Special Election Calendar
Special Primary Election February 15, 2011
State Senate, 17th District (George Runner)

12/21/10 1 VACANCY

12/21/10 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

12/22/10 to (E-55 to E-54) 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. §§ 8061, 8106(b) & (d);
Dates designated by Secretary of State

12/22/10 to (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)

12/22/10 to (E-63** to E-43) 5 CANDIDATE STATEMENTS IN THE COUNTY OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT
During this period, state Senate 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 for state
Senate may purchase statement space only if they have agreed to
voluntary expenditure limits. Gov. Code § 85601(c)

12/23/10 (E-54) 6 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);
Date designated by Secretary of State

12/22/10 to (E-57*** to E-14) 7 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

12/25/10* (E-52) 8 NOTICE OF RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING
Secretary of State to notify news media of the randomized drawing
at least 10 days before the event. § 13112(c)

01/03/11 (E-43) 9 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

01/03/11 (E-43) 10 CANDIDATE STATEMENTS IN THE COUNTY OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT DEADLINE
The last day state Senate 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 for state Senate
may purchase statement space only if they have agreed to voluntary
expenditure limits. Gov. Code § 85601(c)

01/04/11 (E-42) 11 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)

*Asterisked dates indicate that the date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday; if the date is also a deadline, in most cases, it will
move forward to the next business day.
**E-63 or Proclamation date, whichever is later.
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| 01/05/11   | NOTICE TO EACH CANDIDATE  
Secretary of State to notify each candidate for voter-nominated office of the names, addresses, offices, occupations, and party preferences of all other persons who have filed for the same office. | § 8121    |
| 01/05/11   | POSTING ON WEBSITE  
Secretary of State to post on its website the party preference history of each candidate for the preceding 10 years. | § 8121    |
| 01/06/11   | COUNTRIES 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 |
| 01/07/11   | 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 |
| 01/10/11   | 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 |
| 01/17/11   | 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 |
| 01/21/11   | VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTERS  
First day for the county elections official to process applications for vote-by-mail ballots for the special primary election. | § 10704(c) |
| 01/31/11   | VOTER REGISTRATION  
Last day to register to vote in the special primary election. | §§ 2102, 2107 |
| 02/01/11   | 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 |
| 02/01/11   | WRITE-IN CANDIDACY  
Last day to file as a write-in candidate. | § 8601 |
| 02/01/11   | 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 |
| 02/01/11   | 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) |
| 02/05/11*  | SAMPLE BALLOTS  
Last day for the county elections official to mail the sample ballots to voters for the special primary election. | § 13300 |
| 02/05/11*  | 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 |
| 02/08/11   | VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTERS  
Last day to file an application for a vote-by-mail ballot. | § 3001 |
| 02/08/11   | NEW CITIZEN REGISTRATION  
Last day for new citizen registration. | § 3500 |
| 02/08/11   | 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 |

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02/09/11 (E-6 to E-1) 29 SPECIAL ABSENTEE VOTER - RECALLED TO MILITARY SERVICE
Period in which a registered special absentee voter recalled to service after February 8, 2011 (E-7), but before 5:00 p.m. on February 14, 2011 (E-1), may appear before the county elections official 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. § 3110

02/09/11 (E-6 to E) to 02/14/11 30 VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS - LATE CONDITIONS
On or between these dates, any voter may apply in writing for a vote-by-mail ballot if he or she will be unable to go to the polls on election day. The voter may designate any authorized representative to return the voted vote-by-mail ballot. § 3021

02/14/11 (E-1) 31 SPECIAL ABSENTEE VOTER - RECALLED TO MILITARY SERVICE
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02/15/11 (E) 32 SPECIAL ABSENTEE VOTERS
Any registered special absentee voter 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 or in a polling place. §§ 300(b), 3108

02/15/11 (E) 33 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

02/15/11 (E) 34 VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS RETURNED IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED
Vote-by-mail ballots shall be received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day at any polling place in the county where the voter is registered, or at the office of the elections official. §§ 3017, 3020

02/28/11 (E+13) 35 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