

# GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR – NOVEMBER 2, 2010

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

April 23, 2010 through July 22, 2010 (E-193-103)	<b><u>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEES – INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES:</u></b> During this period, any independent candidate may obtain his or her forms from the Registrar of Voters for circulating petitions to secure signatures in lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Qualified signatures may also be applied to the signature requirements for office on the nomination paper. <b>§§ 8106, 8302, 8405</b>
June 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010* (E-154-94) (Dates fixed by law)	<b><u>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEES – SUPREME AND APPELLATE COURTS:</u></b> Period in which any Justice of the Supreme or Appellate Court may obtain his/her forms from the county elections official for circulating petitions and securing signatures in lieu of all or part of the filing fee. <b>Cal. Const. Art. VI, § 16(d); § 8106</b>
June 7, 2010 through August 6, 2010 (E-148-88)	<b><u>NOMINATION PAPERS – INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES FOR OFFICES FOR WHICH THERE IS A FILING FEE:</u></b> Between these dates, independent candidates shall circulate nomination papers and submit them to the county elections official for examination. <b>§ 8403</b>
June 25, 2010 (E-130)	<b><u>CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS – SCHOOLS – NOTICE:</u></b> Last day for the County Superintendent of Schools to notify governing boards in writing that a consolidated election is required to be held. Applies when there are two or more school districts of any type in the same area. <b>Ed. §§ 5323, 5340</b>
June 30, 2010 (E-125)	<b><u>BOUNDARY MAP:</u></b> Last day for secretary of special district to file with the Registrar of Voters a map showing the boundaries of the district and the divisions, if any, and a statement indicating in which divisions a director is to be elected and whether the directors will be elected at large or by division. <b>§ 10522</b>
June 30, 2010 (E-125)	<b><u>NOTICE OF ELECTIVE OFFICES:</u></b> District Secretary's transmittal form must be filed with the Registrar of Voters by this date. The notice shall bear the secretary's signature and the district seal and must contain:

\*If this date falls on a Sunday or holiday, use the next business day.

July 2, 2010  
(E-123)

July 5, 2010\*  
(E-120)

July 5, 2010  
through  
August 4, 2010  
(E-120-90)

July 5, 2010  
through  
August 4, 2010  
(E-120-90)

July 12, 2010  
through  
August 6, 2010  
(E-113-88)

- (a) The elective offices of the district to be filled at the next general district election.
- (b) Whether the district or the candidate is to pay for the publication of a candidate's statement of qualifications pursuant to Elections Code Section 13307. **§ 10509**

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

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

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

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

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

**NOMINATION PERIOD:** Declaration of Candidacy forms for all school and special district offices may be obtained from and must be filed with the Registrar of Voters' office from **July 12, 2010 through August 6, 2010, 5:00 p.m.** **§§ 10510, 10603**

\*If this date falls on a Sunday or holiday, use the next business day.

July 12, 2010  
through  
August 6, 2010  
(E-113-88)

**EXCEPTION:** If an incumbent who is eligible for reelection fails to file a Declaration of Candidacy by **August 6, 2010**, the filing period is extended to **August 11, 2010** for all qualified persons other than the incumbent. **§§ 10516, 10604**

**SCHOOL AND SPECIAL DISTRICT CANDIDATES'**

**STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS:** Each candidate may prepare a statement on a form provided by the Registrar of Voters. The statement may contain no more than 200 words, unless the governing body of the local agency has authorized the statement to contain 400 words. The statement must be filed at the same time the Declaration of Candidacy is filed. **The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the nomination period and until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.** **§ 13307**

If the nomination period is extended because an incumbent eligible for reelection failed to file a Declaration of Candidacy, candidates filing during the extended filing period may file a Candidate's Statement. The next working day after the close of the extended filing period for the office is the last day that a Candidate's Statement may be withdrawn. **A Candidate's Statement may not be changed.** **§§ 10516, 10604, 13307(a)(3)**

**CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS MAY MAKE NO REFERENCE TO ANOTHER CANDIDATE.** In addition to the restrictions set forth in Section 13307, any Candidate's Statement submitted pursuant to Section 13307 shall be limited to a recitation of the candidate's own personal background and qualifications, and **shall not in any way make reference to other candidates for that office or to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities.** The elections official shall not cause to be printed or circulated any statement that the elections official determines is not so limited or that includes any reference prohibited by this section. **§ 13308**

The Registrar of Voters will estimate the total cost of printing and handling the Candidates' Statements and will require each candidate filing a statement to pay in advance his/her estimated

pro rata share as a condition of having his/her statement included in the voter's pamphlet. This amount must be paid at the time the Candidate's Statement is filed. If there is an underpayment, the candidate shall be required to pay the balance of the cost incurred. Overpayments will be refunded within 30 days of the election. In the case of a candidate's contest not going on the ballot, the payment will be refunded. **§ 13307**

The Candidate's Statement is confidential until after the expiration of the filing period. Copies of all Candidates' Statements will be available for public inspection at the Registrar of Voters' office for 10 days prior to being submitted for printing. **§§ 13311, 13313**

**LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE STATEMENT IN COUNTY SAMPLE BALLOT:** During this period, legislative candidates may purchase space for a 250-word Candidate Statement in the official sample ballot(s) of the county or counties in the jurisdiction. Candidates may purchase statement space only if they have agreed to voluntary expenditure limits. **Gov't §§ 85601, 13307**

**CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE STATEMENT IN COUNTY SAMPLE BALLOT:** During this period, congressional candidates may purchase space for a 250-word Candidate Statement in the official sample ballot(s) of the county or counties in the jurisdiction. **Congressional candidates do not need to voluntarily agree to expenditure limits to prepare a Candidate Statement.** **Gov't §§ 85601, 13307**

**SIGNATURES IN-LIEU OF FILING FEES—INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES:** Last day for independent candidates to turn in their petitions to the county elections official of the county in which the petition signers reside and are registered to vote. **§§ 8105, 8106, 8302, 8405**

**CHANGE OF CANDIDATE'S DESIGNATION ON BALLOT:** The last day that any candidate may request in writing a different ballot designation than that used at the Primary Election. This written request should be made to **both** the Secretary of State and the Registrar of Voters. **§ 13107**

**SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS DUE:** The last day to file semi-annual campaign disclosure statements by all elected officers, candidates, and committees for the period of **January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010.** **Gov't §§ 84200, 84218**

July 12, 2010  
through  
August 6, 2010  
(E-113-88)

July 12, 2010  
through  
August 6, 2010  
(E-113-88)

July 22, 2010  
(E-103)

July 27, 2010  
(E-98)

July 31, 2010\*  
(E-94)

\*If this date falls on a Sunday or holiday, use the next business day.

July 31, 2010\*  
(E-94)  
(Date fixed by law)

August 6, 2010  
(E-88)

August 6, 2010  
(E-88)

August 6, 2010  
(E-88)

August 6, 2010  
(E-88)

August 6, 2010  
(E-88)

August 7, 2010  
(Saturday)  
through  
August 16, 2010  
(E-87-78)

**SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEES – SUPREME AND**

**APPELLATE COURTS:** Last day for Justices of the Supreme and Appellate Courts to turn in their petitions to the county elections official of the county in which the petition signers reside and are registered to vote. The county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency within 10 days following receipt of the petitions. **§ 8106**

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTION**

**WITH GENERAL ELECTION:** Resolution requesting consolidation with General Election must be filed no later than this date. **§ 10403, Ed. § 5342**

**DEADLINE – FILING OF DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND**

**CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS:** Last day to file Declarations of Candidacy and Candidates' Statements of Qualifications with the Registrar of Voters. **§§ 10510, 10603, 13307**

**EXCEPTION:** If the filing period is extended because the incumbent failed to file a Declaration of Candidacy, the deadline is extended until **August 11, 2010, 5:00 p.m.** **§§ 10516, 10604**

**DEADLINE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF**

**FILING FEES – INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES:** The last day for independent candidates to submit any supplemental in lieu signatures to the Registrar of Voters or to pay the prorated portion of the filing fee to cover any deficiency in the filing fee payment. **§ 8106(b)(3)**

**DEADLINE – FILING OF DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND**

**NOMINATION PAPERS – INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES:** The last day for an independent candidate to file his/her Declaration of Candidacy and to circulate and file his/her nomination papers with the Registrar of Voters. **§§ 8403, 8550**

**LAST DAY FOR SCHOOL AND SPECIAL DISTRICT**

**CANDIDATES TO WITHDRAW:** No candidate shall withdraw his/her Declaration of Candidacy after **5:00 p.m.** on the 88<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election unless the filing period has been extended until the 83<sup>rd</sup> day, in which case a candidate has until **August 11, 2010, 5:00 p.m.** to withdraw. **§§ 10510, 10516, 10603, 10604**

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS,**

**BALLOT DESIGNATIONS, AND COUNTYWIDE MEASURE**

**DOCUMENTS:** During this period, Candidates' Statements of Qualifications, ballot designations, and countywide measure's impartial analysis, fiscal impact statements (if any), and direct

August 7, 2010  
through  
August 11, 2010  
(E-87-83)

August 11, 2010  
(E-83)

August 12, 2010  
through  
August 20, 2010  
(E-82-74)

August 12, 2010  
(E-82)  
(11:00 a.m.)

August 17, 2010  
(Saturday)  
through  
August 26, 2010  
(E-77-68)

arguments will be available for public examination at the Registrar of Voters office from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on **August 7, 2010**, and thereafter on Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and will be posted on the Registrar of Voters' web.

**§§ 9190, 9380, 13313**

**EXTENSION OF FILING PERIOD IF INCUMBENT FAILS TO**

**FILE:** If an incumbent, eligible for reelection, fails to file his/her Declaration of Candidacy by **August 6, 2010**, there is a 5-day extension allowed for any person other than the incumbent to file for such office.

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

**§§ 10516, 10604**

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

**§ 10515, Ed. § 5326**

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

**EXTENDED FILING PERIOD:** Public review period for Candidates' Statements of Qualifications and ballot designations filed during extended filing period.

**§ 13313**

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

**§ 13112**

**PUBLIC REVIEW OF REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS FOR**

**COUNTYWIDE MEASURES:** Public review period for rebuttal arguments for countywide measures, if applicable. These materials will be available at the Registrar of Voters office starting on Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and will be posted on the Registrar of Voters' website.

**§§ 9190, 9380**

August 26, 2010  
(E-68)

September 3, 2010  
(E-60)

September 3, 2010  
through  
November 2, 2010  
(E-60-0)

Sept. 6, 2010\*  
through  
October 19, 2010  
(E-57-14)

Sept. 23, 2010  
through  
October 12, 2010  
(E-40-21)

October 4, 2010  
(E-29)

October 4, 2010  
through  
October 26, 2010  
(E-29-7)

October 5, 2010  
(E-28)

**DEATH OF A CANDIDATE:** Last day for the Registrar of Voters to remove a deceased candidate's name from the General Election ballot. **§ 8810**

**SPECIAL ABSENT VOTERS' BALLOT APPLICATIONS:** The first day the Registrar of Voters' office may process applications for special absent voters' ballots. Any applications received by the Registrar of Voters' office prior to this day shall be kept and processed on or after this date. **§§ 300(b), 3100, 3103**

**LIST OF VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTERS:** First day computer tapes are available for purchase indicating all voters who have been issued a vote-by-mail ballot.

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:** First day Statement of Write-in Candidacy is available for a write-in candidate. Must be filed by **October 19, 2010, 5:00 p.m.** **§ 8601**

**COUNTY SAMPLE BALLOT MAILING AND STATE BALLOT PAMPHLET MAILING:** Between these dates, county sample ballot pamphlets will be mailed by the Registrar of Voters. State ballot pamphlets will be mailed directly to voters by the Secretary of State. **§§ 9094, 13303**

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION AND STILL BE MAILED A SAMPLE BALLOT PAMPHLET:** Voters registering after **October 4, 2010** will **NOT** be mailed a sample ballot pamphlet. **§§ 9094, 13300(c), 13303**

**VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTING:** Applications for vote-by-mail ballots available during this period from the Registrar of Voters. Applications must be received by the Registrar of Voters by **October 26, 2010, 5:00 p.m.** **§§ 3001, 3003, 3006**

**FIRST PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS DUE:** The last day to file campaign disclosure statements for candidates and committees covering the period **July 1, 2010** through **September 30, 2010.** **Gov't §§ 84200.5, 84200.7(b)**

\*If this date falls on a Sunday or holiday, use the next business day.

October 17, 2010  
through  
November 1, 2010  
(E-16-1)

October 18, 2010  
(E-15)

October 19, 2010  
through  
October 26, 2010  
(E-14-7)

October 19, 2010  
(E-14)

October 21, 2010  
(E-12)

October 27, 2010  
through  
November 1, 2010  
(E-6-1)

**LATE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REPORTING PERIOD:**

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

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION.**

Closing date of registration for this election. **§§ 2102, 2107**

**NEW CITIZEN REGISTRATION PERIOD:** Any person who becomes a citizen after the 15<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election may register to vote beginning on the 14<sup>th</sup> day prior to an election and ending on the 7<sup>th</sup> day prior to Election Day. This registration must be executed in the county elections office. **§§ 331, 3500**

A new citizen registering to vote after the close of registration shall provide the county elections official with proof of citizenship prior to voting and shall declare that he or she has established residency in California. **§§ 331, 3500, 3501**

The ballots of new citizens shall be received and canvassed at the same time and under the same procedure as vote-by-mail voter ballots. **§ 3502**

**DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES TO FILE:** Last day for a write-in candidate to file a statement of write-in candidacy and a Declaration of Candidacy with the Registrar of Voters by **5:00 p.m.** **§ 8601**

**SECOND PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE**

**STATEMENTS DUE:** The last day to file campaign disclosure statements for candidates and committees covering the period **October 1, 2010 through October 16, 2010.**

**Gov't §§ 84200.5, 84200.7(b)**

**SPECIAL ABSENTEE VOTER – RECALLED TO MILITARY**

**SERVICE:** A registered special absentee voter recalled to service **after October 26, 2010, but before 5:00 p.m. on November 1, 2010,** may appear before the county elections official in the county in which he/she is registered, or, if within the state, in the county in which he/she is recalled to service and apply for a vote-by-mail ballot which may be submitted by facsimile or by email. The vote-by-mail ballot may be voted at the Registrar of Voters office or voted outside the office on or before the close of the polls on the

October 27, 2010  
through  
November 2, 2010  
(E-6-0)

November 2, 2010  
(E-0)

November 2, 2010  
(E-0)

Election Day and returned as are other vote-by-mail ballots. To be counted, the ballot must be returned to the Registrar of Voters office in person, by facsimile transmission, or by an authorized person on or before the close of the polls on the day of the election.

If the special absentee voter appears in the county in which he/she is recalled to service, rather than the county to which he/she is registered, the elections official shall coordinate with the elections official in the county in which the special absentee voter is registered to provide the vote-by-mail ballot that contains the appropriate measures and races for the precinct in which the special absentee voter is registered. **§ 3110**

**VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTING – LATE CONDITIONS (EMERGENCY VOTING):** During this period vote-by-mail ballots are available when a voter's condition prevents voting at a polling place. Written application signed under penalty of perjury is required unless the absent voter's ballot is voted in the Registrar of Voters' office. The voter may designate any authorized representative to return the voted vote-by-mail ballot. **Emergency voting ballots may not be mailed.** **§ 3021**

**ELECTION DAY:** Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Ballots will be centrally counted at the Registrar of Voters' office. **§§ 1000, 14212, 15260**

**VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTER BALLOTS RETURNED:** Deadline for the Registrar of Voters to receive vote-by-mail ballots by mail or in person is **November 2, 2010, 8:00 p.m.** A voter may deliver his/her vote-by-mail ballot in person to any polling place in the county by the close of the polls on Election Day. If a vote-by-mail voter who, because of illness or other physical disability, is unable to return the ballot, he/she may designate his/her spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, or a person residing in the same household to return the ballot.

Last day a special absentee voter who is temporarily living outside of the United States (or is called for military service within the United States on or after October 26, 2010) may return his/her ballot by facsimile transmission. To be counted, the ballot returned by facsimile transmission must be received by the elections official no later than Election Day, 8:00 p.m. and must be accompanied by an identification envelope and a signed waiver of a right to a secret ballot. **§§ 3017, 3020, 3103.5, 14212**

November 2, 2010  
(E-0)

November 2, 2010  
(E-0)

November 3, 2010  
(E+1)

**SEMI-FINAL OFFICIAL CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS:**

Beginning at 8:00 p.m. and continuously until completed, the Registrar of Voters will conduct the semi-final official canvass of votes and report totals to the Secretary of State. §§ 15150, 15151

**SPECIAL ABSENTEE VOTERS:** Any registered special absentee voter 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. The elections official shall require him/her to sign an authorization to cancel the vote-by-mail ballot previously issued, and shall then issue another vote-by-mail ballot to the voter, or certify to the precinct board that the voter is eligible to vote in the precinct polling place of his/her residence. § 3108

Last day an unregistered special absentee voter who was released from service after the close of registration and who has returned to his/her county of residence may apply in person to register with the county elections official and vote in the election. Documentary proof of release from military service is required. On or before Election Day, the county elections official shall deliver to the precinct board a list of special absentee voters registered under Elections Code section 3107. § 3107

Last day a special absentee voter who returned to the county after **October 26, 2010** may appear before the county elections official and make application for registration, a vote-by-mail ballot, or both. The county elections official shall register the voter, if not registered, and shall deliver a vote-by-mail ballot which may be voted in or outside the county elections official's office on or before the close of the polls on the day of election and returned as are other voted vote-by-mail ballots. § 3109

**COMMENCE OFFICIAL CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS:**

The Registrar of Voters will commence canvassing votes. §§ 10547, 15301

November 30, 2010  
(E+28)

November 30, 2010  
(E+28)

December 3, 2010  
(E+31)

January 3, 2011  
(E+62)

January 31, 2011  
Saturday  
(E+90)

**COMPLETE OFFICIAL CANVASS OF RETURNS AND CERTIFY RESULTS BY THIS DATE:** No later than this date, the county elections official must complete the canvass, certify its results, and submit it to the Board of Supervisors. **§ 15372**

**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION:** After the Board of Supervisors declares the results of the election, the Registrar of Voters shall make and deliver to each person elected a certificate of election signed by the Registrar of Voters. **§§ 15372, 15401**

**DATE OF TAKING OFFICE:** Elected School Board Members take office on the first Friday in December after the General Election. **Ed. § 5017**

Special district officers, elected or appointed, take office at noon on the Friday in December after the General Election, after taking the official oath and executing such bond as may be required. **§ 10554**

**DATE OF TAKING OFFICE:** Elected County officers take office at noon on the first Monday after January 1<sup>st</sup> succeeding their election. **Gov't § 24200**

**SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS DUE:** Last day to file semi-annual campaign disclosure statements for all candidates and committees for the period from **October 17, 2010** through **December 31, 2010**. **Gov't §§ 84200, 84212**