

GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 3, 2026

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

**June 8, 2026
(E-148)**

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION – ISSUANCE: By this date, the Governor shall issue a proclamation calling the General Election and shall state the time of the election and the offices to be filled and transmit a copy of the proclamation to the Board of Supervisors of each county. The Secretary of State will send an informational copy of the proclamation to each county elected official. **§ 12000**

**June 16, 2026
(E-140)**

AMENDED CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT (LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES): Last day to file an amended Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) to accept the expenditure ceiling for the General Election if the voluntary expenditure ceiling was rejected in the Primary Election but not exceeded during that election. The filing of an amended Form 501 allows State Senate and Assembly candidates to qualify to purchase space for a 250-word Candidate's Statement in the county Voter Information Guide.
Gov't §§ 85200, 85400, 85401, 85600, 85601(c)

**June 25, 2026
through
July 15, 2026
(E-131 – 111)
(Date designated by
Secretary of State)**

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS IN THE STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE: Period in which State Constitutional Office candidates may purchase a space for a 250-word Candidate's Statement in the official State Voter Information Guide. Candidates for State Constitutional Office may purchase space for a Candidate's Statement only if they have agreed to voluntary expenditure limits.
Gov't § 85601(a); § 9084(i)

**June 26, 2026
(E-130)**

CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS – SCHOOLS: Last day for the County Superintendent of Schools to notify governing boards in writing that a consolidated election is required to be held. Applies when there are two or more school districts of any type in the same area.
Ed. §§ 5323, 5340

**July 1, 2026
(E-125)**

BOUNDARY MAP: Last day for secretary of a district to file with the Registrar of Voters a map showing the boundaries of the district and the divisions, if any, and a statement indicating in which division a director is to be elected and whether the directors will be elected at large or by division. **§ 10522**

**July 1, 2026
(E-125)**

NOTICE OF ELECTIVE OFFICES: District Secretary's transmittal form must be filed with the Registrar of Voters by this date. The notice shall bear the secretary's signature and the district seal and must contain: (a) The elective offices of the district to be filled at the next general district election; and (b) Whether the district or the candidate is to

pay for the publication of a Candidate's Statement of Qualifications pursuant to Elections Code Section 13307. **§ 10509**

**July 3, 2026
(E-123)**

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

**July 6, 2026
(E-120)**

DELIVER NOTICE OF ELECTION TO THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS: At least 120 days prior to the date of the election, the County Superintendent of Schools shall deliver to the Registrar of Voters copies of the Order of Election and the formal Notice of Election. **Ed. §§ 5324, 5325, 5361**

**July 6, 2026
through
August 5, 2026
(E-120 – 90)**

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

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

**July 6, 2026
through
August 5, 2026
(E-120 – 90)**

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

**July 13, 2026
through
August 7, 2026
(E-113 – 88)**

NOMINATION PERIOD: Declaration of Candidacy forms for all school and special district offices may be obtained from and must be filed with the Registrar of Voters' office from **July 13, 2026 through August 7, 2026, 5 p.m.** **§§ 10407, 10510, 10516, 10603, 10604**

Candidates for city offices must obtain candidacy forms from and must file with the City Clerks' office of that city. **§§10224, 10227**

No person shall be considered a legally qualified candidate for any office unless that person has filed a Declaration of Candidacy or a Statement of Write-in Candidacy with the election's official. **§§ 8600, 10501, 10602**

EXCEPTION: If an incumbent who is eligible for re-election fails to file a Declaration of Candidacy by **August 7, 2026**, the filing period is extended

to **August 12, 2026, 5 p.m.** for all qualified persons other than the incumbent. However, if the incumbent's failure to file nomination documents is because he/she has already served the maximum number of terms permitted by the California Constitution for that office, there shall be no extension of the period for filing the nomination documents.

§§ 10407, 10516, 10604

**July 13, 2026
through
August 28, 2026
(E-113 - 67)**

CHALLENGING A BALLOT DESIGNATION: Ballot Designations will be available for public examination as candidates file them. These ballot designations will be available for review at the Registrar of Voters' office on Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will be posted on the Registrar of Voters' website. **§ 13107**

A person may administratively challenge a Ballot Designation of a candidate for school and special district boards in writing to the Registrar of Voters by 5 p.m. on one of the following deadlines:

- August 7, 2026 if the candidate filed the Ballot Designation by August 6, 2026
- August 10, 2026 if the candidate filed the Ballot Designation on August 7, 2026
- August 13, 2026 if the candidate filed the Ballot Designation during the Nomination Extension Period

After the administrative challenge deadlines, the public may only challenge a Ballot Designation in court. A person may file a writ of mandate or injunction to require the Ballot Designation to be amended. The Registrar of Voters requests that a Court Order amending a Ballot Designation be issued by August 28, 2026 to ensure election material mailing deadlines are met. **§ 9163**

**July 13, 2026
through
August 7, 2026
(E-113 - 88)**

SCHOOL AND SPECIAL DISTRICT CANDIDATES'
STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS: Each candidate may prepare a statement on a form provided by the Registrar of Voters' office. The statement may contain no more than 200 words, unless the governing body of the local agency has authorized the statement to contain 400 words. The statement must be filed at the same time the Declaration of Candidacy is filed. **The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the nomination period and until 5 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.** **§ 13307**

If the nomination period is extended because an incumbent eligible for reelection failed to file a Declaration of Candidacy, a candidate filing during the extended filing period may file a Candidate's Statement. Candidates for that contest who filed statements during the regular filing period and those who filed statements during the extended timeframe may withdraw their statements. The next working day after the close of the extended filing period for the office **is the last day that a candidate's Statement for the extended contest may be withdrawn.** A Candidate's Statement may not be changed. **§§ 10516, 10604, 13307(a)(3)**

**July 13, 2026
through
August 7, 2026
(E-113 – 88)**

CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES: All candidates for Congressional offices may prepare a Candidate's Statement, not to exceed 250 words. The statement must be filed no later than 5 p.m. on the 88th day prior to the election. All statements may be submitted on the form provided by the county elections official of each county in which the candidate wishes to have his/her statement printed. Costs of providing statements to voters shall be paid by the candidates. **Congressional candidates do not need to voluntarily agree to expenditure limits to prepare a Candidate's Statement.** § 13307.5

NOTE: If a Congressional candidate desires to have the **same** Candidate's Statement printed in the General Election's Voter Information Guide as printed in the Statewide Direct Primary Election Guide, he/she must re-file the statement and pay the cost to do so.

**July 13, 2026
through
August 7, 2026
(E-113 – 88)**

CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR

LEGISLATIVE OFFICES: A candidate for State Senate or Assembly who accepts the voluntary expenditure limits set forth in Section 85400 by **June 16, 2026, 5 p.m.**, may purchase space to place a Candidate's Statement in the County Voter Information Guide that does not exceed 250 words. The statement may not make any reference to any opponent of the candidate.

The statement must be filed no later than 5 p.m. on the 88th day prior to the election. All statements may be submitted on the form provided by the county elections official of each county in which the candidate wishes to have his/her statement printed. Costs of providing statements to voters shall be paid by the candidates. **Gov't § 85601(c)**

NOTE: If a State Legislative candidate desires to have the **same** Candidate's Statement printed in the General Election's Voter Information Guide as printed in the Statewide Direct Primary Election Guide, he/she must re-file the statement and pay the cost to do so.

**July 13, 2026
through
August 7, 2026
(E-113 – 88)**

CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

MAY MAKE NO REFERENCE TO ANOTHER CANDIDATE:

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

§ 13308

**July 13, 2026
through
August 7, 2026
(E-113 - 88)**

COST OF A CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT: The Registrar of Voters will require each candidate filing a candidate's statement to pay in advance as a condition of having his/her statement included in the Voter Information Guide. The cost is calculated to recover expenses for translation into required languages, typesetting, printing and labor in the processing of candidate's statements. This amount must be paid when the candidate statement is filed. **§13307**

**July 13, 2026
through
August 7, 2026
(E-113 - 88)**

CONFIDENTIALITY OF CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS: The Candidate's Statement is confidential until after the expiration of the filing period, **August 7, 2026, 5 p.m.**, or in the event that a contest's filing period is extended, **August 12, 2026, 5 p.m.** Copies of all Candidates' Statements will be available for public inspection at the Registrar of Voters' office and on its website for 10 days prior to being submitted for printing. **§§ 13311, 13313**

**July 15, 2026
(E-111)
(Date designated
By Secretary of
State)**

CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS IN THE STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE DEADLINE: Last day State Constitutional Office candidates who accepted the voluntary expenditure limits by **June 16, 2026** to purchase space for a 250-word Candidate's Statement in the official State Voter Information Guide. **Gov't § 85601(a); § 9084(i)**

**July 28, 2026
(E-98)**

CHANGE OF CANDIDATE'S DESIGNATION ON THE BALLOT: The last day that any voter nominated candidate may request in writing a different Ballot Designation than that used at the Statewide Direct Primary Election. The written request shall be accompanied by a Ballot Designation Worksheet and should be made to **both** the Secretary of State and the Registrar of Voters. **Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 2, § 20711(e), § 13107(h)**

**July 31, 2026
(E-95)
(Date fixed by law)**

SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS: The last day to file semi-annual campaign disclosure statements by all elected officers, candidates, and committees for the period ending **June 30, 2026**. **Gov't §§ 84200, 84218**

**August 5, 2026
through
November 3, 2026
(E-90 - E)**

LATE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REPORTING PERIOD: Contributions received of \$1,000 or more per source must be reported within 24 hours during this period. **Gov't § 84203**

**August 7, 2026
(E-88)**

LAST DAY TO REQUEST CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTION WITH GENERAL ELECTION: Resolution requesting consolidation with the General Election must be filed no later than this date. **This includes resolutions to place local measures on the General Election ballot.** **§ 10403**

**August 7, 2026
(E-88)**

DEADLINE FOR MEASURE DOCUMENTS TO BE

CONSOLIDATED WITH GENERAL ELECTION: Last day for county, school and special districts' measure documents to be filed with the Registrar of Voters' office, including the Resolution to consolidate the election, the Text, Impartial Analysis, Fiscal Impact Statement (if applicable), Bond Project List (if applicable), and Direct Arguments.
§§ 9163, 9316, 9502

Last day for city clerks to file municipal measure documents with the Registrar of Voters' office, including the Resolution to consolidate the election, the Text, Impartial Analysis, Fiscal Impact Statement (if applicable), Bond Project List (if applicable), and Direct Arguments.
Note: If arguments are filed with the city clerk on **August 7, 2026**, the deadline for the city clerk to file these arguments with the Registrar of Voters' office is extended to **August 10, 2026**.
§ 9286

Whenever any ballot arguments for or against any measure submitted to the voters for approval are authorized, these arguments may be withdrawn by their proponents at any time prior to and including the final date for filing arguments with the appropriate filing officer.
§ 9601

NOTE: There will be a **public review period** of 10 calendar days immediately following the filing deadline for submission of a measure's Text, Impartial Analysis, and Direct Arguments. County, School, and Special District measure documents will be available for review at the Registrar of Voters' office Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and will be posted on the Registrar of Voters' website. During this timeframe, any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the material 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 examination period.
§§ 9190, 9380, 9509

The 10-calendar-day public review period for municipal measure documents will be conducted by the City Clerk.
§ 9295

**August 7, 2026
(E-88)**

DEADLINE TO FILE DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY

AND CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS: Last day to file Declarations of Candidacy and Candidates' Statements with the Registrar of Voters' office is **August 7, 2026, 5 p.m.**
§§ 10510, 10603, 13307

**August 7, 2026
(E-88)**

CANDIDATE'S WITHDRAWAL: No candidate who has filed a Declaration of Candidacy may withdraw as a candidate after 5 p.m. on this date.
§§ 10510, 10603

**August 8, 2026
through
August 12, 2026
(E-87 - 83)**

EXTENSION OF NOMINATION PERIOD IF INCUMBENT

FAILS TO FILE: If an incumbent who is eligible to file for re-election fails to file his/her Declaration of Candidacy by **August 7, 2026**, there is a 5-day extension allowed for any qualified person other than the incumbent to file for the office.

NOTE: There is no extension of the filing period for any office where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. **§§ 10516, 10604**

**August 8, 2026
through
August 17, 2026
(E-87 – 78)**

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

During this period, Candidates' Statements of Qualifications and Ballot Designations will be available for public examination at the Registrar of Voters' office on Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and will be posted on the Registrar of Voters' website. During this timeframe, any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the material in a Candidate's Statement to be amended or deleted. For candidate names and Ballot Designations, a writ may also be filed only upon clear and convincing proof that the material in question is false, misleading, or inconsistent with requirements.

**August 12, 2026
(E-83)**

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

**August 12, 2026
(E-83)**

POLITICAL PARTY ENDORSEMENTS: Last day for a State Chair of a qualified political party to submit to the county elections official a list of all candidates for voter-nominated office who will appear on any ballot in the county in question, and who have been endorsed by the party. The county elections official shall print any such list that is timely received in the official Voter Information Guide. **§ 13302(b)**

**August 12, 2026
(E-83)**

DEADLINE TO AMEND OR WITHDRAW A MEASURE:

Last day for the county elections official to receive a resolution from a legislative body requesting to withdraw or amend a measure previously submitted for placement on the ballot. **§ 9605**

**August 13, 2026
(11 a.m.)
(E-82)
(Secretary of State
and Registrar of
Voters)**

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

§§ 13111(i), 13112(b)(1)(C)

**August 13, 2026
through
August 21, 2026*
(E-82 - 74)**

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

NOMINATION PERIOD HAS BEEN EXTENDED: Public review period for Candidates' Statement of Qualifications and Ballot Designations filed during the extended filing period. These documents will be available for review at the Registrar of Voters' office on Monday through Friday,

from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and will be posted on the Registrar of Voters' website. During this timeframe, any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the material in a Candidate's Statement to be amended or deleted. For candidate names and Ballot Designations, a writ may also be filed only upon clear and convincing proof that the material in question is false, misleading, or inconsistent with requirements. **§§ 13107, 13313, 13314**

* Since the deadline is a Saturday, a half-day – it is not considered a holiday. Therefore, there is no extension of time to the following Monday. The extended review period deadline must be Friday, August 21, 2026, 5 p.m.

**August 27, 2026
(E-68)**

CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES AND ROTATION LIST:

The last day for the Secretary of State to certify and send to each county elections official a list by public office showing the name, party preference (or lack of party preference), and Ballot Designation of every person who has received the nomination as a candidate for public office and is entitled to receive votes within the county at the General Election.

§§ 8148, 8149, 13111

**August 27, 2026
(E-68)**

FILLING A VACANCY ON THE BALLOT: No vacancy on the ballot for a nonpartisan office at a General Election shall be filled except by reason of the death occurring at least 68 days before the date of the General Election. **§ 8803(a)**

Whenever a candidate has been nominated at any Primary Election after having filed a Declaration of Candidacy, the name of the candidate shall be printed upon the ballot for the ensuing General Election unless the candidate has died and that fact has been ascertained by the officer charged with the duty of printing the ballots, at least 68 days before the day of the election. **§ 8810**

NOTE: No vacancy on the ballot for a voter-nominated office at a General Election shall be filled. If a candidate who is entitled to appear on the General Election ballot dies, the name of that candidate shall appear on the General Election ballot and any votes cast for that candidate shall be counted in determining the results of the election for that office. If the deceased candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for the office, he or she shall be considered elected to that office and the office shall be considered vacant at the beginning of the term for which the candidate was elected. The vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as if the candidate had died after taking office for that term. **§ 8803(b)**

**August 28, 2026
(E-67)**

DEADLINE FOR COURT ORDERED CHANGES: By this date, the Registrar of Voters office requests that the Court issue a potential Order to change ballot designations, candidate statements, and measure direct and rebuttal arguments to ensure election material mailing deadlines are met. **§ 9163**

**September 4, 2026
(E-60)**

MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTERS' BALLOT

APPLICATIONS: The first day the county elections official may process applications for military or overseas voters' ballots. Any applications received by the county elections official prior to this day shall be kept and processed on or after this date. If the applicant is not a resident of the county to which he or she has applied, the elections official receiving the application shall forward it immediately to the proper county.

NOTE: A request for a Vote-By-Mail ballot from a military or overseas voter will be deemed an affidavit of registration.

§§ 300(b), 321, 3101, 3102, 3103, 3105

**September 4, 2026
through
November 3, 2026
(E-60 – E)**

LIST OF VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTERS: First day data is available for purchase showing all voters who have been issued a military or overseas Vote-By-Mail ballot. Beginning **October 12, 2026**, the list will include all voters who have been issued a Vote-By-Mail ballot.

**September 7, 2026
through
October 20, 2026
(E-57 – 14)**

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES - NONPARTISAN OFFICES: First day the Statement of Write-in Candidacy is available for a write-in candidate. It must be filed with the Registrar of Voters' office by October 20, 2026, 5 p.m. There are no write-in candidates for voter-nominated offices or County offices in a runoff on the General Election ballot.

§§ 8600, 8601

September 19, 2026
(E-45)
(Date fixed by law)**

MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTERS' BALLOTS: Last day for the county elections official to mail ballots to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters.

§ 3114, 52 U.S.C. § 20302 (MOVE Act)**

** § 3114 and the federal MOVE Act require that ballots be sent to military and overseas voters not later than 45 days prior to an election. This date must be adhered to and does not move forward even though the date falls on a Saturday.

**September 24, 2026
(E-40)
(Date fixed by law)**

FIRST PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

STATEMENTS DUE: The last day to file campaign disclosure statements for candidates and committees covering the period of **July 1, 2026 through September 19, 2026**.

Gov't §§ 84200.5, 84200.8, 84218

**September 24, 2026
through
October 13, 2026
(E-40 – 21)**

STATE AND COUNTY MAILINGS: Between these dates, State Voter Information Guides will be mailed directly to voters by the Secretary of State and the Registrar of Voters will mail County Voter Information Guides.

§§ 9094(a), 13300, 13303, 13304

**October 5, 2026
(E-29)**

PROCESSING OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS BEGINS:

Processing of Vote-By-Mail ballots may begin on this date. Processing Vote-By-Mail ballots includes signature verification, opening Vote-By-Mail ballot return envelopes, removing ballots, duplicating any damaged ballots, and preparing ballots to be machine read, but under no circumstances may a vote count be accessed or released until 8 p.m. on the day of the election.

§ 15101

**October 5, 2026
through
October 27, 2026
(E-29 – 7)**

VOTE-BY-MAIL MAILING: No later than 29 days before the day of the election, the Registrar of Voters will begin mailing to each registered voter a Vote-By-Mail ballot packet that includes a postage-paid return envelope with instructions for the use and return of the ballot.

§§ 3000.5, 4005(a)(8)(A)&(B)

**October 19, 2026
(E-15)**

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN GENERAL

ELECTION: Last day to register to vote in the General Election. The Voter Registration Form shall be mailed (postmarked by this date) or delivered to the county elections official by this date and is effective upon receipt. The Voter Registration Form may also be submitted by this date to the Department of Motor Vehicles or any National Voter Registration Act designated agency. Last day for military or overseas voters to register to vote, to request a Vote-By-Mail ballot, and to send it to the county elections official.

NOTE: A request for a Vote-By-Mail ballot from a military or overseas voter will be deemed an affidavit of registration. When a county elections official receives and approves an application from a military or overseas voter, the official must provide that voter with Vote-By-Mail ballots for each subsequent election in the state unless the voter fails to vote in four consecutive statewide general elections.

52 U.S.C. § 20301, 20501; §§ 300(b), 321, 2102, 2107, 3102

**October 20, 2026
(E-14)**

DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES TO FILE:

Last day for write-in candidates to file the Statement of Write-in Candidacy by 5 p.m. with the Registrar of Voters' office.

§ 8601

**October 20, 2026
through
November 3, 2026
(E-14 – E)**

CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD:

During the period 14 days prior to Election Day and including Election Day, an individual can go to the office or Vote Center of his/her county elections official to conditionally register and vote.

§§ 2170-2173

**October 22, 2026
(E-12)**

SECOND PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

STATEMENTS DUE: The last day to file campaign disclosure statements for candidates and committees covering the period ending **October 17, 2026**. Candidates being voted upon, their controlled committees, and committees primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate or measure must file the second pre-election paper statement

by guaranteed overnight mail or personal delivery, in addition to any electronic filing requirements. **Gov't §§ 84200.5, 84200.8(b)**

**October 24, 2026
(E-10)**

SELECT VOTE CENTERS OPEN: Beginning 10 days before the day of the Election and continuing daily up to Election Day, select Vote Centers are open to the public. **§§ 3108(b), 4005(a)(2)(A)&(4)(A)**

Vote Center Hours:
October 24 to November 2 – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
November 3 – 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**October 31, 2026
(E-3)**

ALL VOTE CENTERS OPEN: Beginning 3 days before the day of the Election and continuing daily up to Election Day, all Vote Centers are open to the public. **§§ 3108, 4005(a)(3)(A)**

**November 3, 2026
(E)**

ELECTION DAY: Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Ballots will be centrally counted at the Registrar of Voters' office. **§§ 1000(e), 14212**

Voters who have moved from one address to another within the same county and who have not re-registered may update their address and vote at any Vote Center, at the office of the county elections official, or at a central location designated by the county elections official.

**November 3, 2026
(E)**

VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTER BALLOTS RETURNED: Deadline for the Registrar of Voters to receive Vote-By-Mail ballots in person is **November 3, 2026, 8 p.m.** A voter may deliver his/her Vote-By-Mail ballot in person to any Vote Center or ballot drop box in the county by the close of the polls on Election Day. If a voter is unable to return the ballot, he/she may designate another person to return the ballot. **§§ 3017, 3020, 14212**

Last day a military or overseas voter who is living outside of the United States (or is called for military service within the United States after **October 27, 2026**) may return his/her ballot by facsimile transmission. To be counted, the ballot returned by facsimile transmission must be received by the elections official no later than Election Day, 8 p.m. and must be accompanied by an identification envelope and a signed Oath of Voter Declaration. **§§ 3101(e), 3106, 3110, 3111, 3118, 14212**

IMPORTANT: A mailed, voted ballot will count only if the identification envelope is signed, dated and postmarked no later than Election Day, November 3, 2026, and it is received no later than seven (7) days after Election Day, November 10, 2026, 5 p.m. **§§ 3017, 3020**

**November 3, 2026
(E)**

MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTERS RETURNING TO COUNTY OF REGISTRATION: Any registered military or overseas voter who has returned to his or her county of registration on or before this day, and to whom a Vote-By-Mail ballot has been mailed but not voted,

may apply for a replacement Vote-By-Mail ballot. The elections official shall then issue another Vote-By-Mail ballot to the voter or certify to the precinct board that the voter is eligible to vote in the election.

§, 3109

An unregistered military or overseas voter who was released from service after the close of registration, **October 19, 2026**, and who has returned to his or her county of residence may apply in person to register with the county elections official and vote in the election. Documentary proof of release from service is required. On or before the day of the election, the county elections official shall deliver to the precinct board a list of military or overseas voters registered under Elections Code Section 3108.

§§ 300(b), 321, 3108

A military or overseas voter who returns to the county after **October 25, 2026** may appear before the county elections official and apply for registration, a Vote-By-Mail ballot, or both. The county elections official shall register the voter, if not registered, and shall deliver a Vote-By-Mail ballot which may be voted in, or outside, the county elections official's office on or before the close of the polls on Election Day and returned as are other voted Vote-By-Mail ballots.

§ 3110

**November 3, 2026
(E)**

SEMI-OFFICIAL CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS:

Beginning at 8 p.m. and continuously until completed, the Registrar of Voters shall conduct the semi-official canvass of votes and report totals to the Secretary of State at least every two hours.

§§ 15150, 15151

The Registrar of Voters' schedule for posting unofficial election results updates during the Semi-Official Canvass and Canvass is provided on page 65 of this Handbook.

**November 4, 2026
(E+1)**

COMMENCE OFFICIAL CANVASS OF ELECTION

RETURNS: The Registrar of Voters will begin the official canvass of the precinct returns.

§§ 15301, 15372

**November 13, 2026
(E+10)**

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS OF EMERGENCY WORKERS:

On or before **November 3, 2026**, if the Governor declares a State of Emergency, a provisional ballot cast by an emergency worker outside of his or her home precinct must be received by the county elections official where the voter is registered. The elections official shall transmit for processing any ballot cast no later than the close of polls on Election Day by an emergency worker in a declared state of emergency, including any materials necessary to process the ballot, to the elections official in the county where the voter is registered to vote.

§ 14313

**November 18, 2026
(E+15)**

POST-ELECTION FILING FOR COUNTY OFFICE CANDIDATE:

Last day to file post-filing campaign disclosure statements for all county candidates and committees for the period through November 13, 2026.

§ 1-6-26 of the Orange County Ordinance

November 25, 2026 (E+22) **DEADLINE TO CURE NONCOMPARABLE SIGNATURES OR UNSIGNED BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPES:** All voters identified as having a signature on their Vote-By-Mail identification (return) envelope that did not compare or as failing to sign their identification envelope have an opportunity to verify their signature or provide a signature on a cure statement no later than 5 p.m. on November 25, 2026 (E+22). The statement may be submitted in person, or by mail, email, fax or mobile application. The elections official must process all cure statements received by this deadline. **§ 3019(d)(1), (f)**

NOTE: The elections official shall send a cure notice by first-class mail to all voters whose signature was challenged or missing not later than November 17, 2026 (E+14). The elections official shall make a second cure notification by telephone call or email to voters who provided a telephone number or email address with their voter registration. Candidates are entitled to purchase a countywide list of all voters whose ballot envelope signature was challenged. The cure list is updated daily. **§ 3019(e)(1), (f)**

December 3, 2026 (E+30) **COMPLETE CANVASS OF OFFICIAL RETURNS AND CERTIFY RESULTS BY THIS DATE:** No later than this date, the county elections official must complete the canvass, certify its results, and submit the certification to the Board of Supervisors and governing bodies of the school districts, community college districts, cities, and special districts with the elective officers on the ballot. **§§ 15301, 15372**

December 3, 2026 (E+30) **CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION:** Approximately on this date, the elections official shall make and deliver to each person elected or nominated under its jurisdiction, a certificate of election or nomination, signed by the election's official. **§ 15401**

December 4, 2026 (E+31) **DATE OF TAKING OFFICE – SPECIAL DISTRICT DIRECTORS:** Elected Special District Directors take office on the first Friday in December after the General Election, after taking the official oath and executing such bond as may be required. If the election has not yet been certified, the sitting officer will continue to serve until a replacement is sworn in. **Gov't § 24201, § 10554**

December 4, 2026 (E+31) **STATEMENT OF RESULTS TO SECRETARY OF STATE:** By this date, the county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State, in an electronic format, one complete copy of the returns for all candidates voted for at the General Election, including Representatives in Congress, State Constitutional Officers, Members of the State Senate, Members of the State Assembly, Justices of the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal, and for all statewide ballot measures. **§§ 15374, 15375**

December 11, 2026 (E+38) **DATE OF TAKING OFFICE – SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:** Elected School Board Members take office on the second Friday in December after the General Election. **Ed § 5017**

January 4, 2027
(E+62)

DATE OF TAKING OFFICE – COUNTY OFFICERS:

Elected County Officers take office at noon on the first Monday after January 1 succeeding their election.

Gov't § 24200

February 1, 2027
(Dated fixed by law)
(E+83)

SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

DUE: Last day to file semi-annual campaign disclosure statements for all candidates and committees for the period through
December 31, 2026.

Gov't §§ 84200, 84218

NOTE: Candidates for federal office should contact the Federal Election Commission to obtain information regarding campaign disclosure filing requirements and the forms on which to file.

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