

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. 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. If one candidate receives a majority of the votes (50% + 1), no special general election will be held.	§§ 10700, 10703; Gov. Code § 1773 § 10704 § 10705
12/22/10 to 12/23/10	(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 01/03/11	(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. Filing fees shall be paid at the time the candidate obtains nomination forms from the county elections official.	§§ 8040, 8062, 10704, 13107.3 §§ 8105, 8106(b)(3)
12/22/10 to 01/03/11	(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 02/01/11	(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)

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**E-63 or Proclamation date, whichever is later.

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01/05/11	(E-41)	12 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	(E-41)	13 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 to 02/05/11*	(E-40 to E-10)	14 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
01/07/11	(E-39)	15 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	(E-36)	16 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	(E-29)	17 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	(E-25)	18 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	(E-15)	19 VOTER REGISTRATION Last day to register to vote in the special primary election.	§§ 2102, 2107
02/01/11 to 02/08/11	(E-14 to E-7)	20 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	(E-14)	21 WRITE-IN CANDIDACY Last day to file as a write-in candidate.	§ 8601
02/01/11	(E-14)	22 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	(E-14)	23 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*	(E-10)	24 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*	(E-10)	25 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	(E-7)	26 VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTERS Last day to file an application for a vote-by-mail ballot.	§ 3001
02/08/11	(E-7)	27 NEW CITIZEN REGISTRATION Last day for new citizen registration.	§ 3500
02/08/11	(E-7)	28 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 to 02/14/11	(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 to 02/14/11	(E-6 to E)	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) [5:00 p.m.]	31 SPECIAL ABSENTEE VOTER - RECALLED TO MILITARY SERVICE The last day 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 obtain from the county elections official a vote-by-mail ballot which can 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
02/15/11	(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. An unregistered special absentee 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 county elections official shall deliver to the precinct board a list of special absentee voters registered under Elections Code section 3107. A special absentee voter who returns to the county after February 8, 2011 (E-7), may appear before the county elections official and apply for registration, a vote-by-mail ballot, or both. The county elections official shall register the voter, if not registered, and shall deliver 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 on the day of the election and returned as are other voted vote-by-mail ballots.	§§ 300(b), 3108 § 3107 § 3109
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