

June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election Calendar

12/19/25 (E-165)	<p>1. VERIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES</p> <p>The Verification of Independent Expenditures (Form 462) is used to identify an individual responsible for ensuring that the campaign committee's independent expenditures were not coordinated with the listed candidate or the opponent or measure committee and that the committee will report all contributions and reimbursements as required by law. An independent expenditure is not subject to state or local contribution limits. This form must be emailed to the Fair Political Practices Commission within 10 days of an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more.²</p> <p>NOTE: For purposes of this calendar, the dates related to expenditures shall begin at E-165.</p>	Gov. Code § 84213; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 18465.1
12/19/25 to 2/4/26 (E-165 to E-118)	<p>2. SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEES</p> <p>Period in which candidates for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly may obtain forms from county elections officials for circulating petitions to secure signatures in lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Signatures may also be applied to the nomination signature requirements for the office.</p>	§§ 8020(b), 8061, 8105, 8106(b)(3), 8162(a) ⁴
12/19/25 to 3/3/26 (E-165 to E-91)	<p>3. \$5,000 REPORT (ELECTRONIC FILERS ONLY)</p> <p>Period in which candidates for state office and their controlled committees, and committees primarily formed to support or oppose state measures, must file a Contribution Report (Form 497) within 10 business days if \$5,000 or more is received from a single source outside the 90-day election cycle.²</p> <p>NOTES: The filing period for this report begins the day following the last general election; however, for purposes of this calendar entry, the E-date shall begin at E-165.</p> <p>On an ongoing basis, recipient committees must file a disclosure report within 10 business days of making a contribution of \$5,000 or more or an independent expenditure of \$5,000 or more to support or oppose the qualification or passage of a single state ballot measure, a single local initiative, or a referendum ballot measure.²</p>	Gov. Code §§ 85204, 85309(c), (d)
12/19/25 to 6/16/26 (E-165 to E+14)	<p>4. CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT</p> <p>Period in which, and prior to, the solicitation or receipt of any contribution or loan for a specific office, the individual must file a Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501), signed under penalty of perjury, of intention to be a candidate for the specific office. The Form 501 is also used by candidates to accept or reject voluntary spending limits specified by the Fair Political Practices Commission. Candidates are not required to file a Form 501 for the same office in the connected general election after filing a Form 501 for the primary election.</p> <p>Between the date of filing an initial Form 501 for an election and the deadline for filing nomination papers for that election, March 6, 2026 (E-88), the statement of acceptance or rejection of the voluntary expenditure limits may be amended no more than two times, provided the limit has not been exceeded. If the voluntary expenditure limits are rejected in the primary, but not exceeded during that election, the Form 501 may be amended to accept the expenditure limits for the general. The amended Form 501 must be filed within 14 days following the primary election.</p>	Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 18520; Gov. Code §§ 85200, 85400, 85401
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12/19/25 to 2/11/26 (E-165 to E-111)	Period in which state constitutional office candidates, who wish to purchase space for a 250-word candidate statement in the state Voter Information Guide, must accept the voluntary expenditure limits by February 11, 2026 (E-111).	Gov. Code §§ 85400, 85401, 85600, 85601
12/19/25 to 3/6/26 (E-165 to E-88)	Period in which State Senator and Member of the State Assembly candidates, who wish to purchase space for a 250-word candidate statement in the county voter information guide(s) of the county or counties in their jurisdiction, must accept the voluntary expenditure limits by March 6, 2026 (E-88).	Gov. Code §§ 85200, 85400, 85401, 85600, 85601
NOTE: For purposes of this calendar entry the E-date shall begin at E-165.		
12/26/25 (E-158)	5. NOTICE OF OFFICES IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION On or before this date, the Secretary of State shall prepare and send to each county elections official a notice designating all the offices, except for county officers and judges, for which candidates are to be nominated at the primary election.	§ 12103
12/30/25 (E-154)	6. LAST DAY TO COUNT REGISTRATIONS TOWARD THE QUALIFICATION OF A NEW POLITICAL PARTY Last day any person may register or re-register to vote to declare a preference for a political body in order for that body to qualify to participate in the primary election.	§§ 2187(c)(1), 5100(b)
12/30/25 to 1/18/26** (E-154 to E-135)	7. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 154-DAY COUNTY READINESS Period in which county elections officials shall notify the Secretary of State that voter registration information is available in the California Statewide Voter Registration System (VoteCal) by indicating Report of Registration readiness in their Election Management System (EMS) with respect to voters registered as of December 30, 2025 (E-154).	§ 2187(a), (b), (c)(1)
1/1/26* (E-152)	8. VOTING SYSTEM PROCEDURES On or before this date, the Secretary of State shall review, and if necessary amend, administrative procedures for use with each of the voting systems pursuant to Division 19 of the Elections Code.	§ 15002 ¹
1/1/26* (E-152)	9. APPROVED BALLOT CARD VENDORS On or before this date, the Secretary of State shall publish the list of approved manufacturers, finishers, and ballot on demand systems for use in California elections.	Cal. Code Regs. tit. 2, § 20229
1/2/26 to 3/4/26 (E-151 to E-90)	10. PRE-ELECTION RESIDENCY CONFIRMATION PROCEDURE Suggested day county elections officials should begin the period in which they conduct a pre-election residency confirmation procedure, to be completed by the 90th day immediately prior to the election as provided in Elections Code section 2220. County elections officials shall not be required to mail a residency confirmation postcard to any voter who has voted at an election held within the last six months preceding the start of the confirmation procedure or to any person registered to vote who will not be 18 years of age on or before the primary election.	§ 2220 § 2220(b)

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1/5/26 (E-148)	11. GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION — ISSUANCE On or before this date, the Governor shall issue a proclamation calling the primary election and shall state the time of the election and the offices to be filled and 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
1/18/26* (E-135)	12. POLITICAL BODIES ATTEMPTING TO QUALIFY Last day for county elections officials to deliver petitions from political bodies to the Secretary of State in order for the political body to qualify as a political party for the primary election. The Secretary of State will determine, based on the 154-Day Report of Registration, whether a new political party has qualified for the primary election by registration.	§ 5100(b), (c)
1/18/26** (E-135)	13. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 154-DAY COUNTY READINESS DEADLINE Last day for county elections officials to indicate Report of Registration readiness in their Election Management System (EMS) of all voters registered as of December 30, 2025 (E-154).	§ 2187(a), (b), (c)(1)
1/22/26 (E-131)	14. LEGISLATIVE MEASURE QUALIFICATION DEADLINE 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 primary election ballot.	§ 9040
1/22/26 to 2/11/26 (E-131 to E-111) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	15. CANDIDATE STATEMENTS IN THE STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE — STATE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES Period in which state constitutional office candidates may purchase space for a 250-word statement in the state Voter Information Guide. A candidate for state constitutional office may purchase space for a statement only if a Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) has been filed and the candidate has agreed to accept the voluntary expenditure limits.	Gov. Code § 85601(a); § 9084(i)
1/23/26 (E-130) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	16. NUMBERING OF PROPOSITIONS On or about this date, proposition numbers will be assigned by Secretary of State to statewide ballot measures.	§ 13117
1/28/26 (E-125)	17. NOTICE OF PARTIES QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN PRIMARY ELECTION On or before this date, the Secretary of State shall prepare and send to each county elections official a notice designating the names of the political parties qualified to participate in the primary election.	§§ 5100, 12103
1/30/26 (E-123) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	18. STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES — BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY AND CONDENSED BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY DEADLINE By this date, the Attorney General is asked to provide to the Secretary of State all official ballot titles and summaries and condensed ballot titles and summaries for the statewide ballot measures that have qualified for the primary election to ensure there is sufficient time to have them translated into all required languages prior to the public examination period for the state Voter Information Guide.	§§ 303, 9050, 9051, 9054, 13282

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1/31/26* (E-122) [Date fixed by law]	19. CAMPAIGN STATEMENT — SEMIANNUAL Last day to file semiannual campaign statements, if required, by all candidates, organizations, committees, and slate mailers. ²	Gov. Code §§ 84200, 84218
2/2/26 (E-120)	20. STATEWIDE BALLOT 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 has not been prepared and filed.	§§ 9060-9063
2/3/26 (E-119) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	21. STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES — ARGUMENT SUBMISSION DEADLINE Last day for submittal of arguments for or against each qualified statewide ballot measure to the Secretary of State. Arguments shall not exceed 500 words, and, once submitted, no argument may be amended or deleted without a writ of mandate.	§§ 9041-9044, 9064, 9065, 9068
2/4/26 (E-118)	22. SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEES DEADLINE Last day for candidates for state constitutional offices, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly to submit their petitions to the county elections official of the county in which the petition signers reside and are registered to vote. Upon receipt of the required number of in-lieu signatures, or of a sufficient combination of such signatures and the prorated filing fee, the county elections official shall issue the nomination papers provisionally. Within 10 days after receipt of a petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. The candidate shall then, at the time of obtaining nomination documents, pay a pro rata portion of the filing fee to cover the deficiency. Any candidate who submits a number of valid in-lieu signatures that meets the nomination signatures requirement and equals or exceeds the minimum number required by Section 8062 for their nomination papers, they must still file a Declaration of Candidacy during the nomination period.	§§ 8020, 8061, 8105, 8106(b)(3)
2/8/26* (E-114) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	23. STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES — SELECTION AND EXCHANGE OF ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST MEASURES On or before this date, the Secretary of State will select arguments for inclusion in the state Voter Information Guide where more than one argument has been submitted in favor of or against the same measure. Following the selection, the Secretary of State will exchange arguments with opposing authors and request rebuttal arguments and summary information be submitted no later than February 12, 2026 (E-110).	§§ 9067, 9069
2/9/26 to 3/6/26 (E-113 to E-88)	24. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS Period in which specified candidates for state office shall file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) disclosing their investments, interests in real property, and any income received during the immediately preceding 12 months. This statement is not required if the candidate has filed such statements within the past 60 days for the same jurisdiction. ² NOTE: The deadlines for filing a Form 700 by certain officeholders may be earlier. Call the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) for deadline information at (866) 275-3772.	Gov. Code §§ 87200-87203, 87500

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2/9/26 to 3/6/26 (E-113 to E-88)	25. DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS Period in which all candidates for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly must file a declaration of candidacy for office and ballot designation worksheet, and circulate nomination papers and deliver them to the county elections official for filing. All candidates must pay the nonrefundable filing fees or present petitions in lieu of signatures at the time nomination papers are issued by the county elections official. The number of valid signatures in lieu of the filing fee any candidate obtains may be subtracted from the number required for their nomination papers. A candidate shall not be required to execute a nomination paper if the number of signatures in lieu of the filing fee meets the requisite number of valid signatures under Section 8062. All nomination documents for the above-listed candidates must be left with the county elections official for filing with the Secretary of State.	§§ 333, 8020, 8040, 8041, 8061-8064, 8100, 8105, 8106, 13107.3
2/9/26 to 3/6/26 (E-113 to E-88)	26. CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL A candidate for United States Representative in Congress, Member Board of Equalization, State Senator, or Member of the State Assembly may withdraw previously filed nomination documents by delivering a statement of withdrawal to the county elections official by March 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. (E-88).	§ 8020.5
2/9/26 to 3/6/26 (E-113 to E-88)	27. CANDIDATE STATEMENTS IN THE COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE Period in which candidates for United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly may purchase space for a 250-word candidate statement in the county voter information guide(s) of the county or counties in their jurisdiction. Candidates for State Senator and Member of the State Assembly may purchase space for a candidate statement only if they have agreed to accept the voluntary expenditure limits on their Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501).	Gov. Code § 85601(c); §§ 13307.5, 13307.7
2/9/26 to 3/11/26 (E-113 to E-83)	28. NOMINATION DOCUMENTS FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE Period in which, and within five days of receipt of nomination documents, county elections officials shall deliver to the Secretary of State candidates' nomination documents for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly, together with a statement showing the number of valid signatures on the nomination documents for all candidates.	§§ 8070, 8082
2/10/26 (E-112) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	29. SUBMISSION DATE FOR SUPPORTERS AND OPPONENTS LIST FOR STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES On this day only, the selected author(s) of the argument in favor of a statewide ballot measure and the selected author(s) of the argument against a statewide ballot measure shall provide to the Secretary of State a listing of nonprofit organizations, businesses, or individuals in support or opposition of the statewide ballot measure, as specified in Elections Code section 9051. Each list is limited to 125 characters in length.	§ 9051(c)
2/11/26 (E-111)	30. CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT — STATE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICE — DEADLINE Last day for state constitutional office candidates to file the Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) agreeing to accept the voluntary expenditure limits in order to purchase space for a 250-word statement in the state Voter Information Guide.	Gov. Code §§ 85400, 85401, 85600, 85601

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2/11/26 (E-111) [5:00 p.m.] [Date designated by Secretary of State]	31. CANDIDATE STATEMENTS IN THE STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE — STATE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICE — DEADLINE Last day state constitutional office candidates may purchase space for a 250-word candidate statement in the state Voter Information Guide. Candidates for state constitutional office may purchase space for a statement only if they have agreed to accept the voluntary expenditure limits on their Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501).	Gov. Code § 85601(a); § 9084(i)
2/12/26 (E-110) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	32. STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES — ANALYSIS, "YES" AND "NO" STATEMENTS, BOND STATEMENT, AND TEXT DEADLINE By this date, the Legislative Analyst and Legislative Counsel must provide all official analyses, “Yes” and “No” statements, and texts of the statewide ballot measures that have qualified for the primary election ballot, and a statement of bond debt, if necessary, so that the Secretary of State has sufficient time to prepare a copy for public examination and to translate the state Voter Information Guide into all required languages.	§§ 9085, 9087, 9088, 9091
2/12/26 (E-110) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	33. STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES — REBUTTAL ARGUMENT AND SUMMARY INFORMATION DEADLINE Last day for selected argument authors to submit rebuttal arguments and summary information for or against ballot measures qualified for the primary election ballot. Rebuttal arguments shall not exceed 250 words, and summary information shall not exceed 50 words.	§§ 9069, 9084(c), (e)
2/12/26 (E-110) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	34. POLITICAL PARTY STATEMENT OF PURPOSE — DEADLINE Last day for political parties to submit statements of purpose, not to exceed 200 words, for inclusion in the state Voter Information Guide, if space allows.	§ 9084(e)
2/14/26** (E-108)	35. SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEES — DETERMINE SUFFICIENCY Last day for the county elections official to determine the sufficiency of the in-lieu signatures submitted by candidates for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly. Within 10 days after receipt of a petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. The candidate shall then, at the time of obtaining nomination documents, pay a pro rata portion of the filing fee to cover the deficiency.	§§ 8061, 8106(b)(3)
2/17/26 (E-105)	36. NEWLY QUALIFIED POLITICAL PARTY ACTIVITIES 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, it shall adopt the statutory provisions of any other qualified political party that has statutory provisions for its party operations.	§ 5005
2/17/26 (E-105)	37. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 154-DAY STATEWIDE REPORT PUBLISHED On or before this date, the Secretary of State will release a statewide report showing the total number of voters in the county, the number registered as preferring each qualified political party, the number registered as preferring nonqualified parties, and the number registered without choosing a political party preference, and the number of registered voters, by political party preference, in the state, in each county, and in each city and unincorporated area. This report is based on the number of persons registered as of December 30, 2025 (E-154).	§ 2187(a), (b), (c)(1)

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2/17/26 to 3/9/26 (E-105 to E-85)	38. STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION Period in which the state Voter Information Guide for the primary election will be available for public examination and in which any elector may seek a writ of mandate to amend or delete any portion thereof prior to its printing. The lists of Supporters and Opponents included in the ballot labels will be available for public examination in English on February 17, 2026 (E-105); the translated versions of those lists will be made available for public examination on February 23, 2026 (E-99).	Gov. Code § 88006; §§ 9051, 9054, 9082 9092, 13282
3/2/26 (E-92)	39. RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING — NOTICE Last day for the Secretary of State to notify the news media and other interested parties of the place and of the randomized alphabet drawing to be held at 11:00 a.m. on March 12, 2026 (E-82).	§ 13112(b)(1)(B), (c)
3/3/26 (E-91)	40. \$5,000 REPORT (ELECTRONIC FILERS ONLY) — DEADLINE Last day candidates for state office and their controlled committees, and committees primarily formed to support or oppose state measures, to file a Contribution Report (Form 497) within 10 business days if \$5,000 or more was received from a single source outside the 90-day election cycle. ²	Gov. Code §§ 85204, 85309(c), (d)
3/4/26 (E-90)	41. PRE-ELECTION RESIDENCY CONFIRMATION PROCEDURE — DEADLINE On or before this date, county elections officials must complete the pre-election residency confirmation procedure as provided in Section 2220.	§ 2220
3/4/26 to 6/2/26 (E-90 to E)	42. ELECTION CYCLE REPORTS — 24-HOUR PAYMENT REPORT (SLATE MAILER ORGANIZATIONS) During the 90 days immediately preceding an election, each slate mailer organization that receives a payment of \$2,500 or more for the purpose of supporting or opposing any candidate or ballot measure in a slate mailer must report the payment within 24 hours to the Secretary of State's office online or by electronic transmission only. (Deadlines are extended to the next business day when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday, except for the weekend before an election.) Such payments may be reported on a Slate Mailer Late Payment Report (Form 498). ²	Gov. Code § 84220
3/4/26 to 6/2/26 (E-90 to E)	43. ELECTION CYCLE REPORTS — 24-HOUR CONTRIBUTION REPORT During the 90 days immediately preceding an election, or on the date of the election, the following contributions that total in the aggregate of \$1,000 or more must be reported within 24 hours to the Secretary of State's office online or by electronic transmission only: contributions made to or received by a candidate or candidate controlled committee on the June 2, 2026, ballot; contributions made to or received by a primarily formed candidate or ballot measure committee on the June 2, 2026, ballot; or, contributions made to or received by a political party committee. For purposes of the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement Board, the date of the election is the deadline to return ballots. (Deadlines are extended to the next business day when the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday, except for the weekend before the election.) Recipients of non-monetary or in-kind contributions must file within 48 hours of the date the non-monetary or in-kind contribution was received. These contributions are reported on the Contribution Report (Form 497). ²	Gov. Code §§ 82036, 84203, 84203.3, 85204, 85309

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3/4/26 to 6/2/26 (E-90 to E)	44. ELECTION CYCLE REPORTS — 24-HOUR INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE REPORT During the 90 days immediately preceding an election or on the date of the election, an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more made to a specific candidate or measure involved in a state election must be reported on the Independent Expenditure Report (Form 496) within 24 hours to the Secretary of State's office online or by electronic transmission only. For purposes of the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement Board, the date of the election is the deadline to return ballots and a copy of the Form 496 must be filed with the relevant board office. ²	Gov. Code §§ 82036.5, 84204, 84215(e), 85204
3/6/26 (E-88)	45. VOTER'S CHOICE ACT COUNTIES: CALCULATE NUMBER OF VOTE CENTERS On this date, the county elections officials of counties implementing the Voter's Choice Act must calculate the location and number of vote centers based on specific ratios of the number of voters registered as of this date.	§ 4005(a)(3)(A), (a)(4)(A)
3/6/26 (E-88)	46. ALL COUNTIES TO CALCULATE NUMBER OF BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS On this date, the county elections officials must calculate the number of drop-off locations based on specific ratios of the number of voters registered as of this date.	§§ 3025.5, 4005(a)
3/6/26 (E-88)	47. CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT — STATE SENATOR AND MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY — DEADLINE Last day for State Senator and Member of the State Assembly candidates to file the Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) agreeing to accept the voluntary expenditure limits in order to purchase space for a 250-word candidate statement in the county voter information guide(s) of the county or counties in their jurisdiction. ²	Gov. Code §§ 85200, 85400, 85401, 85600, 85601
3/6/26 (E-88)	48. CANDIDATE STATEMENTS IN THE COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE — U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, STATE SENATOR, AND MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY — DEADLINE Last day candidates for United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly may purchase space for a 250-word candidate statement in the county voter information guide(s) of the county or counties in their jurisdiction. Candidates for State Senator and Member of the State Assembly may purchase space only if they have agreed to accept the voluntary expenditure limits on their Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501).	Gov. Code § 85601(c); §§ 13307.5, 13307.7
3/6/26 (E-88)	49. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS Last day for specified candidates in an election to file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) disclosing their investments, interests in real property, and any income received during the immediately preceding 12 months. This statement is not required if the candidate has filed such statements within the past 60 days for the same jurisdiction. ²	Gov. Code §§ 87200-87203, 87500
3/6/26 (E-88) [5:00 p.m.]	50. DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS — FILING DEADLINE No later than 5:00 p.m. on this day, candidates for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly must deliver to the county elections official for filing their declarations of candidacy, nomination papers, and ballot designation worksheets.	§§ 333, 8020, 8040, 8041, 8061-8064, 8100, 8105, 8106, 13107.3

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| <p>3/6/26
(E-88)
[5:00 p.m.]</p> | <p>51.</p> | <p>GOVERNOR CANDIDATES — TAX RETURNS — DEADLINE</p> <p>On or before this date, a candidate for the office of Governor, in order to appear on the direct primary ballot, must file with the Secretary of State's office, two hardcopies (one redacted and one unredacted) of every income tax return the candidate filed with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in the five most recent taxable years. The candidate shall redact information pursuant to Elections Code section 8903. If the Secretary of State determines that the candidate has failed to properly redact information, the candidate shall submit corrected hard copies no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2026 (E-78).</p> <p>The candidate must also sign the Income Tax Return Disclosure Consent and Acknowledgement Form granting the Secretary of State permission to publicly release the redacted version of the candidate's tax return.</p> | <p>§§ 8901, 8902, 8903</p> <p>§ 8903(a)</p> |
| <p>3/6/26
(E-88)
[5:00 p.m.]</p> | <p>52.</p> | <p>CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL — DEADLINE</p> <p>No later than 5:00 p.m. on this day, candidates for United States Representative in Congress, Member Board of Equalization, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly may withdraw previously filed nomination documents by delivering a statement of withdrawal to the county elections official.</p> | <p>§ 8020.5</p> |
| <p>3/7/26
to
3/11/26
(E-87 to E-83)
[5:00 p.m.]</p> | <p>53.</p> | <p>NOMINATION PERIOD EXTENSION — INCUMBENT FAILS TO FILE</p> <p>If an eligible incumbent for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, or Member of the State Assembly fails to file nomination documents by 5:00 p.m. on March 6, 2026 (E-88), a five-day extension is allowed for any person, other than the incumbent, to file for the elective office during the extended period.</p> | <p>§§ 8022, 8100, 8105</p> |
| <p>3/7/26
to
3/11/26
(E-87 to E-83)
[5:00 p.m.]</p> | <p>54.</p> | <p>CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL EXTENSION</p> <p>If the period to obtain and file nomination documents is extended for the offices of United States Representative in Congress, Member Board of Equalization, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly, an eligible candidate may withdraw previously filed nomination documents by delivering a statement of withdrawal to the county elections official, by 5:00 p.m. March 11, 2026 (E-83).</p> | <p>§ 8020.5</p> |
| <p>3/7/26
to
3/20/26
(E-87 to E-74)
[5:00 p.m.]</p> | <p>55.</p> | <p>NOMINATION PERIOD EXTENSION — DEATH OF A VOTER-NOMINATED CANDIDATE</p> <p>If a candidate has filed nomination documents for a voter-nominated office at the primary election and that candidate dies after March 6, 2026 (E-88), but on or before March 11, 2026 (E-83), any qualified person may circulate and deliver nomination documents for the office to the county elections official not later than 5:00 p.m. on March 20, 2026 (E-74).</p> | <p>§ 8025</p> |
| <p>3/7/26
to
3/26/26
(E-87 to E-68)
[5:00 p.m.]</p> | <p>56.</p> | <p>REOPENING OF NOMINATION PERIOD — DEATH OF A CANDIDATE FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICE</p> <p>Period in which filing nomination papers for a nonpartisan office, except for a judicial office, shall be reopened in an election where an incumbent who is a candidate for a nonpartisan statewide office where only one other candidate, excluding any write-in candidates, has qualified to have their name placed on the ballot for that office and either the challenger or the incumbent dies after March 6, 2026 (E-88), but before March 26, 2026 (E-68). Any qualified person may circulate and deliver nomination documents for office to the county elections official not later than 5:00 p.m. on March 26, 2026 (E-68).</p> | <p>§ 8027</p> |

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3/9/26 (E-85)	57. LAST DAY STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION AND COPY DELIVERED TO THE STATE PRINTER Last day the state Voter Information Guide for the primary election will be available for public examination and for the Secretary of State to deliver copy for preparation of the state Voter Information Guide to the Office of State Publishing.	Gov. Code § 88006; §§ 9054, 9082, 9092, 13282
3/11/26 (E-83)	58. NOMINATION DOCUMENTS FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE — DEADLINE Last day for county elections officials to forward to the Secretary of State nomination documents for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly, together with a statement showing the number of valid nomination signatures.	§§ 8070, 8082
3/11/26 (E-83)	59. POLITICAL PARTY ENDORSEMENTS FOR VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES — DEADLINE Last day for the party chairperson of any qualified political party to submit to the county elections official a list of all candidates for voter-nominated office who will appear on any ballot in the county in question and who have been endorsed by the party. The county elections official shall print any such list that is received timely in the county voter information guide.	§ 13302(b)
3/11/26 (E-83) [5:00 p.m.]	60. NOMINATION PERIOD EXTENSION — INCUMBENT FAILS TO FILE — DEADLINE By 5:00 p.m. on this day, any person, other than an eligible incumbent who did not qualify for nomination by March 6, 2026 (E-88), can file nomination documents for that office.	§§ 8022, 8100, 8105
3/11/26 (E-83) [5:00 p.m.]	61. CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL EXTENSION — DEADLINE By 5:00 p.m. this day, if the period to obtain and file nomination documents was extended for the offices of United States Representative in Congress, Member Board of Equalization, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly, an eligible candidate may withdraw previously filed nomination documents by delivering a statement of withdrawal to the county elections official.	§ 8020.5
3/12/26 (E-82) [11:00 a.m.]	62. RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING The Secretary of State shall conduct the randomized alphabet drawing at 11:00 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.	§§ 13111, 13112(b)(1)(B)
3/12/26 (E-82) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	63. BALLOT TINT AND WATERMARK ASSIGNMENT On or before this date, the Secretary of State shall issue the tint and watermark assignment to be printed upon the primary election ballots.	Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, §§ 20215, 20218; § 13002
3/16/26 (E-78) [5:00 p.m.]	64. GOVERNOR CANDIDATES — SUBMITTING PROPERLY REDACTED TAX RETURNS — DEADLINE Last day for a candidate for the office of Governor to submit corrected hard copies of their tax returns if the Secretary of State had determined that the candidate failed to properly redact information. If the corrected hard copies are not timely submitted, the candidate shall not be qualified to have their name placed on the ballot of the direct primary election.	§ 8903

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3/20/26 (E-74) [5:00 p.m.]	65. NOMINATION PERIOD EXTENSION — DEATH OF A VOTER-NOMINATED CANDIDATE DEADLINE By 5:00 p.m. on this day, any qualified person can deliver to the county elections official their nomination documents for any voter-nominated office for which a candidate had filed but who died after March 6, 2026 (E-88), but on or before March 11, 2026 (E-83).	§ 8025
3/21/26* (E-73)	66. NOTICE TO CANDIDATES On or before this date, but not fewer than five days before sending the certified list of candidates to the county elections officials, the Secretary of State shall notify each candidate for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly of the names, addresses, offices, ballot designations, and party preferences, if applicable, of all other persons who have filed for the same office.	§ 8121(a)
3/21/26* (E-73)	67. PARTY PREFERENCE HISTORY POSTING ON WEBSITE — ALL VOTER-NOMINATED CANDIDATES On or before this day, the Secretary of State will post on its website, the party preference history of each candidate for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly for the preceding 10 years.	§ 8121(b)
3/26/26 (E-68) [5:00 p.m.]	68. REOPENED NOMINATION PERIOD — DEATH OF A CANDIDATE FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICE — DEADLINE Last day for any qualified person to file nomination documents for a nonpartisan office where only an incumbent and one other candidate, excluding write-in candidates, have qualified and either one of the candidates has died after March 6, 2026 (E-88), but before March 26, 2026 (E-68).	§ 8027
3/26/26 (E-68) [12:02 a.m.]	69. DEATH OF A CANDIDATE FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICE If an incumbent is a candidate for a nonpartisan statewide office and only one other candidate, excluding write-in candidates, has qualified to have their name placed on the ballot for that office, and either the challenger or the incumbent dies after the hour of 12:01 a.m. on March 26, 2026 (E-68), an election shall not be conducted, no votes cast for that office shall be counted, and, if counted, the votes shall be null and void.	§ 8026
3/26/26 (E-68)	70. DEATH OF A CANDIDATE — NAME ON BALLOT Last day for the county elections official to remove a deceased candidate's name from the primary election ballot.	§ 8809
3/26/26 (E-68) [5:00 p.m.]	71. CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES AND ROTATION LIST Last day for the Secretary of State to certify and send to each county elections official a list of candidates to be voted on throughout the state showing the name of every person eligible to receive votes within the county at the primary election, their addresses, and the office for which they seek nomination, and if applicable, their party preference and ballot designation. The Secretary of State shall also provide to county elections officials a list of candidates to be voted on throughout the state for each county arranged according to the randomized alphabet drawn on March 12, 2026 (E-82).	§§ 8120-8125 § 13111
4/3/26 (E-60)	72. MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTER APPLICATIONS First day county elections officials may process applications for military or overseas voter ballots. Any applications received by the county elections official prior to this day shall be kept and processed on or after this date. If the applicant is not a resident of the county to which they have applied, the elections official receiving the application shall forward it immediately to the proper county.	§§ 300(b), 321, 3102, 3105

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4/3/26 to 4/13/26 (E-60 to E-50)	73. VOTER REGISTRATION DATA TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE MAILING Period in which county elections officials shall notify the Secretary of State that voter registration information is available in the California Statewide Voter Registration System (VoteCal) by indicating readiness in their Election Management System (EMS) by April 13, 2026 (E-50) with respect to voters registered as of April 3, 2026 (E-60). This information should reflect the results of the pre-election residency confirmation procedure.	§§ 2220, 9094(a)
4/3/26 to 4/13/26 (E-60 to E-50)	74. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 60-DAY COUNTY READINESS Period in which county elections officials shall notify the Secretary of State that voter registration information is available in the California Statewide Voter Registration System (VoteCal) by indicating Report of Registration readiness in their Election Management System (EMS) with respect to voters registered as of April 3, 2026 (E-60).	§ 2187(a), (b), (c)(2)
4/6/26 to 5/19/26 (E-57 to E-14)	75. STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS Period in which all write-in candidates for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly must leave a statement of write-in candidacy and nomination papers with the county elections official for filing with the Secretary of State.	§ 8601
4/13/26 (E-50)	76. VOTER REGISTRATION DATA TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE MAILING — DEADLINE Last day to indicate voter information guide mailing readiness in the county's Election Management System (EMS) of all voters registered as of April 3, 2026 (E-60); this information should reflect the results of the pre-election residency confirmation procedure.	§§ 2220, 9094(a)
4/13/26 (E-50)	77. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 60-DAY COUNTY READINESS DEADLINE Last day for county elections officials to indicate Report of Registration readiness in their Election Management System (EMS) of all voters registered as of April 3, 2026 (E-60).	§ 2187(a), (b), (c)(2)
4/18/26* ³ [Saturday] (E-45) [Date fixed by law]	78. MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTER BALLOTS Last day for county elections officials to transmit ballots and balloting materials to absent military or overseas voters who have requested them by this date. If a military or overseas voter ballot application is received after this date, the county elections official shall transmit a ballot and balloting materials as soon as practicable.	52 U.S.C. § 20302 (MOVE Act); § 3114
4/18/26* (E-45) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	79. STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDES TO STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS On or before this date, the Secretary of State shall send a specified number of copies of the state Voter Information Guide to city and county elections officials, members of the Legislature, proponents of statewide ballot measures, public libraries, and specified educational institutions.	§ 9096
4/18/26 to 6/1/26 (E-45 to E-1)	80. ISSUE ADVOCACY REPORT (ELECTRONIC FILERS ONLY) A disclosure report (Form E-530) must be filed within 48 hours by anyone spending or promising to pay \$50,000 or more for a communication disseminated, broadcast, or otherwise published within 45 days of an election, if the communication clearly identifies a candidate for state elective office but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of that candidate. ²	Cal. Code Regs. tit. 2, § 18539.2; Gov. Code § 85310

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4/23/26 (E-40)	81. FIRST PRE-ELECTION STATEMENT Last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees for the period ending April 18, 2026 (E-45). Candidate controlled committees and primarily formed candidate and measure committees appearing on the ballot must file this statement. State general purpose committees making contributions or independent expenditures of \$500 or more in connection with the election must also file this statement. Candidate controlled committees by elected state officers and candidates for elective state office who are not appearing on the ballot at the next statewide election making contributions or independent expenditures of \$500 or more in connection with the election must file this statement. Political parties must file this statement if they receive contributions totaling \$1,000 or more or if contributions or independent expenditures totaling \$500 or more were made in connection with the election. State slate mailer organizations must file this statement if payments of \$500 or more are received or made to produce a slate mailer in connection with the election. ²	Gov. Code §§ 84200.5, 84200.8, 84218
4/23/26 to 5/12/26 (E-40 to E-21)	82. STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE MAILING Period in which the Secretary of State shall mail state Voter Information Guides to all households in which voters were registered by April 3, 2026 (E-60). This mailing is based on the information provided by county elections officials to the Secretary of State by April 13, 2026 (E-50).	§ 9094(a)
4/23/26 to 5/12/26 (E-40 to E-21)	83. COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE AND POLLING PLACE Suggested first day for the county elections official to begin mailing a county voter information guide and a polling place notice, which includes any vote centers, to each registered voter who registered at least 29 days before the election, unless the voter has opted to receive them electronically. The polling place notice may state whether the polling place is accessible to the physically handicapped. The county elections official shall also give county voter information guides to the chairperson of the county central committee of each political party, shall mail a copy to each candidate, and shall post a copy of the county voter information guide in a conspicuous place in their office.	§§ 13300(b), 13300.7, 13303, 13304, 13305, 14282 § 13302(a)
4/30/26** (E-33) [Date fixed by law]	84. QUARTERLY STATEMENTS BY BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEES Last day for committees that have qualified as a recipient committee and are primarily formed to support or oppose the qualification, passage, or defeat of any measure to file a quarterly campaign statement for the period January 1, 2026 (E-152), through March 31, 2026 (E-63), unless the committee will file pre-election statements for an upcoming election. ² This statement is not required if the committee is required to file pre-election statements or if the measure was already voted on and the committee has not made contributions or expenditures to support or oppose the qualification or passage of another ballot measure. ²	Gov. Code § 84202.3 Gov. Code § 84202.3
5/3/26* (E-30)	85. NOTICE OF EARLY TABULATION On or before this date, the county governing body shall notify the county elections official 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

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5/4/26 (E-29)	86. ALL COUNTIES MAIL EVERY ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTER A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT AND PACKET	Every active registered voter will be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot and packet. §§ 3000.5, 3010
	No later than this date, county elections officials shall begin mailing each registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot, a vote-by-mail packet that includes an envelope with instructions on the use and return of the vote-by-mail ballot, and other information including the locations and hours of each vote center in the county or polling place.	§§ 3000.5, 3010, 4005(a)(8)(A), (B)
	County elections officials shall have five days to mail a ballot to each person who is registered to vote by this date and five days to mail a ballot to each person who is subsequently registered to vote.	§§ 3000.5, 3001
5/4/26 (E-29)	87. COMPUTER PROCESSING OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS	
	All county elections officials may begin to process vote-by-mail ballot return envelopes.	§ 15101(a)
	Counties having the necessary computer capability to process vote-by-mail ballots may begin to process their vote-by-mail ballots on this date. This process may be completed to the point of placing the ballot information on a computer medium, but under NO circumstances may a vote count be accessed or released until 8:00 p.m. on June 2, 2026 (E).	§ 15101(b), (c)
	All other county elections officials shall start to process vote-by-mail ballots at 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election, the results of which shall not be released before 8:00 p.m. on June 2, 2026 (E).	§ 15101(b)
5/4/26 (E-29)	88. NON-VOTER'S CHOICE ACT COUNTIES: PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS AND POLLING PLACES	
	On or before this date, the county elections official shall appoint members of the precinct boards and designate the polling places.	§ 12286
5/4/26 (E-29)	89. ADDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DATA RETRIEVAL FOR STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE MAILING	
	The Secretary of State shall notify the county elections officials via email communication that a VoteCal data retrieval will occur of all voters whom registered after the 60th day before the election and before the 29th day prior to the election. No additional readiness is required in their Election Management System (EMS).	§ 9094(a)
5/4/26 to 6/2/26 (E-29 to E)	90. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT REQUEST BY OUT-OF-STATE EMERGENCY WORKERS	
	Period in which, upon the declaration of an out-of-state emergency by the Governor and the issuance of an executive order authorizing an out-of-state emergency worker to cast a ballot outside of their home precinct, an out-of-state emergency worker may request and vote a vote-by-mail ballot, which must be returned in the same manner as all other voted vote-by-mail ballots.	§§ 336.7, 3021.5
5/5/26 to 6/2/26 (E-28 to E)	91. ALL COUNTIES: DROP-OFF LOCATIONS OPEN	
	By this date, all counties shall open ballot drop-off locations. These locations shall be open at least during regular business hours beginning not less than 28 days before the election through election day. At least one ballot drop-off location shall be an accessible, secured, exterior drop box that is available for a minimum of 12 hours per day.	§§ 3025.5, 4005(a)(1)
5/12/26 (E-21)	92. STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE MAILING — DEADLINE	
	On or before this date, the Secretary of State shall mail state Voter Information Guides to all households in which voters were registered by April 3, 2026 (E-60).	§ 9094(a)

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5/12/26 (E-21)	<p>93. COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE AND POLLING PLACE NOTICE MAILING — DEADLINE</p> <p>Last day for the county elections official to begin mailing a county voter information guide and a polling place notice, which includes any vote centers, to each registered voter who registered at least 29 days before the election, unless the voter has opted to receive them electronically. The polling place notice may state whether the polling place is accessible to the physically handicapped.</p> <p>The county elections official shall also give county voter information guides to the chairperson of the county central committee of each political party, shall mail a copy to each candidate, and shall post a copy of the county voter information guide in a conspicuous place in their office.</p>	<p>§§ 13300(b), 13300.7, 13303, 13304, 13305, 14282</p> <p>§ 13302(a)</p>
5/13/26 (E-20)	<p>94. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 60-DAY STATEWIDE REPORT PUBLISHED</p> <p>On or before this date, the Secretary of State will release a statewide report showing the number of registered voters, by political party preference, in the state, in each county, and in each political subdivision thereof. This report is based on the number of persons registered as of April 3, 2026 (E-60).</p>	<p>§ 2187(b), (c)(2)</p>
5/17/26 to 6/1/26 (E-16 to E-1)	<p>95. 24-HOUR STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION FILING REQUIREMENT — RECIPIENT COMMITTEES AND SLATE MAILER ORGANIZATIONS</p> <p>A recipient committee or slate mailer organization that qualifies during the 16 days prior to an election in which it must file pre-election statements must file a Statement of Organization Recipient Committee (Form 410) or Statement of Organization (Slate Mailer Organization) (Form 400) within 24 hours of qualification with the filing officer who will receive the committee's original disclosure statements by personal delivery, facsimile transmission, online transmission, or guaranteed overnight delivery.²</p>	<p>Gov. Code §§ 84101, 84108</p>
5/18/26 (E-15)	<p>96. 15-DAY CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION</p> <p>Last day to register to vote in the primary election. The voter registration application shall be mailed (postmarked by this date), submitted online using the Secretary of State's online voter registration application (COVR), or delivered to the county elections official by this date and is effective upon receipt. The voter registration application may also be submitted by this date to the Secretary of State, Department of Motor Vehicles, or any National Voter Registration Act designated agency.</p> <p>A request for a vote-by-mail ballot from a military or overseas voter, if postmarked on or before this date, will be deemed an affidavit of registration. When a county elections official receives and approves a registration application from a military or overseas voter, the official must provide that voter with a vote-by-mail ballot for each subsequent election.</p> <p>See Item #101 for exception to the deadline.</p>	<p>52 U.S.C. §§ 20301, 20501; §§ 300(b), 321, 2102, 2170, 3102</p> <p>§ 3102(b), (c)</p>
5/18/26 (E-15)	<p>97. NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS WITHIN STATE</p> <p>Last day before the primary election for any voter to send a notice or letter advising the county elections official of a change of address within the state. The notice or letter shall be mailed (postmarked by this date) or delivered to the county elections official by this date and is effective upon receipt. The notice or letter may also be submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles or any National Voter Registration Act designated agency prior to the election. The county elections official shall correct the registration records accordingly. The notice or letter is in lieu of re-registering.</p>	<p>§§ 2116, 2119</p>

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5/18/26 to 5/26/26 (E-15 to E-7)	98. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 15-DAY COUNTY READINESS Period in which county elections officials shall notify the Secretary of State that voter registration information is available in the California Statewide Voter Registration System (VoteCal) by indicating Report of Registration readiness in their Election Management System (EMS) with respect to voters registered as of May 18, 2026 (E-15).	§ 2187(a), (b), (c)(3)
5/19/26 (E-14)	99. STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS — DEADLINE Last day for a write-in candidate for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly to leave a statement of write-in candidacy and nomination papers with the county elections official for filing with the Secretary of State.	§ 8601
5/19/26 (E-14)	100. BILINGUAL PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS Last day for county elections officials to prepare a list of precincts to which bilingual officers were appointed. A copy of this list shall be made available to the public, including on the county elections official's internet website, and the language or languages other than English in which they will provide assistance.	§ 12303(d)
5/19/26 to 6/2/26 (E-14 to E)	101. CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD Period in which an elector can "conditionally" register and vote provisionally at the county elections office, a satellite office, a polling place, or a vote center after the 15-day voter registration deadline.	§ 2170
5/19/26 to 6/2/26 (E-14 to E)	102. CHANGE OF ADDRESS WITHIN SAME COUNTY AND/OR CHANGE OF POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE Period in which an elector can, in lieu of executing a new affidavit of registration for a change of address within the same county and/or a change of political party preference, submit a written request that discloses specific information. The written request shall be delivered to the county elections official's office or to any location that offers conditional voter registration and at which a ballot can be issued.	§§ 2119.5, 2152
5/21/26 (E-12)	103. SECOND PRE-ELECTION STATEMENT Last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees for the period ending May 16, 2026 (E-17). Candidate controlled committees, and primarily formed candidate and measure committees appearing on the ballot must file this statement by guaranteed overnight mail or personal delivery. State general purpose committees making contributions or independent expenditures of \$500 or more in connection with the election must also file this statement. Candidate controlled committees by elected state officers and candidates for elective state office who are not appearing on the ballot at the next statewide election making contributions or independent expenditures of \$500 or more in connection with the election must file this statement. Political parties must file this statement if they receive contributions totaling \$1,000 or more or if contributions or independent expenditures totaling \$500 or more were made in connection with the election. State slate mailer organizations must file this statement if payments of \$500 or more are received or made to produce a slate mailer in connection with the election. ²	Gov. Code §§ 84200.5, 84200.8(b), 84218

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5/22/26 (E-11) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	104. CERTIFIED LIST OF WRITE-IN CANDIDATES The Secretary of State will prepare and send to affected county elections officials a certified list of write-in candidates showing the names of every write-in candidate eligible to receive votes within the county at the primary election, their addresses, and the offices to which they seek election. This list will also be mailed to each candidate running for the affected offices.	
5/23/26* (E-10)	105. PUBLICATION OF CENTRAL TALLY LOCATION Last day that a notice shall be published by the county elections official, at least once, in a newspaper of general circulation within the district, specifying the public place to be used as the central tally center for counting the ballots, if ballots not tallied at precincts.	§ 12109
5/23/26* (E-10)	106. STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE SUPPLEMENTAL MAILING BY SECRETARY OF STATE — DEADLINE On or before this date, the Secretary of State to mail state Voter Information Guides to voters who registered between Saturday, April 4, 2026 (E-59), and May 4, 2026 (E-29), inclusive.	§ 9094
5/23/26 to 5/29/26 (E-10 to E-4)	107. VOTER'S CHOICE ACT COUNTIES: OPEN ONE VOTE CENTER FOR EVERY 50,000 REGISTERED VOTERS Period in which counties that are implementing the Voter's Choice Act will open one vote center for every 50,000 registered voters. The locations and hours of operation of these vote centers will be available in vote-by-mail materials and on the county website. Any voter registered in the county may visit any vote center in order to receive voter services or vote. The first day a vote center opens, the elections official shall deliver to the precinct board a list of military or overseas voters who registered under Section 3108.	§§ 3108(b), 4005(a)(2)(A), (4)(A)
5/26/26 (E-7)	108. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 15-DAY COUNTY READINESS DEADLINE Last day for county elections officials to indicate Report of Registration readiness in their Election Management System (EMS) of all voters registered as of May 18, 2026 (E-15).	§ 2187(a), (b), (c)(3)
5/26/26 (E-7) [5:00 p.m.]	109. COMPUTER PROGRAM TO SECRETARY OF STATE Last day for counties to verify their election night vote count computer programs and deposit copies thereof with the Secretary of State.	§ 15001(a)
5/27/26 to 6/1/26 (E-6 to E-1)	110. MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTER RECALLED TO SERVICE Period in which a registered military or overseas voter recalled to service after May 26, 2026 (E-7), but before 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2026 (E-1), may appear before the county elections official where they are registered, or, if within the state, in the county in which they have been recalled to service, and obtain a vote-by-mail ballot which may be voted in, or outside, the county elections official's office on or before the close of the polls and returned as are other voted vote-by-mail ballots.	§ 3111
5/30/26 to 6/2/26 (E-3 to E)	111. VOTER'S CHOICE ACT COUNTIES: OPEN ONE VOTE CENTER FOR EVERY 10,000 REGISTERED VOTERS Period in which counties that are implementing the Voter's Choice Act will open one vote center for every 10,000 registered voters. The locations and hours of operation of these vote centers will be available in vote-by-mail materials and on the county website. Any voter registered in the county may visit any vote center in order to receive voter services or vote. The first day a vote center opens, the elections official shall deliver to the precinct board a list of military or overseas voters who registered under Section 3108.	§§ 3108, 4005(a)(3)(A)

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5/31/26* (E-2)	112. EARLY BALLOT PICKUP NOTIFICATION DEADLINE If a county elections official will pick up ballots prior to the closing of the polls, at least 48 hours in advance of an election the elections official must notify the public of the dates, times, and places at which ballot containers will be delivered.	Cal. Code Regs. tit. 2, § 20142; § 14422(a)(3)
6/1/26 (E-1) [5:00 p.m.]	113. MANUAL PROCESSING OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS Counties not having the necessary computer capability to process vote-by-mail ballots shall begin to manually process vote-by-mail ballots at 5:00 p.m. on this date, but under NO circumstance may a vote count be accessed or released until 8:00 p.m. on June 2, 2026 (E).	§ 15101(b), (c)
6/1/26 (E-1) [5:00 p.m.]	114. MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTER RECALLED TO SERVICE — DEADLINE Last day a registered military or overseas voter recalled to service after May 26, 2026 (E-7), but before 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2026 (E-1), may appear before the county elections official where they are registered, or, if within the state, in the county in which they have been recalled to service, and obtain a vote-by-mail ballot which may be voted in, or outside, the county elections official's office on or before the close of the polls and returned as are other voted vote-by-mail ballots.	§ 3111
6/1/26 (E-1)	115. ISSUE ADVOCACY REPORT (ELECTRONIC FILERS ONLY) — PERIOD ENDS A disclosure report (Form E-530) must be filed within 48 hours by anyone spending or promising to pay \$50,000 or more for a communication disseminated, broadcast, or otherwise published within 45 days of an election, if the communication clearly identifies a candidate for state elective office but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of that candidate. ²	Cal. Code Regs. tit. 2, § 18539.2; Gov. Code § 85310
6/1/26 (E-1)	116. 24-HOUR STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION FILING REQUIREMENT — RECIPIENT COMMITTEES AND SLATE MAILER ORGANIZATIONS — PERIOD ENDS A recipient committee or slate mailer organization that qualifies during the 16 days prior to an election in which it must file pre-election statements must file a Statement of Organization Recipient Committee (Form 410) or Statement of Organization (Slate Mailer Organization) (Form 400) within 24 hours of qualification with the filing officer who will receive the committee's original disclosure statements by personal delivery, facsimile transmission, online transmission, or guaranteed overnight delivery. ²	Gov. Code §§ 84101, 84108
6/2/26 (E)	117. PRIMARY ELECTION DAY The polls shall be open throughout the state from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on this date. An elector can “conditionally” register and vote provisionally at the county elections office, a satellite office, a polling place, or a vote center.	§§ 1000(c), 14212 § 2170

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(E) | 118. | <p>HAND DELIVERED OR FAXED VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS RETURNED IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED — DEADLINE</p> <p>Voted vote-by-mail ballots hand delivered to the office of the elections official who issued the ballot or at any polling place, vote center, vote-by-mail drop-off location, or drop box in the state must be received by county elections officials by the close of the polls on Election Day.</p> <p>Last day a military or overseas voter who is living outside of the United States (or is called for service within the United States on or after May 26, 2026 (E-7)), may return their ballot by facsimile transmission. To be counted, the ballot returned by facsimile transmission shall be received by the voter's elections official by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day and shall be accompanied by an identification envelope and a signed oath of declaration.</p> | <p>§§ 3017, 14212</p> <p>§ 3106</p> |
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(E) | 119. | <p>ELECTION CYCLE REPORTS — 24-HOUR PAYMENT REPORT (SLATE MAILER ORGANIZATIONS) — PERIOD ENDS</p> <p>During the 90 days immediately preceding an election, each slate mailer organization that receives a payment of \$2,500 or more for the purpose of supporting or opposing any candidate or ballot measure in a slate mailer must report the payment within 24 hours to the Secretary of State's office online or by electronic transmission only. (Deadlines are extended to the next business day when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday, except for the weekend before an election.) Such payments may be reported on a Slate Mailer Late Payment Report (Form 498).²</p> | Gov. Code § 84220 |
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(E) | 120. | <p>ELECTION CYCLE REPORTS — 24-HOUR CONTRIBUTION REPORT — PERIOD ENDS</p> <p>During the 90 days immediately preceding an election or on the date of the election, the following contributions that total in the aggregate of \$1,000 or more must be reported within 24 hours to the Secretary of State's office by online or electronic transmission only: contributions made to or received by a candidate or candidate controlled committee being voted upon on the June 2, 2026 ballot; contributions made to or received by a primarily formed candidate or ballot measure committee being voted upon on the June 2, 2026 ballot; or contributions made to or received by a political party committee. For purposes of the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement Board, the date of the election is the deadline to return ballots. (Deadlines are extended to the next business day when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday, except for the weekend before an election.) Recipients of non-monetary or in-kind contributions must file within 48 hours of the date the non-monetary or in-kind contribution was received. These contributions are reported on the Contribution Report (Form 497).²</p> | <p>Gov. Code
§§ 82036, 84203,
84203.3, 85204,
85309</p> |
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(E) | 121. | <p>ELECTION CYCLE REPORTS — 24-HOUR INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE REPORT — PERIOD ENDS</p> <p>During the 90 days immediately preceding the date of the election, an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more made to a specific candidate or measure involved in a state election must be reported on the Independent Expenditure Report (Form 496) within 24 hours to the Secretary of State's office by online or electronic transmission only. For purposes of the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement Board, the date of the election is the deadline to return ballots, and a copy of the Form 496 must be filed with the relevant board office.²</p> | <p>Gov. Code
§§ 82036.5, 84204,
84215(e), 85204</p> |

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6/2/26 (E)	122. MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTERS — LATE CONDITIONS	Any registered military or overseas voter or any individual born outside of the United States or District of Columbia whose parent or legal guardian was a resident of California when the parent was last living in the United States who has returned to their county of registration on or before this day, and to whom a vote-by-mail ballot has been mailed but not voted, may apply for a second vote-by-mail ballot pursuant to Section 3014.	§§ 300(b), 321, 3014, 3109
		An unregistered military or overseas voter who was 1) released from service after the close of registration and who has returned to their county of residence or 2) required to move under official active duty military orders after the close of registration, may apply in person to register with the county elections official and vote in the election. Documentary proof of release from service or official military orders are required. On or before the day of the election, or the first day a vote center opens, the county elections official shall deliver to the precinct board a list of military or overseas voters registered under Elections Code section 3108.	§ 3108
		A military or overseas voter or any individual born outside of the United States or District of Columbia whose parent or legal guardian was a resident of California when the parent was last living in the United States who returns to the county after May 26, 2026 (E-7), may appear before the county elections official and apply for registration. The county elections official shall register the voter, if not registered, and shall deliver a vote-by-mail ballot which may be voted in, or outside, the county elections official's office on or before the close of the polls on the day of the election and returned as are other voted vote-by-mail ballots.	§ 3110
6/2/26 (E)	123. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT REQUEST FOR OUT-OF-STATE EMERGENCY WORKERS — DEADLINE	Last day, upon the declaration of an out-of-state emergency by the Governor and the issuance of an executive order authorizing an out-of-state emergency worker to cast a ballot outside of their home precinct, that an out-of-state emergency worker may request and vote a vote-by-mail ballot, which must be delivered to the elections official by mail or by hand on or before the close of polls, and returned in the same manner as other voted vote-by-mail ballots.	§§ 336.7, 3021.5
6/2/26 (E) [8:00 p.m.]	124. CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION — DEADLINE	Last day for an elector to "conditionally" register and vote provisionally at the county elections office, a satellite office, a polling place, or a vote center.	§ 2170
6/2/26 (E) [8:00 p.m.]	125. CHANGE OF ADDRESS WITHIN SAME COUNTY AND/OR CHANGE OF POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE — DEADLINE	Last day for an elector, in lieu of executing a new affidavit of registration for a change of address within the same county and/or a change of political party preference, to submit a written request that discloses specific information. The written request shall be delivered to the county elections official's office or to any location that offers conditional voter registration and at which a ballot can be issued.	§§ 2119.5, 2152
6/2/26 (E) [8:00 p.m.]	126. SEMIFINAL OFFICIAL CANVASS	Beginning at 8:00 p.m. and continuously until completed, the county elections official shall conduct the semifinal official canvass of votes and report totals to the Secretary of State at least every two hours.	§§ 15150, 15151

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6/3/26 to 6/16/26 (E+1 to E+14)	127. AMENDED CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT If the voluntary expenditure limits are rejected in the primary, but not exceeded during that election, the Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) may be amended to accept the expenditure limits for the general election. The amended Form 501 must be filed within 14 days following the primary election.	Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 18520; Gov. Code §§ 85200, 85400, 85401
6/4/26 (E+2)	128. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNPROCESSED BALLOTS On this day, county elections officials shall send to the Secretary of State an initial report containing the estimated number of outstanding unprocessed ballots.	§ 15305(b)
6/4/26 to 7/2/26 (E+2 to E+30)	129. OFFICIAL CANVASS — BEGINNING Beginning no later than the Thursday following the election, the county elections official must begin the official canvass of the precinct returns. This canvass must be completed no later than July 2, 2026 (E+30).	§§ 15301, 15372
6/4/26 to 7/2/26 (E+2 to E+30)	130. OFFICIAL CANVASS — REPORTING Beginning no later than the Thursday following the election, county elections officials must post updated information regarding the election on their Internet website at least once per week. The update shall include at least the following information: (1) Updated results for the measure appearing on the ballot; (2) The number of ballots processed and an estimated number of outstanding ballots remaining unprocessed for each of the following categories: ballots voted at a polling place, vote by mail ballots received on or before election day, vote by mail ballots received after election day, provisional ballots, and conditional registration ballots; (3) The date and time when it is expected that the next results will be posted. The elections official may stop posting the results described above when either of the following occurs: (1) A certified statement of results is published pursuant to Section 15372; (2) The only ballots left to count are vote by mail ballots for which a voter has the opportunity either to verify their signature pursuant to Section 3019(d) or to provide their signature pursuant to Section 3019(e). If the elections official stops posting results for this reason, they shall post a notice stating this reason on their Internet website.	§ 15306(a) § 15306(b)
6/8/26 to 7/2/26 (E+6 to E+30)	131. REPORT ON ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNPROCESSED BALLOTS Beginning on this day, the county elections official shall, on any day that the county elections official publicly releases updated election results, send to the Secretary of State a report on the estimated number of outstanding unprocessed ballots. The last report shall be delivered upon completion of the official canvass.	§ 15305(c)
6/9/26 (E+7)	132. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS RETURNED BY MAIL — LAST DAY TO BE COUNTED Any vote-by-mail ballot returned by mail shall be deemed timely if it is received by the elections official via the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company no later than seven days after Election Day and either of the following is satisfied: 1) the ballot is postmarked on or before Election Day or is time stamped or date stamped by a bona fide private mail delivery company on or before Election Day, or 2) if the ballot has no postmark, a postmark with no date, or an illegible postmark, the vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope is date stamped by the elections official upon receipt of the vote-by-mail ballot from the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company, and is signed and dated pursuant to Section 3011 on or before Election Day.	§§ 3011, 3017, 3020(b), (c)

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6/10/26 (E+8)	133. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS RETURNED TO DIFFERENT COUNTY Last day for a county elections official to forward a ballot, which was delivered to a precinct board at a polling place or vote center or to a vote-by-mail drop-off location or drop box in their county, to the county that issued the ballot.	§ 3017(a)(3)
6/12/26 (E+10)	134. PROVISIONAL BALLOTS OF EMERGENCY WORKERS If the Governor declares a state of emergency and issues an executive order authorizing an emergency worker to cast a ballot outside of their precinct, the provisional ballot cast by the emergency worker by the close of polls on Election Day must be received by the county elections official where the voter is registered no later than this day. The county elections official in a county included in the executive order declaring the emergency shall transmit for processing any ballot cast by the close of polls on Election Day by an emergency worker in a declared state of emergency, including any materials necessary to process the ballot, to the elections official in the county where the voter is registered to vote.	§ 14313
6/16/26 (E+14)	135. AMENDED CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT — DEADLINE If the voluntary expenditure limits are rejected in the primary, but not exceeded during that election, the Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) may be amended to accept the expenditure limits for the general election. The amended Form 501 must be filed within 14 days following the primary election.	Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 18520; Gov. Code §§ 85200, 85400, 85401
6/24/26 (E+22) [5:00 p.m.]	136. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS — NOTICE TO CURE NONCOMPARABLE SIGNATURE ON IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE OR UNSIGNED IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE By this date, the elections official shall provide to all voters identified as having a signature on the vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope that did not compare with their signature on their voter record a notice of the opportunity to verify their signatures no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2026 (E+28). A "signature verification statement" or combined statement can be submitted in person, or by mail, email, or fax. By this date, the elections official shall provide to all voters identified as having failed to sign the vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope a notice of the opportunity to provide a signature no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2026 (E+28). An "unsigned identification envelope statement" or combined statement can be submitted in person, or by mail, email, or fax.	§ 3019(d)(1), (f) § 3019(e)(1), (f)
6/25/26 (E+23)	137. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 15-DAY STATEWIDE REPORT PUBLISHED On or before this date, the Secretary of State will release a statewide report showing the number of registered voters, by political party preference, in the state, in each county, and in each political subdivision thereof. This report is based on the number of persons registered as of May 18, 2026 (E-15).	§ 2187(b), (c)(3)

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6/30/26 (E+28) [5:00 p.m.]	<p>138. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS — DEADLINE TO CURE NONCOMPARABLE SIGNATURE ON IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE OR UNSIGNED IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE</p> <p>Last possible day for an elections official to receive from a voter, whose signature on their vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope did not compare with their signature on their voter record, a "signature verification statement" or combined statement. This statement can be submitted in person, or by mail, email, or fax. § 3019(d)(4), (f)</p> <p>Last possible day for a voter who did not sign the vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope to either sign the identification envelope at the office of the elections official or complete and submit an "unsigned identification envelope statement" or combined statement. This statement can be submitted in person, or by mail, email, or fax. § 3019(e)(1), (f)</p>
7/2/26 (E+30)	<p>139. OFFICIAL CANVASS DEADLINE</p> <p>No later than this date, the county elections official must complete the canvass, certify its results, and submit it to the board of supervisors. §§ 15301, 15372</p> <p>Suggested deadline 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 or nominated under its jurisdiction a certificate of election or nomination. §§ 15400, 15401</p>
7/2/26 (E+30)	<p>140. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNPROCESSED BALLOTS — FINAL REPORT</p> <p>No later than this date, the last report on the estimated number of outstanding unprocessed ballots shall be delivered to the Secretary of State. § 15305(c)</p>
7/2/26 (E+30)	<p>141. OFFICIAL CANVASS — REPORTING</p> <p>Beginning no later than the Thursday following the election, county elections officials must post updated information regarding the election on their Internet website at least once per week. The update shall include at least the following information: (1) Updated results for the measure appearing on the ballot; (2) The number of ballots processed and an estimated number of outstanding ballots remaining unprocessed for each of the following categories: ballots voted at a polling place, vote by mail ballots received on or before election day, vote by mail ballots received after election day, provisional ballots, and conditional registration ballots; (3) The date and time when it is expected that the next results will be posted. § 15306(a)</p> <p>The elections official may stop posting the results described above when either of the following occurs: (1) A certified statement of results is published pursuant to Section 15372; (2) The only ballots left to count are vote by mail ballots for which a voter has the opportunity either to verify their signature pursuant to Section 3019(d) or to provide their signature pursuant to Section 3019(e). If the elections official stops posting results for this reason, they shall post a notice stating this reason on their Internet website. § 15306(b)</p>
7/3/26 (E+31)	<p>142. STATEMENT OF RESULTS TO SECRETARY OF STATE</p> <p>By this date, the county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State, in an electronic format, one complete copy of the primary election returns for all candidates for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly, and for all statewide ballot measures. §§ 15374, 15375</p>

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7/3/26 (E+31)	143. BALLOT REJECTION REPORT TO SECRETARY OF STATE By this date, the county elections official shall identify and provide to the Secretary of State the number of vote-by-mail ballots rejected, categorized according to the reason for the rejection. The Secretary of State shall publish a report containing the above information on the Secretary of State's internet website.	§ 15377(a) § 15377(b)
7/10/26 (E+38)	144. STATEMENT OF THE VOTE Last day for the Secretary of State to prepare, certify, and file a statement of the vote from the compiled election returns and post to the Secretary of State's website. The Secretary of State shall make official declaration of the vote upon each question submitted to the electors of the State by either initiative or referendum petition filed in the Secretary of State's office.	§ 15501 Gov. Code §12165
7/10/26 (E+38) [Suggested Date]	145. CERTIFICATES OF NOMINATION Secretary of State shall issue certificates of nomination to candidates nominated for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly.	§§ 8147, 15503, 15504
7/31/26 (E+59) [Date fixed by law]	146. CAMPAIGN STATEMENT — SEMIANNUAL Last day to file semiannual campaign statements, if required, by all candidates, organizations, committees, and slate mailer organizations. ²	Gov. Code §§ 84200, 84218
10/31/26** (E+151) [Date fixed by law]	147. QUARTERLY STATEMENTS BY BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEES Last day for committees that have qualified as a recipient committee and are primarily formed to support or oppose the qualification, passage, defeat of any measure to file a quarterly campaign statement for the period of July 1, 2026 (E+29), through September 30, 2026 (E+120), unless the committee will file pre-election statements for an upcoming election. ² This statement is not required if the committee is required to file pre-election statements or if the measure was already voted on and the committee has not made contributions or expenditures to support or oppose the qualification or passage of another ballot measure. ²	Gov. Code § 84202.3 Gov. Code § 84202.3
11/7/26* (E+158)	148. 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, state assembly district, state senatorial district, congressional district, and supervisorial district for each candidate for the office of Governor and on each statewide ballot measure.	§ 15502

*Deadline falls on a weekend or state holiday; it does not move forward to the next business day.

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

² Paper and electronic or online filings may be required. This does not cover ALL campaign disclosure requirements. Please contact the Fair Political Practices Commission at 1-866-275-3772 for all filing obligations.

³ Elections Code section 3114 and the federal MOVE Act require that ballots be sent to military and overseas voters no later than 45 days prior to an election. This E-45 deadline must be adhered to and does not move forward even though the date falls on a Saturday.

⁴ Senate Bill (SB) 280 (Cervantes) Chapter 97, Statutes of 2025, added Section 8162 to the Elections Code effective August 21, 2025.