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STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION



CANDIDATE GUIDE

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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.

July 2 – July 16 (E-127 to E-113)	<p style="text-align: center;">Cities Publish Election Notice</p> <p>Between these dates, any city that is consolidating an election with the November General will publish a Notice of Election one time in a newspaper of general circulation stating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The date and polling hours of the election • Any offices to be filled and any measure to be voted on, including a synopsis of each measure. <p>§12101, 12111</p>
July 4* (E-125)	<p style="text-align: center;">Notice to County Elections Official</p> <p>Last day for district secretaries to deliver Notice of Election listing the elective offices to be filled and any measure (if known at the time) to be voted on and to deliver a map of the District or City to the Elections Department. Cities and special districts should include the notice how a tie vote will be resolved.</p> <p>§10509, 10522, 10524, 15651</p>
July 6 (E-123)	<p style="text-align: center;">Schools to Deliver Specifications of the Election Order</p> <p>Last day for a school board to deliver a resolution known as the “Specifications of the Election Order” and file it with the county Superintendent of Schools and county elections official, stating the date and purpose of the election.</p> <p>Ed. Code §5322 A clause to determine a tie vote is included in the “Specifications of the Elections Order”. Ed. Code §5016</p>
July 9 – Aug 8 (E-120 to E-90)	<p style="text-align: center;">Notice of Election</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Notice of central counting place may be combined with this notice.</p> <p>§12112</p>
July 16 – August 10 (E-113 to E-88)	<p style="text-align: center;">Candidate Nomination Period – School/Special Districts</p> <p>Candidate filing period for candidates running for special and school district offices. Forms are obtained from and filed with the county Elections Department.</p> <p>The statements filed shall remain confidential until the expiration of the filing deadline.</p> <p>§10510, 13311</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Candidate’s Statement of Qualifications – School/Special Districts</p> <p>Between these dates, candidates may prepare a statement of qualifications, not to exceed 200 words, to be included in the Voter’s Information Pamphlet. 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 August 10th. Extension period ends: August 15, 2018 @ 5pm.</p> <p>§13307</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Candidate’s Statement – Judicial & County Nominees</p> <p>Between these dates, nominees may prepare a statement of qualifications, not to exceed 200 words, to be included in the Voter’s Information Pamphlet. The statement shall be filed and paid for at the time it is filed.</p> <p>Obtain cost information from the Elections Department.</p> <p>§13307</p>

<p>July 31 (E-98)</p>	<p align="center">Change of Candidate's Ballot Designation</p> <p>Last day for candidates to request in writing to both the Secretary of State and Elections Department that a different ballot designation be used for the November election than the designation used at the June primary election. §13107(e)</p>
<p>August 10 (E-88)</p>	<p align="center">Deadline for Filing Resolutions for School Bond Measures</p> <p>Last day to file a resolution with the Election Official for a School Bond Measure to appear on the ballot. The resolution shall contain the exact wording of the measure as it is to appear on the ballot and shall not exceed 75 words. Ed. Code §5322</p> <p align="center">Deadline for Filing Tax Rate Statement for Bond Measures</p> <p>Last day to file Tax Rate Statement for any bond measure appearing on the November ballot. §9401</p>
<p>August 16, 11 a.m. (E-82)</p>	<p align="center">Randomized Alphabet Drawing</p> <p>Secretary of State and the county Elections Department shall conduct the randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order in which the candidates will appear on the general 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>August 17 (E-81)</p>	<p align="center">Deadline to File Measure Arguments</p> <p>Arguments for or against any measure called for the November 2018 election, are due by 5 p.m. §9163, 9316 Arguments are public after the 5 p.m. deadline. (Department Policy)</p>
<p>August 23 (E-75)</p>	<p align="center">Provision if no one or only one candidate files; appointment to office</p> <p>If by the close of the Candidate Filing period, no one or only one person has been nominated for any office that is elected on a citywide basis or to be elected from or by a legislative district, or in the case of any office or offices to be elected at large, the number of persons who have been nominated for those offices does not exceed the number of people to be filled at that election, the city elections official shall submit a certificate of these facts to the governing board of the city so that it may adopt one of the following courses of action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Appoint to the office the person who has been nominated. 2) Appoint to the office an eligible elector if no one has been nominated. 3) Hold the election, if either no one or only one person has been nominated. <p>The city elections official shall publish a notice of the facts described in this section and the courses of action available under this subdivision. - §10229</p>
<p>August 27 (E-71)</p>	<p align="center">Deadline for Filing Rebuttals and Analyses to Measures</p> <p>On this date Rebuttal Arguments will be due by 5 p.m. §9167, 9317 County Counsel to submit analysis (§9160, 9313) for county and school/special district measures; City attorney to submit analysis of city measures. §9280 County Auditor, if previously directed by the Board of Supervisors, to submit fiscal analysis of measures. §9160 Arguments are public after the 5 p.m. deadline. (Department Policy)</p>
<p>August 28 – September 7 (E-70 to E-60)</p>	<p align="center">10-day Public Inspection for Rebuttals & Analyses</p> <p>10-day public inspection of arguments, analyses, and rebuttals for measures filed by August 27. Documents will be on public display at the Elections Department, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA 93230. During this period, any voter of the jurisdiction or the County Elections Official may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted. §9190, 9380</p>
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<p>August 30 (E-68)</p>	<p align="center">Certified List of Candidates – Federal and State Offices</p> <p>Last day for the Secretary of State to send to each elections official a list showing the name, party affiliation, and ballot designation of every person who has been nominated as a candidate for public office and is entitled to receive votes within the county at the general election. §8148</p>
<p>Sept. 3* (E-64)</p>	<p align="center">County Holiday – Office Closed</p>
<p>September 7 (E-60)</p>	<p align="center">Military & Overseas Voters</p> <p>The first day county election 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 October 8 to October 30, 2018 because of military or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery. §300(b), 3103</p>
<p>September 10 – October 23 (E-57 to E-14)</p>	<p align="center">Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers</p> <p>During this period write-in candidates must file their Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers with the county elections official. §8600</p>
<p>Sept. 27 – Oct. 16 (E-40 to E-21)</p>	<p align="center">State Voter Information Guide</p> <p>Between these dates the Secretary of State shall mail State Voter Information Guides to all households in which voters were registered by Friday, September 7 (E-60). §9094</p> <p align="center">County Voter Information Guide</p> <p>Between these dates the county elections official shall mail a County Voter Information Guide and polling place notice to each registered voter. §13303, 13304</p>
<p>October 8 (E-29)</p>	<p align="center">Establish Precinct Boards and Polling Places</p> <p>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>October 8 – October 30 (E-29)</p>	<p align="center">Vote-by-Mail Ballot Application Period</p> <p>Between these dates voters may apply for a vote-by-mail ballot from the Elections Department. Under certain conditions voters may obtain a vote-by-mail ballot after October 30. §3001, 3003</p>
<p>October 22 (E-15)</p>	<p align="center">15-day Voter Registration</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>§2102</p>
<p>October 23 (E-14)</p>	<p align="center">Bilingual Precinct Board Members</p> <p>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>Oct. 31 – Nov. 6 (E-6 to E)</p>	<p align="center">Vote-by-Mail Ballots – Late Conditions</p> <p>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</p>

	in the county either personally or through the authorized representative. §3021
November 6 	<p align="center">General Election Day</p> Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. §1000, 14212
November 6 (E)	<p align="center">Unopposed Judge: Superior Court – Declare Elected</p> On this date, the County Clerk declares elected any incumbent superior judge who has filed for office but whose name did not appear on either the primary or general election ballots because he or she was unopposed. §8203
Nov. 8 – Dec. 4 (E+2 to E+28)	<p align="center">Official Canvass</p> The official canvass of precinct returns is to be completed during this time. - §15301, 15372
Nov. 12* (E + 7)	<p align="center">County Holiday – Office Closed</p>
Nov. 27 – 28* (E+23 to 24)	<p align="center">County Holiday – Office Closed</p> <p align="center">TBD</p>
December 5 (E+29)	<p align="center">State Senators and State Assembly Members Assume Office</p> Terms begin on the first Monday in December following the election. CA. Const. Art. IV §2
December 4 (E+28)	<p align="center">Statement of Vote to Board of Supervisors – Certificates of Election Prepared</p> 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 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
December 7 (E+31)	<p align="center">Statement of Vote to Secretary of State</p> No later than this date the elections official shall send one copy of the Statement of Vote to the Secretary of State. §15375
December 14 (E+38)	<p align="center">Certificates of Election</p> The Secretary of State shall issue certificates of election to persons elected to U.S. Senate, Congress, and legislative offices. - §15503-15504
Jan. 7, 2019 (E+62)	<p align="center">Candidates Elected to County Supervisors, Judges Assume Office</p> Terms begin at noon on the first Monday after January 1 succeeding their election for Supervisors. Superior Court Judges also begin on this date; although, there's no mention of the noon hour. CA. Const. Art. VI §16; Gov. Code §24200