

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
ELECTION
FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

**CALENDAR
OF
EVENTS**



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FEBRUARY 5, 2008 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Calendar Notes: All Code Sections are California Elections Code unless otherwise noted. Below the dates, "E" stands for Election Day, followed by the number of days prior to (-) or after (+) election day.

* Dates with an asterisk: Because the actual deadline date falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline is moved to this date, generally, the next business day.

2007

**Sep. 3
Holiday**

Labor Day
Butte County offices will be closed.

**Sep. 4
E-154**

Registration in New Party
The last day any person may register to vote and declare intention to affiliate with a particular party in order to qualify that party to participate in the primary election candidate nominating process.
§2187, 5100

**Sep. 4 – Sep. 24*
E-154 to E-135**

Report of Registration – 154 Day County Report
During this period, each County Elections Official shall prepare and send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered by party affiliation, by county and each political subdivision as of September 4th.
§2187(a), (c), (d) (1)

**Sep. 8* - Oct. 8
E-150 to E-120**

Announcement of Selected Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian Party Presidential Candidates
During this period, the Secretary of state will announce and publicize the list of names of those persons, nationally recognized as candidates for President, who will appear on the primary ballot. Following this announcement, candidates may be added, but they may not be deleted. Any candidate may withdraw their name, in writing, at any time through December 7, 2007.
6340-6342, 6520-6522, 6720-6724

**Sep. 8* - Dec. 4
E-150 to E-63**

Announcement of Selected Democratic Presidential Candidates
During this period, the Secretary of state will announce and publicize the list of names of those persons, nationally recognized as Democratic party candidates for President, who will appear on the primary ballot. Following this announcement, candidates may be added, but they may not be deleted. Any candidate may withdraw their name, in writing, at any time through December 7, 2007.
§6041-6043

**Sep. 10
E-148**

Governor's Proclamation
Last day for Governor to issue proclamation calling the election. The Governor shall transmit copies of the proclamation to the Board of Supervisors of each county.
§12000

Sep. 24* E-135	<p>New Political Party Qualification The last day for the Secretary of State to determine whether a new political party has qualified either by registration or by filing a petition. For information on how to qualify a new political party, see the Secretary of State's website at www.ss.ca.gov .</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§5100 (b), (c)</p>
Oct. 1* (E-131)	<p>Statewide Measures – Qualify for Ballot Last day for initiative or Legislative measures to qualify for February primary election ballot.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Calif. Const. Art. 11 §8(c) & E.C. §9013, 9040</p>
Oct. 3 E-125	<p>Secretary of State to Prepare Notice Designating Qualified Political Parties At least 125 days before the direct primary election, the Secretary of State shall prepare and transmit to each County Election Official a notice designating the political parties qualified to participate in the primary election.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§12103</p>
Oct. 8 E-120	<p>Secretary of State to Determine and Announce Number of Delegates for National Conventions By this date, the chairperson of each qualified party must notify the Secretary of State of the number of delegates to represent California at the party's national nominating convention. Prior to the primary election, each candidate must file a slate of requisite number of delegates for his/her party, selected according to the party's requirements.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§6020, 6023, 6320, 6321, 6540, 6541, 6740, 6741, 6744, 6745, 6763</p>
Nov. 9 (E-88)	<p>Boundary Changes Last day for jurisdictions holding their elections on February 5th to make boundary changes to be filed with the County Elections Official.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§12262</p>
Nov. 9 – Dec. 17 (E-88 to E-50)	<p>Notification of Mail Ballot Precinct Last day for the County Elections Official to determine if there are 250 or fewer persons registered to vote in any precinct and send notification to voters.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§3005</p>
Nov. 12 Holiday	<p>Veterans' Day Butte County offices will be closed.</p>
Nov. 15, 11 a.m. (E-82)	<p>Randomized Alphabet Drawing The Secretary of State shall conduct the randomized alphabet drawing at 11 a.m. to determine the order in which the candidates will appear on the primary election ballot.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§13112</p>
Nov. 22 – Nov. 23 Holiday	<p>Thanksgiving Holiday Butte County offices will be closed.</p>
Oct. 8 – Nov. 26* E-120 to E-63	<p>Unselected Democratic Presidential Candidates May File Nomination Signatures Democratic candidates must gather signatures in each of the state's 53 congressional districts, equal in number to 1% of the district's Democratic registration or 500, whichever is fewer.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">§6061, 6101, 6108, 6122</p>

Oct. 8 – Nov. 26* E-104 to E-74	<p>Unselected Presidential Candidate (except Democratic) May File Nomination Papers Republican, American Independent, Green, Libertarian and Peace and Freedom Party candidates must gather signatures equal in number to 1% of their party's statewide registration total; signatures may be gathered anywhere in the state. §6343, 6360, 6365, 6382, 6568, 6581, 6586, 657, 6591, 6751, 6786, 6787, 6791</p>
Nov. 29 E-68	<p>Certified List of Candidates and Rotation List Last day for the Secretary of State to supply list showing the name, party affiliation and ballot designation of person who has been nominated as a candidate for president and is entitled to receive votes within the county at the primary election. Said list to be arranged by Assembly District and according to the randomized alphabet drawing that occurred on November 15th. §8120 – 8125, 8149</p>
Dec. 3 – Jan. 15 E-64 to E- 21	<p>Presidential Write-In Candidate Filing Period Opens Any person who believes his or her name may be used as a write-in candidate for President of the United States shall , not later than 21 days before the election, file an endorsement of his or her write-in candidacy with the Secretary of State, or no votes shall be counted for that write-in candidate. §6241, 6441, 6621, 6822</p>
Dec. 7 – Dec 17 (E-60 to E-50)	<p>Report of Registration During this period, each County Elections Official shall prepare and send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered, by party and political subdivision, in their county as of December 7th. §2187</p>
Dec. 7 (E-60)	<p>Special Absent Voters' Ballot Applications The first day County Elections Officials may process applications for special absent voters' ballots. The application must include the statement that the voter cannot vote an absentee ballot during the normal absentee voting period because of military or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery. §300(b), 3103</p>
Dec. 13 (E-54)	<p>54-Day Walking Lists Prepared The County Elections Official will prepare the 54-day voter index that is available for purchase upon written application at a cost of 50 cents per 1,000 names. §2184</p>
Dec. 22 E-45	<p>State Ballot Pamphlets Available By this date, the Secretary of State shall furnish copies of the State Ballot Pamphlet to cities, counties, members of the Legislature, proponents of statewide ballot measures, public libraries, and educational institutions. §9096</p>
Dec. 25 Holiday	<p>Christmas Day Butte County offices will be closed.</p>
Dec. 27 – Jan. 15 (E-40 to E-21)	<p>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 Dec. 7th. §9094(a)</p>

The county will also do a supplemental mailing of state ballot pamphlets to voters who registered after Dec. 7th.

§9094(c)

**Dec. 27 – Jan. 15
(E-40 to E-21)**

Counties Mail Sample Ballots

Between these dates the County Elections Official shall mail a Sample Ballot and polling place notice to each registered voter in the county.

§13300

**Dec. 27
(E-40)**

Inmate Registration and Voting

Contact is made with Sheriff's office to set up inmate registration and voting services. Voter registration cards and vote by mail applications are provided to Sheriff's office with instructions for Utility Officer. Actual voting period takes place from January 7th until Election Day.

2008

**Jan. 1, 2008
Holiday**

New Years Day

Butte County offices will be closed.

**Jan. 7*
(E-30)**

Last Day to Request Early Tabulation of Ballot Returns

Before any election, the governing body of the jurisdiction holding the election shall decide if certain offices or measures to be voted on are of more than ordinary public interest and require early tabulation and announcement. The decision shall be transmitted to the County Elections Official not less than 30 days prior to the election.

§14440 – 14443

**Jan. 7
(E-29)**

Establish Precinct Boards and Polling Places

Last day for the County Elections Official to appoint board members and polling places.

§12286, 12318

**Jan. 7
(E-29)**

Last Day to Register to Vote to Ensure Receipt of Sample Ballot

Voter registration cards executed on this date will be added to the rolls and the voters will receive a Sample Ballot booklet prepared by the County Elections Official.

13300

Note: Persons who registered between 28 and 15 days prior to the election may be sent a Sample Ballot Booklet and State Voter Information Pamphlet if there is time to process these last minute registrations. If not, such registrants will receive a post card confirming their voter registration status and their polling place location.

§9094, 13303

**Jan. 7 – Jan. 26
(E-29 to E-10)**

Report of Registration

During this period, the County Elections Official shall prepare and send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered by party and political subdivision in their county as of January 7th.

§2187

**Jan. 7
(E-29)**

29-Day Walking Lists Prepared

The County Elections Official will prepare the 29-day voter index available for purchase upon written application at a cost of 50 cents per 1,000 names.

§2184

Jan. 7 – Jan. 29
(E-29 to E-7)

Absentee Ballot Application Period

Between these dates voters may apply for an absentee ballot from the County Elections Office. Under certain conditions voters may obtain an absentee ballot after January 29th.
§3001, 3003, 3021

Jan. 18
E-18

Secretary of State's to Send Certified List of Presidential Write-In Candidates

Secretary of State to prepare and send to affected county elections officials a certified list of presidential write-in candidates eligible to receive votes at the primary election.
§6241, 6441, 6621, 6822

Jan. 21
Holiday

Martin Luther King Day

Butte County offices will be closed.

Jan. 22 – Jan. 29
(E-14 to E-7)

New Residents and New Citizens Registration Period

Registration for new residents shall begin the 14th day prior to an election and end on the 7th day prior to election day. This registration must be executed in the Butte County Elections Office and the new resident shall vote a new resident's ballot containing the contest of President and Vice President only. The ballot shall be voted in the Butte County Elections Office.

§332, 3400

A new citizen registering to vote after the close of registration shall provide the Butte County Elections Office with proof of citizenship prior to voting, and shall declare that he or she has established residency in California. New citizens vote a regular ballot.

§331, 332, 3400, 3500, 3501

Jan. 22*
(E-15)

15-day Close of Voter Registration – Last Day to Register to Vote

The Butte County Elections Office shall accept an affidavit of registration executed as part of a voter registration card in the forthcoming election, if the affidavit is executed on or before the 15th day prior to the election and if any of the following apply:

1. The affidavit is postmarked on or before the 15th day prior to the election and received by mail by the Butte County Elections Office.
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. §1973gg) prior to the election.
3. The affidavit is delivered to the Butte County Elections Office by means other than those described in paragraphs (2) and (3) on or before the 15th day prior to the election.

§2107

Jan. 22 – Jan. 29
(E-14 to E-7)

Report of Registration – 15 Day County Report

During this period, Butte County Elections Office shall send to the Secretary of State a summary statement of the number of persons registered by party in their counties and in each political subdivision thereof.

§2187

Jan. 23
3:00 p.m.

Notice of Central Counting Place

Last day for the County Elections Official to submit to newspaper the notice that the general election ballots will be counted at a specified public place. The notice shall be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county no later than January 26th (E-10).

§12109

Jan. 24 3:00 p.m.	Publish Polling Places Last day for the Butte County Elections Office to submit to newspaper the list of polling places. The notice shall be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county no later than January 29 th (E-7).	§12105-12108, Gov. Code §6061
Jan. 28 (E-7 Business Days)	First Day to Begin Processing Returned Voted Absentee Ballots On this day, processing and opening of the returned voted absentee ballots may begin. Absentee ballot counting starts right after the close of polls election night.	§15100 et seq.
Jan. 29 (E-7)	Testing Ballot Tabulation Equipment Deadline to complete logic and accuracy testing of software and equipment for ballot counting on election night and deposit copy of computer vote count program with Secretary of State.	§15000, 15001
Jan. 29 (E-7)	Prepare Indexes Deadline to prepare supplemental indexes of late registrants.	§2184, 2190, 2192
Jan. 30 – Feb. 5 (E-6 to E)	Absentee Ballots – Late Conditions Voters unable to go to the polls because of illness or disability or because they will be absent from their precinct on election day, may appear at the County Elections Office and receive an absentee ballot over the counter. Voters may also designate, in writing, a representative to deliver the absentee ballot to them. The voter may either personally or through the authorized representative return the ballot to the County Elections Office or any polling place within Butte County on election day.	§3021
Jan. 31	Semi-Annual Campaign Disclosure Statements From State and Local Campaign Committees Last day to file semi-annual campaign disclosure statements, if required, by all candidates and committees.	Gov. Code §84200, 84218
	NOTE: For dates regarding federal candidate campaign disclosure filing requirements or committees supporting or opposing federal candidates, please visit the Federal Elections Commission website at: http://www.fec.gov/info/report_dates .	
	For dates regarding state and local candidates campaign disclosure filing requirements, please visit the Fair Political Practices Commission website at: http://www.fppc.ca.gov .	
Feb. 2 (E-3)	Pre-Election Saturday Voting The Butte County Elections Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the Saturday prior to election day for absentee voting.	Butte County Clerk/Elections Office Policy
Feb. 5	Last Day for Elections Official to Receive Voted Absentee Ballots Last day for Elections Official to receive voted absentee ballots. Ballots may be returned in one of the following methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ by mail to the address on the return envelope (must be received no later than election day, postmarks cannot be accepted); or 	

- **prior to election day**, in person, to the Elections Office during regular business hours;
or
- **Saturday before election day**, in person to the Elections office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
or
- **on election day**, in person to the Elections Office from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.; or
- **on election day**, in person, to any polling place in the county from which the ballot was issued from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

§3000 et al.

**FEB. 5, 2008
(E)**

ELECTION DAY

Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Election results will be posted after 8:30 p.m.

§10242, 14212

**Feb. 7 – Mar. 4
(E+2 to E+28)**

Official Canvass

The official canvass of the returns is to be completed during this time.

§15300 et seq.

**Mar. 4
(E+28)**

Certified Statement of Votes Cast

The County Elections Official shall certify results of the election no later than E+28. The statement of results shall show:

1. Total number of votes cast;
2. Total number of votes cast at each precinct for each candidate and for and against each measure: and
3. Total number of votes cast for each candidate (by division or at at-large) and for and against each measure.

§15372 – 15374

**Mar. 4
(E+28)**

Statement of Vote to the Board of Supervisors

The Elections Official shall prepare a certified statement of the results of the election and submit it to the Board of Supervisors.

§15372

**Mar. 31
Holiday**

Cesar Chavez Day

Butte County offices will be closed.

**Mar. 11
(E+35)**

Statement of Vote to Secretary of State

No later than this date, the County Elections Official shall send, by registered mail, one complete copy of the Statement of Votes Cast to the Secretary of State.

§15375

**Mar. 11*
E+32**

Secretary of State to File Statement of Canvass

The Secretary of State shall, not later than the 32nd day after the election, compile and file in his or her office a statement of the canvassed presidential primary election returns of all parties filed by the county elections officials, and shall issue certificates to the presidential nominees and to the delegates.

§6220, 6420-6422, 6640-6641, 6843-6844

**Period Following
Election**

Document Retention

Nomination documents and signatures in-lieu of filing fee petitions (if applicable) shall be held during the term of office for which they were filed and for four years after the

expiration of the term. They may be destroyed as soon as practicable thereafter, provided no legal action or proceeding is pending.

If the election has federal offices on the ballot, precinct supplies and voted ballots must be preserved for 22 months following the election. If no legal action is pending at the time, the documents may be destroyed or recycled.

Initiative, referendum and recall petitions must be preserved for eight months following certification of the election for which the petition qualified or, if for any reason, is not submitted to the voters, eight months after final examination of the petition by the County Elections Official. If no legal action or proceeding is then pending, petitions may be destroyed as soon as practicable.

Elections Code Division 17, commencing with §17000

Jul 31

Semi-Annual Campaign Disclosure Statements from State and Local Campaign Committees

Last day to file semi-annual campaign disclosure statements, if required, by all candidates and committees.

Gov. Code §84200, 84218

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