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December 30 – February 8 (158 – 118)	<p><i>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE – JUDICIAL CANDIDATES (E.C. §§ 8061, 8105, 8106)</i></p> <p>During this period, a candidate for a judicial office may obtain his or her forms from the county elections official for circulating petitions to secure signatures in lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Signatures may also be applied to the signature requirements for office on the nomination paper.</p>
December 30 – February 23 (158 – 103)	<p><i>SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE – NON-JUDICIAL CANDIDATES (E.C. §§ 8061, 8106)</i></p> <p>During this period, a candidate for any office with a filing fee may obtain his or her forms from the county elections official for circulating petitions to secure signatures in lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Signatures may also be applied to the signature requirements for office on the nomination paper.</p>
January 1 – January 31 (156 – 126)	<p><i>FILING PERIOD FOR SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (G.C. § 84200, 84218)</i></p> <p>Statement covers transactions through December 31. Statements must be sent by personal delivery or first class mail.</p>
January 9 (148)	<p><i>GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION (E.C. § 12000)</i></p> <p>By this date, the Governor shall issue a proclamation calling the primary election and shall state the time of the election and the offices to be filled and transmit a copy of the proclamation to the board of supervisors of each county. The Secretary of State will send an informational copy of the proclamation to each county election official.</p>
January 30 – February 8 (127 – 118)	<p><i>DECLARATION OF INTENTION PERIOD – JUDICIAL CANDIDATES ONLY (E.C. §§ 8023, 8105)</i></p> <p>Between these dates judicial candidates must file a Declaration of Intention with the Registrar of Voters. The filing fee or petitions in lieu of the filing fee, all or part, must be submitted at the time the Declaration of Intention is filed. The filing fee is nonrefundable.</p>
February 9 – February 13 (117 – 113)	<p><i>EXTENDED FILING PERIOD FOR DECLARATION OF INTENTION – JUDICIAL CANDIDATES ONLY (E.C. § 8023)</i></p> <p>Extension period for persons other than the incumbent where the incumbent fails to file a Declaration of Intention by close of business on February 8, 2012.</p>




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February 13 – March 9 (113 – 88)	<p><i>NOMINATION PERIOD (E.C. §§ 8020, 8041, 8061, 8100, 8105, 8106, 10407)</i></p> <p>During this period, all candidates must file their declarations of candidacy for office, circulate their nomination papers and deliver them to the county elections official for filing. All candidates must pay the nonrefundable filing fees or present in-lieu signatures at the time they receive their nomination papers from the county elections official. (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.) The number of valid in-lieu signatures any candidate obtains may be subtracted from the number required for his or her nomination papers. A candidate shall not be required to execute a nomination paper if the number of in-lieu signatures that meet the nomination requirement on the in-lieu petitions equals or exceeds the minimum number required by § 8062. Candidate Statements, the Ballot Designation Worksheet, and Statements of Economic Interests are to be filed at this time if applicable.</p>
February 13 – March 9 (113 – 88)	<p><i>NON-REFUNDABLE FILING FEE (E.C. §§ 8103, 8104, 8105)</i></p> <p>The non-refundable filing fee is based on the annual salary for the office on the first day to circulate petitions in lieu of filing fee. The filing fee requirement, if any, must be paid before nomination documents are issued. The filing fee may be paid in money, In-Lieu Petitions, or a combination of both.</p> <p>NOTE: The Registrar of Voters and the Secretary of State can only accept checks, cashier's checks, or money orders. We cannot accept cash. Candidates who do not qualify will not receive refunds.</p>
February 23 (103)	<p><i>LAST DAY TO SUBMIT SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE – NON-JUDICIAL CANDIDATES (E.C. §§ 8061, 8105, 8106(b)(3) & (b)(4))</i></p> <p>The last day for 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. Within ten days after receipt of a petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency. The candidate shall then cover the deficiency either by submitting a supplemental petition or by paying a prorated portion of the filing fee not later than March 9, 2012. Upon receipt of the required number of in-lieu signatures, or of a sufficient combination of such signatures and the prorated filing fee, the county elections official shall issue the nomination papers provisionally. Any candidate who submits a number of valid in-lieu signatures that meet the nomination signatures requirement and equals or exceeds the minimum number required by § 8062 for his or her nomination paper shall not be required to file the nomination papers.</p>
March 9 (88)	<p><i>LAST DAY OF NOMINATION PERIOD (E.C. §§ 8020, 8100, 13307; G.C. § 87201)</i></p> <p>Not later than 5:00 p.m. on this day, all candidates must deliver to the county elections official for filing their nomination documents including Candidate Statements, the Ballot Designation Worksheet, and Statement of Economic Interests if applicable.</p>
March 9 (88)	<p><i>LAST DAY FOR LOCAL AGENCIES (CITIES, SCHOOLS, SPECIAL DISTRICTS) TO CALL AN ELECTION AND FILE A REQUEST FOR CONSOLIDATION WITH THE PRIMARY ELECTION (E.C. § 10403)</i></p>

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March 10 (87)	<i>WITHDRAW CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (E.C. § 13307)</i> Last day to withdraw candidate statements, unless there is an extension of the nomination period. Withdrawal of candidate statements must be made in writing and received by 5:00 p.m. on March 10 th .
March 10 – March 19 (87 – 78)	<i>PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (E.C. § 13313)</i> During this period candidate statements are available for public examination.
March 10 – March 14 (87 – 83)	<i>NOMINATION PERIOD EXTENSION (E.C. § 8022)</i> If an eligible incumbent fails to qualify for the nomination by March 9, 2012, a five-day extension is allowed for any person, other than the incumbent, if otherwise qualified, to file for the office during the extended period. 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.
March 15 (82)	<i>WITHDRAW CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (EXTENSION) (E.C. § 13307)</i> In the event there is an extension of the nomination period, candidates may have until this date to withdraw their candidate's statement. Withdrawal of candidate statements must be made in writing and received by 5:00 p.m. on March 10 th .
March 15 – March 24 (82 – 73)	<i>PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS (EXTENSION) (E.C. § 13313)</i> During this period candidate statements are available for public examination for offices with an extension.
March 15 (82)	<i>RANDOMIZED ALPHABET DRAWING (E.C. § 13112(b), 13111)</i> The Secretary of State shall conduct the randomized alphabet drawing at 11:00 a.m. and mail the results immediately to county elections officials so that they may determine the order in which the candidates shall appear on the primary election ballot. If the office is that of State Senator or Member of the State Assembly and the district includes more than one county, the elections official in each county shall conduct a drawing and the results shall be used only to arrange the names of candidates when the district includes more than one county.
March 18 – March 22	<i>FILING PERIOD FOR FIRST PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (G.C. §§ 84200.5, 84200.7)</i> Filing period for 1 st pre-election campaign statement covers transactions through March 17. Statements must be sent by personal delivery or first class mail.
March 19 (78)	<i>LAST DAY TO FILE PETITION INDICATING A WRITE-IN CAMPAIGN WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR JUDICIAL OFFICES WITH AN UNOPPOSED INCUMBENT CANDIDATE (E.C. § 8203)</i>
March 29 (68)	<i>LAST DAY TO FILE PETITION INDICATING WRITE-IN CAMPAIGN WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE WITH INSUFFICIENT NOMINNEES (E.C. §§ 7228, 7423, 7673, 7772.1)</i>


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April 9 – May 22 (57 – 14)	<i>WRITE-IN CANDIDACY (E.C. § 8601)</i> During this period, all write-in candidates must file their statements of write-in candidacy and nomination papers with the county elections official.
April 10 (56)	<i>ORDER PRINTING OF ELECTION MATERIAL (E.C. § 13313)</i> Suggested date to prepare copy for printer and order ballots.
April 23 (43)	<i>SATELLITE LOCATION PRESS RELEASE (E.C. § 3018)</i> Notice of satellite locations shall be made by the elections official by the issuance of a general news release, issued not later than 14 days prior to voting at the satellite location, except that in a county with a declared emergency or disaster, notice shall be made not later than 48 hours prior to voting at the satellite location. The news release shall set forth the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none">  The satellite location or locations.  The dates and hours the satellite location or locations will be open.  A telephone number that voters may use to obtain information regarding vote-by-mail ballots and the satellite locations.
April 26 – May 15 (40 – 21)	<i>STATE BALLOT PAMPHLET MAILING TO VOTERS (E.C. § 9094)</i> Between these dates, the Secretary of State shall mail state ballot pamphlets to all households in which voters were registered by Friday, April 6, 2012.
April 26 – May 26 (40 – 10)	<i>REGISTRAR OF VOTERS TO MAIL SAMPLE BALLOT (E.C. §§ 13300, 13303)</i> Between these dates, the county elections official shall mail a polling place notice and an appropriate partisan or nonpartisan sample ballot to each registered voter. The polling place notice shall state whether the polling place is accessible to the physically disabled.
May 7 – May 26 (29 – 10)	<i>PUBLISH CENTRAL COUNTING PLACE (E.C. § 12109)</i> The elections official shall, not less than 10 days before the election, publish the notice of central counting place.
May 7 (29)	<i>MAILED BALLOT PRECINCTS (E.C. §§ 3005, 3010, 3017, 3018, 3020)</i> Approximate date to mail notices to voters in mailed ballot precincts, send official ballot and election material.
May 7 (29)	<i>PRECINCTS, POLLING PLACES & ELECTION OFFICERS (E.C. §§ 12280 et seq., 12300 et seq.)</i> Last day for Registrar of Voters to establish polling places and appoint election officers for this election. Immediately following appointment, the Registrar shall mail appointment notices to election officers.
May 7 – May 29 (29 – 7)	<i>VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION (E.C. §§ 3001, 3003)</i> Between these dates, any registered voter may apply to the county elections official for a Vote-by-Mail ballot.

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May 7 – May 29 (29 – 7)	<p><i>PUBLISH POLLING PLACES (E.C. § 12105)</i></p> <p>The elections official shall, not less than one week before the election, publish the list of the polling places designated for each election precinct.</p>
May 20 – May 24 (16 – 12)	<p><i>FILING PERIOD FOR SECOND PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (G.C. §§ 84200.5, 84200.7)</i></p> <p>Filing period for 2nd pre-election campaign statement covers transactions through May 19. Statements must be sent by personal delivery or guaranteed overnight service.</p>
May 21 (15)	<p><i>CLOSE OF REGISTRATION (E.C. §§ 2102, 2107)</i></p> <p>The last day for any person to register to vote in the primary election.</p>
May 21 (15)	<p><i>COLLECTION CENTERS PUBLIC NOTICE (E.C. § 15260)</i></p> <p>In establishing a collection center, the elections official may designate a group of precincts which the center shall serve and this designation shall be available for public inspection no later than 15 days before the election.</p>
May 21 (15)	<p><i>VOTE-BY-MAIL PROCESSING PUBLIC NOTICE (E.C. § 15104)</i></p> <p>The elections official shall notify vote-by-mail voter observers and the public at least 48 hours in advance of the dates, times, and places where vote-by-mail ballots will be processed and counted.</p>
May 22 (14)	<p><i>STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY (E.C. § 8601)</i></p> <p>Last day for write-in candidates to leave their statements of write-in candidacy and nomination papers with the county elections official.</p>
May 22 – May 29 (14 – 7)	<p><i>POST ELECTION OFFICERS & POLLING PLACES (E.C. § 12105.5)</i></p> <p>Not less than one week before the election, the elections official shall post a list of all current polling places and a list of election officers appointed by the 15th day before the election. The elections official shall post this list in his or her office and on his or her Web site. The list shall remain posted for 30 days after completion of the canvass.</p>
May 24	<p><i>COMPUTER PROCESSING OF VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS (E.C. § 15101)</i></p> <p>Counties having the necessary computer capability may begin to process their Vote-by-Mail ballots 7 business days prior to the election. Processing may be completed to the point of placing the ballot information on computer tape, but under NO circumstance shall a vote count be made before the polls close at 8:00 p.m. on June 5, 2012.</p>
May 28 (8)	<p><i>LIST OF VOTERS AND POLLING PLACE INFORMATION</i></p> <p>Approximate date that Registrar of Voters will provide list of voters to City Clerk with polling place information.</p>

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May 29 (7)	<p><i>LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING (E.C. § 15000)</i></p> <p>No later than seven days prior to any election, the elections official shall conduct a test or series of tests to ensure that every device used to tabulate ballots accurately records each vote.</p>
June 1 (4)	<p><i>MANUAL TALLY PUBLIC NOTICE (E.C. § 15360)</i></p> <p>The manual tally shall be a public process, with the official conducting the election providing at least a five day public notice of the time and place of the manual tally and of the time and place of the selection of the precincts to be tallied prior to conducting the tally and selection.</p>
June 5 	<p><i>PRIMARY ELECTION DAY</i></p> <p>On this date, the polls shall be open throughout the state from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Vote-by-Mail ballots may be turned in, before the polls close, at any polling place in the county.</p>
June 7 (+2)	<p><i>OFFICIAL CANVASS (E.C. § 15301)</i></p> <p>The last day for the county elections official to begin the official canvass of the precinct returns. This canvass must be completed not later than July 3, 2012.</p>
June 8 – June 20 (+3 – 15)	<p><i>ONE PERCENT MANUAL TALLY (E.C. § 15360)</i></p> <p>During the Official Canvass the Elections Official shall conduct a public manual tally in 1 percent of the precincts chosen at random by the elections official.</p>
July 3 (+28)	<p><i>END OF OFFICIAL CANVASS (E.C. §§ 15372, 15400, 15401)</i></p> <p>No later than this date, the county elections official must complete the canvass, certify its results, and submit it to the board of supervisors. This is the suggested date for the board of supervisors to declare the winners for each office and the results of each measure under its jurisdiction. The county elections official shall make and deliver to each person elected or nominated under its jurisdiction a certificate of election or nomination.</p>
July 3 (+28)	<p><i>POST ELECTION OFFICERS & POLLING PLACES (E.C. § 12105.5)</i></p> <p>Not later than 28 days after the election, the elections official shall post an updated list of polling places and election officers that actually served on election day. The elections official shall post this list in his or her office and on his or her Web site. The list shall remain posted for 30 days after completion of the canvass.</p>
July 1 – July 31	<p><i>FILING PERIOD FOR SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (G.C. § 84200)</i></p> <p>Statement covers transactions through June 30. Statements must be sent by personal delivery or first class mail.</p>
<p>Note: Whenever a date prescribed by law falls on a weekend or holiday, such act may be performed on the next business day (E.C. 15; G.C. 6700, 6701)</p>	