

Candidate Information Calendar



June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election

Dates	Event
December 19, 2025 - February 4, 2026 (E-165 - E-118)	Signatures-in-Lieu of Filing Fee Period EC 8106, 8061, 8105
January 26, 2026 - February 4, 2026 (E-127 - E-118)	Judicial Declaration of Intention Period (only for candidates for Judge of the Superior Court)
February 5, 2026 - February 9, 2026 (E-117 - E-113)	Judicial Declaration of Intention Extension Period (occurs in the event an incumbent fails to file their Declaration of Intention by 5pm on the normal filing deadline)
February 9 - March 6, 2026 (E-113 - E-88)	Nomination Period EC 8020, 8021
February 9 - March 6, 2026 (E-113 - E-88)	Submittal of Candidate Statements for County Voter Information Guides (U.S. House of Rep., State Senate, and State Assembly) EC 13307, 13307.5, 13307.7, 13308
March 7 - 11, 2026 (E-87 - E-83)	Nomination Extension Period (if Incumbent does not file) EC 8022, EC 8024
March 12, 2026 (E-82)	Randomized alphabet drawing for the order of the candidates on the ballot EC 13112
March 26, 2026 (E-68)	Certified List of Candidates for the June 2 Primary posted EC 8121
April 6 - May 19, 2026 (E-57 - E-14)	Write-in Candidacy Nomination Period EC 8601, 8606
May 22, 2026 (E-11)	Certified List of Write-in Candidates posted
June 2, 2026 POLLS OPEN 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.	ELECTION DAY - June 2, 2026 Beginning at 8 p.m. on Election Day, County Election Officials begin reporting election results; counties shall conduct the semifinal official canvass of votes and report totals to the Secretary of State at least every two hours until all poll ballots have been completely counted and reported. EC 353.5, 15150, 15151, 15152
June 3, 2026 - July 2, 2026 (E+30)	Official Canvass of Vote EC 15372 & EC 10551: Certify election within 30 days
July 2, 2026 (E+30)	Last day for County Elections Officials to certify election results EC 15372
July 10, 2026 (E+38)	California Secretary of State certifies final official election results Gov Code 12165; EC 15501

E+/- means number of days before or after Election Day; EC [number] refers to CA Elections Code