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DATE	DESCRIPTION	DAYS BEFORE ELECTION
<b>December 19, 2025 to February 4, 2026</b>  Signature-In-Lieu of Filig Fee Period	The Signature-In-Lieu filing period deadline applies to all candidate offices required to pay a filing fee.  <b>Elections Code §§ 8061, 8106, 8162</b>	165 to 118
<b>February 2, 2026</b>  Semi-Annual Campaign Statement Due	All committees filing campaign must file a semi-annual statement  <b>Government Code §§84200, 84218</b>	120
<b>January 26 to February 5, 2026</b>  Judicial Candidates Declaration of Intention	All judicial candidates including incumbent judges must file a Declaration of Intention no later than February 4th  <b>Elections Code §§ 8023, 8105(b)</b>	127 To 118
<b>February 5 to February 9, 2026</b>  Judicial Candidates Declaration of Intention Extended Filing Period	Extension period applies only if an incumbent for Superior Court Judge does not file a Declaration of Intention by February 4th. Incumbent judges may not file during the extension period.  <b>Elections Code 8023(b))</b>	117 to 113
<b>February 9 to March 6, 2026</b>  Nomination Period	Period for filing nomination documents for all candidates for the Statewide Direct Primary Election.	113 to 88

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	<b><i>Elections Code §§ 8020, 8020.5, 8105, 10220, 10407, 10510</i></b>	
<b>March 4 to June 2, 2026</b>  90 day 24-hour contribution/independent expenditure reporting period (\$1000 or more)	Period to file 24-hour contribution/independent expenditure forms.  <b><i>Government Code §§82036 et seq., 84203 et seq, 85204, 85309, 85500</i></b>	90 to E-Day
<b>March 7* to March 11, 2026</b>  Extended Nomination Period	If an incumbent eligible to be elected for an office fails to file the required nomination documents by 5 p.m. on E-88, anyone other than the incumbent who is otherwise qualified shall have five (5) calendar days to file for that office. This section does not apply when there is no incumbent eligible to be elected.  <b><i>Elections Code §§8022, 10225, 10407, 10510, 10516</i></b>  *For dates that fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, use the next regular business day for transactions.	87 to 83
<b>March 9, 2026</b>  Deadline to withdraw Statement of Qualifications (No Extension)	Any candidate for an office that is <i>not</i> going to extension has until 5 p.m. on 3/9/26 to withdraw their Statement of Qualifications.	85

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	<b><i>Elections Code §13307(a)(3)</i></b>	
<b>March 12, 2026</b>  Deadline to withdraw Statement of Qualifications (Extension)	Any candidate for an office that went into extension has until 5 p.m. on 3/12/26 to withdraw their Statement of Qualifications.  <b><i>Elections Code §13307(a)(3)</i></b>	82
<b>April 6 to May 19, 2026</b>  Write-in period	Period when nomination documents for write-in candidates may be obtained from and delivered to the Registrar of Voters Office.  <b><i>Elections Code §8600 et seq.</i></b>	57 to 14
<b>April 23, 2026</b>  First Pre-Election Campaign Statement	Deadline to file (by first class mail or personal delivery) the first preelection campaign statement covering the reporting period of January 1, 2026 through April 18, 2026 (E-45).  <b><i>Government Code §§84200.5, 84200.8(a)</i></b>	40
<b>May 17, 2026</b>  24-hour contribution/independent expenditure reporting period (\$500 or more)	All contribution(s) of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or more, that are made to or received by a county candidate, his or her controlled committee or a committee formed or existing primarily to	16 to E-Day

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	<p>support or oppose a county candidate, shall be reported within twenty-four (24) hours, by personal delivery, fax, or guaranteed overnight service.</p> <p><b><i>Sonoma County Ordinance Number 5231 §2, 2000</i></b></p>	
<p><b>May 21, 2026</b></p> <p>Second Pre-Election Campaign Statement</p>	<p>Deadline to file (by overnight service or personal delivery but <b>not first-class mail</b>) the second pre-election campaign statement covering the reporting period of April 19, 2026 (E-44) through May 16, 2026 (E-17).</p> <p><b><i>Government Code §§84200.5, 84200.8(b)</i></b></p>	12
<p><b>June 2, 2026</b></p> <p>Election Day</p>	<p>All vote centers and the Elections Department will be open 7 am – 8 pm.</p> <p><b><i>Elections Code §§ 14212</i></b></p>	0
<p><b>June 4, 2026</b></p> <p>Official Canvass</p>	<p>Official Elections Canvass Begins</p> <p><b><i>Elections Code §§ 15301, 15372</i></b></p>	+2
<p><b>June 9, 2026</b></p> <p>Official Canvass</p>	<p>Deadline for the Elections Department to receive a vote-by-mail ballot postmarked on or before Election Day</p> <p><b><i>Elections Code § 3020</i></b></p>	+7

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<b>TBD</b>	The Sonoma County Elections Department randomly selects 1% of the precincts to count voted by hand	TBD
Manual Tally	<b><i>Elections Code § 15360</i></b>	
<b>July 2, 2026</b>	The deadline for the Elections Department to certify the election results.	+30
Election Certification	<b><i>Elections Code §§ 15301, 15372</i></b>	
<b>July 31, 2026</b>	All candidates and committees filing campaign finance statements in conjunction with the June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election, must file a semi-annual statement no later than July 31, 2026, for the period beginning January 1, 2026 (or from the date of last filing), and ending June 30, 2026.	
Semi-annual Campaign Statement Deadline	<b><i>Government Code §§84200, 84218</i></b>	