

JUNE 3, 2008

PRIMARY ELECTION CALENDAR

All code sections are the Elections Code, unless otherwise noted.

Following the filing period dates, the number of days prior to or after the election is provided (E = Election day, followed by the number of days prior to (-) or after (+) election day.)

If there is an asterisk by the date, the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday and, in most cases, has been moved to the next business day.

<p>Dec. 28, 2007 - Feb. 6, 2008 (E-158 to E-118)</p>	<p>Signatures In Lieu of Filing Fee – Judicial Candidates Between these dates judicial candidates may obtain signature-in-lieu forms from the county elections official or the Secretary of State for circulating petitions to secure signatures in-lieu of paying all or part of the filing fee. Signatures may also be applied to the nomination signature requirements for office. §8061, 8106 The In-Lieu Petition must be filed by the last day to file the Declaration of Intention since the filing fee must be satisfied by that day. The Elections Department will notify the candidate of any deficiency within 10 days of filing. The candidate may then submit by March 7, 2008 additional signatures to replace those that were rejected or pay the balance of the fee.</p>
<p>Dec. 28, 2007 - Feb. 21, 2008 (E-158 to E-103)</p>	<p>Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees – All Partisan Candidates Between these dates, candidates for the offices of Legislative, U.S. Senate, Congress and County Board of Supervisor may obtain signature in-lieu forms from the county elections official or the Secretary of State for circulating petitions to secure signatures in-lieu of paying all or part of the filing fee. Signatures may also be applied to the nomination signature requirements for office. §8061, 8106 The In-Lieu Petition must be filed by the last day. The Elections Department will notify the candidate of any deficiency within 10 days of filing. The candidate may then submit by March 7, 2008 additional signatures to replace those that were rejected or pay the balance of the fee.</p>
<p>Dec. 28, 2007 (E-158)</p>	<p>Secretary of State to Prepare Notice of Offices on Primary Ballot At least 158 days before the primary, the Secretary of State shall prepare and transmit to each county election’s official a notice designating all the offices, except those of county officers and judges, for which candidates are to be nominated. §12103</p>
<p>January 2, 2008* (E-154)</p>	<p>Registration in New Party The last day any person may register to vote and declare intention to affiliate with a particular party in order to qualify that party to participate in the June 3, 2008 primary election candidate nominating process. §2187(d)(1), 5100(b)</p>

<p>Jan 2. – Jan 22 E-154 to E-135</p>	<p>Report of Registration – 154-day Report During this period, each county elections official shall prepare to send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered by party affiliation, by county, and by each political subdivision. §2187(a)(c)&(d)(1)</p>
<p>Jan. 21 (E-134)</p>	<p>County Holiday – Office Closed</p>
<p>Jan. 22* (E-135)</p>	<p>New Party Qualification The last day for the Secretary of State to determine whether a new political party has qualified either by registration or by filing a petition. §5100 Minimum registration required: 88,991 Signatures required for petition: 889,906</p>
<p>Jan. 22* (E-135)</p>	<p>Parties to Adopt Rule for Unaffiliated Voters Last day for a political party to notify the Secretary of State in writing that it has adopted a party rule that authorizes a voter who is not affiliated with a qualified political party to vote the ballot of that political party at the June 2008 California Primary Election. §13102(c)</p>
<p>Jan. 28 – Feb. 6 (E-127 to E-118)</p>	<p>Declaration of Intention – Judicial Candidates Between these dates judicial candidates file their Declaration of Intention with the Elections Department. Candidates must pay the entire filing fee at this time, represented by money, signatures or any prorated combination of money and signatures. The filing fee is non-refundable. §8023</p>
<p>Jan. 30 (E-125)</p>	<p>Secretary of State to Prepare Notice Designating Qualified Political Parties At least 125 days before the direct primary election, the Secretary of State shall prepare and transmit to each county election official a notice designating the political parties qualified to participate in the primary. §12103</p>
<p>Jan. 31 (E-124)</p>	<p>Semiannual Campaign Statement Last day to file semiannual campaign statements for all ballot measure committees, all candidates and their controlled committees, and all committees primarily formed to support or oppose such candidates or measures being voted upon in the primary. Gov. Code §84200, 84218</p>

<p>Jan. 31 (E-124)</p>	<p>Supplemental Independent Expenditure Reports Last day to filed supplemental independent expenditure reports for committees making independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose a candidate or measure being voted upon in the primary. Independent expenditure reports are filed at the same time and in the same places as would be required if the filer were primarily formed to support or oppose the candidate, measure, or measure qualification affected by the independent expenditure. Gov. Code §82031, 84203.5</p>
<p>Jan 31 (E-124) suggested date</p>	<p>County Central Committees – Republican & Democratic, and American Independent Parties By this date, the county elections official shall compute the number of members of the Democratic, Republican and American Independent parties county central committee to be elected in each supervisorial district. §7226, 7421, 7650</p>
<p>Feb. 4 – Mar. 5 (E-120 to E-90)</p>	<p>Notice of Election Between these dates the County Clerk, as a matter of policy, will publish a Notice of Election containing the date of the election, the offices to be filled, where nomination papers are available, and the deadline for filing Declarations of Candidacy. Notice of central counting place may be combined with this notice. § 12112, 12109</p>
<p>Feb. 7 – Feb. 11 (E-117 to E-113)</p>	<p>Declaration of Intention — Extension Period Judicial Candidates If the incumbent has not filed a Declaration of Intention to succeed to the same office, then any other person, other than the incumbent, may file such a declaration during the extension period. §8023(b)</p>
<p>Feb. 11* (E-115)</p>	<p>County Central Committees/County Council – Green, Libertarian and Peace & Freedom The last day for Secretary of State to compute the number of members of the central committees/county council to be elected in each county and to mail certificates to that effect to each county elections official and to the chairpersons of record of each state central committee. §7771</p>

<p>Feb. 11 – Mar. 7 (E-113 to E-88)</p>	<p>Declarations of Candidacy & Nomination Papers – All Candidates Between these dates, candidates must file their Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers. All candidates, except those for judicial offices who satisfied their filing fee requirements when they filed their Declaration of Intention, must pay the entire filing fee at the time they pick up their Nomination Papers. The fee may be represented by money, signatures, or any prorated combination of money and signatures. The filing fee is non-refundable. Candidates may authorize in writing that their in-lieu signatures count toward the number of signatures needed for their Nomination Paper pursuant to Elections Code §8061. §8020, 8041, 8061, 8100, 8105, 8106</p>
<p>Feb. 11 – Mar. 7 (E-113 to E-88) plus extension period, if any</p>	<p>No Candidate May Withdraw No candidate whose Declaration of Candidacy has been filed for any primary election may withdraw as a candidate at that primary election. §8800</p>
<p>Feb. 11 – Mar. 7 (E-113 to E-88)</p>	<p>Candidate’s Statement of Qualifications – Judicial, County & State Legislative Candidates Between these dates, candidates for judicial, county offices, and, may prepare a statement of qualifications, not to exceed 200 words, to be included in the Voter’s Information Pamphlet. State Legislative offices who qualify under Proposition 34 may prepare a statement not to exceed 250 words. The statement shall be filed and paid for at the time the Declaration of Candidacy is filed. The statement may not be changed, but may be withdrawn up until 5 p.m. on March 10th if the contest closes on the 7th or March 13th if the contest closes on 12th after the extension period. §13307</p>
<p>Feb. 11 – Mar. 7 (E-113 to E-88)</p>	<p>Statement of Economic Interests – All Candidates EXCEPT U.S. Senate & Congress Between these dates, candidates filing their Declaration of Candidacy for the June primary must also file statements of economic interests disclosing their investments, interests in real property, and any income received during the preceding 12 months. The statement is not required if the candidate has filed such a statement within the past 60 days for the same jurisdiction. Gov. Code §87200, 87201, 87500</p>
<p>Feb. 18 (E-106)</p>	<p>County Holiday – Office Closed</p>

<p>Feb. 21 (E-103)</p>	<p>Sigs In-Lieu – All Partisan Candidates Last day for partisan candidates 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 10 days after receipt of a petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. Such candidates may, before the close of the nomination period either submit a supplemental petition or pay a prorated fee to cover the deficiency. Nomination closes for partisan candidates on March 7, 2008 and for independent candidates on August 8, 2008. §8105, 8106(b)(3)</p>
<p>Mar. 3* (E-93)</p>	<p>Sigs In-Lieu – All Partisan Candidates - Last Day to Determine Sufficiency Last day for the county elections official to determine the sufficiency of inlieu signatures submitted by candidates for federal and county offices. Within 10 days after receipt of a petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. Such candidates may, before the close of the nomination period on March 7 either submit a supplemental petition or pay a prorated fee to cover the deficiency. §8105, 8106(b)(3)</p>
<p>Mar. 7 (E-88)</p>	<p>Last Day to Submit Resolutions of Consolidation Final deadline for the governing body of a district, city, school or other political subdivision which requests consolidation of a local election for candidates or measures to file the request with the county Elections Department. Earlier filing dates are encouraged in order to meet printing schedules. §10401, 10402</p>

<p>Mar. 8 – Mar. 12 (E-87 to E-83)</p>	<p>Extension of Nomination Period Extension period for anyone other than the incumbent to file a Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Petition if the incumbent did not file by March 7. This provision does not apply if there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. §8022, 8024, 8204 For Judicial offices, if the incumbent of the office files a Declaration of Intention, but for any reason fails to qualify for nomination for the office by March 7, 2008, an additional five days shall be allowed for the filing of nomination papers for the office. Any person, other than the incumbent if otherwise qualified, may file nomination papers for the office during the extended period, notwithstanding that he or she has not filed by February 11 a written and signed Declaration of Intention to become a candidate for the office. NOTE: This extension does NOT apply... 1) when the incumbent for judicial office does not file a Declaration of Intention for that same office (there is an earlier filing extension period from February 7 to February 11); 2) when there is no incumbent eligible to be re-elected; 3) to county central committee and county councils* *County central committees do not have an extension for filing because the code does not specifically allow it as it does for all other offices.</p>
<p>Mar. 13, 11 a.m. (E-82)</p>	<p>Randomized Alphabet Drawing Secretary of State and the county Elections Department shall conduct at 11 a.m. the randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order in which the candidates will appear on the primary election ballot. On this same day, the County Clerk shall conduct a randomized alphabet drawing for the office of State Senate and Assembly. §13112</p>
<p>Mar. 17 (E-78)</p>	<p>Write-In Campaign Against Incumbent Judge Running Unopposed Last day to file a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted against an unopposed superior court judicial candidate who has filed Nomination Papers. The petition must be signed by 100 registered voters qualified to vote on the office. Write-in candidates must file between April 7 and May 20. §8203, 8600-8604</p>
<p>Mar. 24* (E-73)</p>	<p>Notice to Candidates of Opponents – Partisan Offices Only On or before this date, but fewer than five days before sending the Certified List of Candidates to county elections officials March 27, the Secretary of State shall notify each candidate for partisan office of the names, addresses, offices, occupations and party affiliations, if applicable, of all other persons who have filed for the same office. §8121</p>

<p>Mar. 27 (E-68)</p>	<p>Certified List of Candidates Last day for the Secretary of State to send to each elections official a list showing the name, party affiliation, office and address of every federal and state candidate entitled to receive votes within the county at the primary. §8120-8125 By this date, the Secretary of State shall also provide to county elections officials a list of candidates arranged according to the randomized alphabet drawn on March 13th. §8149</p>
<p>Apr. 4 (E-60)</p>	<p>Special Vote-by-Mail Ballot Applications The first day county elections officials may process applications for special vote-by-mail ballots. The application must include the statement that the voter cannot vote a vote-by-mail ballot during the normal vote-by-mail voting period of May 5 to May 27, 2008 because of military or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery. §300(b), 3103</p>
<p>Apr. 7 – May 20 (E-57 – E14)</p>	<p>Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers During this period write-in candidates must file their Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers with the county elections official. §8601</p>
<p>Apr. 21* (E-45)</p>	<p>State Ballot Pamphlets Available By this date, the Secretary of State shall furnish copies of the State Ballot Pamphlet to cities, counties, members of the Legislature, proponents of statewide ballot measures, public libraries, and educational institutions. §9094(b)</p>
<p>Apr. 24 – May 13 (E-40 to E-21)</p>	<p>State Ballot Pamphlet Mailing Between these dates the Secretary of State shall mail state ballot pamphlets to all households in which voters were registered by Friday, Apr. 4 (E-60). §9094</p>
<p>Apr. 24 – May 26* (E-40 to E-10)</p>	<p>Counties Mail Sample Ballots / State Ballot Pamphlet Mailing Between these dates the county elections official shall mail a Sample Ballot and polling place notice to each registered voter. Between these dates the Secretary of State shall mail state ballot pamphlets to all households in which voters were registered by Friday, Apr. 4 (E-60) The county will do a supplemental mailing of state pamphlets to voters who register after Apr. 4. §9094,13303, 13304</p>

<p>Apr. 24 (E-40)</p>	<p>First Pre-Election Statement Last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees covering the period ending April 19, 2008. (E-45). Gov. Code §84200.5, 84200.7(a)</p>
<p>Apr. 24 (E-40)</p>	<p>Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report Last day to filed supplemental independent expenditure reports for committees making independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose a candidate or measure. Independent expenditure reports are filed at the same time and in the same places as would be required if the filer were primarily formed to support or oppose the candidate, measure, or measure qualification affected by the independent expenditure. Gov. Code §84203.5</p>
<p>April 30 (Date fixed by law)</p>	<p>Quarterly Statements by Ballot Measure Committees All committees that have qualified as recipient committees and are primarily formed to support or oppose the qualification, passage or defeat of any measure must file a quarterly campaign statement for the period from January 1 to March 31, during any semiannual period before the election in which the measure is not being voting upon. Gov. Code §84202.3</p>
<p>May 5 (E-29)</p>	<p>Establish Precinct Boards and Polling Places Last day for the county Elections Department to appoint board members and polling places and provide a copy to each county central committee and make a copy available to the public. §12286, 12318</p>
<p>May 5 (E-29)</p>	<p>Last Day to Register to Vote to Ensure Receipt of Sample Ballot Voter registration cards received by this date (postmark NOT ACCEPTABLE) will be added to the rolls and the voters will receive a Sample Ballot booklet prepared by the county elections official. The voters who submit cards after this date will NOT receive a Sample Ballot booklet, only a notice advising the late registrant that he/she will not receive a Sample Ballot and Voter's Information Pamphlet. §9094, 13303</p>
<p>May 5 – May 27 (E-29 to E-7)</p>	<p>Vote-by-Mail Ballot Application Period Between these dates voters may apply for a vote-by-mail ballot from the Elections Department. Under certain conditions voters may obtain a voteby-mail ballot after May 27. §3001, 3003</p>

<p>May 5 (E-29)</p>	<p>29-Day Walking Lists Prepared The County Elections Official will prepare the 29-day voter index available for purchase upon written application at a cost of 50 cents per 1,000 names. §2184</p>
<p>May 18 – Jun. 2 (E-16 to E-1)</p>	<p>Late Contribution/Independent Expenditure Report During this time late contribution/independent expenditure reports must be filed by FAX, telegram, mailgram, guaranteed overnight mail or deliver in person. Gov. Code §84203, 84204</p>
<p>May 18 – Jun. 2 (E-16 to E-1)</p>	<p>24-Hour Statement of Organization Filing Requirement – Recipient Committees & Slate Mailer Organizations During the 16 days immediately preceding an election, any person or entity that qualifies as a recipient committee or slate mailer organization must file a Form 410 within 24 hours by telegram or personal delivery. Gov. Code §84101, 84108</p>
<p>May 19 (E-15)</p>	<p>15-day Voter Registration The county elections official shall accept an affidavit of registration executed as part of a voter registration card in the forthcoming election if the affidavit is executed on or before the 15th day prior to the election, and if any of the following apply: 1) The affidavit is postmarked on or before the 15th day prior to the election and received by mail by the county elections official. 2) The affidavit is submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles or accepted by any other public agency designated as a voter registration agency pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1973gg) prior to the election. 3) The affidavit is delivered to the county elections official by means other than those described in paragraphs (2) and (3) on or before the 15th day prior to the election. §2107</p>
<p>May 20 (E-14)</p>	<p>Bilingual Precinct Board Members By this date, the county elections official shall prepare a list of precincts to which bilingual officials were appointed. A copy of this list shall be made available to the public. §12303(d)</p>
<p>May 22 (E-12)</p>	<p>Second Pre-Election Statement The last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees covering the period from 4/20/08 to 5/17/08. Gov. Code §84200.5, 84200.7</p>

<p>May 22 (E-12)</p>	<p>Supplemental Independent Expenditure Reports Last day to filed supplemental independent expenditure reports for committees making independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose a candidate or measure. Independent expenditure reports are filed at the same time and in the same places as would be required if the filer were primarily formed to support or oppose the candidate, measure, or measure qualification affected by the independent expenditure. Gov. Code §84203.5, 82031</p>
<p>May 24 (E-10)</p>	<p>Notice of Central Counting Place Last day for county elections official to publish the notice that the general election ballots will be counted at a specified public place. The notice shall be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. §12109</p>
<p>May 26 (E-8)</p>	<p>County Holiday – Office Closed</p>
<p>No later than May 27 (E-7)</p>	<p>Publish Polling Places and Precinct Board Members Not less than one week before the election, the elections official shall publish the list of polling places and precinct board members. §12105-12108, Gov. Code §6061</p>
<p>May 28 – Jun. 3 (E-6 to E)</p>	<p>Vote-by-Mail Ballots – Late Conditions Voters unable to go to the polls because of illness or disability or because they will be absent from their precinct on election day, may come to the Elections Department and receive a vote-by-mail ballot over the counter. Voters may designate in writing a representative to bring the vote-by-mail ballot to them. The voter may return the ballot to the Elections Department or polling place in the county either personally or through the authorized representative. §3021</p>
<p>June 3 (E)</p>	<p>Primary Election Day Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. §1000, 14212</p>
<p>June 5 – Jul. 1 (E+2 to E+28)</p>	<p>Official Canvass The official canvass of precinct returns is to be completed during this time. §15301, 15372</p>

<p>July 1 (E+28)</p>	<p>Statement of Vote to Board of Supervisors – Certificates of Election Prepared The elections official shall prepare a certified statement of the results of the election and submit it to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall declare the nominees or 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 a certificate of election. §15372, 15400-15401</p>
<p>July 1 (E+28)</p>	<p>Nonpartisan Candidates Elected if Majority Vote Received Any candidate for a nonpartisan office who at a primary election receives a majority of the votes cast for candidates for that office shall be elected to that office. The office shall not appear on the general election ballot, notwithstanding the death, resignation, or other disqualification of the candidate at a time subsequent to the primary election. §8140</p>
<p>July 1 (E+28)</p>	<p>No Candidate Elected to Nonpartisan Office If no candidate has been elected to a nonpartisan office where only one person may be elected, then the two candidates who received the highest number of votes cast for nomination to that office shall appear on the November ballot. §8141 In the case of a tie vote, both candidates will appear on the November ballot. In no case shall the candidates determine the tie by lot. §8142</p>
<p>5 Days After Canvass Recount May Be Requested</p>	<p>Within five (5) days after the completion of the official canvass, any voter may request a recount by filing a written request with the elections official and specifying which candidates and/or measures are to be recounted. The request may specify the order of the precincts for the recount, and the petitioning voter shall, before commencement of each day's recount, deposit such sum as the official requires to cover costs. "Completion of the canvass" shall be presumed to be the time when the elections official signs the certified Statement of Vote. §15600-15642</p>
<p>July 8 (E+35)</p>	<p>Statement of Vote to Secretary of State No later than this date the elections official shall send one copy of the Statement of Vote to the Secretary of State. §15375</p>

<p>July 11 (E+38)</p>	<p>Certificates of Election or Nomination to be prepared The county elections official will prepare certificates of election for each member elected to a central committee or county council as well as certificates of nomination for each candidate nominated for nonpartisan offices voted for wholly within one county. §8145, 8146 The Secretary of State will prepare certificates of nomination for Congressional and Legislative candidates. §8147</p>
<p>July 31 (E+58)</p>	<p>Semiannual Campaign Statement Last day to file semiannual campaign statements, if required, by all candidates and committees. Gov. Code §84200, 84218</p>
<p>July 31 (E+58)</p>	<p>Supplemental Independent Expenditure Reports Last day to filed supplemental independent expenditure reports for committees making independent expenditures of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose a candidate or measure. Independent expenditure reports are filed at the same time and in the same places as would be required if the filer were primarily formed to support or oppose the candidate, measure, or measure qualification affected by the independent expenditure. Gov. Code §84203.5, 82031</p>