

Presidential General Election – Tuesday November 4, 2008
(All code references are to Election Code unless otherwise stated)

April 25 – July 24 (E-193 to E-103)	Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee – Independent Candidates for U.S. Senate and Congress and State Legislative Offices - Forms may be obtained from the county election official or the SOS for circulating petitions to secure signatures in-lieu of paying all or part of the filing fee.
July 31 (E-96)	Semiannual Campaign Statement -Last day to file if required by committees and candidates. Period ending 6/30/08.
July 14 – August 8 5 p.m. (E-113 to E-88)	Candidate Nomination Period. Candidates (including incumbents) must file nomination documents with the County Elections official during this period. Statements of qualifications are due during this period. They may not be changed but may be withdrawn up until August 11 th . EC 10510, 13307, 13311
August 8 5 p.m. (E-88)	Close of Regular Candidate Nomination Period. Last day for governing bodies to submit a resolution requesting consolidation with this election. Candidate nomination documents and candidate statements are due. Last day to withdraw nomination papers except when there is an extension to that office. EC 10224, 10510, 13307,13311
August 9 -August 13 5 p.m. (E-87 to E-83)	Extension of Candidate Nomination Period. Nomination extension period for anyone other than the incumbent if the incumbent did not file by August 8. EC 8022,8024, 8204
August 11 – August 21 (E-85 to E-75)	10-day Public Examination Period for Statement of Qualifications. During this period any voter of the jurisdiction or the county elections official may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted. EC 13313
August 14 11 a.m. (E-82)	Randomized Alphabet Drawing. Conducted by the Secretary of State to determine candidate name order as it will appear on the ballot. The local election official will draw for the legislative offices. EC 13112
September 5 (E-60)	Special Vote-by-Mail Ballot Requests. First day county elections official may process applications for military and overseas voters. EC 300(b), 3103
September 25 – October 14 (E-40 to E-21)	Counties Mail Sample Ballots to each registered voter. EC 13303
Oct 6 (E-29)	1st FPPC Pre-election Campaign Statement due (for the period of 7/1 – 9/30/08). Gov. C 84200.5
October 6 – October 28 (E-29 to E-7)	Regular Vote-by-Mail Ballot application and processing period. EC 3001
October 19 – November 3 (E-16 to E-1)	Late Contribution/Independent Expenditure FPPC Reports must be filed during this period (10/19 – 11/3/08). Gov. C 84203, 84204
October 20 (E-15)	Last Day to Register Last day to register for this election. Postmarks are acceptable. EC 2107
October 23 (E-12)	2nd FPPC Pre-election Campaign Statement due (for the period of 10/1-10/18/08). Gov. C 84200.5
No later than Oct 28 (E-7)	Publish and Post Polling Places and Post Precinct Board Members EC 12105

Oct 28 – Nov 4 (E-7 to E)	Special 7-Day Ballot Voters unable to go to the polls may come to the Election's Division and receive a vote-by-mail ballot.
November 4 (E)	ELECTION DAY Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. EC 1000, 14212
November 6 –December 2 (E+2 to E+28)	Official Canvass of the Vote The official canvass of precinct returns shall commence and be completed during this time. EC15301