vote. [Note: When a county elections official receives and approves an FPCA from a special absentee voter, the official must provide that voter with absentee ballots for each subsequent election for Federal office in the State through the next two general elections for Federal office.]

42 USC §§ 1973ff-1(a) and 1973ff-3;
Elec. Code, §§ 300, 3001, 3300-3311

Apr 7-May 20, 2008
(E-57 to E-14)

52. **Statement of Write-In Candidacy and Nomination Papers**

During this period, all non-presidential write-in candidates must file their statement of write-in candidacy and nomination papers with the county elections official. § 8601

Apr 14, 2008
(E-50)

53. **Voter Registration Files to the Secretary of State**

The last day for county elections official to send the Secretary of State a copy of their voter registration files of all voters registered prior to April 4, 2008 (E-60). § 2187(c) & (d)(2)

Apr 14, 2008
(E-50)

54. **Report of Registration – 60-Day County Report Summaries Due**

By this date, each county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered as of April 4, 2008 (E-60). § 2187(d)(2)

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- Apr 18, 2008
(E-46)
55. **Report of Registration – 60-Day Statewide Report Published**
Projected date the Secretary of State to release a compiled 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 April 14, 2008 (E-50).
- Apr 19, 2008*
(E-45)
*Saturday
56. **State Ballot Pamphlet 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 5* and May 5, 2008, inclusive (E-59 to E-29). § 9094(b)
- Apr 19, 2008*
(E-45)
*Saturday
57. **State Ballot Pamphlet to State and Local Officials and Public 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 specified educational institutions. § 9096
- Apr 24-May 13, 2008
(E-40 to E-21)
58. **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 April 4, 2008 (E-60). This mailing is based on the information provided in the counties' voter registration files sent to the Secretary of State by April 14, 2008 (E-50). § 9094(a)
- Apr 24-May 24*, 2008
(E-40 to E-10)
*Saturday
59. **Counties Mail Sample Ballots**
Between these dates, each county elections official shall mail a polling place notice and sample ballot to each registered voter. The polling place notice shall state whether the polling place is accessible to the physically handicapped. §§ 13300, 13303, 13304

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- May 4, 2008*
(E-30)
*Sunday
60. **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. § 14440
- May 5-May 27, 2008
(E-29 to E-7)
61. **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 5, 2008 (E-29) shall be kept and processed during this application period. §§ 3001, 3003
- May 13, 2008
(E-21)
62. **State Ballot Pamphlet Mailing to be Completed**
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 4, 2008 (E-60). § 9094
- Oct 20, 2008
(E-15)
63. **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 according to the notice. The notice is in lieu of reregistering. § 2119
- May 19, 2008
(E-15)
64. **Registration Closes for the June 3, 2008 Statewide Direct Primary**
The last day for any person to register to vote in the statewide direct primary 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 by this chapter. 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.

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- (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. § 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.

May 19, 2008
(E-15)

65. **Federal Election – Special Absentee Voter, Last Day to Register**

The last day for special absentee voters to complete and sign the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) registering to vote and requesting an absentee voter ballot and to send it to the county elections official. [**Note:** A request for an absentee ballot from a special absentee voter will be deemed an affidavit of registration and an application for permanent absent voter status. When a county elections official receives and approves an FPCA from a special absentee voter, the official must provide that voter with absentee ballots for each subsequent election for Federal office in the State through the next two general elections for Federal office.]

42 USC §§ 1973ff-1(a) and 1973ff-3;
Elec. Code, §§ 300, 2102, 3300-3311

May 20, 2008
(E-14)

66. **Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers Deadline**

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-May 27, 2008
(E-15 to E-7)

67. **Report of Registration – 15-Day County Report**

During this period, county election officials shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of voters by party in their counties and in each political subdivision thereof registered as of May 19, 2008 (E-15). § 2187(d)(3)

May 20-May 27, 2008
(E-14 to E-7)

68. **New Citizens Registration Period**

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

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The ballots of new citizens shall be received and canvassed at the same time and under the same procedure as absent voter ballots. § 3502

May 22, 2008
(E-7 business days)

69. **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 Election Day. All other county elections official shall start to process absent voter ballots at 5 p.m. on the day before the election. § 15101(b)

May 23, 2008
(Suggested date)

70. **Certified List of Write-In Candidates – Non-Presidential**
Secretary of State to prepare and send to affected county elections official a certified list of non-presidential write-in candidates showing the name of all write-in candidates eligible to receive votes within the county at the statewide direct primary election, their addresses, the offices for which they seek nomination, and, if the office is partisan, the party each person represents. This list will also be sent to each person in the affected offices.

May 24, 2008*
(E-10)
*Saturday

71. **Counties to Complete Mailing of Sample Ballots**
The last day for each county elections official to mail sample ballots to voters. § 13300(c)

May 24, 2008*
(E-10)
*Saturday

72. **State Ballot Pamphlet Supplemental Mailing by Counties**
The last day for county elections officials to mail state ballot pamphlets to voters who registered between April 5* and May 5, 2008, inclusive (E-59 to E-29). § 9094(c)

May 27, 2008
(E-7)

73. **Report of Registration - 15-Day County Report Summaries Due**
By this date, each county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered as of May 19, 2008 (E-15). § 2187(d)(3)

May 27, 2008
(E-7)

74. **New Citizens Registration Period – Last Day**
Last day a new citizen registering to vote after the close of registration can provide the county elections official with proof of citizenship prior to voting, and declare that he or she has established residency in California. §§ 331, 3500, 3501

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- The ballots of new citizens shall be received and canvassed at the same time and under the same procedure as absent voter ballots. § 3502
- May 27, 2008 (E-7) 75. **Absent Voter Ballot 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 statewide direct primary election. § 3001
- May 27, 2008 (E-7) 76. **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. § 15001
- The last day for county elections official to send Logic and Accuracy Test certifications to the Secretary of State.
- May 28-Jun 2, 2008 (E-6 to E-1) 77. **Special Absent Voter - Recalled to Military Service**
A registered voter recalled to service after May 27 (E-7) but before 5 p.m. on June 2, 2008 (E-1) may appear before the county elections official and obtain 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. § 3110
- May 28-Jun 3, 2008 (E-6 to E) 78. **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
- May 30, 2008 (E-4) 79. **Report of Registration – 15-Day Statewide Report Published**
Projected date the Secretary of State to release a compiled statewide report showing the number of registered voters, by political 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 19, 2008 (E-15). § 2187(d)(3)

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Jun 2, 2008
5 p.m.
(E-1)

80. **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 any vote count to be made before the close of the polls at 8 p.m. on Election Day.

§ 15101

Jun 2, 2008
(E-1)

81. **Special Absent Voter - Recalled to Military Service**

Last day for a registered voter recalled to service after May 27, 2008 (E-6), but before 5 p.m. on June 2, 2008 to appear before the county elections official and obtain 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.

§ 3110

Jun 3, 2008
(E)

82. **Special Absent Voters**

Any registered special absent voter who has returned on or before Election 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

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 Elections Code Section 3107. § 3107

A special absent voter who returns to the county after May 27, 2008 (E-7) may appear before the county elections official on or before Election Day 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. § 3109

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(E)

83. **Absentee Ballots – Late Conditions**

On or before Election Day, any voter may request in writing an absent voter's ballot because of specified conditions resulting in unexpected absence from the polling place or precinct. § 3021

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- Jun 3, 2008
(E)
84. **Statewide Direct Primary Election Day**
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 have not reregistered may vote a provisional ballot at the polling place for their current (new) address, at the office of the county elections official, or at a central location. § 14311
- Jun 3, 2008
8 p.m.
(E)
85. **Absent Voters' Ballots Returned in Order to be Counted**
Absent voter ballots must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day at any polling place in the county or at the office of the elections official. §§ 3017, 3020
- Jun 3, 2008
(E)
86. **Semi-Official Canvass – Statewide Direct Primary**
Beginning at 8 p.m. and continuously until completed, the county elections official shall conduct the semi-official canvass of votes and report totals to the Secretary of State at least every two hours. §§ 15150-15151
- Jun 5, 2008
(E+2)
87. **Official Canvass – Statewide Direct Primary**
The last day for each county elections official to begin the official canvass of the precinct returns. This canvass must be completed and elections official shall submit certified copy to governing board not later than July 1, 2008 (E+28). §§ 15301, 15372
- Jul 1, 2008
(E+28)
88. **Official Canvass Ends – Statewide Direct Primary**
No later than this date, each county elections official must complete the canvass, certify its results, and submit it to the board of supervisors. § 15372
- 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
- The last day for the county elections official to send the canvassed primary election returns to the Secretary of State. § 15375(c)

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- Jul 8, 2008
(E+35)
89. **Statement of Results to Secretary of State**
By this date, each county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State by registered mail one complete copy of the results. § 15375
- July 12, 2008*
(E+39)
*Saturday
90. **Secretary of State to Publish 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
- July 12, 2008*
(E+39)
*Saturday
91. **Certificates**
Secretary of State issues certificates of nomination to candidates nominated for Representative in Congress, and Member of the State Senate and Assembly. § 8147
- Nov 9, 2008*
(E+159)
*Sunday
92. **Secretary of State to Publish 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 each statewide ballot measure. § 15502