

Election Calendar for District Candidates

November 5, 2013

Uniform District Election

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

June 28 (E-130)	Board Vacancies on Ballot Last day that vacancies on governing boards can be placed on the November ballot. <div style="text-align: right;">Gov Code §1780; Ed Code §5093</div>
July 3 (E-125)	Special Districts Deliver Notice of Election Last day for special district secretaries to deliver Notice of Election listing the elective offices to be filled and any measure (if known at the time) to be voted on and to deliver a map of the district to the Office of Elections. Special districts should include in the notice how a tie vote will be resolved. <div style="text-align: right;">§10509, 10522, 10524, 15651, 10551</div>
July 5 (E-123)	Schools to Deliver Specifications of the Election Order – Candidates Last day for a school board conducting a governing board election to deliver a resolution known as “Specifications of the Election Order” and file it with the County Superintendent of Schools and County Elections Official, stating the date and purpose of the election. <div style="text-align: right;">Ed. Code §5322</div> A clause to determine a tie vote is included in the “Specifications of the Elections Order.” <div style="text-align: right;">Ed. Code §5016</div>
July 8 – Aug 7 (E-120 to E-90)	Notice of Election Between these dates the County Elections Official will publish a Notice of Election containing the date of the election, the offices to be filled, where nomination papers are available, and the deadline for filing Declarations of Candidacy. Notice of central counting place may be combined with this notice. <div style="text-align: right;">§12109, 12112</div> County Elections Official will forward copies of all published notices to districts.
July 15 – Aug 9 (E-113 to E-88)	Candidate Nomination Period Candidates obtain and file their Declaration of Candidacy for school and special district boards, and, if applicable, file Candidate's Statement of Qualifications. Forms are obtained from and filed with the County Office of Elections, 3033 H Street, Rm 20, Eureka <div style="text-align: right;">§10510, 13307, 13311</div>
August 9 (E-88)	Candidate's Statement By this date, nominees may prepare a statement of qualifications (candidate statement), not to exceed 200 words (or 400 in some cases), to be included in the Voter's Information Pamphlet. The statement shall be filed and paid for at the time it is filed. Obtain cost information from the County Office of Elections, 445-7481. <div style="text-align: right;">§13307</div>

August 10-14 (E-87 to E-83)	Extension of Nomination Period Extension period of 5 days for anyone other than the incumbent to file a Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Petition if the incumbent did not file by August 9 th . This provision does not apply if there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. §10516, 10604
August 14 (E-83)	Insufficient Number of Nominees Special Districts: If by 5 p.m. on this day, only one person has been nominated or an insufficient number of persons have been nominated to fill an office or offices, and a petition signed by 10% or 50 voters (whichever is the smaller number) has not been submitted, the Elections official shall certify this fact to the Board of Supervisors. A person who has filed a Declaration of Candidacy shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors at a regular or special meeting held prior to the first Monday before the first Friday in December. If no person has filed, Board of Supervisors shall appoint any person to the office who is qualified on the date when the election would have been held. §10225, 10515 Schools/County Boards of Education: If by 5 p.m. on this day only one person has been nominated or there are no nominees for the office(s) to be filled or in the case of members elected at large or by trustee areas, there are fewer than the number to be elected, and no petition is signed by 10% or 50 voters (whichever is the smaller number), an appointment will be made. The qualified person nominated shall be seated at the organizational meeting of the board, or if an insufficient number is nominated, the governing board shall appoint as necessary at a meeting prior to Election Day. Persons so appointed shall be seated at the organizational meeting as if they had been elected. In the event no one is nominated, the governing board shall publish a notice one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the district stating the board intends to make an appointment and informing the public how to apply for the office. Ed. Code §5326, 5328, 5328.5
August 15 (E-82)	Randomized Alphabet Drawing Secretary of State shall conduct the randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order in which the candidates will appear on the ballot. §13112
September 6 (E-60)	Military/Overseas Ballots The first day the county elections official may process applications for special absent voters' ballots. The application must include the statement that the voter cannot vote a VBM ballot during the normal VBM voting period because of military or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery. §300(b), 3103
Sept 9 – Oct 22 (E-57 to E-14)	Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers During this period write-in candidates must file their Statements of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers with the County Elections Official. §8601
Oct 7 – 29 (E-29 to E-7)	Vote-by-Mail Ballot Application Period Between these dates voters may apply for a vote-by-mail (VBM) ballot from the elections department. §3001, 3003
November 5 (E)	General Election Day Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. §1000, 14212

Nov 7 – Dec 3 (E+2 to E+28)	Official Canvass The official canvass of precinct returns is to be completed during this time. §15301, 15372
December 3 (E+28)	Statement of Vote to Board of Supervisors – Certificates of Election Prepared The Elections Official shall prepare a certified statement of the results of the election and submit it to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall declare the winners for each office and the results of each measure under its jurisdiction. The County Elections Official shall make and deliver to each person elected a Certificate of Election. §15372, 15400-15401
December 6 (E+31)	Candidates Elected to Special Districts and School Districts Assume Office Special Districts: Officers declared elected or appointed (i.e. as provided in §10515) take office this date at noon after having taken the oath or posted any bond required by the principal act. §10554 School Districts: Officers elected to school office take office this date pursuant to Education Code §5017.
Within 5 Days after Canvass	Recount May Be Requested Within five (5) days after the completion of the official canvass, any voter may request a recount by filing a written request with the Elections Official and specifying that candidates and/or measures are to be recounted. The request may specify the order of the precincts for the recount, and the petitioning voter shall, before commencement of each day's recount, deposit such sum as the election official requires to cover costs. §15620 - 15634

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