

KEY DATES AND DEADLINES
FOR THE
JUNE 2, 2026
STATEWIDE DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION

2025-26 - CALENDAR YEAR

December 11 - February 4th (E-173– E-118)	Signatures In-Lieu of filing fee Circulation Period U.S. Senator, State Constitutional, Assembly, Congressional, State Board of Equalization, Superior Court Judge, Countywide office candidates EC 8061; 8106
January 26th - February 4th (E-127-E-118)	Declaration of Intent for Judicial Candidates Only (The non-refundable filing fee is payable to the Registrar of Voters, and must be paid at the time the Declaration of Intent is filed.) EC 8023(a); 8105(b)
February 5th - February 9th (E-117 – E-113)	Extension Period for Declaration of Intent (Judicial office only) Declaration of Intent filing is extended ONLY to non-incumbent(s) if the incumbent does not file a Declaration of Intent by February 4, 2026. EC 8023(b)
February 9th –March 6th (E-113-E-88)	Nomination papers filed (EC 8105) Non refundable fees are paid to the ROV at this time.
February 9th - March 6th (E-113 – E-88)	Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Paper Period All Filing Fees, Nomination Papers, Candidate Statement of Qualifications and Declaration of Candidacies are due at this time.) EC 8020; 8040; 8041
March 6th (E-88) March 11th (E-83)	Last day to withdraw local contest nomination documents. EC 8020.5(a) Last day to withdraw local contest nomination documents during extended filing period. EC 8020.5(b)
March 7th - March 11th (E-87 – E-83)	Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Period Extension Nomination Period extended ONLY to non-incumbents if the incumbent does not file Nomination Papers EC 8022; 8024; 10407
March 12th (E-82) 11:00am	Random Alpha Randomized alphabet drawing to determine the order of candidates on the ballot.
April 6 – May 19 (E-57 – E-14)	Write-in Period Nomination Petitions to become a qualified write-in candidate shall be filed during this period.
May 4	Vote by Mail Ballots Mailed no later than this date
May 18 (E-15)	15 Day Close Standard voter registration deadline
June 2, 2026	Election Day

2025/26 HOLIDAYS OBSERVED: December 25, 2025 Jan 1, New Year's Day Observed, January 17th Martin Luther King Day, February 12th Lincoln Day observed, February 17th President's Day, March 31st Cesar Chavez Day, May 26th Memorial Day