

# JUNE 2, 2026, GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY ELECTION ABBREVIATED CALENDAR

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>At Any Time</b></p>	<p><b>Form 501 – Candidate Intention Statement</b> A Form 501 must be filed before a candidate solicits or receives any contribution or makes any expenditure, including personal funds. <i>Government Code § 85200</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>December 19* – February 4</b> (E-165 to E-118)</p>	<p><b>Signatures In-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition – Congressional, State, County-wide, and Judicial Candidates</b> The Registrar of Voters (ROV) will issue official petitions during this period. Petition forms secure signatures in lieu of, or in addition to, all or a portion of the filing fee. Signatures submitted on the petition will meet the nomination signature requirements. The ROV will notify the candidate of any deficiency within 10 days of filing. <i>Elections Code §§ 8061, 8105, 8106(b)(3), 8162(a) added by Stats. 2025, Ch. 97, Sec. 1.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>December 26</b> (E-158)</p>	<p><b>Secretary of State (SOS) Prepares Notice of Offices for the Primary</b> At least 158 days before the primary, the Secretary of State (SOS) prepares and transmits to each county elections official a notice designating all the state offices for which candidates are to be nominated for this election. <i>Elections Code § 12103</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>January 5</b> (E-148)</p>	<p><b>Governor’s Proclamation – Issuance</b> On or before this date, the Governor shall issue a proclamation calling the General Election and shall state the time of the election and the offices to be up for election and transmit a copy of the proclamation to the board of supervisors of each county. The SOS will send an informational copy of the proclamation to each county elections official. <i>Elections Code § 12000</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>January 19</b> (E-134)</p>	<p><b>Administrative Deadline to File Resolution</b> The administrative deadline to file the resolution requesting election services and measure consolidation with the ROV; required to meet vendor and print timelines.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>January 26 – February 9</b> (E-127 to E-113)</p>	<p><b>Municipal Notice of Election Publication</b> For cities consolidating with this election, the city clerk shall publish a Notice of Election between these dates. This notice shall contain the date of the election, polling hours, any offices to be filled and/or measures to be voted on, the qualifications required for each office, the location where the Declaration of Candidacy forms will be available, where the forms are to be filed, and the deadline for filing these forms. <i>Elections Code §§ 12101, 12111</i></p>

<p><b>January 26 – February 4</b> (E-127 to E-118)</p>	<p><b>Declaration of Intent – Judicial Candidates Only</b> Every candidate for a judicial office must file a Declaration of Intent with the county elections official. All incumbent judges seeking re-election to the same office must file during this period. The Declaration of Intent will include the seat number designated by the ROV. Nonrefundable filing fees (money, signatures, or any prorated combination of both) are due when filing the Declaration of Intent.</p> <p><i>Elections Code §§ 8023, 8105</i></p>
<p><b>January 28</b> (E-125)</p>	<p><b>General District Specifications of the Election Order</b> The ROV office must receive a resolution from all general districts consolidating with the election specifying the election date, purpose, boundary lines, and other election specifications by this date.</p> <p><i>Elections Code §§ 10509, 10522, 12262, 13307</i></p>
<p><b>January 30</b> (E-123)</p>	<p><b>School District Specifications of the Election Order</b> The ROV office must receive a resolution from all school districts consolidating with the election specifying the election date, purpose, and other election specifications by this date.</p> <p><i>Education Code §§ 5019.5, 5322</i></p>
<p><b>February 2</b> {Date set by law}</p>	<p><b>Semi-annual Campaign Statements Due</b> The last day for all required candidates, organizations, committees, and slate mailers to file semiannual campaign statements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Period Covered: The day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed.</li> </ul> <p><i>Government Code §§ 84200, 84218</i></p>
<p><b>February 2 – March 4</b> (E-120 to E-90)</p>	<p><b>County Notice of Election and Measure Publications</b> The publication of the notice of election will be between these dates. The election notice contains the date of the election, any offices to be filled, the qualifications required for each office, the location where the Declaration of Candidacy forms will be available, where the forms are to be filed, and the deadline for filing these forms. The measure notice contains the date of the election, the ballot question, the passage requirement, and argument and rebuttal deadlines.</p> <p><i>Elections Code §§ 9163, 9205, 12112, 12113</i></p> <p><b>Notice of Random Alphabet Drawing Publication</b> The publication to news media and other interested parties of the place and time where the Random Alphabet Drawing is to be held.</p> <p><i>Elections Code §§ 13112(b)(1)(B), 13112(c)</i></p>
<p><b>February 4</b> (E-118)</p>	<p><b>Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fees Deadline</b> This is the last day candidates may submit signatures in lieu of filing fee petitions to the ROV.</p> <p><i>Elections Code §§ 8020(b), 8061, 8106(b)(3), 8163</i></p>

<p><b>February 5 – 9</b> (E-117 to E-113)</p>	<p><b>Extension of Declaration of Intention Period – Judicial Offices Only</b> If the incumbent for a judicial office does not file a Declaration of Intention to succeed to the same office by the end of the Declaration of Intent filing period, qualified persons other than the incumbent may file a Declaration of Intention for that office during this extension period. Payment of the non-refundable filing fees is at the time of the Declaration of Intent. <i>Elections Code §§ 8023, 8105</i></p>
<p><b>February 9**</b> (E-113)</p>	<p><b>Municipal Calling of Special Election to Fill Vacancy</b> The last date for a city council to call a special election to fill a vacancy on the next regularly established election date. The vacancy cannot be filled by the election on this established election date if the election is not called by this date. <i>Government Code § 36512(b)</i></p>
<p><b>February 9 – March 6</b> (E-113 to E-88)</p>	<p><b>Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Period</b> All candidates, including incumbents, may pick up nomination papers at the ROV during this time. <i>Elections Code §§ 8020-8021, 8040-8041, 8060-8070, 8100-8107, 8800-8811</i></p> <p><b>Form 700 Candidate Statement of Economic Interest Submittal</b> Candidates must file a Form 700 Candidate Statement when submitting nomination papers unless they have filed a Form 700 for the same jurisdiction within the previous 60 days. (U.S. Senate, congressional, and central committee candidates are exempt.) <i>Government Code §§ 87200-87203, 87500</i></p> <p><b>Optional Candidate Statement of Qualifications Submittal</b> All candidates who choose to include a Candidate Statement of Qualifications in the county voter information guide provided to voters by the ROV must submit the statement and pay the deposit when filing the Declaration of Candidacy. Statements cannot be changed but may be withdrawn until 5:00 p.m. of the next business day after the close of the nomination period. <i>Elections Code §§ 13307-13308</i></p>
<p><b>February 23</b> (E-99)</p>	<p><b>Administrative Deadline to File a Measure Argument (300 Word Limit)</b> The last day to file arguments for and against a measure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10-Day Public Examination Period: February 24 – March 5 <i>Government Code § 57146; Elections Code §§ 9162, 9163, 9282, 9286, 9315</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>March 4 – June 2</b> (E-90 to E-Day)</p>	<p><b>Election Cycle Reports Due – 24-Hour Contribution Report</b> Late Contributions and Independent Expenditures of \$1,000 or more must be filed within 24 hours of the transaction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form 496 or Form 497 must be filed with the appropriate filing officer.</li> <li>Form 462 is required only for certain independent expenditures related to state candidates. (<i>Title 2, Cal. Code Regs. § 18422.5</i>) <i>Government Code §§ 82036, 82036.5, 84203, 84203.3, 84204, 84215(e), 85204, 85309</i></li> </ul>

<p><b>March 5</b> (E-89)</p>	<p><b>Administrative Deadline to File a Measure Rebuttal</b> (250 Word Limit) The last day to file rebuttals to arguments for and against a measure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10-Day Public Examination Period: March 6 – March 15 <i>Elections Code §§ 9167, 9285, 9286, 9317</i></li> </ul> <p><b>County Counsel Impartial Analysis Available</b> (500 Word Limit)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10-Day Public Examination Period: March 6 – March 15 <i>Elections Code §§ 9160, 9280, 9313, 9314, 9500</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>March 6</b> (E-88)</p>	<p><b>Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Period Ends at 5 p.m.</b> The deadline for all voter-nominated, non-presidential, and county central committee candidates to file all required nomination papers. <i>Elections Code §§ 8020, 8022</i></p> <p><b>Form 700 Candidate Statement of Economic Interest</b> The deadline for candidates to submit Form 700. (U.S. Senate, congressional, and central committee candidates are exempt.) <i>Government Code §§ 87100-87500, FPPC Reg. § 18723</i></p>
<p><b>March 6 – 11</b> (E-88 to E-83)</p>	<p><b>Deadline to Withdraw Candidacy</b> The last day a candidate can withdraw their nomination for a non-statewide office is by 5:00 p.m. on the 88th day before the primary election. <b>Note:</b> If the nomination period is extended, the deadline is by 5:00 p.m. on the 83rd day before the primary election. <i>Elections Code § 8020.5</i></p>
<p><b>March 7 – 11</b> (E-87 to E-83)</p>	<p><b>Nomination Extension Period</b> If the incumbent fails to file a Declaration of Candidacy by the deadline for their office. There will be a 5-calendar-day extension period during which any candidate, except judicial candidates and the incumbent, may file for office. <i>Elections Code §§ 8022, 8024, 8100, 8105, 10225, 10407, 10516, 10604</i></p>
<p><b>March 7 – 16</b> (E-87 to E-78)</p>	<p><b>10-day Public Examination Period for Statement of Qualifications</b> The public examination period for Statements of Qualifications submitted during nomination periods that close without an extension period. <i>Elections Code § 13313</i></p>
<p><b>March 9</b> (E-85)</p>	<p><b>The Deadline to Withdraw a Statement of Qualifications</b> The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period. <i>Elections Code § 13307(a)(3)</i></p>

<p><b>March 11</b> (E-83)</p>	<p><b>Last Day to Withdraw a Local Measure</b> This is the deadline to withdraw a measure from the election that has been submitted to the voters of any jurisdiction. The order of election shall not be amended or withdrawn after this date. <i>Elections Code § 9605</i></p> <p><b>Last Day to Submit Political Party Endorsements</b> The deadline for the chairperson of any qualified political party to submit an official list of candidates endorsed by the party to the ROV. <i>Elections Code § 13302(b)</i></p> <p><b>Appointments Submitted to the Board of Supervisors</b> A letter requesting the names for appointments by the Board of Supervisors in lieu of election will be submitted by the ROV. Special districts governed by the Uniform District Election Law may submit a letter requesting the names for appointment in lieu of election to the Board of Supervisors. <i>Elections Code § 10515</i></p>
<p><b>March 12, 11:00 a.m.</b> (E-82)</p>	<p><b>Randomized Alphabet Drawing</b> The SOS and the ROV will draw letters to determine the order in which candidates appear on the ballot. <i>Elections Code § 13112</i></p>
<p><b>March 12 – 21</b> (E-82 to E-73)</p>	<p><b>10-day Public Examination Period for Statement of Qualifications</b> The public examination period for Statements of Qualifications submitted during an extended nomination period. <i>Elections Code §§ 8022, 8024, 8204, 10225, 10407, 10516, 10604</i></p>
<p><b>March 26</b> (E-68)</p>	<p><b>Certified List of Candidates for Federal and State Offices</b> The SOS will issue the certified list of candidates. <i>Elections Code §§ 8147-8150</i></p>
<p><b>April 3 – 18***</b> (E-60 to E-45)</p>	<p><b>Military / Overseas Vote by Mail Ballots</b> The mailing and processing period for military and overseas voters. <i>Elections Code §§ 300, 3101-3123, 52 U.S.C. § 20302 (MOVE Act)</i></p>
<p><b>April 6 – May 19</b> (E-57 to E-14)</p>	<p><b>Write-in Candidacy Period</b> Candidates may pick up write-in candidacy nomination papers at the ROV anytime between these dates. <i>Elections Code § 8600-8606</i></p>
<p><b>April 23</b> (E-40)</p>	<p><b>County Voter Information Guides are Mailed to Registered Voters</b> The ROV will begin mailing the County Voter Information Guides. <i>Elections Code § 13303</i></p> <p><b>First Pre-election Financial Statement Due</b> The last day for candidates listed on the ballot to file a Form 460 or Form 470 First Pre-election Statement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Period Covered: January 1 – April 18, 2026</li> </ul> <p><i>Government Code §§ 84200.5, 84200.8, 84218</i></p>

<p><b>May 4</b> (E-29)</p>	<p><b>Vote-by-Mail Ballot Mailing</b> No later than <u>E-29</u>, the ROV will mail vote-by-mail ballots to all registered voters. <i>Elections Code § 4005(a)(1)(B)</i></p> <p><b>Early Voting Begins</b> Voters may vote in person or drop off a ballot at the ROV office or official drop box location. <i>Elections Code §§ 3001, 3200-3206</i></p> <p><b>Official Ballot Drop Box Deployment</b> ROV drop box locations will be available on or before this date. A list will be printed in the County Voter Information Guide and the ROV website. <i>Elections Code §§ 3025.5(a)(b), 4005(a)(1)</i></p>
<p><b>May 17 – June 1</b> (E-16 to E-1)</p>	<p><b>24-Hour Statement of Organization Filing Requirements Due</b> Any recipient committee (Form 410) or slate mailer organization (Form 400) that qualifies during the 16 days before the election must file its Statement of Organization within 24 hours of qualification. <i>Government Code §§ 84101, 84108</i></p>
<p><b>May 18</b> (E-15)</p>	<p><b>Last Day to Register to Vote</b> The deadline to register to vote for this Election. Postmarks, DMV submissions, and elections office delivery/drop-off are acceptable. <i>Elections Code §§ 1070-2171, 2102</i></p>
<p><b>May 19</b> (E-14)</p>	<p><b>Last Day to file as a Write-in Candidate</b> The deadline for candidates to file write-in candidacy nomination papers. <i>Elections Code § 8600-8606</i></p>
<p><b>May 19 – June 2</b> (E-14 to E-Day)</p>	<p><b>Conditional Voter Registration</b> Eligible voters who missed the 15-day close may appear in person at the ROV or a polling place on Election Day and register to vote provisionally for this election. <i>Elections Code § 2170</i></p>
<p><b>May 22</b> (E-12)</p>	<p><b>Second Pre-election Financial Statement Due</b> The last day for committees to file a Form 460 Second Pre-election Statement.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Period Covered: April 19 – May 16, 2026</li> </ul> <i>Government Code §§ 84200.5, 84200.8(b), 84218</i></p>
<p><b>May 22</b> (E-11)</p>	<p><b>Certified List of Write-in Candidates</b> The SOS will prepare and send a certified list of write-in candidates to the affected county officials, and each candidate will run in the affected offices. <i>Elections Code §§ 6241, 6441, 6621, 6822</i></p>

<p><b>June 2</b> (Election Day)</p>	<p><b>Election Day</b> All polling places are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. for drop-off or in-person voting. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by this date. <i>Elections Code §§ 1000, 1500, 14212</i></p> <p>Beginning at 8:00 p.m., the ROV reports election results and reports totals to the SOS at least every two hours until completed.</p>
<p><b>June 3</b> (E+1)</p>	<p><b>Semifinal Official Canvass</b> Beginning at 8 a.m. until completed, the ROV conducts the semifinal official canvass of votes and reports the totals to the SOS. <i>Elections Code §§ 15150, 15151</i></p>
<p><b>June 9</b> (E+7)</p>	<p><b>Deadline to receive Vote-by-Mail ballots.</b> The last day for the ROV to receive ballots postmarked on or before Election Day. <i>Elections Code § 3020</i></p>
<p>{two days before certification}</p>	<p><b>Deadline to return Signature Verification Statements</b> The last day for voters to return signature verification statements must be received by the ROV no later than 5 p.m. on the date provided in their cure letter. <i>Elections Code § 3019(d)(A)</i></p>
<p><b>July 2</b> (E+30)</p>	<p><b>Election Certification</b> The ROV must complete the official canvass and certify election results by this date; the governing bodies consolidated with this election will receive a certified statement of the votes. <i>Elections Code §§ 15301, 15372, 15375</i></p> <p><b>Refunds of Excess SOQ Payments</b> The ROV issues refunds to candidates if applicable. <i>Elections Code § 13307(d)</i></p>
<p><b>July 10</b> (E+38)</p>	<p><b>Statement of the Votes Filed</b> The deadline for the SOS to compile and file the statement of the votes for this election. <i>Elections Code §§ 15500, 15501, 15503</i></p>
<p><b>July 13</b> {Date set by ROV}</p>	<p><b>Certified Statement of Results</b> On or around this date, the ROV will compile and present each district with certified results and certificates for their appointed and winning candidates in this election. <i>Elections Code §§ 15372, 15400, and Government Code § 23568</i></p>
<p><b>July 31</b> {Date set by law}</p>	<p><b>Semi-annual Campaign Statement</b> The last day for all required candidates, organizations, and committees to file Semi-annual campaign statements unless the committee filed termination Forms 410 and 460 before June 30, 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Period Covered: May 17 – June 30, 2026</li> </ul> <p><i>Government Code §§ 84200, 84218</i></p>



<b>November</b>	<p><b>Federal &amp; Statewide Voter-Nominated Candidates</b> The top two vote-getters from the primary election will advance to the general election for the voter-nominated office, even if both candidates have specified the same party preference designation.</p> <p><b>Countywide and Local Candidates</b> The two candidates receiving the most votes from the primary election advance to the general election</p>
<b>December</b>	<p><b>Elected and Appointed State Assemblymembers and State Senators</b> All State Assemblymembers and State Senators will take office on the first Monday in December following their election. <i>California Constitution Article IV § 2(a) 3</i></p>
<b>January</b>	<p><b>Elected and Appointed City of Stockton Officials</b> All City Councilmembers will take office on January 1 of the year following their election. <i>Stockton Municipal Code Article VI § 601</i></p>
<b>January</b>	<p><b>Elected and Appointed Judges of the Supreme Court and Judges of Superior Courts</b> All judges will take office on the first Monday after January 1 following their election. <i>California Constitution Article VI § 16</i></p> <p><b>Elected and Appointed County Officers</b> All County officers will take office at noon on the first Monday after January 1 succeeding their election. <i>Government Code §§ 24000, 24200</i></p>
<b>January</b>	<p><b>Elected and Appointed United States Officials</b> All U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives will take office at noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January. The U.S. President and U.S. Vice President will take office at noon on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January. <i>United States Constitution 12th Amendment</i></p>

\* This date has shifted from E-173 to E-165 per SB 280 and is for this election only and does not apply to future elections.

\*\* Because this deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, it is extended to the next business day, as provided by Elections Code § 15.

*Elections Code § 15, Government Code §§ 6700, 6701, 6707*

\*\*\* The E-45 deadline that requires ballots to be sent to military and overseas voters must be adhered to and does not move forward even if the date falls on a Saturday.

*Elections Code § 3114, Federal Move Act*

**Note:** "E-" days indicate the number of days before Election Day. "E+" days indicate the number of days after Election Day.

**The ROV has no authority to extend filing deadlines established by law. The candidate must be aware of all deadlines and make sure that they file their appropriate documents and forms before the deadline.**