

# CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR NOVEMBER 4, 2008

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Janice Atkinson, County Clerk  
& Registrar of Voters

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



For dates that fall on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, use the next regular business day for transactions. Please note that the following holidays are legal holidays observed by the County of Sonoma. They may not be the same holidays recognized by other counties or by the Secretary of State's Office.

**2008** ..... January 1 ..... New Year's Day  
January 21 ..... Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday  
February 12 ..... Abraham Lincoln's Birthday  
February 18 ..... President's Day  
May 26 ..... Memorial Day  
July 4 ..... Independence Day  
September 1 .... Labor Day  
November 11 ... Veteran's Day  
November 27 ... Thanksgiving Day  
November 28 ... The day after Thanksgiving  
December 25 ... Christmas Day

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## CANDIDATES

**CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT (Form 501)** ▶ Prior to the solicitation or receipt of any contribution or loan, any individual who intends to be a candidate for an elective state office shall file with the Secretary of State's Office an original of the Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501). Any individual who intends to be a candidate for any other elective office shall file the Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) with the same filing officer with whom the original campaign statements are required to be filed. See "Pre-Campaign Reporting Requirements," in the campaign guide, for more information on filing this form.

A fine of \$10 per day, up to a maximum of \$100, may be assigned for the late filing of Form 501.

G.C. §§85200, 91013

## CANDIDATES

**STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION/CAMPAIGN BANK ACCOUNT (Form 410)** ▶ Upon the filing of the Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501), any candidate who raises contributions of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year shall establish a campaign account at an office of a financial institution located in the state. The candidate shall then set forth the name and address of the financial institution where the candidate has established a campaign account and the account number on the committee Statement of Organization (Form 410). See "Pre-Campaign Reporting Requirements," in the campaign guide, for more information on filing this form.

A fine of \$10 per day, up to a maximum of \$100, may be assigned for the late filing of Form 410.

G.C. §§85201, 91013

**APR 25 to JUL 24**

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**INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES**

**SIGNATURES-IN-LIEU OF FILING FEES--INDEPENDENT U.S. CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES** ▶ Between these dates, any independent candidate for U.S. House of Representatives and State Legislative Offices may obtain forms from, and file signatures-in-lieu of paying all or part of the non-refundable filing fee with, the Registrar of Voters Office. Candidates must either pay the filing fee or submit sufficient face value signatures-in-lieu (or any combination thereof). Signatures may also be applied to the signature requirements for office on the nomination paper.

E.C. §§8105, 8106, 8302, 8405

**APR 25 to AUG 8**

**(-193 to -88)**

**INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES**

**NOMINATION PAPERS--INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES-OFFICES FOR WHICH THERE IS NO FILING FEE** ▶ Between these dates, any independent candidate for U.S. President shall circulate nomination papers to obtain signatures and submit them to the Registrar of Voters Office for examination.

E.C. §8403(a)(2)

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<p><b>JUNE 9</b> <b>GOVERNOR/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</b></p> <p><b>GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION</b> ▶ By this date the Governor shall issue a proclamation, under his or her hand and the Great Seal of the State, and shall state the time of the election and the offices, if any, to be filled. Copies of the proclamation shall be transmitted to the Boards of Supervisors of the counties.</p>	<p><b>(-148)</b></p> <p>E.C. §12000</p>
<p><b>JUN 9 to AUG 8</b> <b>INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES</b></p> <p><b>NOMINATION PAPERS–INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES–OFFICES FOR WHICH THERE IS A FILING FEE</b> ▶ Between these dates, independent candidates may circulate nomination papers, obtain signatures, and file nomination documents with the county elections official.</p>	<p><b>(-148 to -88)</b></p> <p>E.C. §§106, 8403</p>
<p><b>JUN 26</b> <b>OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE</b></p> <p><b>STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES</b> ▶ Last day any statewide ballot initiative or referendum may qualify for the next statewide election ballot. Every measure submitted to the people by the state legislature shall appear on the first statewide election ballot occurring at least 131 days after the adoption of the proposal by legislature.</p>	<p><b>(-131)</b></p> <p>Cal. Const. Art. II, §8 (c), E.C. §§9013, 9040</p>
<p><b>JUNE 27</b> <b>COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS</b></p> <p><b>SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATIONS</b> ▶ Last date for County Superintendent of Schools to notify, in writing, governing boards of compulsory consolidation of their school district elections.</p>	<p><b>(-130)</b></p> <p>ED.C. §§5323, 5340 et seq.</p>
<p><b>JUN 30 to JUL 14</b> <b>CITY CLERK/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</b></p> <p><b>PUBLISH NOTICE OF ELECTION–MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS</b> ▶ The City Clerk (or Registrar of Voters Office on behalf of the city) shall publish notice of election one time between these dates. The notice shall include the date and time of the election and the offices to be filled, specifying full term or short term, as the case may be. The notice shall also specify the conditions for appointment pursuant to E.C. §10229 (insufficient nominee provisions).</p>	<p><b>(-127 to -113)</b></p> <p>E.C. §§12101, 12111</p>

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**PUBLISH NOTICE OF ELECTION** ▶ In case of a Municipal Election on any measure, the City Clerk (or Registrar of Voters Office on behalf of the city) shall publish a synopsis of the measure in the city pursuant to Gov't Code §6061. The notice shall be titled "Measure To Be Voted On." The City Clerk shall consolidate the Notice of Election and the Notice of Measure to be Voted On if the measure was placed on the ballot before the Notice of Election was published. It is also suggested that the notice to submit arguments be included with this publication.

E.C. §12111, G.C. §6061

**JULY 2**  
**DISTRICT SECRETARY**

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**NOTICE OF ELECTION AND MAP OF DISTRICT BOUNDARIES–SPECIAL DISTRICTS** ▶ On or before the 125<sup>th</sup> day prior to the General District Election, the district secretary shall deliver a notice to the Registrar of Voters Office containing: (a) the elective offices of the district to be filled at the next election; and (b) the district's policy in regard to candidates' Statements of Qualifications. The notice shall bear the secretary's signature and the district's seal. The district secretary shall also deliver a map of the district boundaries, (or, in lieu thereof, a statement indicating that there have been no changes to the boundary lines) to the Registrar of Voters Office.

E.C. §§10509, 10522

**JULY 4**  
**GOVERNING BODY/COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

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**CONSOLIDATION ORDER–SCHOOL DISTRICT CANDIDATES** ▶ Whenever an election for governing board member(s) called by a school district is to be consolidated, the jurisdiction calling the election shall, not later than 5 p.m. on this date, file with the Superintendent of Schools (and a copy to the Registrar of Voters Office) a resolution of its governing board requesting such consolidation and setting forth the exact form of any question, proposition or office to be voted upon at such election, as it is to appear on the ballot. Measures that exceed 75 words must be abbreviated to 75 words or less to appear on the ballot. The resolution requesting the consolidation shall be adopted and filed at the same time as the resolution or order calling the election.

E.D.C. §5322, E.C. §§10400 et seq., 13247

**JULY 7**  
**COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

**(-120)**

**DELIVER ELECTION ORDER TO REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE** ▶ No later than this date, the Superintendent of Schools shall deliver to the Registrar of Voters Office the order of election and the formal notice of election.

ED.C. §§5324, 5325

**JULY 7 to AUG 6**  
**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**(-120 to -90)**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION** ▶ At least 90 and not more than 120 days before the date fixed for the Consolidated Elections, the Registrar of Voters Office shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation published in the district, a notice of election. The notice shall contain the names of

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offices for which candidates may file to run and shall state the qualifications as required by the principal act for each office, the location where the Declaration of Candidacy forms may be obtained and filed, and the final day and time forms will be accepted for filing. The notice shall also state that if there are no nominees or insufficient nominees for the office and a petition for an election is not filed with the Registrar of Voters Office within the time prescribed by law, appointments will be made.

E.C. §12112, ED.C. §§5361, 5363

**JULY 7**

**(-120)**

**GOVERNING BODY**

**POLICY REGARDING CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS** ▶ Before the nominating period opens, local agencies scheduled for election shall make the following determinations regarding publication of candidates' optional Statements of Qualifications in the Voter Information Pamphlet portion of the Sample Ballot:

1. Whether the district or candidate must pay the cost of printing the Statement of Qualifications.
2. If candidates are to pay for the printing of Statements, whether: (a) a payment must be made to the district prior to the filing of the nomination papers, or (b) the district will bill the candidates after the election.
3. Whether Statements should be limited to 200 or 400 words. The estimated cost of a 400 word Statement is approximately double the estimated cost of a 200 word Statement.

Such decisions may not be revoked or modified after the 7<sup>th</sup> day prior to the opening of the nomination period. A written statement of the policy with respect to charges for handling, packaging, and mailing shall be provided to each candidate with nomination papers.

E.C. §13307

**JULY 14 to AUG 8**

**(-113 to -88)**

**CANDIDATES/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**NOMINATION PERIOD** ▶ Period for filing nomination documents for candidates involved in elections at the Consolidated General Election. (See "Qualifications and Requirements" for the specific office in the campaign guide for more information on nomination documents and procedures on filing for office.) School and special district candidates must file a Declaration of Candidacy in the Registrar of Voters Office, 435 Fiscal Drive, Santa Rosa. Municipal candidates must obtain and file nomination documents with the city clerks of their cities during regular business hours.

School and special district candidates may obtain forms during regular work hours Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Forms must be filed in person, by designated representative, or by certified mail (PO Box 11485, Santa Rosa, CA 95406-1485) received no later than 5 p.m. on the final filing date. Candidates who do not appear in person to file nomination documents bear the responsibility of errors or omissions which could affect their candidacy. No candidate shall withdraw his/her Declaration of Candidacy after 5 p.m. on the 88<sup>th</sup> day before the date of the election except as provided below.

E.C. §§10220, 10407, 10510, G.C. §§36503 et seq., 87201

**EXTENSION PERIOD** ▶ If an incumbent, eligible to be elected, fails to file the required nomination documents by 5 p.m. on the last day to file, anyone (other than the incumbent) who is otherwise

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qualified shall have five (5) calendar days to file for that office. This section does not apply if there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. If this section is applicable, notwithstanding E.C. §10510, a candidate for the affected office may withdraw his/her Declaration of Candidacy until 5 p.m. on the 83<sup>rd</sup> day before the date of the election.

E.C. §§10225, 10407(b), 10516

**JUL 14 to AUG 8**

**(-113 to -88)**

**LOCAL CANDIDATES/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS—OPTIONAL** ▶ Any candidate for nonpartisan local office (including an incumbent in a recall election) may submit a Statement of Qualifications to be printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet portion of the Sample Ballot at the time his or her nomination documents are filed. Candidates who are not required to file nomination documents (i.e. run-off elections), but who wish to file an optional Statement of Qualifications must do so no later than 5 p.m. on the 88<sup>th</sup> day prior to election. If a jurisdiction requires payment in advance, the candidate must pay the jurisdiction and bring proof of payment at the time of filing. Once filed, the statement may be withdrawn (but not changed) until 5 p.m. the next regular business day following the close of nominations. All statements remain confidential until the close of the nomination (or extended nomination) period. See the campaign guide for costs of statements and guidelines on submitting a Statement of Qualifications.

E.C. §13307 et seq.

**MISREPRESENTATION IN STATEMENT** ▶ Any candidate in an election (including an incumbent in a recall election) who knowingly makes a false statement of a material fact in a candidate's statement prepared pursuant to E.C. §11327 or E.C. §13307, with the intent to mislead voters, is punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

E.C. §18351

**JUL 14 to AUG 8**

**(-113 to -88)**

**CANDIDATES/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS** ▶ Any candidate who does not anticipate spending or receiving \$1,000 or more in a calendar year may file a Form 470 Campaign Statement – Short Form, which does not require detailed information concerning receipts and expenditures.

**Any** candidate who receives **any** contributions or loans from others **must** establish a campaign bank account in California and deposit **all** the contributions or loans into the account **before** expenditure. An original and one copy of the Statement of Organization (Form 410) must be sent to the Secretary of State's Office **within 10 days** of opening the account.

**Before** expending \$1,000 or more of personal funds in a calendar year, any candidate who has not established a campaign account pursuant to Gov't Code §85201(g) shall (1) establish a campaign account **before** the \$1,000 expenditure threshold is reached; (2) file an original and one copy of the Statement of Organization (Form 410) with the Secretary of State's Office and, if applicable, file a copy with the appropriate local filing officer (this form also contains the campaign bank account information); and (3) file the Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement – Short Form 470 Supplement (Form 470 Supplement) with the Secretary of State's Office, the appropriate local filing officer **and** each candidate seeking the same office. This notice is **required** to be filed **within 48 hours** of receiving or making contributions or expenditures of \$1,000 or more.

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Please refer to the appropriate Information Manual on Campaign Disclosure Provisions for additional information regarding filing obligations for candidates, officeholders and committees supporting or opposing candidates or measures.

G.C. §85201

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**CANDIDATES/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**(-113 to -88)**

**STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS** ▶ Form 700 must be filed not later than the final filing date for the Declaration of Candidacy if it is required by the Conflict of Interest Code for the jurisdiction or by state law.

G.C. §§87200 et seq., 87500

**JUL 14 to AUG 8**  
**CANDIDATES/FILING CLERK**

**(-113 to -88)**

**CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES–VOLUNTARY** ▶ At the time nomination papers or any document evidencing a candidate's intention to run for a public office are issued, the elections official shall issue a copy of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and the provisions of E.C. §20440 et seq. The clerk shall inform each candidate for public office that signing the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is voluntary. Forms so filed shall be retained for public viewing until 30 days after the election.

E.C. §20400 et seq.

**JUL 24**  
**INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES**

**(-103)**

**SIGNATURE-IN-LIEU OF FILING FEES–INDEPENDENT U.S. CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES** ▶ The last day for independent candidates running for U.S. House of Representatives and State Legislative offices to turn in their petitions to the county elections official of the county in which the petition signers reside and are registered to vote. Within ten days after receipt of a petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. The candidate shall then cover the deficiency either by submitting a supplemental petition or by paying a prorated portion of the filing fee not later than the 88<sup>th</sup> day before the election. Upon receipt of the minimum number of signatures required for a sufficient combination of signatures and the prorated filing fee, the Registrar of Voters Office shall issue nomination papers provisionally.

E.C. §§8106, 8405

**JUL 29**  
**CANDIDATES/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

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**LAST DATE TO CHANGE CANDIDATE'S BALLOT DESIGNATION** ▶ Last day that any candidate may request in writing a different ballot designation than that used at the Primary Election. In the case of any **state** or **federal** office, this request should be made to **both** the Secretary of State's Office **and** the Registrar of Voters Office.

E.C. §13107(e)

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## CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES

**SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN STATEMENT DUE** ▶ All elected officers, candidates, and committees filing campaign statements in conjunction with an election must file a semi-annual statement covering the report period of January 1<sup>st</sup> (or from the date of last filing), to June 30<sup>th</sup> and must be filed not later than July 31<sup>st</sup>. Candidates running for a county office should refer to the Local Ordinance #5231 for additional information regarding contribution limits.

G.C. §84200, 84218, So. Co. Code, Ch. 2, Art. XX

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## GOVERNING BODY/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

### **CONSOLIDATION ORDER—OTHER THAN SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD ELECTIONS** ▶

Whenever an election called by a district, city or other political subdivision for the submission of any question, proposition or office to be filled, is to be consolidated with a statewide election (or in the case of local elections, when no specific procedure is specified), the jurisdiction calling the election shall, not later than 5 p.m. on this date, file with the Board of Supervisors, and a copy to the Registrar of Voters Office, a resolution of its governing board requesting such consolidation and setting forth the exact form of any question, proposition or office to be voted upon at such election, as it is to appear on the ballot. Measures that exceed 75 words must be abbreviated to 75 words or less to appear on the ballot. The resolution requesting the consolidation shall be adopted and filed at the same time as the ordinance, resolution or order calling the election.

E.C. §§10402, 10403, 13247

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## CANDIDATES/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

**FILE OR WITHDRAW NOMINATION DOCUMENTS—LAST DAY** ▶ All nomination documents must be filed no later than 5 p.m. on this date. Candidates may withdraw nomination papers until 5 p.m. on this date (or the extended filing period if applicable).

- Final date for filing the following **required** documents: Declaration of Candidacy; Statement of Economic Interests (only if required by the jurisdiction's Conflict of Interest Code or state law).
- Final date for filing the following **optional** documents: Code of Fair Campaign Practices; Candidate's Statement of Qualifications.
- **Recommended** date for filing the Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement – Short Form (California Form 470) if the candidate does not intend to raise or spend \$1,000 or more in connection with seeking or holding office.

E.C. §§10220, 10407, G.C. §87201

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## INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

**DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS—INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES ONLY** ▶ The last day for an Independent Candidate to submit any supplemental in-lieu signatures to the elections



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official or to pay the prorated portion of the filing fee to cover any deficiency in the filing fee payment.  
E.C. 8106(b)(3)

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**INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES**

**SIGNATURES-IN-LIEU-LAST DAY-*INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES ONLY*** ▶ The last day for an Independent Candidate to deliver his or her Declaration of Candidacy and to circulate and deliver the nomination papers to the Registrar of Voters Office.  
E.C. 8403, 8550

All Independent Candidates for offices for which there is a filing fee must pay the non-refundable filing fee or present in-lieu signatures at the time they receive their nomination papers from the Registrar of Voters Office. The number of the valid in-lieu signatures any candidates obtain may be subtracted from the number required for his or her nomination papers. A candidate shall not be required to execute a nomination paper if the number of valid in-lieu signatures equals or exceeds the minimum number required by E.C. §8400.  
E.C. §§8105, 8106, 8400, 8403, 8405

**AUG 8** (-88)  
**CITY CLERK/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**NO ONE OR ONLY ONE NOMINEE-*MUNICIPAL*** ▶ If, by 5 p.m. on the 88<sup>th</sup> day (or in the event the nominating period was extended due to an incumbent's failure to file, by 5 p.m. on the 83<sup>rd</sup> day) before the Municipal Election to fill an office, no one or only one person has been nominated, the City Clerk shall inform the governing body that it may at a regular or special meeting held before the election, adopt one of the following: 1) appoint the person who was nominated; 2) if no one has been nominated, appoint any eligible elector; or 3) hold the election. This section shall not apply if more than one person has been nominated for another city-wide office, or if a city measure is submitted to the voters at the same election

If the governing body of a city makes an appointment pursuant to E.C. §10229, the City Clerk shall not accept for filing any statement of write-in candidacy submitted after the appointment has been made.  
E.C. §§10229, 10407

**AUG 8** (-88)  
**STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES**

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS-*STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES ONLY-OPTIONAL*** ▶ Last day any candidate for state legislative office who accepts voluntary expenditure limits may submit a 250-word Statement of Qualifications to be printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet portion of the Sample Ballot. The Statement will be printed at the candidate's expense and may not make any reference to any opponent of the candidate. See the campaign guide for costs of Statements and guidelines on submitting a Statement of Qualifications.  
G.C. §85601, E.C. §13307

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<b>GOVERNING BODY</b>	

**TAX RATE STATEMENT–BOND ISSUES** ▶ Final filing date for Tax Rate Statement. Tax Rate Statements shall be printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet portion of the Sample Ballot for any bond issue proposed by a county, city, district or other political subdivision or by any agency, department or board thereof, the security for which constitutes a lien on the property within the jurisdiction and the proposal for which is required to be submitted to the voters for approval.

E.C. §§9400, 9401

<b>AUG 8</b>	<b>(-88)</b>
<b>REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</b>	

**PRECINCT BOUNDARY CHANGES** ▶ Precinct boundary changes occurring less than 88 days before an election shall not be effective for purposes of that election.

E.C. §12262

<b>AUG 8</b>	<b>(-88)</b>
<b>PROponent/OPponent/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</b>	

**NOTICE TO SUBMIT ARGUMENTS** ▶ Based on the time reasonably necessary to prepare and print arguments, analyses and Sample Ballots and to permit the 10-day public examination period, the elections official shall fix and determine a reasonable date prior to the election after which no arguments for or against any measure may be submitted for printing and distribution to the voters.

Notice of the date by which arguments must be submitted shall be published by the elections official pursuant to Gov't. Code §6061 (one time). Arguments may be changed until and including the date fixed by the elections official. Arguments submitted must be accompanied by a Statement of Accuracy and signed by each proponent and author, if different. Forms are available from the elections official.

E.C. §§9163, 9286, 9316, 9502, 9600, G.C. §6061

<b>AUG 8</b>	<b>(-88)</b>
<b>CANDIDATES/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</b>	

**FILE OR WITHDRAW NOMINATION DOCUMENTS–LAST DAY** ▶ All nomination documents must be filed no later than 5 p.m. on this date. Candidates may withdraw nomination papers until 5 p.m. on this date (or the extended filing period if applicable).

- Final date for filing the following required documents: Declaration of Candidacy; Statement of Economic Interests (only if required by the jurisdiction's Conflict of Interest Code or state law).
- Final date for filing the following optional documents: Code of Fair Campaign Practices; Candidate's Statement of Qualifications.
- Recommended date for filing the Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement – Short Form (California Form 470) if the candidate does not intend to raise or spend \$1,000 or more in connection with seeking or holding office.

E.C. §§10220, 10407, G.C. §87201

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<b>COUNTY COUNSEL/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</b>	

**REQUEST FOR IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS—COUNTY OR SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE** ▶ Upon the measure's qualification for the ballot, the Registrar of Voters Office shall transmit a copy of the measure text of each county or school district measure to the County Counsel, who shall prepare an Impartial Analysis of the measure. The analysis is due by the 78<sup>th</sup> day before the date of the election.

**REQUEST FOR IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS—MUNICIPAL MEASURE** ▶ Upon the measure's qualification for the ballot, the Council may direct the city elections official to transmit a copy of the measure to the City Attorney. The City Attorney shall prepare an Impartial Analysis of the measure showing the effect of the measure on existing law. The analysis shall not exceed 500 words in length and must be forwarded to the Registrar of Voters Office by the 78<sup>th</sup> day before the date of the election.

E.C. §§9160, 9280, 9500

<b>AUG 8</b>	<b>(-88)</b>
<b>COUNTY AUDITOR</b>	

**REQUEST FOR FISCAL ANALYSIS** ▶ Whenever any county measure qualifies for the ballot, the Registrar of Voters Office shall transmit a copy of the measure to the County Auditor. The Board of Supervisors may direct the County Auditor to prepare a Fiscal Impact Statement estimating any increase or decrease in revenues or cost to the county if the measure is adopted. The Fiscal Impact Statement shall not exceed 500 words and must be forwarded to the Registrar of Voters Office by the 78<sup>th</sup> day before the date of the election.

E.C. §9160

<b>AUG 8</b>	<b>(-88)</b>
<b>REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</b>	

**MAILED BALLOT PRECINCTS** ▶ Whenever, on the 88<sup>th</sup> day before the election, there are 250 or fewer persons registered to vote in any precinct, the Registrar of Voters Office may designate such precinct as a mailed ballot precinct. Each voter shall be furnished with an official ballot, as soon as ballots are made available, along with a statement that there will be no polling place for the election. The voter shall not be required to file an application for the ballot.

E.C. §3005

<b>AUG 9</b>	<b>(-87)</b>
<b>REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</b>	

**MEASURE ASSIGNMENT** ▶ On this day the Registrar of Voters Office will assign a letter designation to each local measure that will appear on the ballot.

E.C. §13116

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**AUG 9 to AUG 13**  
**CANDIDATES/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**(-87 to -83)**

**EXTENDED NOMINATION PERIOD** ▶ If an incumbent, eligible to be elected, fails to file the required nomination documents by 5 p.m. on the last day to file (88 days before the election), anyone (other than the incumbent) who is otherwise qualified shall have five (5) calendar days (until 5 p.m. on the 83<sup>rd</sup> day before the election) to file for that office. This section does not apply when there is no incumbent eligible to be elected to County Central Committee/County Council offices, or to any office in which there is a Declaration of Intention period that is extended as a result of the incumbent's failure to file his/her Declaration of Intention.

If this section is applicable, notwithstanding E.C. §10510, a candidate for the affected office may withdraw his or her nomination documents until 5 p.m. on the 83<sup>rd</sup> day before the date of the election.

E.C. §§8022, 8023(b), 8204, 10407, 10516

**AUG 9 to AUG 18**  
**PUBLIC/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**(-87 to -78)**

**PUBLIC EXAMINATION OF MATERIALS REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY THE 88<sup>TH</sup> DAY-TAX RATE STATEMENTS, STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS, FULL TEXT, ETC.** ▶ Not less than 10 days before the Registrar of Voters Office submits any election materials for printing, the Registrar shall make a copy of such materials available for public examination in the Registrar of Voters Office. A fee may be charged to anyone who wishes to obtain a copy of the materials.

During the 10-calendar-day review period provided by this section, any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, or the Registrar of Voters Office, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all such materials to be amended or deleted. A peremptory writ of mandate or an injunction shall be issued only upon clear and convincing proof that the material in question is false, misleading, or inconsistent with the requirements of Chapters 2-6 of Division 9 or Chapter 3 of Division 6 of the Elections Code, and that issuance of the writ or injunction will not substantially interfere with the printing or distribution of official election materials as provided by law.

E.C. §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509, 13313

**AUG 9**  
**CANDIDATES/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**(-87)**

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS-WITHDRAWAL-LOCAL NONPARTISAN OFFICE** ▶ Last day for any candidate who so desires to withdraw his or her Statement of Qualifications (unless there is an extension of the nomination period). Statements may be withdrawn (but not changed) during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5 p.m. on the next regular business day following the close of the nomination (or extended nomination) period for the office.

E.C. §13307

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**AUG 13** **(-83)**  
**GOVERNING BODY**

**AMENDMENT OR WITHDRAWAL OF BALLOT MEASURES—LAST DAY** ▶ Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever a legislative body has ordered that a measure or proposal be submitted to the voters of any jurisdiction at a special election, the order of election shall not be amended or withdrawn after the 83<sup>rd</sup> day prior to the election.

The order of election shall be amended or withdrawn upon the filing of a resolution by the legislative body stating the specifics concerning the amendment or withdrawal. The resolution shall be filed with the elections official not later than the 83<sup>rd</sup> day prior to the election.

E.C. §9605

**AUG 13** **(-83)**  
**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**JUDICIAL INCUMBENT—ONLY NOMINEE** ▶ In any county in which only the incumbent has filed nomination documents for the office of Superior Court Judge, his or her name would not have appeared on the Primary Election ballot unless a petition signed by 100 registered voters qualified to vote with respect to that office was filed indicating a write-in campaign would be conducted for the office.

If a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted for the office at the general election, signed by 100 registered voters qualified to vote with respect to the office, is filed with the elections official not less than 83 days before the general election, the name of the incumbent shall be placed on the general election ballot if it has not appeared on the direct primary election ballot.

If the incumbent's name does not appear either on the Primary or General Election ballot, then on the day of the General Election, the Registrar of Voters shall declare the incumbent judge reelected. No certificate of election shall be issued before the date of the General Election.

E.C. §8203

**STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY** ▶ In addition to filing the above stated petition, any judicial write-in candidate must file, between the 57<sup>th</sup> day and the 14<sup>th</sup> day before the election, a Statement of Write-In Candidacy and the number of signatures required on the nomination paper

E.C. §§8600, 8605

**AUG 14 to AUG 23** **(-82 to -73)**  
**PUBLIC/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**PUBLIC EXAMINATION OF MATERIALS REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY THE 83<sup>RD</sup> DAY—CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS EXTENSION** ▶ Not less than 10 days before the Registrar of Voters Office submits any election materials for printing, the Registrar shall make a copy of such materials available for public examination in the Registrar of Voters Office. A fee may be charged to anyone who wishes to obtain a copy of the materials.

During the 10-calendar-day review period provided by this section, any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, or the Registrar of Voters Office, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all such materials to be amended or deleted. A peremptory writ of mandate or an injunction shall be issued only upon clear and convincing proof that the material in question is false, misleading, or inconsistent with the requirements of Chapter 3 of Division 13 of the

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Elections Code and that issuance of the writ or injunction will not substantially interfere with the printing or distribution of official election materials as provided by law.

E.C. §13313

**AUG 14**  
**CANDIDATES/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

(-82)

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS–WITHDRAWAL EXTENSION–LOCAL NONPARTISAN OFFICES** ▶ If there has been an extension of the nomination period for a local nonpartisan office, this is the last day for any candidate for that office, who so desires, to withdraw his or her Statement of Qualifications. Statements may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5 p.m. on the next regular business day after the close of the extended nomination period.

E.C. §13307

**AUG 14**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

(-82)

**RANDOMIZED ALPHABET** ▶ The Secretary of State shall conduct a drawing of the alphabet to determine the order of the names of the candidates to appear on the ballot. The resulting random order of letters constitutes the alphabet for all offices other than multi-county state legislative offices. In addition, and only if applicable, the candidates' names will be rotated pursuant to E.C. §13111.

For candidates for multi-county state legislative offices, the Registrar of Voters Office in each affected county shall conduct a randomized alphabet drawing. The result of each county's drawing shall be used only to determine the order of the names of candidates for multi-county legislative offices within such county.

E.C. §13112

**AUG 18**  
**PROPOSERS/OPPONENTS**

(-78)

**ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST MEASURE–COUNTY OR DISTRICT MEASURE** ▶ Final filing date for arguments for or against any measure to appear on the ballot. Arguments must be filed in the Registrar of Voters Office not later than 5 p.m. on this date.

**ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST MEASURE–MUNICIPAL MEASURE** ▶ Suggested last day for arguments for or against any municipal measure to appear on the ballot. Actual date set by City Clerk. Check with City Clerk for information regarding city measures.

**GENERAL INFORMATION** ▶ Arguments shall not exceed 300 words and must be accompanied by a Statement of Accuracy and signed by the author(s). Forms are available from the Registrar of Voters Office (or for municipal measures, from the office of the appropriate City Clerk). Each argument shall be titled either "Argument in Favor of Measure ..." or "Argument Against Measure ..." (letter designation to be filled in after assignment).

E.C. §§9162, 9163, 9282, 9286, 9315, 9316, 9501, 9502, 9600

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**AUG 18** **(-78)**  
**COUNTY COUNSEL/CITY ATTORNEY**

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS—COUNTY OR SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE** ▶ In order to provide for the 10-calendar-day review period, this is the last day for County Counsel to transmit to the Registrar of Voters Office an Impartial Analysis of each county or school district measure, showing the effect on existing law and the operation of the measure. The analysis shall be printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet along with the County Auditor's Fiscal Analysis if requested and arguments for and/or against the measure if submitted. The Impartial Analysis shall not exceed 500 words.

E.C. §§9160, 9500

**IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS—MUNICIPAL MEASURE** ▶ In order to provide for the 10-calendar-day review period, this is the suggested last day for the City Attorney to transmit to the City Clerk's Office an Impartial Analysis of each city measure, showing the effect on existing law and the operation of the measure, and the last day for the City Clerk to transmit same to the Registrar of Voters Office. The analysis shall be printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet along with the arguments for and/or against the measure if submitted. The Impartial Analysis shall not exceed 500 words.

E.C. §9280

**AUG 18** **(-78)**  
**COUNTY AUDITOR**

**FISCAL ANALYSIS—COUNTY MEASURE** ▶ In order to provide for the 10-calendar-day review period, this is the last day for the County Auditor, if so directed by the Board of Supervisors, to transmit to the Registrar of Voters Office a Fiscal Analysis (Fiscal Impact Statement) of each county measure, estimating any increase or decrease in revenues or cost to the county if the measure is adopted. The Fiscal Impact Statement (if any) shall be printed in the Voter Information Pamphlet along with County Counsel's Impartial Analysis, preceding the arguments for and/or against the measure, if submitted. The Fiscal Impact Statement shall not exceed 500 words.

E.C. §9160

**AUG 19 to AUG 28** **(-77 to -68)**  
**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**PUBLIC EXAMINATION OF MATERIALS REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY THE 78<sup>TH</sup> DAY—DIRECT ARGUMENTS, IMPARTIAL AND/OR FISCAL ANALYSES** ▶ Not less than 10 days before the Registrar of Voters Office submits any election materials for printing, the Registrar shall make a copy of such materials available for public examination in the Registrar of Voters Office. A fee may be charged to anyone who wishes to obtain a copy of the materials.

During the 10-calendar-day review period provided by this section, any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, or the Registrar of Voters Office, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all such materials to be amended or deleted. A peremptory writ of mandate or an injunction shall be issued only upon clear and convincing proof that the material in question is false, misleading, or inconsistent with the requirements of Chapter 2-6 of Division 9 of the Elections Code and that issuance of the writ or injunction will not substantially interfere with the printing or distribution of official election materials as provided by law.

E.C. §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509

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**AUG 28** (-68)  
**SECRETARY OF STATE/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES** ▶ Secretary of State to transmit the certified list of candidates to all County Registrars no later than this date.

E.C. §8148

**AUG 28** (-68)  
**PROPOSERS/OPPONENTS**

**REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS—COUNTY OR DISTRICT MEASURE** ▶ If both an argument in favor of and an argument against any measure have been filed, the Registrar of Voters Office shall send copies of each argument to the opposing author(s). The opposing author(s) may, if desired, file rebuttal arguments no later than 10 days after the final date for filing direct arguments.

**REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS—MUNICIPAL MEASURE** ▶ If both an argument in favor of and an argument against any measure have been filed; the City Clerk shall send copies of each argument to the opposing author(s). The date for filing rebuttal arguments is predicated on the date set by the City Clerk for the filing of direct arguments. The opposing author(s) may, if desired, file rebuttal arguments no later than 10 days after the final date for filing direct arguments.

The provisions for rebuttal arguments shall apply to municipal elections only if, not later than the day the election is called, the city council by majority vote, so provides. Once such action is taken, it is effective for all future elections until rescinded.

**GENERAL INFORMATION** ▶ Rebuttal arguments shall not exceed 250 words and must be accompanied by a Statement of Accuracy and signed by the author(s). Forms are available from the Registrar of Voters Office (or for municipal measures, from the office of the appropriate City Clerk). Each argument shall be titled either "Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure ..." or "Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure ..." (letter designation to be filled in after assignment).

E.C. §§9167, 9285, 9317, 9504, 9600

**AUG 29 to SEP 7** (-67 to -58)  
**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**PUBLIC EXAMINATION OF MATERIALS REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY THE 68<sup>TH</sup> DAY—REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS** ▶ Not less than 10 days before the Registrar of Voters Office submits any election materials for printing, the Registrar shall make a copy of such materials available for public examination in the Registrar of Voters Office. A fee may be charged to anyone who wishes to obtain a copy of the materials.

During the 10-calendar-day review period provided by this section, any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, or the Registrar of Voters Office, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all such materials to be amended or deleted. A peremptory writ of mandate or an injunction shall be issued only upon clear and convincing proof that the material in question is false, misleading, or inconsistent with the requirements of Chapter 2-6 of Division 9 of the Elections Code and that issuance of the writ or injunction will not substantially interfere with the printing or distribution of official election materials as provided by law.

E.C. §§9190, 9295, 9380, 9509



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**SEP 8 to OCT 21** (-57 to -14)  
**WRITE-IN CANDIDATE (NON-PRESIDENTIAL)**

**STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY** ▶ All non-presidential write-in candidates who desires to have his or her votes counted for a particular office must file a Statement of Write-In Candidacy along with the requisite number of signatures, if any, for such office. Nomination documents for write-in candidacy may be obtained from and delivered to the Registrar of Voters Office (or to the City Clerk, for municipal offices) between the 57<sup>th</sup> day and 14<sup>th</sup> day prior to the date of the election.

E.C. §8600 et seq.

**SEP 15** (-50)  
**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**STATEMENT OF REGISTRATION** ▶ On this day the Registrar of Voters Office shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered as of the 60<sup>th</sup> day before the date of the primary election, together with a current copy of the voter file on magnetic tape or in index form.

Upon written request from the chairperson of any county central committee/county council, the Registrar of Voters Office shall make available not less than 30 days prior to the election, a copy of the above referenced tape; and shall make available not less than 25 days prior to the election no more than two copies of indices of said voters.

E.C. §§2185, 2187

**SEP 25 to OCT 14** (-40 to -21)  
**OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE**

**STATE BALLOT PAMPHLET** ▶ During this period, the Secretary of State's Office shall mail State Ballot Pamphlets to all voters who registered to vote prior to the 60<sup>th</sup> day before the election.

E.C. §9094

**SEP 25 to OCT 25** (-40 to -10)  
**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**MAIL SAMPLE BALLOT AND VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET** ▶ Between these dates the Registrar of Voters Office shall mail Sample Ballots and Voter Information Pamphlets to all voters who registered to vote prior to the 54<sup>th</sup> day before the election. The location of the polling place and its accessibility to persons with disabilities shall be indicated thereon. Voters who registered to vote between the 54<sup>th</sup> day and 15<sup>th</sup> day before the election may not be mailed Sample Ballots and Voter Information Pamphlets but will be mailed a notice of polling place.

E.C. §§13300, 13303, 13304, 13306

**OCT 6** (-29)  
**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS AVAILABLE** ▶ Any registered voter may apply for a vote by mail ballot. Ballots must be obtained from and returned to the Registrar of Voters Office either in person, via an

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authorized agent, or by mail. All voted ballots must be received by the Registrar of Voters Office or any polling place in Sonoma County not later than 8 p.m. on Election Day (ballots returned to polling places may be returned on Election Day only – not on the days prior to the election). The law permits a spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling or person residing in the same household to act as an authorized agent for returning vote by mail ballots. Ballots applied for within the last seven days prior to the election may not be returned by mail but have no restrictions as to who may be an authorized agent.

E.C. §§3001, 3003, 3017, 3021

**OCT 6** (-29)  
**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**MAILED BALLOT PRECINCTS** ▶ The Registrar of Voters Office shall mail official ballots to voters residing in mailed ballot precincts beginning this date, along with a notice indicating there will be no polling place for this election. Voted ballots must be received not later than 8 p.m. on Election Day at any polling place in the county or at the Registrar of Voters Office.

E.C. §3005

**OCT 6** (-29)  
**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**PRECINCTS, POLLING PLACES & ELECTION OFFICERS** ▶ Last date for the Registrar of Voters Office to establish all polling places and appoint precinct officers for this election. Immediately following appointments, the Registrar of Voters Office shall mail the appointment notices to the precinct officers.

E.C. §12286

**OCT 6** (Date fixed by law)  
**CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES**

**PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN STATEMENT** ▶ Officeholders, candidates, ballot measure and recipient committees must file (by personal delivery or first class mail) a pre-election campaign statement covering the report period of July 1, 2008 (or from the date of last filing), through September 30, 2008, by October 6, 2008. Candidates and officeholders who expect to receive or spend \$1000 or less during the calendar year may file Form 470 with their nomination documents. Candidates running for a county office should refer to the Local Ordinance #5231 for additional information regarding contribution limits.

G.C. §84200 et seq., So. Co. Code, Ch. 2, Art. XX

**OCT 19 to NOV 3** (-16 to -01)  
**CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES**

**LATE CONTRIBUTION/EXPENDITURE PERIOD** ▶ Officeholders, candidates, ballot measure and recipient committees that make or receive a late contribution or loan that totals in the aggregate \$1,000 or more, must report the late contribution or expenditure **within 24 hours** by personal delivery, fax, or guaranteed overnight service. See the appropriate information manual on campaign disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act for additional information. Candidates running for a county office should refer to the

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Local Ordinance #5231 for additional information regarding late contributions and independent expenditures.

G.C. §§82036, 82036.5, 84203 et seq., 85500, So. Co. Code, Ch. 2, Art. XX

**OCT 20** (-15)  
**DATE FIXED BY LAW**

**CLOSE OF REGISTRATION** ▶ Last day for any qualified elector to register or re-register to vote in the upcoming election. A person, who has moved, changed his or her name or who wishes to change political party affiliation must re-register by this date.

E.C. §§2102, 2107, 2115, 2116, 2152

**OCT 21** (-14)  
**WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

**WRITE-IN CANDIDACY** ▶ Last Day to file a Statement of Write-In Candidacy and the requisite number of signatures, if any, with the Registrar of Voters Office. Anyone who desires to be a write-in candidate and to have his or her votes counted for a particular office must file the required documents with the Registrar of Voters Office not later than 5 p.m. on this date. No filing fee is required to run as a write-in candidate. No votes will be counted for an unqualified write-in candidate in any election.

E.C. §8600 et seq.

**OCT 23** (Date fixed by law)  
**CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES**

**PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN STATEMENT** ▶ Officeholders, candidates, ballot measure and recipient committees must file (by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service) a pre-election campaign statement covering the report period of October 1, 2008 (or from the date of last filing), through October 18, 2008, by October 23, 2008. Candidates and officeholders who expect to receive or spend \$1000 or less during the calendar year may file Form 470 with their nomination documents. . Candidates running for a county office should refer to Local Ordinance #5231 for additional information regarding contribution limits.

G.C. §84200 et seq., So. Co. Code, Ch. 2, Art. XX

**OCT 24** (-7 business days)  
**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**PROCESS VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS** ▶ First day the Registrar of Voters Office may begin to process (open, prepare and machine read) vote by mail ballots for the upcoming election. No results may be released until after the polls are closed on Election Day.

E.C. §15101

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<b>OCT 25</b>	<b>(-10)</b>
<b>REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</b>	
<b>STATE BALLOT PAMPHLET-LATE REGISTRATION</b> ▶ Last day for the Registrar of Voters Office to mail State Ballot Pamphlets to voters who registered between the 60 <sup>th</sup> day and the 28 <sup>th</sup> day before the election.	
	E.C. §9094
<b>OCT 25</b>	<b>(-10)</b>
<b>REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</b>	
<b>NOTICE OF CENTRAL COUNTING PLACE</b> ▶ The Registrar of Voters Office shall publish, at least 10 days before the election, in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction, a notice specifying the public place to be used to tally votes when ballots are to be counted in a central counting place.	
	E.C. §12109
<b>OCT 28</b>	<b>(-7)</b>
<b>REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</b>	
<b>PUBLISH POLLING PLACES</b> ▶ Not later than this date the Registrar of Voters Office shall publish a notice containing the list of polling places designated for each election precinct.	
	E.C. §12105
<b>OCT 28</b>	<b>(-7)</b>
<b>REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</b>	
<b>POST PRECINCT OFFICERS AND POLLING PLACES</b> ▶ Not later than this date the Registrar of Voters Office shall post, at the elections office and on the official website, a list of all current polling places in each precinct and a list of precinct board members and political party affiliation appointed by the 15 <sup>th</sup> day before the election.	
	E.C. §§12105.5, 12108
<b>OCT 28</b>	<b>(-7)</b>
<b>VOTERS/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</b>	
<b>VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS</b> ▶ Last day for the Registrar of Voters Office to receive and process vote by mail ballot applications for the upcoming election. After this date, any voter may apply in person to obtain a vote by mail ballot if he or she will be unable to go to the polls on Election Day. Voters unable to request a ballot in person may designate in writing any person as an authorized agent to obtain and return the vote by mail ballot on their behalf.	
	E.C. §§3001, 3021
<b>NOV 4</b>	<b>(-00)</b>
<b>VOTERS/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</b>	
<b>ELECTION DAY</b> ▶ Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. Vote by mail ballots may be returned in person or by authorized agent not later than 8 p.m. either to the Registrar of Voters	

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Office or to any polling place in the county. The law permits a spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling or person residing in the same household to act as an authorized agent for returning Vote by Mail ballots. Ballots applied for within the seven days prior to the election have no restrictions as to who may be an authorized agent.

E.C. §§3017, 3020, 3021, 10541, 14212

**NOV 6**

**(+02)**

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**OFFICIAL CANVASS** ▶ Last day the Registrar of Voters Office may begin the Official Canvass of the votes cast. During the Official Canvass of every election in which a voting system is used, the Registrar of Voters Office shall conduct a public manual tally of ballots cast in 1% of the precincts chosen at random by the elections official. In addition to the 1% count, the Registrar of Voters Office shall tally one additional precinct for each contest not included in the initial group of precincts.

E.C. §§362, 15301, 15360

**DEC 2**

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**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**COMPLETION OF CANVASS** ▶ The Official Canvass of the election must be completed not later than this date and results certified to the governing body of each jurisdiction for adoption. In the case of elections conducted on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years, the Official Canvass must be completed no later than the last Monday before the last Friday of that month.

E.C. §15372

**DECLARE CANDIDATES ELECTED** ▶ Upon receipt of the Certification of Results from the Registrar of Voters Office, the governing body shall meet to adopt the certification. For all county and local offices, the Registrar of Voters Office shall prepare and deliver to each person elected a Certificate of Election.

E.C. §§15400, 15401

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**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

**POST PRECINCT OFFICERS AND POLLING PLACES** ▶ Not later than this date the Registrar of Voters Office shall post, at the elections office and on the official website, an updated list of the precinct board members and political party affiliation who actually served on Election Day. This list shall remain posted for 30 days after the completion of the canvass.

E.C. §§12105.5, 12108

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**DEC 13**  
**OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE**

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**STATEMENT OF THE VOTE** ▶ Last day for the Secretary of State to compile results from all counties and issue Certificates of Nomination or Election to successful candidates for Congressional and State Legislative offices.

E.C. §§15501, 15503, 15504

**FEB 2**

**(Date fixed by law)**

## **CANDIDATES/COMMITTEES**

**SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN STATEMENT DUE** ▶ All elected officers, candidates, and committees filing campaign statements in conjunction with an election must file a semi-annual statement covering the report period of July 1<sup>st</sup> (or from the date of last filing) to Dec 31<sup>st</sup> and must be filed not later than Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. Candidates running for a county office should refer to the Local Ordinance #5231 for additional information regarding contribution limits.

G.C. §84200, 84218, So. Co. Code, Ch. 2, Art. XX