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11 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
12 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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15 **DAVID TANGIPA, et al.,**
16 Plaintiffs,
17 and
18 **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**
19 Plaintiff-Intervenor
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21 v.
22 **GAVIN NEWSOM, in his official**
capacity as the Governor of
23 **California, et al.,**
24 Defendants,
25 and
26 **DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL**
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, et al.,
27 Defendant-Intervenors.
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**DECLARATION OF JOANNA
SOUTHARD SUPPORTING
DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO
PLAINTIFFS' AND PLAINTIFF-
INTERVENORS' MOTIONS FOR
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

Judge: Hon. Josephine L.
Staton, Hon. Kenneth K.
Lee, and Hon. Wesley L.
Hsu
Trial Date: None Designated
Action Filed: Nov. 5, 2025

1 I, Joanna Southard, declare:

2 1. I am a resident of the State of California, and I am over the age of 18.
3 I have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in this declaration, except those
4 matters stated upon information and belief. As to those matters, I believe them to
5 be true. If called as a witness, I could and would testify competently to the matters
6 set forth below.

7 2. I am employed by the Office of the California Secretary of State,
8 where I have served as Assistant Chief of the Elections Division since 2008.
9 Before assuming my current position, I served primarily as the Voter Information
10 Guide coordinator from December 1999 to February 2008. I am familiar with all
11 aspects of the Elections Division's work. I work for Secretary of State Shirley N.
12 Weber, Ph.D., and support her in her official capacity as the Chief Elections Officer
13 of the State of California. In my current role, I assist Secretary Weber and Jana
14 Lean, Chief of the Elections Division, in the execution of state and federal laws
15 relating to elections. To date, I have assisted in the oversight of 22 statewide
16 elections and 89 special vacancy elections.

17 3. As California's Chief Elections Officer, the Secretary of State is
18 responsible for executing all state and federal laws relating to elections within the
19 State of California. *See* Cal. Gov't Code § 12172.5(a); Cal. Elec. Code § 10. The
20 Elections Division is responsible for implementing the Secretary of State's duties
21 with regard to elections, including enforcing laws, ensuring that elections are
22 conducted efficiently, and providing technical information, advice, and assistance
23 to county elections officials and the public. Elections are primarily administered at
24 the county level in California.

25 4. The Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office oversees the
26 administration of federal and state elections within California. This includes, but is
27 not limited to, providing guidance and training on election laws and procedures to
28 county elections officials, printing and distributing voter registration cards,

1 maintaining a statewide database of all registered voters, coordinating and
2 compiling all statewide voter registration statistics, qualifying candidates for
3 statewide and special elections, certifying the list of candidates for state and federal
4 offices, tracking and certifying state ballot initiatives, printing and mailing a state
5 voter information guide, surveying all of California's 58 counties regarding ballot
6 transmittal statistics on military and overseas voters and reporting those statistics to
7 the United States Department of Justice, administering a Voter Assistance Hotline
8 for the entire State, receiving Election Day complaints from the public and
9 coordinating the resolution of those complaints with all of California's 58 counties,
10 compiling the vote results from each county, certifying the election results, issuing
11 nomination and election certificates to all victorious state and federal candidates,
12 educating California citizens about their voting rights, and promoting voter
13 registration and participation. In years in which redistricting occurs, the Elections
14 Division, among other things, validates the counties' updated congressional district
15 lines, verifies updated voter registration data, and coordinates with counties to
16 reconcile any errors.

17 5. The Secretary of State has no role in developing the contents of ballot
18 measures. The Secretary of State's Office does not certify legislative ballot
19 measures before they are placed on the ballot. These measures are placed on the
20 ballot pursuant to the California Constitution or relevant legislation.

21 6. I am aware that a lawsuit has been filed against Secretary Weber in her
22 official capacity as Secretary of State. I am also aware that Plaintiffs in this lawsuit
23 are requesting a preliminary injunction to prevent the implementation of the
24 congressional map described in Assembly Bill (AB) 604.

25 7. Proposition 50, a legislatively referred ballot measure, asked voters to
26 choose whether to approve proposed Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA)
27 8. A true and correct copy of the Proposition 50 Ballot Label is attached as Exhibit
28 A, and a true and correct copy of the Voter Information Guide addressing

1 Proposition 50 is attached as Exhibit B. As of the date of this declaration, the
2 unofficial results indicate that 64.4% of voters have approved Proposition 50 in the
3 November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election. California Secretary of State,
4 *Statewide Special Election Unofficial Election Results*, <https://electionresults.sos.ca.gov/returns/ballot-measures> (last visited Dec. 1, 2025).

6 8. ACA 8, available at [https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide-](https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide-elections/2025-special/aca-8.pdf)
7 [elections/2025-special/aca-8.pdf](https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide-elections/2025-special/aca-8.pdf), is a proposed amendment to the California
8 Constitution that would temporarily alter an existing process under which the
9 Citizens Redistricting Commission prepares California's congressional district map.
10 If the certified results of the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election confirm
11 that a majority of voters approved Proposition 50, ACA 8 would be adopted, and
12 the State would temporarily use the congressional districts described in a related
13 bill, Assembly Bill (AB) 604, available at [https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov](https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide-elections/2025-special/ab-604.pdf)
14 [/statewide-elections/2025-special/ab-604.pdf](https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide-elections/2025-special/ab-604.pdf). Under ACA 8, the new map would
15 apply for the 2026, 2028, and 2030 congressional elections, after which the Citizens
16 Redistricting Commission would resume preparing the congressional district map
17 under the existing process. Another related bill, Senate Bill (SB) 280, available at
18 <https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide-elections/2025-special/sb-280.pdf>, adds
19 sections to California's Elections Code that outline processes and timelines related
20 to the now past November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election and the upcoming
21 June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election.

22 9. The Secretary and California's county elections officials are
23 responsible for implementing provisions of SB 280 and other provisions set forth in
24 the Elections Code to prepare for and conduct elections. The Secretary of State's
25 Office prepares a calendar detailing the events related to each election. A true and
26 correct copy of the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election calendar is
27 attached as Exhibit C and is available at [https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide-](https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide-elections/2025-special/statewide-special-election-calendar.pdf)
28 [elections/2025-special/statewide-special-election-calendar.pdf](https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide-elections/2025-special/statewide-special-election-calendar.pdf). A true and correct

1 copy of the June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election calendar is attached as
2 Exhibit D and is available at <https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide->
3 [elections/2026-primary/primary-election-calendar.pdf](https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide-elections/2026-primary/primary-election-calendar.pdf). The timelines on these
4 calendars are based in statute and any delays or changes affecting these timeframes
5 can impact the ability of our office and county elections officials to conduct the
6 2026 Primary Election. Moreover, the current schedule leaves almost no room for
7 uncertainty regarding the applicable congressional district map, or to accommodate
8 any delays or changes in its implementation. Each step of the process of applying
9 the new congressional district map throughout California requires subject-matter
10 experts at the state and county level to perform highly technical tasks that cannot be
11 outsourced; the process cannot be accelerated simply by adding more personnel to
12 accommodate any delays or changes.

13 10. Although the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election has
14 already occurred, the Secretary of State and county elections officials have much to
15 do before the election results can be certified. For example, county elections
16 officials have counted over 11.5 million ballots to date with more remaining, they
17 must process all conditional voter registration and provisional ballots, manually
18 tally one percent of all ballots, complete processes to allow voters an opportunity to
19 cure signature defects (over 89,000 remaining to date), certify election results at the
20 county level by December 4, 2025, and report those results to the Secretary of State
21 by December 5, 2025. The Secretary's Office then has seven days to certify the
22 November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election results, a process that includes,
23 among other things, conducting three rounds of manual reviews of county-level
24 certifications and coordinating with counties to correct any discrepancies before the
25 Secretary certifies the results by December 12, 2025.

26 11. Key processes related to the June 2, 2026, Primary Election begin
27 immediately after the December 12, 2025, certification deadline, and certain
28 processes rely on the timeliness of others. Accordingly, delays in ongoing and

1 upcoming election processes—including delays in the implementation of the new
2 congressional district map—would result in serious, and possibly irreparable,
3 disruptions to the June 2, 2026, Primary Election and generate significant
4 confusion.

5 12. For example, candidates planning to run in the June 2, 2026, Primary
6 Election are permitted to begin collecting signatures in lieu of filing fees on
7 December 19, 2025—one week after the Secretary must certify the November 4,
8 2025, Statewide Special Election results. This date was established under Elections
9 Code section 8162, which was added by SB 280. Under Elections Code section
10 8106(b)(1), candidates who collect signatures in lieu of paying a filing fee, or in
11 addition to paying a prorated filing fee (“signature in lieu”), may only do so from
12 voters who are eligible to vote for the candidate. In other words, candidates must
13 know which district they are running in to know where they must collect signatures.
14 Candidates utilizing the signature in lieu process must submit a sufficient number
15 of signatures, or a sufficient combination of signatures and prorated filing fee, to
16 county elections officials by February 4, 2026, to obtain nomination papers. By
17 March 6, 2026, all candidates must file a declaration of candidacy and nomination
18 papers. March 6, 2026, is also the deadline for candidates to withdraw their
19 nomination papers. Candidates wishing to submit statements to county officials for
20 inclusion in the county voter information guides must do so by March 6, 2026.
21 Candidates’ ability to satisfy their obligations in order to run for office, in addition
22 to campaigning, requires certainty as to the map that applies. Accordingly, if a
23 candidate begins collecting signatures in one congressional district, and the
24 applicable congressional changes before the election, the candidate may have
25 collected signatures that cannot be counted towards his or her filing fee or applied
26 towards his or her nomination documents, and this may impact the candidate’s
27 access to the ballot.

28 13. Moreover, if the certified results confirm that Proposition 50 has

1 passed, county elections officials and the Secretary of State must finalize
2 implementation of the new congressional districts no later than December 18,
3 2025—within just one week after certification, in order to be able to issue signature
4 in lieu petitions on December 19, the opening of the signature in lieu period.
5 Implementation of the new districts is a complex, time intensive, and collaborative
6 process. Among other things, it requires counties to determine which voters and
7 precincts fall within their district lines; ensure that any new precincts align with the
8 updated congressional districts; ensure that each precinct is associated with only
9 one district of each type; and associate each of over 23 million voters to their proper
10 election precincts. Counties must complete this work on time, regardless of
11 whether it is a less populous county with fewer voters and precincts, or a large
12 county, like Los Angeles County, which has over 5.8 million voters and over
13 33,000 precincts. Once this has occurred, the information must be proofed and
14 verified for accuracy and reported to the Secretary of State. The Secretary's Office
15 must then validate the updated county precincts and coordinate with counties to
16 correct any discrepancies by December 18, 2025. In the past, county elections
17 officials have had several weeks to complete this process. In addition, elections
18 officials must at the same time begin setting up election contests in their database,
19 including the gubernatorial election and contests for other seats that are to be filled
20 via the June 2, 2026, Primary Election.

21 14. Uncertainty about changes in the applicable congressional district map
22 would also impact voters. If the applicable congressional district map changes in
23 the coming months, depending on the timing, it is possible that voters could receive
24 incorrect ballots and voter information guides. This is because certain voters' and
25 candidates' districts change under the Proposition 50 map and, accordingly, ballots
26 and voter information guides would contain different information depending on
27 which map applies. Such a scenario would cause significant voter confusion and
28 distrust in California's electoral system.

1 15. Moreover, as discussed, the unofficial election results indicate that a
2 majority of voters voted in favor of approving Proposition 50 and implementing the
3 new congressional district map for the next three congressional elections, starting
4 with the June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election. If the certified result is
5 consistent with the unofficial result, changing course and instead maintaining the
6 previous congressional district map could also impact voter trust in the State's
7 electoral system.

8 I declare under penalty of perjury that the statements in this declaration are
9 true and correct. Executed on December 1, 2025, in Sacramento, California.

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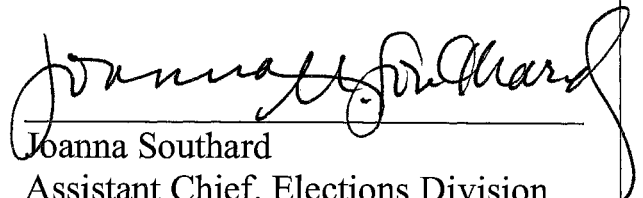

Joanna Southard
Assistant Chief, Elections Division
California Secretary of State's Office

EXHIBIT A

TO DECLARATION OF SOUTHARD

Proposition 50

August 27, 2025
ACA 8

BALLOT LABEL

AUTHORIZES TEMPORARY CHANGES TO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAPS IN RESPONSE TO TEXAS' PARTISAN REDISTRICTING. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Requires temporary use of new congressional district maps through 2030. Directs independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to resume enacting congressional district maps in 2031. Establishes policy supporting nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide. **Fiscal Impact:** One-time costs to counties of up to a few million dollars statewide to update election materials to reflect new congressional district maps.

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NOT TO BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSES
OTHER THAN AS A BALLOT LABEL

SUBJECT TO COURT
ORDERED CHANGES

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Exhibit A

EXHIBIT B

TO DECLARATION OF SOUTHARD

Statewide Special Election

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Don't Delay, Vote Today!

Early vote-by-mail ballot voting period is
from October 6 through November 4, 2025.

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
on November 4, 2025, Election Day!



CALIFORNIA TRUSTED INFO

Every registered voter
in California will receive
a vote-by-mail ballot.

Vote-by-mail ballots
are mailed on or before
October 6.

Vote-by-mail ballots
can be voted and
returned as soon as
they are received.

Vote-by-mail drop
boxes open October 7.

In-person voting
options will be available
in all counties.



Official Voter Information Guide



Certificate of Correctness

I, Shirley N. Weber, Secretary
of State of the State of
California, do hereby certify that
the information included herein
will be submitted to the electors
of the State of California at the
Statewide Special Election to
be held throughout the State
on November 4, 2025, and that
this guide has been correctly
prepared in accordance with
the law. Witness my hand and
the Great Seal of the State in
Sacramento, California, this
17th day of September, 2025.




Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.
Secretary of State



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VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

- 1** **The right to vote if you are a registered voter.** You are eligible to vote if you are:
 - a U.S. citizen living in California
 - at least 18 years old
 - registered where you currently live
 - not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, and
 - not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court
- 2** **The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list.** You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.
- 3** **The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.**
- 4** **The right to cast a secret ballot** without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.
- 5** **The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake,** if you have not already cast your ballot. You can:
 - Ask an elections official at a polling place** for a new ballot,
 - Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot** for a new one at an elections office, or at your polling place, or
 - Vote using a provisional ballot.**
- 6** **The right to get help casting your ballot** from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.
- 7** **The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place** in California.
- 8** **The right to get election materials in a language other than English** if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.
- 9** **The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures** and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.
- 10** **The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity** to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.
 -  On the web at www.sos.ca.gov
 -  By phone at **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**
 -  By email at elections@sos.ca.gov

IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN DENIED ANY OF THESE RIGHTS, CALL THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S
CONFIDENTIAL TOLL-FREE VOTER HOTLINE AT **(800) 345-VOTE (8683)**.

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Top Contributors to State Candidates and Ballot Measures

When a committee (a person or group of people who receive or spend money for the purpose of influencing voters to support or oppose candidates or ballot measures) raises at least \$1 million, it must report its top 10 contributors to the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC). The committee must update the list when there is any change.

These lists are available on the FPPC website at:
fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors.html

To research campaign contributions for candidates or ballot measures, visit the Secretary of State's website at powersearch.sos.ca.gov.



Visit the Secretary of State's Website to:

- Research campaign contributions and lobbying activity cal-access.sos.ca.gov OR powersearch.sos.ca.gov
- View this voter guide in other languages voterguide.sos.ca.gov
- Check your registration status and registration information voterstatus.sos.ca.gov
- Find your polling place or a vote center on Election Day sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place OR voterstatus.sos.ca.gov
- Get vote-by-mail ballot information sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail
- Read helpful information for first-time voters sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/voting-california
- Watch live election results after polls close on Election Day electionresults.sos.ca.gov



Message from the Secretary of State

Dear California Voter,

Your participation in every election is vital to ensuring democracy thrives. As a California voter, you will have an opportunity to vote in the upcoming November 4, 2025, **Statewide Special Election**. This election will ask you to **approve or reject** a ballot proposition.

You have a number of ways to participate as California continues to protect and expand your right to vote. We uphold universal vote-by-mail ballots, multiple in-person voting approaches, same-day voter registration, and provisional voting, all designed to make voting accessible and secure.

This Voter Information Guide is designed to help you make an informed decision on Proposition 50. Inside, you will find key details about when, where, and how to cast your ballot, as well as an impartial summary and analysis of the measure. The guide presents official arguments both in favor of and against Proposition 50, along with rebuttals, so you can consider multiple perspectives before making your choice.

Your Guide Includes:

- A neutral summary of Proposition 50, with arguments for and against, including contact information for supporters and opponents. (PAGE 5)
- Clear instructions on how to vote—by mail, in person, or via secure drop box. Plus, reminders to sign and seal your ballot. (PAGE 7)
- Information on **Where's My Ballot** alerts at *WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov*.
- Details on extended voting days and vote centers in Voter's Choice Act counties, where you can register and vote on the same day. (PAGE 6)

Participating in elections is vital to having a say in decisions that affect our lives and how our community operates. I encourage you to take the time to learn about the issue and the implications of this election, then make your choice. Voting means your voice will be heard and you have a say in the future.

Thank you for keeping our democracy strong!

QUICK-REFERENCE GUIDE

**PROP
50**

**AUTHORIZES TEMPORARY CHANGES TO
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAPS IN RESPONSE
TO TEXAS' PARTISAN REDISTRICTING.
LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

SUMMARY

Put on the Ballot by the Legislature

Requires temporary use of new congressional district maps through 2030. Directs independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to resume enacting congressional district maps in 2031. Establishes policy supporting nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide. **Fiscal Impact:** One-time costs to counties of up to a few million dollars statewide to update election materials to reflect new congressional district maps.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

YES A YES vote on this measure means: The state would use new, legislatively drawn congressional district maps starting in 2026. California's new maps would be used until the California Citizens Redistricting Commission draws new maps following the 2030 U.S. Census.

NO A NO vote on this measure means: Current congressional district maps drawn by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) would continue to be used in California until the Commission draws new maps following the 2030 U.S. Census.

ARGUMENTS

PRO Proposition 50—The Election Rigging Response Act—approves temporary, emergency congressional district maps to counter Donald Trump's scheme to rig next year's congressional election and reaffirms California's commitment to independent, nonpartisan redistricting after the next census. Vote Yes on 50 for democracy in all 50 states. Learn more at StopElectionRigging.com.

CON Prop. 50 was written by politicians, for politicians—dismantling safeguards that keep elections fair, removes requirements to keep local communities together, and eliminates voter protections that ban maps designed to favor political parties. Vote NO to protect fair elections and keep citizens—not politicians—in charge of redistricting.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FOR
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Yes on 50, The Election
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Governor Newsom's Ballot
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StopElectionRigging.com

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No on Prop. 50—Protect
Voters First, Sponsored by
Hold Politicians
Accountable
2350 Kerner Blvd., Suite 250
San Rafael, CA 94901
(916) 446-6572
info@votersfirstact.org
VotersFirstAct.org

Election Day Information

Polling locations are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. If you are in line before 8:00 p.m., you can still vote.

Find Your Polling Place or a Vote Center

Polling places and vote centers are established by county elections officials. Look for your polling place address or vote center locations in the county Voter Information Guide that you receive in the mail a few weeks before Election Day.

You may also visit the Secretary of State's website at vote.ca.gov or call our toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).



Election results for the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election are available after the polls close at 8:00 p.m. on the California Secretary of State's Election Results website at electionresults.sos.ca.gov.

Results will begin to be posted at 8:00 p.m. and will be updated throughout Election Night. In the days afterwards, the results will be updated at 5:00 p.m. each day throughout the canvass as counties count the remaining ballots.

The official certified results of the election will be posted by December 12, 2025, at sos.ca.gov/elections.

More Days, More Ways to Vote

with the California Voter's Choice Act



Vote in person up to 10 days prior to Election Day

- Alameda
- Amador
- Butte
- Calaveras
- El Dorado
- Fresno
- Humboldt
- Kings
- Los Angeles
- Madera
- Marin
- Mariposa
- Merced
- Napa
- Nevada
- Orange
- Placer
- Riverside
- Sacramento
- San Benito
- San Diego
- San Mateo
- Santa Clara
- Santa Cruz
- Sonoma
- Stanislaus
- Tuolumne
- Ventura
- Yolo

In California, every active registered voter will automatically receive a ballot in the mail before every election. Check your voter registration status to ensure you receive your ballot.

Use a drop box:

Return your ballot to a secure drop off location in any county **up to 28 days before the election**

Vote center:

- Vote in person anywhere in the county **up to 10 days before the election**
- Register to vote and vote same day
- Drop off your ballot

Vote by mail:

Return your ballot by mail **as soon as you receive it**

Visit RegisterToVote.ca.gov or call (800) 345-VOTE (8683) to learn more.



Want to skip the line and vote early?
Scan the QR Code to learn more!



Don't Delay, Vote Today!

All California voters will be sent a vote-by-mail ballot with a prepaid postage return envelope for the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election. County elections officials will begin sending vote-by-mail ballots no later than October 6, 2025.

The vote-by-mail ballot voting period begins as soon as ballots are in the mail. Make your voice heard early! Return your vote-by-mail ballot during the voting period of October 6 through the close of polls on November 4.

Voting by Mail is EASY.

Democracy is counting on you! Follow these five easy steps to exercise your right to vote:

- ✓ **Complete it.**
Mark your choices on your vote-by-mail ballot.
- ✓ **Seal it.**
Secure your ballot inside the vote-by-mail ballot return envelope you received from your county elections office.
- ✓ **Sign it.**
Sign the outside of your vote-by-mail ballot return envelope.
Make sure your signature matches the one on your CA driver's license/state ID, or the one you provided when registering to vote. Your county elections office will compare them before they count your ballot.
- ✓ **Track it.**
Sign up at wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov to receive updates on the status of your vote-by-mail ballot by text message (SMS), email, or voice call.
- ✓ **Return it.**
By drop box—Drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at a secure official drop box in your county at any time between October 7 through the close of polls on November 4.
In person—Drop your completed vote-by-mail ballot off at a secure drop box, polling place, vote center, or county elections office by 8:00 p.m. on November 4. Voting locations will be available in all counties before Election Day. Voting locations offer voter registration, replacement ballots, accessible voting machines, and language assistance.
By mail—Return your ballot by mail as soon as you receive it. Make sure your vote-by-mail ballot return envelope is postmarked no later than November 4.



All voters can get critical updates on their ballots through California's official "Where's My Ballot?" tracking tool. **Signing up takes less than three minutes!**

What you'll be able to track:



You can select to receive notifications on the status of your vote-by-mail ballot by text (SMS), email, or voice call, including alerts if there are any issues with your ballot and instructions for how to correct them to make sure your vote is counted.

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OFFICIAL TITLE AND SUMMARY

PREPARED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The text of this measure can be found on page 18 and the Secretary of State's website at voterguide.sos.ca.gov.

- In response to Texas' mid-decade partisan congressional redistricting, this measure temporarily requires new congressional district maps, as passed by the Legislature in August 2025, to be used in California's congressional elections through 2030.
- Establishes state policy supporting use of fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide.
- Retains California's independent Citizens Redistricting Commission and directs the Commission to resume enacting congressional district maps in 2031 after the 2030 census and every ten years thereafter.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST'S ESTIMATE OF NET
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL IMPACT:**

- One-time costs to counties of up to a few million dollars statewide. County costs would be to update election materials to reflect new congressional district maps.

FINAL VOTES CAST BY THE LEGISLATURE ON ACA 8 (PROPOSITION 50)
(RESOLUTION CHAPTER 156, STATUTES OF 2025)

Senate:	Ayes 30	Noes 8
Assembly:	Ayes 57	Noes 20

ANALYSIS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

BACKGROUND

U.S. CONGRESS

U.S. Congress. The U.S. Congress is the part of the federal government that makes laws. Congress has two parts: the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives (House). Each of the 50 states is represented by 2 senators, with 100 senators in total. The House has 435 members. The number of representatives in the House for each state depends on how many people live in that state. Each member in the House represents an area of the state called a congressional district. California currently has 52 congressional districts. Voters who live in each congressional district elect one member of the House every two years to represent them. The next election for all 435 representatives will be in 2026.

U.S. Census Counts States' Populations Every Ten Years. The number of people living in an area goes up and down over time. Every ten years, the U.S. Census counts the number of people who live in the U.S. The last census was in 2020, and the next census is in 2030. This count is used to determine how many people live in each state and how many

representatives in the House each state gets for the next ten years.

CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

Each State Draws Congressional District Maps Following the U.S. Census. Every ten years, after the U.S. Census is completed, states draw new congressional district maps to reflect their number of House representatives and where people live. This process is called "redistricting." Each state decides what process to use to draw its new district maps. When drawing new maps, each state must follow federal laws. For example, each congressional district in the state must represent about the same number of people.

States Typically Do Not Redistrict Sooner Than Every Ten Years. States typically only draw congressional district maps every ten years, unless a court orders changes to comply with the law. In August 2025, however, the Texas Legislature passed a bill to adopt new maps for the 2026 elections without a court order. Several other states also are considering changes to their maps before the 2026 elections.

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Congressional Redistricting in California. State legislatures draw congressional district maps in most states, but some states use commissions to do this job. Before 2010, the California Legislature drew the state's congressional district maps. In 2010, California voters gave this job to an independent commission known as the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission). The Commission includes 14 members: 5 Democratic members, 5 Republican members, and 4 members who are not registered with either of those political parties. When the Commission draws new congressional district maps, it must follow federal and state laws. For example, state law requires, among other things, the Commission to avoid splitting up neighborhoods or local communities of interest to the extent possible. State law also prohibits the Commission from considering political parties, current office holders, or people running for office when it draws the maps.

Current California Congressional Districts. The Commission drew the current maps for California's 52 congressional districts. These maps were based on the 2020 U.S. Census and have been used since the 2022 congressional elections.

PROPOSAL**CALIFORNIA'S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAPS**

Use Legislatively Drawn Congressional District Maps Until After the Next Census. Proposition 50 replaces California's current congressional district maps with new, legislatively drawn maps. (The total number of districts would not change.) Proposition 50's maps must follow federal law, but they are not required to follow the state requirements placed on the Commission. The state would use Proposition 50's maps for congressional elections starting in 2026. The state would use these maps until the Commission draws new district maps, following the 2030 U.S. Census.

NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING

Call for Change in Federal Law. Proposition 50 asks the U.S. Congress to change federal law and propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to

require redistricting be done by "fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide." Proposition 50 expresses voter support for this idea, but does not change federal law or require any particular action of Congress or the California Legislature.

FISCAL EFFECTS**Minor One-Time Costs to County and State**

Elections Officials. Counties run elections, and the state oversees them. Because most congressional districts in California would change at least some under the new maps, county and state elections officials would need to update election materials. This would result in one-time costs to counties of **up to a few million dollars** statewide and one-time costs to the state of **roughly \$200,000**. The state amount is much less than one-tenth of 1 percent (0.1 percent) of the state's roughly \$220 billion General Fund budget. (The General Fund is the account the state uses to pay for most public services, including education, health care, and prisons.)

CURRENT AND PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MAPS

This section shows maps of the current and proposed congressional districts (1) statewide, as shown in Figures 1 and 2; (2) in the northern part of the state, as shown in Figures 3 and 4; and (3) in the southern part of the state, as shown in Figures 5 and 6. A description of the census blocks represented by each district in the proposed maps can be found at the following website: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB604

Visit sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying/cal-access-resources/measure-contributions/2025-ballot-measure-contribution-totals for a list of committees primarily formed to support or oppose this measure.

Visit fppc.ca.gov/transparency/top-contributors.html to access the committee's top 10 contributors.

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Figure 1

Current Congressional Districts



Note: See northern and southern congressional district maps for district numbers for the Bay Area and Los Angeles regions. Map reflects data posted to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission website.

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Figure 2

Proposed Congressional Districts



Note: See northern and southern congressional district maps for district numbers for the Bay Area and Los Angeles regions. Map reflects data posted to the California Legislature elections committees' (Assembly Elections Committee and Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee) websites.

For the full text of Proposition 50, see page 18.

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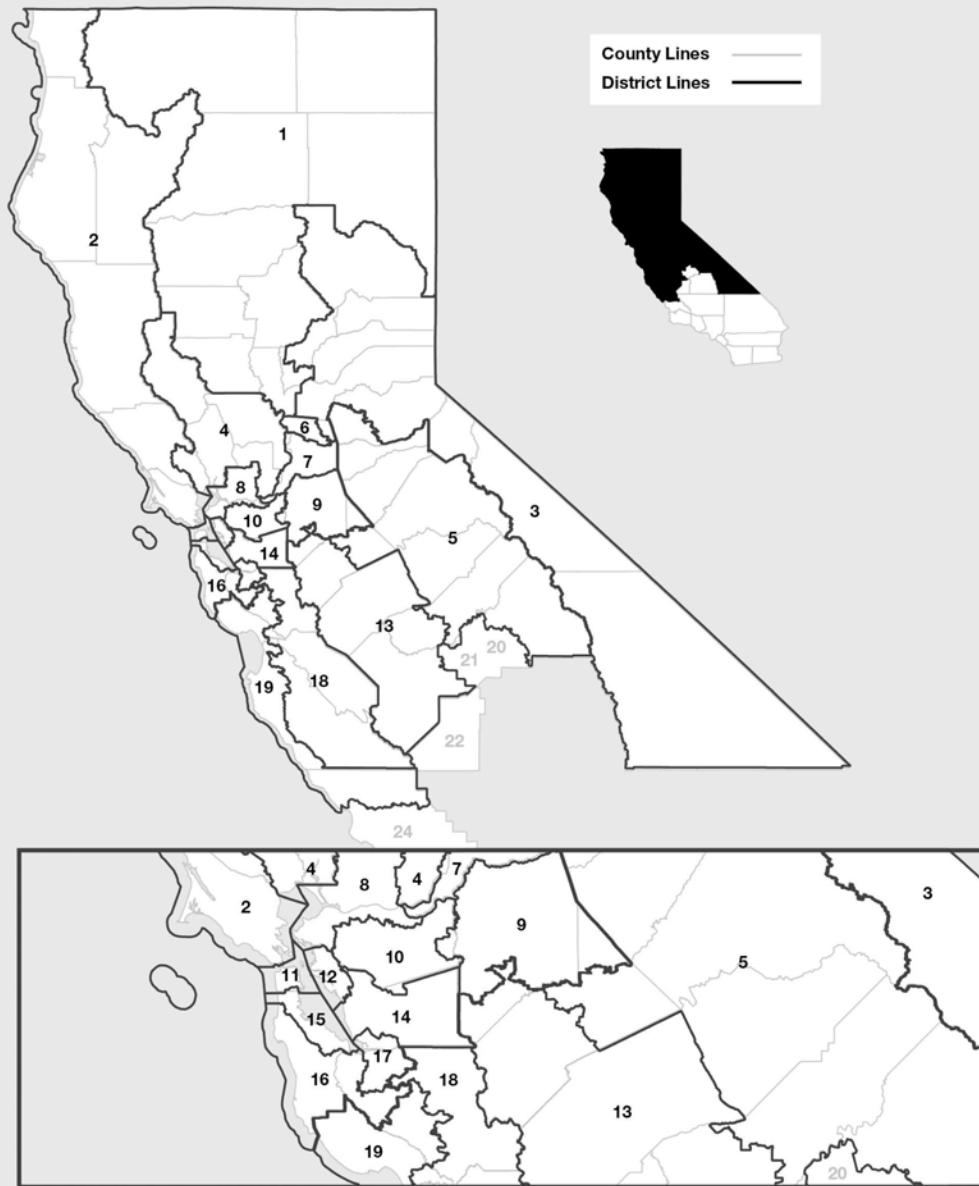
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Figure 3

Current Northern Congressional Districts



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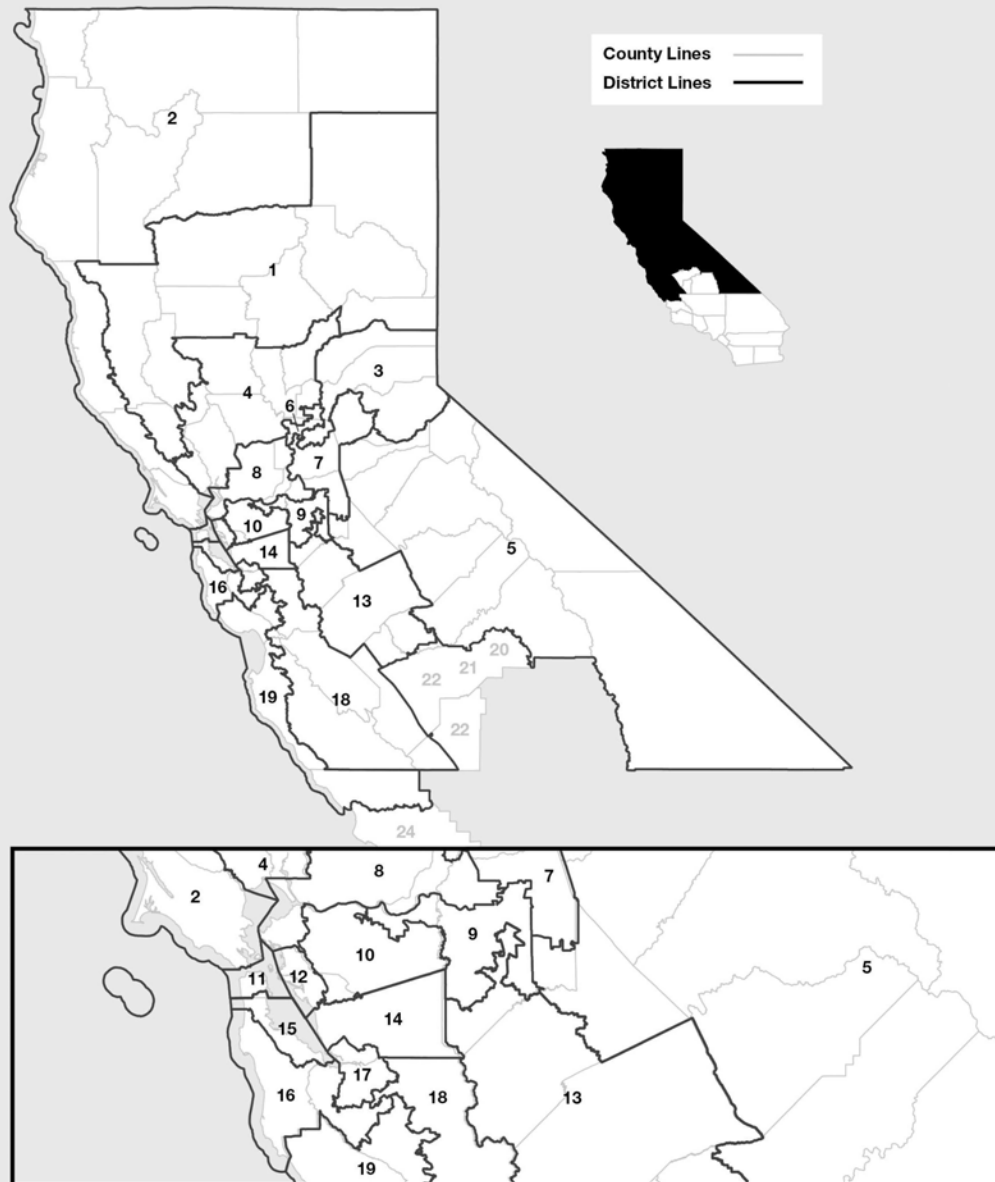
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Figure 4

Proposed Northern Congressional Districts



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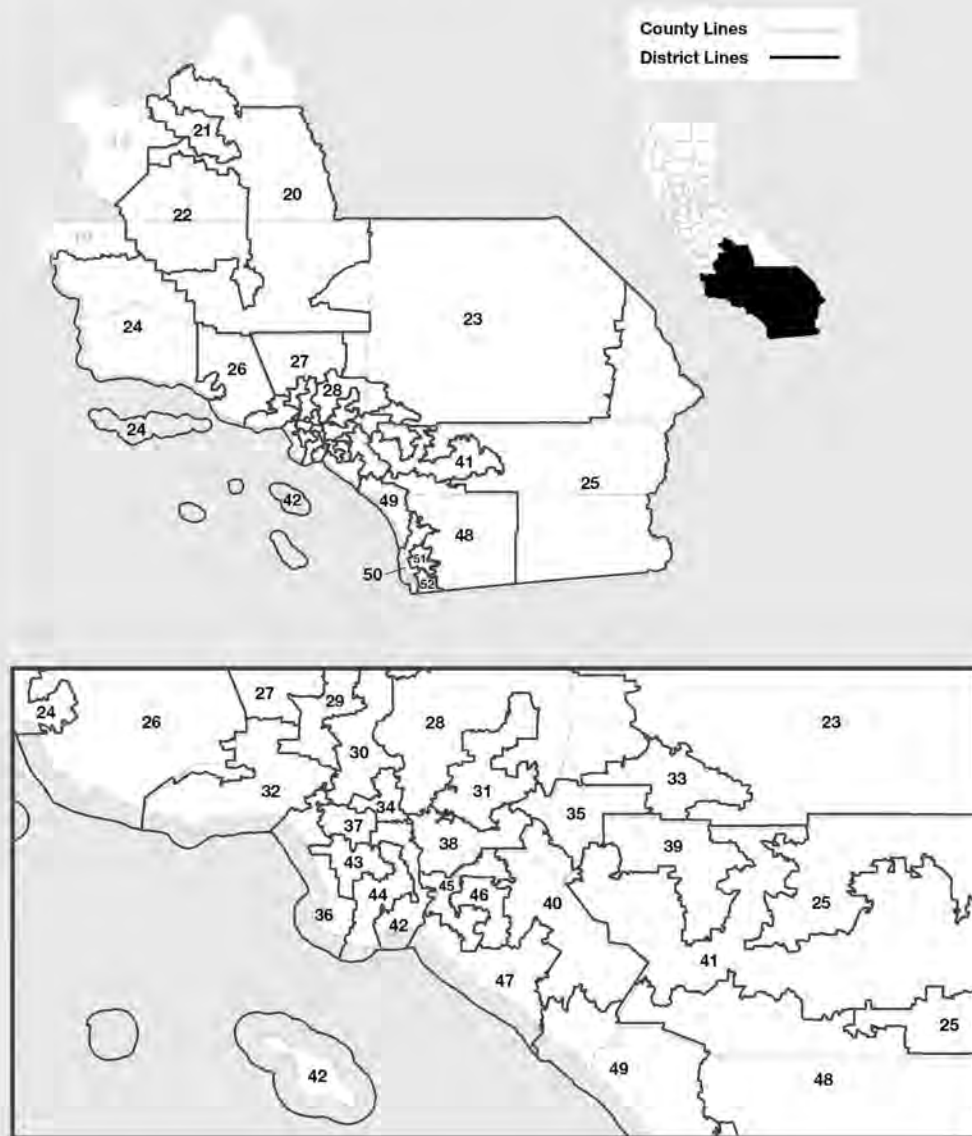
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Figure 5

Current Southern Congressional Districts



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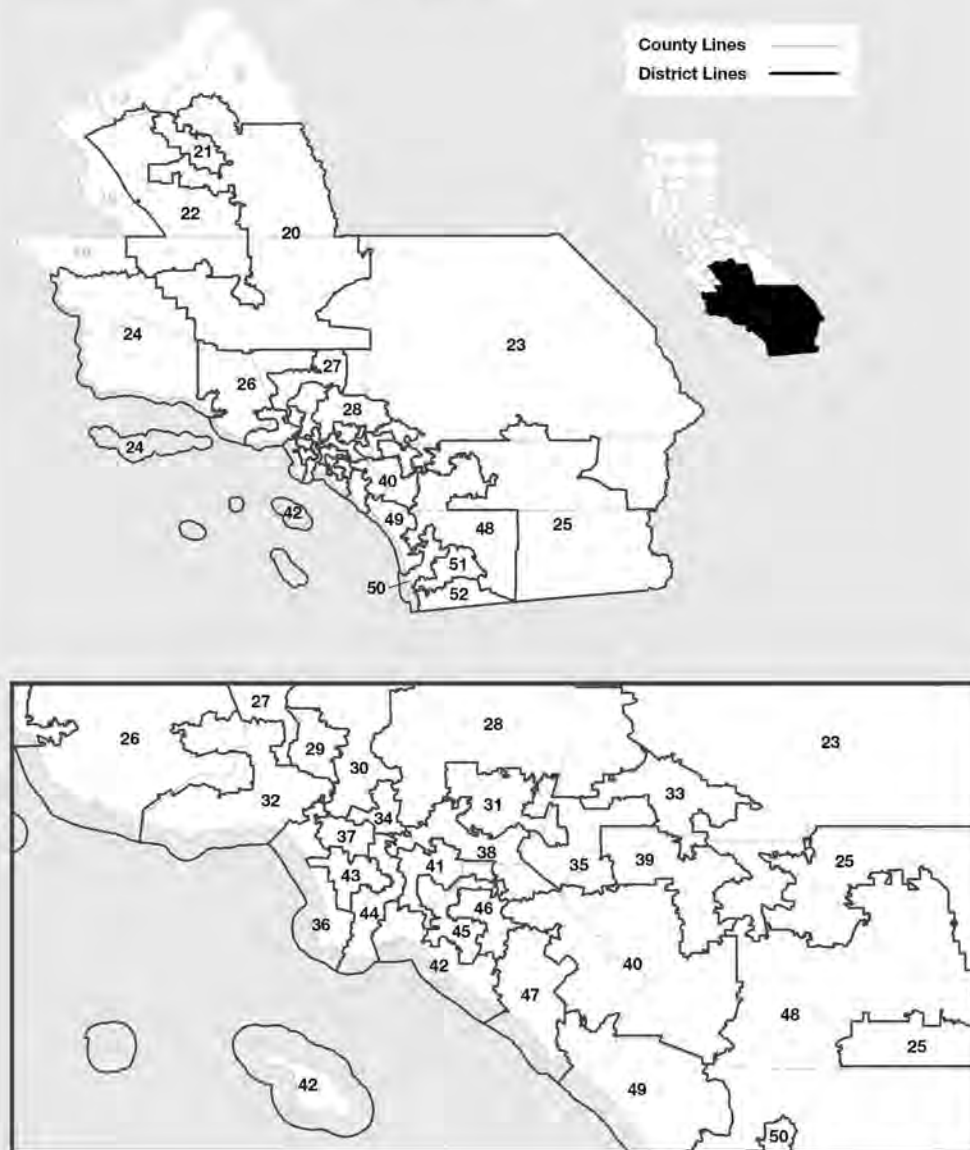
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Figure 6

Proposed Southern Congressional Districts



Note: Map reflects data posted to the California Legislature elections committees' (Assembly Elections Committee and Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee) websites.

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★ ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 50 ★

STOP TRUMP FROM RIGGING THE 2026 ELECTION

Donald Trump and Texas Republicans are making an unprecedented power grab to steal congressional seats and rig the 2026 election before voting even begins.

Other Republican states are following suit. They want to steal enough seats to control Congress even if voters overwhelmingly reject their agenda.

This isn't politics as usual. It's an emergency for our democracy.
ENSURE FAIR REPRESENTATION IN CONGRESS

We have already seen how Trump has recklessly imposed tariffs and hurt California families, denied disaster assistance to fire victims, and ordered mass arrests without warrants. The 2026 election for Congress represents our only chance to provide an essential check and balance on Trump's dangerous agenda.

If Californians don't act now, Donald Trump will seize total power for two more years. Proposition 50, the Election Rigging Response Act, will put a stop to their anti-democratic scheme. Here's what it does.

- **LEVELS THE PLAYING FIELD.** Prop. 50 makes sure the 2026 mid-term elections are conducted on a level playing field without an unfair advantage for Republicans.
- **COMMITTS TO FAIR REDISTRICTING.** Prop. 50 reaffirms California's commitment to independent redistricting and calls for a nationwide commitment to fair and impartial maps.
- **GIVES VOTERS THE POWER.** Prop. 50 puts the power in the hands of the People of California, not backroom politicians, to approve emergency congressional district maps in response to Trump's election rigging scheme.
- **IS FAIR AND PROPORTIONAL.** Prop. 50 provides emergency maps only because Republicans moved forward with their power grab.
- **IS TEMPORARY.** These maps expire in 2030. Prop. 50 preserves California's award-winning redistricting reforms and

reaffirms the California Citizens Redistricting Commission's authority to draw congressional districts after the next census. The stakes couldn't be higher. If Republicans rig the election and steal control of Congress next year, they'll continue to eliminate healthcare for millions of Americans, slash funding for schools, and cut essential services for veterans to pay for tax breaks for billionaires and big corporations.

PROTECT DEMOCRACY IN ALL 50 STATES

California has a duty to defend democracy. To do that, we can't unilaterally disarm or fight with both hands tied behind our backs. When Trump tries to rig elections, we must fight back with every tool available.

Prop. 50 draws fair maps that represent California's diverse communities and ensure our voices aren't silenced by partisan gerrymandering in other states.

California leads the nation in protecting voting rights and fair elections. When other states try to silence our voices and rig the system, we must respond decisively.

Join President Barack Obama, Governor Gavin Newsom, Senator Alex Padilla, Senator Adam Schiff, Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, election experts, independent redistricting commissioners, Planned Parenthood, the NAACP, California veterans, teachers, and nurses.

Vote YES on Prop. 50 to stop Trump's election rigging scheme.

Vote YES for checks and balances.

Vote YES to protect democracy in all 50 states.

Governor Gavin Newsom

U.S. Senator Alex Padilla

U.S. Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi

★ REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 50 ★

THE WRONG PATH—NO ON PROP. 50

We know American democracy is on fire, but accelerating gerrymandering only adds fuel! Politicians are seizing this crisis to justify a power grab.

PROP. 50 DOES NOT DEFEND OUR DEMOCRACY

Prop. 50 is not a magic pill to cure the nation's ills. It claims to protect democracy, yet diminishes our communities' voices and is ineffective against any overreach of presidential power. Vote NO.

California gerrymandering allowed the Legislature to draw partisan seats without transparency or citizen input, solely to protect incumbents. By 2001, the government was gridlocked, with legislators held hostage to the extremes of their parties.

Voters rose up and handed line-drawing over to citizens, resulting in:

- **Competitive Districts:** Previously safe seats now must be earned.
- **Better Representation:** Women in the Legislature doubled, Asian representation tripled, Black representation nearly doubled, and Latino seats grew by 8%.

- *Government for the People:* With more moderate representatives, the Legislature passed bipartisan legislation, working for the interests of all Californians.

WE THE PEOPLE

Districts do not belong to either party; they belong to the People. But, party bosses want to call the shots—again. NO to a “pay-to-play” system.

Prop. 50 says this is “temporary,” yet the Legislature will bypass the independent Citizens Redistricting Commission again in 2028, 2030—and perhaps beyond. Don't be fooled.

Legislators drew this map behind closed doors for you to rubber-stamp. It is not your choice.

Vote NO on partisan gerrymandering. Vote NO on Prop. 50.

Cynthia Dai, Rotating Chair

First Citizens Redistricting Commission

Jeanne Raya, Rotating Chair

First Citizens Redistricting Commission

Jodie Filkins Webber, Rotating Chair

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50**PROPOSITION 50: A POWER GRAB BY POLITICIANS**

Prop. 50 was written by politicians, for politicians. Prop. 50 dismantles constitutional safeguards that keep election maps fair. It removes requirements to keep cities, counties, and local communities together, and eliminates voter protections that ban maps designed to favor incumbents or political parties—putting politicians back in charge of drawing their own districts, or those of their friends.

A “NO” vote protects fair elections and keeps the people of California—not politicians—in charge of redistricting.

NO ON PROP. 50: IT REPEALS LANDMARK VOTER-APPROVED ELECTION REFORMS

For decades, Sacramento politicians drew their own district boundaries behind closed doors with no public oversight—guaranteeing their reelection, denying voters a real choice, and shutting out many women and people of color from elected office.

In 2008, California voters approved historic election reform—creating the independent California Citizens Redistricting Commission. Voters decided district lines should be drawn by a balanced panel of everyday citizens—not by politicians who stood to benefit.

Prop. 50 throws out citizen-drawn congressional maps created through a transparent public process with input from over 35,000 Californians. Instead, politicians secretly drew maps—leaving voters with NO real say.

NO ON PROP. 50: ANOTHER SCHEME TO PERMANENTLY END INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING

In 2008 and 2010, the Democratic Party and special interests spent millions of dollars to stop citizen redistricting. Later, the California Republican Party even sued to overturn citizen-drawn maps—and lost. Now, Sacramento politicians are scheming to regain control with Prop. 50.

Make no mistake: Prop. 50 is not temporary. For over half a decade, politicians get to impose their gerrymandered maps. Worse, it sets a dangerous precedent—opening the door for

Sacramento to keep drawing election maps beyond 2031—giving politicians permanent power to shield themselves and their allies from accountability for California's high cost of living, skyrocketing housing costs, and rising energy bills.

NO ON PROP. 50: DON'T BE MISLED BY POLITICAL SPIN

The same politicians who opposed independent redistricting from the start now claim Prop. 50 will “save democracy.” In truth, Prop. 50 weakens fair representation by shutting the public out and bringing gerrymandering back to California.

Prop. 50 is not democratic; it gives voters a take-it-or-leave-it decision on the most partisan maps in California's history—a product of politicians' secretive backroom deals with ZERO meaningful public engagement.

Prop. 50 divides communities to benefit politicians, splitting counties 114 times and cities 141 times—far more than the citizen-drawn maps.

“When politicians gerrymander, they divide our neighborhoods and weaken the voice of communities of color. Whatever happens in Texas, we cannot save democracy by destroying it in California. Vote NO on Prop. 50.”—Reverend Mac Shorty, Civil Rights Leader

NO ON PROP. 50: A MASSIVE WASTE OF TAXPAYER MONEY

The Legislature has called a special election just to pass this politician-protecting constitutional change—costing taxpayers \$200,000,000.

With a massive budget deficit, Sacramento politicians are making painful cuts to health care, housing, education, and public safety. Instead of protecting important programs, they're spending it on a political power grab.

Vote NO on Prop. 50.

VotersFIRSTAct.org

Roberto Moncada, Board Member
United Latinos Action

Faith Bautista Tamashiro, President
National Diversity Coalition

Taylor Shorty, Board Member
Community RePower Movement

★ REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION 50 ★

WARNING: NO ON 50 IS BACKED BY TRUMP EXTREMISTS

Who's spending millions against Prop. 50?

An anti-choice mega-millionaire named Charles Munger Jr. who wants to help Donald Trump and Red State Republicans rig the 2026 elections and hand Trump unchecked power for two more years.

Independent redistricting commissioners, election experts, and leading civil rights organizations—from the NAACP to the National Democratic Redistricting Committee—urge you to reject the lies spread by NO on 50's phony front groups.

Lie #1: “Prop. 50 repeals landmark voter-approved election reforms.” This is plainly false. Prop. 50 calls on all states to end partisan gerrymandering and reaffirms the power of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to draw the lines after the next census.

Lie #2: “Prop. 50 removes requirements to keep cities, counties, and local communities together.” Prop. 50 does the opposite, keeping MORE cities and counties combined, and communities together than California's existing maps.

Lie #3: “Prop. 50 puts politicians back in charge of drawing their own districts.” Untrue. Prop. 50 puts power to approve emergency maps in the hands of voters, not politicians.

Lie #4: “Prop. 50 permanently ends independent redistricting.” Also untrue. Prop. 50 is a temporary and proportional response to Trump's election-rigging scheme and expires in 2030.

Californians cannot allow Donald Trump and Texas Republicans to rig the 2026 election and silence our voices.

Vote YES on Prop. 50.

Protect democracy, preserve nonpartisan redistricting and ensure a fair election in all 50 states.

Sara Sadhwani, Commissioner
2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Jodi Hicks, President
Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California

Nikki Davis Milevsky, President
Sacramento City Teachers Association

TEXT OF PROPOSED LAW

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PROPOSITION 50

This amendment proposed by Assembly Constitutional Amendment 8 of the 2025–2026 Regular Session (Resolution Chapter 156, Statutes of 2025) expressly amends the California Constitution by adding a section thereto; therefore, new provisions proposed to be added are printed in *italic type* to indicate that they are new.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XXI

First—This measure shall be known, and may be cited, as the “Election Rigging Response Act.”

Second—The people of the State of California find and declare all of the following:

(a) President Donald Trump has called on Republican-led states to undertake an unprecedented mid-decade redistricting of congressional seats to rig the 2026 United States midterm elections before voting begins.

(b) The State of Texas has convened a special session of its Legislature to redraw congressional district maps to unfairly advantage Republicans.

(c) The Legislature of the State of Florida has established a select committee to advance an extraordinary mid-decade redistricting to unfairly advantage Republicans.

(d) Republicans have urged the State of Ohio to conduct its mid-decade redistricting to unfairly produce more Republican seats in Congress.

(e) Republican officials in the States of Indiana, Missouri, New Hampshire, Nebraska, and South Carolina are also considering President Trump’s call for the mid-decade redistricting of congressional seats to unfairly advantage Republicans.

(f) President Trump and Republicans are attempting to gain enough seats through redistricting to rig the outcome of the 2026 United States midterm elections regardless of how the people vote.

(g) President Trump’s election-rigging scheme is an emergency for our democracy.

(h) The 2026 United States midterm elections are voters’ only chance to provide an essential check and balance against President Trump’s dangerous agenda.

(i) California has long stood as a national leader for fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting.

(j) California calls on all other states to commit to fair and impartial drawing of maps.

(k) California has a duty to defend democracy.

(l) The 2026 United States midterm elections for Congress must be conducted on a level playing field without an extreme and unfair advantage for Republicans.

(m) The people of California, not politicians, should have the power to approve temporary congressional district maps in response to President Trump’s election-rigging scheme.

(n) It is the intent of the people that California’s temporary maps be designed to neutralize the partisan gerrymandering being threatened by Republican-led states without eroding fair representation for all communities.

Third—That Section 4 is added to Article XXI thereof, to read:

SEC. 4. (a) It is the policy of the State of California to support the use of fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide. The people of the State of California call on the Congress of the United States to pass federal legislation and propose an amendment of the United States Constitution to require the use of fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide.

(b) In response to the congressional redistricting in Texas in 2025, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution or existing law, the single-member districts for Congress reflected in Assembly Bill 604 of the 2025–26 Regular Session pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 21400) of Division 21 of the Elections Code shall temporarily be used for every congressional election for a term of office commencing on or after the date this subdivision becomes operative and before the certification of new congressional boundary lines drawn by the Citizens Redistricting Commission pursuant to subdivision (d).

(c) (1) The Attorney General has the sole legal standing to defend any action regarding a congressional district map adopted pursuant to subdivision (b).

(2) The California Supreme Court has original and exclusive jurisdiction in all proceedings in which a congressional district map adopted pursuant to subdivision (b) is challenged.

(d) The Citizens Redistricting Commission established pursuant to Section 1 shall continue to adjust the boundary lines of the congressional, State Senatorial, Assembly, and Board of Equalization districts in conformance with the standards and process set forth in Section 2 in 2031, and every 10 years thereafter as provided in Section 1.

Fourth—The provisions of this measure are severable. If any portion, section, subdivision, paragraph, clause, sentence, phrase, word, or application of this measure is for any reason held to be invalid by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, that decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this measure. The Legislature hereby declares that it would have proposed, and the voters hereby declare that they would have adopted, this measure and every portion, section, subdivision, paragraph, clause, sentence, phrase, word, and application not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any portion of this measure or application of this measure would be subsequently declared invalid.

Tips for California's Military and Overseas Voters

Taking part in elections is more convenient than ever for Californians serving in the military or living outside the United States. It begins when you register to vote as a military or overseas voter and receive election materials by mail, fax, or email. Be prepared!

- **Start early.** California's county elections officials must send ballots to military and overseas voters no later than 45 days before Election Day. Fill out a voter registration application early at registertovote.ca.gov to ensure that you receive your voting materials in time and can return your voted ballot by Election Day.
- **Know your options.** When registering to vote as a military or overseas voter, you can choose to have your ballot mailed, faxed, or emailed to you. Additionally, you may visit your county elections official's website for information about how to download your ballot and election materials. You may return your voted ballot to your county elections official by mail or, in certain circumstances, by fax. If you meet the requirements to return your ballot by fax, you must also fax the Oath of Voter form (available from your county elections official) waiving your right to a confidential ballot.

Alert! The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) has discontinued their service of faxing military and overseas voters' election materials to county elections officials.

What this means: you can no longer send your voted ballot to fax@fvap.gov.

If you wish to return your voted ballot by fax, you must send it directly to your county elections official.

- **Stay in touch.** Once you register as a military or overseas voter, you will continue to receive a ballot and election materials from your county elections official before each statewide election. However, you will need to update your voter registration if you change your address, your name, or your political party preference. Visit sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters/ for more election resources designed especially for you.

Dates to remember:

October 20, 2025: Last day for military and overseas voters to register to vote for the Statewide Special Election.

October 21–November 4, 2025: Same Day Registration is available. You may “conditionally” register to vote and vote a provisional ballot during this time. Contact your county elections official for more information.

November 4, 2025: Election Day. Return your ballot by mail as soon as you receive it. Mailed ballots must be postmarked no later than Election Day **and** received by your county elections office no later than November 12, 2025. Faxed ballots must be delivered to your county elections office by close of polls, no later than 8:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on Election Day.

For more information contact:

California Secretary of State



(800) 345-VOTE (8683)



sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/military-overseas-voters/

Federal Voting Assistance Program



(800) 438-VOTE (8683)



www.fvap.gov

WARNING: ELECTIONEERING PROHIBITED!

Violations can lead to fines and/or imprisonment.

WHERE:

- Within the immediate vicinity of a person in line to cast their ballot or within 100 feet of the entrance of a polling place, curbside voting, or drop box, the following activities are prohibited.



WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

- **DO NOT** ask a person to vote for or against any candidate or ballot measure.
- **DO NOT** display a candidate's name, image, or logo.
- **DO NOT** block access to or loiter near any ballot drop boxes.
- **DO NOT** provide any material or audible information for or against any candidate or ballot measure near any polling place, vote center, or ballot drop box.
- **DO NOT** circulate any petitions, including for initiatives, referenda, recalls, or candidate nominations.
- **DO NOT** distribute, display, or wear any clothing (hats, shirts, signs, buttons, stickers) that include a candidate's name, image, logo, and/or support or oppose any candidate or ballot measure.
- **DO NOT** display information or speak to a voter about the voter's eligibility to vote.

The electioneering prohibitions summarized above are set forth in Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.

WARNING: CORRUPTING THE VOTING PROCESS IS PROHIBITED!

Violations subject to fine and/or imprisonment.

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

- **DO NOT** commit or attempt to commit election fraud.
- **DO NOT** provide any sort of compensation or bribery to, in any fashion or by any means induce or attempt to induce, a person to vote or refrain from voting.
- **DO NOT** illegally vote.
- **DO NOT** attempt to vote or aid another to vote when not entitled to vote.
- **DO NOT** engage in electioneering; photograph or record a voter entering or exiting a polling place; or obstruct ingress, egress, or parking.
- **DO NOT** challenge a person's right to vote or prevent voters from voting; delay the process of voting; or fraudulently advise any person that he or she is not eligible to vote or is not registered to vote.
- **DO NOT** attempt to ascertain how a voter voted their ballot.
- **DO NOT** possess or arrange for someone to possess a firearm in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions.
- **DO NOT** appear or arrange for someone to appear in the uniform of a peace officer, guard, or security personnel in the immediate vicinity of a polling place, with some exceptions.
- **DO NOT** tamper or interfere with any component of a voting system.
- **DO NOT** forge, counterfeit, or tamper with the returns of an election.
- **DO NOT** alter the returns of an election.
- **DO NOT** tamper with, destroy, or alter any polling list, official ballot, or ballot container.
- **DO NOT** display any unofficial ballot collection container that may deceive a voter into believing it is an official collection box.
- **DO NOT** tamper or interfere with copy of the results of votes cast.
- **DO NOT** coerce or deceive a person who cannot read or an elder into voting for or against a candidate or measure contrary to their intent.
- **DO NOT** act as an election officer when you are not one.

EMPLOYERS cannot require or ask their employee to bring their vote-by-mail ballot to work or ask their employee to vote their ballot at work. At the time of payment of salary or wages, employers cannot enclose materials that attempt to influence the political opinions or actions of their employee.

PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS cannot attempt to determine how a voter voted their ballot or, if that information is discovered, disclose how a voter voted their ballot.

The prohibitions on activity related to corruption of the voting process summarized above are set forth in Chapter 6 of Division 18 of the California Elections Code.

Look for Trusted Sources of Election Information

The Secretary of State is committed to ensuring elections are free, fair, safe, secure, accurate, and accessible. Misinformation, intentional or otherwise, continues to confuse voters and create distrust in the electoral process. California has one of the most extensive voting system testing and certification programs in the nation.

Our best defense against rumors and misinformation is you! False election information is more common than you think. If a claim seems outrageous or designed to upset you, it may not be true.

The best sources for trusted election information are your local and state elections officials. To find out more about election facts or common rumors being spread, visit catrustedinformation.sos.ca.gov.

Report misinformation to votesure@sos.ca.gov.

California Election Security Safeguards



Secure Technology

- County voting systems are not connected to the internet
- Strong security techniques are practiced regularly
- Routine threat monitoring and vulnerability scanning in collaboration with our state and federal partners
- Rigorous voting system testing and certification performed by the California Secretary of State
- Only authorized elections staff have access to systems relevant to their role



Secure Processes

- VoteCal is a centralized statewide voter registration database. VoteCal checks against official records and is regularly updated
- Ballots and election technology must adhere to strict chain-of-custody procedures
- Paper ballots for all registered voters are available
- Post-election audits are performed by elections officials
- Signatures are verified on all vote-by-mail ballot envelopes
- Emergency planning for fire, flood, cyber incidents, and more



Secure Facilities and People

- Physical access control and security of locations
- Election processes open to observation during specific hours of operation
- Security and accessibility assessments completed for all locations
- Phishing and cybersecurity training provided for all staff
- Ballot drop boxes are secured and monitored



California Voter ID & Registration Requirements

Who Can Register to Vote in California?

To register, you must be:

- A United States citizen and a California resident
- 18 years or older on Election Day (or 16 or 17 years old to pre-register)
- Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for a felony
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court

Do I Need to Show ID to Vote in California?

In most cases, NO. California does not generally require voters to show identification at the polls.

When MIGHT You Be Asked for ID?

You may need to show ID only if ALL the following apply:

- You're voting for the first time in a federal election
- You registered by mail or online, AND
- You did not provide your CA ID or SSN when registering

You'll be notified in advance if this applies to you.

Poll workers may only request an ID if the voter list clearly indicates it's required.

For more information, visit vote.ca.gov or call our Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

What Forms of ID Are Acceptable (if required)?

You can show a photo or non-photo ID, including:

- California Driver's License or State ID card
- U.S. Passport
- Student or Military ID
- Official mail from a government agency
- Paycheck or government check
- Utility bill or bank statement

For a complete list, see: www.sos.ca.gov/elections/hava-id-standards

Photo ID is not required, it's just one of many valid options. ID does not need to show your address or be government-issued.

Don't Have ID When Voting?

You can still cast a provisional ballot. Your ballot will be counted after elections officials have confirmed you are registered to vote in that county, and you did not already vote in that election.

Check Your Voter Status Online

Visit the Secretary of State's My Voter Status page at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov to check your voter status, find your polling place or a vote center, and much more.

To check your voter status, you will need to enter your first name, last name, date of birth, and your California driver's license or California identification card number, or the last four digits of your social security number.

Visit voterstatus.sos.ca.gov for important voter details.

Voting Rights Restored for Persons with a Prior Felony Conviction

You can register and vote if you are:

- A U.S. citizen and a resident of California
- 18 years old or older on Election Day
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court
- Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony

If you meet these requirements, you can vote even if you:

- Have a misdemeanor conviction (a misdemeanor will never prevent you from voting)
- Are on parole supervision or probation
- Are on post-release community supervision (PRCS)

For more information, please visit votingrightsrestored.sos.ca.gov.

Register or re-register to vote today!

If you were registered to vote and convicted of a felony, your previous registration may have been canceled.

Register or re-register to vote today online at registertovote.ca.gov. You can also request a paper voter registration card by calling the Secretary of State's Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

Democracy Needs You! Serve as a Poll Worker

Help your community members exercise their right to vote by signing up to be a poll worker. As a poll worker, you can make sure voters can easily and safely cast their vote. Gain hands-on experience and take part in the single most important right in our democracy—Voting! Complete your form today at pollworker.sos.ca.gov.

For more information about being a poll worker, contact your county elections office or call the California Secretary of State at (800) 345-VOTE (8683), or visit vote.ca.gov.

New to voting? Get started with 3 easy steps!

1. Register!

- Register to vote by **October 20, 2025**. Register online at registertovote.ca.gov or have a voter registration form mailed to you by calling the Secretary of State's toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683). Voter registration forms are also available at your county elections office, local post office, or library.
- Same Day Voter Registration, known as Conditional Voter Registration in state law, is a safety net for Californians who miss the voter registration deadline of October 20, 2025. Visit vote.ca.gov or see page 29 of this guide for more information.
- You are eligible to register to vote and vote if you are a United States citizen and a resident of California, 18 years old or older on Election Day, not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony, and not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

2. Get informed!

- As a registered voter you will receive two information resources in the mail:
 - This Voter Information Guide, which contains information about the statewide ballot measure, the election process, and how to vote. To receive your guide in a different language, call (800) 345-VOTE (8683) or visit voterguide.sos.ca.gov.
 - A county Voter Information Guide, which contains a sample ballot, your polling place or vote center location, and other helpful information.
- State campaign expenditure and contribution information related to candidates or ballot measure committees is available at sos.ca.gov/campaign-lobbying.

3. Vote!

- You can return your ballot:



By drop box: Every active, registered voter in California will be mailed a ballot for the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election. You may personally deliver your ballot to any polling or ballot drop-off location in California by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.



In person: Polling locations are established by county elections officials and are open from **7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, 2025**. To find a location to vote early before Election Day, visit caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov.

By mail: Return your ballot by mail as soon as you receive it. Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked no later than Election Day and received no later than November 12, 2025.

Option for voters with disabilities: Counties offer an accessible voting option called remote accessible vote-by-mail (RAVBM). RAVBM allows voters with disabilities to receive their ballots at home and mark them independently and privately before sending them back to elections officials.



The California Motor Voter program is making registering to vote at the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) more convenient and secure. All eligible individuals completing driver's license, ID card, or change of address transactions online, by mail, or in person at the DMV will be automatically registered to vote unless they choose to "opt out" of automatic voter registration.

The California Motor Voter program applies to Californians who are 18 years or older and meet all the following criteria:

- A United States citizen.
- A resident of California.
- Not currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony.
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

Voter pre-registration is available for those 16 and 17 years of age. Their voter registration will become active automatically when they turn 18.

For more information, visit motorvoter.sos.ca.gov.

To register to vote online, visit registertovote.ca.gov.

Voter Registration Privacy Information

Safe at Home Confidential Voter Registration Program: Certain voters facing life-threatening situations may qualify for confidential voter status if they are active members of the Safe at Home program. This includes victims and survivors of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, human trafficking, child abduction, and elder/dependent adult abuse, as well as public entity employees/contractors in fear for their safety because of their work for a public entity, and reproductive health care providers, employees, volunteers, and patients in fear for their safety because of their affiliation with a reproductive health care facility. For more information, contact the Secretary of State's Safe at Home program toll-free at (877) 322-5227 or visit sos.ca.gov/safeathome.

Voter Information Privacy: Information on your voter registration affidavit will be used by elections officials to send you official information on the voting process, such as the location of your polling place, and the measures and candidates that will appear on the ballot. Commercial use of voter registration information is prohibited by law and is a misdemeanor. Voter information may be provided to a candidate for office, a ballot measure committee, or other person for election, scholarly, journalistic, political, or governmental purposes, as determined by the Secretary of State. Driver's license and social security numbers, or your signature as shown on your voter registration card, cannot be released for these purposes. If you have any questions about the use of voter information or wish to report suspected misuse of such information, please call the Secretary of State's toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

Assistance for Voters with Disabilities

California is committed to ensuring every voter is able to cast their ballot privately and independently.

For more detailed information about what assistance your county offers to voters with disabilities, please check out your county Voter Information Guide or contact your county elections official. County contact information is available at sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices.

Voting at a Polling Place or Vote Center

If you need help marking your ballot, you may choose up to two people to help you. This person cannot be:

- Your employer or anyone who works for your employer
- Your labor union leader or anyone who works for your labor union

Curbside voting allows you to park as close as possible to the voting area. Elections officials will bring you a roster to sign, a ballot, and any other voting materials you may need, whether you are actually at a curb or in a car.

All polling places and vote centers are required to be accessible to voters with disabilities and will have accessible voting machines.

Voting at Home

Remote accessible vote-by-mail (RAVBM) systems provide an accessible option for voters with disabilities to receive their ballots at home and mark them independently and privately before sending them back to elections officials. Contact your county elections official for more information.

Audio and Large Print Voter Information Guides

This guide is available in audio and large print versions as well in English, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese at no cost.

To order:



Visit vote.ca.gov



Call the Secretary of State's toll-free voter hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683)



Download an audio MP3 version at voterguide.sos.ca.gov/en/audio

County Elections Offices

Alameda County

(800) 834-6454

www.acvote.org

Alpine County

(530) 694-2281

www.alpinecountyca.gov/

Amador County

(209) 223-6465

www.amadorgov.org/government/elections

Butte County

(530) 552-3400 or (800) 894-7761

(Within Butte County)

www.buttevotes.net

Calaveras County

(209) 754-6376 or (833) 536-8683

www.calaverasgov.us/

Colusa County

(530) 458-0500 or (877) 458-0501

www.countyofcolusa.org/elections

Contra Costa County

(925) 335-7800

www.contracostavote.gov/elections/

Del Norte County

(707) 464-7216

[www.co.del-norte.ca.us/departments/
Elections](http://www.co.del-norte.ca.us/departments/Elections)

El Dorado County

(530) 621-7480

www.edcgov.us/Government/Elections

Fresno County

(559) 600-8683

www.fresnovote.com

Glenn County

(530) 934-6414

www.countyofglenn.net/dept/elections

Humboldt County

(707) 445-7481

www.humboldtgov.org/Elections

Imperial County

(442) 265-1060

www.elections.imperialcounty.org

Inyo County

(760) 878-0224

elections.inyocounty.us/

Kern County

(661) 868-3590 or (800) 452-8683

www.kernvote.com

Kings County

(559) 852-4401 or

(800) 289-9981 ext. 4401

www.votekingscounty.com

Lake County

(707) 263-2372 or (888) 235-6730

www.lakecountyca.gov/818/

Registrar-of-Voters

Lassen County

(530) 251-8217

[www.lassencounty.org/dept/county-clerk-
recorder/elections](http://www.lassencounty.org/dept/county-clerk-recorder/elections)

Los Angeles County

(800) 815-2666

www.lavote.gov/home/voting-elections

Madera County

(559) 675-7720 or (800) 435-0509

www.votemadera.com

Marin County

(415) 473-6456

www.marinvotes.org

Mariposa County

(209) 966-2007

www.mariposacounty.org/87/Elections

Mendocino County

(707) 234-6819

[www.mendocinocounty.gov/government/
assessor-county-clerk-recorder-elections/
elections](http://www.mendocinocounty.gov/government/assessor-county-clerk-recorder-elections/elections)

Merced County

(209) 385-7541 or (800) 561-0619

www.mercedelections.org

Modoc County

(530) 233-6200

www.co.modoc.ca.us/departments/elections/

Mono County

(760) 932-5537 or (760) 932-5530

monocounty.ca.gov/elections

Monterey County

(831) 796-1499 or (866) 887-9274

www.montereycountyelections.us/

Napa County

(707) 253-4321

www.countyofnapa.org/396/elections

Nevada County

(530) 265-1298 or (888) 395-1298

[www.nevadacountyca.gov/1847/Elections-
Voting](http://www.nevadacountyca.gov/1847/Elections-Voting)

Orange County

(714) 567-7600 or (888) 628-6837

www.ocvote.com

Placer County

(530) 886-5650 or (800) 824-8683

www.placercountyelections.gov

Plumas County

(530) 283-6256 or (844) 676-VOTE

[www.plumascounty.us/142/Elections-
Division-Home](http://www.plumascounty.us/142/Elections-Division-Home)

Riverside County

(951) 486-7200

www.voteinfo.net

Sacramento County

(916) 875-6451 or (800) 762-8019

www.elections.saccounty.gov

San Benito County

(831) 636-4016

www.sanbenitocounty-ca-cre.gov/elections

San Bernardino County

(909) 387-8300

www.sbcountyelections.com

San Diego County

(858) 565-5800 or (800) 696-0136

www.sdvote.com/

San Francisco County

(415) 554-4375

sfelections.sfgov.org

San Joaquin County

(209) 468-2890 or (209) 468-8683

www.sjcrov.org

San Luis Obispo County

(800) 834-4636

www.slovote.com

San Mateo County

(650) 312-5222

www.smcacre.org

Santa Barbara County

(805) 568-2200 or (800) 722-8683

www.sbcvvote.com

Santa Clara County

(408) 299-8683 or (866) 430-8683

www.sccvvote.org

Santa Cruz County

(831) 454-2060 or (866) 282-5900

www.votescount.com

Shasta County

(530) 225-5730

www.elections.shastacounty.gov

Sierra County

(530) 289-3295

www.sierracounty.ca.gov/214/Elections

Siskiyou County

(530) 842-8084

www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/elections

Solano County

(707) 784-6675 or (888) 933-8683

www.solanocounty.com/elections

Sonoma County

(707) 565-6800 or (800) 750-8683

vote.sonoma-county.org

Stanislaus County

(209) 525-5200 or (833) 772-2260

www.stanvote.com

Sutter County

(530) 822-7122

www.suttercounty.org/elections

Tehama County

(530) 527-8190

[www.co.tehama.ca.us/government/
departments/elections/](http://www.co.tehama.ca.us/government/departments/elections/)

Trinity County

(530) 623-1220

www.trinitycounty.org/214/Elections

Tulare County

(559) 839-2100

tularecoelections.org/elections/

Tuolumne County

(209) 533-5570

www.co.tuolumne.ca.us/elections

Ventura County

(805) 654-2664

www.venturavote.org

Yolo County

(530) 666-8133

www.yoloelections.org

Yuba County

(530) 749-7855

www.yubaelections.org

Check Your Voter Status Online



Visit the Secretary of State's My Voter Status page at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov to check your voter status, find your polling place or a vote center, and much more.

To check your voter status, you will need to enter your first name, last name, date of birth, and your California driver's license or California identification card number, or the last four digits of your social security number.

Visit voterstatus.sos.ca.gov for important voter details.

What if I forgot to register to vote or update my registration?

No problem! If you missed the October 20, 2025, voter registration deadline, California law allows you to register to vote and vote until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day at your county elections office or at any voting location in your county. This process is called Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) and is commonly referred to as Same Day Voter Registration.

Provisional Voting

Name not on the voter list at the polling place or the vote center?

You still have the right to vote with a provisional ballot.

What is a provisional ballot?

A provisional ballot is a regular ballot placed in a special envelope prior to being put in the ballot box. Provisional ballots are ballots cast by voters who believe they are registered to vote even though their names are not on the official voter registration list at the polling place or vote center.

A voter may need to cast a provisional ballot if they want to vote in person at a polling place or vote center but did not receive their vote-by-mail ballot or if they do not have their vote-by-mail ballot with them to surrender prior to voting in person.

Will my provisional ballot be counted?

Yes, your provisional ballot will be counted after elections officials have confirmed that you are registered to vote in that county, and you did not already vote in that election.

A provisional ballot may be used at any polling place or vote center in the county in which you are registered to vote. Only the election contests you are eligible to vote for will be counted.

How can you check the status of your provisional ballot?

Anyone who casts a provisional ballot has the right to find out from their county elections official if the ballot was counted and, if not, the reason why it was not counted.



You can check the status of your provisional ballot at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov.

How to Fix a Missing or Noncomparable Signature on Your Vote-by-Mail Ballot Return Envelope

✓ Possible Issues With Vote-by-Mail or Provisional Ballot Return Envelopes

- **Missing Signature:** You forgot to sign your vote-by-mail ballot return envelope.
- **Signature Doesn't Compare:** Your signature doesn't compare with the one on file with the elections official.

✓ What Happens Next?

- **Notification:** If there's an issue with your ballot, your county elections office will notify you by mail, phone, email, or from the Secretary of State's ***Where's My Ballot?*** tool.
- **How to Fix It:** You can access a form on your county elections official's website to provide your signature and confirm that you voted your ballot.
 - Check your mail or email for instructions from your county elections office
 - Fill out the form and follow instructions on how to return the form
 - Your options to return the form may vary by county
 - Failure to follow instructions may result in your ballot not being counted

✓ Stay Informed With *Where's My Ballot?*

- **Track Your Vote-by-Mail Ballot:** Get automatic updates on your ballot's status by signing up for ***Where's My Ballot?***
- Receive notifications via **text, email, or phone** about:
 - When your ballot is mailed
 - When it is received
 - If it has been counted
 - If there are issues that need to be fixed
- **Sign up today at:**
wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov

✓ Important Deadlines for the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election:

- **Mail ballots:** Return your ballot by mail as soon as you receive it. Must be postmarked no later than **November 4, 2025**, and received no later than **November 12, 2025**.
- **Deadline:** The deadline to fix your missing or noncomparable signature is 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2025, two days prior to the day your county certifies the election.

**For more information, visit *vote.ca.gov* or
call our Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).**

DATES TO REMEMBER!



Don't Delay, Vote Today!

Early vote-by-mail ballot voting period is from **October 6 through November 4, 2025.**

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on **November 4, 2025, Election Day!**

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October 6

County elections officials will begin mailing vote-by-mail ballots on or before this date.

October 6–November 4

Voting period to return vote-by-mail ballot.

October 7

Vote-by-mail secure drop boxes open.

October 20

Last day to register to vote. Same day voter registration is available at your county elections office or voting location after the voter registration deadline, up to and including Election Day.

October 25

First day vote centers open in Voter's Choice Act counties for early in-person voting.

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Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Last day to vote in-person or return a vote-by-mail ballot by 8:00 p.m.

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Return your ballot by mail as soon as you receive it. Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked no later than November 4.

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NOVEMBER 4, 2025

STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION

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For additional copies of the Voter Information Guide in any of the following languages, please call:

English: (800) 345-VOTE (8683)

Español/Spanish: (800) 232-VOTA (8682)

中文/Chinese: (800) 339-2857

हिन्दी/Hindi: (888) 345-2692

★ 日本語/Japanese: (800) 339-2865

ខ្មែរ/Khmer: (888) 345-4917

한국어/Korean: (866) 575-1558

Tagalog: (800) 339-2957

ภาษาไทย/Thai: (855) 345-3933

Việt ngữ/Vietnamese: (800) 339-8163

TTY/TDD: 711

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Are you registered to vote? Check here: voterstatus.sos.ca.gov



In an effort to reduce election costs, the State Legislature has authorized the State and counties to mail only one guide to each voting household. You may request additional copies by contacting your county elections official or by calling (800) 345-VOTE (8683).



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EXHIBIT C

TO DECLARATION OF SOUTHARD

November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election Calendar

8/21/25 (E-75)	1. STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED On this date, Senate Bill 280 (Ch. 97, 2025) of the 2025-26 Regular Session called a statewide special election for November 4, 2025.	
8/21/25 (E-75)	2. VERIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES The Verification of Independent Expenditures (Form 462) is used to identify an individual responsible for ensuring that the campaign committee's independent expenditures were not coordinated with the listed measure committee and that the committee will report all contributions and reimbursements as required by law. An independent expenditure is not subject to state or local contribution limits. This form must be emailed to the Fair Political Practices Commission within 10 days of an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more. ² NOTE: For purposes of this calendar, the dates related to expenditures shall begin at E-75.	Gov. Code § 84213; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 18465.1
8/21/25 to 11/4/25 (E-75 to E)	3. ELECTION CYCLE REPORTS — 24-HOUR CONTRIBUTION REPORT During the 90 days immediately preceding an election, or on the date of the election, the following contributions that total in the aggregate of \$1,000 or more must be reported within 24 hours to the Secretary of State's office online or by electronic transmission only: contributions made to or received by a primarily formed ballot measure committee on the November 4, 2025, ballot; or, contributions made to or received by a political party committee. Recipients of non-monetary or in-kind contributions must file within 48 hours of the date the non-monetary or in-kind contribution was received. These contributions are reported on the Contribution Report (Form 497). ²	Gov. Code §§ 82036, 84203, 84203.3, 85204, 85309
8/21/25 to 11/4/25 (E-75 to E)	4. ELECTION CYCLE REPORTS — 24-HOUR INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE REPORT During the 90 days immediately preceding an election or on the date of the election, an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more made to a specific measure involved in a state election must be reported on the Independent Expenditure Report (Form 496) within 24 hours to the Secretary of State's office online or by electronic transmission only. ²	Gov. Code §§ 82036.5, 84204, 84215(e), 85204
8/21/25 (E-75) [5:00 p.m.]	5. STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURE — NEWS RELEASE INVITING ARGUMENTS On or before this date, the Secretary of State will issue a general news release requesting voters to submit an argument in each case where either the argument for or against any statewide ballot measure has not been prepared and filed.	§§ 9060-9063
8/22/25 (E-74) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	6. BALLOT TINT AND WATERMARK ASSIGNMENT On or before this date, the Secretary of State shall issue the tint and watermark assignment to be printed upon the statewide special election ballots.	Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, §§ 20215, 20218; § 13002
8/22/25 (E-74)	7. VOTING SYSTEM PROCEDURES On or before this date, the Secretary of State shall review, and if necessary amend, administrative procedures for use with each of the voting systems pursuant to Division 19 of the Elections Code.	§ 15002 ¹
8/22/25 (E-74)	8. APPROVED BALLOT CARD VENDORS On or before this date, the Secretary of State shall publish the list of approved manufacturers, finishers, and ballot on demand systems for use in California elections.	Cal. Code Regs. tit. 2, § 20229

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8/25/25 (E-71) [5:00 p.m.] [Date designated by Secretary of State]	9. STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURE — ARGUMENT SUBMISSION DEADLINE Last day for submittal of arguments for or against the statewide ballot measure to the Secretary of State. Arguments shall not exceed 500 words, and, once submitted, no argument may be amended or deleted without a writ of mandate.	§§ 9041-9044, 9064, 9065, 9068
8/26/25 (E-70) [10:00 a.m.] [Date designated by Secretary of State]	10. STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURE — SELECTION AND EXCHANGE OF ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST MEASURE On or before this date, the Secretary of State will select arguments for inclusion in the state Voter Information Guide where more than one argument has been submitted in favor of or against the same measure. Following the selection, the Secretary of State will exchange arguments with opposing authors and request rebuttal arguments and summary information be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m., August 27, 2025 (E-69).	§§ 9067, 9069
8/27/25 (E-69) [3:00 p.m.] [Date designated by Secretary of State]	11. STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURE — BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY AND CONDENSED BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY DEADLINE By this date, the Attorney General is asked to provide to the Secretary of State the official ballot title and summary and condensed ballot title and summary for the statewide ballot measure.	§§ 303, 9050, 9051, 9054, 13282
8/27/25 (E-69) [5:00 p.m.] [Date designated by Secretary of State]	12. STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURE — ANALYSIS, "YES" AND "NO" STATEMENTS, AND TEXT DEADLINE By this date, the Legislative Analyst and Legislative Counsel must provide all official analyses, “Yes” and “No” statements, and text of the statewide ballot measure.	§§ 9085, 9087, 9091
8/27/25 (E-69) [5:00 p.m.] [Date designated by Secretary of State]	13. STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES — REBUTTAL ARGUMENT AND SUMMARY INFORMATION DEADLINE Last day for selected argument authors to submit rebuttal arguments and summary information for or against ballot measures qualified for the statewide special election ballot. Rebuttal arguments shall not exceed 250 words, and summary information shall not exceed 50 words.	§§ 9069, 9084(c), (e)
8/27/25 to 9/4/25 (E-69 to E-61)	14. PROPOSITION BALLOT LABEL AND BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY (ENGLISH) AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION Period in which the English ballot label and ballot title and summary for the statewide special election will be available for public examination and in which any elector may seek a writ of mandate to amend or delete any portion thereof prior to its printing.	Stats. 2025, ch. 97, § 2, subd. (d)
8/28/25 to 9/17/25 (E-68 to E-48)	15. STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION Period in which the state Voter Information Guide for the statewide special election will be available for public examination and in which any elector may seek a writ of mandate to amend or delete any portion thereof prior to its printing.	Gov. Code § 88006; §§ 9051, 9054, 9082, 9092, 13282
8/31/25 to 9/8/25 (E-65 to E-57)	16. PROPOSITION BALLOT LABEL AND BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY TRANSLATIONS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION Period in which the translated ballot labels and ballot titles and summaries for the statewide special election will be available for public examination and in which any elector may seek a writ of mandate to amend or delete any portion thereof prior to its printing.	Stats. 2025, ch. 97, § 2, subd. (c)

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9/5/25 (E-60)	17. MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTER APPLICATIONS First day county elections officials may process applications for military or overseas voter 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 they have applied, the elections official receiving the application shall forward it immediately to the proper county.	§§ 300(b), 321, 3102, 3105
9/5/25 to 9/15/25 (E-60 to E-50)	18. VOTER REGISTRATION DATA TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE MAILING Period in which county elections officials shall notify the Secretary of State that voter registration information is available in the California Statewide Voter Registration System (VoteCal) by indicating readiness in their Election Management System (EMS) by September 15, 2025 (E-50) with respect to voters registered as of September 5, 2025 (E-60).	§ 9094(a)
9/5/25 to 9/15/25 (E-60 to E-50)	19. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 60-DAY COUNTY READINESS Period in which county elections officials shall notify the Secretary of State that voter registration information is available in the California Statewide Voter Registration System (VoteCal) by indicating Report of Registration readiness in their Election Management System (EMS) with respect to voters registered as of September 5, 2025 (E-60).	§ 2187(a), (b), (c)(5)
9/15/25 (E-50)	20. VOTER REGISTRATION DATA TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE MAILING — DEADLINE Last day to indicate voter information guide mailing readiness in the county's Election Management System (EMS) of all voters registered as of September 5, 2025 (E-60); this information should reflect the results of the pre-election residency confirmation procedure.	§§ 2220, 9094(a)
9/15/25 (E-50)	21. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 60-DAY COUNTY READINESS DEADLINE Last day for county elections officials to indicate Report of Registration readiness in their Election Management System (EMS) of all voters registered as of September 5, 2025 (E-60).	§ 2187(a), (b), (c)(5)
9/17/25 (E-48)	22. LAST DAY STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION AND COPY DELIVERED TO THE STATE PRINTER Last day the state Voter Information Guide for the statewide special election will be available for public examination and for the Secretary of State to deliver copy for preparation of the state Voter Information Guide to the Office of State Publishing.	Gov. Code § 88006; §§ 9054, 9082, 9092, 13282
9/20/25* ³ [Saturday] (E-45) [Date fixed by law]	23. MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTER BALLOTS Last day for county elections officials to transmit ballots and balloting materials to absent military or overseas voters who have requested them by this date. If a military or overseas voter ballot application is received after this date, the county elections official shall transmit a ballot and balloting materials as soon as practicable.	52 U.S.C. § 20302 (MOVE Act); § 3114

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9/25/25 (E-40)	24. FIRST PRE-ELECTION STATEMENT Last day to file campaign statements for committees for the period ending September 20, 2025 (E-45). Primarily formed ballot measure committees appearing on the ballot must file this statement. Political parties must file this statement if they receive contributions totaling \$1,000 or more or if contributions or independent expenditures totaling \$500 or more were made in connection with the election. ²	Gov. Code §§ 84200.5, 84200.8
9/25/25 (E-40) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	25. STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDES TO STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS On or before this date, the Secretary of State shall send a specified number of copies of the state Voter Information Guide to city and county elections officials, members of the Legislature, public libraries, and specified educational institutions.	§ 9096
9/25/25 to 10/14/25 (E-40 to E-21)	26. STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE MAILING Period in which the Secretary of State shall mail state Voter Information Guides to all households in which voters were registered by September 5, 2025 (E-60). This mailing is based on the information provided by county elections officials to the Secretary of State by September 15, 2025 (E-50).	§ 9094(a); Stats. 2025, ch. 97, § 2, subd. (b)(1)
9/25/25 to 10/14/25 (E-40 to E-21)	27. COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE AND POLLING PLACE NOTICE MAILING Suggested first day for the county elections official to begin mailing a county voter information guide and a polling place notice, which includes any vote centers, to each registered voter who registered at least 29 days before the election, unless the voter has opted to receive them electronically. The polling place notice may state whether the polling place is accessible to the physically handicapped. The county elections official shall also give county voter information guides to the chairperson of the county central committee of each political party, and shall post a copy of the county voter information guide in a conspicuous place in their office.	§§ 13300(b), 13300.7, 13303, 13304, 13305, 14282 § 13302(a)
10/5/25* (E-30)	28. NOTICE OF EARLY TABULATION On or before this date, the county governing body shall notify the county elections official that certain offices or measures to be voted on are of more than ordinary public interest and will require an early tabulation and announcement.	§ 14440
10/6/25 (E-29)	29. ALL COUNTIES MAIL EVERY ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTER A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT AND PACKET Every active registered voter will be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot and packet. No later than this date, county elections officials shall begin mailing each registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot, a vote-by-mail packet that includes an envelope with instructions on the use and return of the vote-by-mail ballot, and other information including the locations and hours of each vote center in the county or polling place. County elections officials shall have five days to mail a ballot to each person who is registered to vote by this date and five days to mail a ballot to each person who is subsequently registered to vote.	§§ 3000.5, 3010 §§ 3000.5, 3010, 4005(a)(8)(A), (B) §§ 3000.5, 3001

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10/6/25 (E-29)	<p>30. COMPUTER PROCESSING OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS</p> <p>All county elections officials may begin to process vote-by-mail ballot return envelopes. § 15101(a)</p> <p>Counties having the necessary computer capability to process vote-by-mail ballots may begin to process their vote-by-mail ballots on this date. This process may be completed to the point of placing the ballot information on a computer medium, but under NO circumstances may a vote count be accessed or released until 8:00 p.m. on November 4, 2025 (E). § 15101(b), (c)</p> <p>All other county elections officials shall start to process vote-by-mail ballots at 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election, the results of which shall not be released before 8:00 p.m. on November 4, 2025 (E). § 15101(b)</p>
10/6/25 (E-29)	<p>31. NON-VOTER'S CHOICE ACT COUNTIES: PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS AND POLLING PLACES</p> <p>On or before this date, the county elections official shall appoint members of the precinct boards and designate the polling places. § 12286</p>
10/6/25 to 11/4/25 (E-29 to E)	<p>32. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT REQUEST BY OUT-OF-STATE EMERGENCY WORKERS</p> <p>Period in which, upon the declaration of an out-of-state emergency by the Governor and the issuance of an executive order authorizing an out-of-state emergency worker to cast a ballot outside of their home precinct, an out-of-state emergency worker may request and vote a vote-by-mail ballot, which must be returned in the same manner as all other voted vote-by-mail ballots. §§ 336.7, 3021.5</p>
10/6/25 (E-29)	<p>33. ADDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DATA RETRIEVAL FOR STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE MAILING</p> <p>The Secretary of State shall notify the county elections officials via email communication that a VoteCal data retrieval will occur of all voters whom registered after the 60th day before the election and before the 29th day prior to the election. No additional readiness is required in their Election Management System (EMS). § 9094(a)</p>
10/7/25 to 11/4/25 (E-28 to E)	<p>34. DROP-OFF LOCATIONS OPEN</p> <p>By this date, traditional polling place counties shall open ballot drop-off locations. Each traditional polling place county shall provide at least two vote by mail ballot drop-off locations within the county or at least one vote by mail ballot drop-off location for every 30,000 registered voters within the county, as determined by the last report of registration issued by the Secretary of State, whichever results in more vote by mail ballot drop-off locations. For a county with fewer than 30,000 registered voters, at least one vote by mail ballot drop-off location shall be provided. Stats. 2025, ch. 97, § 3, subd. (b)(1), (3)</p> <p>By this date, all Voter's Choice Act (VCA) counties shall open ballot drop-off locations. Each VCA county shall provide at least two ballot drop-off locations within the county or at least one ballot drop-off location provided for every 15,000 registered voters within the county, as determined by the last report of registration issued by the Secretary of State, whichever results in more ballot drop-off locations. Stats. 2025, ch. 97, § 3, subd. (b)(2), (3)</p> <p>A ballot drop-off location provided for under this subdivision consists of a secure, accessible, and locked ballot box located as near as possible to established public transportation routes and that is able to receive voted ballots. All ballot drop-off locations shall be open at least during regular business hours beginning not later than October 7, 2025, through November 4, 2025. At least one ballot drop-off location shall be an accessible, secured, exterior drop box that is available for a minimum of 12 hours per day including regular business hours.</p>

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to
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(E-28 to E) | 35. NON-VOTER'S CHOICE ACT COUNTIES UTILIZING SECTION 3(d):
OPEN AT LEAST ONE LOCATION FOR VOTING AND VOTING
SERVICES
Traditional polling place counties that are utilizing consolidated polling places, pursuant to subdivision (d)(1), enacted by Statutes of 2025, chapter 97, section 3 will open at least one location for voting and voting services pursuant to Section 3(d)(3). | Stats. 2025, ch. 97,
§ 3, subds. (d)(1), (3) |
| 10/14/25
(E-21) | 36. STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE MAILING — DEADLINE
On or before this date, the Secretary of State shall mail state Voter Information Guides to all households in which voters were registered by September 5, 2025 (E-60). | § 9094(a);
Stats. 2025, ch. 97,
§ 2, subd. (b)(1) |
| 10/14/25
(E-21) | 37. COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE AND POLLING PLACE
NOTICE MAILING — DEADLINE
Last day for the county elections official to begin mailing a county voter information guide and a polling place notice, which includes any vote centers, to each registered voter who registered at least 29 days before the election, unless the voter has opted to receive them electronically. The polling place notice may state whether the polling place is accessible to the physically handicapped.

The county elections official shall also give county voter information guides to the chairperson of the county central committee of each political party, and shall post a copy of the county voter information guide in a conspicuous place in their office. | §§ 13300(b),
13300.7, 13303,
13304, 13305,
14282

§ 13302(a) |
| 10/15/25
(E-20) | 38. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 60-DAY STATEWIDE REPORT
PUBLISHED
On or before this date, the Secretary of State will release a statewide report showing the number of registered voters, by political party preference, in the state, in each county, and in each political subdivision thereof. This report is based on the number of persons registered as of September 5, 2025 (E-60). | § 2187(b), (c)(5) |
| 10/19/25
to
11/3/25
(E-16 to E-1) | 39. 24-HOUR STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION FILING REQUIREMENT
— RECIPIENT COMMITTEES
A recipient committee that qualifies during the 16 days prior to an election in which it must file pre-election statements must file a Statement of Organization Recipient Committee (Form 410) within 24 hours of qualification with the filing officer who will receive the committee's original disclosure statements by personal delivery, facsimile transmission, online transmission, or guaranteed overnight delivery. ² | Gov. Code
§§ 84101, 84108 |
| 10/20/25
(E-15) | 40. 15-DAY CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE STATEWIDE SPECIAL
ELECTION
Last day to register to vote in the statewide special election. The voter registration application shall be mailed (postmarked by this date), submitted online using the Secretary of State's online voter registration application (COVR), or delivered to the county elections official by this date and is effective upon receipt. The voter registration application may also be submitted by this date to the Secretary of State, Department of Motor Vehicles, or any National Voter Registration Act designated agency.

A request for a vote-by-mail ballot from a military or overseas voter, if postmarked on or before this date, will be deemed an affidavit of registration. When a county elections official receives and approves a registration application from a military or overseas voter, the official must provide that voter with a vote-by-mail ballot for each subsequent election.

See Item #44 for exception to the deadline. | 52 U.S.C.
§§ 20301, 20501;
§§ 300(b), 321,
2102, 2170, 3102

§ 3102(b), (e) |

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10/20/25 (E-15)	41. NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS WITHIN STATE Last day before the statewide special election for any voter to send a notice or letter advising the county elections official of a change of address within the state. The notice or letter shall be mailed (postmarked by this date) or delivered to the county elections official by this date and is effective upon receipt. The notice or letter may also be submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles or any National Voter Registration Act designated agency prior to the election. The county elections official shall correct the registration records accordingly. The notice or letter is in lieu of re-registering.	§§ 2116, 2119
10/20/25 to 10/28/25 (E-15 to E-7)	42. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 15-DAY COUNTY READINESS Period in which county elections officials shall notify the Secretary of State that voter registration information is available in the California Statewide Voter Registration System (VoteCal) by indicating Report of Registration readiness in their Election Management System (EMS) with respect to voters registered as of October 20, 2025 (E-15).	§ 2187(a), (b), (c)(6)
10/21/25 (E-14)	43. BILINGUAL PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS Last day for county elections officials to prepare a list of precincts to which bilingual officers were appointed. A copy of this list shall be made available to the public, including on the county elections official's internet website, and the language or languages other than English in which they will provide assistance.	§ 12303(d)
10/21/25 to 11/4/25 (E-14 to E)	44. CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD Period in which an elector can "conditionally" register and vote provisionally at the county elections office, a satellite office, a polling place, or a vote center after the 15-day voter registration deadline.	§ 2170
10/21/25 to 11/4/25 (E-14 to E)	45. CHANGE OF ADDRESS WITHIN SAME COUNTY AND/OR CHANGE OF POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE Period in which an elector can, in lieu of executing a new affidavit of registration for a change of address within the same county and/or a change of political party preference, submit a written request that discloses specific information. The written request shall be delivered to the county elections official's office or to any location that offers conditional voter registration and at which a ballot can be issued.	§§ 2119.5, 2152
10/23/25 (E-12)	46. SECOND PRE-ELECTION STATEMENT Last day to file campaign statements for committees for the period ending October 18, 2025 (E-17). Primarily formed ballot measure committees appearing on the ballot must file this statement by guaranteed overnight mail or personal delivery. Political parties must file this statement if they receive contributions totaling \$1,000 or more or if contributions or independent expenditures totaling \$500 or more were made in connection with the election. ²	Gov. Code §§ 84200.5, 84200.8(b)
10/25/25* (E-10)	47. PUBLICATION OF CENTRAL TALLY LOCATION Last day that a notice shall be published by the county elections official, at least once, in a newspaper of general circulation within the district, specifying the public place to be used as the central tally center for counting the ballots, if ballots not tallied at precincts.	§ 12109
10/25/25* (E-10)	48. STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE SUPPLEMENTAL MAILING BY SECRETARY OF STATE — DEADLINE On or before this date, the Secretary of State to mail state Voter Information Guides to voters who registered between Saturday, September 6, 2025 (E-59), and October 6, 2025 (E-29), inclusive.	§ 9094; Stats. 2025, ch. 97, § 2, subd. (b)(1)

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10/25/25 to 10/31/25 (E-10 to E-4)	49. VOTER'S CHOICE ACT COUNTIES UTILIZING EC SECTION 4005(a): OPEN ONE VOTE CENTER FOR EVERY 50,000 REGISTERED VOTERS Period in which counties that are implementing the Voter's Choice Act will open one vote center for every 50,000 registered voters. The locations and hours of operation of these vote centers will be available in vote-by-mail materials and on the county website. Any voter registered in the county may visit any vote center in order to receive voter services or vote. The first day a vote center opens, the elections official shall deliver to the precinct board a list of military or overseas voters who registered under Section 3108.	§§ 3108(b), 4005(a)(2)(A), (4)(A)
10/25/25 to 10/31/25 (E-10 to E-14)	50. VOTER'S CHOICE ACT COUNTIES UTILIZING SECTION 3(c): OPEN ONE VOTE CENTER FOR EVERY 60,000 REGISTERED VOTERS VCA counties utilizing subdivision (c) enacted by Statutes of 2025, chapter 97, section 3, will open one vote center for every 60,000 registered voters. The locations and hours of operation of these vote centers will be available in vote-by-mail materials and on the county website. Any voter registered in the county may visit any vote center in order to receive voter services or vote. The first day a vote center opens, the elections official shall deliver to the precinct board a list of military or overseas voters who registered under Section 3108.	§ 3108(b); Stats. 2025, ch. 97, § 3, subd. (c)(2)
10/25/25 to 11/3/25 (E-10 to E-1)	51. VOTER'S CHOICE ACT COUNTIES UTILIZING EC SECTION 4005(b): OPEN ONE VOTE CENTER FOR EVERY 60,000 REGISTERED VOTERS VCA counties utilizing Section 4005(b), will open at least one vote center for every 60,000 registered voters. The locations and hours of operation of these vote centers will be available in vote-by-mail materials and on the county website. Any voter registered in the county may visit any vote center in order to receive voter services or vote. The first day a vote center opens, the elections official shall deliver to the precinct board a list of military or overseas voters who registered under Section 3108.	§§ 3108(b), 4005(b)(3)
10/28/25 (E-7)	52. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 15-DAY COUNTY READINESS DEADLINE Last day for county elections officials to indicate Report of Registration readiness in their Election Management System (EMS) of all voters registered as of October 20, 2025 (E-15).	§ 2187(a), (b), (c)(6)
10/28/25 (E-7) [5:00 p.m.]	53. COMPUTER PROGRAM TO SECRETARY OF STATE Last day for counties to verify their election night vote count computer programs and deposit copies thereof with the Secretary of State.	§ 15001(a)
10/29/25 to 11/3/25 (E-6 to E-1)	54. MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTER RECALLED TO SERVICE Period in which a registered military or overseas voter recalled to service after October 28, 2025 (E-7), but before 5:00 p.m. on November 3, 2025 (E-1), may appear before the county elections official where they are registered, or, if within the state, in the county in which they have been recalled to service, and obtain 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 and returned as are other voted vote-by-mail ballots.	§ 3111

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10/31/25 (E-4) [Date fixed by law]	55. QUARTERLY STATEMENTS BY BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEES Last day for committees that have qualified as a recipient committee and are primarily formed to support or oppose the qualification, passage, defeat of any measure to file a quarterly campaign statement for the period of July 1, 2025 (E-126), through September 30, 2025 (E-35), unless the committee will file pre-election statements for an upcoming election. ² This statement is not required if the committee is required to file pre-election statements or if the measure was already voted on and the committee has not made contributions or expenditures to support or oppose the qualification or passage of another ballot measure. ²	Gov. Code § 84202.3 Gov. Code § 84202.3
11/1/25 to 11/4/25 (E-3 to E)	56. VOTER'S CHOICE ACT COUNTIES UTILIZING EC SECTION 4005(a): OPEN ONE VOTE CENTER FOR EVERY 10,000 REGISTERED VOTERS Period in which counties that are implementing the Voter's Choice Act will open one vote center for every 10,000 registered voters. The locations and hours of operation of these vote centers will be available in vote-by-mail materials and on the county website. Any voter registered in the county may visit any vote center in order to receive voter services or vote. The first day a vote center opens, the elections official shall deliver to the precinct board a list of military or overseas voters who registered under Section 3108.	§§ 3108(b), 4005(a)(3)(A)
11/1/25 to 11/4/25 (E-3 to E)	57. VOTER'S CHOICE ACT COUNTIES UTILIZING SECTION 3(c): OPEN ONE VOTE CENTER FOR EVERY 30,000 REGISTERED VOTERS VCA counties utilizing subdivision (c) enacted by Statutes of 2025, chapter 97, section 3, will open one vote center for every 30,000 registered voters. The locations and hours of operation of these vote centers will be available in vote-by-mail materials and on the county website. Any voter registered in the county may visit any vote center in order to receive voter services or vote. The first day a vote center opens, the elections official shall deliver to the precinct board a list of military or overseas voters who registered under Section 3108.	§ 3108(b); Stats. 2025, ch. 97, § 3, subd. (c)(1)
11/1/25 to 11/4/25 (E-3 to E)	58. NON VOTER'S CHOICE ACT COUNTIES UTILIZING SECTION 3(d): OPEN ONE CONSOLIDATED POLLING PLACE FOR EVERY 10,000 REGISTERED VOTERS Traditional polling place counties that are utilizing subdivision (d) enacted by Statutes of 2025, chapter 97, section 3, will open one consolidated polling place for every 10,000 registered voters. The locations and hours of operation of these polling places will be available in vote-by-mail materials and on the county website.	Stats. 2025, ch. 97, § 3, subd. (d)(2)(A)
11/2/25* (E-2)	59. EARLY BALLOT PICKUP NOTIFICATION DEADLINE If a county elections official will pick up ballots prior to the closing of the polls, at least 48 hours in advance of an election the elections official must notify the public of the dates, times, and places at which ballot containers will be delivered.	Cal. Code Regs. tit. 2, § 20142; § 14422(a)(3)
11/3/25 (E-1) [5:00 p.m.]	60. MANUAL PROCESSING OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS Counties not having the necessary computer capability to process vote-by-mail ballots shall begin to manually process vote-by-mail ballots at 5:00 p.m. on this date, but under NO circumstance may a vote count be accessed or released until 8:00 p.m. on November 4, 2025 (E).	§ 15101(b), (c)

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11/3/25 (E-1) [5:00 p.m.]	61. MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTER RECALLED TO SERVICE — DEADLINE Last day a registered military or overseas voter recalled to service after October 28, 2025 (E-7), but before 5:00 p.m. on November 3, 2025 (E-1), may appear before the county elections official where they are registered, or, if within the state, in the county in which they have been recalled to service, and obtain 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 and returned as are other voted vote-by-mail ballots.	§ 3111
11/3/25 (E-1)	62. 24-HOUR STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION FILING REQUIREMENT — RECIPIENT COMMITTEES — PERIOD ENDS A recipient committee that qualifies during the 16 days prior to an election in which it must file pre-election statements must file a Statement of Organization Recipient Committee (Form 410) within 24 hours of qualification with the filing officer who will receive the committee's original disclosure statements by personal delivery, facsimile transmission, online transmission, or guaranteed overnight delivery. ²	Gov. Code §§ 84101, 84108
11/4/25 (E)	63. STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION DAY The polls shall be open throughout the state from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on this date. An elector can "conditionally" register and vote provisionally at the county elections office, a satellite office, a polling place, or a vote center.	§§ 1000(c), 14212 § 2170
11/4/25 (E)	64. VOTER'S CHOICE ACT COUNTIES UTILIZING EC SECTION 4005(b): OPEN ONE VOTE CENTER FOR EVERY 30,000 REGISTERED VOTERS VCA counties utilizing Section 4005(b), will open at least one vote center for every 30,000 registered voters. The locations and hours of operation of these vote centers will be available in vote-by-mail materials and on the county website. Any voter registered in the county may visit any vote center in order to receive voter services or vote. The first day a vote center opens, the elections official shall deliver to the precinct board a list of military or overseas voters who registered under Section 3108.	§§ 3108(b), 4005(b)(2)
11/4/25 (E)	65. HAND DELIVERED OR FAXED VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS RETURNED IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED — DEADLINE Voted vote-by-mail ballots hand delivered to the office of the elections official who issued the ballot or at any polling place, vote center, vote-by-mail drop-off location, or drop box in the state must be received by county elections officials by the close of the polls on Election Day. Last day a military or overseas voter who is living outside of the United States (or is called for service within the United States on or after October 28, 2025 (E-7)), may return their ballot by facsimile transmission. To be counted, the ballot returned by facsimile transmission shall be received by the voter's elections official by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day and shall be accompanied by an identification envelope and a signed oath of declaration.	§§ 3017, 14212 § 3106

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66. **ELECTION CYCLE REPORTS — 24-HOUR CONTRIBUTION REPORT — PERIOD ENDS**
During the 90 days immediately preceding an election or on the date of the election, the following contributions that total in the aggregate of \$1,000 or more must be reported within 24 hours to the Secretary of State's office by online or electronic transmission only: contributions made to or received by a primarily formed ballot measure committee being voted upon on the November 4, 2025, ballot; or contributions made to or received by a political party committee. Recipients of non-monetary or in-kind contributions must file within 48 hours of the date the non-monetary or in-kind contribution was received. These contributions are reported on the Contribution Report (Form 497).²
Gov. Code §§ 82036, 84203, 84203.3, 85204, 85309
- 11/4/25
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67. **ELECTION CYCLE REPORTS — 24-HOUR INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE REPORT — PERIOD ENDS**
During the 90 days immediately preceding the date of the election, an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more made to a specific ballot measure involved in a state election must be reported on the Independent Expenditure Report (Form 496) within 24 hours to the Secretary of State's office by online or electronic transmission only.²
Gov. Code §§ 82036.5, 84204, 84215(e), 85204
- 11/4/25
(E)
68. **MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTERS — LATE CONDITIONS**
Any registered military or overseas voter or any individual born outside of the United States or District of Columbia whose parent or legal guardian was a resident of California when the parent was last living in the United States who has returned to their 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 second vote-by-mail ballot pursuant to Section 3014.
§§ 300(b), 321, 3014, 3109

An unregistered military or overseas voter who was 1) released from service after the close of registration and who has returned to their county of residence or 2) required to move under official active duty military orders after the close of registration, may apply in person to register with the county elections official and vote in the election. Documentary proof of release from service or official military orders are required. On or before the day of the election, or the first day a vote center opens, the county elections official shall deliver to the precinct board a list of military or overseas voters registered under Elections Code section 3108.
§ 3108

A military or overseas voter or any individual born outside of the United States or District of Columbia whose parent or legal guardian was a resident of California when the parent was last living in the United States who returns to the county after October 28, 2025 (E-7), may appear before the county elections official and apply for registration. 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 the day of the election and returned as are other voted vote-by-mail ballots.
§ 3110
- 11/4/25
(E)
69. **VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT REQUEST FOR OUT-OF-STATE EMERGENCY WORKERS — DEADLINE**
Last day, upon the declaration of an out-of-state emergency by the Governor and the issuance of an executive order authorizing an out-of-state emergency worker to cast a ballot outside of their home precinct, that an out-of-state emergency worker may request and vote a vote-by-mail ballot, which must be delivered to the elections official by mail or by hand on or before the close of polls, and returned in the same manner as other voted vote-by-mail ballots.
§§ 336.7, 3021.5

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11/4/25 (E) [8:00 p.m.]	70. CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION — DEADLINE Last day for an elector to "conditionally" register and vote provisionally at the county elections office, a satellite office, a polling place, or a vote center.	§ 2170
11/4/25 (E) [8:00 p.m.]	71. CHANGE OF ADDRESS WITHIN SAME COUNTY AND/OR CHANGE OF POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE — DEADLINE Last day for an elector, in lieu of executing a new affidavit of registration for a change of address within the same county and/or a change of political party preference, to submit a written request that discloses specific information. The written request shall be delivered to the county elections official's office or to any location that offers conditional voter registration and at which a ballot can be issued.	§§ 2119.5, 2152
11/4/25 (E) [8:00 p.m.]	72. SEMIFINAL OFFICIAL CANVASS Beginning at 8:00 p.m. and continuously until completed, the county elections official shall conduct the semifinal official canvass of votes and report totals to the Secretary of State at least every two hours.	§§ 15150, 15151
11/6/25 (E+2)	73. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNPROCESSED BALLOTS On this day, county elections officials shall send to the Secretary of State an initial report containing the estimated number of outstanding unprocessed ballots.	§ 15305(b)
11/6/25 to 12/4/25 (E+2 to E+30)	74. OFFICIAL CANVASS — BEGINNING Beginning no later than the Thursday following the election, the county elections official must begin the official canvass of the precinct returns. This canvass must be completed no later than December 4, 2025 (E+30).	§§ 15301, 15372
11/6/25 to 12/4/25 (E+2 to E+30)	75. OFFICIAL CANVASS — REPORTING Beginning no later than the Thursday following the election, county elections officials must post updated information regarding the election on their Internet website at least once per week. The update shall include at least the following information: (1) Updated results for the measure appearing on the ballot; (2) The number of ballots processed and an estimated number of outstanding ballots remaining unprocessed for each of the following categories: ballots voted at a polling place, vote by mail ballots received on or before election day, vote by mail ballots received after election day, provisional ballots, and conditional registration ballots; (3) The date and time when it is expected that the next results will be posted. The elections official may stop posting the results described above when either of the following occurs: (1) A certified statement of results is published pursuant to Section 15372; (2) The only ballots left to count are vote by mail ballots for which a voter has the opportunity either to verify their signature pursuant to Section 3019(d) or to provide their signature pursuant to Section 3019(e). If the elections official stops posting results for this reason, they shall post a notice stating this reason on their Internet website.	§ 15306(a) § 15306(b)
11/10/25 to 12/4/25 (E+6 to E+30)	76. REPORT ON ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNPROCESSED BALLOTS Beginning on this day, the county elections official shall, on any day that the county elections official publicly releases updated election results, send to the Secretary of State a report on the estimated number of outstanding unprocessed ballots. The last report shall be delivered upon completion of the official canvass.	§ 15305(c)

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| 11/11/25**
(E+7) | 77. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS RETURNED BY MAIL — LAST DAY TO BE COUNTED | |
| | Any vote-by-mail ballot returned by mail shall be deemed timely if it is received by the elections official via the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company no later than seven days after Election Day and either of the following is satisfied: 1) the ballot is postmarked on or before Election Day or is time stamped or date stamped by a bona fide private mail delivery company on or before Election Day, or 2) if the ballot has no postmark, a postmark with no date, or an illegible postmark, the vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope is date stamped by the elections official upon receipt of the vote-by-mail ballot from the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company, and is signed and dated pursuant to Section 3011 on or before Election Day. | §§ 3011, 3017, 3020(b), (c) |
| 11/12/25
(E+8) | 78. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS RETURNED TO DIFFERENT COUNTY | |
| | Last day for a county elections official to forward a ballot, which was delivered to a precinct board at a polling place or vote center or to a vote-by-mail drop-off location or drop box in their county, to the county that issued the ballot. | § 3017(a)(3) |
| 11/14/25
(E+10) | 79. PROVISIONAL BALLOTS OF EMERGENCY WORKERS | |
| | If the Governor declares a state of emergency and issues an executive order authorizing an emergency worker to cast a ballot outside of their precinct, the provisional ballot cast by the emergency worker by the close of polls on Election Day must be received by the county elections official where the voter is registered no later than this day. The county elections official in a county included in the executive order declaring the emergency shall transmit for processing any ballot cast by 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 |
| 11/26/25
(E+22)
[5:00 p.m.] | 80. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS — NOTICE TO CURE NONCOMPARABLE SIGNATURE ON IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE OR UNSIGNED IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE | |
| | By this date, the elections official shall provide to all voters identified as having a signature on the vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope that did not compare with their signature on their voter record a notice of the opportunity to verify their signatures no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2025 (E+26)*. A "signature verification statement" or combined statement can be submitted in person, or by mail, email, or fax. | § 3019(d)(1), (f);
Stats. 2025, ch. 97,
§ 3, subd. (g) |
| | By this date, the elections official shall provide to all voters identified as having failed to sign the vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope a notice of the opportunity to provide a signature no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 30, 2025 (E+26)*. An "unsigned identification envelope statement" or combined statement can be submitted in person, or by mail, email, or fax. | § 3019(e)(1), (f);
Stats. 2025, ch. 97,
§ 3, subd. (g) |
| 11/27/25*
(E+23) | 81. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 15-DAY STATEWIDE REPORT PUBLISHED | |
| | On or before this date, the Secretary of State will release a statewide report showing the number of registered voters, by political party preference, in the state, in each county, and in each political subdivision thereof. This report is based on the number of persons registered as of October 20, 2025 (E-15). | § 2187(b), (c)(6) |

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11/30/25* (E+26) [5:00 p.m.]	<p>82. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS — DEADLINE TO CURE NONCOMPARABLE SIGNATURE ON IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE OR UNSIGNED IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE</p> <p>Last day for an elections official to receive from a voter, whose signature on their vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope did not compare with their signature on their voter record, a “signature verification statement” or combined statement. This statement can be submitted in person, or by mail, email, or fax.</p> <p>Last day for a voter who did not sign the vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope to either sign the identification envelope at the office of the elections official or complete and submit an “unsigned identification envelope statement” or combined statement. This statement can be submitted in person, or by mail, email, or fax.</p>	<p>§ 3019(d)(4), (f); Stats. 2025, ch. 97, § 3, subd. (g)</p> <p>§ 3019(e)(1), (f); Stats. 2025, ch. 97, § 3, subd. (g)</p>
12/2/25 to 12/4/25 (E+28 to E+30)	<p>83. OFFICIAL CANVASS — DEADLINE PERIOD</p> <p>First day the county elections official may (unless the exception set forth in subdivision (f)(1) enacted by statutes of 2025, chapter 97, section* has been met) complete the canvass, certify its results, and submit it to the board of supervisors.</p> <p>*If a county elections official does not have any outstanding Signature Verification Statements, Unsigned Identification Envelope Statements or combined statements from their voters, the county elections official may certify the results of the November 4, 2025, Statewide Special Election prior to December 2, 2025 (E+28).</p>	<p>§§ 15301, 15371 Stats. 2025, ch. 97, § 3, subd. (f)(1)</p> <p>Stats. 2025, ch. 97, § 3, subd. (f)(2)</p>
12/4/25 (E+30)	<p>84. OFFICIAL CANVASS DEADLINE</p> <p>No later than this date, the county elections official must complete the canvass, certify its results, and submit it to the board of supervisors.</p> <p>Suggested deadline for the board of supervisors to 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 or nominated under its jurisdiction a certificate of election or nomination.</p>	<p>§§ 15301, 15372; Stats. 2025, ch. 97, § 3, subd. (f)(1)</p> <p>§§ 15400, 15401</p>
12/4/25 (E+30)	<p>85. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNPROCESSED BALLOTS — FINAL REPORT</p> <p>No later than this date, the last report on the estimated number of outstanding unprocessed ballots shall be delivered to the Secretary of State.</p>	<p>§ 15305(c)</p>
12/4/25 (E+30)	<p>86. OFFICIAL CANVASS — REPORTING</p> <p>Beginning no later than the Thursday following the election, county elections officials must post updated information regarding the election on their Internet website at least once per week. The update shall include at least the following information: (1) Updated results for the measure appearing on the ballot; (2) The number of ballots processed and an estimated number of outstanding ballots remaining unprocessed for each of the following categories: ballots voted at a polling place, vote by mail ballots received on or before election day, vote by mail ballots received after election day, provisional ballots, and conditional registration ballots; (3) The date and time when it is expected that the next results will be posted.</p> <p>The elections official may stop posting the results described above when either of the following occurs: (1) A certified statement of results is published pursuant to Section 15372; (2) The only ballots left to count are vote by mail ballots for which a voter has the opportunity either to verify their signature pursuant to Section 3019(d) or to provide their signature pursuant to Section 3019(e). If the elections official stops posting results for this reason, they shall post a notice stating this reason on their Internet website.</p>	<p>§ 15306(a)</p> <p>§ 15306(b)</p>

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12/5/25 (E+31)	87. 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 statewide special election returns for the statewide ballot measure.	§§ 15374, 15375
12/5/25 (E+31)	88. BALLOT REJECTION REPORT TO SECRETARY OF STATE By this date, the county elections official shall identify and provide to the Secretary of State the number of vote-by-mail ballots rejected, categorized according to the reason for the rejection. Upon receipt of the above information, the Secretary of State shall publish a report.	§ 15377(a) § 15377(b)
12/12/25 (E+38)	89. STATEMENT OF THE VOTE Last day for the Secretary of State to prepare, certify, and file a statement of the vote from the compiled election returns and post to the Secretary of State's website. The Secretary of State shall make official declaration of the vote upon each question submitted to the electors of the State by either initiative or referendum petition filed in the Secretary of State's office.	§ 15501 Gov. Code §12165
1/31/26* (E+88) [Date fixed by law]	90. CAMPAIGN STATEMENT — SEMIANNUAL Last day to file semiannual campaign statements, if required, by all candidates, organizations, committees, and slate mailer organizations. ²	Gov. Code §§ 84200, 84218
4/11/26* (E+158)	91. SUPPLEMENT TO THE STATEMENT OF THE VOTE Last day for the Secretary of State to compile a supplement to the statement of the vote showing the number of votes cast in each county, city, state assembly district, state senatorial district, congressional district, and supervisorial district for the statewide ballot measure.	§ 15502

*Deadline falls on a weekend or state holiday; it does not move forward to the next business day.

**Deadline falls on a weekend or state holiday; the action may be conducted on the next business day. (Elections Code § 15; Government Code §81005)

¹ All code references are to the California Elections Code unless otherwise stated.

² Paper and electronic or online filings may be required. This does not cover ALL campaign disclosure requirements. Please contact the Fair Political Practices Commission at 1-866-275-3772 for all filing obligations.

³ Elections Code section 3114 and the federal MOVE Act require that ballots be sent to military and overseas voters no later than 45 days prior to an election. This E-45 deadline must be adhered to and does not move forward even though the date falls on a Saturday.

EXHIBIT D

TO DECLARATION OF SOUTHARD

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| 12/19/25
(E-165) | <p>1. VERIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES</p> <p>The Verification of Independent Expenditures (Form 462) is used to identify an individual responsible for ensuring that the campaign committee's independent expenditures were not coordinated with the listed candidate or the opponent or measure committee and that the committee will report all contributions and reimbursements as required by law. An independent expenditure is not subject to state or local contribution limits. This form must be emailed to the Fair Political Practices Commission within 10 days of an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more.²</p> <p>NOTE: For purposes of this calendar, the dates related to expenditures shall begin at E-165.</p> | Gov. Code § 84213;
Cal. Code Regs.,
tit. 2, § 18465.1 |
| 12/19/25
to
2/4/26
(E-165 to E-118) | <p>2. SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEES</p> <p>Period in which candidates for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly may obtain forms from county elections officials for circulating petitions to secure signatures in lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Signatures may also be applied to the nomination signature requirements for the office.</p> | §§ 8020(b), 8061,
8105, 8106(b)(3),
8162(a) ⁴ |
| 12/19/25
to
3/3/26
(E-165 to E-91) | <p>3. \$5,000 REPORT (ELECTRONIC FILERS ONLY)</p> <p>Period in which candidates for state office and their controlled committees, and committees primarily formed to support or oppose state measures, must file a Contribution Report (Form 497) within 10 business days if \$5,000 or more is received from a single source outside the 90-day election cycle.²</p> <p>NOTES: The filing period for this report begins the day following the last general election; however, for purposes of this calendar entry, the E-date shall begin at E-165.</p> <p>On an ongoing basis, recipient committees must file a disclosure report within 10 business days of making a contribution of \$5,000 or more or an independent expenditure of \$5,000 or more to support or oppose the qualification or passage of a single state ballot measure, a single local initiative, or a referendum ballot measure.²</p> | Gov. Code
§§ 85204,
85309(c), (d)

Gov. Code
§ 84204.5 |
| 12/19/25
to
6/16/26
(E-165 to E+14) | <p>4. CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT</p> <p>Period in which, and prior to, the solicitation or receipt of any contribution or loan for a specific office, the individual must file a Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501), signed under penalty of perjury, of intention to be a candidate for the specific office. The Form 501 is also used by candidates to accept or reject voluntary spending limits specified by the Fair Political Practices Commission. Candidates are not required to file a Form 501 for the same office in the connected general election after filing a Form 501 for the primary election.</p> <p>Between the date of filing an initial Form 501 for an election and the deadline for filing nomination papers for that election, March 6, 2026 (E-88), the statement of acceptance or rejection of the voluntary expenditure limits may be amended no more than two times, provided the limit has not been exceeded. If the voluntary expenditure limits are rejected in the primary, but not exceeded during that election, the Form 501 may be amended to accept the expenditure limits for the general. The amended Form 501 must be filed within 14 days following the primary election.</p> | Cal. Code Regs.,
tit. 2, § 18520;
Gov. Code
§§ 85200, 85400,
85401

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§§ 85200, 85400,
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12/19/25 to 2/11/26 (E-165 to E-111)	Period in which state constitutional office candidates, who wish to purchase space for a 250-word candidate statement in the state Voter Information Guide, must accept the voluntary expenditure limits by February 11, 2026 (E-111).	Gov. Code §§ 85400, 85401, 85600, 85601
12/19/25 to 3/6/26 (E-165 to E-88)	Period in which State Senator and Member of the State Assembly candidates, who wish to purchase space for a 250-word candidate statement in the county voter information guide(s) of the county or counties in their jurisdiction, must accept the voluntary expenditure limits by March 6, 2026 (E-88).	Gov. Code §§ 85200, 85400, 85401, 85600, 85601
NOTE: For purposes of this calendar entry the E-date shall begin at E-165.		
12/26/25 (E-158)	5. NOTICE OF OFFICES IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION On or before this date, the Secretary of State shall prepare and send to each county elections official a notice designating all the offices, except for county officers and judges, for which candidates are to be nominated at the primary election.	§ 12103
12/30/25 (E-154)	6. LAST DAY TO COUNT REGISTRATIONS TOWARD THE QUALIFICATION OF A NEW POLITICAL PARTY Last day any person may register or re-register to vote to declare a preference for a political body in order for that body to qualify to participate in the primary election.	§§ 2187(c)(1), 5100(b)
12/30/25 to 1/18/26** (E-154 to E-135)	7. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 154-DAY COUNTY READINESS Period in which county elections officials shall notify the Secretary of State that voter registration information is available in the California Statewide Voter Registration System (VoteCal) by indicating Report of Registration readiness in their Election Management System (EMS) with respect to voters registered as of December 30, 2025 (E-154).	§ 2187(a), (b), (c)(1)
1/1/26* (E-152)	8. VOTING SYSTEM PROCEDURES On or before this date, the Secretary of State shall review, and if necessary amend, administrative procedures for use with each of the voting systems pursuant to Division 19 of the Elections Code.	§ 15002 ¹
1/1/26* (E-152)	9. APPROVED BALLOT CARD VENDORS On or before this date, the Secretary of State shall publish the list of approved manufacturers, finishers, and ballot on demand systems for use in California elections.	Cal. Code Regs. tit. 2, § 20229
1/2/26 to 3/4/26 (E-151 to E-90)	10. PRE-ELECTION RESIDENCY CONFIRMATION PROCEDURE Suggested day county elections officials should begin the period in which they conduct a pre-election residency confirmation procedure, to be completed by the 90th day immediately prior to the election as provided in Elections Code section 2220. County elections officials shall not be required to mail a residency confirmation postcard to any voter who has voted at an election held within the last six months preceding the start of the confirmation procedure or to any person registered to vote who will not be 18 years of age on or before the primary election.	§ 2220 § 2220(b)

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1/5/26 (E-148)	11. GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION — ISSUANCE On or before this date, the Governor shall issue a proclamation calling the primary 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 elections official.	§ 12000
1/18/26* (E-135)	12. POLITICAL BODIES ATTEMPTING TO QUALIFY Last day for county elections officials to deliver petitions from political bodies to the Secretary of State in order for the political body to qualify as a political party for the primary election. The Secretary of State will determine, based on the 154-Day Report of Registration, whether a new political party has qualified for the primary election by registration.	§ 5100(b), (c)
1/18/26** (E-135)	13. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 154-DAY COUNTY READINESS DEADLINE Last day for county elections officials to indicate Report of Registration readiness in their Election Management System (EMS) of all voters registered as of December 30, 2025 (E-154).	§ 2187(a), (b), (c)(1)
1/22/26 (E-131)	14. LEGISLATIVE MEASURE QUALIFICATION DEADLINE Last day for the Legislature to adopt a constitutional amendment, bond measure, or other legislative measure in order for the proposed measure to appear on the primary election ballot.	§ 9040
1/22/26 to 2/11/26 (E-131 to E-111) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	15. CANDIDATE STATEMENTS IN THE STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE — STATE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES Period in which state constitutional office candidates may purchase space for a 250-word statement in the state Voter Information Guide. A candidate for state constitutional office may purchase space for a statement only if a Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) has been filed and the candidate has agreed to accept the voluntary expenditure limits.	Gov. Code § 85601(a); § 9084(i)
1/23/26 (E-130) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	16. NUMBERING OF PROPOSITIONS On or about this date, proposition numbers will be assigned by Secretary of State to statewide ballot measures.	§ 13117
1/28/26 (E-125)	17. NOTICE OF PARTIES QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN PRIMARY ELECTION On or before this date, the Secretary of State shall prepare and send to each county elections official a notice designating the names of the political parties qualified to participate in the primary election.	§§ 5100, 12103
1/30/26 (E-123) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	18. STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES — BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY AND CONDENSED BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY DEADLINE By this date, the Attorney General is asked to provide to the Secretary of State all official ballot titles and summaries and condensed ballot titles and summaries for the statewide ballot measures that have qualified for the primary election to ensure there is sufficient time to have them translated into all required languages prior to the public examination period for the state Voter Information Guide.	§§ 303, 9050, 9051, 9054, 13282

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1/31/26* (E-122) [Date fixed by law]	19. CAMPAIGN STATEMENT — SEMIANNUAL Last day to file semiannual campaign statements, if required, by all candidates, organizations, committees, and slate mailers. ²	Gov. Code §§ 84200, 84218
2/2/26 (E-120)	20. STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES — NEWS RELEASE INVITING ARGUMENTS On or before this date, the Secretary of State will issue a general news release requesting voters to submit an argument in each case where either the argument for or against any statewide ballot measure has not been prepared and filed.	§§ 9060-9063
2/3/26 (E-119) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	21. STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES — ARGUMENT SUBMISSION DEADLINE Last day for submittal of arguments for or against each qualified statewide ballot measure to the Secretary of State. Arguments shall not exceed 500 words, and, once submitted, no argument may be amended or deleted without a writ of mandate.	§§ 9041-9044, 9064, 9065, 9068
2/4/26 (E-118)	22. SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEES DEADLINE Last day for candidates for state constitutional offices, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly to submit their petitions to the county elections official of the county in which the petition signers reside and are registered to vote. Upon receipt of the required number of in-lieu signatures, or of a sufficient combination of such signatures and the prorated filing fee, the county elections official shall issue the nomination papers provisionally. Within 10 days after receipt of a petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. The candidate shall then, at the time of obtaining nomination documents, pay a pro rata portion of the filing fee to cover the deficiency. Any candidate who submits a number of valid in-lieu signatures that meets the nomination signatures requirement and equals or exceeds the minimum number required by Section 8062 for their nomination papers, they must still file a Declaration of Candidacy during the nomination period.	§§ 8020, 8061, 8105, 8106(b)(3)
2/8/26* (E-114) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	23. STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES — SELECTION AND EXCHANGE OF ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST MEASURES On or before this date, the Secretary of State will select arguments for inclusion in the state Voter Information Guide where more than one argument has been submitted in favor of or against the same measure. Following the selection, the Secretary of State will exchange arguments with opposing authors and request rebuttal arguments and summary information be submitted no later than February 12, 2026 (E-110).	§§ 9067, 9069
2/9/26 to 3/6/26 (E-113 to E-88)	24. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS Period in which specified candidates for state office shall file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) disclosing their investments, interests in real property, and any income received during the immediately preceding 12 months. This statement is not required if the candidate has filed such statements within the past 60 days for the same jurisdiction. ² NOTE: The deadlines for filing a Form 700 by certain officeholders may be earlier. Call the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) for deadline information at (866) 275-3772.	Gov. Code §§ 87200-87203, 87500

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2/9/26 to 3/6/26 (E-113 to E-88)	25. DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS Period in which all candidates for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly must file a declaration of candidacy for office and ballot designation worksheet, and circulate nomination papers and deliver them to the county elections official for filing. All candidates must pay the nonrefundable filing fees or present petitions in lieu of signatures at the time nomination papers are issued by the county elections official. The number of valid signatures in lieu of the filing fee any candidate obtains may be subtracted from the number required for their nomination papers. A candidate shall not be required to execute a nomination paper if the number of signatures in lieu of the filing fee meets the requisite number of valid signatures under Section 8062. All nomination documents for the above-listed candidates must be left with the county elections official for filing with the Secretary of State.	§§ 333, 8020, 8040, 8041, 8061-8064, 8100, 8105, 8106, 13107.3
2/9/26 to 3/6/26 (E-113 to E-88)	26. CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL A candidate for United States Representative in Congress, Member Board of Equalization, State Senator, or Member of the State Assembly may withdraw previously filed nomination documents by delivering a statement of withdrawal to the county elections official by March 6, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. (E-88).	§ 8020.5
2/9/26 to 3/6/26 (E-113 to E-88)	27. CANDIDATE STATEMENTS IN THE COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE Period in which candidates for United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly may purchase space for a 250-word candidate statement in the county voter information guide(s) of the county or counties in their jurisdiction. Candidates for State Senator and Member of the State Assembly may purchase space for a candidate statement only if they have agreed to accept the voluntary expenditure limits on their Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501).	Gov. Code § 85601(c); §§ 13307.5, 13307.7
2/9/26 to 3/11/26 (E-113 to E-83)	28. NOMINATION DOCUMENTS FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE Period in which, and within five days of receipt of nomination documents, county elections officials shall deliver to the Secretary of State candidates' nomination documents for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly, together with a statement showing the number of valid signatures on the nomination documents for all candidates.	§§ 8070, 8082
2/10/26 (E-112) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	29. SUBMISSION DATE FOR SUPPORTERS AND OPPONENTS LIST FOR STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES On this day only, the selected author(s) of the argument in favor of a statewide ballot measure and the selected author(s) of the argument against a statewide ballot measure shall provide to the Secretary of State a listing of nonprofit organizations, businesses, or individuals in support or opposition of the statewide ballot measure, as specified in Elections Code section 9051. Each list is limited to 125 characters in length.	§ 9051(c)
2/11/26 (E-111)	30. CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT — STATE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICE — DEADLINE Last day for state constitutional office candidates to file the Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) agreeing to accept the voluntary expenditure limits in order to purchase space for a 250-word statement in the state Voter Information Guide.	Gov. Code §§ 85400, 85401, 85600, 85601

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2/11/26 (E-111) [5:00 p.m.] [Date designated by Secretary of State]	31. CANDIDATE STATEMENTS IN THE STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE — STATE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICE — DEADLINE Last day state constitutional office candidates may purchase space for a 250-word candidate statement in the state Voter Information Guide. Candidates for state constitutional office may purchase space for a statement only if they have agreed to accept the voluntary expenditure limits on their Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501).	Gov. Code § 85601(a); § 9084(i)
2/12/26 (E-110) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	32. STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES — ANALYSIS, "YES" AND "NO" STATEMENTS, BOND STATEMENT, AND TEXT DEADLINE By this date, the Legislative Analyst and Legislative Counsel must provide all official analyses, "Yes" and "No" statements, and texts of the statewide ballot measures that have qualified for the primary election ballot, and a statement of bond debt, if necessary, so that the Secretary of State has sufficient time to prepare a copy for public examination and to translate the state Voter Information Guide into all required languages.	§§ 9085, 9087, 9088, 9091
2/12/26 (E-110) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	33. STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES — REBUTTAL ARGUMENT AND SUMMARY INFORMATION DEADLINE Last day for selected argument authors to submit rebuttal arguments and summary information for or against ballot measures qualified for the primary election ballot. Rebuttal arguments shall not exceed 250 words, and summary information shall not exceed 50 words.	§§ 9069, 9084(c), (e)
2/12/26 (E-110) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	34. POLITICAL PARTY STATEMENT OF PURPOSE — DEADLINE Last day for political parties to submit statements of purpose, not to exceed 200 words, for inclusion in the state Voter Information Guide, if space allows.	§ 9084(e)
2/14/26** (E-108)	35. SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEES — DETERMINE SUFFICIENCY Last day for the county elections official to determine the sufficiency of the in-lieu signatures submitted by candidates for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly. Within 10 days after receipt of a petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. The candidate shall then, at the time of obtaining nomination documents, pay a pro rata portion of the filing fee to cover the deficiency.	§§ 8061, 8106(b)(3)
2/17/26 (E-105)	36. NEWLY QUALIFIED POLITICAL PARTY ACTIVITIES Last day temporary officers of a newly qualified political party shall notify the Secretary of State of their operating procedures. If the newly qualified political party has not adopted its own detailed statutory operating procedures, it shall adopt the statutory provisions of any other qualified political party that has statutory provisions for its party operations.	§ 5005
2/17/26 (E-105)	37. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 154-DAY STATEWIDE REPORT PUBLISHED On or before this date, the Secretary of State will release a statewide report showing the total number of voters in the county, the number registered as preferring each qualified political party, the number registered as preferring nonqualified parties, and the number registered without choosing a political party preference, and the number of registered voters, by political party preference, in the state, in each county, and in each city and unincorporated area. This report is based on the number of persons registered as of December 30, 2025 (E-154).	§ 2187(a), (b), (c)(1)

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2/17/26 to 3/9/26 (E-105 to E-85)	38. STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION Period in which the state Voter Information Guide for the primary election will be available for public examination and in which any elector may seek a writ of mandate to amend or delete any portion thereof prior to its printing. The lists of Supporters and Opponents included in the ballot labels will be available for public examination in English on February 17, 2026 (E-105); the translated versions of those lists will be made available for public examination on February 23, 2026 (E-99).	Gov. Code § 88006; §§ 9051, 9054, 9082 9092, 13282
3/2/26 (E-92)	39. RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING — NOTICE Last day for the Secretary of State to notify the news media and other interested parties of the place and of the randomized alphabet drawing to be held at 11:00 a.m. on March 12, 2026 (E-82).	§ 13112(b)(1)(B), (c)
3/3/26 (E-91)	40. \$5,000 REPORT (ELECTRONIC FILERS ONLY) — DEADLINE Last day candidates for state office and their controlled committees, and committees primarily formed to support or oppose state measures, to file a Contribution Report (Form 497) within 10 business days if \$5,000 or more was received from a single source outside the 90-day election cycle. ²	Gov. Code §§ 85204, 85309(c), (d)
3/4/26 (E-90)	41. PRE-ELECTION RESIDENCY CONFIRMATION PROCEDURE — DEADLINE On or before this date, county elections officials must complete the pre-election residency confirmation procedure as provided in Section 2220.	§ 2220
3/4/26 to 6/2/26 (E-90 to E)	42. ELECTION CYCLE REPORTS — 24-HOUR PAYMENT REPORT (SLATE MAILER ORGANIZATIONS) During the 90 days immediately preceding an election, each slate mailer organization that receives a payment of \$2,500 or more for the purpose of supporting or opposing any candidate or ballot measure in a slate mailer must report the payment within 24 hours to the Secretary of State's office online or by electronic transmission only. (Deadlines are extended to the next business day when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday, except for the weekend before an election.) Such payments may be reported on a Slate Mailer Late Payment Report (Form 498). ²	Gov. Code § 84220
3/4/26 to 6/2/26 (E-90 to E)	43. ELECTION CYCLE REPORTS — 24-HOUR CONTRIBUTION REPORT During the 90 days immediately preceding an election, or on the date of the election, the following contributions that total in the aggregate of \$1,000 or more must be reported within 24 hours to the Secretary of State's office online or by electronic transmission only: contributions made to or received by a candidate or candidate controlled committee on the June 2, 2026, ballot; contributions made to or received by a primarily formed candidate or ballot measure committee on the June 2, 2026, ballot; or, contributions made to or received by a political party committee. For purposes of the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement Board, the date of the election is the deadline to return ballots. (Deadlines are extended to the next business day when the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday, except for the weekend before the election.) Recipients of non-monetary or in-kind contributions must file within 48 hours of the date the non-monetary or in-kind contribution was received. These contributions are reported on the Contribution Report (Form 497). ²	Gov. Code §§ 82036, 84203, 84203.3, 85204, 85309

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3/4/26 to 6/2/26 (E-90 to E)	44. ELECTION CYCLE REPORTS — 24-HOUR INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE REPORT During the 90 days immediately preceding an election or on the date of the election, an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more made to a specific candidate or measure involved in a state election must be reported on the Independent Expenditure Report (Form 496) within 24 hours to the Secretary of State's office online or by electronic transmission only. For purposes of the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement Board, the date of the election is the deadline to return ballots and a copy of the Form 496 must be filed with the relevant board office. ²	Gov. Code §§ 82036.5, 84204, 84215(e), 85204
3/6/26 (E-88)	45. VOTER'S CHOICE ACT COUNTIES: CALCULATE NUMBER OF VOTE CENTERS On this date, the county elections officials of counties implementing the Voter's Choice Act must calculate the location and number of vote centers based on specific ratios of the number of voters registered as of this date.	§ 4005(a)(3)(A), (a)(4)(A)
3/6/26 (E-88)	46. ALL COUNTIES TO CALCULATE NUMBER OF BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS On this date, the county elections officials must calculate the number of drop-off locations based on specific ratios of the number of voters registered as of this date.	§§ 3025.5, 4005(a)
3/6/26 (E-88)	47. CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT — STATE SENATOR AND MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY — DEADLINE Last day for State Senator and Member of the State Assembly candidates to file the Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) agreeing to accept the voluntary expenditure limits in order to purchase space for a 250-word candidate statement in the county voter information guide(s) of the county or counties in their jurisdiction. ²	Gov. Code §§ 85200, 85400, 85401, 85600, 85601
3/6/26 (E-88)	48. CANDIDATE STATEMENTS IN THE COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE — U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, STATE SENATOR, AND MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY — DEADLINE Last day candidates for United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly may purchase space for a 250-word candidate statement in the county voter information guide(s) of the county or counties in their jurisdiction. Candidates for State Senator and Member of the State Assembly may purchase space only if they have agreed to accept the voluntary expenditure limits on their Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501).	Gov. Code § 85601(c); §§ 13307.5, 13307.7
3/6/26 (E-88)	49. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS Last day for specified candidates in an election to file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) disclosing their investments, interests in real property, and any income received during the immediately preceding 12 months. This statement is not required if the candidate has filed such statements within the past 60 days for the same jurisdiction. ²	Gov. Code §§ 87200-87203, 87500
3/6/26 (E-88) [5:00 p.m.]	50. DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS — FILING DEADLINE No later than 5:00 p.m. on this day, candidates for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly must deliver to the county elections official for filing their declarations of candidacy, nomination papers, and ballot designation worksheets.	§§ 333, 8020, 8040, 8041, 8061-8064, 8100, 8105, 8106, 13107.3

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[5:00 p.m.] | <p>51. GOVERNOR CANDIDATES — TAX RETURNS — DEADLINE</p> <p>On or before this date, a candidate for the office of Governor, in order to appear on the direct primary ballot, must file with the Secretary of State's office, two hardcopies (one redacted and one unredacted) of every income tax return the candidate filed with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in the five most recent taxable years. The candidate shall redact information pursuant to Elections Code section 8903. If the Secretary of State determines that the candidate has failed to properly redact information, the candidate shall submit corrected hard copies no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2026 (E-78).</p> <p>The candidate must also sign the Income Tax Return Disclosure Consent and Acknowledgement Form granting the Secretary of State permission to publicly release the redacted version of the candidate's tax return.</p> | §§ 8901, 8902, 8903

§ 8903(a) |
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[5:00 p.m.] | <p>52. CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL — DEADLINE</p> <p>No later than 5:00 p.m. on this day, candidates for United States Representative in Congress, Member Board of Equalization, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly may withdraw previously filed nomination documents by delivering a statement of withdrawal to the county elections official.</p> | § 8020.5 |
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(E-87 to E-83)
[5:00 p.m.] | <p>53. NOMINATION PERIOD EXTENSION — INCUMBENT FAILS TO FILE</p> <p>If an eligible incumbent for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, or Member of the State Assembly fails to file nomination documents by 5:00 p.m. on March 6, 2026 (E-88), a five-day extension is allowed for any person, other than the incumbent, to file for the elective office during the extended period.</p> | §§ 8022,
8100, 8105 |
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[5:00 p.m.] | <p>54. CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL EXTENSION</p> <p>If the period to obtain and file nomination documents is extended for the offices of United States Representative in Congress, Member Board of Equalization, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly, an eligible candidate may withdraw previously filed nomination documents by delivering a statement of withdrawal to the county elections official, by 5:00 p.m. March 11, 2026 (E-83).</p> | § 8020.5 |
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(E-87 to E-74)
[5:00 p.m.] | <p>55. NOMINATION PERIOD EXTENSION — DEATH OF A VOTER-NOMINATED CANDIDATE</p> <p>If a candidate has filed nomination documents for a voter-nominated office at the primary election and that candidate dies after March 6, 2026 (E-88), but on or before March 11, 2026 (E-83), any qualified person may circulate and deliver nomination documents for the office to the county elections official not later than 5:00 p.m. on March 20, 2026 (E-74).</p> | § 8025 |
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(E-87 to E-68)
[5:00 p.m.] | <p>56. REOPENING OF NOMINATION PERIOD — DEATH OF A CANDIDATE FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICE</p> <p>Period in which filing nomination papers for a nonpartisan office, except for a judicial office, shall be reopened in an election where an incumbent who is a candidate for a nonpartisan statewide office where only one other candidate, excluding any write-in candidates, has qualified to have their name placed on the ballot for that office and either the challenger or the incumbent dies after March 6, 2026 (E-88), but before March 26, 2026 (E-68). Any qualified person may circulate and deliver nomination documents for office to the county elections official not later than 5:00 p.m. on March 26, 2026 (E-68).</p> | § 8027 |

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3/9/26 (E-85)	57. LAST DAY STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION AND COPY DELIVERED TO THE STATE PRINTER Last day the state Voter Information Guide for the primary election will be available for public examination and for the Secretary of State to deliver copy for preparation of the state Voter Information Guide to the Office of State Publishing.	Gov. Code § 88006; §§ 9054, 9082, 9092, 13282
3/11/26 (E-83)	58. NOMINATION DOCUMENTS FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE — DEADLINE Last day for county elections officials to forward to the Secretary of State nomination documents for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly, together with a statement showing the number of valid nomination signatures.	§§ 8070, 8082
3/11/26 (E-83)	59. POLITICAL PARTY ENDORSEMENTS FOR VOTER-NOMINATED OFFICES — DEADLINE Last day for the party chairperson of any 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 received timely in the county voter information guide.	§ 13302(b)
3/11/26 (E-83) [5:00 p.m.]	60. NOMINATION PERIOD EXTENSION — INCUMBENT FAILS TO FILE — DEADLINE By 5:00 p.m. on this day, any person, other than an eligible incumbent who did not qualify for nomination by March 6, 2026 (E-88), can file nomination documents for that office.	§§ 8022, 8100, 8105
3/11/26 (E-83) [5:00 p.m.]	61. CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL EXTENSION — DEADLINE By 5:00 p.m. this day, if the period to obtain and file nomination documents was extended for the offices of United States Representative in Congress, Member Board of Equalization, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly, an eligible candidate may withdraw previously filed nomination documents by delivering a statement of withdrawal to the county elections official.	§ 8020.5
3/12/26 (E-82) [11:00 a.m.]	62. RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING The Secretary of State shall conduct the randomized alphabet drawing at 11:00 a.m. and mail the results immediately to county elections officials so that they may determine the order in which the candidates shall appear on the primary election ballot.	§§ 13111, 13112(b)(1)(B)
3/12/26 (E-82) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	63. BALLOT TINT AND WATERMARK ASSIGNMENT On or before this date, the Secretary of State shall issue the tint and watermark assignment to be printed upon the primary election ballots.	Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, §§ 20215, 20218; § 13002
3/16/26 (E-78) [5:00 p.m.]	64. GOVERNOR CANDIDATES — SUBMITTING PROPERLY REDACTED TAX RETURNS — DEADLINE Last day for a candidate for the office of Governor to submit corrected hard copies of their tax returns if the Secretary of State had determined that the candidate failed to properly redact information. If the corrected hard copies are not timely submitted, the candidate shall not be qualified to have their name placed on the ballot of the direct primary election.	§ 8903

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3/20/26 (E-74) [5:00 p.m.]	65. NOMINATION PERIOD EXTENSION — DEATH OF A VOTER-NOMINATED CANDIDATE DEADLINE By 5:00 p.m. on this day, any qualified person can deliver to the county elections official their nomination documents for any voter-nominated office for which a candidate had filed but who died after March 6, 2026 (E-88), but on or before March 11, 2026 (E-83).	§ 8025
3/21/26* (E-73)	66. NOTICE TO CANDIDATES On or before this date, but not fewer than five days before sending the certified list of candidates to the county elections officials, the Secretary of State shall notify each candidate for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly of the names, addresses, offices, ballot designations, and party preferences, if applicable, of all other persons who have filed for the same office.	§ 8121(a)
3/21/26* (E-73)	67. PARTY PREFERENCE HISTORY POSTING ON WEBSITE — ALL VOTER-NOMINATED CANDIDATES On or before this day, the Secretary of State will post on its website, the party preference history of each candidate for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly for the preceding 10 years.	§ 8121(b)
3/26/26 (E-68) [5:00 p.m.]	68. REOPENED NOMINATION PERIOD — DEATH OF A CANDIDATE FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICE — DEADLINE Last day for any qualified person to file nomination documents for a nonpartisan office where only an incumbent and one other candidate, excluding write-in candidates, have qualified and either one of the candidates has died after March 6, 2026 (E-88), but before March 26, 2026 (E-68).	§ 8027
3/26/26 (E-68) [12:02 a.m.]	69. DEATH OF A CANDIDATE FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICE If an incumbent is a candidate for a nonpartisan statewide office and only one other candidate, excluding write-in candidates, has qualified to have their name placed on the ballot for that office, and either the challenger or the incumbent dies after the hour of 12:01 a.m. on March 26, 2026 (E-68), an election shall not be conducted, no votes cast for that office shall be counted, and, if counted, the votes shall be null and void.	§ 8026
3/26/26 (E-68)	70. DEATH OF A CANDIDATE — NAME ON BALLOT Last day for the county elections official to remove a deceased candidate's name from the primary election ballot.	§ 8809
3/26/26 (E-68) [5:00 p.m.]	71. CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES AND ROTATION LIST Last day for the Secretary of State to certify and send to each county elections official a list of candidates to be voted on throughout the state showing the name of every person eligible to receive votes within the county at the primary election, their addresses, and the office for which they seek nomination, and if applicable, their party preference and ballot designation. The Secretary of State shall also provide to county elections officials a list of candidates to be voted on throughout the state for each county arranged according to the randomized alphabet drawn on March 12, 2026 (E-82).	§§ 8120-8125 § 13111
4/3/26 (E-60)	72. MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTER APPLICATIONS First day county elections officials may process applications for military or overseas voter 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 they have applied, the elections official receiving the application shall forward it immediately to the proper county.	§§ 300(b), 321, 3102, 3105

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4/3/26 to 4/13/26 (E-60 to E-50)	73. VOTER REGISTRATION DATA TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE MAILING Period in which county elections officials shall notify the Secretary of State that voter registration information is available in the California Statewide Voter Registration System (VoteCal) by indicating readiness in their Election Management System (EMS) by April 13, 2026 (E-50) with respect to voters registered as of April 3, 2026 (E-60). This information should reflect the results of the pre-election residency confirmation procedure.	§§ 2220, 9094(a)
4/3/26 to 4/13/26 (E-60 to E-50)	74. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 60-DAY COUNTY READINESS Period in which county elections officials shall notify the Secretary of State that voter registration information is available in the California Statewide Voter Registration System (VoteCal) by indicating Report of Registration readiness in their Election Management System (EMS) with respect to voters registered as of April 3, 2026 (E-60).	§ 2187(a), (b), (c)(2)
4/6/26 to 5/19/26 (E-57 to E-14)	75. STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS Period in which all write-in candidates for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly must leave a statement of write-in candidacy and nomination papers with the county elections official for filing with the Secretary of State.	§ 8601
4/13/26 (E-50)	76. VOTER REGISTRATION DATA TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE MAILING — DEADLINE Last day to indicate voter information guide mailing readiness in the county's Election Management System (EMS) of all voters registered as of April 3, 2026 (E-60); this information should reflect the results of the pre-election residency confirmation procedure.	§§ 2220, 9094(a)
4/13/26 (E-50)	77. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 60-DAY COUNTY READINESS DEADLINE Last day for county elections officials to indicate Report of Registration readiness in their Election Management System (EMS) of all voters registered as of April 3, 2026 (E-60).	§ 2187(a), (b), (c)(2)
4/18/26* ³ [Saturday] (E-45) [Date fixed by law]	78. MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTER BALLOTS Last day for county elections officials to transmit ballots and balloting materials to absent military or overseas voters who have requested them by this date. If a military or overseas voter ballot application is received after this date, the county elections official shall transmit a ballot and balloting materials as soon as practicable.	52 U.S.C. § 20302 (MOVE Act); § 3114
4/18/26* (E-45) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	79. STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDES TO STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS On or before this date, the Secretary of State shall send a specified number of copies of the state Voter Information Guide to city and county elections officials, members of the Legislature, proponents of statewide ballot measures, public libraries, and specified educational institutions.	§ 9096
4/18/26 to 6/1/26 (E-45 to E-1)	80. ISSUE ADVOCACY REPORT (ELECTRONIC FILERS ONLY) A disclosure report (Form E-530) must be filed within 48 hours by anyone spending or promising to pay \$50,000 or more for a communication disseminated, broadcast, or otherwise published within 45 days of an election, if the communication clearly identifies a candidate for state elective office but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of that candidate. ²	Cal. Code Regs. tit. 2, § 18539.2; Gov. Code § 85310

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4/23/26 (E-40)	81. FIRST PRE-ELECTION STATEMENT Last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees for the period ending April 18, 2026 (E-45). Candidate controlled committees and primarily formed candidate and measure committees appearing on the ballot must file this statement. State general purpose committees making contributions or independent expenditures of \$500 or more in connection with the election must also file this statement. Candidate controlled committees by elected state officers and candidates for elective state office who are not appearing on the ballot at the next statewide election making contributions or independent expenditures of \$500 or more in connection with the election must file this statement. Political parties must file this statement if they receive contributions totaling \$1,000 or more or if contributions or independent expenditures totaling \$500 or more were made in connection with the election. State slate mailer organizations must file this statement if payments of \$500 or more are received or made to produce a slate mailer in connection with the election. ²	Gov. Code §§ 84200.5, 84200.8, 84218
4/23/26 to 5/12/26 (E-40 to E-21)	82. STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE MAILING Period in which the Secretary of State shall mail state Voter Information Guides to all households in which voters were registered by April 3, 2026 (E-60). This mailing is based on the information provided by county elections officials to the Secretary of State by April 13, 2026 (E-50).	§ 9094(a)
4/23/26 to 5/12/26 (E-40 to E-21)	83. COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE AND POLLING PLACE Suggested first day for the county elections official to begin mailing a county voter information guide and a polling place notice, which includes any vote centers, to each registered voter who registered at least 29 days before the election, unless the voter has opted to receive them electronically. The polling place notice may state whether the polling place is accessible to the physically handicapped. The county elections official shall also give county voter information guides to the chairperson of the county central committee of each political party, shall mail a copy to each candidate, and shall post a copy of the county voter information guide in a conspicuous place in their office.	§§ 13300(b), 13300.7, 13303, 13304, 13305, 14282 § 13302(a)
4/30/26** (E-33) [Date fixed by law]	84. QUARTERLY STATEMENTS BY BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEES Last day for committees that have qualified as a recipient committee and are primarily formed to support or oppose the qualification, passage, or defeat of any measure to file a quarterly campaign statement for the period January 1, 2026 (E-152), through March 31, 2026 (E-63), unless the committee will file pre-election statements for an upcoming election. ² This statement is not required if the committee is required to file pre-election statements or if the measure was already voted on and the committee has not made contributions or expenditures to support or oppose the qualification or passage of another ballot measure. ²	Gov. Code § 84202.3 Gov. Code § 84202.3
5/3/26* (E-30)	85. NOTICE OF EARLY TABULATION On or before this date, the county governing body shall notify the county elections official that certain offices or measures to be voted on are of more than ordinary public interest and will require an early tabulation and announcement.	§ 14440

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(E-29) | <p>86. ALL COUNTIES MAIL EVERY ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTER A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT AND PACKET</p> <p>Every active registered voter will be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot and packet. §§ 3000.5, 3010</p> <p>No later than this date, county elections officials shall begin mailing each registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot, a vote-by-mail packet that includes an envelope with instructions on the use and return of the vote-by-mail ballot, and other information including the locations and hours of each vote center in the county or polling place. §§ 3000.5, 3010, 4005(a)(8)(A), (B)</p> <p>County elections officials shall have five days to mail a ballot to each person who is registered to vote by this date and five days to mail a ballot to each person who is subsequently registered to vote. §§ 3000.5, 3001</p> |
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(E-29) | <p>87. COMPUTER PROCESSING OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS</p> <p>All county elections officials may begin to process vote-by-mail ballot return envelopes. § 15101(a)</p> <p>Counties having the necessary computer capability to process vote-by-mail ballots may begin to process their vote-by-mail ballots on this date. This process may be completed to the point of placing the ballot information on a computer medium, but under NO circumstances may a vote count be accessed or released until 8:00 p.m. on June 2, 2026 (E). § 15101(b), (c)</p> <p>All other county elections officials shall start to process vote-by-mail ballots at 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election, the results of which shall not be released before 8:00 p.m. on June 2, 2026 (E). § 15101(b)</p> |
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(E-29) | <p>88. NON-VOTER'S CHOICE ACT COUNTIES: PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS AND POLLING PLACES</p> <p>On or before this date, the county elections official shall appoint members of the precinct boards and designate the polling places. § 12286</p> |
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(E-29) | <p>89. ADDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DATA RETRIEVAL FOR STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE MAILING</p> <p>The Secretary of State shall notify the county elections officials via email communication that a VoteCal data retrieval will occur of all voters whom registered after the 60th day before the election and before the 29th day prior to the election. No additional readiness is required in their Election Management System (EMS). § 9094(a)</p> |
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(E-29 to E) | <p>90. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT REQUEST BY OUT-OF-STATE EMERGENCY WORKERS</p> <p>Period in which, upon the declaration of an out-of-state emergency by the Governor and the issuance of an executive order authorizing an out-of-state emergency worker to cast a ballot outside of their home precinct, an out-of-state emergency worker may request and vote a vote-by-mail ballot, which must be returned in the same manner as all other voted vote-by-mail ballots. §§ 336.7, 3021.5</p> |
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(E-28 to E) | <p>91. ALL COUNTIES: DROP-OFF LOCATIONS OPEN</p> <p>By this date, all counties shall open ballot drop-off locations. These locations shall be open at least during regular business hours beginning not less than 28 days before the election through election day. At least one ballot drop-off location shall be an accessible, secured, exterior drop box that is available for a minimum of 12 hours per day. §§ 3025.5, 4005(a)(1)</p> |
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(E-21) | <p>92. STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE MAILING — DEADLINE</p> <p>On or before this date, the Secretary of State shall mail state Voter Information Guides to all households in which voters were registered by April 3, 2026 (E-60). § 9094(a)</p> |

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5/12/26 (E-21)	<p>93. COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE AND POLLING PLACE NOTICE MAILING — DEADLINE</p> <p>Last day for the county elections official to begin mailing a county voter information guide and a polling place notice, which includes any vote centers, to each registered voter who registered at least 29 days before the election, unless the voter has opted to receive them electronically. The polling place notice may state whether the polling place is accessible to the physically handicapped.</p> <p>The county elections official shall also give county voter information guides to the chairperson of the county central committee of each political party, shall mail a copy to each candidate, and shall post a copy of the county voter information guide in a conspicuous place in their office.</p>	<p>§§ 13300(b), 13300.7, 13303, 13304, 13305, 14282</p> <p>§ 13302(a)</p>
5/13/26 (E-20)	<p>94. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 60-DAY STATEWIDE REPORT PUBLISHED</p> <p>On or before this date, the Secretary of State will release a statewide report showing the number of registered voters, by political party preference, in the state, in each county, and in each political subdivision thereof. This report is based on the number of persons registered as of April 3, 2026 (E-60).</p>	<p>§ 2187(b), (c)(2)</p>
5/17/26 to 6/1/26 (E-16 to E-1)	<p>95. 24-HOUR STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION FILING REQUIREMENT — RECIPIENT COMMITTEES AND SLATE MAILER ORGANIZATIONS</p> <p>A recipient committee or slate mailer organization that qualifies during the 16 days prior to an election in which it must file pre-election statements must file a Statement of Organization Recipient Committee (Form 410) or Statement of Organization (Slate Mailer Organization) (Form 400) within 24 hours of qualification with the filing officer who will receive the committee's original disclosure statements by personal delivery, facsimile transmission, online transmission, or guaranteed overnight delivery.²</p>	<p>Gov. Code §§ 84101, 84108</p>
5/18/26 (E-15)	<p>96. 15-DAY CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION</p> <p>Last day to register to vote in the primary election. The voter registration application shall be mailed (postmarked by this date), submitted online using the Secretary of State's online voter registration application (COVR), or delivered to the county elections official by this date and is effective upon receipt. The voter registration application may also be submitted by this date to the Secretary of State, Department of Motor Vehicles, or any National Voter Registration Act designated agency.</p> <p>A request for a vote-by-mail ballot from a military or overseas voter, if postmarked on or before this date, will be deemed an affidavit of registration. When a county elections official receives and approves a registration application from a military or overseas voter, the official must provide that voter with a vote-by-mail ballot for each subsequent election.</p> <p>See Item #101 for exception to the deadline.</p>	<p>52 U.S.C. §§ 20301, 20501; §§ 300(b), 321, 2102, 2170, 3102</p> <p>§ 3102(b), (e)</p>
5/18/26 (E-15)	<p>97. NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS WITHIN STATE</p> <p>Last day before the primary election for any voter to send a notice or letter advising the county elections official of a change of address within the state. The notice or letter shall be mailed (postmarked by this date) or delivered to the county elections official by this date and is effective upon receipt. The notice or letter may also be submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles or any National Voter Registration Act designated agency prior to the election. The county elections official shall correct the registration records accordingly. The notice or letter is in lieu of re-registering.</p>	<p>§§ 2116, 2119</p>

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5/18/26 to 5/26/26 (E-15 to E-7)	98. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 15-DAY COUNTY READINESS Period in which county elections officials shall notify the Secretary of State that voter registration information is available in the California Statewide Voter Registration System (VoteCal) by indicating Report of Registration readiness in their Election Management System (EMS) with respect to voters registered as of May 18, 2026 (E-15).	§ 2187(a), (b), (c)(3)
5/19/26 (E-14)	99. STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS — DEADLINE Last day for a write-in candidate for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly to leave a statement of write-in candidacy and nomination papers with the county elections official for filing with the Secretary of State.	§ 8601
5/19/26 (E-14)	100. BILINGUAL PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS Last day for county elections officials to prepare a list of precincts to which bilingual officers were appointed. A copy of this list shall be made available to the public, including on the county elections official's internet website, and the language or languages other than English in which they will provide assistance.	§ 12303(d)
5/19/26 to 6/2/26 (E-14 to E)	101. CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD Period in which an elector can "conditionally" register and vote provisionally at the county elections office, a satellite office, a polling place, or a vote center after the 15-day voter registration deadline.	§ 2170
5/19/26 to 6/2/26 (E-14 to E)	102. CHANGE OF ADDRESS WITHIN SAME COUNTY AND/OR CHANGE OF POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE Period in which an elector can, in lieu of executing a new affidavit of registration for a change of address within the same county and/or a change of political party preference, submit a written request that discloses specific information. The written request shall be delivered to the county elections official's office or to any location that offers conditional voter registration and at which a ballot can be issued.	§§ 2119.5, 2152
5/21/26 (E-12)	103. SECOND PRE-ELECTION STATEMENT Last day to file campaign statements for candidates and committees for the period ending May 16, 2026 (E-17). Candidate controlled committees, and primarily formed candidate and measure committees appearing on the ballot must file this statement by guaranteed overnight mail or personal delivery. State general purpose committees making contributions or independent expenditures of \$500 or more in connection with the election must also file this statement. Candidate controlled committees by elected state officers and candidates for elective state office who are not appearing on the ballot at the next statewide election making contributions or independent expenditures of \$500 or more in connection with the election must file this statement. Political parties must file this statement if they receive contributions totaling \$1,000 or more or if contributions or independent expenditures totaling \$500 or more were made in connection with the election. State slate mailer organizations must file this statement if payments of \$500 or more are received or made to produce a slate mailer in connection with the election. ²	Gov. Code §§ 84200.5, 84200.8(b), 84218

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5/22/26 (E-11) [Date designated by Secretary of State]	104. CERTIFIED LIST OF WRITE-IN CANDIDATES The Secretary of State will prepare and send to affected county elections officials a certified list of write-in candidates showing the names of every write-in candidate eligible to receive votes within the county at the primary election, their addresses, and the offices to which they seek election. This list will also be mailed to each candidate running for the affected offices.	
5/23/26* (E-10)	105. PUBLICATION OF CENTRAL TALLY LOCATION Last day that a notice shall be published by the county elections official, at least once, in a newspaper of general circulation within the district, specifying the public place to be used as the central tally center for counting the ballots, if ballots not tallied at precincts.	§ 12109
5/23/26* (E-10)	106. STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE SUPPLEMENTAL MAILING BY SECRETARY OF STATE — DEADLINE On or before this date, the Secretary of State to mail state Voter Information Guides to voters who registered between Saturday, April 4, 2026 (E-59), and May 4, 2026 (E-29), inclusive.	§ 9094
5/23/26 to 5/29/26 (E-10 to E-4)	107. VOTER'S CHOICE ACT COUNTIES: OPEN ONE VOTE CENTER FOR EVERY 50,000 REGISTERED VOTERS Period in which counties that are implementing the Voter's Choice Act will open one vote center for every 50,000 registered voters. The locations and hours of operation of these vote centers will be available in vote-by-mail materials and on the county website. Any voter registered in the county may visit any vote center in order to receive voter services or vote. The first day a vote center opens, the elections official shall deliver to the precinct board a list of military or overseas voters who registered under Section 3108.	§§ 3108(b), 4005(a)(2)(A), (4)(A)
5/26/26 (E-7)	108. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 15-DAY COUNTY READINESS DEADLINE Last day for county elections officials to indicate Report of Registration readiness in their Election Management System (EMS) of all voters registered as of May 18, 2026 (E-15).	§ 2187(a), (b), (c)(3)
5/26/26 (E-7) [5:00 p.m.]	109. COMPUTER PROGRAM TO SECRETARY OF STATE Last day for counties to verify their election night vote count computer programs and deposit copies thereof with the Secretary of State.	§ 15001(a)
5/27/26 to 6/1/26 (E-6 to E-1)	110. MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTER RECALLED TO SERVICE Period in which a registered military or overseas voter recalled to service after May 26, 2026 (E-7), but before 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2026 (E-1), may appear before the county elections official where they are registered, or, if within the state, in the county in which they have been recalled to service, and obtain 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 and returned as are other voted vote-by-mail ballots.	§ 3111
5/30/26 to 6/2/26 (E-3 to E)	111. VOTER'S CHOICE ACT COUNTIES: OPEN ONE VOTE CENTER FOR EVERY 10,000 REGISTERED VOTERS Period in which counties that are implementing the Voter's Choice Act will open one vote center for every 10,000 registered voters. The locations and hours of operation of these vote centers will be available in vote-by-mail materials and on the county website. Any voter registered in the county may visit any vote center in order to receive voter services or vote. The first day a vote center opens, the elections official shall deliver to the precinct board a list of military or overseas voters who registered under Section 3108.	§§ 3108, 4005(a)(3)(A)

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5/31/26* (E-2)	112. EARLY BALLOT PICKUP NOTIFICATION DEADLINE If a county elections official will pick up ballots prior to the closing of the polls, at least 48 hours in advance of an election the elections official must notify the public of the dates, times, and places at which ballot containers will be delivered.	Cal. Code Regs. tit. 2, § 20142; § 14422(a)(3)
6/1/26 (E-1) [5:00 p.m.]	113. MANUAL PROCESSING OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS Counties not having the necessary computer capability to process vote-by-mail ballots shall begin to manually process vote-by-mail ballots at 5:00 p.m. on this date, but under NO circumstance may a vote count be accessed or released until 8:00 p.m. on June 2, 2026 (E).	§ 15101(b), (c)
6/1/26 (E-1) [5:00 p.m.]	114. MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTER RECALLED TO SERVICE — DEADLINE Last day a registered military or overseas voter recalled to service after May 26, 2026 (E-7), but before 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2026 (E-1), may appear before the county elections official where they are registered, or, if within the state, in the county in which they have been recalled to service, and obtain 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 and returned as are other voted vote-by-mail ballots.	§ 3111
6/1/26 (E-1)	115. ISSUE ADVOCACY REPORT (ELECTRONIC FILERS ONLY) — PERIOD ENDS A disclosure report (Form E-530) must be filed within 48 hours by anyone spending or promising to pay \$50,000 or more for a communication disseminated, broadcast, or otherwise published within 45 days of an election, if the communication clearly identifies a candidate for state elective office but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of that candidate. ²	Cal. Code Regs. tit. 2, § 18539.2; Gov. Code § 85310
6/1/26 (E-1)	116. 24-HOUR STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION FILING REQUIREMENT — RECIPIENT COMMITTEES AND SLATE MAILER ORGANIZATIONS — PERIOD ENDS A recipient committee or slate mailer organization that qualifies during the 16 days prior to an election in which it must file pre-election statements must file a Statement of Organization Recipient Committee (Form 410) or Statement of Organization (Slate Mailer Organization) (Form 400) within 24 hours of qualification with the filing officer who will receive the committee's original disclosure statements by personal delivery, facsimile transmission, online transmission, or guaranteed overnight delivery. ²	Gov. Code §§ 84101, 84108
6/2/26 (E)	117. PRIMARY ELECTION DAY The polls shall be open throughout the state from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on this date. An elector can "conditionally" register and vote provisionally at the county elections office, a satellite office, a polling place, or a vote center.	§§ 1000(c), 14212 § 2170

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- 6/2/26 (E) 118. **HAND DELIVERED OR FAXED VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS RETURNED IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED — DEADLINE**
Voted vote-by-mail ballots hand delivered to the office of the elections official who issued the ballot or at any polling place, vote center, vote-by-mail drop-off location, or drop box in the state must be received by county elections officials by the close of the polls on Election Day. §§ 3017, 14212

Last day a military or overseas voter who is living outside of the United States (or is called for service within the United States on or after May 26, 2026 (E-7)), may return their ballot by facsimile transmission. To be counted, the ballot returned by facsimile transmission shall be received by the voter's elections official by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day and shall be accompanied by an identification envelope and a signed oath of declaration. § 3106
- 6/2/26 (E) 119. **ELECTION CYCLE REPORTS — 24-HOUR PAYMENT REPORT (SLATE MAILER ORGANIZATIONS) — PERIOD ENDS**
During the 90 days immediately preceding an election, each slate mailer organization that receives a payment of \$2,500 or more for the purpose of supporting or opposing any candidate or ballot measure in a slate mailer must report the payment within 24 hours to the Secretary of State's office online or by electronic transmission only. (Deadlines are extended to the next business day when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday, except for the weekend before an election.) Such payments may be reported on a Slate Mailer Late Payment Report (Form 498).² Gov. Code § 84220
- 6/2/26 (E) 120. **ELECTION CYCLE REPORTS — 24-HOUR CONTRIBUTION REPORT — PERIOD ENDS**
During the 90 days immediately preceding an election or on the date of the election, the following contributions that total in the aggregate of \$1,000 or more must be reported within 24 hours to the Secretary of State's office by online or electronic transmission only: contributions made to or received by a candidate or candidate controlled committee being voted upon on the June 2, 2026 ballot; contributions made to or received by a primarily formed candidate or ballot measure committee being voted upon on the June 2, 2026 ballot; or contributions made to or received by a political party committee. For purposes of the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement Board, the date of the election is the deadline to return ballots. (Deadlines are extended to the next business day when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday, except for the weekend before an election.) Recipients of non-monetary or in-kind contributions must file within 48 hours of the date the non-monetary or in-kind contribution was received. These contributions are reported on the Contribution Report (Form 497).² Gov. Code §§ 82036, 84203, 84203.3, 85204, 85309
- 6/2/26 (E) 121. **ELECTION CYCLE REPORTS — 24-HOUR INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE REPORT — PERIOD ENDS**
During the 90 days immediately preceding the date of the election, an independent expenditure of \$1,000 or more made to a specific candidate or measure involved in a state election must be reported on the Independent Expenditure Report (Form 496) within 24 hours to the Secretary of State's office by online or electronic transmission only. For purposes of the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement Board, the date of the election is the deadline to return ballots, and a copy of the Form 496 must be filed with the relevant board office.² Gov. Code §§ 82036.5, 84204, 84215(e), 85204

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6/2/26 (E)	122. MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTERS — LATE CONDITIONS Any registered military or overseas voter or any individual born outside of the United States or District of Columbia whose parent or legal guardian was a resident of California when the parent was last living in the United States who has returned to their 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 second vote-by-mail ballot pursuant to Section 3014. An unregistered military or overseas voter who was 1) released from service after the close of registration and who has returned to their county of residence or 2) required to move under official active duty military orders after the close of registration, may apply in person to register with the county elections official and vote in the election. Documentary proof of release from service or official military orders are required. On or before the day of the election, or the first day a vote center opens, the county elections official shall deliver to the precinct board a list of military or overseas voters registered under Elections Code section 3108. A military or overseas voter or any individual born outside of the United States or District of Columbia whose parent or legal guardian was a resident of California when the parent was last living in the United States who returns to the county after May 26, 2026 (E-7), may appear before the county elections official and apply for registration. 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 the day of the election and returned as are other voted vote-by-mail ballots.	§§ 300(b), 321, 3014, 3109 § 3108 § 3110
6/2/26 (E)	123. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT REQUEST FOR OUT-OF-STATE EMERGENCY WORKERS — DEADLINE Last day, upon the declaration of an out-of-state emergency by the Governor and the issuance of an executive order authorizing an out-of-state emergency worker to cast a ballot outside of their home precinct, that an out-of-state emergency worker may request and vote a vote-by-mail ballot, which must be delivered to the elections official by mail or by hand on or before the close of polls, and returned in the same manner as other voted vote-by-mail ballots.	§§ 336.7, 3021.5
6/2/26 (E) [8:00 p.m.]	124. CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION — DEADLINE Last day for an elector to "conditionally" register and vote provisionally at the county elections office, a satellite office, a polling place, or a vote center.	§ 2170
6/2/26 (E) [8:00 p.m.]	125. CHANGE OF ADDRESS WITHIN SAME COUNTY AND/OR CHANGE OF POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE — DEADLINE Last day for an elector, in lieu of executing a new affidavit of registration for a change of address within the same county and/or a change of political party preference, to submit a written request that discloses specific information. The written request shall be delivered to the county elections official's office or to any location that offers conditional voter registration and at which a ballot can be issued.	§§ 2119.5, 2152
6/2/26 (E) [8:00 p.m.]	126. SEMIFINAL OFFICIAL CANVASS Beginning at 8:00 p.m. and continuously until completed, the county elections official shall conduct the semifinal official canvass of votes and report totals to the Secretary of State at least every two hours.	§§ 15150, 15151

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6/3/26 to 6/16/26 (E+1 to E+14)	127. AMENDED CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT If the voluntary expenditure limits are rejected in the primary, but not exceeded during that election, the Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) may be amended to accept the expenditure limits for the general election. The amended Form 501 must be filed within 14 days following the primary election.	Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 18520; Gov. Code §§ 85200, 85400, 85401
6/4/26 (E+2)	128. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNPROCESSED BALLOTS On this day, county elections officials shall send to the Secretary of State an initial report containing the estimated number of outstanding unprocessed ballots.	§ 15305(b)
6/4/26 to 7/2/26 (E+2 to E+30)	129. OFFICIAL CANVASS — BEGINNING Beginning no later than the Thursday following the election, the county elections official must begin the official canvass of the precinct returns. This canvass must be completed no later than July 2, 2026 (E+30).	§§ 15301, 15372
6/4/26 to 7/2/26 (E+2 to E+30)	130. OFFICIAL CANVASS — REPORTING Beginning no later than the Thursday following the election, county elections officials must post updated information regarding the election on their Internet website at least once per week. The update shall include at least the following information: (1) Updated results for the measure appearing on the ballot; (2) The number of ballots processed and an estimated number of outstanding ballots remaining unprocessed for each of the following categories: ballots voted at a polling place, vote by mail ballots received on or before election day, vote by mail ballots received after election day, provisional ballots, and conditional registration ballots; (3) The date and time when it is expected that the next results will be posted. The elections official may stop posting the results described above when either of the following occurs: (1) A certified statement of results is published pursuant to Section 15372; (2) The only ballots left to count are vote by mail ballots for which a voter has the opportunity either to verify their signature pursuant to Section 3019(d) or to provide their signature pursuant to Section 3019(e). If the elections official stops posting results for this reason, they shall post a notice stating this reason on their Internet website.	§ 15306(a) § 15306(b)
6/8/26 to 7/2/26 (E+6 to E+30)	131. REPORT ON ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNPROCESSED BALLOTS Beginning on this day, the county elections official shall, on any day that the county elections official publicly releases updated election results, send to the Secretary of State a report on the estimated number of outstanding unprocessed ballots. The last report shall be delivered upon completion of the official canvass.	§ 15305(c)
6/9/26 (E+7)	132. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS RETURNED BY MAIL — LAST DAY TO BE COUNTED Any vote-by-mail ballot returned by mail shall be deemed timely if it is received by the elections official via the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company no later than seven days after Election Day and either of the following is satisfied: 1) the ballot is postmarked on or before Election Day or is time stamped or date stamped by a bona fide private mail delivery company on or before Election Day, or 2) if the ballot has no postmark, a postmark with no date, or an illegible postmark, the vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope is date stamped by the elections official upon receipt of the vote-by-mail ballot from the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company, and is signed and dated pursuant to Section 3011 on or before Election Day.	§§ 3011, 3017, 3020(b), (c)

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6/10/26 (E+8)	133. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS RETURNED TO DIFFERENT COUNTY Last day for a county elections official to forward a ballot, which was delivered to a precinct board at a polling place or vote center or to a vote-by-mail drop-off location or drop box in their county, to the county that issued the ballot.	§ 3017(a)(3)
6/12/26 (E+10)	134. PROVISIONAL BALLOTS OF EMERGENCY WORKERS If the Governor declares a state of emergency and issues an executive order authorizing an emergency worker to cast a ballot outside of their precinct, the provisional ballot cast by the emergency worker by the close of polls on Election Day must be received by the county elections official where the voter is registered no later than this day. The county elections official in a county included in the executive order declaring the emergency shall transmit for processing any ballot cast by 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
6/16/26 (E+14)	135. AMENDED CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT — DEADLINE If the voluntary expenditure limits are rejected in the primary, but not exceeded during that election, the Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) may be amended to accept the expenditure limits for the general election. The amended Form 501 must be filed within 14 days following the primary election.	Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 18520; Gov. Code §§ 85200, 85400, 85401
6/24/26 (E+22) [5:00 p.m.]	136. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS — NOTICE TO CURE NONCOMPARABLE SIGNATURE ON IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE OR UNSIGNED IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE By this date, the elections official shall provide to all voters identified as having a signature on the vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope that did not compare with their signature on their voter record a notice of the opportunity to verify their signatures no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2026 (E+28). A "signature verification statement" or combined statement can be submitted in person, or by mail, email, or fax. By this date, the elections official shall provide to all voters identified as having failed to sign the vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope a notice of the opportunity to provide a signature no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2026 (E+28). An "unsigned identification envelope statement" or combined statement can be submitted in person, or by mail, email, or fax.	§ 3019(d)(1), (f) § 3019(e)(1), (f)
6/25/26 (E+23)	137. REPORT OF REGISTRATION — 15-DAY STATEWIDE REPORT PUBLISHED On or before this date, the Secretary of State will release a statewide report showing the number of registered voters, by political party preference, in the state, in each county, and in each political subdivision thereof. This report is based on the number of persons registered as of May 18, 2026 (E-15).	§ 2187(b), (c)(3)

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6/30/26 (E+28) [5:00 p.m.]	138. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS — DEADLINE TO CURE NONCOMPARABLE SIGNATURE ON IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE OR UNSIGNED IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE Last possible day for an elections official to receive from a voter, whose signature on their vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope did not compare with their signature on their voter record, a "signature verification statement" or combined statement. This statement can be submitted in person, or by mail, email, or fax. Last possible day for a voter who did not sign the vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope to either sign the identification envelope at the office of the elections official or complete and submit an "unsigned identification envelope statement" or combined statement. This statement can be submitted in person, or by mail, email, or fax.	§ 3019(d)(4), (f) § 3019(e)(1), (f)
7/2/26 (E+30)	139. OFFICIAL CANVASS DEADLINE No later than this date, the county elections official must complete the canvass, certify its results, and submit it to the board of supervisors. Suggested deadline for the board of supervisors to 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 or nominated under its jurisdiction a certificate of election or nomination.	§§ 15301, 15372 §§ 15400, 15401
7/2/26 (E+30)	140. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNPROCESSED BALLOTS — FINAL REPORT No later than this date, the last report on the estimated number of outstanding unprocessed ballots shall be delivered to the Secretary of State.	§ 15305(c)
7/2/26 (E+30)	141. OFFICIAL CANVASS — REPORTING Beginning no later than the Thursday following the election, county elections officials must post updated information regarding the election on their Internet website at least once per week. The update shall include at least the following information: (1) Updated results for the measure appearing on the ballot; (2) The number of ballots processed and an estimated number of outstanding ballots remaining unprocessed for each of the following categories: ballots voted at a polling place, vote by mail ballots received on or before election day, vote by mail ballots received after election day, provisional ballots, and conditional registration ballots; (3) The date and time when it is expected that the next results will be posted. The elections official may stop posting the results described above when either of the following occurs: (1) A certified statement of results is published pursuant to Section 15372; (2) The only ballots left to count are vote by mail ballots for which a voter has the opportunity either to verify their signature pursuant to Section 3019(d) or to provide their signature pursuant to Section 3019(e). If the elections official stops posting results for this reason, they shall post a notice stating this reason on their Internet website.	§ 15306(a) § 15306(b)
7/3/26 (E+31)	142. 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 primary election returns for all candidates for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly, and for all statewide ballot measures.	§§ 15374, 15375

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7/3/26 (E+31)	143. BALLOT REJECTION REPORT TO SECRETARY OF STATE By this date, the county elections official shall identify and provide to the Secretary of State the number of vote-by-mail ballots rejected, categorized according to the reason for the rejection. The Secretary of State shall publish a report containing the above information on the Secretary of State's internet website.	§ 15377(a) § 15377(b)
7/10/26 (E+38)	144. STATEMENT OF THE VOTE Last day for the Secretary of State to prepare, certify, and file a statement of the vote from the compiled election returns and post to the Secretary of State's website. The Secretary of State shall make official declaration of the vote upon each question submitted to the electors of the State by either initiative or referendum petition filed in the Secretary of State's office.	§ 15501 Gov. Code §12165
7/10/26 (E+38) [Suggested Date]	145. CERTIFICATES OF NOMINATION Secretary of State shall issue certificates of nomination to candidates nominated for state constitutional office, United States Representative in Congress, State Senator, and Member of the State Assembly.	§§ 8147, 15503, 15504
7/31/26 (E+59) [Date fixed by law]	146. CAMPAIGN STATEMENT — SEMIANNUAL Last day to file semiannual campaign statements, if required, by all candidates, organizations, committees, and slate mailer organizations. ²	Gov. Code §§ 84200, 84218
10/31/26** (E+151) [Date fixed by law]	147. QUARTERLY STATEMENTS BY BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEES Last day for committees that have qualified as a recipient committee and are primarily formed to support or oppose the qualification, passage, defeat of any measure to file a quarterly campaign statement for the period of July 1, 2026 (E+29), through September 30, 2026 (E+120), unless the committee will file pre-election statements for an upcoming election. ² This statement is not required if the committee is required to file pre-election statements or if the measure was already voted on and the committee has not made contributions or expenditures to support or oppose the qualification or passage of another ballot measure. ²	Gov. Code § 84202.3 Gov. Code § 84202.3
11/7/26* (E+158)	148. SUPPLEMENT TO THE STATEMENT OF THE VOTE Last day for the Secretary of State to compile a supplement to the statement of the vote showing the number of votes cast in each county, city, state assembly district, state senatorial district, congressional district, and supervisorial district for each candidate for the office of Governor and on each statewide ballot measure.	§ 15502

*Deadline falls on a weekend or state holiday; it does not move forward to the next business day.

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¹ All code references are to the California Elections Code unless otherwise stated.

² Paper and electronic or online filings may be required. This does not cover ALL campaign disclosure requirements. Please contact the Fair Political Practices Commission at 1-866-275-3772 for all filing obligations.

³ Elections Code section 3114 and the federal MOVE Act require that ballots be sent to military and overseas voters no later than 45 days prior to an election. This E-45 deadline must be adhered to and does not move forward even though the date falls on a Saturday.

⁴ Senate Bill (SB) 280 (Cervantes) Chapter 97, Statutes of 2025, added Section 8162 to the Elections Code effective August 21, 2025.