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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #26114

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Wesley Keller
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RE: Primary Election: Ballot Counting Deadline E+13

This memorandum is being sent as a reminder regarding Assembly Bill (AB) [5](#) (Ch. 250, Stats. of 2025), that became effective January 1, 2026. AB 5 added Elections Code section 15307 to establish a new rule and deadline for counting ballots and applies to all elections.

Section 15307 requires that counties finish counting all ballots and release the vote count for those ballots on or before the 13th day following the election. For the June 2, 2026, Primary Election, that deadline is **Monday, June 15 (E+13)**. The exceptions to this requirement are:

- ballots needing duplication,
- ballots forwarded from other counties,
- provisional ballots,
- conditional ballots,
- vote-by-mail ballots with signature cure issues (noncomparable signatures or no signatures on the ID envelope), and
- ballots received after fourth day following the election, or **Saturday, June 6 (E+4)**.

County elections officials who will not meet the E+13 deadline shall file an extension with the Secretary of State and include the reason for the extension. (Elec. Code, § 15307.) Extensions should be submitted via email to candidate-filings@sos.ca.gov.

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