

Write-in Candidates
June 8, 2010, Direct Primary

Candidates may be nominated at the primary election or elected to any office at the general election by fulfilling the requirements of Part 3 of Division 8 of the Elections Code, commencing at Section 8600:

1. Statement of Write-in Candidacy

Between April 12, 2010, and May 25, 2010, for the primary election, and September 6, 2010, and October 19, 2010, for the general election, file a Statement of Write-In Candidacy.

The Statement of Write-In Candidacy shall contain the following information:

- candidate's name;
- candidate's complete residential address;
- a declaration stating that the candidate is a write-in candidate;
- the name of the office for which the candidate is running;
- the party nomination which the candidate seeks, if running in a primary election (a candidate need not be registered with the party whose nomination he/she is seeking); and
- the date of the election. § 8600

2. Nomination Papers

For the **primary election**, between April 12, 2010, and May 25, 2010, circulate nomination papers for signatures within the jurisdiction and leave them for examination with the county elections official of the county in which the signers reside. § 8601

Signers must be of the political party whose nomination the write-in candidate is seeking in the primary.

For the **general election**, between September 6, 2010, and October 19, 2010, circulate nomination papers for signatures within the jurisdiction and leave them for examination with the county elections official of the county in which the signers reside. § 8601

There is no party affiliation requirement for signers of write-in nomination petitions in the general election.

The required numbers of signers to a write-in candidate's nomination paper for the respective offices are as follows:

- Statewide constitutional officers and Insurance Commissioner: not fewer than 65 or more than 100.
- United States Senator: not fewer than 65 or more than 100.
- Member of the State Board of Equalization, Member of House of Representatives, and state legislative office: not fewer than 40 or more than 60.

In order to be nominated to any partisan office at the primary election, the write-in candidate must receive more votes than any other candidate running for that party's nomination and must also receive votes equal to at least 1 percent of all votes cast for that office at the last preceding general election at which the office was filled.

The minimum number of votes required to obtain the write-in nomination, as specified by § 8605(a), is set forth below.

**Statewide Offices
Votes Required for Nomination**

Office	Total Votes November 2006	Votes Required For Nomination*
Partisan:		
Governor	8,679,416	86,795
Lieutenant Governor	8,529,165	85,292
Secretary of State	8,385,573	83,856
Controller	8,361,049	83,611
Treasurer	8,320,202	83,203
Attorney General	8,450,009	84,501
Insurance Commissioner	8,325,397	83,254
United States Senator	8,541,476	85,415
Board of Equalization		
First District	2,322,174	23,222
Second District	2,072,379	20,724
Third District	2,013,480	20,135
Fourth District	1,583,849	15,839

Office June 2006	Total Votes	Votes Required For Nomination*
Nonpartisan:		
Superintendent of Public Instruction**	4,040,873	40,409

*Nomination requirement based on 1% of votes cast at the November 2006 general election.

**§ 8140 Where a candidate has been elected to a nonpartisan office at the primary election, that office shall not appear on the ballot at the ensuing general election. The 1% total for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction is based on the votes cast during the June 2006 Primary.

**House of Representatives
Votes Required for Nomination**

Congressional District	Total Votes November 2008	Votes Required for Nomination*	Congressional District	Total Votes November 2008	Votes Required for Nomination*
1	290,472	2,905	28	137,621	1,377
2	282,337	2,824	29	212,144	2,122
3	314,046	3,141	30	242,792	2,428
4	369,780	3,698	31	110,955	1,110
5	221,155	2,212	32	130,150	1,302
6	320,362	3,204	33	213,460	2,135
7	234,773	2,348	34	127,769	1,278
8	285,247	2,853	35	182,579	1,826
9	277,600	2,776	36	250,491	2,505
10	295,165	2,952	37	175,252	1,753
11	297,616	2,977	38	159,324	1,594
12	266,853	2,669	39	179,822	1,799
13	218,276	2,183	40	231,695	2,317
14	272,766	2,728	41	258,700	2,587
15	238,589	2,386	42	263,313	2,634
16	205,327	2,054	43	156,571	1,566
17	228,626	2,287	44	253,827	2,539
18	130,192	1,302	45	266,192	2,662
19	182,101	1,822	46	285,277	2,853
20	125,141	1,252	47	123,584	1,236
21	209,815	2,099	48	308,702	3,088
22	224,549	2,246	49	240,670	2,407
23	251,788	2,518	50	313,502	3,136
24	300,052	3,001	51	203,825	2,039
25	250,589	2,506	52	285,138	2,852
26	267,130	2,672	53	235,542	2,356
27	212,835	2,129			

*Nomination requirement based on 1% of votes cast at the November 2008 general election.

**State Senator
Votes Required for Nomination**

District	Total Votes November 2006	Votes Required for Nomination*
2	284,646	2,847
4	299,607	2,997
6	197,026	1,971
8	230,226	2,303
10	186,484	1,865
12	155,418	1,555
14	250,483	2,505
16	78,146	782
18	211,877	2,119
20	112,836	1,129
22	93,249	933
24	124,886	1,249
26	149,626	1,497
28	209,206	2,093
30	131,776	1,318
32	85,301	854
34	112,587	1,126
36	258,732	2,588
38	218,010	2,181
40	136,370	1,364

*Nomination requirement based on 1% of votes cast at the November 2006 general election.

**Member of the State Assembly
Votes Required for Nomination**

District	Total Votes November 2008	Votes Required for Nomination*	District	Total Votes November 2008	Votes Required for Nomination*
1	194,647	1,947	41	178,111	1,782
2	180,659	1,807	42	187,259	1,873
3	188,705	1,888	43	135,355	1,354
4	166,736	1,668	44	161,588	1,616
5	187,916	1,880	45	86,375	864
6	208,985	2,090	46	60,736	608
7	178,299	1,783	47	157,645	1,577
8	170,407	1,705	48	86,452	865
9	126,404	1,265	49	92,929	930
10	189,106	1,892	50	75,082	751
11	159,796	1,598	51	124,667	1,247
12	157,611	1,577	52	84,595	846
13	195,529	1,956	53	188,809	1,889
14	162,432	1,625	54	166,896	1,669
15	240,993	2,410	55	118,017	1,181
16	154,883	1,549	56	120,692	1,207
17	117,005	1,171	57	108,529	1,086
18	149,376	1,494	58	120,953	1,210
19	170,092	1,701	59	179,121	1,792
20	139,166	1,392	60	166,332	1,664
21	188,705	1,888	61	100,805	1,009
22	143,479	1,435	62	78,003	781
23	106,399	1,064	63	165,932	1,660
24	167,628	1,677	64	124,414	1,245
25	172,174	1,722	65	175,871	1,759
26	136,560	1,366	66	164,133	1,642
27	192,671	1,927	67	174,124	1,742
28	90,012	901	68	133,273	1,333
29	167,330	1,674	69	71,514	716
30	86,540	866	70	198,265	1,983
31	92,947	930	71	149,166	1,492
32	174,417	1,745	72	144,282	1,443
33	179,056	1,791	73	165,561	1,656
34	121,883	1,219	74	178,675	1,787
35	177,857	1,779	75	189,459	1,895
36	154,343	1,544	76	177,106	1,772
37	195,944	1,960	77	167,073	1,671
38	188,697	1,887	78	169,288	1,693
39	80,689	807	79	106,577	1,066
40	123,572	1,236	80	133,225	1,333

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