

SUMMARY OF GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR

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Absent Voters/Absentee Ballots

Special Absent Voters' Ballot Application (#34)	Sep 5
Federal Election - Overseas Voter, Application for Absent Voter's Ballot	
Unregistered Special Absentee Voter (#37, #54)	Sep 5-Oct 20
Registered Special Absentee Voter (#38)	Sep 5-Oct 28
Absent Voter Ballot Application (#50, #65)	Oct 6-Oct 28
Special Absent Voter - Recalled to Military Service (#67, #70)	Oct 29-Nov 3
Absentee Ballots - Late Conditions (#68, #73)	Oct 29-Nov 4
Special Absent Voters (#72)	Nov 4
Computer Processing of Absentee Ballots (#61)	Oct 24
Manual Processing of Absentee Ballots (#71)	Nov 3, 5 p.m.
Absent Voters' Ballots Returned in Order to be Counted (#75)	Nov 4, 8 p.m.

Ballot Measure Arguments

Deadline for Measures to Qualify for Ballot (#7, #8)	Jun 26
News Release Inviting Arguments (#11)	Jul 7
Argument Submission Deadline (#12)	Jul 8
Argument Selection and Exchange (#13)	Jul 13*
Rebuttal Argument and Summary Information Deadline (#15)	Jul 17

Ballot Pamphlets

Deadline for Measures to Qualify for Ballot (#7, #8)	Jun 26
Ballot Label and Title and Summary Deadline (#10)	Jul 4*
News Release Inviting Arguments (#11)	Jul 7
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Analysis, Text, and Bond Statement Deadline (#14)	Jul 17
Rebuttal Argument and Summary Information Deadline (#15)	Jul 17
Political Party Statement of Purpose Deadline (#16)	Jul 17
Available for Public Examination (#17, #27)	Jul 22-Aug 11
Copy to the State Printer (#27)	Aug 11
State Ballot Pamphlet Furnished to Counties (#43)	Sep 20*
State Ballot Pamphlet to State and Local Officials and Public Institutions (#44)	Sep 20*
State Ballot Pamphlet Mailing (#45, #51)	Sep 25-Oct 14
State Ballot Pamphlet Supplemental Mailing by Counties (#62)	Oct 25*

Ballots

Counties Mail Sample Ballots (#46, #62)	Sep 25-Oct 25*
Notice of Early Tabulation (#49)	Oct 5*
Computer Program to Secretary of State (#66)	Oct 28

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Campaign Statements

Contact:

Fair Political Practices Commission at 1-866-ASK-FPPC (1-866-275-3772)
Political Reform Division at (916) 653-6224 or <http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/>

Candidates

Change of Candidate's Designation on Ballot (#19)..... Jul 29
Legislative Candidate Statement in County Sample Ballot (#24)Aug 8, 5 p.m.
Certified List of Candidates and Rotation List (#31).....Aug 28
Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers (#39, #59) Sep 8-Oct 21
Certificate of Election (#82) Dec 13*

Canvass

Semi-Official Canvass (#76).....Nov 4
 Begin Processing Absentee Ballots (#61, #71)Oct 24, Nov 3, 5 p.m.
 General Election Day (#74).....Nov 4
Official Canvass Period (#77, #79)..... Nov 6-Dec 2
 Statement of Results to Secretary of State (#80)..... Dec 9
 Secretary of State to Publish Statement of the Vote (#81)..... Dec 13*
 Certificates of Election from Secretary of State – Non-Presidential Candidates (#82) .Dec 13*
 Secretary of State to Publish Supplement to the Statement of the Vote (#86)..... Apr 12, 2009*

Early Tabulation, Notification (#49)Oct 5*

Economic Interests Statements - Independent Candidates

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Governor's Proclamation - Issuance (#4) Jun 9

Independent Candidates

Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees (#1, #18) Apr 25-Jul 24
 (Congressional and Legislative Candidates)
Circulate Nomination Papers for Signatures
 Nomination Papers for Offices with No Filing Fees (#2) Apr 25-Aug 8
 Forwarded to Secretary of State (#3) May 19-Sep 1
 Nomination Papers for Offices with Filing Fees (#5, #23)Jun 9-Aug 8, 5 p.m.
 Official's Verification Method (#6, #25)Jun 9-Aug 8, 7 p.m.
 Forwarded to the Secretary of State (#9, #32) Jul 3-Sep 1
File Declaration of Candidacy (#5, #23).....Jun 9, 7 p.m.-Aug 8, 5 p.m.

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Independent Candidates (continued)

Deadline for Signatures in Lieu – Congressional and Legislative Candidates (#18)	Jul 24
Notice of Sufficiency - Congressional and Legislative Candidates (#20)	Aug 3*
Deadline for Supplemental Signatures in Lieu (#22)	Aug 8
(Congressional and Legislative Candidates)	
Deadline for Nomination Papers - Multi-County Districts (#26)	Aug 10*
Written Certification Results to Secretary of State (#28).....	Aug 13

Measures - Initiative and Legislative

Deadline to Qualify for the General Election Ballot (#7, #8).....	Jun 26
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Presidential Electors

Selection (#46, #47)	Oct 1
Certificate of Election (#78)	Dec 1
Electoral College Convenes (#83)	Dec 15, 2 p.m.

Publication Dates

Certified List of Candidates and Rotation List (#31).....	Aug 28
Certified List of Write-In Candidates (#60)	Oct 24
Secretary of State to Publish Statement of the Vote (#81)	Dec 13*
Secretary of State to Publish Supplement to the Statement of Vote (#86)	Apr 12, 2009*

Randomized Alphabet

Notice (#21)	Aug 4
Drawing (#29).....	Aug 14, 11 a.m.

Registration, Voter

Special Absent Voters' Ballot Applications (#34)	Sep 5
Federal Overseas Voter, Application for Absent Voter's Ballot	
Unregistered Special Absentee Voter (#37)	Sep 5-Oct 20
Registered Special Absentee Voter (#38)	Sep 5-Oct 28
Report of Registration, 60-Day County Report (#36)	Sep 5-Sep 15
Report of Registration – 60-Day County Report Summaries Due (#41)	Sep 15
60-Day Report of Registration Published (#42).....	Sep 19
Registration Closes for the November 4, 2008 General Election (#56)	Oct 20
Report of Registration, 15-Day County Report (#55)	Oct 20-Oct 28
Report of Registration – 15-Day County Report Summaries Due (#63)	Oct 28
15-Day Report of Registration Published (#69)	Oct 31
New Residents and New Citizens (#57 #64)	Oct 21-Oct 28
Special Absent Voters (#72)	Nov 4

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Registration, Voter (continued)

Odd-Numbered Year Report.....	Feb 10, 2009
Report of Registration – Odd-Numbered Year Report	
Summaries Due (#84).....	Feb 11-Mar 1, 2009
Odd-Numbered Year Report of Registration Published (#85)	Mar 31, 2009

State Measures

Initiative and Legislative Measure Qualification Deadline (#7, #8).....	Jun 26
Ballot Label and Title and Summary Deadline (#10).....	Jul 4*
News Release Inviting Arguments (#11).....	Jul 7
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Rebuttal Argument and Summary Information Deadline (#15)	Jul 17
Available for Public Examination (#17, #27).....	Jul 22 – Aug 11

Write-in Candidates

All Non-Presidential Write-In Candidates (#39, #59)	Sep 8-Oct 21
Last Day for Presidential Write-In Candidates (#58)	Oct 21
Certified List of Write-In Candidates (#60).....	Oct 24

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- Apr 25-Jul 24, 2008
(E-193 to E-103)
1. **Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees – Independent Candidates**
During this period, any independent candidate may obtain his or her forms from the county elections official for circulating petitions to secure signatures in lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Qualified signatures may also be applied to the signature requirements for office on the nomination paper.
§§ 8105, 8106, 8302, 8405
- Apr 25-Aug 8, 2008
(E-193 to E-88)
2. **Nomination Papers – Independent Presidential Elector Candidates – Office for Which There is No Filing Fee**
Between these dates, independent candidates for an office for which there is no filing fee (presidential elector) shall circulate nomination papers to obtain signatures and submit them to the county elections official for examination. § 8403(a)(2)
- May 19-Sep 1, 2008
(E-169 to E-64)
3. **Nomination Papers for Offices For Which There Is No Filing Fee –Independent Presidential Elector Candidates – Forwarded to Secretary of State**
During this period, county elections officials must deliver the nomination papers of independent presidential elector candidates to the Secretary of State for filing. § 8403
- Jun 9, 2008
(E-148)
4. **Governor's Proclamation - Issuance**
By this date, the Governor shall issue a proclamation calling the primary election and transmit a copy to the board of supervisors of each county. The proclamation shall state the time of the election and the offices to be filled. The Secretary of State will send an informational copy of the proclamation to each county election official. § 12000
- Jun 9-Aug 8, 2008
5 p.m.
(E-148 to E- 88)
5. **Nomination Papers – Independent Candidates For Offices for Which There is a Filing Fee**
Between these dates, independent candidates shall circulate nomination papers and submit them to the county elections official for examination. If the candidate is filing for an office that falls within two or more counties, the county elections official shall report in writing within two business days to the Secretary of State the total number of valid signatures submitted. Any registered voter may sign an in-lieu-of-filing-fee petition for any candidate for whom he or she is eligible to vote. §§ 8106, 8403

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| Jun 9-Aug 8, 2008
5 p.m.
(E-148-E-88) | 6. | <u>Official's Verification Method – Independent Candidates</u>
Between these dates, the county elections official will send the Secretary of State notice of the total number of signatures submitted in each county and the method of verification to be used. Notice must be received within two business days of the final deposit of petition sections, or close of the circulation period, whichever is earlier, but in no event later than 7 p.m. on August 8, 2008 (E-88). Cal. Code of Regs., Title 2, § 20087 |
| Jun 26, 2008
(E-131) | 7. | <u>Initiative Measure Qualification Deadline</u>
The last day for an initiative measure to qualify for the general election ballot. Cal. Const. Art II, § 8(c); Elec. Code, § 9013 |
| Jun 26, 2008
(E-131) | 8. | <u>Legislative Measure Qualification Deadline</u>
The last day for the Legislature to adopt a constitutional amendment, bond measure or other legislative measure in order for the proposed measure to appear on the general election ballot. § 9040 |
| Jul 3-Sep 1, 2008
(E-124 to E-64) | 9. | <u>Nomination Papers – Independent Candidates for Offices for Which There is a Filing Fee – Forwarded to Secretary of State</u>
During this period, county elections official must file the nomination papers of independent candidates with the Secretary of State who shall receive and file them. § 8403 |
| Jul 4, 2008*
Date designation by
the Secretary of State
(E-123) | 10. | <u>State Measures - Ballot Label and Title and Summary Deadline</u>
The Attorney General is asked to provide, no later than this date, all official ballot labels and titles and summaries for the measures that have qualified for the primary election ballot so that the Secretary of State has sufficient time to translate the ballot labels and titles and summaries in any appropriate minority languages prior to public display. §§ 9050, 9054, 13247 |
| Jul 7, 2008
(E-120) | 11. | <u>State Measures - News Release Inviting Arguments</u>
On or before this date, the Secretary of State will issue a general news release requesting voters to submit an argument in each case where either the argument for or against any measure has not been prepared and filed. §§ 9060-9063 |

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Jul 8, 2008
(E-119)

12. State Measures – Argument Submission Deadline

By this day, legislators and their appointee(s) must submit to the Secretary of State their arguments for and against each legislative measure that qualifies by June 26, 2008 (E-131). This is also the last day for proponents of each initiative measure to submit their arguments to the Secretary of State. Once submitted, the arguments may not be changed or amended. § 9043

Whenever the Legislature submits any measure to the voters of the state, the author of the measure and no more than two persons appointed by the author may draft an argument for its adoption, or the author of the measure may appoint no more than three persons to draft the argument. This argument shall not exceed 500 words in length. If the author of the measure desires separate arguments to be written in its favor by each person appointed, separate arguments may be written, but the combined length shall not exceed 500 words. § 9041

If a legislative measure was not adopted unanimously, one member of each house who voted against it shall be appointed by the presiding officers of the respective houses to write an argument against the measure. This argument shall not exceed 500 words in length. If those members appointed to write an argument against the measure choose, each may write a separate argument opposing it, but the combined length of the two arguments shall not exceed 500 words. § 9042

Any voter may request the Secretary of State's permission to prepare and file an argument for either side of any such measure for which no argument has been prepared. The Secretary of State shall grant permission unless two or more voters request permission to submit argument on the same side of a measure, in which event the Secretary of State shall designate one of the voters to write the argument. §§ 9044, 9067

Proponents of initiatives are given preference in submitting ballot arguments on their measures. Opposing arguments are solicited from the public, with priority given to bona fide associations of citizens, followed by individual voters, when more than one argument is submitted against the initiative measures. §§ 9062, 9064, 9067

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| Jul 13, 2008*
(Date designated by
Secretary of State)
(E-114)
*Sunday | 13. | <u>Selection and Exchange of Arguments For and Against Measures</u>
On or before this day, the Secretary of State will select arguments for inclusion in the ballot pamphlet where more than one has been submitted in favor of or against the same measure. The Secretary of State will exchange arguments with opposing authors and request rebuttal arguments. §§ 9067, 9069 |
| Jul 17, 2008
(Date designated by
the Secretary of State)
(E-110) | 14. | <u>State Measures - Analysis, Text, and Bond Statement Deadline</u>
The Legislative Analyst and Legislative Counsel are asked to provide, no later than this date, all official analyses and texts for the measures that have qualified for the general election ballot, as well as a statement of bond debt, if necessary, so that the Secretary of State has sufficient time to translate the ballot pamphlet into any appropriate minority languages, and to prepare copy for public display. §§ 9087, 9088, 9091 |
| Jul 17, 2008
(Date designated by
Secretary of State)
(E-110) | 15. | <u>State Measures - Rebuttal Argument and Summary Information Deadline</u>
The last day rebuttal arguments and summary information for or against ballot measures qualified for the general election ballot may be submitted. Rebuttal arguments shall not exceed 250 words, and summary information shall not exceed 50 words. §§ 9069, 9084(e) |
| Jul 17, 2008
(Date designated by
the Secretary of State)
(E-110) | 16. | <u>Political Party Statement of Purpose Deadline</u>
The last day for political parties to submit statements of purpose, not to exceed 200 words, for inclusion in the ballot pamphlet. § 9084(e) |
| Jul 22-Aug 11, 2008
(E-105 to E-85) | 17. | <u>State Ballot Pamphlet Available for Public Examination</u>
During this period, the Secretary of State will make the ballot labels and a complete copy of the ballot pamphlet, as well as the translations of the ballot labels and titles and summaries, available for public examination for 20 days.
Gov. Code § 88006; Elec. Code §§ 9054, 9092, 13282 |
| Jul 24, 2008
(E-103) | 18. | <u>Deadline for Signatures In Lieu of Filing Fees – Independent Candidates – Congressional and Legislative Candidates</u>
The last day for independent candidates to turn in their petitions to the county elections official of the county in which the petition signers reside and are registered to vote. Within ten days after |

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receipt of a petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. The candidate shall then cover the deficiency either by submitting a supplemental petition or by paying a prorated portion of the filing fee not later than August 8, 2008 (E-88). Upon receipt of the minimum number of in-lieu signatures required, or a sufficient combination of such signatures and the prorated filing fee, the county elections official shall issue nomination papers provisionally. § 8106

Jul 29, 2008
(E-98)

19. **Change of Candidate's Designation on Ballot**

The last day that any candidate may request in writing a different ballot designation than that used at the primary election. This written request should be made to **both** the Secretary of State and the county elections official. § 13107

Aug 3, 2008*
(E-93)
*Sunday

20. **Notice of Sufficiency of Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees – Independent Candidates**

The last day for the county elections official to determine the sufficiency of the in-lieu signatures submitted by independent candidates. Within ten days after receipt of a petition the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. Before the close of the nomination period on August 8, 2008 (E-88), candidates shall either submit a supplemental petition or pay a prorated fee to cover the deficiency. § 8106(b)(3)

Aug 4, 2008
(E-92)

21. **Randomized Alphabet Drawing - Notice**

The last day for the Secretary of State to notify the news media and other interested parties of the date, time, and place of the randomized alphabet drawing to be held at 11 a.m. on August 14, 2008 (E-82). § 13112(c)

Aug 8, 2008
(E-88)

22. **Deadline for Supplemental Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees – Independent Candidates**

The last day for any independent candidate to submit any supplemental in-lieu signatures to the county elections official or to pay the prorated portion of the filing fee to cover any deficiency in the filing fee payment. § 8106(b)(3)

Aug 8, 2008
5 p.m.
(E-88)

23. **Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers – Independent Candidates**

The last day for an independent candidate to leave his or her declaration of candidacy and to circulate and leave the

nomination papers with the county elections official.

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§§ 8403, 8550

All independent candidates for offices for which there is a filing fee must pay the non-refundable filing fees or present in-lieu signatures at the time they receive their nomination papers from the county elections official. The number of the valid in-lieu signatures any candidate obtains may be subtracted from the number required for his or her nomination papers. A candidate shall not be required to execute a nomination paper if the number of valid in-lieu signatures equals or exceeds the minimum number required for nomination. §§ 8105, 8106, 8400, 8403, 8405

Aug 8, 2008
(E-88)
5 p.m.

24. **Legislative Candidate Statement in County Sample Ballot**
The last day legislative 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 may purchase statement space only if they have agreed to voluntary expenditure limits. Gov. Code § 85601; Elec. Code, § 13307

Aug 8, 2008
7 p.m.
(E-88)

25. **Nomination Paper Verification Method - Independent Candidates**
The county elections official must send the Secretary of State notice of the total number of signatures submitted in each county and of the method of verification to be used by the county within either two business days of the final deposit of petition sections or by the close of the circulation period, whichever is earlier, but in no event later than 7 p.m. on this date. If notice is given by telephone, written confirmation must be transmitted to the Secretary of State on the same day that the telephone notice is given.
Cal. Code of Regs., Title 2 § 20087; Elec. Code § 8403(c)

Note: The Secretary of State will immediately notify each affected county of the method of verification being used in each multi-county district.

Aug 10, 2008*
(E-86)
*Sunday

26. **Deadline for Nomination Papers - Independent Candidates - Multi-County Districts**
Last day for county elections official to report in writing to the Secretary of State the total number of signatures submitted in that county for independent candidates seeking election in a district that includes two or more counties. § 8403

Aug 11, 2008

27. **Last Day State Ballot Pamphlet Available for Public**

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- Sep 1, 2008
(E-64) 32. **Nomination Papers Forwarded to the Secretary of State – Independent Candidates - Office for Which There is a Filing Fee**
The last day for the county elections official to file the nomination papers of an independent candidate with the Secretary of State. § 8403
- Sep 1, 2008
(E-64) 33. **Nomination Signatures - Written Certification - Independent Candidates**
The last day for the county elections official to report the results of checking each signature to a nomination paper. This reporting date is used if all counties in a district choose this method of verification or if the Secretary of State orders the checking of every signature.
Cal. Code of Regs., Title 2 §§ 20089(d), 20090(b)(2)
- Sep 5, 2008
(E-60) 34. **Special Absent Voters' Ballot Applications**
The first day county elections officials may process applications for special absent voters' ballots. Any applications received by the county elections official prior to this day shall be kept and processed on or after this date. §§ 300 (b), 3103
- Sep 5, 2008
(E-60) 35. **Registration Files Update**
Counties using data processing equipment to store registered voter information set forth in the affidavits of registration begin their computer updates in order to send a copy of their registered voter files to the Secretary of State by September 15, 2008 (E-50). § 2187(c) & (d)(4)
- Sep 5-Sep 15, 2008
(E-60 to E-50) 36. **Report of Registration – 60-Day County Report**
During this period, the county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State a summary of the number of persons registered by party in their counties and in each political subdivision thereof as of September 5, 2008 (E-60). § 2187 (d)(4)
- Sep 5-Oct 20, 2008
(E-60 to E-15) 37. **Federal Election – Unregistered Special Absentee Voter, Application for Absent Voter's Ballot**
During this period, counties may process Federal Post Card Applications (FPCA) from special absentee voters who are not registered to vote. [Note: A request for an absentee ballot from a special absentee voter will be deemed an affidavit of registration and an application for permanent absentee voter status. When a county elections official receives and approves an FPCA from a

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special absentee voter, the official must provide that voter with absentee ballots for each subsequent election for Federal office in the State through the next two general elections for Federal office.]

42 USC §§ 1973ff-1(a) and 1973ff-3;
Elec. Code, §§ 300, 2102, 3300-3311

Sep 5-Oct 28, 2008
(E-60 to E-7)

38. **Federal Election – Registered Special Absentee Voter, Application for Absent Voter’s Ballot**

During this period, counties may begin processing Federal Post Card Applications (FPCA) from special absentee voters who are already registered to vote. [Note: When a county elections official receives and approves an FPCA from a special absentee voter, the official must provide that voter with absentee ballots for each subsequent election for Federal office in the State through the next two general elections for Federal office.]

42 USC §§ 1973ff-1(a) and 1973ff-3;
Elec. Code, §§ 300, 3001, 3300-3311

Sep 8-Oct 21, 2008
(E-57 to E-14)

39. **Statement of Write-In Candidacy and Nomination Papers – Non-Presidential Candidates**

During this period, all non-presidential write-in candidates must file their statements of write-in candidacy and nomination papers with the county elections official. § 8601

Sep 15, 2008
(E-50)

40. **Voter Registration Files to the Secretary of State**

The last day for county elections officials to send the Secretary of State a copy of their voter registration files of all voters registered prior to September 5, 2008 (E-60). § 2187(c) & (d)(4)

Sep 15, 2008
(E-50)

41. **Report of Registration - 60-Day County Report Summaries Due**

By this date, each county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered as of September 5, 2008 (E-60). § 2187(d)(4)

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- Sept 19, 2008
(E-46) 42. **Report of Registration – 60-Day Statewide Report Published**
Projected date the Secretary of State to release a compiled statewide report showing the number of registered voters, by party affiliation, in the state and in each county, and political subdivision thereof. This statement is based on the summary statements sent by the county elections officials by September 15, 2008 (E-50).
§ 2187(d)(4)
- Sep 20, 2008*
(E-45)
*Saturday 43. **State Ballot Pamphlet Furnished to Counties**
By this date, the Secretary of State shall furnish copies of the state ballot pamphlet to those counties that do not use data processing equipment to maintain their registered voter files. Ballot pamphlets will also be sent to all counties for their supplemental mailings to persons who registered between September 6 and October 6, 2008, inclusive (E-59 to E-29).
§ 9094(b)
- Sep 20, 2008*
(E-45)
*Saturday 44. **State Ballot Pamphlets to State and Local Officials and Public Institutions**
By this date, the Secretary of State shall send a specified number of copies of the state ballot pamphlet to city and county elections officials, members of the Legislature, proponents of statewide ballot measures, public libraries and educational institutions.
§ 9096
- Sep 25-Oct 14, 2008
(E-40 to E-21) 45. **State Ballot Pamphlet Mailing**
Between these dates, the Secretary of State shall mail state ballot pamphlets to all households in which voters were registered by Friday, September 5, 2008 (E-60). This mailing is based on the information provided by the counties' voter registration files, which were sent to the Secretary of State by September 15, 2008 (E-50).
§ 9094(a)

In those counties in which such data processing equipment is not used, the county elections official shall mail the state ballot pamphlets to all voters registered by September 5, 2008 (E-60).
§ 9094(b)
- Sep 25-Oct 25*, 2008
(E-40 to E-10)
*Saturday 46. **Counties Mail Sample Ballots**
Between these dates, the county elections official shall mail a polling place notice and sample ballot to each registered voter. The polling place notice shall state whether the polling place is accessible to the physically handicapped.
§§ 13300, 13303, 13304

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| Oct 1, 2008
(Date fixed by law) | 47. | <u>Presidential Elector Selection – Democratic and Republican Parties</u>
The last day for Democratic and Republican parties to file the name, residence address and business address of their respective presidential electors with the Secretary of State. §§ 7100, 7300 |
| Oct 1, 2008
(Date designated by Secretary of State) | 48. | <u>Presidential Elector Selection – American Independent, Green, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom Parties</u>
The last day for American Independent, Green, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom parties to file the names and residence addresses of their respective presidential electors with the Secretary of State. §§ 7578, 7843 |
| Oct 5*, 2008
(E-30)
*Sunday | 49. | <u>Notice of Early Tabulation</u>
The last day for the Secretary of State to notify county elections officials that certain offices or measures to be voted on are more than ordinary public interest and will require early tabulation and announcement. § 14440 |
| Oct 6-Oct 28, 2008
(E-29 to E-7) | 50. | <u>Absent Voter Ballot Application</u>
Between these dates, any registered voter may apply to the county elections official for an absent voter's ballot. Applications received before October 6, 2008 (E-29) shall be kept and processed during this application period. §§ 3001, 3003 |
| Oct 14, 2008
(E-21) | 51. | <u>State Ballot Pamphlets Mailing to be Completed</u>
The last day for the Secretary of State, or the county elections official if appropriate, to mail state ballot pamphlets to all households with voters who registered by September 5, 2008 (E-60). § 9094 |
| Oct 14, 2008
(E-21) | 52. | <u>Sample Ballots - County Mailing</u>
The last day for each county elections official to mail sample ballots to the voters. § 13303 |
| Oct 20, 2008
(E-15) | 53. | <u>Notice of Change of Address within County</u>
The last day before the general election for any voter to send a card or letter to the county elections official advising of the change of address within the county. The notification may be submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) or any NVRA designated agency prior to the election. The county elections official shall correct the registration records accordingly. The notice is in lieu of re-registering. § 2119 |

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- Oct 20, 2008
(E-15)
54. **Federal Election – Special Absentee Voter, Last Day to Register**
The last day for special absentee voters to complete and sign the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) registering to vote and requesting an absent voter ballot and to send it to the county elections official. [Note: A request for an absentee ballot from a special absentee voter will be deemed an affidavit of registration and an application for permanent absent voter status. When a county elections official receives and approves an FPCA from a special absentee voter, the official must provide that voter with absentee ballots for each subsequent election for Federal office in the State through the next two general elections for Federal office.]
42 USC §§ 1973ff-1(a) and 1973ff-3;
Elec. Code, §§ 300, 2102, 3300-3311
- Oct 20-Oct 28, 2008
(E-15 to E-7)
55. **Report of Registration – 15-Day County Report**
During this period, county election officials shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of voters by party in their counties and in each political subdivision thereof registered as of October 20, 2008 (E-15). § 2187 (d)(5)
- Oct 20, 2008
(E-15)
56. **Registration Closes for the November 4, 2008 General Election**
The last day for any person to register to vote in the General Election. §§ 2102, 2107
- Note:** No person shall be registered as a voter except by affidavit of registration. The affidavit shall be mailed or delivered to the county elections official and shall set forth all of the facts required to be shown by this chapter. A properly executed registration shall be deemed effective upon receipt of the affidavit by the county elections official if any of the following apply:
- (1) The affidavit is postmarked on or before the 15th day prior to the election and received by mail by the county elections official.
 - (2) The affidavit is submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles or accepted by any other public agency designated as a voter registration agency pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1973gg) on or before the 15th day prior to the election.
 - (3) The affidavit is delivered to the county elections official by means other than those described in paragraphs (1) or (2) on or before the 15th day prior to the election.

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- Oct 21-Oct 28, 2008
(E-14 to E-7)
57. **New Residents and New Citizens Registration Period**
Registration for new residents shall begin the 14th day prior to an election and end on the seventh day prior to election day. This registration must be executed in the county elections office and the new resident shall vote a new resident's ballot in that office. A new resident is eligible to vote for President and Vice President and for no other office. §§ 332, 3400
- 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
- The county elections official shall receive and canvass the ballots of new residents and new citizens at the same time and under the same procedure as absent voter ballots. §§ 3405, 3502
- Oct 21, 2008
(E-14)
58. **Last Day for Presidential Write-In Candidates**
Last day for write-in presidential candidates (any group of individuals, equal in number to the number of presidential electors to which California is entitled) of all parties to file declarations with the Secretary of State in order to have write-in votes counted. No filing fee is required. §§ 8650-8652
- Oct 21, 2008
(E-14)
59. **Statement of Write-In Candidacy Nomination Papers – Non-Presidential Candidates**
The last day for any write-in candidate, other than write-in presidential candidates, to file with the county elections official his or her statement of write-in candidacy and the required number of signatures on the nomination papers. No filing fee is required. §§ 8601, 8604
- Oct 24, 2008
(Suggested date)
60. **Certified List of Write-In Candidates**
Secretary of State will prepare and send to affected county elections officials a certified list of write-in candidates showing the name of every write-in candidate eligible to receive votes within the county at the general election, their address and the offices to which they seek election. This list will be mailed to each person in the affected offices.

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- Oct 24, 2008
(E-7 business days) 61. **Computer Processing of Absentee Ballots**
Counties having the necessary computer capability may begin to process their absent voters ballots on this date. This process may be completed to the point of placing the ballot information on a computer tape, but under **NO** circumstances shall a vote count be made before the close of the polls at 8 p.m. on Election Day. All other county elections officials shall start to process absent voter ballots at 5 p.m. on the day before the election. § 15101
- Oct 25, 2008*
(E-10)
*Saturday 62. **State Ballot Pamphlet Supplemental Mailing by County**
The last day for county elections officials to mail state ballot pamphlets to voters who registered between September 5 and October 6, 2008 (E-59 to E-29), inclusive. § 9094(c)
- Oct 28, 2008
(E-7) 63. **Report of Registration – 15-Day County Report Summaries Due**
By this day, each county elections officials shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered as of October 20, 2008 (E-15). § 2187 (d)(5)
- Oct 28, 2008
(E-7) 64. **New Residents and New Citizens Registration Period – Last Day**
Last day for new residents to register to vote prior to election day. This registration must be executed in the county elections office and the new resident shall vote a new resident's ballot in that office. A new resident is eligible to vote for President and Vice President and for no other office. §§ 332, 3400

Last day a new citizen registering to vote after the close of registration can provide the county elections official with proof of citizenship prior to voting, and declare that he or she has established residency in California. §§ 331, 3500, 3501

The county elections official shall receive and canvass the ballots of new residents and new citizens at the same time and under the same procedure as absent voter ballots. §§ 3405, 3502

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- Oct 28, 2008
(E-7) 65. **Absent Voter Ballot Application**
The last day for the county elections official to receive a voter's application for an absent voter's ballot and to issue such ballot for the general election. § 3001
- Oct 28, 2008
(E-7) 66. **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

The last day for county elections officials to send Logic and Accuracy Test Certifications to the Secretary of State.
- Oct 29-Nov 3, 2008
(E-6 to E-1) 67. **Special Absent Voter - Recalled to Military Service**
A registered voter recalled to service after October 28 (E-7) but before 5 p.m. on November 3, 2008 (E-1), may appear before the county elections official and obtain an absent voter's ballot which may be voted in the county elections official's office or outside the county elections official's office on or before the close of the polls and returned. § 3110
- Oct 29–Nov 4, 2008
(E-6 to E) 68. **Absentee Ballots - Late Conditions**
On or between these dates, any voter may apply in writing for an absent voter's 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 absent voter's ballot. § 3021
- Oct 31, 2008
(E-4) 69. **Report of Registration – 15-Day Statewide Report Published**
Projected date the Secretary of State to release a compiled statewide report showing the number of registered voters, by party affiliation, in the state and in each county and political subdivision thereof. This statement is based on the summary statements sent by the county elections officials by October 20, 2008 (E-15). § 2187 (d)(5)
- Nov 3, 2008
5 p.m.
(E-1) 70. **Special Absentee Voter - Recalled to Military Service**
Last day for a registered voter recalled to service after October 28, 2008 (E-7) but before 5 p.m. on November 3, 2008 (E-1) to appear before the county elections official and obtain an absent voter's ballot which may be voted in the county elections official's office or outside the county elections official's office on or before the close of the polls and returned. § 3110

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- Nov 3, 2008
5 p.m.
(E-1)
71. **Manual Processing of Absentee Ballots**
Counties not having the necessary computer capability may begin to process the absent voter's ballots manually at 5 p.m. on this date, but under **NO** circumstances is any vote count to be made public before the close of the polls at 8 p.m. on Election Day. § 15101
- Nov 4, 2008
(E)
72. **Special Absent Voters**
Any registered special absentee voter who has returned on or before Election Day and to whom an absent voter's ballot has been mailed but not voted may apply to vote in the county election official's office or in a polling place. §§ 300, 3108
- 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 military 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 § 3107. § 3107
- A special absent voter who returns to the county after October 28, 2008 (E-7) may appear before the county elections official and make application for registration, an absent voter ballot, or both. The county elections official shall register the voter, if not registered, and shall deliver an absent voter 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 election and returned as are other voted absent voter ballots. § 3109
- Nov 4, 2008
(E)
73. **Absentee Ballots – Late Conditions**
On or before Election Day, any voter may request in writing an absent voter's ballot because of specified conditions resulting in anticipated absence from the polling place or precinct on election day. § 3021

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- Nov 4, 2008
(E) 74. **General Election Day**
The polls shall be open throughout the state from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. §§ 1000, 14212
- Voters who have moved from one address to another within the same county and who have not reregistered may vote a provisional ballot at the polling place for their current (new) address, at the office of the county elections official, or at a central location. § 14311
- Nov 4, 2008
8 p.m.
(E) 75. **Absent Voters' Ballots Returned in Order to be Counted**
Absent voter ballots may be received by 8 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
- Nov 4, 2008
(E) 76. **Semi-Official Canvass – General Election**
Beginning at 8 p.m. and continuously until completed, the county elections official will conduct the semiofficial canvass of votes and report totals to the Secretary of State at least every two hours. §§ 15150-15151
- Nov 6, 2008
(E+2) 77. **Official Canvass – General Election**
By this date, county election officials must begin the official canvass of the precinct returns. This canvass must be completed not later than December 2, 2008 (E+28). §§ 15301, 15372
- Dec 1, 2008
(Date fixed by law) 78. **Certificate of Election – Presidential Electors**
The Secretary of State shall analyze the votes given for presidential electors and certify to the Governor the names of the proper number of persons having the highest number of votes. The Secretary of State shall issue and transmit to each presidential elector a certificate of election. § 15505
- The certificate shall be accompanied by a notice of the time and place of the meeting of the presidential electors and a statement that each presidential elector will be entitled to a per diem allowance and mileage in the amount specified.
- Dec 2, 2008
(E+28) 79. **Official Canvass Ends – General Election**
No later than this date, the county elections official must complete the canvass, certify its results, and submit it to the board of supervisors. § 15372

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This is also the suggested date for the board of supervisors to declare the winners for each office and the results of each measure under its jurisdiction. The county elections official shall make and deliver to each person elected a certificate of election.

§§ 15400-15401

The last day for the county elections official to send the canvassed primary election returns to the Secretary of State.

§ 15375(c)

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| Dec 9, 2008
(E+35) | 80. | <p><u>Statement of Results to Secretary of State</u>
By this date, the county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State by registered mail one complete copy of the results.</p> | § 15375 |
| Dec 13, 2008*
(E+39)
*Saturday | 81. | <p><u>Secretary of State to Publish Statement of the Vote</u>
The last day for the Secretary of State to prepare, certify and file a Statement of the Vote from the compiled election returns.</p> | § 15501 |
| Dec 13, 2008*
(E+39)
*Saturday | 82. | <p><u>Certificates of Election from Secretary of State – Non-Presidential Candidates</u>
The Secretary of State shall issue certificates of election to persons elected to each congressional and legislative office.</p> | §§ 15503-15504 |
| Dec 15, 2008
2 p.m.
(Date fixed by law) | 83. | <p><u>Electoral College Convenes</u>
At this time and date, the presidential electors shall assemble at the State Capitol to vote by separate ballot for that person for President and that person for Vice President of the United States who are, respectively, the candidates of the political party which they represent. These votes are mailed to the seat of the Government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">U.S. Const., Amend. XII; Elec. Code, §§ 6904, 6906-6908</p> | |
| Feb 11-Mar 1, 2009
(Dates fixed by law) | 84. | <p><u>Report of Registration – Odd-Numbered Year County Report Summaries Due</u>
During this period, county elections officials shall send the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered by party in their counties and in each political subdivision thereof.</p> | § 2187(a), (c) & (d)(6) |

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| Mar 31, 2009
(E+147) | 85. | <u>Report of Registration – Odd-Numbered Year Statewide Report Published</u> | The last day for the Secretary of State to compile a statewide report showing the number of registered voters, by party affiliations, in the state and in each county and political subdivision thereof. This statement is based on the summary statements sent by the county elections official by March 1, 2009 (E+117). § 2187 |
| Apr 12, 2009*
(E+159)
*Sunday | 86. | <u>Secretary of State to Publish Supplement to the Statement of Vote</u> | Last day for the Secretary of State to compile a supplement to the statement of the vote, showing the number of votes cast in each county, city, Assembly district, State Senatorial district, Congressional district, and supervisorial district for each candidate for the office of Presidential Elector and on each statewide ballot measure. § 15502 |