

CALIFORNIA GUBERNATORIAL RECALL ELECTION CALENDAR
Recall of Governor Gavin Newsom September 14, 2021

July 1, 2021
(E-75)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION: On this date, the Lieutenant Governor shall issue a proclamation calling the California Gubernatorial Recall Election and shall state the time of the election 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 elected official.
Ca. Const. Art. II, §§ 15(a) and 17

July 1, 2021
through
July 6, 2021
(E-75 – 70)

SIGNATURES-IN-LIEU OF FILING FEE PETITIONS: Dates between which candidates 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 office. **§§ 8061, 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(b)(1)**

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(b)**

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 is **July 6, 2021, 5:00 p.m.** **§ 8106(b)(3)**

July 9, 2021
through
July 16, 2021
(E-67 – 60)

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PAPERS: Nomination Papers and Declaration of Candidacy forms may be obtained from and must be delivered for filing to the Registrar of Voters' office from July 9, 2021 through July 16, 2021, 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. **§ 11381(a)**

For voter-nominated offices, a candidate shall 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. A candidate's party preference, or lack of party preference, shall appear on the ballot in conjunction with his/her name. **§§ 8002.5, 13105**

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**

**July 9, 2021
through
July 16, 2021
(E-67 – 60)**

FILING FEES: Filing Fees must be paid at the time the Nomination Papers are obtained from the Registrar of Voters. This fee is nonrefundable. 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 Nomination Papers. **§§ 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(b)(3)**

**July 9, 2021
through
July 16, 2021
(E-67 – 60)**

CANDIDATE PARTY PREFERENCE HISTORY: Under the Top Two Candidates 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 voter-nominated office candidates. A candidate is responsible for providing his/her party preference history on the Declaration of Candidacy filed by **July 16, 2021**. **§ 8121(b)**

**July 9, 2021
through
July 16, 2021
(E-67 – 60)**

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, Form 700, disclosing his/her investments and his/her interests in real property and any income received during the immediately 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**

**July 9, 2021
through
July 16, 2021
(E-67 – 60)
(Date designated by
Secretary of State)**

CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS IN THE STATE VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE: Period in which State Constitutional Office candidates may purchase a space for a 250-word Candidate's Statement in the official State Voter Information Guide. Candidates for State Constitutional Office may purchase space for a Candidate's Statement only if they have Filed a Form 501 and have agreed to accept the voluntary expenditure limits. All State Constitutional Office candidates' statements are filed with the Secretary of State. **Gov't § 85601(a)**

**July 9, 2021
through
July 16, 2021
(E-67 – 60)**

INCOME TAX RETURN DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT

PERIOD: Period during which a candidate for Governor shall submit two copies of each tax return required by Section 8902. **Gov't § 8903**

**July 16, 2021
(E-60)**

CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT:

Last day for the Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501) to be filed in order for State Constitutional Office candidates accepting the voluntary expenditure limits to qualify to purchase space for a 250-word statement in the State Voter Information Guide.

Gov't §§ 85200, 85400, 85401

**July 16, 2021
(E-60)**

**DEADLINE TO FILE NOMINATION PAPERS,
DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY, AND CANDIDATES'**

STATEMENTS: Last day to circulate and to file Nomination Papers and Declarations of Candidacy with the Registrar of Voters' office and to purchase and file a Candidates' Statements with the Secretary of State's office.

§§ 11381(a); Gov't § 85601(a)

**July 16, 2021
(E-60)**

CANDIDATE'S WITHDRAWAL: No candidate who has filed a Declaration of Candidacy may withdraw as a candidate.

§ 8800

**July 19, 2021
(11:00 a.m.)
(E-57)
(Secretary of State)**

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 California Gubernatorial Recall Election ballot.

§ 13112(a)&(d)

**July 19, 2021
through
August 31, 2021
(E-57 – 14)**

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES: First day the Statement of Write-in Candidacy and Nomination Papers are available for a write-in candidate. They must be filed with the Registrar of Voters' office by August 31, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

§ 8601

**July 21, 2021
(E-55)**

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 **July 19, 2021**. This list will show the name of every person eligible to receive votes within the county at the California Gubernatorial Recall Election, their addresses, their Ballot Designations, and the party each person represents.

§ 11381(a)

**July 31, 2021¹
(E-45)
(Date fixed by law)**

MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTERS – BALLOTS: Last day for the county elections official to mail ballots to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters.

§ 3114, 52 U.S.C. § 20302 (MOVE Act)

1§ 3114 and the federal MOVE Act require that ballots be sent to military and overseas voters not later than 45 days prior to an election. This date must be adhered to and does not move forward even though the date falls on a Saturday.

**August 5, 2021
(E-40)
(Date fixed by law)**

FIRST PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

STATEMENTS DUE: The last day to file campaign disclosure statements for candidates and committees for the period ending July 31, 2021. **Gov't §§ 84200.5, 84200.8**

**August 5, 2021
through
August 24, 2021
(E-40 – 21)**

STATE AND COUNTY MAILINGS: Between these dates, State Voter Information Guides will be mailed directly to voters by the Secretary of State and the Registrar of Voters will mail County Voter Information Guides. **§§ 9094(a), 13303**

**August 16, 2021
through
September 7, 2021
(E-29 – 7)**

VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTING: Beginning 29 days before the day of the election, the Registrar of Voters will mail to each registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot packet that includes a postage-paid return envelope with instructions for the use and return of the ballot. **§ 4005(a)(8)(A)&(B)**

**August 16, 2021
(E-29)**

BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS: Beginning 29 days before the day of the election and through election day, all ballot drop-off locations open. **§ 4005(a)(1)(A)&(B)**

**August 24, 2021
(E-21)**

VOTE-BY-MAIL BOARDS COMMENCE TO PROCESS

VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS: Processing of vote-by-mail ballots may begin on the fifteenth business day prior to the election. Processing vote-by-mail ballots includes opening vote-by-mail ballot return envelopes, removing ballots, duplicating any damaged ballots, and preparing ballots to be machine read, but under no circumstances may a vote count be accessed or released until 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election. **§ 15101**

**August 30, 2021
(E-15)**

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN STATEWIDE

SPECIAL ELECTION: Last day to register to vote in the California Gubernatorial Recall Election. The Voter Registration Form shall be mailed (postmarked by this date) or delivered to the county elections official by this date and is effective upon receipt. The Voter Registration Form may also be submitted by this date to the Department of Motor Vehicles or any National Voter Registration Act designated agency. Last day for military or overseas voters to register to vote, to request a vote-by-mail ballot, and to send it to the county elections official.

NOTE: A request for a vote-by-mail ballot from a military or overseas voter will be deemed an affidavit of registration and an application for permanent vote-by-mail status. When a county elections official receives and approves an application from a military or overseas voter, the official must provide that voter with vote-by-mail ballots for each

subsequent election in the state unless the voter fails to vote in four consecutive statewide general elections.

52 U.S.C. §§ 20301, 20501; §§ 300(b), 321, 2102, 3102, 3206

**August 31, 2021
through
September 14, 2021
(E-14 – 0)**

CONDITIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD:

During the period 14 days prior to Election Day and including Election Day, an individual can go to the office of his/her county elections official to conditionally register to vote and vote a provisional ballot. §§ 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173

**August 31, 2021
through
September 14, 2021
(E-14 – 0)**

NEW CITIZEN REGISTRATION PERIOD: A new citizen is eligible to register and vote at the office of, or at another location designated by, the county elections official at any time beginning on August 31, 2021 and ending at the close of polls on September 14, 2021. §§ 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. § 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

**August 31, 2021
(E-14)**

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

**September 2, 2021
(E-12)
(Date fixed by law)**

SECOND PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

STATEMENTS DUE: The last day to file campaign disclosure statements for candidates and committees covering the period ending August 28, 2021. Gov't §§ 84200.5, 84200.8

**September 4, 2021
(E-10)**

SELECT VOTE CENTERS OPEN: Beginning 10 days before the day of the Election and continuing daily up to Election Day, select vote centers are open to the public. §§ 3108(b), 4005(a)(2)(A)&(4)(A)

**September 7, 2021
(E-7)**

MAILED REPLACEMENT BALLOT DEADLINE: Last day to request a replacement Vote-by-Mail ballot be mailed. § 3001(a)

**September 11, 2021
(E-3)**

ADDITIONAL VOTE CENTERS OPEN: Beginning 3 days before the day of the Election and continuing daily up to Election Day, additional vote centers are open to the public. §§ 3108, 4005(a)(3)(A)

**September 14, 2021
(E-0)**

ELECTION DAY: Vote Centers open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Ballots will be centrally counted at the Registrar of Voters' office.

§§ 4005(3)(A), 14212

**September 14, 2021
(E-0)**

VOTE-BY-MAIL VOTER BALLOTS RETURNED: Deadline for the Registrar of Voters to receive vote-by-mail ballots hand delivered to the office of the elections official, a vote center, a vote-by-mail drop-off location, or a drop box must be received by the county elections official by the close of the polls on Election Day. If a vote-by-mail voter is unable to return the ballot, he/she may designate any person to return the ballot.

§§ 3017, 3020, 14212

Last day a military or overseas voter who is living outside of the United States (or is called for military service within the United States on or after **September 7, 2021**, 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 Oath of Declaration.

§§ 3101(e), 3106, 3110, 3118, 14212

IMPORTANT: A mailed, voted ballot will count only if the identification envelope is signed, dated and postmarked no later than Election Day, **September 14, 2021**, and it is received no later than seven (7) days after Election Day, **September 21, 2021**, 8:00 p.m. **§§ 3011, 3020**

**September 14, 2021
(E-0)**

SEMIFINAL 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 at least every two hours.

§§ 15150, 15151

**September 14, 2021
(E-0)**

MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTERS: Any registered military or overseas voter who has returned to his or her 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 or 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 election. **§ 3109**

An unregistered military or overseas voter who was released from service after the close of registration, **August 30, 2021**, 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 military or overseas voters registered under Elections Code section 3108. **§§ 300(b), 3108**

A military or overseas voter who returns to the county after **August 30, 2021** 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 Election Day and returned as are other voted vote-by-mail ballots. **§ 3110**

**September 14, 2021
(E-0)**

VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT APPLICATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE EMERGENCY WORKERS: Last day upon the declaration of an out-of-state emergency by the Governor and the issuance of an executive order authorizing an out-of-state emergency worker to cast a ballot outside of his or her home precinct, an out-of-state emergency worker may request and vote a vote-by-mail ballot, which must be delivered to the elections official by mail or by hand, on or before the close of polls on Election Day. **§§ 336.7, 3021.5**

**September 15, 2021
(E+1)**

COMMENCE OFFICIAL CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS: The Registrar of Voters will begin the official canvass of the precinct returns. **§ 15301**

**October 14, 2021
(E+30)**

COMPLETE CANVASS OF OFFICIAL 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**

This is also the suggested deadline for the Board of Supervisors to declare the winners for each office and the results of each measure under its jurisdiction. **§ 15400**

**October 14, 2021
(E+30)**

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

**October 15, 2021
(E+31)**

STATEMENT OF RESULTS TO SECRETARY OF STATE: By this date, the county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State, in an electronic format, one complete copy of the returns for all candidates voted for at the California Gubernatorial Recall Election. **§§ 15374, 15375**

January 31, 2022
(Dated fixed by law)
(E+139)

SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

DUE: Last day to file semi-annual campaign disclosure statements
for all candidates and committees for the period August 29, 2021
through December 31, 2021.

Gov't §§ 84200, 84218