

2025-2026 California Civic and Election Dates

The Student Civic and Voter Empowerment Act (SCVEA) Overview:

In 2019, the Student Civic and Voter Empowerment Act ([California Education Code §66850-66852](#); [California Elections Code §2148.5](#)) was enacted to give California colleges and universities the necessary tools to increase civic engagement and participation in democracy among young voters. In 2020, the California Secretary of State Students Vote Project was expanded to support and ensure implementation of the law. The SCVEA requires each California Community College and California State University campus, and requests each University of California campus, to:

- Distribute, in consultation with the California Secretary of State, campuswide emails to all students with specified voting—and election—related dates and information, and to include specified dates on all print and online academic calendars.
- Post on social media reminders to students of specified voter-related dates and information.
- Designate one person per campus as the Civic and Voter Empowerment Coordinator with specified responsibilities, including developing a Civic and Voter Empowerment Action Plan.



For more information on the SCVEA requirements, please view the [Student Civic and Voter Empowerment Implementation Guide](#) or scan the QR code.

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Please note that all active registered voters in California will receive a vote-by-mail ballot for the 2026 Primary and General Elections. Make sure to register or update your voter registration information as needed using the [college student voter registration link](#) or by scanning the QR code.



2026 Primary Election (June 2, 2026)

- **Monday, May 4:** No later than this date, county elections officials shall begin mailing each registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot.
- **Monday, May 4:** Counties offer early voting sites – to find a location and available times, please visit <https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov>.
- **Monday, May 18:** Last day to register to vote online or by mail ahead of the Primary Election.
- **Tuesday, May 19 - Tuesday, June 2:** [Same Day Voter Registration](#) is available – voters can “conditionally” register and vote at a county elections office or polling location after the voter registration deadline, up to and including Election Day.
- **Tuesday, June 2:** Primary Election – polls shall be open throughout the state from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



California Civic and Election Dates (continued):

2026 General Election (November 3, 2026)

- **Monday, October 5:** No later than this date, county elections officials shall begin mailing each registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot.
- **Monday, October 5:** Counties offer early voting sites – to find a location and available times, please visit <https://caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov>.
- **Monday, October 19:** Last day to register to vote online or by mail ahead of the General Election.
- **Tuesday, October 20 – Tuesday, November 3:** [Same Day Voter Registration](#) is available – voters can “conditionally” register and vote at a county elections office or polling location after the voter registration deadline, up to and including Election Day.
- **Tuesday, November 3:** General Election – polls are open throughout the state from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For specific dates and deadlines in a county, please [contact the county election office](#).

2025 Key Dates:

- **Tuesday, September 16:** National Voter Registration Day
- **Monday, October 6 – Friday, October 10:** National Voter Education Week
- **Tuesday, October 28:** Vote Early Day
- **TBD:** Election Hero Day

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