

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

Only candidates running as members of one of California's six qualified political parties are eligible to participate in the primary election process. To provide a method for the nomination of nonpartisan candidates to partisan public offices, the independent nomination provisions of Part 2 of Division 8 of the Elections Code, beginning at Section 8300, were established. There is no limit on the number of independent candidates who can be nominated and placed on the ballot at the general election, provided each meets the legal requirements.

To be eligible as an independent candidate at the November 2010 General Election, the potential candidate:

- 1) cannot have filed as a partisan candidate at the June 2010 Primary Election and have been defeated for the party's nomination at that primary election; and, § 8301
- 2) cannot have been registered to vote in California since October 2, 2009, as being affiliated with a qualified political party (i.e., Democratic, Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian, or Peace and Freedom). § 8550

The nomination signature requirement for persons seeking an independent candidacy is based on the previous general election's registration figures. Depending on the office sought, nomination papers require either 1% or 3% of the number of registered voters in the election jurisdiction. For this election, the Report of Registration dated October 20, 2008, for the November 2008 General Election will be used. The charts on the following pages provide the specific signature requirements for each district. § 8400

Nomination Signatures Required
for Independent Candidates for Statewide Offices¹

Office	October 2008 Registration	Signatures Required
Governor	17,304,091	173,041
Lieutenant Governor	17,304,091	173,041
Secretary of State	17,304,091	173,041
Controller	17,304,091	173,041
Treasurer	17,304,091	173,041
Attorney General	17,304,091	173,041
Insurance Commissioner	17,304,091	173,041
United States Senator	17,304,091	173,041

¹Independent candidates for statewide office need registered voter signatures equaling 1% of the previous general election's registration total. § 8400

Nomination Signatures Required
for Independent Candidates for Board of Equalization²

Office	October 2008 Registration	Signatures Required
Board of Equalization		
District One	4,556,841	136,706
District Two	4,379,107	131,374
District Three	4,617,514	138,526
District Four	3,750,629	112,519

²Board of Equalization candidates need registered voter signatures equaling 3% of the entire number of registered voters in the area at the time of the close of registration prior to the previous general election's registration total. § 8400

Nomination Signatures Required for
Independent Candidates for United States Representative in Congress³

District	Oct 2008 Registration	Signatures Required	District	Oct 2008 Registration	Signatures Required
1	382,274	11,469	27	300,695	9,021
2	366,790	11,004	28	247,142	7,415
3	412,101	12,364	29	309,396	9,282
4	450,584	13,518	30	415,981	12,480
5	311,798	9,354	31	192,341	5,771
6	364,878	10,947	32	242,579	7,278
7	297,110	8,914	33	304,114	9,124
8	389,946	11,699	34	200,637	6,020
9	385,035	11,552	35	261,838	7,856
10	370,113	11,104	36	336,860	10,106
11	378,961	11,369	37	277,143	8,315
12	366,930	11,008	38	250,018	7,501
13	308,638	9,260	39	263,346	7,901
14	347,644	10,430	40	343,761	10,313
15	302,849	9,086	41	362,173	10,866
16	271,061	8,132	42	372,054	11,162
17	286,790	8,604	43	247,091	7,413
18	267,808	8,035	44	349,567	10,488
19	355,708	10,672	45	357,959	10,739
20	206,680	6,201	46	406,942	12,209
21	302,334	9,071	47	216,773	6,504
22	364,767	10,944	48	439,931	13,198
23	325,264	9,758	49	315,888	9,477
24	388,148	11,645	50	391,128	11,734
25	346,894	10,407	51	295,122	8,854
26	369,871	11,097	52	358,733	10,762
			53	323,903	9,718

³Candidates for United States Representative in Congress need registered voter signatures equaling 3% of the total district registration from the last Report of Registration dated October 20, 2008, prior to the November 4, 2008, General Election. § 8400

Nomination Signatures Required for
Independent Candidates for State Senate⁴

District	October 2008 Registration	Signatures Required*
2	477,949	14,339
4	522,335	15,671
6	417,122	12,514
8	477,149	14,315
10	400,834	12,026
12	355,139	10,655
14	493,462	14,804
16	271,280	8,139
18	432,670	12,981
20	289,919	8,698
22	247,303	7,420
24	318,625	9,559
26	386,631	11,599
28	451,440	13,544
30	329,721	9,892
32	318,151	9,545
34	312,226	9,367
36	513,641	15,410
38	461,696	13,851
40	356,244	10,688

⁴Candidates for State Senate need registered voter signatures equaling 3% of the total district registration from the last Report of Registration dated October 20, 2008, prior to the November 4, 2008, General Election.

Nomination Signatures Required for
Independent Candidates for State Assembly⁵

District	October 2008 Registration	Signatures Required	District	October 2008 Registration	Signatures Required
1	251,520	7,546	41	252,551	7,577
2	239,148	7,175	42	267,240	8,018
3	254,191	7,626	43	200,262	6,008
4	294,413	8,833	44	231,283	6,939
5	261,336	7,841	45	142,382	4,272
6	249,622	7,489	46	106,127	3,184
7	220,418	6,613	47	231,146	6,935
8	229,641	6,890	48	145,508	4,366
9	190,417	5,713	49	157,220	4,717
10	256,235	7,688	50	136,228	4,087
11	205,922	6,178	51	180,705	5,422
12	232,229	6,967	52	143,734	4,313
13	275,677	8,271	53	254,734	7,643
14	266,254	7,988	54	233,028	6,991
15	307,989	9,240	55	183,660	5,510
16	229,504	6,886	56	188,174	5,646
17	183,447	5,504	57	171,668	5,151
18	215,453	6,464	58	185,401	5,563
19	239,833	7,195	59	254,690	7,641
20	204,171	6,126	60	241,742	7,253
21	250,732	7,522	61	153,664	4,610
22	190,234	5,708	62	158,433	4,753
23	149,613	4,489	63	243,308	7,300
24	221,192	6,636	64	241,375	7,242
25	244,611	7,339	65	246,927	7,408
26	203,281	6,099	66	225,546	6,767
27	244,777	7,344	67	264,019	7,921
28	155,895	4,677	68	218,744	6,563
29	241,884	7,257	69	130,676	3,921
30	131,798	3,954	70	295,865	8,876
31	158,280	4,749	71	268,792	8,064
32	239,832	7,195	72	221,935	6,659
33	234,435	7,034	73	232,689	6,981
34	176,917	5,308	74	240,377	7,212
35	235,548	7,067	75	260,967	7,830
36	221,026	6,631	76	241,768	7,254
37	259,044	7,772	77	228,331	6,850
38	259,253	7,778	78	234,884	7,047
39	127,246	3,818	79	160,719	4,822
40	182,618	5,479	80	191,953	5,759

⁵Candidates for State Assembly need registered voter signatures equaling 3% of the total district registration from the last Report of Registration dated October 20, 2008, prior to the November 4, 2008, General Election. § 8400