

# ELECTION CALENDAR

## STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION – May 19, 2009

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- Feb 20, 2009  
(E-88)
1. **Election Called**  
On this date, SB 19 (Ch. 7, 2009) of the Third Extraordinary Session called a statewide special election for May 19, 2009.
- Feb 20, 2009  
(E-88)
2. **State Measures - News Release Inviting Arguments**  
On this date, the Secretary of State will issue a general news release requesting voters to submit an argument in each case where either the argument for or against any measure has not been prepared and filed.  
§§ 9060, 9062, 9063
- Feb 23, 2009  
5:00 p.m.  
(E-85)  
(Date set by  
Secretary of State)
3. **State Measures - Argument Submission Deadline**  
By this day, legislators and their appointee(s) must submit to the Secretary of State their arguments for and against each legislative measure that qualified. Once submitted, the arguments may not be changed or amended. § 9043  
  
Whenever the Legislature submits any measure to the voters of the state, the author of the measure and no more than two persons appointed by the author may draft an argument for its adoption, or the author of the measure may appoint no more than three persons to draft the argument. This argument shall not exceed 500 words in length. If the author of the measure desires separate arguments to be written in its favor by each person appointed, separate arguments may be written, but the combined length shall not exceed 500 words. § 9041  
  
If a legislative measure was not adopted unanimously, one member of each house who voted against it shall be appointed by the presiding officers of the respective houses to write an argument against the measure. This argument shall not exceed 500 words in length. If those members appointed to write an argument against the measure choose, each may write a separate argument opposing it, but the combined length of the two arguments shall not exceed 500 words. § 9042  
  
Any voter may request the Secretary of State's permission to prepare and file an argument for either side of any such measure for which no argument has been prepared. The Secretary of State shall grant permission unless two or more voters request permission to submit argument on the same side of a measure, in which event the Secretary of State shall designate one of the voters to write the argument. §§ 9044

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- Feb 24, 2009  
12:00 p.m.  
(E-84)
4. **Selection and Exchange of Arguments For and Against Measures**  
On or before this day, the Secretary of State will select arguments for inclusion in the ballot pamphlet where more than one has been submitted in favor of or against the same measure. The Secretary of State will exchange arguments with opposing authors and request rebuttal arguments. §§ 9067, 9069
- Feb 25, 2009  
(E-83)
5. **State Measures - Ballot Label, Ballot Title and Summary, Analysis, and Text Deadline**  
The Attorney General, Legislative Analyst, and Legislative Counsel are asked to provide, no later than this date, all official ballot labels, ballot titles and summaries, analyses, and texts for the measures that have qualified for the statewide special election ballot so that the Secretary of State has sufficient time to translate the ballot pamphlet into any appropriate languages and to prepare copy for public display.  
§§ 9050, 9087, 9091, 13247
- Feb 25, 2009  
(E-83)
6. **State Measures - Rebuttal Argument and Summary Information Deadline**  
The last day rebuttal arguments and summary information for or against ballot measures qualified for the statewide special election ballot may be submitted. Rebuttal arguments shall not exceed 250 words, and summary information shall not exceed 50 words. § 9069, 9084(e)
- Feb 25 to  
Mar 5, 2009  
(E-83 to E-75)
7. **English Ballot Labels Available for Public Examination**  
During this period, the English ballot labels for the statewide special election will be available for public examination for eight days.
- Feb 26 to  
Mar 18, 2009  
(E-82 to E-62)
8. **State Ballot Pamphlet Available for Public Examination**  
During this period, the Secretary of State will make a complete copy of the ballot pamphlet available for public examination for 20 days.  
Gov. Code § 88006; Elec. Code § 9092
- Mar 2 to  
Mar 10, 2009  
(E-78 to E-70)
9. **Ballot Label Translations Available for Public Examination**  
During this period, the translations of the ballot labels for the statewide special election will be available for public examination for eight days.
- Mar 18, 2009  
(E-62)
10. **Last Day State Ballot Pamphlet Available for Public Examination and Copy Delivered to the State Printer**  
The last day for the Secretary of State to deliver copy for preparation of the ballot pamphlets to the Office of State Publishing. Last day of public display.  
Gov. Code § 88006; Elec. Code § 9082

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- Mar 20, 2009  
(E-60)
11. **Special Absentee Voters' Ballot Applications**  
The first day county elections officials 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.  
§§ 300(b), 3103
- Mar 20 to  
Mar 30, 2009  
(E-60 to E-50)
12. **Report of Registration – 60-Day County Report**  
During this period, the county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State a summary of the number of persons registered by party in their counties and in each political subdivision thereof as of March 20, 2009  
(E-60). § 2187(d)(4)
- Mar 30, 2009  
(E-50)
13. **Voter Registration Files to the Secretary of State**  
The last day for county elections officials to send the Secretary of State a copy of their voter registration files of all voters registered prior to March 20, 2009  
(E-60). § 2187(c)
- Mar 30, 2009  
(E-50)
14. **Report of Registration - 60-Day County Report Summaries Due**  
By this date, each county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered as of March 20, 2009  
(E-60). § 2187(d)(4)
- Apr 3, 2009  
(E-46)
15. **Secretary of State to Publish 60-Day Report of Registration**  
Projected date the Secretary of State to release a compiled statewide report showing the number of registered voters, by political affiliation, in the state and in each county and political subdivision thereof. This statement is based on the summary statements sent by the county elections official by  
March 30, 2009 (E-50). § 2187(b) & (d)(4)
- Apr 4, 2009\*  
(E-45)
16. **State Ballot Pamphlets Furnished to Counties**  
By this date, the Secretary of State shall furnish copies of the state ballot pamphlet to those counties that do not use data processing equipment to maintain their registered voter files. Ballot pamphlets will also be sent to all counties for their supplemental mailings to persons who registered between March 21 and April 20, 2009, inclusive (E-59 to E-29). § 9094(b)
- Apr 4, 2009\*  
(E-45)
17. **State Ballot Pamphlets to State and Local Officials and Public Institutions**  
By this date, the Secretary of State shall send a specified number of copies of the state ballot pamphlet to city and county elections officials, members of the Legislature, proponents of statewide ballot measures, public libraries, and educational institutions. § 9096

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- Apr 9 to  
Apr 28, 2009  
(E-40 to E-21)
18. **State Ballot Pamphlet Mailing**  
Between these dates, the Secretary of State shall mail state ballot pamphlets to all households in which voters were registered by March 20, 2009 (E-60). This mailing is based on the information provided by the counties' voter registration files provided to the Secretary of State by March 30, 2009 (E-50). § 9094(a)
- In those counties in which such data processing equipment is not used, the county elections official shall mail the state ballot pamphlets to all voters registered by March 20, 2009 (E-60). § 9094(b)
- Apr 9 to  
Apr 28, 2009  
(E-40 to E-21)
19. **Counties Mail Sample Ballots**  
Between these dates, the county elections official shall mail a polling place notice and sample ballot to each registered voter. The polling place notice shall state whether the polling place is accessible to the physically handicapped. §§ 13303, 13304
- Apr 20 to  
May 12, 2009  
(E-29 to E-7)
20. **Vote-by-Mail Voter Ballot Application**  
Between these dates, any registered voter may apply to the county elections official for a vote-by-mail voter's ballot. Applications received before April 20, 2008 (E-29) shall be kept and processed during this application period. §§ 3001, 3003
- Apr 28, 2009  
(E-21)
21. **State Ballot Pamphlet Mailing to be Completed**  
The last day for the Secretary of State, or the county elections official if appropriate, to mail state ballot pamphlets to all households with voters who registered by March 20, 2009 (E-60). § 9094
- Apr 28, 2009  
(E-21)
22. **Sample Ballots - County Mailing**  
The last day for each county elections official to mail sample ballots to the voters. § 13303
- May 4, 2009  
(E-15)
23. **Notice of Change of Address within County**  
The last day before the statewide special election for any voter to send a card or letter to the county elections official advising of the change of address within the county. The notification may be submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) or any NVRA designated agency prior to the election. The county elections official shall correct the registration records accordingly. The notice is in lieu of re-registering. § 2119

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May 4, 2009  
(E-15)

24. **Registration Closes for the May 19, 2009, Statewide Special Election**

The last day for any person to register to vote in the statewide special election. §§ 2102, 2107

**Note:** No person shall be registered as a voter except by affidavit of registration. The affidavit shall be mailed or delivered to the county elections official and shall set forth all of the facts required to be shown by this chapter. A properly executed registration shall be deemed effective upon receipt of the affidavit by the county elections official if any of the following apply:

- (1) The affidavit is postmarked on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election and received by mail by the county elections official.
- (2) The affidavit is submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles or accepted by any other public agency designated as a voter registration agency pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1973gg) on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election.
- (3) The affidavit is delivered to the county elections official by means other than those described in paragraphs (1) or (2) on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election.

May 4 to  
May 12, 2009  
(E-15 to E-7)

25. **Report of Registration - 15-Day County Report**

During this period, county elections officials shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of voters by party in their counties and in each political subdivision thereof registered as of May 4, 2009 (E-15). § 2187(d)(5)

May 5 to  
May 12, 2009  
(E-14 to E-7)

26. **New Residents and New Citizens Registration Period**

Registration for new residents shall begin the 14<sup>th</sup> day prior to an election and end on the 7<sup>th</sup> day prior to election day. This registration must be executed in the county elections office, and the new resident shall vote a new resident's ballot in that office. §§ 332, 3400

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.

§§ 331, 3500, 3501

The county elections official shall receive and canvass the ballots of new residents and new citizens at the same time and under the same procedure as vote-by-mail voter ballots. §§ 3405, 3502

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- May 8, 2009  
(E-7 business days)      27. **Computer Processing of Vote-by-Mail Ballots**  
Counties having the necessary computer capability may begin to process their vote-by-mail voters ballots on this date. This process may be completed to the point of placing the ballot information on a computer tape, but under **NO** circumstances shall a vote count be made before the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. All other county elections officials shall start to process vote-by-mail voter ballots at 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election. § 15101
- May 9, 2009\*  
(E-10)      28. **State Ballot Pamphlet Supplemental Mailing by County**  
The last day for county elections officials to mail state ballot pamphlets to voters who registered between March 21 and April 20, 2009 (E-59 to E-29), inclusive. § 9094(c)
- May 12, 2009  
(E-7)      29. **Report of Registration – 15-Day County Report Summaries Due**  
By this day, each county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered as of May 4, 2009 (E-15). § 2187(d)(5)
- May 12, 2009  
(E-7)      30. **New Residents and New Citizens Registration Period – Last Day**  
Last day for new residents to register to vote prior to election day. This registration must be executed in the county elections office and the new resident shall vote a new resident’s ballot in that office. §§ 332, 3400  
  
Last day a new citizen registering to vote after the close of registration can provide the county elections official with proof of citizenship prior to voting and declare that he or she has established residency in California.  
§§ 331, 3500, 3501  
  
The county elections official shall receive and canvass the ballots of new residents and new citizens at the same time and under the same procedure as vote-by-mail voter ballots. §§ 3405, 3502
- May 12, 2009  
(E-7)      31. **Vote-by-Mail Voter Ballot Application**  
The last day for the county elections official to receive a voter’s application for a vote-by-mail voter’s ballot and to issue such ballot for the statewide special election. § 3001

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- May 12, 2009  
(E-7)
32. **Computer Program to Secretary of State**  
The last day for counties to verify their election night vote count computer programs and deposit copies thereof with the Secretary of State. § 15001
- The last day for county elections officials to send Logic and Accuracy Test Certifications to the Secretary of State.
- May 13 to  
May 18, 2009  
(E-6 to E-1)
33. **Special Absentee Voter - Recalled to Military Service**  
A registered voter recalled to service after May 12, 2009 (E-7), but before 5:00 p.m. on May 18, 2009 (E-1), may appear before the county elections official and obtain a vote-by-mail voter's ballot which may be voted in the county elections official's office or outside the county elections official's office on or before the close of the polls and returned. § 3110
- May 13 to  
May 19, 2009  
(E-6 to E)
34. **Vote-by-Mail Ballots - Late Conditions**  
On or between these dates, any voter may apply in writing for a vote-by-mail voter's ballot if he or she will be unable to go to the polls on election day. The voter may designate any authorized representative to return the voted vote-by-mail voter's ballot. § 3021
- May 15, 2009  
(E-4)
35. **Report of Registration – 15-Day Statewide Report Published**  
Projected date the Secretary of State to release a compiled statewide report showing the number of registered voters, by political affiliation, in the state and in each county and political subdivision thereof. This statement is based on the summary statements sent by the county elections official by May 12, 2009 (E-7). § 2187(b) & (d)(5)
- May 18, 2009  
5:00 p.m.  
(E-1)
36. **Special Absentee Voter - Recalled to Military Service**  
Last day for a registered voter recalled to service after May 12, 2009 (E-7) but before 5:00 p.m. on May 18, 2009 (E-1) to appear before the county elections official and obtain a vote-by-mail voter's ballot which may be voted in the county elections official's office or outside the county elections official's office on or before the close of the polls and returned. § 3110
- May 18, 2009  
5:00 p.m.  
(E-1)
37. **Manual Processing of Vote-by-Mail Ballots**  
Counties not having the necessary computer capability may begin to process the vote-by-mail voter's ballots manually at 5:00 p.m. on this date, but under **NO** circumstances is any vote count to be made public before the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. § 15101

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38. **Special Absentee Voters**

Any registered special absentee voter who has returned on or before Election Day and to whom a vote-by-mail voter's ballot has been mailed but not voted may apply to vote in the county election official's office or in a polling place.

§§ 300, 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 military 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 § 3107. § 3107

A special absent voter who returns to the county after May 12, 2009 (E-7) may appear before the county elections official and make application for registration, a vote-by-mail voter ballot, or both. The county elections official shall register the voter, if not registered, and shall deliver a vote-by-mail voter 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 election and returned as are other voted vote-by-mail voter ballots. § 3109

May 19, 2009  
(E)

39. **Vote-by-Mail Ballots – Late Conditions**

On or before Election Day, any voter may request in writing a vote-by-mail voter's ballot because of specified conditions resulting in anticipated absence from the polling place or precinct on election day. § 3021

May 19, 2009  
(E)

40. **Statewide Special Election Day**

The polls shall be open throughout the state from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

§ 14212

Voters who have moved from one address to another within the same county and who have not reregistered may vote a provisional ballot at the polling place for their current (new) address, at the office of the county elections official, or at a central location. § 14311

May 19, 2009  
8:00 p.m.  
(E)

41. **Vote-by-Mail Voters' Ballots Returned in Order to be Counted**

Vote-by-mail voter ballots may be received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day at any polling place in the county where the voter is registered, or at the office of the elections official. §§ 3017, 3020



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- May 19, 2009  
(E) 42. **Semi-Official Canvass – Statewide Special Election**  
Beginning at 8:00 p.m. and continuously until completed, the county elections official will conduct the semiofficial canvass of votes and report totals to the Secretary of State at least every two hours. §§ 15150, 15151
- May 21, 2009  
(E+2) 43. **Official Canvass – Statewide Special Election**  
By this date, county election officials must begin the official canvass of the precinct returns. This canvass must be completed not later than June 16, 2009 (E+28). §§ 15301, 15372
- Jun 16, 2009  
(E+28) 44. **Official Canvass Ends – Statewide Special Election**  
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
- Jun 23, 2009  
(E+35) 45. **Statement of Results to Secretary of State**  
By this date, the county elections official shall send to the Secretary of State by registered mail one complete copy of the results. § 15375
- Jun 27, 2009\*  
(E+39) 46. **Secretary of State to Publish Statement of the Vote**  
The last day for the Secretary of State to prepare, certify, and file a Statement of the Vote from the compiled election returns. § 15501
- Oct 25, 2009\*  
(E+159) 47. **Secretary of State to Publish Supplement to the Statement of Vote**  
Last day for the Secretary of State to compile a supplement to the Statement of the Vote showing the number of votes cast in each county, city, Assembly district, State Senatorial district, Congressional district, and supervisorial district on each statewide ballot measure. § 15502