

GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR – NOVEMBER 4, 2008

All section references are to the Elections Code unless stated otherwise. Gov't references the California Government Code, Ed. references the California Education Code.

<p>April 25, 2008 through July 24, 2008 (E-193-103)</p> <p>June 9, 2008 through August 8, 2008 (E-148-88)</p> <p>June 27, 2008 (E-130)</p> <p>July 2, 2008 (E-125)</p> <p>July 2, 2008 (E-125)</p>	<p><u>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEES – INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES:</u> During this period, any independent candidate may obtain his or her forms from the Registrar of Voters for circulating petitions to secure signatures in lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Qualified signatures may also be applied to the signature requirements for office on the nomination paper. §§ 8105, 8106, 8302, 8405</p> <p><u>NOMINATION PAPERS – INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES FOR OFFICES FOR WHICH THERE IS A FILING FEE:</u> Between these dates, independent candidates shall circulate nomination papers and submit them to the county elections official for examination. §§ 8106, 8403</p> <p><u>CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS – SCHOOLS – NOTICE:</u> Last day for the County Superintendent of Schools to notify governing boards in writing that a consolidated election is required to be held. Applies when there are two or more school districts of any type in the same area. Ed. §§ 5323, 5340</p> <p><u>BOUNDARY MAP:</u> Last day for secretary of special district to file with the Registrar of Voters a map showing the boundaries of the district and the divisions, if any, and a statement indicating in which divisions a director is to be elected and whether the directors will be elected at large or by division. § 10522</p> <p><u>NOTICE OF ELECTIVE OFFICES:</u> District Secretary's transmittal form must be filed with the Registrar of Voters by this date. The notice shall bear the secretary's signature and the district seal and must contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) The elective offices of the district to be filled at the next general district election.(b) Whether the district or the candidate is to pay for the publication of a candidate's statement of qualifications pursuant to Elections Code Section 13307. § 10509
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July 4, 2008*
(E-123)

July 7, 2008
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July 14, 2008
through
August 8, 2008
(E-113-88)

SPECIFICATIONS OF ELECTION ORDER: At least 123 days before the election, the governing board of the school district shall, by resolution delivered to the county superintendent of schools and the Registrar of Voters, indicating: (a) The date of the election; (b) The purpose of the election. **Ed. §§ 5320, 5322**

DELIVER NOTICE OF ELECTION TO THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS: At least 120 days prior to the date of the election, the county superintendent of schools shall deliver to the Registrar of Voters, copies of the order of election and the formal notice of election. **Ed. §§ 5324, 5325, 5361**

NOTICE OF ELECTION: The Registrar of Voters must publish once in a newspaper of general circulation the Notice of Election. The notice shall contain the date of the election; the offices for which candidates may be nominated; the qualifications for each office; when and where nomination papers may be obtained; and that appointment to each elective office will be made as prescribed by Elections Code Section 10515 in the event there are no nominees or an insufficient number of nominees for such office and a petition for an election is not filed within the time period prescribed by Elections Code Section 10515.

The Registrar of Voters shall deliver a copy of the published notice to each special district secretary, who shall post it. **§§ 12112, 12113, Ed. §§ 5361, 5363**

GENERAL PRESS RELEASE: Between these dates, the Registrar of Voters shall issue a general press release which shall set forth the district elective offices to be filled and a telephone number that voters may use to obtain information. **§ 12112**

NOMINATION PERIOD: Declaration of Candidacy forms for all district offices may be obtained from and must be filed with the Registrar of Voters' office from **July 14, 2008 through August 8, 2008, 5:00 p.m.** **§§ 10510, 10603**

EXCEPTION: If an incumbent who is eligible for reelection fails to file a Declaration of Candidacy by August 8, 2008, the filing period is extended to **August 13, 2008** for all qualified persons other than the incumbent. **§§ 10516, 10604**

*If this date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, use the next business day.

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through
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(E-113-88)

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS: Each candidate may prepare a statement on a form provided by the Registrar of Voters. The statement may contain no more than 200 words, unless the governing body of the local agency has authorized the statement to contain 400 words. The statement must be filed at the same time the Declaration of Candidacy is filed. **The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the nomination period and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.**

§ 13307

If the nomination period is extended because an incumbent eligible for reelection failed to file a Declaration of Candidacy, candidates filing during the extended filing period may file a candidate's statement. The next working day after the close of the extended filing period for the office is the last day that a candidate's statement may be withdrawn. A candidate's statement may not be changed. **§§ 10516, 10604, 13307(a)(3)**

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS MAY MAKE NO REFERENCE TO ANOTHER CANDIDATE.

In addition to the restrictions set forth in Section 13307, any candidate's statement submitted pursuant to Section 13307 shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications, and **shall not in any way make reference to other candidates for that office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities.** The elections official shall not cause to be printed or circulated any statement that the elections official determines is not so limited or that includes any reference prohibited by this section.

§ 13308

The Registrar of Voters will estimate the total cost of printing and handling the candidates' statements and will require each candidate filing a statement to pay in advance his/her estimated pro rata share as a condition of having his/her statement included in the voter's pamphlet. This amount must be paid at the time the candidate's statement is filed. If there is an underpayment, the candidate shall be required to pay the balance of the cost incurred. Overpayments will be refunded within 30 days of the election. In the case of a candidate's contest not going on the ballot, the payment will be refunded.

§ 13307

<p>July 29, 2008 (E-98)</p>	<p>The candidate's statement is confidential until after the expiration of the filing period. Copies of all candidates' statements will be available for public inspection at the Registrar of Voters' office for 10 days prior to being submitted for printing. §§ 13311, 13313</p> <p><u>CHANGE OF CANDIDATE'S DESIGNATION ON BALLOT:</u> The last day that any candidate may request in writing a different ballot designation than that used at the Primary Election. This written request should be made to both the Secretary of State and the Registrar of Voters. § 13107</p>
<p>July 31, 2008 (E-96)</p>	<p><u>SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS DUE:</u> The last day to file semi-annual campaign disclosure statements by all elected officers, candidates, and committees for the period of January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008. Gov't §§ 84200, 84218</p>
<p>August 8, 2008 (E-88)</p>	<p><u>LAST DAY TO REQUEST CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTION WITH GENERAL ELECTION:</u> Resolution requesting consolidation with General Election must be filed no later than this date. § 10403, Ed. § 5342</p>
<p>August 8, 2008 (E-88)</p>	<p><u>DEADLINE – FILING OF DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS:</u> Last day to file Declarations of Candidacy and Candidates' Statements of Qualifications with the Registrar of Voters. §§ 10510, 10603, 13307</p> <p>EXCEPTION: If the filing period is extended because the incumbent failed to file a Declaration of Candidacy, the deadline is extended until August 13, 2008, 5:00 p.m. §§ 10516, 10604</p>
<p>August 8, 2008 (E-88)</p>	<p><u>DEADLINE – FILING OF DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS – INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES:</u> The last day for an independent candidate to leave his/her Declaration of Candidacy and to circulate and leave his/her nomination papers with the Registrar of Voters. §§ 8403, 8550</p> <p><u>LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE STATEMENT IN COUNTY SAMPLE BALLOT:</u> The last day legislative candidates may purchase space for a 250-word candidate statement in the official sample ballot(s) of the county or counties in the jurisdiction. Candidates may purchase statement space only if they have agreed to voluntary expenditure limits. Gov't §§ 85601, 13307</p>

August 8, 2008
(E-88)

August 9, 2008
(Saturday)
through
August 18, 2008
(E-87-78)

August 9, 2008
through
August 13, 2008
(E-87-83)

August 13, 2008
(E-83)

August 14, 2008
through
August 22, 2008
(E-82-74)

August 14, 2008
(E-82)

LAST DAY FOR SCHOOL OR SPECIAL DISTRICT

CANDIDATES TO WITHDRAW: No candidate shall withdraw his/her Declaration of Candidacy after **5:00 p.m.** on the 88th day prior to the election unless the filing period has been extended until the 83rd day, in which case a candidate has until **August 13, 2008, 5:00 p.m.** to withdraw. **§§ 10510, 10516, 10603, 10604**

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS, BALLOT DESIGNATIONS, AND COUNTYWIDE MEASURE DOCUMENTS:

Public review period for Candidates' Statements of Qualifications; ballot designations; countywide measure's impartial analysis, fiscal impact statements (if any), and direct arguments. These materials will be available at the Registrar of Voters office from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and will be posted on the Registrar of Voters' web. **§§ 9190, 9380, 13313**

EXTENSION OF FILING PERIOD IF INCUMBENT FAILS TO FILE:

If an incumbent, eligible for reelection, fails to file his/her Declaration of Candidacy by **August 8, 2008**, there is a 5-day extension allowed for any person other than the incumbent to file for such office.

NOTE: There is no extension of the filing period for any office where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected.

§§ 10516, 10604

PETITION TO HOLD ELECTION: Last day, if nominees do not exceed offices to be filled, to file with the Registrar of Voters a petition requesting the election to be held. Petition must be signed by 10% of the voters or 50 voters, whichever is the smaller number, in the district or division. **§ 10515, Ed. § 5326**

PUBLIC REVIEW OF CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS AND BALLOT DESIGNATIONS FOR

EXTENDED FILING PERIOD: Public review period for Candidates' Statements of Qualifications and ballot designations filed during extended filing period. **§ 13313**

RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING: On this day, the Secretary of State shall conduct a drawing of the letters of the alphabet, the result of which shall be known as the randomized alphabet, to determine the order in which candidates appear on the General Election ballot. The Registrar of Voters shall also conduct a drawing of the letters of the alphabet to determine the ballot order for candidates for legislative offices when the district includes more than one county. **§ 13112**

<p>August 19, 200 through August 28, 2008 (E-77-68)</p>	<p><u>PUBLIC REVIEW OF REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS FOR COUNTYWIDE MEASURES:</u> Public review period for rebuttal arguments for countywide measures. These materials will be available at the Registrar of Voters office on Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and will be posted on the Registrar of Voters' website. §§ 9190, 9380</p>
<p>September 5, 2008 (E-60)</p>	<p><u>SPECIAL ABSENT VOTERS' BALLOT APPLICATIONS:</u> The first day the Registrar of Voters' office may process applications for special absent voters' ballots. Any applications received by the Registrar of Voters' office prior to this day shall be kept and processed on or after this date. §§ 300(b), 3103</p>
<p>September 5, 2008 through November 4, 2008 (E-60-0)</p>	<p><u>LIST OF VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTERS:</u> First day computer tapes are available for purchase indicating all voters who have been issued a vote-by-mail ballot.</p>
<p>Sept. 8, 2008 through October 21, 2008 (E-57-14)</p>	<p><u>WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:</u> First day statement of write-in candidacy are available for a write-in candidate. Must be filed by October 21, 2008, 5:00 p.m. § 8601</p>
<p>Sept. 25, 2008 through October 14, 2008 (E-40-21)</p>	<p><u>COUNTY SAMPLE BALLOT MAILING AND STATE BALLOT PAMPHLET MAILING:</u> Between these dates, county sample ballot pamphlets will be mailed by the Registrar of Voters. State ballot pamphlets will be mailed directly to voters by the Secretary of State. §§ 9094, 13303</p>
<p>October 6, 2008 (E-29)</p>	<p><u>FIRST PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS DUE:</u> The last day to file campaign disclosure statements for candidates and committees covering the period July 1 through September 30, 2008. Gov't §§ 84200.5, 84200.7(b)</p>
<p>October 6, 2008 (E-29)</p>	<p><u>LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION AND STILL BE MAILED A SAMPLE BALLOT PAMPHLET:</u> Voters registering after October 6, 2008 will NOT be mailed a sample ballot pamphlet. §§ 9094, 13300(c), 13303</p>

<p>October 6, 2008 through October 28, 2008 (E-29-7)</p>	<p><u>VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTING:</u> Applications for vote-by-mail ballots available during this period from the Registrar of Voters. Applications must be received by the Registrar of Voters by October 28, 2008, 5:00 p.m. §§ 3001, 3003, 3006</p>
<p>October 19, 2008 through November 3, 2008 (E-16-1)</p>	<p><u>LATE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REPORTING PERIOD:</u> Contributions received of \$1,000 or more per source must be reported within 24 hours during this period. Gov't § 84203</p>
<p>October 20, 2008 (E-15)</p>	<p><u>LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION.</u> §§ 2102, 2107</p>
<p>October 21, 2008 (E-14)</p>	<p><u>DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES TO FILE:</u> Last day for write-in candidate to file a statement of write-in candidacy and a Declaration of Candidacy with the Registrar of Voters by 5:00 p.m. § 8601</p>
<p>October 23, 2006 (E-12)</p>	<p><u>SECOND PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS DUE:</u> The last day to file campaign disclosure statements for candidates and committees covering the period October 1 through October 18, 2008. Gov't §§ 84200.5, 84200.7(b)</p>
<p>October 29, 2008 through November 4, 2008 (E-6-0)</p>	<p><u>VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTING – LATE CONDITIONS (EMERGENCY VOTING):</u> During this period vote-by-mail ballots are available when a voter's condition prevents voting at a polling place. Written application signed under penalty of perjury is required unless the absent voter's ballot is voted in the Registrar of Voters' office. § 3021</p>
<p>November 4, 2008 (E-0)</p>	<p><u>ELECTION DAY:</u> Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Ballots will be centrally counted at the Registrar of Voters' office. §§ 1000, 14212, 15260</p>
<p>November 4, 2008 (E-0)</p>	<p><u>VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTER BALLOTS RETURNED:</u> Deadline for the Registrar of Voters to receive vote-by-mail ballots by mail or in person is November 4, 2008, 8:00 p.m. A voter may deliver his/her vote-by-mail ballot in person to any polling place in the county by the close of the polls on Election Day. §§ 3017, 3020</p>

November 4, 2008 (E-0)	<p><u>SEMI-OFFICIAL CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS:</u> Beginning at 8:00 p.m. and continuously until completed, the Registrar of Voters will conduct the semi-official canvass of votes and report totals to the Secretary of State. §§ 15150, 15151</p>
November 5, 2008 (E+1)	<p><u>COMMENCE OFFICIAL CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS:</u> The Registrar of Voters will commence canvassing votes. §§ 10547, 15301</p>
December 2, 2008 (E+28)	<p><u>COMPLETE OFFICIAL CANVASS OF RETURNS AND CERTIFY RESULTS BY THIS DATE:</u> Following submission of the certified statement of results by the Registrar of Voters, the Board of Supervisors takes action by this date. § 15372</p>
December 2, 2008 (E+28)	<p><u>CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION:</u> After the Board of Supervisors declares the results of the election, the Registrar of Voters shall make and deliver to each person elected a certificate of election signed by the Registrar of Voters. §§ 15372, 15401</p>
December 5, 2008 (E+31)	<p><u>DATE OF TAKING OFFICE:</u> Elected School Board Members take office on the first Friday in December after the General Election. Ed. § 5017</p> <p>Special district officers, elected or appointed, take office at noon on the Friday in December after the General Election, after taking the official oath and executing such bond as may be required. § 10554</p>
January 5, 2009 (E+62)	<p><u>DATE OF TAKING OFFICE:</u> Elected County officers take office at noon on the first Monday after January 1st succeeding their election. Gov't §24200</p>
January 31, 2009* (E+88)	<p><u>SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS DUE:</u> Last day to file semi-annual campaign disclosure statements for all candidates and committees for the period from October 19, 2008 through December 31, 2008. Gov't §§ 84200, 84212</p>

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