

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DAYS BEFORE ELECTION
December 19, 2025 to February 4, 2026 Signature-In-Lieu of Filing Fee Period	The Signature-In-Lieu filing period deadline applies to all candidate offices required to pay a filing fee. Elections Code §§ 8061, 8106, 8162	165 to 118
February 2, 2026 Semi-Annual Campaign Statement Due	All committees filing campaign must file a semi-annual statement Government Code §§84200, 84218	120
January 26 to February 5, 2026 Judicial Candidates Declaration of Intention	All judicial candidates including incumbent judges must file a Declaration of Intention no later than February 4th Elections Code §§ 8023, 8105(b)	127 To 118
February 5 to February 9, 2026 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. Elections Code 8023(b))	117 to 113
February 9 to March 6, 2026 Nomination Period	Period for filing nomination documents for all candidates for the Statewide Direct Primary Election.	113 to 88

	<i>Elections Code §§ 8020, 8020.5, 8105, 10220, 10407, 10510</i>	
March 4 to June 2, 2026 90 day 24-hour contribution/independent expenditure reporting period (\$1000 or more)	Period to file 24-hour contribution/independent expenditure forms. <i>Government Code §§82036 et seq., 84203 et seq, 85204, 85309, 85500</i>	90 to E-Day
March 7* to March 11, 2026 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. <i>Elections Code §§8022, 10225, 10407, 10510, 10516</i> *For dates that fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, use the next regular business day for transactions.	87 to 83
March 9, 2026 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

	<i>Elections Code §13307(a)(3)</i>	
March 12, 2026 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. <i>Elections Code §13307(a)(3)</i>	82
April 6 to May 19, 2026 Write-in period	Period when nomination documents for write-in candidates may be obtained from and delivered to the Registrar of Voters Office. <i>Elections Code §8600 et seq.</i>	57 to 14
April 23, 2026 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). <i>Government Code §§84200.5, 84200.8(a)</i>	40
May 17, 2026 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

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

TBD Manual Tally	The Sonoma County Elections Department randomly selects 1% of the precincts to count voted by hand <i>Elections Code § 15360</i>	TBD
July 2, 2026 Election Certification	The deadline for the Elections Department to certify the election results. <i>Elections Code §§ 15301, 15372</i>	+30
July 31, 2026 Semi-annual Campaign Statement Deadline	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. <i>Government Code §§84200, 84218</i>	