

Election Calendar

June 5, 2012

Primary Election

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All references are to the California Elections Code unless noted otherwise.

Top Two Primary

Under California's new law, Proposition 14 enacted by the voters in June 2010, all voters from all parties will receive a ballot with all candidates from all parties for all partisan contests except for U.S. President and political party county central committees.

* Deadline falls on weekend or holiday and in most cases has been moved to the next business day.

<p>Dec. 30, 2011- Feb. 8, 2012</p> <p>(E-158-E-118)</p>	<p>Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee- Judicial Candidates</p> <p>Between these dates a judicial candidate may obtain signature-in-lieu forms from the county elections official 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 requirement for the office.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§8061, 8105, 8106</p> <p>The in-lieu petition must be filed by the last day of this period. The elections office will notify the candidate of any deficiency within 10 days of filing.</p>
<p>Dec. 30, 2011- Feb. 23, 2012</p> <p>(E-158-E-103)</p>	<p>Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee- US Senate, US Congress, County Candidates, Legislative Candidates</p> <p>Between these dates candidates for the offices of State Legislative, US Senate and Congress, and County Board of Supervisors may obtain signature-in-lieu forms from the county elections official or 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 requirement for office.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§8061, 8105, 8106</p> <p>The in-lieu petition must be filed by the last day of this</p>

	<p>period. The elections office will notify the candidate of any deficiency within 10 days of filing. The candidate may then submit by March 9, 2012, additional signatures to replace those that were rejected or pay the balance of the fee.</p>
<p>Dec. 30, 2011 (E-158)</p>	<p>Notice of Offices on Primary Ballot</p> <p>At least 158 days before the primary election, the Secretary of State shall prepare and transmit to each county elections office a notice designating all the offices, except those of county officers and judges, for which candidates are to be nominated.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§12103</p>
<p>January 2, 2012</p>	<p>County Holiday</p> <p>Office closed.</p>
<p>January 3, (E-154)</p>	<p>Registration in New Party</p> <p>The last day a 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 5, 2012, primary election candidate nominating process.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§2187, 5100</p>
<p>January 3-23 (E-154-E-135)</p>	<p>Report of Registration</p> <p>During this period each election 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 as of January 3, 2012.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§2187</p>
<p>January 16</p>	<p>County Holiday</p> <p>Office closed</p>
<p>January 22 (E-135)</p>	<p>New Party Qualification</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Minimum registration required: 103,004 Signatures required for petition: 1,030,040</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§5100</p>
<p>January 23</p>	<p>County Central Committees – Republican, Democratic, American Independent</p>

(E-135)	<p>By this date, the elections official shall compute the number of members of the Democratic, Republican, and American Independent county central committees to be elected in each supervisorial district.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§7226, 7421</p>
<p>January 30- February 8</p> <p>(E-127-E-118)</p>	<p>Declaration of Intent- Judicial Candidates</p> <p>Between these dates judicial candidates file their Declarations of Intention with the elections office. Candidates must pay the entire filing fee at this time, represented by money, signatures or any prorated combination of money and signatures. Must state for which office they wish to become a candidate. The filing fee is non-refundable.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§8023</p>
<p>January 30- February 14*</p> <p>(E-127-E-113)</p>	<p>Notice of Election- Cities</p> <p>Between these dates, any city that is consolidating an election with the June primary will publish a Notice of Election one time in a newspaper of general circulation stating the date and polling hours of the election and any offices to be filled and any measure to be voted on, including a synopsis of each measure.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§12101, 12111</p>
<p>February 6- March 7</p> <p>(E-120 to E-90)</p>	<p>Notice of Election- County</p> <p>Between these dates the County Clerk will publish a Notice of Election containing the date of the election, the offices to be filled, where nomination papers are available, and deadline for filing Declarations of Candidacy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§12112</p> <p>Notice of central counting place may be combined with this notice.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§12109</p>
<p>February 14* - March 9</p> <p>(E-113 – E-88)</p>	<p>Candidate Filing Period</p> <p>Persons who want to run for any office on the ballot, including incumbents running for re-election, must file candidate nomination documents during this time period. Forms are obtained from and filed with the County Elections</p>

	Office. §10510, 13307
February 14* - March 9 (E-113 – E-88)	Candidate’s Statement of Qualifications – Judicial & County Between these dates, candidates for judicial and county offices 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 5PM on the day following the closing of the candidacy period, March 12 if the contest closes March 9, and March 15 if the contest closes on March 14. §13307, 13311
February 14* - March 9 (E-113 – E-88)	Candidate’s Statement of Qualifications – State Legislative & Congressional Candidates Between these dates, candidates for State Legislative and Congressional offices may prepare a statement of qualifications, not to exceed 250 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 5PM on the day following the closing of the candidacy period, March 12 if the contest closes March 9, and March 15 if the contest closes on March 14. Gov Code § 85601©, EI C §13307.5
February 27 (E-100)	Semi-annual Campaign Statement Last day to file semiannual campaign statements, if required, by all candidates and committees. Gov. Code §84200, 84218
February 27 (E-100)	Supplemental Independent Expenditure Reports Last day to file supplemental independent expenditure reports for committees making independent expenditures of \$1000 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
March 9	Last Day to Submit Resolutions of Consolidation

(E-88)	Final deadline for the governing body of a district, city, school or other political subdivision which requests consolidation of a local election for candidates and/or measures to file the request with the elections department. §10401, 10402, 10403
March 9 (E-88)	Deadline for Filing Tax Rate Statement for Bond Measures Last day to file Tax Rate Statement for any bond measure appearing on the June 5, 2012, ballot. §9401
March 9 (E-88)	Notification of Mail Ballot Precinct Last day for the county elections official to determine that there are 250 or fewer persons registered to vote in any precinct. The county elections official may then mail to each voter a vote-by-mail ballot along with a statement that there will be no polling place for the general election and the location of the two nearest polling places. §3005
March 10-14 (E-87 – E-83)	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 9. This provision does not apply if there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. §8022, 8024, 8204
March 10-19 (E-87-E-78)	10-day Public Inspection for Local Measures 10-day public inspection of ballot text and abbreviated ballot statements (ballot questions) will begin the day after the ballot materials are filed and continue for 10 days. Documents will be on public display at the Elections Office, 3033 H Street Room 20, Eureka. 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
March 13 (E-84)	Deadline to File Arguments for Measures Arguments for or against any measure called for the June 2012 election are due by 5PM. Arguments are public after

	the 5PM deadline. §9163, 9316
March 14 – 23 (E-83 to E-74)	10 Day Public Inspection of Measure Arguments 10 day public inspection of arguments filed by March 13. During the 10 calendar day public examination period provided by this section, any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held, 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. The writ of mandate or injunction request shall be filed no later than the end of the 10 calendar day public examination period. §9190, 9380
March 15 (E-82)	Randomized Alphabet Drawing Secretary of State shall conduct the randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order in which the candidates will appear on the ballot. §13112
March 20 (E-77)	Deadline for Filing Rebuttals and Analyses to Measures On this date rebuttal arguments will be due by 5PM §9167, 9317 County Counsel to submit analysis for county and school/special district measures; City Attorney to submit analysis of city measures. §9160, 9313, 9280 County Auditor, if previously directed by the Board of Supervisors, to submit fiscal analysis of measures. §9160
March 21-30 (E-76 to E-67)	10 Day Public Inspection for Rebuttals & Analyses 10-day public inspection of arguments, analyses, rebuttals for measures filed March 20. Documents will be on public display at the Elections Department, 3033 H Street, Room 20, Eureka. 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
March 22 (E-75)	First Pre-Election Statement Last day to file campaign statement for candidates and

	committees covering the period ending March 17. Gov C §84200.5, 84200.7(a)
March 22 (E-75)	Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report 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 C §84203.5
March 29 (E-68)	Certified List of Candidates – Federal & State Offices 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 primary election. §8148
April 6 (E-60)	Military/Overseas Ballots The first day the county elections official may process applications for special absent voters' ballots. The application must include the statement that the voter cannot vote a Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballot during the normal VBM voting period because of military or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery. §300(b), 3103
April 9- May 22 (E-57 – E-14)	Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers During this period write-in candidates must file their Statements of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers with the county elections official. §8601
April 6-16 (E-60 – E-50)	Report of Registration During this period, county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered by party in their counties and in each political subdivision thereof as of April 6, 2012. §2187
April 23* (E-45)	State Ballot Booklets Available By this date, the Secretary of State shall furnish copies of the State Ballot Booklet to cities, counties, members of the Legislature, proponents of statewide ballot measures, public

	libraries, and educational institutions. §9094
April 26- May 26 (E-40 to E-10)	Counties Mail Sample Ballot Booklets 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 booklets to all households in which voters were registered by April 6 (E-60). The county will do a supplemental mailing of state booklets to voters who register after April 6. §9094, 13303, 13304
May 7 (E-29)	Last Day to Register to Vote to Ensure Receipt of Sample Ballot Voter registration cards received by this date 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 of their polling location. §9094, 13303, 2102, 2107
May 7 – 29 (E-29 to E-7)	Vote-by-Mail Ballot Application Period Between these dates voters may apply for a vote-by-mail (VBM) ballot from the elections department. §3001, 3003
May 20- June 4 (E-16 – E-1)	Late Contribution/Independent Expenditure Report During this time late contribution/independent expenditure reports must be filed by FAX, telegram, mailgram, guaranteed overnight mail, or delivery in person. Gov Code §84203, 84204
May 20- June 4 (E-16 – E-1)	24-Hr Statement of Organization Filing Requirement – Recipient Committees & Slate Mailer Organizations During the 16 days immediately preceding an election, any person or entity which qualifies as a recipient committee or slate mailer organization must file a Form 410 within 24 hours. Gov Code §84101, 84108
May 21 (E-15)	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 15 th day prior to the election, and if any of the

	<p>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 style="text-align: right;">§2107</p>
<p>May 22 - 29 (E-14 to E-7)</p>	<p>New Citizens Registration Period</p> <p>Registration for new citizens shall begin the 14th day prior to an election and end on the seventh day prior to election day. A new citizen registering to vote after the close of registration shall provide the county elections official with proof of citizenship prior to voting, and shall declare that he or she has established residency in California. New citizens vote a regular ballot.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§331, 3500, 3501</p>
<p>May 24 (E-12)</p>	<p>Second Pre-Election Statement</p> <p>The last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees covering the period from March 18, 2012, to May 19, 2012.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Gov Code §84200.5, 84200.7</p>
<p>May 24 (E-12)</p>	<p>Supplemental Independent Expenditure Reports</p> <p>Last day to file supplemental independent expenditure reports for committees making independent expenditures of \$1000 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose a candidate or measure. Independent expenditure reports are filled 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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Gov Code §84203.5, 82031</p>
<p>May 26 (E-10)</p>	<p>Notice of Central Counting Place</p> <p>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</p>

	time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. §12109
May 28	County Holiday Office closed.
No later than May 29 (E-7)	Publish Polling Places Not less than one week before the election, the election official shall publish the list of polling places. §12105-12108, Gov Code §6061
May 30–June 5 (E-6 to E)	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 VBM to them. The voter may either personally or through the authorized representative return the ballot to the elections department or any polling place in the county. §3021
June 5 (E)	Primary Election Day Polls open at 7AM and close at 8PM. §1000, 14212
June 7 – July 3 (E+2 to E+28)	Official Canvass The official canvass of precinct returns is to be completed during this time. §15301, 15372
July 3 E+28	Statement of Vote to Board of Supervisors – Certificates of Election Prepared The county 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
July 3 (E+28)	Nonpartisan Candidates Elected if Majority Vote Received

	<p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§8140</p>
<p>July 3 (E+28)</p>	<p>No Candidate Elected to Nonpartisan Office</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§8141</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§8142</p>
<p>Within 5 Days after Canvass</p>	<p>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 that 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 election official requires to cover costs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§15620 - 15634</p>