

**Special Election Calendar**  
**Special Primary Election November 6, 2012**  
**California State Senate, 4th District (Doug LaMalfa)**

08/31/12		1	<b>VACANCY</b>	
09/05/12		2	<b>GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION</b> On this date, the Governor issued his proclamation calling the special election.  The date of the consolidated special primary election is calculated by counting back 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(b)  § 10705
09/04/12* to 09/07/12	(E-63 to E-60)	3	<b>IN-LIEU PETITIONS</b> 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)
09/06/12* to 09/12/12	(E-61 to E-55)	4	<b>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS</b> Period for candidates to obtain and deliver Nomination Papers to the county elections official for filing. Candidates must also file a Declaration of Candidacy and Ballot Designation Worksheet during this period.  Filing fees shall be paid at the time the candidate obtains nomination forms from the county elections official.	§§ 8040, 8041, 8062, 10704, 13107.3  §§ 8105, 8106(b)(3)
09/06/12* to 09/12/12	(E-61 to E-55)	5	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENTS IN THE COUNTY OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT</b> 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)
09/07/12*	(E-60)	6	<b>IN-LIEU PETITIONS</b> 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 4 days after receipt of a petition.	§ 8106(b)(3)
09/07/12*	(E-60)	7	<b>NOTICE OF RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING</b> Secretary of State to notify news media of the randomized drawing.	§ 13112(c)
09/10/12 to 10/23/12	(E-57 to E-14)	8	<b>STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS</b> Period for all write-in candidates to file their Statement of Write-In Candidacy and Nomination Papers with the county elections official.	§ 8601
09/12/12*	(E-55)	9	<b>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS FILED IN COUNTIES</b> Last day for any candidate to file the Declaration of Candidacy, Nomination Papers, and Ballot Designation Worksheet.	§§ 10704, 13107.3
09/12/12*	(E-55)	10	<b>CANDIDATE STATEMENTS IN THE COUNTY OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT DEADLINE</b> The last day for state Senate candidates to 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)
09/12/12*	(E-55)	11	<b>POLITICAL PARTY ENDORSEMENTS</b> Last day for any qualified political party to submit to the county elections official a list of all candidates for voter-nominated office who will appear on any ballot in the county in question, and who have been endorsed by the party. The county elections official shall print any such list that is timely received in the sample ballot.	§ 13302(b)

\*The federal MOVE Act requires that ballots be sent to military and overseas voters not later than 45 days prior to a federal election; this election is being consolidated with a statewide federal general election which contains the offices of President, Vice President, U.S. Congress, and U.S. Senate. Pursuant to Elections Code section 3112, dates prescribed by the Elections Code have been adjusted to accommodate the 45-day mailing of ballots to military and overseas voters, the dates must be adhered to and deadlines do not move forward if the dates fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday.

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09/12/12*	(E-55) [5:00 p.m.]	<b>12 DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE</b> Last day for the county elections official to certify and file the Declaration of Candidacy, Nomination Papers, and Ballot Designation Worksheet with the Secretary of State.	§§ 10704, 13107.3
09/13/12*	(E-54)	<b>13 NOTICE TO EACH CANDIDATE</b> 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
09/13/12*	(E-54)	<b>14 PARTY PREFERENCE HISTORY POSTING ON WEBSITE</b> Secretary of State to post on its website the party preference history of each candidate for the preceding 10 years.	§ 8121
09/13/12*	(E-54)	<b>15 RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING</b> 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 of 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)
09/17/12	(E-50)	<b>16 CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES</b> Last day for the Secretary of State to send the Certified List of Candidates to the county elections official.	§ 8120
09/22/12* (Saturday)	(E-45)	<b>17 MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS</b> Last day for the county elections official to mail ballots to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters.	42 USC § 1973ff-1 (MOVE Act)
09/27/12 to 10/27/12** (Saturday)	(E-40 to E-10)	<b>18 COUNTIES MAIL SAMPLE BALLOTS</b> 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
10/08/12*** (State Holiday)	(E-29)	<b>19 PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS AND POLLING PLACES</b> Last day for the county elections official to appoint the members of the precinct boards and designate the polling places.	§ 12286
10/08/12 (State Holiday) to 10/30/12	(E-29 to E-7)	<b>20 VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTERS</b> Period in which the county elections official is to process applications for vote-by-mail ballots for the special primary election.	§ 10704(c)
10/22/12	(E-15)	<b>21 VOTER REGISTRATION</b> Last day to register to vote in the special primary election.	§§ 2102, 2107
10/23/12 to 11/6/12	(E-14 to E)	<b>22 NEW CITIZEN REGISTRATION PERIOD</b> 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
10/23/12	(E-14)	<b>23 WRITE-IN CANDIDACY</b> Last day to file as a write-in candidate.	§ 8601
10/23/12	(E-14)	<b>24 CERTIFIED LIST OF WRITE-IN CANDIDATES</b> 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
10/23/12	(E-14)	<b>25 BILINGUAL PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS</b> 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)

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10/27/12** (Saturday)	(E-10)	26 <b>SAMPLE BALLOTS</b> Last day for the county elections official to mail the sample ballots to voters for the special primary election.	§ 13300
10/27/12** (Saturday)	(E-10)	27 <b>PUBLICATION OF TALLY CENTER LOCATION</b> 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
10/30/12	(E-7)	28 <b>VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTERS</b> Last day to file an application for a vote-by-mail ballot.	§ 3001
10/30/12	(E-7)	29 <b>COMPUTER PROGRAM TO SECRETARY OF STATE</b> The last day for counties to verify their election night vote count computer programs and deposit copies thereof with the Secretary of State.	§ 15001
10/31/12 to 11/05/12	(E-6 to E-1)	30 <b>SPECIAL ABSENTEE VOTER - RECALLED TO MILITARY SERVICE</b> Period in which a registered special absentee voter recalled to service after October 30, 2012 (E-7), but before 5:00 p.m. on November 5, 2012 (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
10/31/12 to 11/06/12	(E-6 to E)	31 <b>VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS - LATE CONDITIONS</b> 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
11/05/12	(E-1) [5:00 p.m.]	32 <b>SPECIAL ABSENTEE VOTER - RECALLED TO MILITARY SERVICE</b> The last day a registered special absentee voter recalled to service after October 30, 2012 (E-7), but before 5:00 p.m. on November 5, 2012 (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
11/06/12	(E)	33 <b>SPECIAL ABSENTEE VOTERS</b> 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 October 30, 2012 (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

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11/06/12	(E)	34 <b>NEW CITIZEN REGISTRATION</b> Last day for new citizen registration.	§ 3500
11/06/12	(E)	35 <b>SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION</b> 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
11/06/12	(E)	36 <b>VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS RETURNED IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED</b> 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
11/21/12	(E+15)	37 <b>OFFICIAL CANVASS</b> 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