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**Campaign Statements**
Contact:
Fair Political Practices Commission at 1-866-ASK-FPPC (1-866-275-3772)
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Sept 8*-Dec 4, 2007 (E-150 to E-63) 7. Announcement of Selected Presidential Candidates – Democratic Party

During this period, the Secretary of State will announce and publicize the list of names of those persons affiliated with the Democratic Party whom she intends to place on the presidential primary election ballot. Following this announcement, the Secretary of State may add candidates, but she may not delete any candidate whose name appears on the announced list. Democratic candidates may withdraw their names in writing at any time through December 7, 2007 (E-60). §§ 6041-6043

Sept 10, 2007 (E-148) 8. Governor's Proclamation - Issuance

By this date, the Governor shall issue a proclamation calling the presidential primary election. The proclamation shall state the time of the election and the offices to be filled. The Governor shall then transmit a copy of the proclamation to the board of supervisors of each county. The Secretary of State will send an informational copy of the proclamation to each county elections official. § 12000


By this day, each county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered as of September 4, 2007 (E-154). § 2187(d)(1)

Sept 23, 2007* (E-135) 10. Secretary of State Announces Newly Qualified Party

The last day for the Secretary of State to determine whether a new political party has qualified for the February 5, 2008 presidential primary election either by registration or by filing a petition.

Minimum registration required 88,991
Signatures required for petition 889,906

§ 5100(b) & (c)
11. **Decline to State Voter Participation Notice**
   Last day for a political party to notify the Secretary of State that it has adopted a rule that authorizes a person who has declined to state a party affiliation to vote the ballot of that political party at the February 5, 2008 presidential primary election.
   § 13102(c)

12. **Initiative Measure Qualification Deadline**
   The last day for an initiative measure to qualify for the presidential primary election ballot.
   Cal. Const., Art II, § 8(c), § 9013

13. **Legislative Measure Qualification Deadline**
   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 presidential primary election ballot.
   § 9040

14. **Notice of Parties Qualified to Participate in Presidential Primary Election**
   The last day for the Secretary of State to prepare and send to each county elections official a notice designating the political parties qualified to participate in the presidential primary election.
   § 12103

15. **Newly Qualified Party Procedures for Presidential Primary**
   The last day temporary officers of a newly qualified political party shall notify the Secretary of State of its procedures for selecting their party’s presidential candidate. If the newly qualified political party has not adopted its own detailed statutory provisions, they shall adopt the statutory provisions of any other qualified political party that has provisions for its presidential primary.
   § 5006

16. **State Measures - Ballot Label and Title and Summary Deadline**
   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
Oct 8, 2007*
(E-120)
*Holiday

17. State Measures - News Release Inviting Arguments
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 statewide ballot measure on the presidential primary election ballot has not been prepared and filed.
§§ 9060-9063

Oct 8, 2007*
(E-120)
*Holiday

18. Publication of Selected Presidential Candidates - Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom Parties
The last day for the Secretary of State to announce and publicize the list of names of those persons whom she intends to place on the presidential primary election ballot for the Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom parties. Following the announcement, she may add candidates to, but may not delete any candidate from, the list.
§§ 6340, 6520, 6720

The Secretary of State shall mail copies of the lists of selected Green, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom candidates, and subsequent additions thereto, to the chairpersons of the Green, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom state and county central committees, respectively. § 6722

Oct 8, 2007*
(E-120)
*Holiday

19. Number of Delegates for National Conventions
By this date, the chairperson of each qualified party’s state central committee shall notify the Secretary of State of the number of delegates to represent California at its next national convention. The Green, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom Party chairs must state the name of the national party with which the state party has affiliated. The Democratic Party shall state the number of delegates and alternates to be selected from each congressional district.
§§ 6020, 6023, 6320, 6321, 6540, 6541, 6740, 6741, 6744, 6745, 6763

If any party fails to notify the Secretary of State of the number of delegates, the Secretary of State shall ascertain the number from the call for the national convention issued by the national committee of that party. In the case of the Green, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom Parties, the Secretary of State shall ascertain the party’s national affiliation and the number of delegates from the chairperson or any other officer of record of the party state central committee or from the national party with which the party was most recently affiliated.
§§ 6024, 6322, 6542, 6742
Oct 8*-Dec 4, 2007  
(E-120 to E-63)  
*Holiday

Oct 9, 2007  
(Date designated by the Secretary of State)  
(E-119)

20. **Nomination Period - Unselected Democratic Presidential Candidates**

Between these dates the steering committee of each unselected presidential candidate or uncommitted delegation may obtain signatures to nomination papers. Papers shall be left for examination with the county elections official of the county in which they are circulated. §§ 6061, 6101, 6108, 6122

Within five days after nomination papers are left with the county elections official, the elections official shall examine and affix a certificate reciting that he or she has examined them and stating the number of names which have not been marked “not sufficient.” The elections official shall transmit the papers to the Secretary of State, who shall file them. § 6144

21. **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 qualified by September 27, 2007 (E-131). This is also the last day for the proponents of each initiative measure to submit their arguments to the Secretary of State. Once submitted, no argument may 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. § 9042

If those members appointed to write an argument against the measure so choose, each may write a separate argument
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If legislators and their appointee(s) do not file an argument for or against any legislative measure, any voter may request the Secretary of State for 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 arguments 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 in favor of 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 measure. §§ 9062, 9067

Oct 14, 2007* (Date designated by the Secretary of State) (E-114) *Sunday

22. Selection and Exchange of Arguments For and Against Measures
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. Within 5 days of the initial argument submission deadline, the Secretary of State will exchange arguments with opposing authors and request rebuttal arguments. §§ 9067, 9069

Oct 18, 2007 (E-110)

23. Certification of Number of Delegates (Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom Parties)
By this date, the Secretary of State shall certify to the county elections official the number of delegates to be elected at the presidential primary election for all parties except the Democratic Party. For the Green, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom Parties, the certificate will include the number of delegates to represent the party at their respective national conventions, the name, address and telephone number of the national party with which the state party is presently affiliated, and the number of delegates to be selected from each territory by each committee proposing a group of national convention delegates. §§ 6323, 6543, 6743, 6744
NOTE: Asterisked dates indicate that the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday; in most cases, the deadline will move forward to the next business day. § 15

Oct 18, 2007 (Date designated by the Secretary of State) (E-110) 24. **State Measures - Analysis, Text, and Bond Statement Deadline**

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 presidential primary 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

Oct 18, 2007 (Date designated by the Secretary of State) (E-110) 25. **State Measures - Rebuttal Argument and Summary Information Deadline**

The last day rebuttal arguments and summary information for or against ballot measures qualified for the presidential primary election ballot may be submitted. Rebuttal arguments shall not exceed 250 words and summary information shall not exceed 50 words.

§§ 9069, 9084(e)

Oct 18, 2007 (Date designated by the Secretary of State) (E-110) 26. **Political Party Statement of Purpose Deadline**

The last day for political parties to submit statements of purpose, not to exceed 200 words, for inclusion in the ballot pamphlet.

§ 9084(e)

Oct 23, 2007 (E-105) 27. **Newly Qualified Party Activities**

The last day temporary officers of a newly qualified political party shall notify the Secretary of State of their operating procedures. If the newly qualified political party has not adopted its own detailed statutory operating procedures, they shall adopt the statutory provisions of any other qualified political party that has provisions for its party operations.

§ 5005


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


The last day for the Secretary of State to compile a statewide report showing the number of registered voters, by party affiliation, in the state and county and political subdivisions
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§ 15 thereof. This statement must be compiled by the Secretary of State within 30 days after receiving the summary statements sent by the county elections officials on September 23, 2007* (E-135).

§ 2187(b)

See item #9 at September 23, 2007* for Report of Registration 154-day county report submissions.

The last day for a committee proposing the nomination of a group of candidates for delegate to file with the Secretary of State a statement containing the name of the committee and the names of its officers. §§ 6560-6564

Each group of candidates for delegate must obtain the endorsement of the candidate for presidential nominee for whom the members of the group have filed a preference. The endorsement of the candidate for presidential nominee must be on file with the Secretary of State before the circulation of any nomination papers by a group of candidates pledged to the support of his or her candidacy as presidential nominee. §§ 6565-6567

The last day for a committee proposing the nomination of a group of candidates for delegate to file with the Secretary of State a statement containing the name of the committee and the names, residence addresses, and telephone numbers of at least five of its members and its officers. §§ 6760-6764, 6766-6768

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Presidential Nomination Papers – Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom Parties

Between these dates, circulators may obtain signatures to the nomination papers, and file them for examination with the county elections official for unselected Republican Party candidates; unselected presidential preference candidates for American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Peace and Freedom Parties; groups of delegates for selected and unselected candidates and uncommitted delegations for American Independent, Green, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom Parties. §§ 6343, 6360, 6365, 6382, 6568, 6581, 6586, 6587, 6591, 6769, 6781, 6786, 6787, 6791

The county elections official has five days from receipt to verify and certify nomination papers and to forward them to the Secretary of State. §§ 6404, 6597, 6796

Randomized Alphabet Drawing - Notice

The last day for the Secretary of State to notify the news media and other interested parties of the place the randomized alphabet drawing will be held at 11 a.m. on November 15, 2007 (E-82). § 13112(c)

Last Day State Ballot Pamphlet Available for Public Examination and Copy Delivered to the State Printer

Last day of the public examination period of the State ballot pamphlet. The last day for the Secretary of State to deliver copy for preparation of the ballot pamphlets to the Office of State Printing.

Gov. Code § 88006; Elec. Code §§ 9054, 9082, 9092, 13282

Democratic Steering Committees

The chairperson of each candidate’s seven-member steering committee shall file with the Secretary of State a statement containing the names and addresses of the members of the steering committee. §§ 6080-6081

For the purposes of the Democratic caucus, contact the California Democratic Party at (916) 442-5707 or www.cadem.org.
NOTE: Asterisked dates indicate that the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday; in most cases, the deadline will move forward to the next business day.

Nov 15, 2007  11 a.m.  (E-82)
36. **Randomized Alphabet Drawing**
   The Secretary of State shall conduct the randomized alphabet drawing at 11 a.m. and mail the results immediately to county elections officials so that they may determine the order in which the candidates shall appear on the primary election ballot.  § 13112(b)

Nov 23, 2007*  (E-74)  *Holiday
37. **Presidential Nomination Papers – Republican Party**
   Last day for unselected candidates to leave nomination papers for examination with the county elections official of the county in which they are circulated.  § 6360

   There are no provisions for an uncommitted delegation.

Nov 23, 2007*  (E-74)  *Holiday
38. **Presidential Nomination Papers – American Independent, Green, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom Parties**
   The last day unselected candidates for the presidential preference portion of the primary ballot can file properly prepared, circulated, signed and verified nomination papers with the county elections official of the county in which they are circulated. This applies to the nomination of a candidate for the presidential preference portion of the primary ballot, to the nomination of a slate of delegates pledged to the candidacy of a particular candidate and to the nomination of a slate of delegates not expressing a preference for a particular candidate. §§ 6580-6581, 6780-6781

Nov 28, 2007  (E-69)
39. **County’s Filing Deadline for Presidential Nomination Papers – Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, Peace and Freedom Parties**
   Last day for the county elections official to certify and send to the Secretary of State any presidential nomination papers received by November 23, 2007* (E-74). §§ 6404, 6597, 6796

Nov 29, 2007  (E-68)
40. **Secretary of State Certifies Presidential Delegates**
   The last day for the Secretary of State to certify and to send the county elections officials the names of presidential candidates and chairpersons of uncommitted delegations of all parties and the names of delegate candidates who are entitled to be voted for at the presidential primary election. §§ 6950-6954
NOTE: Asterisked dates indicate that the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday; in most cases, the deadline will move forward to the next business day.

Nov 29, 2007
(E-68) 41. **Withdrawal of Presidential Candidate – Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom Parties**
The last day a selected or unselected presidential candidate may file an affidavit with the Secretary of State in order to have his or her name withdrawn from the primary election ballot. §§ 6342, 6522, 6724

Dec 4, 2007
(E-63) 42. **Announcement of Selected Presidential Candidates – Democratic Party**
The last day for the Secretary of State to announce and publicize the list of names of those persons whom she intends to place on the Democratic presidential primary election ballot. Following the announcement, she may add candidates to, but may not delete any candidate from, the list. § 6041

Dec 4, 2007
(E-63) 43. **Nomination Period – Unselected Democratic Presidential Candidates**
Last day the steering committee of each unselected presidential candidate or uncommitted delegation may leave nomination papers with the county elections official. § 6101

Dec 7, 2007
(E-60) 44. **Withdrawal of Presidential Candidate – Democratic Party**
The last day a selected or unselected presidential candidate may file an affidavit with the Secretary of State in order to have his or her name withdrawn from the primary election ballot. § 6043

Dec 7, 2007
(E-60) 45. **Notification of Qualification for Placement on Ballot – Democratic Presidential Candidates**
Last day for the Secretary of State to notify each steering committee whether or not it has qualified a candidate or uncommitted delegation for placement on the ballot by the nomination process. § 6160

Dec 7, 2007
(E-60) 46. **Special Absent Voters’ Ballot Applications**
The first day county elections official may process applications for special absent voters’ ballots. Any application received by the county elections official prior to this day shall be kept and processed on or after this date. §§ 300(b), 3103
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<td><strong>Report of Registration – 60-Day County Report</strong>&lt;br&gt;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 December 7, 2007 (E-60). § 2187(d)(2)</td>
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<td><strong>County Filing Deadline for Presidential Nomination Papers – Democratic Party</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Report of Registration – 60-Day County Report Summaries Due</strong></td>
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<td><strong>State Ballot Pamphlet Furnished to Counties</strong></td>
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<td>By this date, the Secretary of State shall furnish copies of the state ballot</td>
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<td>Dec 22, 2007*</td>
<td><strong>State Ballot Pamphlet to State and Local Officials and Public Institutions</strong></td>
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<td>the state ballot pamphlet to city and county elections officials, members of the</td>
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<td>Legislature, proponents of statewide ballot measures, public libraries, and specified</td>
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57. **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 December 7, 2007 (E-60), inclusive. This mailing is based on the information provided in the counties’ voter registration files sent to the Secretary of State by December 17, 2007 (E-50).  § 9094(a)

58. **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

59. **Approved Ballot Card Vendors**
   By this date, the Secretary of State will publish the list of approved manufacturers, finishers, and printers of ballot cards for use in California elections.

   Cal. Code of Regs., Title 2, § 20226

60. **Notice of Early Tabulation**
   The last day for the Secretary of State to notify county elections officials that certain offices or measures to be voted on are of more than ordinary public interest and will require an early tabulation and announcement.  § 14440

61. **State of Republican Delegate Candidates to Secretary of State**
   The final date a Republican candidate or his or her designees may submit to the Secretary of State the names of persons chosen as delegates.  §§ 6460-6461

62. **Absent Voter Ballot Application**
   Between these dates, any registered voter may apply to the county elections official for an absent voter's ballot. Applications received before January 7, 2008 (E-29) shall be kept and processed during this application period.  §§ 3001, 3003

63. **Presidential Write-In Candidates**
   Last day for write-in presidential candidates of all parties to file declarations with the Secretary of State in order to have write-in votes counted. No filing fee is required.  §§ 6241, 6441, 6621, 6822
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<td><strong>State Ballot Pamphlet Mailing to Be Completed</strong></td>
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<td>(E-21)</td>
<td>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 December 7, 2007 (E-60). § 9094</td>
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<td>Jan 18, 2008</td>
<td><strong>Certified List of Write-In Candidates – Presidential</strong></td>
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<td>(Suggested date)</td>
<td>Secretary of State to prepare and send to county elections officials a certified list of presidential write-in candidates eligible to receive votes at the February 5, 2008 presidential primary election.</td>
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<td>Jan 21, 2008*</td>
<td><strong>Notice of Change of Address within County</strong></td>
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<td>(E-15)</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>Jan 21, 2008*</td>
<td><strong>Registration Closes for the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary</strong></td>
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<td>(E-15)</td>
<td>The last day for any person to register to vote in the presidential primary election. §§ 2102, 2107</td>
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**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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<td><strong>Report of Registration – 15-Day County Report</strong>&lt;br&gt;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 January 21, 2008* (E-15). § 2187(d)(3)</td>
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<td><strong>New Residents and New Citizens Registration Period</strong>&lt;br&gt;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&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;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&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;The ballots of new residents and new citizens shall be received and canvassed at the same time and under the same procedure as absent voter ballots. §§ 3405, 3502</td>
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<td>Jan 25, 2008</td>
<td><strong>Computer Processing of Absentee Ballots</strong>&lt;br&gt;Counties having the necessary computer capability may begin to process their absent voter ballots on this date. This process may be completed to the point of placing the ballot information on...</td>
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<td><strong>Counties Mail Sample Ballots – Last Day</strong></td>
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<td><strong>New Residents and New Citizens Registration Period – Last Day</strong></td>
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<td>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.</td>
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Computers tape, but under NO circumstance shall a vote count be made before the polls close at 8 p.m. Election Day. All other county elections official shall start to process absent voter ballots at 5 p.m. on the day before the election. § 15101(b)
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<td>A registered voter recalled to service after January 29 but before 5 p.m. on February 4, 2008 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 as are other voted absent voter ballots. § 3110</td>
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<td>Jan 30-Feb 5, 2008</td>
<td><strong>Absentee Ballots - Late Conditions</strong></td>
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<td>On or between these dates, any voter may apply in writing for an absent voter's ballot if he or she will unexpectedly 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</td>
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<td><strong>Report of Registration – 15-Day Statewide Report Published</strong></td>
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<td>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 official by January 29, 2008 (E-7). § 2187(d)(3)</td>
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<td><strong>Manual Processing of Absentee Ballots</strong></td>
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<td>5 p.m. (E-1)</td>
<td>Counties not having the necessary computer capability may begin to manually process absent voter ballots at 5 p.m. on this date, but under NO circumstance is a vote count to be made before the close of the polls at 8 p.m. on Election Day. § 15101</td>
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outside the county elections official’s office, on or before the close of the polls and returned. § 3110

Feb 5, 2008 (E) 83. **Special Absent Voters**

Any registered special absent 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 elections official’s office or in a polling place. §§ 300, 3108

An unregistered special absent 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 elections official shall deliver to the precinct board a list of special absentee voters registered under § 3107. § 3107

A special absent voter who returns to the county after January 29, 2008 (E-7) may appear before the county elections official on or before Election Day 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 the election and returned as are other voted absent voter ballots. § 3109

Feb 5, 2008 (E) 84. **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 unexpected absence from the polling place or precinct. § 3021

Feb 5, 2008 (E) 85. **Presidential Primary Election Day**

The polls shall be open throughout the state from 7a.m. to 8p.m. §§ 1000, 14212

Voters who have moved from one address to another within the same county and 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

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Feb 5, 2008 8 p.m. (E) 86. **Absent Voters’ Ballots Returned in Order to be Counted**
Absent voter ballots must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day at any polling place in the county or at the office of the elections official. §§ 3017, 3020

Feb 5, 2008 (E) 87. **Semi-Official Canvass – Presidential Primary Election**
Beginning at 8 p.m. and continuously until completed, the county elections official shall conduct the semi-official canvass of votes and report totals to the Secretary of State at least every two hours. §§ 15150-15151

Feb 7, 2008 (E+2) 88. **Official Canvass – Presidential Primary Election**
The last day for county elections officials to begin the official canvass of the precinct returns. This canvass must be completed and elections official shall submit certified copy to governing board not later than March 4, 2008 (E+28).

§§ 15301, 15372

Feb 8, 2008 (E+3) 89. **Semi-Official Canvass – Green, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom Parties**
The last day for the Secretary of State to send to the chairpersons of each committee qualifying a group of candidates for the presidential primary election ballot a copy of the semi-official canvass of the vote for each group in each county, the total statewide vote for each group and the tentative number of delegates which each group will be entitled to have declared elected. § 6841

Feb 15, 2008 (E+10) 90. **Republican Presidential Write-In Candidate – List of Delegates**
The last day a Republican presidential write-in candidate who received a plurality of the votes cast may file his or her list of delegates with the Secretary of State. If the candidate fails to file the list, the state central committee shall file by February 25, 2008 (E+20) a list of delegates who shall go to the convention unpledged to any candidate. §§ 6442-6443

Feb 25, 2008 (E+20) 91. **Republican Write-In Presidential Candidate’s Delegates – Failure to File**
Last day for the state central committee to file the list of delegates if the write-in presidential candidate receiving a plurality of the votes cast fails to file a list of delegates by February 15, 2008 (E+10). § 6443
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<td><strong>Official Canvass Ends – Presidential Primary Election</strong></td>
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<td>No later than this date, the county elections official must complete</td>
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<td>the canvass, certify its results, and submit it to the board of</td>
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<td>the delegates of each group are to be certified as elected.</td>
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<td>Mar 6, 2008</td>
<td><strong>Republican Party Candidates Submit Alternate Delegates</strong></td>
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<td>The last day for a presidential candidate or his or her designee</td>
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<td><strong>Presidential Primary Results Compiled by Secretary of State</strong></td>
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<td>Not later than this date, the Secretary of State shall compile and</td>
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<td>file a statement of the canvassed presidential primary election</td>
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Mar 13, 2008 (E+37) File Write-In Presidential Candidate’s Delegates – American Independent, Green, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom Parties
The last day for any qualified presidential write-in candidate to file a list of delegates with the Secretary of State. If the candidate fails to file the list, the state central committee shall then file within ten days [March 23, 2008 (E+47)] a list of delegates who shall go to the convention unpledged to any candidate. §§ 6642-6643; 6845-6846

Mar 15, 2008* (Suggested Date) Delegate Certification – Green, Libertarian, and Peace and Freedom Parties
The tentative date for the Secretary of State to certify to the chairperson of the state central committee and to the chairperson of record of each county central committee the final list of national convention delegates. § 6849

Mar 15, 2008* (E+39) Secretary of State to Publish Statement of the Vote
The last day for the Secretary of State to prepare, certify, and file a Statement of the Vote from the compiled election returns. § 15501(b)

Last day for the state central committee to file the list of delegates if the write-in presidential candidate receiving a plurality of the votes cast fails to file a list of delegates by March 13, 2008 (E+37). §§ 6643, 6846

Jul 13, 2008* (E+159) Secretary of State to Publish Supplement to the Statement of the Vote
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 President and on each statewide ballot measure. § 15502