

Special Election Calendar
Special Primary Election March 17, 2015
California State Senate, 7th District (Mark DeSaulnier)

01/02/15	(E-74)	1	VACANCY	
01/13/15	(E-63)	2	GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION On this date, the Governor issued his proclamation calling the special election.	§§ 10700, 10703 ¹ ; Gov. Code § 1773
			The date of the special primary election is calculated by counting back nine Tuesdays or, if the ninth Tuesday is the day of or following a state holiday, ten Tuesdays preceding the day of the special general election at which the vacancy is to be filled.	§ 10704(a)
			If one candidate receives a majority of the votes (50% + 1), no special general election will be held.	§ 10705
01/13/15 to 01/16/15	(E-63 to E-60)	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), 8106.5
01/13/15 to 01/23/15	(E-63 to E-53)	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 and Ballot Designation Worksheet during this period.	§§ 8040, 8041, 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)
01/13/15 to 01/23/15	(E-63 to E-53)	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)
01/16/15	(E-60)	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 4 days after receipt of a petition.	§ 8106(b)(3)
01/16/15	(E-60)	7	NOTICE OF RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING Secretary of State to notify news media of the randomized drawing.	§ 13112(c) & (d)
01/20/15	(E-56)	8	SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEES - DETERMINE SUFFICIENCY Last day for the county elections official to determine the sufficiency of the in-lieu signatures submitted by the candidates. No later than January 23, 2015 (E-53), the candidates notified shall either submit supplemental signatures or pay a prorated fee to cover the deficiency.	§§ 8061, 8106(b)(3)
01/19/15* to 03/03/15	(E-57 to E-14)	9	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
01/23/15	(E-53)	10	SIGNATURE IN LIEU OF FILING FEES - SUPPLEMENTAL DEADLINE Last day a candidate may submit supplemental signatures to the county elections official or pay a prorated portion of the filing fee to cover any deficiency in the filing fee payment.	§ 8106(b)(3)
01/23/15	(E-53)	11	DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS FILED IN COUNTIES Last day for any candidate to file the Declaration of Candidacy, Nomination Papers, and Ballot Designation Worksheet.	§§ 10704, 13107.3
01/23/15	(E-53)	12	CANDIDATE STATEMENTS IN THE COUNTY OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT DEADLINE 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)

¹ All code references are to the California Elections Code unless otherwise stated.

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01/23/15	(E-53)	13 POLITICAL PARTY ENDORSEMENTS 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 from the state party chairperson in the sample ballot.	§ 13302(b)
01/23/15 [5:00 p.m.]	(E-53)	14 DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE 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
01/24/15* (Saturday)	(E-52)	15 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
01/24/15* (Saturday)	(E-52)	16 PARTY PREFERENCE HISTORY POSTING ON WEBSITE Secretary of State to post on its website the party preference history of each candidate for the preceding 10 years.	§ 8121
01/26/15	(E-50)	17 RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING On this date, 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)
01/27/15	(E-49)	18 CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES Last day for the Secretary of State to send the Certified List of Candidates to the county elections official.	§ 8120
01/31/15** (Saturday)	(E-45)	19 MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS Last day for the county elections officials to mail ballots to military and overseas voters.	§ 3114
02/05/15 to 03/07/15* (Saturday)	(E-40 to E-10)	20 COUNTIES MAIL SAMPLE BALLOTS/VOTER INFORMATION GUIDES Period in which the county elections official shall mail a polling place notice and sample ballot or voter information guide to each registered voter. The polling place notice may state whether the polling place is accessible to the physically handicapped.	§§ 13300, 13304, 13305
02/16/15*	(E-29)	21 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
02/16/15* to 03/10/15	(E-29 to E-7)	22 VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTERS Period in which any registered voter may apply to the county elections official for a vote-by-mail ballot for the special primary election.	§§ 3001, 3102(e), 10704(c)
03/02/15	(E-15)	23 VOTER REGISTRATION Last day to register to vote in the special primary election.	§§ 2102, 2107
03/03/15 to 03/17/15	(E-14 to E)	24 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
03/03/15	(E-14)	25 STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS Last day to file as a write-in candidate.	§ 8601
03/03/15	(E-14)	26 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

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** Elections Code section 3114 requires that ballots and ballot materials be transmitted to each military and overseas voter on the 45th day before the election. E-45 is January 31, 2015, which is a Saturday; this deadline does not move forward to the next business day.

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03/03/15	(E-14)	27	PARTY PREFERENCE HISTORY POSTING ON WEBSITE Secretary of State to post on its website the party preference history of each write-in candidate for the preceding 10 years.	§ 8121
03/03/15	(E-14)	28	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)
03/07/15* (Saturday)	(E-10)	29	SAMPLE BALLOTS/VOTER INFORMATION GUIDES Last day for the county elections official to mail sample ballots or voter information guides to voters for the special primary election.	§§ 13300, 13305
03/07/15* (Saturday)	(E-10)	30	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
03/10/15	(E-7)	31	VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTERS Last day for a county elections official to receive any voter's application for a vote-by-mail ballot for the special primary election.	§§ 3001, 3102(e), 10704(c)
03/10/15 [5:00 p.m.]	(E-7)	32	COMPUTER PROGRAM TO SECRETARY OF STATE Last day for counties to verify their election night vote count computer programs and deposit copies thereof with the Secretary of State.	§ 15001
03/11/15 to 03/16/15 [5:00 p.m.]	(E-6 to E-1)	33	MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTER - RECALLED TO SERVICE Period in which a registered military or overseas voter recalled to service after March 10, 2015 (E-7), but before 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2015 (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.	§ 3111
03/11/15 to 03/17/15	(E-6 to E)	34	VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS - LATE CONDITIONS Period in which any voter may apply in writing for a vote-by-mail ballot because of specified conditions 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
03/16/15 [5:00 p.m.]	(E-1)	35	MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTER - RECALLED TO SERVICE Last day a registered military or overseas voter recalled to service after March 10, 2015 (E-7), but before 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2015 (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.	§ 3111
03/17/15	(E)	36	MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTERS Any registered military or overseas voter or any individual born outside of the United States or District of Columbia whose parent or legal guardian was a resident of California when the parent was last living in the United States 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 military or overseas 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 military or overseas voters registered under Elections Code section 3108. A military or overseas voter or any individual born outside of the United States or District of Columbia whose parent or legal guardian was a resident of California when the parent was last living in the United States who returns to the county after March 10, 2015 (E-7), may appear before the county elections official and apply for registration, a vote-by-mail ballot, or both. The county elections	§§ 300(b), 3109 § 3108 § 3110

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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.

03/17/15	(E)	37 NEW CITIZEN REGISTRATION Last day for new citizen registration.	§§ 331, 3500, 3501
03/17/15	(E)	38 SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Hand-delivered 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. If one candidate receives a majority of the votes (50% + 1), no special general election will be held.	§§ 3017, 10705, 14212
03/17/15	(E)	39 VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS - LATE CONDITIONS Last day any voter may request in writing a vote-by-mail ballot because of specified conditions resulting in his or her absence from the polling place or precinct on Election Day.	§ 3021
03/20/15	(E+3)	40 MAILED VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS - LAST DAY TO BE COUNTED Any vote-by-mail ballot cast shall be deemed timely if it is received by the elections official via the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company no later than three days after Election Day and either of the following is satisfied: 1) The ballot is postmarked on or before Election Day or is time stamped or date stamped by a bona fide private mail delivery company on or before Election Day, or, 2) If the ballot has no postmark, a postmark with no date, or an illegible postmark, the vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope is date stamped by the elections official upon receipt of the vote-by-mail ballot from the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company, and is signed and dated pursuant to Section 3011 on or before Election Day.	§§ 3017, 3020
03/27/15	(E+10)	41 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