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Summary of
Qualifications and Requirements for the Office of

UNITED STATES SENATOR

June 5, 2012, Presidential Primary Election

I. QUALIFICATIONS

Every candidate shall be at least 30 years of age, a U.S. citizen for nine years, and a resident of California on January 3, 2013, the date he or she would be sworn into office if elected.¹

U.S. Const., art. I, § 3

II. REQUIREMENTS

A. FILING FEE

1. Full Payment of Filing Fee

Every candidate must pay a filing fee equal to 2% of the first year salary as of the first day on which a candidate may circulate petitions in lieu of filing fee. Currently, the filing fee is \$3,480. The filing fee must be paid to the county elections official at the time the candidate obtains the nomination papers from the county elections official.

§§ 8103(a)(1), 8105²

2. Signatures In Lieu of Filing Fee

A candidate may choose to submit, by February 23, 2012 (E-103), a minimum of 10,000 valid signatures on petitions in lieu of filing fee. § 8106(a)(3) & (b)(3)

a. The in lieu of filing fee petition may be obtained from the county elections official and circulated between December 30, 2011 (E-158)³, and February 23, 2012 (E-103). Sections of in-lieu-filing-fee petitions shall be filed with the county elections official of the county in which the signers reside. § 8106

b. The candidate may submit signatures to cover all or any prorated portion of the filing fee. § 8106(b)(3)

¹ There is no durational residency requirement to be a candidate for United States Senator.

² All code section references are to the California Elections Code unless stated otherwise.

³ Due to pending redistricting litigation in the California Supreme Court, this date may be postponed.

- c. Any registered voter may sign an in-lieu-filing-fee petition for any candidate for whom he or she is eligible to vote. § 8106(b)(1)
- d. Each circulator of an in-lieu-filing-fee petition shall be a California registered voter. The circulator shall serve within the county in which he or she resides. § 8106(b)(4)
- e. Within 10 days after receipt of the petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. The candidate shall then, prior to March 9, 2012 (E-88), either submit a supplemental petition containing additional signatures or pay a pro rata portion of the filing fee to cover the deficiency. § 8106(b)(3)
- f. Signatures in lieu of the filing fee may be counted towards the nomination sponsor signature requirements. § 8106(d)

Signature In Lieu of Filing Fee Requirements

§ 8106(a)(3)

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Filing Fee</u>	<u>Signatures In Lieu of Filing Fee</u>	<u>Value of Each Signature</u>
All Candidates (Except Write-In Candidates)	\$3,480.00	10,000	\$0.348

B. BALLOT DESIGNATIONS

- 1. Each candidate who submits a ballot designation shall file a ballot designation worksheet that supports the use of that ballot designation by the candidate. The ballot designation worksheet shall be filed with the elections official at the same time that the candidate files his or her declaration of candidacy. § 13107.3
- 2. The designation shall remain the same for all purposes of both primary and general elections, unless the candidate, at least 98 days prior to the general election, requests in writing a different designation which the candidate is entitled to use at the time of the request. The written request must be accompanied by a ballot designation worksheet. § 13107(e)

C. FOR ALL CANDIDATES (EXCEPT WRITE-IN CANDIDATES)

- 1. Between February 13, 2012 (E-113), and March 9, 2012 (E-88), obtain nomination documents from the county elections official of the candidate's county of residence. Nomination documents include nomination papers for collecting signatures and a Declaration of Candidacy that must be executed by the candidate. §§ 333, 8020, 8040, 8041

2. Nomination Papers

- a. Gather between 65 and 100 signatures for filing the nomination papers. § 8062(a)(1)
- b. Signatures on the in-lieu-filing-fee petitions may satisfy this signature requirement. § 8061
- c. Any candidate may obtain signatures to and sign his or her own nomination papers. § 106(a)
- d. All signers must be registered California voters. §§ 100, 8068
- e. The candidate may appoint persons to circulate the nomination papers. Circulators shall be registered California voters. § 8066
- f. Between February 13, 2012 (E-113), and March 9, 2012 (E-88), each section of the nomination paper shall be delivered to the county elections official of the county in which the signer resides and is a voter. §§ 8020, 8063

3. Declaration of Candidacy

- a. The Declaration of Candidacy shall be obtained from, and delivered to, the county elections official of the county in which the candidate resides and is a voter. § 8064
 - b. Upon request of a candidate, the county elections official shall provide the candidate with a Declaration of Candidacy. The county elections official shall not require a candidate to sign, file, or sign and file a Declaration of Candidacy as a condition of receiving nomination papers. § 8020(d)
 - c. The county elections official shall require all candidates filing a Declaration of Candidacy to execute the declaration in his or her office unless the candidate, in a written statement signed and dated by the candidate, designates a third party to obtain the declaration form from the county elections official and to deliver it to the candidate. The written statement shall state that the candidate is aware that the Declaration of Candidacy must be properly executed and delivered not later than March 9, 2012 (E-88), to the office of the county elections official from whom it was received. Any person may return the completed Declaration of Candidacy. § 8028
4. If the eligible incumbent fails to file the nomination documents by 5:00 p.m. on March 9, 2012 (E-88), any other person, if otherwise qualified, may obtain and file the nomination documents by 5:00 p.m. on March 14, 2012 (E-83). § 8022

5. If only one person has declared a candidacy for a voter-nominated office at the Presidential Primary Election and that candidate dies after March 9, 2012 (E-88), but on or before March 14, 2012 (E-83), any person otherwise qualified may circulate and deliver nomination documents for the nomination for that office to the county elections official by 5:00 p.m. on March 23, 2012 (E-74). § 8025

D. FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES ONLY AND ONLY FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION³

1. Filing Fees

Write-in candidates are not required to pay filing fees. § 8604

2. Nomination Papers

- a. Gather between 65 and 100 signatures for filing the nomination papers. §§ 8062(a)(1), 8600
- b. Signers must be registered California voters. § 8603
- c. The candidate may appoint persons to circulate the nomination papers. Circulators shall be registered voters in California. § 8066
- d. Between April 9, 2012 (E-57), and May 22, 2012 (E-14), circulate nomination papers for signatures and leave them for examination with the county elections official of the county in which the signers reside. § 8601

3. Statement of Write-In Candidacy


- a. Between April 9, 2012 (E-57), and May 22, 2012 (E-14), file a Statement of Write-In Candidacy. § 8601
- b. The Statement of Write-In Candidacy shall contain the following information:
 - i. Candidate's name,
 - ii. Candidate's complete residence address,
 - iii. A declaration stating that the candidate is a write-in candidate,
 - iv. The name of the office for which the candidate is running,
 - v. The date of the election, and

³ Write-in candidates can only run in the Presidential Primary Election. A write-in candidate from the primary election is eligible to have his or her name on the ballot in the general election if that candidate is one of the top-two vote-getters at the Presidential Primary Election. (Elections Code § 8605.)

STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION CALENDAR

JUNE 5, 2012

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

Proposition 14, the Top Two Candidate Open Primary Act passed by the voters in June 2010, provides for a "voter-nominated primary election" for state elective and congressional offices without regard to political party preference disclosed by either the candidate or the voter. The two candidates receiving the two highest vote totals for each office, regardless of party preference, would then compete at the ensuing General Election. **There are several changes to this calendar due to its enactment. Look for the changes indicated by this icon:**  **These changes may not be final. Watch for updates.**

**December 30, 2011
through
February 8, 2012
(E-158 - 118)**

SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE PETITIONS (JUDICIAL OFFICES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

ONLY): Dates between which all candidates for judicial offices of the Superior Court may obtain from the Registrar of Voters office petitions for securing Signatures-In-Lieu of paying for all of, or any part of, the Filing Fee for an office. **§§ 8061, 8105(b), 8106**

Only registered voters who are qualified to vote for the candidate may sign the petition. No voter shall sign more petitions for candidates than there are offices to be filled. **§ 8106**

The Registrar of Voters' office will issue petitions for obtaining the minimum number of Signatures-In-Lieu of paying the Filing Fee. If the candidate requires an additional quantity of petitions, the candidate may duplicate a blank petition to obtain the desired quantity. **§ 8106**

Signatures on Petitions In-Lieu of Filing Fee may be applied to and combined with the valid number of signatures on Nomination Papers to satisfy the signature requirement for the office. **§ 8061**

The last day to file Signatures-In-Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions for candidates for judicial office of the Superior Court is **February 8, 2012, 5:00 p.m.** **§§ 8105(b), 8106**

**December 30, 2011
through
February 23, 2012
(E-158 - 103)**

SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE PETITIONS (NOT JUDICIAL OFFICES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT):

Dates between which all candidates for offices, other than judicial offices of the Superior Court, may obtain from the Registrar of Voters' office petitions for securing Signatures-In-Lieu of paying for all of, or any part of, the Filing Fee for an office. **§§ 8061, 8105, 8106**

January 30, 2012
through
February 8, 2012
(E-127 – 118)

Only registered voters who are qualified to vote for the candidate may sign the petition. No voter shall sign more petitions for candidates than there are offices to be filled. § 8106

For **party-nominated/partisan offices**, signers shall be registered voters who disclosed on their registration affidavits a preference for the party in which the nomination is proposed. § 8068

NEW For the June 5, 2012 Statewide Direct Primary Election, voter-nominated offices are **Member of the United States Senate, Member of Congress, Member of the State Senate, and Member of the State Assembly**. For voter-nominated offices, signers shall be registered voters in the district in which the candidate is to be voted on. **Signers do not need to be affiliated with the same party as the candidate or have disclosed a preference for any party on their registration affidavits.**** § 8068

The Registrar of Voters' office will issue petitions for obtaining the minimum number of Signatures-In-Lieu of paying the Filing Fee. If the candidate requires an additional quantity of petitions, the candidate may duplicate a blank petition to obtain the desired quantity. § 8106

Signatures on Petitions In-Lieu of Filing Fee may be applied to and combined with the valid number of signatures on Nomination Papers to satisfy the signature requirement for the office. § 8061

The last day to file Signatures In-Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions for all candidates for offices, other than judicial offices of the Superior Court, who must pay a Filing Fee is **February 23, 2012, 5:00 p.m.** §§ 8105, 8106

DECLARATION OF INTENTION (JUDICIAL OFFICES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT ONLY): Dates between which candidates for judicial offices of the Superior Court must file a Declaration of Intention to become a candidate for office. § 8023

EXCEPTION: If an incumbent fails to file a Declaration of Intention by **February 8, 2012, 5:00 p.m.**, persons other than the incumbent have until **February 13, 2012*, 5:00 p.m.** to file a Declaration of Intention. §§ 8022, 8023(b)

The Filing Fee, or Signatures-In-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition, all or part, must be submitted at the time the Declaration of Intention

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**January 31, 2012
(Date fixed by law)
(E-126)**

**February 9, 2012
through
February 13, 2012*
(E-117 – 113)**

**February 6, 2012
through
March 7, 2012
(E-120 – 90)**

**February 13, 2012*
through
March 9, 2012
(E-113 – 88)**

is filed. **The Filing Fee is non-refundable.** This applies to all candidates who are required to file a Declaration of Intention.

§ 8105(b)

SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

STATEMENTS DUE: Last day to file semi-annual campaign disclosure statements for all candidates and slate mailer organizations for the period ending **December 31, 2011.**

Gov't §§ 84200, 84218

EXTENDED FILING PERIOD FOR DECLARATION OF INTENTION (JUDICIAL OFFICES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT ONLY):

Extension of period for persons other than the incumbent where the incumbent fails to file a Declaration of Intention by **February 8, 2012, 5:00 p.m.** **§§ 8022, 8023(b)**

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 file; 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. **§ 12112(a)**

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(b)**

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS -- CANDIDATE FILING (ALL OFFICES, INCLUDING JUDICIAL OFFICES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT):

Nomination Papers and Declaration of Candidacy forms for all offices may be obtained from and must be delivered for filing to the Registrar of Voters' office from **February 13, 2012 through March 9, 2012, 5:00 p.m.** No person shall be considered a legally qualified candidate for any office unless that person has filed a Declaration of Candidacy or Statement of Write-in Candidacy with the elections official.

§§ 8020, 8041, 8061, 8100, 8105, 8106, 10407

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

EXCEPTION: If an incumbent, (see below regarding Judges of the Superior Court), fails to file Nomination Papers and a Declaration of Candidacy by **March 9, 2012**, the filing period is extended through **March 14, 2012** for all qualified persons other than the incumbent. However if the incumbent's failure to file nomination documents is because he/she has already served the maximum number of terms permitted by the California Constitution for that office, there shall be no extension of the period for filing the nomination documents. **§§ 8022, 8024**

If an incumbent Judge of the Superior Court files a Declaration of Intention, but fails to qualify for the nomination by **March 9, 2012**, there is a 5-day extension allowed for all qualified persons other than the incumbent to file for such office, notwithstanding that he/she has not filed a written and signed Declaration of Intention to become a candidate for the office. **§ 8204**

Signers shall be registered voters in the district in which the candidate is to be voted on. For **party-nominated/partisan offices (President/Vice President and Member of County Central Committee)**, signers shall be registered voters who disclosed a preference on their registration affidavits for the party in which the nomination is proposed. **§ 8068**

NEW For the June 5, 2012 Statewide Direct Primary Election, voter-nominated offices are **Member of the U.S. Senate, Member of Congress, Member of the State Senate, and Member of the State Assembly**. For voter-nominated offices, signers shall be registered voters in the district in which the candidate is to be voted on. **Signers do not need to be affiliated with the same party as the candidate or have disclosed a preference for any party on their registration affidavits.**** **§ 8068**

NEW For voter-nominated offices, a candidate may indicate his or her party preference, or lack of party preference, as disclosed upon the candidate's most recent registration affidavit, upon his or her Declaration of Candidacy. If a candidate indicates his/her party preference on his/her Declaration of Candidacy, it shall appear on the Primary and General Elections' ballots in conjunction with his/her name. The candidate's designated party preference on the ballot shall not be changed between the Primary and General Elections. A candidate for voter-nominated office may also choose not to have the party preference disclosed upon his/her most recent affidavit of registration indicated upon the ballot.** **§§ 8002.5, 13105**

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NEW A candidate designating a party preference for a voter-nominated office shall not be deemed to be the official nominee of the party designated as preferred by the candidate. The party preference is shown for the information of the voters only. **§ 8002.5

For party-nominated/partisan offices (county central committee offices), Registrar of Voters' staff will verify on the candidate's Declaration of Candidacy his/her party preference as disclosed upon his/her most recent registration affidavit. His/her name and Ballot Designation, if applicable, will be listed on that party's ballot.
§§ 8068, 8081

NEW **CANDIDATE PARTY PREFERENCE HISTORY:**
Under the Top Two Candidate Open Primary Act (Proposition 14) which was approved by California voters in June of 2010, the Secretary of State is required to provide the political party preference history for the preceding 10 years for candidates for voter-nominated offices. A candidate is responsible for providing his/her party preference history on his/her Declaration of Candidacy filed by **March 9, 2012.****
§ 8121(b)

FILING FEES: Filing Fees must be paid at the time the Nomination Papers are obtained from the Registrar of Voters. This fee is nonrefundable. **(Candidates for judicial offices of the Superior Court pay the Filing Fee at the time of filing the Declaration of Intention to become a candidate.)** Signatures appearing on a filed Petition In-Lieu of Filing Fee can be counted toward the number of signatures required for the candidate's Nomination Papers. If the candidate's Signatures-In-Lieu of Filing Fee Petition contains the requisite number of valid signatures required for his/her Nomination Papers, the Registrar of Voters shall not require the candidate to circulate a Nomination Papers to be signed by qualified registered voters.
§§ 8061, 8105, 8106

Candidates who submit Signatures-In-Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions that do not contain the requisite number of signatures for the Nomination Papers are still entitled to file Nomination Papers during the nomination period provided the Filing Fee has been paid.
§§ 8061, 8106

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: Every candidate for an office specified in Government Code section 87200, other than a Justice of an Appellate or the Supreme Court, shall file no later than the final filing date for a Declaration of Candidacy, a statement disclosing his/her investments and his/her interests in real property and any income received during the immediately

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preceding 12 months. Such statement is not required if the candidate has filed, within 60 days prior to the filing of his/her Declaration of Candidacy, a statement for the same jurisdiction.

Gov't §§ 87200, 87201, 87500

CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICES: Each candidate for a nonpartisan office may prepare a statement on a form provided by the Registrar of Voters office. 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.** If the nomination period is extended because an incumbent eligible for reelection failed to file a Declaration of Candidacy, a candidate 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.**

§ 13307

The Registrar of Voters' office will estimate the total cost of printing and handling the Candidate's Statement 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.

§ 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 and on its website for 10 calendar days prior to being submitted for printing.

§§ 13311, 13313

CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

FOR CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES: All candidates for Congressional offices may prepare a Candidate's Statement, not to exceed 250 words. The statement must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 88th day prior to the election, or in the event the

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(E-103)

nomination period has been extended, until 5:00 p.m. on the 83rd day prior to the election, whichever is applicable. All statements may be submitted on the form provided by the county elections official of each county in which the candidate wishes to have his/her statement printed. Costs of providing statements to voters shall be paid by the candidates. **Congressional candidates do not need to voluntarily agree to expenditure limits to prepare a Candidate's Statement.** § 13307.5

CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

FOR LEGISLATIVE OFFICES: Pursuant to Proposition 34 adopted by the voters in November of 2000, all candidates for State elective offices as specified in Government Code section 82053 **who have voluntarily agreed to expenditure limits may prepare a Candidate's Statement.** Gov't § 85601

The statement must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 88th day prior to the election, or in the event the nomination period has been extended, until 5:00 p.m. on the 83rd day prior to the election, whichever is applicable. All statements may be submitted on the form provided by the county election official of each county in which the candidate wishes to have his/her statement printed. Costs of providing statements to voters shall be paid by the candidates. Gov't § 85601

CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS
MAY MAKE NO REFERENCE TO ANOTHER

CANDIDATE: In addition to the restrictions set forth in Section 13307, a Candidate's Statement for any office 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

LAST DAY TO FILE SIGNATURES IN-LIEU OF FILING
FEE PETITIONS (NOT JUDICIAL OFFICES OF THE

SUPERIOR COURT): The last day for filing Signatures-In-Lieu of Filing Fee Petitions for candidates, other than those seeking nomination for judicial offices of the Superior Court, is **February 23, 2012, 5:00 p.m.** §§ 8105, 8106

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**March 9, 2012
(E-88)**

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**March 10, 2012
through
March 14, 2012
(E-87 – 83)**

LAST DAY TO REQUEST CONSOLIDATION OF

ELECTION WITH PRIMARY ELECTION: Resolution requesting consolidation with Statewide Direct Primary Election must be filed no later than this date. **§ 10403**

DEADLINE FOR FILING SUPPLEMENTAL SIGNATURES

IN LIEU OF FILING FEE PETITIONS: Last day to file with the Registrar of Voters' office supplemental signatures or pay a pro rata portion of the Filing Fee to cover any deficiency. **§ 8106(b)(3)**

DEADLINE – CIRCULATION OF NOMINATION

DOCUMENTS: Last day to circulate and to file nomination documents and a Candidate's Statement of Qualifications with the Registrar of Voters' office. **§§ 8020, 13307**

EXTENSION OF NOMINATION PERIOD IF INCUMBENT

FAILS TO FILE: If an incumbent for voter-nominated offices – Member of United States Senate, Member of Congress, Member of the State Senate, and Member of the State Assembly – who is eligible for re-election fails to file his/her nomination documents by **March 9, 2012**, there is a 5-day extension allowed for any qualified person other than the incumbent to file for such office. However, **no 5-day extension occurs if the incumbent's failure to file is because he/she has already served the maximum number of terms permitted by the California Constitution for that office.** **§ 8022**

Notwithstanding Section 8020 or any other provision of the law, if nomination documents for an incumbent officer of a county are not delivered by 5:00 p.m. on the 88th day before the Statewide Direct Primary Election, any person other than the person who was the incumbent on the 88th day shall have until 5:00 p.m. on the 83rd day before the election to file nomination documents for the elective office. **§ 8024**

If an incumbent Judge of the Superior Court files a Declaration of Intention, but fails to qualify for the nomination by **March 9, 2012**, there is a 5-day extension allowed for all qualified persons other than the incumbent to file for such office, notwithstanding that he/she has not filed a written and signed Declaration of Intention to become a candidate for the office. **§ 8204**

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

§§ 10516, 10604

**March 10, 2012
through
March 19, 2012
(E-87 – 78)**

**March 10, 2012
through
March 23, 2012
(E-87 – 74)**

**March 10, 2012
through
March 29, 2012
(E-87 – 68)**

**March 10, 2012
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March 19, 2012
(E-87 – 78)**

PETITION INDICATING WRITE-IN CAMPAIGN WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR A JUDICIAL OFFICE OF THE

SUPERIOR COURT: In any county in which only the incumbent has filed Nomination Papers for the office of Superior Court Judge, his/her name will not appear on the ballot unless there is filed with the Registrar of Voters' office, within 10 days **(March 10 through March 19, 2012, 5:00 p.m.)** after the final date for filing Nomination Papers for the office, a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted for the office and signed by 100 registered voters qualified to vote with respect to the office. **§ 8203**

NOMINATION PERIOD EXTENSION WHEN THE ONLY PARTY-NOMINATED/PARTISAN OR VOTER-

NOMINATED OFFICE CANDIDATE DIES: If only one candidate has filed Nomination Papers for a partisan nomination at the Statewide Direct Primary Election for a party qualified to participate at that election or for nomination at the Statewide Direct Primary Election for a voter-nominated office, and that candidate dies between **March 10 and March 14, 2012**, any person qualified under § 8001 may circulate and deliver nomination documents for the contest to the Registrar of Voters' office not later than **5:00 p.m. on March 23, 2012.** **§ 8025**

DEATH OF INCUMBENT CANDIDATE OR LONE OPPONENT – NONPARTISAN, NON-JUDICIAL OFFICE;

NOMINATION PERIOD REOPENS: Death of an incumbent or lone opponent between these dates causes filing to reopen between the day following the death and E-68. Any person qualified to be a candidate for the office may circulate and return nomination documents by **March 29, 2012, 5:00 p.m.** **§ 8027**

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

During this period, Candidates' Statements of Qualifications and Ballot Designations will be available for public examination. These Candidates' Statements and Ballot Designations will be available at the Registrar of Voters' office on Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and will be posted on the Registrar of Voters' website. **§ 13313**

**March 14, 2012
(E-83)**

**March 15, 2012
(11:00 a.m.)
(E-82)
(Secretary of State
& Registrar of
Voters)**

**March 15, 2012
through
March 23, 2012
(E-82 – 74)**

**March 22, 2012
(Date fixed by law)
(E-75)**

**March 29, 2012
(E-68)**

ONLY ONE NOMINEE – COUNTY BOARD OF

EDUCATION: If by 5:00 p.m. on March 14, 2012, only one person has been nominated for each trustee area for County Board of Education, or no one has been nominated for the offices, and a petition signed by 10% of the voters or 50 voters, whichever is the smaller number, in the district or trustee area, if elected by trustee area, requesting that an election be held has not been presented to the Registrar of Voters, appointment will be made in lieu of election. **Ed. §§ 5326, 5328**

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 Statewide Direct Primary 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 State legislative offices when the district includes more than one county.

§§ 13111(i), 13112

PUBLIC REVIEW FOR CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS AND BALLOT DESIGNATIONS IF NOMINATION PERIOD HAS BEEN EXTENDED:

Public review period for Candidates' Statements of Qualifications and Ballot Designations filed during the extended filing period. **§ 13313**

FIRST PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

STATEMENTS DUE: The last day to file campaign disclosure statements for candidates and committees for the period ending March 17, 2012. **Gov't §§ 84200.5, 84200.7**

NEW

CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES AND

ROTATION LIST: The last day for the Secretary of State to prepare and send to the Registrar of Voters a certified list of candidates arranged according to the randomized alphabet drawn on March 15, 2012. This list will show the name of every person eligible to receive votes within the county at the Statewide Direct Primary Election, their addresses, their Ballot Designations, the offices for which each person is a candidate, and, if the office is partisan, the party each person represents. With respect to candidates for voter-nominated offices, the party preference designation indicated on his/her Declaration of Candidacy shall be listed.**

§§ 8120, 8122, 8123, 8124, 8125, 8149

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<p>March 29, 2012 (E-68)</p>	<p><u>UNCONTESTED COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE</u> OFFICE: If on this day, no petition signed by 25 registered voters affiliated with the political party involved is filed with the Registrar of Voters' office indicating a write-in campaign where regularly filed candidates are fewer than, or equal to the number to be elected from that assembly or supervisorial district, names will be omitted from the ballot and candidates will be declared elected. §§ 7228, 7423, 7673, 7772.1</p>
<p>March 29, 2012 (E-68)</p>	<p><u>DEATH OF CANDIDATE:</u> Last day for Registrar of Voters to remove deceased candidate's name from Statewide Direct Primary Election ballot. § 8809</p>
<p>April 6, 2012 (E-60)</p>	<p><u>SPECIAL ABSENTEE VOTERS' BALLOT</u> APPLICATIONS: The first day the county elections official may process applications for special absentee voters' ballots. Any applications received by the county elections official prior to this day shall be kept and processed on or after this date. If the applicant is not a resident of the county to which he or she has applied, the elections official receiving the application shall forward it immediately to the proper county. §§ 300(b), 3100, 3103</p>
<p>April 6, 2012 through June 5, 2012 (E-60 – 0)</p>	<p><u>LIST OF VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTERS:</u> First day CDs are available for purchase indicating all voters who have been issued a vote-by-mail ballot.</p>
<p>April 9, 2012 through May 22, 2012 (E-57 – 14)</p>	<p><u>NEW WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:</u> First day Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers are available for a write-in candidate. Must be filed with the Registrar of Voters' office by May 22, 2012, 5:00 p.m. A person seeking a voter-nominated office may become a write-in candidate only for the Statewide Direct Primary Election; there are no write-in candidates for voter-nominated offices on the General Election ballot. A person whose name has been written on the ballot as a write-in candidate for a voter-nominated office at the General Election shall not be counted.** § 8601</p>
<p>April 26, 2012 through May 26, 2012 (E-40 – 10)</p>	<p><u>STATE AND COUNTY SAMPLE BALLOT PAMPHLET</u> MAILINGS: Between these dates, State Ballot Pamphlets will be mailed directly to voters by the Secretary of State (April 26 through May 15) and the Registrar of Voters will mail County Sample Ballot Pamphlets (April 26 through May 26). §§ 9094(a), 13300, 13304</p>

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**May 30, 2012
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June 5, 2012
(E-6 – 0)**

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SPECIAL ABSENTEE VOTER – RECALLED TO

MILITARY SERVICE: A registered special absentee voter recalled to service **after May 29, 2012, but before 5:00 p.m. on June 4, 2012**, may appear before the county elections official and obtain 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 and returned as are other voted vote-by-mail ballots. **§ 3110**

VOTE-BY MAIL VOTING – LATE CONDITIONS: During this period, vote-by-mail ballots are available when conditions prevent voting at the polling place. Written application signed under penalty of perjury is required unless the vote-by-mail voter's ballot is voted in the office of the elections official. **§ 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 **June 5, 2012, 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. **§§ 3017, 3020**

SEMI-OFFICIAL CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS: Beginning at 8:00 p.m. and continuously until completed, the Registrar of Voters shall conduct the semi-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 to vote in the county elections official's office or in a polling place. **§§ 300(b), 3108**

An unregistered special absentee voter who was released from service after the close of registration and who has returned to his or 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 service is required. On or before the day of the election, the county elections official shall deliver to the precinct board a list of special absentee voters registered under Elections Code section 3107. **§ 3107**

**June 6, 2012
(E+1)**

**July 3, 2012
(E+28)**

**July 3, 2012
(E+28)**

**July 31, 2012
(Date fixed by law)
(E+56)**

A special absentee voter who returns to the county after **May 29, 2012** may appear before the county elections official and apply 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 the election and returned as are other voted vote-by-mail ballots. **§ 3109**

COMMENCE OFFICIAL CANVASS OF ELECTION

RETURNS: The Registrar of Voters will begin the official canvass of the precinct returns. **§ 15301**

COMPLETE CANVASS OF OFFICIAL RETURNS AND

CERTIFY RESULTS BY THIS DATE: Following submission of the certified statement of results by the Registrar of Voters by this date, the Board of Supervisors declares the results of the election. **§§ 15372, 15400**

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION: Approximately on this date, the elections official shall make and deliver to each person elected or nominated, a certificate of election or nomination, signed by the elections official. **§ 15401**

SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

STATEMENTS DUE: Last day to file semi-annual campaign disclosure statements for all candidates and committees for the period through **June 30, 2012**. **Gov't §§ 84200, 84218**

NOTE: Candidates for federal office should contact the Federal Elections Commission at the address or toll-free telephone number below to obtain information regarding campaign disclosure filing requirements and the forms on which to file.

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