

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION

JUNE 2, 2026

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All documents are to be filed with and duties performed by the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk unless otherwise specified.

DATES		EVENTS
(2025) DEC. 4 (Th) E-180		ADJUSTED JURISDICTION MAP Historical operation deadline for jurisdictions to deliver a map delineating district and/or division boundary adjustments due to topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, compactness of territory, community of interests, or other factors as applicable.
DEC. 11 (Th) E-173	FEB. 4 (W) E-118	SIGNATURE IN LIEU OF FILING FEE PETITIONS During this period, petition forms may be obtained to secure signatures in lieu of all or a portion of the filing fee. Signatures submitted on the in lieu petitions may also be applied to the signature requirements for offices on the nominating petition. Candidates will be notified of any deficiency within 10 calendar days of filing the petition. Candidates may then, prior to the close of the nomination period, pay the pro rata portion of the filing fee to make up the deficiency. (E. C. §§ 8061, 8105 and 8106)

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DEC. 30 (Tu) E-154	<p>REGISTRATION TO QUALIFY A NEW PARTY</p> <p>Last day to register affiliation with a particular political party in order to qualify that party to participate in the June 2, 2026 Primary Election nomination process.</p> <p>(E. C. §§ 2187(d)(1) and 5100(b))</p>
JAN. 5 (M) E-148	<p>GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION</p> <p>Not later than this date, the Governor shall issue the Primary Election proclamation.</p> <p>(E. C. § 12000)</p>
JAN. 20 (Tu)* E-133*	<p>STATEMENT OF REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION OF NEW POLITICAL PARTIES</p> <p>Before this date, the total number of registered voters in Los Angeles County as of December 30, 2025, (E-154) shall be certified to the Secretary of State.</p> <p>(E. C. §§ 2187 and 5100)</p> <p>PARTY QUALIFICATION</p> <p>Last day for secretary of state to determine if new party has qualified either by sufficient registration or by filing of petition.</p> <p>(E. C. § 5100)</p> <p>METHOD OF QUALIFICATION OF NEW POLITICAL PARTIES</p> <p>By Registered Voters – The number of new party registrations must be equal to at least 1% of the entire vote of the State at the last preceding gubernatorial election.</p> <p>TOTAL REGISTRATION REQUIRED – 219,403</p> <p>By Petition – New party must have petitions signed by voters equal to at least 10% of the entire vote of the State at the last preceding gubernatorial election.</p> <p>TOTAL SIGNATURES REQUIRED - 2194, 027</p>

*Date adjusted due to weekend and/or holiday.

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JAN. 22 (Th) E-131	STATEWIDE MEASURES – QUALIFICATION FOR BALLOT Last day for initiative or legislative measure to qualify for the Primary Election ballot. (E. C. § 9016 and 9040)
JAN. 26 (M) FEB. 4 (W) E-127 E-118	DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION – CANDIDATES FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE First and last day for candidates for judicial office to file a declaration of intention. The filing fee must be paid or signatures in lieu of filing fee petitions must be filed at the time the declaration of intention is filed. (E. C. §§ 8023 and 8105 (b))
JAN. 30 (F) E-123	ADOPTION OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION RESOLUTION (School Districts) Last day for governing boards to adopt resolution calling a governing board member election and setting forth the specifications of the election order. Copies shall be filed with the County Superintendent of Schools and the county elections official. (Ed. Code § 5322) DISQUALIFIED PARTIES Last day for the Secretary of State, with the advice and consent of the Attorney General, to determine which parties, if any, are disqualified from participating in the Primary Election. (E. C. § 5102 and 5200)

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FEB. 2 (M) E-120	<p>FORMAL NOTICE OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION (School Districts)</p> <p>Not later than this date, the County Superintendent of Schools shall deliver the formal notice of a governing board member election. (Ed. Code §§ 5324 and 5325 (b))</p> <p>BOARD RESOLUTION FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (Local nonpartisan offices)</p> <p>Not later than this date, the jurisdiction's governing body shall by resolution determine the word limitation for candidate statements (200 or 400 words); specify if the candidates or the district will bear the costs of printing and distributing the statements; and if cost is to be paid by candidate, whether advance payment is required. (E. C. § 13307(a)(d))</p>
FEB. 4 (W) E-118	<p>SIGNATURE IN LIEU OF FILING FEE PETITIONS DEADLINE – ALL OFFICES</p> <p>Last day for candidates to file signature in lieu petitions. Candidates will be notified of any deficiency within 10 calendar days of filing the petition. Candidates may then, prior to the close of the nomination period, pay the pro rata portion of the filing fee to make up the deficiency. (E. C. §§ 8061, 8105 and 8106)</p>
FEB. 5 (Th) E-117	<p>FEB. 9 (M) E-113 5:00 P.M.</p> <p>EXTENSION OF DECLARATION OF INTENTION PERIOD (JUDICIAL OFFICES ONLY)</p> <p>If the incumbent for a judicial office does not file a declaration of intention to succeed to the same office by February 4, qualified persons other than the incumbent may file a declaration of intention for that office no later than the first day for filing nomination papers. (E. C. § 8023 (b))</p>

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FEB. 9 (M) E-113	<div data-bbox="467 270 626 359"> MAR. 6 (F) E-88 5:00 P.M. </div> <div data-bbox="678 270 1421 716"> <p>NOMINATION PERIOD FOR ALL CANDIDATES</p> <p>During this period, candidates must file declarations of candidacy and nomination papers. No person may file nomination papers for more than one office at the same election. The Declaration of Candidacy shall be executed in the elections official's office. All candidates must pay the nonrefundable filing fees. A candidate shall not be required to execute a nomination paper if the number of in-lieu signatures that meets the nomination requirement on the in-lieu petitions equals or exceeds the minimum number required.</p> <p>(E. C. §§ 8020, 8061, 8062, 8100, 8105, 8106 and 10407)</p> <p>NOTE: Fax and e-mail submission is NOT acceptable.</p> <p>CANDIDATE STATEMENTS — CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES</p> <p>During this period, candidates for congressional and state legislative office may submit a statement for inclusion in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet. State Legislative candidates must agree to voluntarily limit their campaign expenditures. The statement shall not exceed 250 words. If the office is to be voted on in more than one county, candidates should file the statement with each county.</p> <p>(Govt. Code §§ 85601(c) and 88001(i), and E.C. § 13307.5)</p> <p>NOTE: Candidate statements are ONLY included in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet and will NOT be included in the Official Vote By Mail material.</p> <p>CANDIDATE STATEMENTS — LOCAL NONPARTISAN</p> <p>During this period, candidates for a local nonpartisan office may file a candidate statement for inclusion with the Official Sample Ballot Booklet. If the office is to be voted on in more than one county, candidates should file a statement with each county.</p> <p>(E.C. § 13307)</p> <p>NOTE: Candidate statements are ONLY included in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet and will NOT be included in the Vote By Mail material.</p> </div>

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FEB. 9 (M) E-113	MAR. 11 (W) E-83 TRANSMISSION OF NOMINATION DOCUMENTS TO SECRETARY OF STATE During this period, nomination documents shall be delivered to the Secretary of State pursuant to E. C. § 8070. (E. C. §§ 8070 and 8082)
FEB. 14 (Sa) E-108	SIGNATURE IN LIEU PETITIONS CHECKED Last day to determine sufficiency of signatures in lieu of filing fees submitted by all candidates. If determined that the petition is deficient, the candidates may, before the close of nomination period ending March 6, 2026 (E-88) , pay a pro rata fee. (E. C. § 8106(b)(3))
FEB. 17 (Tu) E-105	NEWLY QUALIFIED PARTIES – PROCEDURES FOR ACTIVITIES Last day for officers of a newly qualified political party to file a notice with the Secretary of State stating the statutory provisions which shall be applicable to party operations. (E. C. § 5005)
MAR. 5 (Th) E-89	DATE FIXED TO SUBMIT ARGUMENTS – PUBLICATION Recommended last day to publish date fixed for submitting arguments for or against a county, school or district measure. (E. C. §§ 9163 and 9502)
MAR. 6 (F) E-88	INCOME TAX RETURN DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS - GOVERNOR Notwithstanding any other law, the name of a candidate for Governor shall not be printed on a direct primary election ballot, unless the candidate, at least 88 days before the direct primary election, files with the SOS copies of every income tax return the candidate filed with the IRS in the 5 most recent taxable years, in accordance with the procedure set forth in Section 8903 (E.C. § 8902)

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<p>MAR. 6 (F) E-88 5:00 P.M.</p>	<p>NOMINATION PERIOD DEADLINE Last day for all candidates to file nomination documents. (E. C. §§ 8020 and 10407)</p> <p>NOTE: Fax and e-mail submission not acceptable.</p> <p>CANDIDATE STATEMENTS — LOCAL NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES Last day that any candidate for a local nonpartisan office may file a candidate statement not to exceed the word limitation prescribed by the governing body (200 or 400 words) for inclusion within the Official Sample Ballot Booklet. (E. C. § 13307)</p> <p>CANDIDATE STATEMENTS — CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES Last day candidates for congressional and state legislative office may submit a statement for inclusion in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet. State Legislative candidates must agree to voluntarily limit their campaign expenditures. If the office is to be voted on in more than one county, candidates should file the statement with each county. The statement shall not exceed 250 words. (Govt. Code §§ 85601(c) and 88001, and E.C. § 13307.5)</p> <p>CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS Last day for local jurisdictions to file a resolution with the Board of Supervisors and Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk requesting consolidation with the Primary Election. (E. C. §§ 10400 – 10403)</p>

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MAR. 7** (Sa) E-87**	MAR. 16 (M) E-78 <div data-bbox="678 283 1393 378"> PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS, CANDIDATE NAMES AND BALLOT DESIGNATIONS </div> <p>During this period, candidate statements, candidate names and ballot designations shall be open for public examination. A fee may be charged to any candidate/person obtaining a copy of the material. During this period, any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the material in a candidate statement to be amended or deleted.</p> <p>(E. C. § 13313)</p> <p>For candidate names and ballot designations, a writ may be filed pursuant to E. C. § 13314.</p> <p>NOTE: If the nomination period is extended for a particular office, the examination period for that office shall be adjusted to March 12 through March 23.*</p>
MAR. 7** (Sa) E-87	MAR. 20 (F) E-74 <div data-bbox="678 976 1393 1039"> NOMINATION PERIOD EXTENSION – SOLE CANDIDATE DEATH </div> <p>If only one person has declared candidacy for a voter-nominated office at the Primary Election and that candidate dies after March 6 (E-88) but prior to March 11 (E-83), any person qualified under E.C. 8001 may circulate and deliver nomination documents for the office to the county elections official not later than 5:00 p.m. on March 22, 2026.</p> <p>(E. C. § 8025)</p>
MAR. 11 (W) E-83	<div data-bbox="678 1365 1393 1438"> CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION DOCUMENTS TO SECRETARY OF STATE </div> <p>Last day to certify all nomination documents filed on December 6 and transmit to the Secretary of State any documents required to be filed with the Secretary of State.</p> <p>NOTE: Nomination documents filed during the extension period shall be certified to the Secretary of State within 5 days.</p> <p>(E. C. §§ 8082 and 8100)</p>

**March 14 (Saturday) office will be open. March 21 (Saturday) and March 22 & 29 (Sunday) office will be closed.

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MAR. 11 (W) E-83	PARTY ENDORSEMENT LIST The chair of any qualified political party may provide a written copy of the list of candidates endorsed or nominated by the party. Such a list shall be provided not later than 83 days prior to the election where the candidate for a voter-nominated office will appear on the ballot. (E. C. § 13302(b))
	AMENDMENT OR WITHDRAWAL OF MEASURE – DEADLINE Last day for a jurisdiction to withdraw or amend a measure previously submitted for placement on the ballot. (E. C. § 9605)
	MEASURE – LETTER DESIGNATION Last day jurisdictions may request in writing specific letter designations for their measure(s).
	APPOINTMENT– NO ELECTION HELD (SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS) If only one person or no person has filed a declaration of candidacy and if a petition to hold an election has not been filed by this date, the qualified person or persons nominated shall be seated at the organizational meeting of the board or, if no person has been nominated, the governing board shall appoint a qualified person or persons at a meeting prior to the day fixed for the election. (Ed. Code § 5326 and 5328)
	NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT PUBLICATION (SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS) After this date, if no one has been nominated to the office, a notice shall be published once announcing the governing board's intent to appoint and the procedures for applying for the office. (Ed. Code §§ 5303 and 5328.5)
	PETITION TO HOLD ELECTION - DEADLINE Last day to file a petition signed by 10% or 50 voters (whichever is smaller in number) in the district, trustee area or division requesting that an election be held if nominees do not exceed offices to be filled. (E. C. § 10515 and Ed. Code § 5326)

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MAR. 12 (Th) E-82 11:00 A.M.	<p>RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING BY SECRETARY OF STATE The Secretary of State shall hold a public drawing to determine order of candidate names on the ballot by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet. (E. C. § 13112)</p> <p>RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING BY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK A public drawing shall be held to determine the order of candidate names on the ballot for state legislative districts that encompass more than one county by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet. (E. C. § 13111(i))</p>
MAR. 13 (F) E-81 5:00 P.M.	<p>ARGUMENTS – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT Last day to submit arguments for or against any county, district or school measure. Arguments may not exceed 300 words in length. (E. C. § 9162, 9163, 9315, 9316, 9501 and 9502)</p> <p>EXCEPTION: Provisions regarding word limit do not apply to measures for school district reorganization. (Ed. § 35758)</p> <p>IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT Recommended last day for County Counsel to transmit impartial analysis of a county, district or school measure. (E. C. §§ 9160, 9313 and 9500)</p>
MAR. 14** (Sa) E-80**	MAR. 23 (M) E-71 <p>PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR BALLOT MEASURE MATERIALS During this period, the elections official shall make available for public examination a copy of the ballot measure text, arguments, impartial analysis or bond tax rate statement for any county, district or school measure. A fee may be charged to any candidate/person obtaining a copy of the materials. During this period, any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the material/data to be amended or deleted. (E. C. §§ 9190, 9380 and 9509)</p>

** March 14 and 21 (Saturday) and March 15 and 22 (Sunday) office will be closed.

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MAR. 16 (M) E-78 5:00 P.M.	PETITION TO CONDUCT WRITE-IN CAMPAIGN (JUDICIAL OFFICES) Last day to file petitions containing signatures of 600 registered voters in the county to place office on the Primary Election ballot when only the incumbent has filed for the office. (E. C. § 8203)
MAR. 23 (M) E-71 5:00 P.M.	REBUTTALS – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT Last day for authors of arguments for and against any county, district or school measure to submit rebuttals. Rebuttals may not exceed 250 words in length. (E. C. §§ 9167, 9317 and 9504)
MAR. 24 (Tu) E-70	APR. 2 (Th) E-61 PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD – REBUTTALS During this period the county elections official shall make available for public examination a copy of the rebuttals for any county, district or school measure. A fee may be charged to any candidate/person obtaining a copy of the materials. During this period any person may file a writ of mandate or an injunction to require any or all of the material/data to be amended or deleted. (E. C. §§ 9190, 9380 and 9509)
MAR. 26 (Th) E-68 5:00 P.M.	CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES Last day for the Secretary of State to transmit the certified list of candidates. (E. C. § 8120) DEATH OF CANDIDATE Last day for the name of a deceased candidate to be removed from the ballot. Facts regarding death must be ascertained at least 68 days prior to the election. (E. C. § 8809) NOTE: This provision does not apply under the conditions set forth in Elections Code §§ 8026 and 8027.

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APR. 1 (W) E-62	APR. 3 (F) E-60 5:00 P.M.	TRANSLITERATION REVIEW PERIOD First and last day candidates may review transliteration of their names. Requests for changes must be submitted to the county elections official no later than the last day of the review period.
APR. 3 (F) E-60		SPECIAL VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT APPLICATIONS First day to process applications for special Vote By Mail ballots. Any application received prior to this day shall be kept and processed on or after this date. The application must state that the voter cannot vote during the normal Vote By Mail period due to military service or other contingencies that preclude normal delivery. (E. C. §§ 300 and 3103) REGISTRATION FILE UPDATE Counties using data processing equipment to store registered voter information set forth in the affidavits of registration shall begin their computer updates in order to send a copy of the file to the Secretary of State by April 13, 2026 (E-50). (E. C. §§ 2187(a) and (c)(2))
APR. 6 (M) E-57	MAY 19 (Tu) E-14 5:00 P.M.	STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDATE DECLARATION PERIOD A name written on a ballot will not be counted unless the person has filed during this period a statement of write-in candidacy and sponsor signatures, if applicable, stating that they are a write-in candidate for the election. (E. C. §§ 8600 and 8601)

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APR. 13 (M) E-50		REGISTRATION REPORT TO SECRETARY OF STATE Last day to transmit to the Secretary of State the total county registration as of April 3, 2026 (E-60) . (E. C. § 2187(a) and (c)(2))
APR. 18 (Sa) E-45		MILITARY AND OVERSEAS BALLOTS Last day for the county elections official to transmit ballots and balloting materials to absent military or overseas voters who have requested them by this date. (E. C. § 3114)
APR. 23 (Th) E-40	MAY 12 (Tu) E-21	STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE MAILING Between these dates, a state ballot pamphlet shall be mailed to all voters. (E. C. § 9094)
MAY 4 (M) E-29		EARLY TABULATION (SNAP TALLIES) Last day to be notified by the Secretary of State that certain offices or measures to be voted on are of more than ordinary public interest and will require early tabulation and announcement. (E. C. § 14440) VOTE CENTER STAFF – APPOINTMENT Last day to appoint staff and designate vote centers. A notice of appointment shall be mailed to all staff. (E. C. §§ 12286, 12307 and 12319)
MAY 4 (M) E-29		MAILING OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS No later than 29 days before the day of the election, the county elections official shall begin mailing the materials required by Section 3010. (E. C. § 3001, 3010) PROCESSING OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS The processing of vote by mail ballots may commence on the 29th business day before the election but the results of the tally shall not be released until after the vote centers close. (E. C. § 15101(b))

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MAY 12 (Tu) E-21	LAST DAY TO MAIL OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT BOOKLETS (Historically Commencing at E - 40) An Official Sample Ballot Booklet shall be mailed to each voter in the jurisdiction no later than 21 days before the election. (E. C. §§ 13300 – 13303)
MAY 18 (M) E-15	CLOSE OF REGISTRATION Last day to transfer or register to vote in the Primary Election. (E. C. § 2102)
MAY 19 (Tu) E-14	JUNE 2 (Tu) ELECTION DAY 8:00 P.M NEW CITIZEN ELIGIBILITY TO REGISTER AND VOTE A new citizen is eligible to register and vote at the office of, or at another location designated by, the county elections official at any time beginning on the 14th day before an election and ending at the close of polls on the election day following the date on which that person became a citizen.
MAY 19 (Tu) E-14 5:00 P.M.	WRITE-IN CANDIDATE STATEMENT DEADLINE Last day for a candidate to file a statement of write-in candidacy and sponsor signatures, if applicable, that they are a write-in candidate for the election. (E. C. §§ 8600 and 8601)
MAY 19 (Tu) E-14 5:00 P.M.	BILINGUAL VOTER CENTER STAFF Last day to prepare list of appointed bilingual staff. (E. C. § 12303(d))
MAY 23 (Sa) E-10	TALLY CENTER LOCATION – PUBLICATION On or before this date, a notice specifying the public place to be used as the central tally location for counting the ballots shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation within the county. (E. C. § 12109)

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MAY 26 (Tu) E-7	REPORT OF REGISTRATION Last day to transmit to the Secretary of State the total county registration as of May 18, 2025 . (E. C. § 2187(c)(3))
MAY 26 (Tu) E-7 5:00 P.M.	COMPUTER PROGRAM TO SECRETARY OF STATE Last day to deposit copy of computer vote counting program with Secretary of State. (E. C. § 15001)
JUNE 2 (Tu) ELECTION DAY 8:00 P.M.	ELECTION DAY Vote Centers Open 7:00 a.m., close 8:00 p.m. (E. C. §§ 1000, 1201, 14212 and 14401) VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS RETURNED Last day for Vote By Mail ballots to be received or turned in personally by the voter to the elections official's office or at any polling place in the county. An authorized representative may return the voted ballot under specified conditions. (E. C. §§ 3017(a) and 3020) Any vote by mail ballot cast under this division shall be timely cast if it is received by the voter's elections official via the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company no later than seven days after election day in addition to the provisions set forth in E. C. 3020, Sections 1 and 2. (E. C. § 3020(b) Section 1 and 2)
JUNE 4 (Th) E+2	OFFICIAL CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS The Official Canvass of returns shall commence no later than the first Thursday following the election. (E. C. § 15301 and 10262)

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JULY 2 (Th) E+30	COMPLETION OF OFFICIAL CANVASS The Official Canvass must be completed within 30 days of the election. (E. C. § 15372) NOTE: On June 26 , the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is tentatively scheduled to certify election results. On June 30 , the Board of Supervisors is tentatively scheduled to declare election results official.
JULY 10 (F) E+38	STATEMENT OF VOTES BY SECRETARY OF STATE Not later than this date, the Secretary of State shall compile and file a statement of the votes. (E. C. § 15500,15501 and 15503)