

**KERN COUNTY ELECTIONS DIVISION
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
FOR 20TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION**

DATES	EVENTS
1/8/2024	Governor's Proclamation On this date, the Governor issued his proclamation calling the special election. The date of the special primary election is calculated by counting back nine Tuesdays or, if the ninth Tuesday is the day of or following a state holiday, ten Tuesdays preceding the day of the special general election at which the vacancy is to be filled. If one candidate receives a majority of the votes (50% +1), no special general election will be held.
1/8/24 to 1/16/24	In-Lieu Petitions Period for candidates to obtain forms from the county elections official for securing signatures in lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Signatures shall be applied to the signature requirement for the office on the nomination papers.
1/16/2024	In-lieu Petitions Deadline Last day to submit in-lieu filing fee petitions to the county elections official. Within 2 days after receipt of a petition, the county elections official shall notify the candidate of any deficiency.
1/16/2024	Notice of Randomized Alphabet Drawing Secretary of State to notify news media of the randomized drawing.
1/19/24 to 1/25/24	Declaration of Candidacy and Nomination Papers Period for candidates to obtain and deliver nomination papers to the county elections official for filing. Candidates must also file a declaration of candidacy and ballot designation worksheet during this period.
1/22/24 to 3/5/24	Statement of Write-In Candidacy and Nomination Papers Period for all write-in candidates to file their statement of write-in candidacy and nomination papers with the county elections official.
1/25/2024	Political Party Endorsements Last day for any qualified political party to submit to the county elections official a list of all candidates for voter-nominated office who will appear on any ballot in the county in question, and who have been endorsed by the party. The county elections official shall print any such list that is timely received from the state party chairperson in the voter information guide.
1/31/2024	Certified List of Candidates Last day for the Secretary of State to send the certified list of candidates to the county elections official.
2/3/2024	Military and Overseas Voters Last day for the county elections official to transmit ballots to military and overseas voters.
2/19/24 to 3/12/24	Vote-By-Mail Issuance Every active registered voter will be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot. No later than this date, the county official shall begin mailing each registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot, a vote-by-mail packet that includes an envelope with instructions to the use and return of the vote-by-mail ballot, and other information including the locations and hours of polling locations. The county elections official shall have five days to mail a ballot to each person who is registered to vote by this date and five days to mail a ballot to each person who is subsequently registered to vote.
3/4/2024	Voter Registration Last day to register to vote in the special primary election.
3/5/24 to 3/19/24	Conditional Voter Registration Period Period in which an individual can "conditionally" register and vote provisionally at the county elections office, a satellite office, vote center (Fresno and Kings counties) or polling location (Kern and Tulare counties) after the 15-day voter registration deadline.
3/19/2024	Special Primary Election and Vote-By-Mail Ballots Polls open at 7:00AM and close at 8:00PM. Hand delivered vote-by-mail ballots shall be received by 8:00PM on Election Day at any vote center (Fresno or King counties) or polling location (Kern and Tulare counties), drop box, at the office of the elections official, or at any ballot dropoff location. If one candidate receives a majority of the votes (50% + 1), no special general election will be held.

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3/26/2024	Vote-By-Mail Ballots Returned By Mail - Last Day to be Counted Any vote-by-mail ballot cast shall be deemed timely if it is received by the county elections official via the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company no later than seven days after Election Day and either of the following is satisfied if: 1) the ballot is postmarked on or before Election Day or is time stamped or date stamped by a bona fide private mail delivery company on or before Election Day, or 2) if the ballot has no postmark, a postmark with no date, or an illegible postmark, the vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope is date stamped by the elections official upon receipt of the vote-by-mail ballot from the United States Postal Service or a bona fide private mail delivery company, and is signed and dated pursuant to Section 3011 or or before Election Day.
3/26/2024	Vote-By-Mail Ballots Returned By Mail - Deadline to Cure NonComparable Signature on Identification Last day for the county elections official to receive from a voter, whose signature on their vote-by-mail identification envelope did not compare with their signature(s) in their voter record, a "signature verification statement;" this statement can be submitted in person, or by mail, email, or fax.
3/26/2024	Vote-By-Mail Ballots - Deadline to Cure Unsigned Identification Envelope Last day for a voter who did not sign the vote-by-mail ballot identification envelope to either sign the identification envelope at the office of the county elections official or complete the submit an "unsigned ballot statemet" in person to the county elections official, or by mail, email, or fax.
3/28/2024	Official Canvass - Deadline Last day for the county elections official to complete the official canvass and certify the results to the Secretary of State.