

**Special Election Calendar
Special Primary Election April 13, 2010
State Senate, 37th District (John J. Benoit)**

11/30/09		1	VACANCY	
12/10/09		2	GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION	
			On this date, the Governor issued his proclamation calling the special election.	§§ 10700, 10703; Gov. Code § 1773
			The date of the special primary election is calculated by counting back eight Tuesdays or, if the eighth Tuesday is the day of or the day following a state holiday, nine Tuesdays preceding the day of the special general election at which the vacancy is to be filled.	§ 10704
			If one candidate receives a majority of the votes (50% + 1), no special general election will be held.	§ 10705
11/30/09 to 2/14/10*	(Vacancy to E-58)	3	IN-LIEU PETITIONS	
			Period for candidates to obtain forms from the county elections official for securing signatures in lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Signatures may also be applied to the signature requirement for the office on the Nomination Papers if the signer is affiliated with the party in which the nomination is proposed.	§§ 8061, 8106(b), (d)
2/9/10 to 3/1/10	(E-63** to E-43)	4	DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS	
			Period for candidates to obtain and deliver Nomination Papers to the county elections official for filing. Candidates must also file a Declaration of Candidacy during this period.	§§ 8040, 8062, 10704, 13107.3
			Filing fees shall be paid at the time the candidate obtains nomination forms from the county elections official.	§§ 8105, 8106(b)(3)
2/14/10*	(E-58)	5	IN-LIEU PETITIONS	
			Last day to submit in-lieu filing fee petitions to the county elections official. The county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiencies within 10 days after receipt of a petition.	§ 8106(b)(3)
2/15/10* to 3/30/10	(E-57 to E-14)	6	STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS	
			Period for all write-in candidates to file their Statement of Write-In Candidacy and Nomination Papers with the county elections official.	§ 8601
2/20/10*	(E-52)	7	NOTICE OF RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING	
			Secretary of State to notify news media of the randomized drawing at least ten days before the event.	§ 13112(c)
3/1/10	(E-43)	8	DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS FILED IN COUNTIES	
			Last day for any candidate to file the Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers.	§§ 10704, 13107.3
3/2/10	(E-42)	9	RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING	
			On this date (first weekday after the close of filing of Nomination Papers for the office), the Secretary of State draws the randomized alphabet to determine the order for placing candidates' names on the ballots. This drawing will be used for the special primary election and special general election if such run-off is necessary.	§ 13112(d)

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**Elections Code section 10703 requires the special general election to be conducted on a Tuesday between 112 and 126 days following the proclamation; however, a special election may be conducted within 180 days following the proclamation in order for the election or primary election to be consolidated with the next regularly scheduled statewide election.

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3/3/10	(E-41)	10 NOTICE TO EACH CANDIDATE Secretary of State to notify each candidate for partisan office of the names, addresses, offices, occupations, and party affiliations of all other persons who have filed for the same office.	§ 8121
3/4/10 to 4/3/10*	(E-40 to E-10)	11 COUNTIES MAIL SAMPLE BALLOTS Period in which the county elections official shall mail a polling place notice and sample ballot to each registered voter. The polling place notice may state whether the polling place is accessible to the physically handicapped.	§§ 13300, 13304
3/5/10	(E-39)	12 DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS Last day for the county elections official to certify and file the Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers with the Secretary of State.	§§ 10704, 13107.3
3/8/10	(E-36)	13 CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES Last day for the Secretary of State to send the Certified List of Candidates to the county elections official.	Date designated by Secretary of State
3/15/10	(E-29)	14 PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS AND POLLING PLACES Last day for the county elections official to appoint the members of the precinct boards and designate the polling places.	§ 12286
3/20/10*	(E-24)	15 VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTERS First day for the county elections official to process applications for vote-by-mail ballots for the special primary election.	§§ 3001, 10704(c)
3/29/10	(E-15)	16 VOTER REGISTRATION Last day to register to vote in the special primary election.	§§ 2102, 2107
3/30/10 to 4/6/10	(E-14 to E-7)	17 NEW CITIZEN REGISTRATION PERIOD 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
3/30/10	(E-14)	18 WRITE-IN CANDIDACY Last day to file as a write-in candidate.	§ 8601
3/30/10	(E-14)	19 CERTIFIED LIST OF WRITE-IN CANDIDATES Secretary of State will prepare and send the Certified List of Write-In Candidates to the county elections official.	Date designated by Secretary of State
3/30/10	(E-14)	20 BILINGUAL PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS 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)
4/3/10*	(E-10)	21 SAMPLE BALLOTS Last day for the county elections official to mail the sample ballots to voters for the special primary election.	§ 13300
4/3/10*	(E-10)	22 PUBLICATION OF TALLY CENTER LOCATION 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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4/6/10	(E-7)	23 VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTERS Last day to file an application for a vote-by-mail ballot.	§ 3001
4/6/10	(E-7)	24 NEW CITIZENS REGISTRATION Last day for new citizen registration.	§ 3500
4/13/10	(E)	25 SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. All vote-by-mail ballots must be received by the county elections official by 8:00 p.m. If one candidate receives a majority of the votes (50% + 1), no special general election will be held.	§§ 3020, 10705, 14212
4/16/10	(E+3)	26 OFFICIAL CANVASS 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