

<u>E-DATES</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>JUNE 2, 2026, STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION CALENDAR OF EVENTS</u>
E-165 to E-118 (5PM)	Friday December 19 th , 2025 - Wednesday February 4 th , 2026	<u>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE</u> During this period, petition forms may be obtained to secure signatures in lieu of all or a portion of the filing fee. Signatures submitted may also be applied to the signature nomination requirements for offices. CANDIDATES WILL BE NOTIFIED OF DEFICIENCY WITHIN 10 CALENDAR DAYS OF FILING THE PETITION. Candidates may then pay the pro rata portion of the filing fee to make up for the deficiency (prior to the close of the nomination period). (E.C. 8061, 8105 and 8106)
	Thursday January 1 st , 2026	<u>New Year's Day – Office Closed</u>
E-148	Monday January 5 th , 2026	<u>GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION</u> No later than this date, the Governor shall issue the Gubernatorial Primary Election Proclamation. (E.C.12000)
	Monday January 19 th , 2026	<u>Martin Luther King's Birthday – Office Closed</u>
E-127 to E-118	Monday January 26 th , 2026 - Wednesday February 4 th , 2026	<u>DECLARATION OF INTENT (CANDIDATES FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE)</u> 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 Intent is filed. (E.C.8023 and 8105 (b))
E-117 to E-113 (5PM)	Thursday February 5 th , 2026 - Monday February 9 th , 2026	<u>EXTENSION OF DECLARATION OF INTENT PERIOD (JUDICIAL OFFICES ONLY)</u> If the incumbent for a judicial office does not file a Declaration of Intent to succeed to the same office by February 4th qualified persons other than the incumbent may file a Declaration of Intent for that office, no later than the February 9th. (E.C 8023 (b))

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<p>E-113 to E-88 (5PM)</p>	<p>Monday February 9th, 2026 - Friday March 6th, 2026</p>	<p><u>NOMINATION PERIOD</u></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 Division office. All candidates must pay the non-refundable filing fees. A candidate shall not be required to execute nomination papers if the number of In-Lieu signatures collected meet the nomination requirements or exceed the minimum number required.</p> <p>(E.C. 8020,8062,8100,8105,8106 and 10407)</p> <p>Candidates for judicial offices must file Declaration of Candidacy and nomination papers during this period.</p> <p><u>CANDIDATE STATEMENTS</u></p> <p>A candidate may prepare a Candidate Statement on the appropriate form provided by the election's official. The statement may include the name, occupation of the candidate, and a brief description of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate. The statement shall be filed in the election office at the time the candidate's nomination papers are filed.</p>
	<p>Monday February 16th, 2026</p>	<p><u>President's Day – Office Closed</u></p>
<p>E-88 (5PM)</p>	<p>Friday March 6th, 2026</p>	<p><u>CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS</u></p> <p>Last day for local jurisdictions to file a resolution with the Board of Supervisors and Elections Division requesting consolidation (including placement of a measure on the ballot) with the General Election.</p> <p>(E.C. 1405,10403,12001)</p> <p><u>CANDIDATE WITHDRAWAL</u></p> <p>No candidate who has previously filed a Declaration of Candidacy for this primary election may withdraw as a candidate at this time. ONLY candidates for a municipal office school district office are permitted to withdraw up to and including the deadline to file a Declaration of Candidacy.</p> <p>(E.C. 8800, 10224,10510 and 10603(b))</p>
<p>E-88</p>	<p>Friday March 6th, 2026</p>	<p><u>DEADLINE FOR LOCAL MEASUERS</u></p> <p>Deadline for local ordinances, resolution, tax rate statements for bond measure or orders for calling an election to be filed with the Elections Division.</p> <p>(E.C. 10401,10402 and 10403)</p>

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<p>E-87 to E-83</p>	<p>**Saturday March 7th, 2026 - Wednesday March 11th, 2026</p>	<p><u>NOMINATION PERIOD EXTENSION IF ELEGIBLE INCUMBENT DOES NOT FILE</u></p> <p>If nomination documents for any eligible incumbent are not filed by March 6th 5:00pm., the nomination period for such office shall be extended until March 11th 5:00pm for persons other than incumbent.</p> <p>NOTE: Does not apply when:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The incumbent for judicial office does not file a Declaration of Intent for office. 2. There is no incumbent eligible to be elected or the incumbent has served the maximum number of terms. 3. The office in question is for County Central Committee, Central Committee or County Council. (E.C.8022, 8024 and 10407(b))
<p>E-87 to E-78</p>	<p>**Saturday March 7th, 2026 - Monday March 16, 2026</p>	<p><u>PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS, NAMES AND BALLOT DESIGNATIONS</u></p> <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 the material in a Candidate Statement to be amended or deleted. (E.C. 13313,13314)</p>
<p>E-85 (5PM)</p>	<p>Monday March 9th, 2026</p>	<p><u>CANDIDATE STATEMENT WITHDRAWAL</u></p> <p>Last day for a candidate to withdraw their Candidate Statement. This must be requested by 5:00pm in writing. This deadline does not pertain to any offices that are in extension. (E.C. 1337(3))</p>
<p>E-83</p>	<p>Wednesday March 11th, 2026</p>	<p><u>PARTY ENDORSEMENT LIST</u></p> <p>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 no later than 83 days prior to the candidate for a voter nominated office will appear on the ballot (E.C. 13302).</p>
<p>E-83</p>	<p>Wednesday March 11th, 2026</p>	<p><u>ARGUMENTS - LAST DAY TO SUBMIT</u></p> <p>Last day to submit direct arguments for or against any county, district, or school measure. Direct arguments may not exceed 300 words in length. (E.C. 9162, 9163, 9286, 9315, 9316, 9501, 9502 and 9503)</p>
<p>E-83 (5PM)</p>	<p>Wednesday March 11th, 2026</p>	<p><u>AMENDMENT OR WITHDRAWAL OR MEASURE DEADLINE</u></p> <p>Last day for a jurisdiction to withdraw or amend a measure previously submitted for placement on the ballot. (E.C. 9605)</p>

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E-82 to E-73	**Thursday, March 12 th , 2026 - Saturday, March 21 st , 2026	<u>10-DAY PUBLIC EXAMINATION FOR ARGUMENTS</u> Public examination period for Arguments IN FAVOR OF or AGAINST any measure. (E.C. § 9190)
E-82	Thursday March 12 th , 2026	<u>RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING BY SECRETARY OF STATE AND KERN COUNTY ELECTIONS DIVISION</u> The Secretary of State and the County of Kern shall hold a public drawing to determine the order of candidate names to appear on the ballot by randomly drawing each letter of the alphabet (E.C. 13112).
E-78	Monday March 16 th , 2026	<u>DEADLINE TO SUBMIT REBUTTALS</u> Deadline to submit Rebuttals to Arguments IN FAVOR OF or AGAINST a local measure. NOT to exceed 250 words in length (E.C. §§ 9167, 9285, 9317, 9504). <u>IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS</u> Impartial Analysis due from County Counsel for measures, NOT to exceed 500 words in length (E.C. §§ 9160, 9313, 9500).
E-77 to E-68	**Tuesday March 17 th , 2026 - Thursday March 26 th , 2026	<u>10-DAY PUBLIC EXAMINATION FOR REBUTTALS</u> Public examination for Rebuttals to Arguments. During this examination period, any person may seek a writ of mandate or injunction requiring any or all of the material in the rebuttal be amended or deleted. All writs of mandate must be filed by the end of the public examination period (E.C. §§ 9190, 9380, 9509).
E-73	**Saturday March 21 st , 2026	<u>NOTIFICATION TO CANDIDATES</u> Notice to Candidates (Voter-Nominated Candidates) from Secretary of State.
E-68	**Thursday March 26 th , 2026	<u>CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES</u> A list of Certified Candidates to be posted for June 2, 2026, Gubernatorial Primary Election. (E.C. 8120)
E-57 to E-14	Monday April 6 th , 2026 - Tuesday May 19 th , 2026	<u>WRITE-IN CANDIDACY PERIOD</u> Between these dates is the candidate filing period for write-in candidates. Write-in candidates must file a statement of write-in candidacy and other required documentation with the Elections Official. (E.C. 8600, 8601 and 10103)

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E-45	Saturday April 18 th , 2026	<u>MILITARY AND OVERSEAS BALLOTS</u> Last day for the Elections Official to transmit ballots and balloting materials to Military and Overseas voters who have requested them by Saturday April 18 th , 2026. (E.C. 3114)
E-40 to E-21	Thursday April 23 rd , 2026 - Tuesday May 12 th , 2026	<u>COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE MAILING</u> Between these dates, a voter information guide shall be mailed to all voters. (E.C. 9094)
E-29	Monday May 4 th , 2026	<u>MAILING OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS</u> No later than 29 days before the day of the election, the Elections Official shall begin mailing ballots. (E.C. 3001, 3010)
E-29	Monday May 4 th , 2026	<u>PROCESSING OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS</u> The processing of vote by mail ballots may commence on the 29 th day before the election. (E.C. 15101(b)) <u>BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS OPEN</u> All ballot drop-off locations are opened on this day, through Election Day. (E.C. 3025.5)
E-15	Monday May 18 th , 2026	<u>DEADLINE TO REGISTER</u> Last day to transfer or register to vote in the Gubernatorial Primary Election. (E.C. 2102)
E-13 to E-0	Wednesday May 20 th , 2026 - Tuesday June 2 nd , 2026	<u>CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION</u> Conditional Voter Registration in the Elections Office Only. (E.C. 2170-2171) <u>NEW CITIZEN RESIDENT VOTING</u> A new citizen is eligible to register and vote at Elections Office beginning on the 14 th day before an election following the date on which that person became a citizen. (E.C. 331, 332 and 3500)
	Monday May 25 th , 2026	<u>Memorial Day – Office Closed</u>

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<p>E-0</p>	<p>Tuesday June 2nd, 2026</p>	<p><u>ELECTION DAY</u> Poll Sites open at 7:00am and close at 8:00pm. (E.C. 1000, 1201, 14212 and 14401) <u>VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS RETURNED</u> Last day for vote by mail ballots to be turned in personally by voter to the Elections Official's Office or at any poll site in the County. (E.C. 3017 and 3020) Any vote by mail ballot cast under this division shall be timely cast if it is postmarked and received via the U.S.P.S or a bona fide private mail delivery company no later than 7 days after election day . (E.C. 3020(b), Sections 1 and 2) <u>CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION at POLL SITES</u> (E.C. 2170-2171)</p>
<p>E+30</p>	<p>Thursday July 2nd, 2026</p>	<p><u>COMPLETION OF OFFICIAL CANVASS</u> A certified statement of the results of the election must be complete within 30 days of the election.</p>
<p>E+38</p>	<p>Friday July 10th, 2026</p>	<p><u>STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST BY SECRETARY OF STATE</u> No later than this date, the secretary of State shall compile, certify, and file in his/her office a statement of all votes cast. (E.C. 15501).</p>

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