

Candidate Calendar
November 3, 2026, General Election

July 13 – August 7 E-113 to E-88	<p>Declaration of Candidacy & Nomination Period During this period, candidates must file declarations of candidacy. The declaration of candidacy shall be executed in the elections official's office. Only candidates for certain offices will file nomination petitions. Contact the elections official for individual office information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">EC § 10510 - 10514 & HNC § 6053</p>
July 31 E-97	<p>Semi-Annual Campaign Statement (460/470) due. Reporting includes information from January 1 (or from the date a campaign committee is formed) to June 30, 2026.</p>
August 7 E-88	<p>Deadline to File Candidate Statement Last day for nominees for county, district, or any other local agency to file a candidate statement, not to exceed 200 words (unless district chooses to allow longer), to be included in the Voter Information Guide. The statement shall be paid for at the same time that it is filed. Cost information is available from the county elections office.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">EC § 13307</p>
August 7 E-88	<p>Withdrawal of Candidacy Final day a candidate for a local office can withdraw their name from the contest. If there is an extended candidacy period, the final day to withdraw will be August 14.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">EC § 10510 & EC § 10603</p>
August 8 -12 E-87 to E-83	<p>Extension of Candidacy Period If an incumbent has not filed a declaration of candidacy by August 7, there will be a five-day extension allowing non-incumbents to file nomination papers.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">EC § 10515, 10516</p>
August 13 E-82	<p>Randomized Alphabet Drawing for Candidate Ballot Order If the office is to be voted upon wholly within, but not throughout, one county, as in the case of municipal, district, county supervisor, and county central committee offices, the official responsible for conducting the election shall determine the order of names in accordance with the randomized alphabet.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">EC § 13111</p>
Sep 7 – Oct 20 E-57 to E-14	<p>Write in Candidacy and Nomination Period Contact the elections official for individual office information.</p>
September 24 E-40	<p>First Pre-Election Campaign Statement (460/470) due. Reporting includes information from July 1 to September 19, 2026.</p>
October 5 E-29	<p>Mail Ballots Are Sent & Early Voting Begins No later than this date, County election officials shall begin mailing each registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot.</p>
October 22 E-12	<p>Second Pre-Election Campaign Statement (460) due. Reporting includes information from September 20 to October 17, 2026.</p>
November 3 E-0	<p>ELECTION DAY</p>

E – (E Minus) days until an election day