

# November 3, 2020 General Election Candidate's Guide

Community College Offices  
School District Offices  
Special District Offices



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Persons using this guide must bear full responsibility to make their own determinations as to all legal standards and duties. For information regarding municipal offices, please contact your City/Town Clerk’s Office.

## Offices To Be Voted On – November 3, 2020

OFFICE TITLE	CURRENT OFFICEHOLDER
<b>SCHOOL</b>	
Butte County Board of Education Trustee Area 1	Amy Christianson Karin Matray Roger C. Steel
Butte County Board of Education Trustee Area 2	Alastair Roughton**
Butte County Board of Education Trustee Area 4	Brenda J. Mc Laughlin
Butte-Glenn Community College District Trustee Area 1	John Dahlmeier
Butte-Glenn Community College District Trustee Area 2	William “Bill” Mc Ginnis
Butte-Glenn Community College District Trustee Area 3	Rick Krepelka
Butte-Glenn Community College District Trustee Area 7	Eugene Massa Jr*
Biggs Unified School District	Linda Brown Jonna Phillips
Chico Unified School District	Elizabeth “Liz” Griffin Linda Hovey
Durham Unified School District	Alex Du Bose Kathryn “Kathy” Horn Ed Mc Laughlin Matthew Thorpe**
Gridley Unified School District Trustee Area 1	Lena Sannar
Gridley Unified School District Trustee Area 2	Eric Waterbury Sonia Zarate
Marysville Joint Unified School District Trustee Area 4	Paul Allison
Paradise Unified School District	Melissa Crick Emily Vail Susan Davis
Oroville Union High School District	Scott Damon Ray Sehorn
Bangor Union Elementary School District	[Vacant] Robert Rominger
Golden Feather Union Elementary School District	Richard Miller Paula Jones Neher
Manzanita Elementary School District	James Clark Stowe II Christopher Oakley [Vacant]
Oroville City Elementary School District	K. Sandra Barnes Art Dyce Mark Grover
Palermo Union School District	Debbie Hoffman Jessica King

## Offices To Be Voted On – November 3, 2020, Continued

OFFICE TITLE	CURRENT OFFICEHOLDER
<b>SCHOOL, CONTINUED</b>	
Pioneer Union Elementary School District	William Cotter Melvin L. Hillier
Thermalito Union School District	Richard Meyer [Vacant]
<b>SPECIAL DISTRICT</b>	
El Medio Fire Protection District	John T. Allen Daniel C. Moench Dan Tiedemann Phillip Henry**
Durham Irrigation District	Raymond Cooper Matt Doyle
Paradise Irrigation District - Division 1	[Vacant]
Paradise Irrigation District - Division 2	Brian Shaw**
Paradise Irrigation District - Division 3	Shelby Boston**
Paradise Irrigation District - Division 5	Greg Allen Mowers
Lake Oroville Public Utility District	Angela D. Mastelotto Dee G. Fairbanks
Chico Area Recreation and Park District	Tom Lando Michael Worley
Durham Recreation and Park District	Marjorie A. Redding Eric R. Stevens
Feather River Recreation and Park District	Shannon J. DeLong Devin Bernard Thomas Clarence Gerald Brandt
Paradise Recreation and Park District	Robert Anderson Julie Van Roekel
Richvale Recreation and Park District	Michael Felkins Gregory A. Stephens
Berry Creek Community Services District	Roger F. Dunn Barbara Lee Garrett
Buzztail Community Services District	Scott Young, Jason Sebrin William J. Ward Matt Wallen**
Richardson Springs Community Services District	Brittany D. Salyerds Lon Kuykendall
Richvale Sanitary District	Audrey G. Stephens Gregory A. Stephens Gary A. Stone
North Yuba Water District	Doug Neilson***
South Feather Water and Power Agency - Division 2	Rick Wulbern
South Feather Water and Power Agency - Division 4	James Lee Edwards
Thermalito Water and Sewer District - Division 1	Brad Taggart
Thermalito Water and Sewer District - Division 2	Trevor Hatley
Thermalito Water and Sewer District - Division 4	Bruce Allen Wristen

**Footnotes:**

Candidates seeking office must know the term of office. Generally terms are 4 years for most local public offices other than short term offices which are 2 years.

\* Joint county district shared with Glenn County. Butte County is the lead agency.

\*\* Incumbent appointed to vacancy in district. Office subject to election for 2 year short term.

\*\*\* Joint county district shared with Yuba County.

# Voter's Choice Act

The Voter's Choice Act (VCA) was signed by the governor in 2016. Under this legislation counties may conduct elections by all mailed ballot, having satisfied certain requirements. Butte County will conduct elections under the Act starting in 2020.

Ballots will be mailed out to all registered voters, along with the voter information guide, 29 days before the election. The postage on the return envelopes is pre-paid (No Stamp Required!).

Ballots can be returned by mail, or they can be dropped off at any Vote Center or Ballot Drop Box in the county. Any voter can go to any Vote Center and receive the same services, they are not limited to one location like they were in the past with polling places.

Ballot Drop Boxes will be available starting 28 days before the election, with Vote Centers opening up starting 3 days before the election.

At a Vote Center a voter will be able to:

- Return a voted ballot
- Receive a replacement ballot
- Get language assistance
- Vote on an accessible ballot marking device
- Register to vote and vote a conditional ballot

Voters will also be able to request a replacement ballot over the phone by calling (530)552-3400 option 1, so long as they do so more than 7 days before the election to allow for adequate mailing time.

## Candidate Filing Qualifications, Requirements and Flow Chart

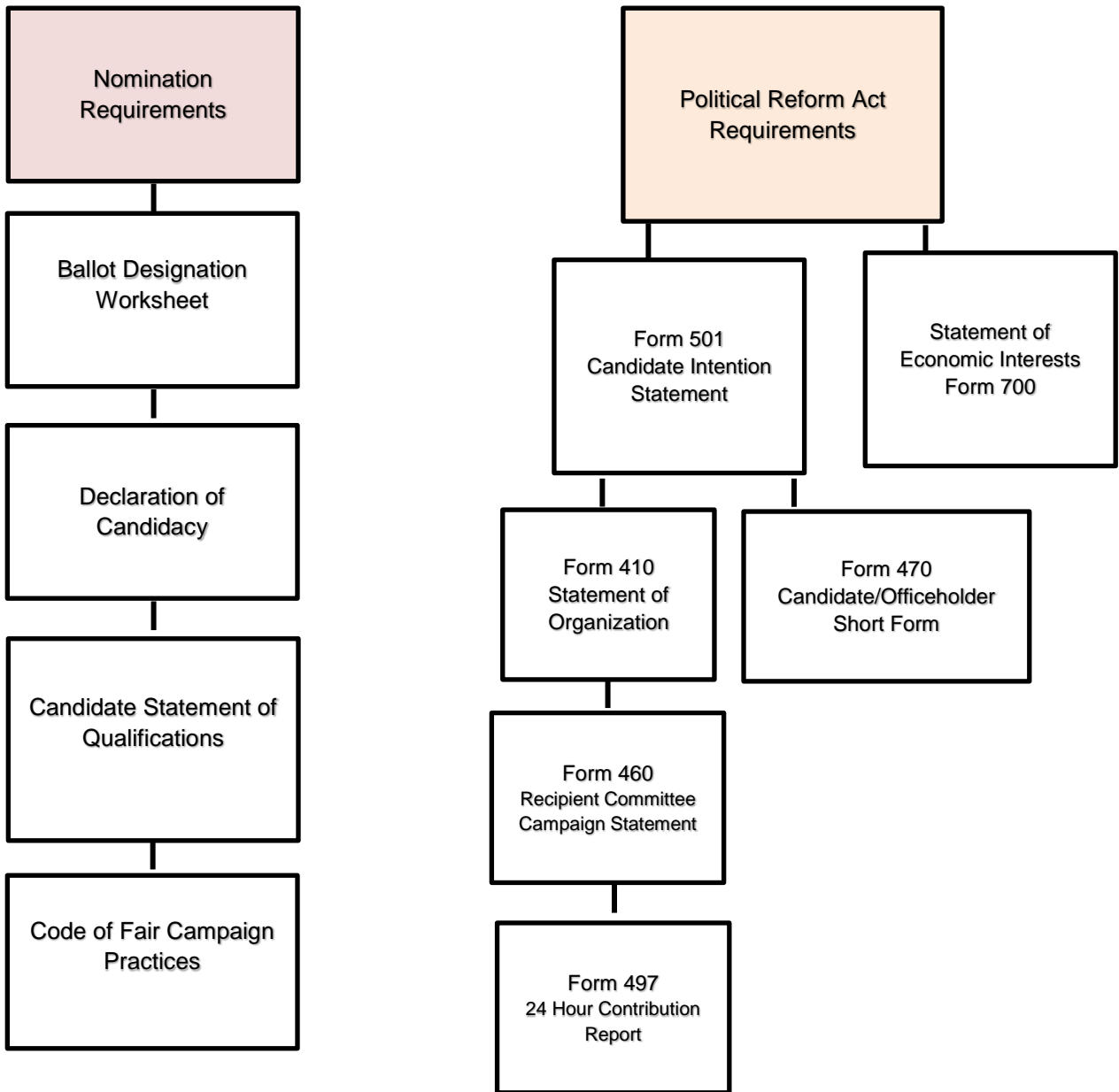
This candidate guide provides general reference information. Detailed information specific to each office is provided in the "Qualifications and Requirements" which is a separate document. The "Qualifications and Requirements" are posted on the County Clerk-Recorder Elections Division website-- [buttevotes.net](http://buttevotes.net) and are available in the office.

Most candidate filing documents are available to the public. The list provided below details whether the document is available for public viewing and/or purchase.

Public Contact Worksheet	View/Purchase	GC 6254.21
Petitions in Lieu of Filing Fee	View	EC 17100
Nomination Paper	View	EC 17100
Declaration of Candidacy	View	EC 17100
Ballot Designation Worksheet	View/Purchase	Ca. Code Regs 20711(b)

A flow chart on the candidate filing process for County Offices and Judge of the Superior Court follow this information page for your reference. Additionally, candidates are encouraged to review to the general "candidate filing reference information" and detail attachment on retirees, felonies and crimes.

# Local Candidate Filing Flowchart



## Candidate Filing Reference Information

Refer to the qualifications for the specific office you are seeking. Additional information may be covered in this portion of the guide that may be general to all candidates.

All documents are available from the Butte County Clerk-Recorder Elections Division "County". Only the official forms prepared or issued by the County may be used. Candidates, or their authorized agents, will be given instructions on the procedures to complete the candidate filing.

### Public Employee Retirees

Government Code sections 21221 and 21222 specify the applicable laws pertaining to public employee retirees:

#### Government Code § 21221

A retired person may serve without reinstatement from retirement or loss or interruption of benefits provided by this system, as follows:

(a) As a member of any board, commission, or advisory committee, upon appointment by the Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly, the President pro Tempore of the Senate, director of a state department, or the governing board of the contracting agency. However, the appointment shall not be deemed employment within the meaning of Division 4 (commencing with Section 3200) and Division 4.5 (commencing with Section 6100) of the Labor Code, and shall not provide a basis for the payment of workers' compensation to a retired state employee or to his or her dependents.

(b) As a school crossing guard.

(c) As a juror or election officer.

(d) As an elective officer on and after September 15, 1961. However, all rights and immunities which may have accrued under Section 21229 as it read prior to that section's repeal during the 1969 Regular Session of the Legislature are hereby preserved.

(e) As an appointive member of the governing body of a contracting agency. However, the compensation for that office shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) per month.

(f) Upon appointment by the Legislature, or either house, or a legislative committee to a position deemed by the appointing power to be temporary in nature.

(g) Upon employment by a contracting agency to a position found by the governing body, by resolution, to be available because of a leave of absence granted to a person on payroll status for a period not to exceed one year and found by the governing body to require specialized skills. The temporary employment shall be terminated at the end of the leave of absence. Appointments under this section shall be reported to the board and shall be accompanied by the resolution adopted by the governing body.

(h) Upon interim appointment by the governing body of a contracting agency to a vacant position during recruitment for a permanent appointment and deemed by the governing body to require specialized skills or during an emergency to prevent stoppage of public business. A retired person shall only be appointed once to this vacant position. These appointments, including any made concurrently pursuant to Section 21224 or 21229, shall not exceed a combined total of 960 hours for all employers each fiscal year. The compensation for the interim appointment shall not exceed the maximum monthly base salary paid to other employees performing comparable duties as listed on a publicly available pay schedule for the vacant position divided by 173.333 to equal an hourly rate. A retired person appointed to a vacant position pursuant to this subdivision shall not receive any benefits, incentives, compensation in lieu of benefits, or any other forms of compensation in addition to the hourly rate. A retired annuitant appointed pursuant to this subdivision shall not work more than 960 hours each fiscal year regardless of whether he or she works for one or more employers.

(i) Upon appointment by the Administrative Director of the Courts to the position of Court Security Coordinator, a position deemed temporary in nature and requiring the specialized skills and experience of a retired professional peace officer.

#### Government Code §21222

Notwithstanding Section 21221, if a retired person serves without reinstatement from retirement in an elective office and part or all of his or her retirement allowance is based on service in that elective office, the portion of the allowance based on service in that elective office shall be suspended during incumbency in that elective office. The entire retirement allowance shall be paid for time on and after the person vacates the elective office in the monthly amount payable had the allowance not been suspended. The governing body of every employer other than the state shall cause immediate notice to be given to this system of the election of any retired person to an office of the employer.



# Felony & Misdemeanor Convictions and Other Crimes

There are various election codes and government codes that detail the laws regarding persons running for office that have been convicted of crimes:

## Elections Code §20

(a) A person shall not be considered a candidate for, and is not eligible to be elected to, any state or local elective office if the person has been convicted of a felony involving accepting or giving, or offering to give, any bribe, the embezzlement of public money, extortion or theft of public money, perjury, or conspiracy to commit any of those crimes.

(b) For purposes of this section, "conviction of a felony" includes a conviction of a felony in this state and a conviction under the laws of any other state, the United States, or any foreign government or country of a crime that, if committed in this state, would be a felony, and for which the person has not received a pardon from the Governor of this state, the governor or other officer authorized to grant pardons in another state, the President of the United States, or the officer of the foreign government or country authorized to grant pardons in that foreign jurisdiction.

## Government Code §91002

No person convicted of a misdemeanor under this title shall be a candidate for any elective office or act as a lobbyist for a period of four years following the date of the conviction unless the court at the time of sentencing specifically determines that this provision shall not be applicable. A plea of nolo contendere shall be deemed a conviction for purposes of this section. Any person violating this section is guilty of a felony.

For more information, see Government Code §1021 et seq.

## Election Calendar

The Election Calendar that provides all important dates and deadlines for the election and is available on the website at [www.ButteVotes.net](http://www.ButteVotes.net). Filing deadlines are rigid during the candidate filing process, we strongly urge you to review this calendar.

## Candidate Filing Appointments

Candidates are encouraged to make appointments and file early. Call the Elections Division at 530-552-3400 or 800-894-7761 within Butte County to schedule your appointment.

## Authorization for Candidate's Representative

In the case where a candidate may not be able to appear in person at the County, they may designate someone to appear on their behalf. A candidate may, in a written statement signed and dated by the candidate, designate a person to receive candidate filing documents including petition in-lieu, nomination petition, and declaration of candidacy and deliver it to the candidate. The statement shall include language indicating that the candidate is aware that the declaration of candidacy must be properly executed and delivered to the County by the 88<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election. Elections Code section 8028(b).

Any person may file petitions in lieu of filing fee without a letter of authorization from the candidate.

## Internet Public Contact Worksheet

All candidates are required to complete this worksheet to authorize release of contact information for the public and media during the election.

Key elements to consider are:

1. Candidate Name on Ballot. Refer to "Candidate's Name on Ballot" in this guide.
2. Phonetic name pronunciation. This is very important. An audio ballot is produced for visually impaired voters. We need to know how to phonetically pronounce your name so an accurate audio recording can be produced.
3. Contact information that you would like made public. Please be aware this will be posted on our website and made available to public and media inquiries.

## Selecting Ballot Designation to Appear Below Name on Ballot

The ballot designation describes the current profession, vocation, occupation or incumbency status of the candidate that will appear under the candidate's name.

Ballot Designations:

1. The listing of a designation on the ballot is optional.
2. A Ballot Designation Worksheet must be completed and filed at the time the Declaration of Candidacy is executed.
3. Ballot designations cannot be changed after the final date to file nomination documents.

See Ballot Designation Worksheet for more information.

**NOTE: No Ballot Designation:** If no ballot designation is requested, write the words "No Ballot Designation". You will be required to initial on the line next to the ballot designation on the Declaration of Candidacy to acknowledge that you are requesting no designation to be printed next to your name. (Elections Code section 13107 et seq.)

## Ballot Designation Rejection

If, upon checking the ballot designation worksheet, the elections official finds the designation to be a violation of any of the restrictions set forth in the Ballot Designation Regulations, they shall notify the candidate by certified mail return receipt requested. (Elections Code section 13107(c))

The candidate shall, within three days, excluding Saturday, Sunday, and state holidays, from the date the notice is received, appear at the Butte County Clerk-Recorder Elections Division and provide a ballot designation that complies with the Ballot Designation Regulations. (Elections Code section 13107(c)(1))

Failure of a candidate to respond in the timeframe provided will mean no ballot designation shall be printed on the ballot. (Elections Code section 13107(c)(2))

## Candidate's Name on Ballot

The **ballot name** is the way you want your name to appear on the ballot.

It may be designated as follows:

- First, middle, and last name;
- Initials only and last name;
- A nickname may be included but must be in quotation marks " ";  
A familiar or common short version of the first name such as "Bill" for William or "Becky" for Rebecca, etc.

A candidate may use a nickname in addition to his legal name provided his candidacy has been declared under such name on the declaration of candidacy. (A.G. Ops. 50-87, 5/27/80)

The candidate's name as shown on the Declaration of Candidacy is the manner in which it will appear on the ballot; it cannot be changed after the document is filed. (Elections Code section 8040)

### No title or degree

No title or degree such as "Miss", "Mrs.", "Mr.", "Dr.", "Ph.D", shall appear on the same line on a ballot as a candidate's name, either before or after the candidate's name. (Elections Code section 13106)

### Candidate change of name

If a candidate changes his or her name within one year of any election, the new name shall not appear upon the ballot unless the change was made by either of the following:

- (a) Marriage.
- (b) Decree of any court of competent jurisdiction. (Elections Code section 13104)

## Printing of candidate's name

The names of the candidates shall be printed on the ballot, without indentation, in roman capital, boldface type not smaller than eight-point. (Elections Code section 13211)

## Candidates with same name

The following rules apply when a person who is a candidate for any office believes that another person with a name that is so similar that it may be confused with his or her name has filed or will file a nomination paper for the same office:

(a) The candidate may, at the time of filing his or her nomination paper, or within five days after the time for filing nomination papers has expired, file with the elections official a statement that shall be in substance as follows:

"I \_\_\_\_\_, believe that another person, whose name is so similar to mine that it may be confused with mine, has filed or will file a nomination paper for the same office for which I have filed a nomination paper, and I therefore request and direct that the elections official assign a number to each candidate with a similar name to be printed on the ballot as a distinguishing mark.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Candidate for the office

Of \_\_\_\_\_"

(b) The distinguishing mark shall be a number, commencing with the number "1" and continuing in numerical sequence until each candidate with a similar name has been assigned a distinguishing number, and shall be printed at the right of the name on the ballot.

(c) The first candidate who filed his or her nomination papers shall have the number "1" and each subsequent candidate, based on the time of filing his or her nomination papers, shall be assigned the next number in numerical sequence.

(d) In addition to the designated numbers that the elections official shall place on the ballot when the above conditions are met, he or she shall place on the ballot, immediately preceding the names of the candidates to be voted upon, the following warning:

"Warning! There are two (or applicable number) candidates for this office with identical names."

This warning shall also be included, in a prominent manner, on any sample ballot, ballot pamphlet, or other mailing sent by the elections official, prior to the election, to persons eligible to vote for this office.

(a) To determine the order on the ballot for the candidates with similar names, the elections official shall conduct a drawing of the numbers assigned to the candidates in a similar manner as provided for in Section 13112. (Elections Code section 13118)

## Running for Multiple Offices at the Same Election

This does not apply to:

- (a) Recall elections.
- (b) Presidential primary.
- (c) Nomination of officers of cities or counties whose charters provide a system for nominating candidates for those offices.
- (d) Nomination of officers for any district not formed for municipal purposes.
- (e) Nomination of officers for general law cities.
- (f) Nomination of school district officers.

(Elections Code section 8000)

## Incompatible Offices

The Political Reform Act does not prohibit any officeholder from holding multiple public offices or seeking more than one elective office. For example, a deputy district attorney can hold the office of city council member, or a water board director may also be elected to a park and recreation district. There are, however, instances of holding more than one office that are considered incompatible.

There is no single statute that defines “incompatible offices”. The common law doctrine of incompatibility of offices, however, prevents an elected official from holding two offices simultaneously **if the offices have overlapping and conflicting public duties**.

The courts have defined this concept as follows: “One individual may not simultaneously hold two public offices where the functions of the offices concerned are inherently inconsistent, as where there are conflicting interests, or where the nature of the duties of the two offices is such as to render it improper due to considerations of public policy for one person to retain both.”

The State of California Attorney General’s Office has issued many opinions of particular compatibility questions. Here are six examples of incompatible offices:

1. City councilmember and school district board member where the city and the school district have territory in common;
2. Fire Chief of a county fire protection district and member, county board of supervisors of the same county;
3. High school district trustee and trustee of an elementary school district which is wholly within the geographic boundaries of the high school district;
4. Water district director and a city councilmember,
5. Water district director and a school district trustee having territory in common; and
6. Deputy sheriff and member, county board of supervisors.

If you have a question about whether two public offices which you hold or are seeking election to would be considered incompatible, contact the Attorney General’s office at (916) 324-5437 or visit their website, [www.oag.ca.gov](http://www.oag.ca.gov).

## Candidate Filing Extension Period

The Incumbent shall be the candidate who is running for the same office which he or she holds, and who is running for reelection in a district that has the same identical boundaries as the district from which he or she was last elected. (Elections Code section 13108).

### **Extension of filing period when incumbent fails to file-schools**

If a declaration of candidacy for an incumbent member of a school district or community college district governing board or of a county board of education is not filed by 5 p.m. on the 88th day before the election, any person, other than the person who was the incumbent on the 88th day, shall have until 5 p.m. on the 83rd day before an election to file a declaration of candidacy for the elective office.

This section is not applicable where there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. If this section is applicable, notwithstanding section 10603, a candidate whose declaration of candidacy has been filed for any school district or community college district governing board election or county board of education election may withdraw as a candidate until 5 p.m. on the 83rd day before the election. (Elections Code section 10604)

### **Extension of filing period when incumbent fails to file-special districts**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in any district or agency election, if a declaration of candidacy for an incumbent elective officer of a district is not filed by 5 p.m. on the 88th day before the general district election, any person other than the person who was the incumbent on the 88th day shall have until 5 p.m. on the 83rd day before the election to file a declaration of candidacy for the elective office.

This section is not applicable where there is no incumbent to be elected. If this section is applicable, notwithstanding section 10510, a candidate may withdraw his or her declaration of candidacy until 5 p.m. on the 83rd day before the general election. (Elections Code section 10516)

## **Votes Needed to be Elected**

### **Judicial Candidate Not Printed on Ballot Elected at General Election**

If the incumbent judge is the only candidate to file nomination papers, the name shall not appear on the primary election ballot. If no judicial write-in campaign is conducted for the General Election, the judicial candidate shall not appear on the ballot. The County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters shall, on the day of the General Election, declare the incumbent re-elected.

### **County Board of Education, Community College and School District Candidates**

When one member of the governing board of a school district or community college district is to be elected, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. When two or more members are to be elected, the two or more candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. Each voter may vote for as many candidates as there are members to be elected. The ballot shall contain instructions stating the maximum number of candidates for whom each voter may vote. (Elections Code section 10600)

### **Special District Candidates**

No later than the Monday before the first Friday in December the county elections official shall declare the elected candidate or candidates. If there is but one person to be elected to an elective office, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast for the candidates for that office shall be declared elected. If there are two or more persons to be elected to an elective office, those candidates equal in number to the number to be elected who receive the highest number of votes for the office shall be declared elected.

If a tie vote makes it impossible to determine which of two or more candidates has been elected, the county elections official shall notify the governing body of the district thereof, and the governing body shall forthwith notify the candidates who have received the tie votes to appear before it either personally or by representative at a time and place designated by the governing body. The governing body shall, at that time and place, determine the tie by lot and the results thereof shall be declared by the governing body. The candidate so chosen shall qualify, take office and serve as though elected at the preceding general district election. (Elections Code Section 10551)

## **Order of Names on the Ballot**

Elections Code section 13109 specifies the order of precedence of offices on the ballot. The order in which candidates' names shall be placed on the ballot is specified in Elections Code section 13111 and 13112.

### **Rules for printing candidates on ballot**

Candidates for each office shall be printed on the ballot as follows (Elections Code section 13111):

#### **Statewide office**

The Secretary of State shall arrange the names of the candidates for the office in accordance with the randomized alphabet as provided for in section 13112 for the First Assembly District. Thereafter, for each succeeding Assembly district, the name appearing first in the last preceding Assembly district shall be placed last, the order of the other names remaining unchanged.

#### **Representatives in Congress and State Board of Equalization**

The Secretary of State shall arrange the names of candidates for the office in accordance with the randomized alphabet as provided for in section 13112 for that Assembly district that has the lowest number of all the Assembly districts in which candidates are to be voted on. Thereafter, for each succeeding Assembly district in which the candidates are to be voted on, the names appearing first in the last preceding Assembly district shall be placed last, the order of the other names remaining unchanged.

### **State Senate and State Assembly (multiple counties)**

Except as provided in subdivision (d) of section 13112, State Senator or Member of the Assembly and the district includes more than one county, the county elections official in each county shall conduct a drawing of the letters of the alphabet, pursuant to the same procedures specified in section 13112. The results of the drawing shall be known as a county randomized drawing.

### **City, School and Special District Offices**

The names shall appear on the ballot in randomized alphabet order as prescribed in the Random Alphabet Drawing below.

## **Random alphabet drawing**

The Secretary of State and County Elections Official shall conduct a randomized alphabet drawing. The procedure shall be as follows:

Each letter of the alphabet shall be written on a separate slip of paper, each of which shall be folded and inserted into a capsule. The capsules shall be placed in a container, which shall be shaken in order to mix the capsules thoroughly. The container then shall be opened and the capsules removed at random one at a time. As each is removed, it is opened and the letter on the slip of paper read aloud and written down. The resulting random order constitutes the randomized alphabet, which is to be used in determining the order of all candidates in all elections. For example, if two candidates with the surnames Campbell and Carlson are running for the same office, their order on the ballot will depend on the order in which the letters M and R were drawn in the randomized alphabet drawing.

Each randomized alphabet drawing shall be open to the public. At least 10 days prior to a drawing, the Secretary of State shall notify the news media and other interested parties of the date, time, and place of the drawing.

The drawing shall be held at 11 a.m. on the 82<sup>nd</sup> day prior to the Election. The state shall transmit the results of their drawing to the County. The County posts both the state and county drawing on the website.

(Elections Code section 13112)

## **Campaign Literature Requirements**

### **County Voter Information Guide**

All registered voters receive a voter information guide that contains important voter information including but not limited to locations of Vote Centers and Ballot Drop Boxes.

There have been select cases where a location changed at the last minute due to unforeseen circumstances. Therefore we do not recommend that campaign literature be sent with the locations on it. Any data files purchased prior to 30 days before the election must be confirmed by the Butte County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters that no last minute changes have been made. The purchaser may email elections@buttecounty.net to receive confirmation.

### **Distribution of precinct polling place information; penalty**

Every person is guilty of a misdemeanor who knowingly causes to be mailed or distributed, or knowingly mails or distributes, literature to any voter that includes a designation of the voter's precinct polling place other than a precinct polling place listed for that voter in an official precinct polling list that constituted the latest official precinct polling list at some time not more than 30 days prior to the mailing or distribution. (Elections Code section 18302)

### **Campaign advertising or communication definition**

"Campaign advertising or communication" means a communication authorized by a candidate or a candidate's controlled committee, as defined in section 82016 of the Government Code, or by a committee making independent expenditures, as defined in section 82031 of the Government Code, or by a committee formed primarily to support or oppose a ballot measure, as defined in section 82047.5 of the Government Code, for

the purpose of advocating the election or defeat of a qualified candidate or ballot measure through any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, outdoor advertising facility, direct mailing, or any other type of general, public, political advertising.

### **Mass mailing**

Government Code section 82041.5. "Mass mailing" means over two hundred substantially similar pieces of mail, but does not include a form letter or other mail which is sent in response to an unsolicited request, letter or other inquiry.

### **Mass mailing requirements**

Government Code section 84305. (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a candidate, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, or political party committee shall not send a mass mailing unless the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee are shown on the outside of each piece of mail in the mass mailing and on at least one of the inserts included within each piece of mail of the mailing in no less than 6-point type that is in a color or print that contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible. A post office box may be stated in lieu of a street address if the candidate's, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate's, or political party committee's address is a matter of public record with the Secretary of State.

(2) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a committee, other than a candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate or a political party committee, shall not send a mass mailing that is not required to include a disclosure pursuant to Section 84502 unless the name, street address, and city of the committee is shown on the outside of each piece of mail in the mass mailing and on at least one of the inserts included within each piece of mail of the mailing in no less than 6-point type that is in a color or print that contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible. A post office box may be stated in lieu of a street address if the committee's address is a matter of public record with the Secretary of State.

(b) If the sender of the mass mailing is a single candidate or committee, the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee need only be shown on the outside of each piece of mail.

(c) (1) A candidate, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, or political party committee shall not send a mass electronic mailing unless the name of the candidate or committee is shown in the electronic mailing preceded by the words "Paid for by" in at least the same size font as a majority of the text in the electronic mailing.

(2) A committee, other than a candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate or a political party committee, shall not send a mass electronic mailing that is not required to include a disclosure pursuant to Section 84502 or 84504.3 unless the name of the committee is shown in the electronic mailing preceded by the words "Paid for by" in at least the same size font as a majority of the text in the electronic mailing.

(d) If the sender of a mass mailing is a controlled committee, the name of the person controlling the committee shall be included in addition to the information required by subdivision (a).

(e) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meaning:

(1) "Mass electronic mailing" means sending more than two hundred substantially similar pieces of electronic mail within a calendar month.

(2) "Sender" means the candidate, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, or political party committee who pays for the largest portion of expenditures attributable to the designing, printing, and posting of the mailing which are reportable pursuant to Sections 84200 to 84217, inclusive.

- (3) To “pay for” a share of the cost of a mass mailing means to make, to promise to make, or to incur an obligation to make, any payment: (A) to any person for the design, printing, postage, materials, or other costs of the mailing, including salaries, fees, or commissions, or (B) as a fee or other consideration for an endorsement or, in the case of a ballot measure, support or opposition, in the mailing.
- (f) This section does not apply to a mass mailing or mass electronic mailing that is paid for by an independent expenditure.

### **Mass mailing prohibitions**

Government Code section 89001. No newsletter or other mass mailing shall be sent at public expense.

### **Mass Mailing by Candidates on Ballot within 60 Days of Election**

Government Code section 89002. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a mailing is prohibited by Section 89001 if all of the following criteria are met:

- (1) An item sent is delivered, by any means, to the recipient at his or her residence, place of employment or business, or post office box. The item delivered to the recipient must be a tangible item, such as a videotape, record, or button, or a written document.
  - (2) The item sent either:
    - (A) Features an elected officer affiliated with the agency that produces or sends the mailing.
    - (B) Includes the name, office, photograph, or other reference to an elected officer affiliated with the agency that produces or sends the mailing, and is prepared or sent in cooperation, consultation, coordination, or concert with the elected officer.
  - (3) Any of the costs of distribution are paid for with public money or the costs of design, production, and printing exceeding fifty dollars (\$50) are paid with public moneys, and the design, production, or printing is done with the intent of sending the item other than as permitted by this section.
  - (4) More than 200 substantially similar items are sent in a single calendar month, excluding any item sent in response to an unsolicited request and any item described in subdivision (b).
- (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a mass mailing of the following items is not prohibited by Section 89001:
- (1) An item in which the elected officer’s name appears only in the letterhead or logotype of the stationery, forms, including “For Your Information” or “Compliments of” cards or stamps, and envelopes of the agency sending the mailing, or of a committee of the agency, or of the elected officer, or in a roster listing containing the names of all elected officers of the agency. For purposes of this section, the return address portion of a self-mailer is considered the envelope. In any such item, the names of all elected officers must appear in the same type size, typeface, type color, and location. The item shall not include the elected officer’s photograph, signature, or any other reference to the elected officer, except as specifically permitted by this section. The item may, however, include the elected officer’s office or district number and the elected officer’s name or district number in his or her Internet Web site address or electronic mail address.
  - (2) A press release sent to members of the media.
  - (3) An item sent in the normal course of business from one governmental entity or officer to another governmental entity or officer, including all local, state, and federal officers or entities.
  - (4) An intra-agency communication sent in the normal course of business to employees, officers, deputies, and other staff.
  - (5) An item sent in connection with the payment or collection of funds by the agency sending the mailing, including tax bills, checks, and similar documents, in any instance in which use of the elected officer’s name, office, title, or signature is necessary to the payment or collection of the funds. The item shall not include the elected officer’s photograph, signature, or any other reference to the elected officer, except as specifically permitted by this section.
  - (6) Any item sent by an agency responsible for administering a government program, to persons subject to that program, in any instance in which the mailing of the item is essential to the functioning of the program, the item does not include the elected officer’s photograph, and use of the elected officer’s name, office, title, or signature is necessary to the functioning of the program.
  - (7) Any legal notice or other item sent as required by law, court order, or order adopted by an administrative agency pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2), and in which use of the elected officer’s name, office, title, or signature is necessary in the notice or other mailing. For purposes of this paragraph, inclusion of an elected officer’s name on a ballot as a candidate for elective office, and inclusion of an elected officer’s name and signature on a ballot argument, shall be considered necessary to that notice or other item.



- (8) A telephone directory, organization chart, or similar listing or roster which includes the names of elected officers as well as other individuals in the agency sending the mailing, in which the name of each elected officer and individual listed appears in the same type size, typeface, and type color. The item shall not include an elected officer's photograph, name, signature, or any other reference to an elected officer, except as specifically permitted by this section.
- (9) (A) An announcement of any meeting or event of either of the following:
- (i) An announcement sent to an elected officer's constituents concerning a public meeting that is directly related to the elected officer's incumbent governmental duties, is to be held by the elected officer, and that the elected officer intends to attend.
  - (ii) An announcement of any official agency event or events for which the agency is providing the use of its facilities or staff or other financial support.
- (B) Any announcement provided for in this paragraph shall not include the elected officer's photograph or signature and may include only a single mention of the elected officer's name except as permitted elsewhere in this section.
- (10) An agenda or other writing that is required to be made available pursuant to Sections 11125.1 and 54957.5, or a bill, file, history, journal, committee analysis, floor analysis, agenda of an interim or special hearing of a committee of the Legislature, or index of legislation, published by the Legislature.
- (11) A business card that does not contain the elected officer's photograph or more than one mention of the elected officer's name.
- (c) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:
- (1) "Elected officer affiliated with the agency" means an elected officer who is a member, officer, or employee of the agency, or of a subunit thereof such as a committee, or who has supervisory control over the agency or appoints one or more members of the agency.
  - (2) "Features an elected officer" means that the item mailed includes the elected officer's photograph or signature or singles out the elected officer by the manner of display of his or her name or office in the layout of the document, such as by headlines, captions, type size, typeface, or type color.
  - (3) "Substantially similar" is defined as follows:
    - (A) Two items are "substantially similar" if any of the following applies:
      - (i) The items are identical, except for changes necessary to identify the recipient and his or her address.
      - (ii) The items are intended to honor, commend, congratulate, or recognize an individual or group, or individuals or groups, for the same event or occasion, are intended to celebrate or recognize the same holiday, or are intended to congratulate an individual or group, or individuals or groups, on the same type of event, such as birthdays or anniversaries.
      - (iii) Both of the following apply to the items mailed:
        - (I) Most of the bills, legislation, governmental action, activities, events, or issues of public concern mentioned in one item are mentioned in the other.
        - (II) Most of the information contained in one item is contained in the other.
    - (B) Enclosure of the same informational materials in two items mailed, such as copies of the same bill, public document, or report, shall not, by itself, mean that the two items are "substantially similar." The informational materials shall not include the elected officer's name, photograph, signature, or any other reference to the elected officer except as permitted elsewhere in this section.
    - (C) An item is only considered substantially similar to other items sent by the same official, not to items sent by other officials in the same agency.
  - (4) "Unsolicited request" is defined as follows:
    - (A) A written or oral communication, including a petition, that specifically requests a response and is not requested or induced by the recipient elected officer or by any third person acting at his or her behest. However, an unsolicited oral or written communication, including a petition, that does not contain a specific request for a response shall be deemed to constitute an unsolicited request for a single written response.
    - (B) An unsolicited request for continuing information on a subject shall be deemed an unsolicited request for multiple responses directly related to that subject for a period of time not to exceed 24 months. An unsolicited request to receive a regularly published agency newsletter shall be deemed an unsolicited request for each issue of that newsletter.
    - (C) A previously unsolicited request to receive an agency newsletter or mass mailing on an ongoing basis shall not be deemed to have become solicited by the sole fact that the requestor responds to an agency notice indicating that, in the absence of a response, his or her name will be purged from the mailing list for that newsletter or mass mailing. A notice in the following language shall be deemed to meet this standard:

“The law does not permit this office to use public funds to keep you updated on items of interest unless you specifically request that it do so.”

Inclusion of a similar notice in other items does not constitute a solicitation under this section.

(D) A communication sent in response to an elected officer’s participation at a public forum or press conference, or to his or her issuance of a press release, shall be deemed an unsolicited request.

(E) A person who subscribes to newspapers or other periodicals published by persons other than elected officers shall be deemed to have made unsolicited requests for materials published in those subscription publications.

Government Code section 89003. Notwithstanding subdivision (b) of Section 89002, a mass mailing, as defined in Section 82041.5, that meets the criteria of subdivision (a) of Section 89002 shall not be sent within the 60 days preceding an election by or on behalf of a candidate whose name will appear on the ballot at that election, except as provided in paragraphs (2) to (8), inclusive, and paragraph (10) of subdivision (b) of Section 89002.

### **Mass mailing penal provisions**

Elections Code section 18303. Every person who violates section 84305 of the Government Code relating to mass mailing is subject to the penal provisions set forth in Chapter 11 (commencing with section 91000) of Title 9 of the Government Code.

### **Political advertisement requirements**

Elections Code section 20008. Any paid political advertisement that refers to an election or to any candidate for state or local elective office and that is contained in or distributed with a newspaper, shall bear on each surface or page thereof, in type or lettering at least half as large as the type or lettering of the advertisement or in 10-point roman type, whichever is larger, the words “Paid Political Advertisement.” The words shall be set apart from any other printed matter.

As used in this section “paid political advertisement” shall mean and shall be limited to, published statements paid for by advertisers for purposes of supporting or defeating any person who has filed for an elective state or local office.

### **Political advertisement; penalty**

Penal Code section 115.2. (a) No person shall publish or cause to be published, with actual knowledge, and intent to deceive, any campaign advertisement containing false or fraudulent depictions, or false or fraudulent representations, of official public documents or purported official public documents.

(b) For purposes of this section, “campaign advertisement” means any communication directed to voters by means of a mass mailing as defined in section 82041.5 of the Government Code, a paid newspaper advertisement, an outdoor advertisement, or any other printed matter, if the expenditures for that communication are required to be reported by Chapter 4 (commencing with section 84100) of Title 9 of the Government Code.

(c) Any violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail, or by a fine not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), or both.

### **Phone Banks**

California Government Code section 84310 (a) A candidate, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, political party committee, or slate mailer organization shall not expend campaign funds, directly or indirectly, to pay for telephone calls that are similar in nature and aggregate 500 or more in number, made by an individual, or individuals, or by electronic means and that advocate support of, or opposition to, a candidate, ballot measure, or both, unless during the course of each call the name of the candidate, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, political party committee, or slate mailer organization that authorized or paid for the call is disclosed to the recipient of the call. Unless the organization that authorized the call and in whose name it is placed has filing obligations under this title, and the name announced in the call either is the full name by which the organization or individual is identified in any statement or report required to be filed under this title or is the name by which the organization or individual is commonly known, the candidate, candidate controlled committee established for an elective office for the controlling candidate, political party committee, or slate mailer organization that

paid for the call shall be disclosed. This section does not apply to telephone calls made by the candidate, the campaign manager, or individuals who are volunteers.

(b) Campaign and ballot measure committees are prohibited from contracting with any phone bank vendor that does not disclose the information required to be disclosed by subdivision (a).

(c) A candidate, committee, or slate mailer organization that pays for telephone calls as described in subdivision (a) shall maintain a record of the script of the call for the period of time set forth in Section 84104. If any of the calls qualifying under subdivision (a) were recorded messages, a copy of the recording shall be maintained for that period.

(d) This section does not apply to a telephone call that is paid for by an independent expenditure.

### **Slate mailers**

Government Code section 82048.3. "Slate mailer" means a mass mailing which supports or opposes a total of four or more candidates or ballot measures.

Government Code section 82048.4. (a) "Slate mailer organization" means, except as provided in subdivision (b), any person who, directly or indirectly, does all of the following:

- (1) Is involved in the production of one or more slate mailers and exercises control over the selection of the candidates and measures to be supported or opposed in the slate mailers.
  - (2) Receives or is promised payments totaling five hundred dollars (\$500) or more in a calendar year for the production of one or more slate mailers.
- (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a slate mailer organization shall not include any of the following:
- (1) A candidate or officeholder or a candidate's or officeholder's controlled committee.
  - (2) An official committee of any political party.
  - (3) A legislative caucus committee.
  - (4) A committee primarily formed to support or oppose a candidate, officeholder, or ballot measure.
- (c) The production and distribution of slate mailers by a slate mailer organization shall not be considered making contributions or expenditures for purposes of subdivision (b) or (c) of section 82013. If a slate mailer organization makes contributions or expenditures other than by producing or distributing slate mailers, and it reports those contributions and expenditures pursuant to sections 84218 and 84219, no additional campaign reports shall be required of the slate mailer organization pursuant to section 84200 or 84200.5.

Government Code section 84305.5. (a) No slate mailer organization or committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measures shall send a slate mailer unless:

- (1) The name, street address, and city of the slate mailer organization or committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measures are shown on the outside of each piece of slate mail and on at least one of the inserts included with each piece of slate mail in no less than 8-point roman type which shall be in a color or print which contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible. A post office box may be stated in lieu of a street address if the street address of the slate mailer organization or the committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measure is a matter of public record with the Secretary of State's Political Reform Division.
- (2) At the top or bottom of the front side or surface of at least one insert or at the top or bottom of one side or surface of a postcard or other self-mailer, there is a notice in at least 8-point roman boldface type, which shall be in a color or print which contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible, and in a printed or drawn box and set apart from any other printed matter. The notice shall consist of the following statement:

### **NOTICE TO VOTERS**

THIS DOCUMENT WAS PREPARED BY (name of slate mailer organization or committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measures), NOT AN OFFICIAL POLITICAL PARTY ORGANIZATION. Appearance in this mailer does not necessarily imply endorsement of others appearing in this mailer, nor does it imply endorsement of, or opposition to, any issues set forth in this mailer. Appearance is paid for and authorized by each candidate and ballot measure which is designated by an \*.

(3) The name, street address, and city of the slate mailer organization or committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measures as required by paragraph (1) and the notice required by paragraph (2) may appear on the same side or surface of an insert.

(4) Each candidate and each ballot measure that has paid to appear in the slate mailer is designated by an \*. Any candidate or ballot measure that has not paid to appear in the slate mailer is not designated by an \*.

The \* required by this subdivision shall be of the same type size, type style, color or contrast, and legibility as is used for the name of the candidate or the ballot measure name or number and position advocated to which the \* designation applies except that in no case shall the \* be required to be larger than 10-point boldface type. The designation shall immediately follow the name of the candidate, or the name or number and position advocated on the ballot measure where the designation appears in the slate of candidates and measures. If there is no slate listing, the designation shall appear at least once in at least 8-point boldface type, immediately following the name of the candidate, or the name or number and position advocated on the ballot measure.

(5) The name of any candidate appearing in the slate mailer who is a member of a political party differing from the political party which the mailer appears by representation or indicia to represent is accompanied, immediately below the name, by the party designation of the candidate, in no less than 9-point roman type which shall be in a color or print that contrasts with the background so as to be easily legible. The designation shall not be required in the case of candidates for nonpartisan office.

(b) For purposes of the designations required by paragraph (4) of subdivision (a), the payment of any sum made reportable by subdivision (c) of section 84219 by or at the behest of a candidate or committee, whose name or position appears in the mailer, to the slate mailer organization or committee primarily formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measures, shall constitute a payment to appear, requiring the \* designation. The payment shall also be deemed to constitute authorization to appear in the mailer.

### **Simulated ballot Requirements**

Elections Code section 20009. (a) Every simulated ballot or simulated sample ballot shall bear on each surface or page thereof, in type or lettering at least half as large as the type or lettering of the statement or words or in 10-point roman type, whichever is larger, in a printed or drawn box and set apart from any other printed matter, the following statement:

<p>“NOTICE TO VOTERS “(Required by Law) “This is not an official ballot or an official sample ballot prepared by the county elections official or the Secretary of State. “This is an unofficial, marked ballot prepared by ____ (insert name and address of the person or organization responsible for preparation thereof).”</p>
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Nothing in this section shall be construed to require this notice in any editorial or other statement appearing in a regularly published newspaper or magazine other than a paid political advertisement.

(b) No simulated ballot or simulated sample ballot referred to in subdivision (a) shall bear any official seal or the insignia of any public entity, nor shall that seal or insignia appear upon the envelope in which it is mailed or otherwise delivered.

(c) The superior court, in any case brought before it by any registered voter, may issue a temporary or permanent restraining order or injunction against the publication, printing, circulation, posting, or distribution of any matter in violation of this section, and all cases of this nature shall be in a preferred position for purposes of trial and appeal, so as to assure the speedy disposition thereof.

### **Printing of simulated sample ballots**

Elections Code section 18301. In addition to any other penalty, any person who prints or otherwise duplicates, or causes to be printed or duplicated, a simulated ballot or simulated sample ballot that does not contain the statement required by section 20009 or that uses an official seal or insignia in violation thereof, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

## Truth In Endorsements Law

Elections Code section 20000 et. seq. provides additional information regarding restrictions on endorsements, representation requirements, etc. A link is available for viewing the Elections Code Online on the Butte County Clerk-Recorder website: [www.ButteVotes.net](http://www.ButteVotes.net), or a copy of the applicable pages may be purchased in the Butte County Clerk-Recorder Elections Division for the standard copy fee.

## Outdoor Political Signs

### Local Ordinances/Regulations

#### County of Butte:

Butte County Code Chapter 24, Division 10 section 101

"It is unlawful for any person to place or maintain any encroachment on any portion of the right-of-way of any County highway without having first obtained an encroachment permit therefore, or in violation of any of the provisions or conditions of the permit or of this chapter. (Ord. No. 3907, section 1, 3-1-2005)". (Encroachment refers to signs, billboards, etc.)

Additionally, Butte County Code Chapter 24, Division 10 section 108

Political Signs:

1. Signs shall be installed no earlier than 90 days prior to the election and removed no later than 7 days following the election.
2. Signs shall be prohibited within the public right-of-way.

#### City/Town Ordinances:

Each city or town may have rules and regulations regarding outdoor political advertising. Contact the City Clerk or Town Clerk for more information.

#### Homeowner Associations:

Homeowner Associations may have rules and regulations regarding political outdoor advertising.

Listing of Homeowner Associations within the unincorporated county (note: this list may not be complete, there may be additional associations not covered on the list):

Butte Creek Country Club, 175 Estates Dr, Chico CA 95928, 343-7979

Kelly Ridge Estates Owner's Association, P. O. Box 1893, Oroville CA 95965, 589-2665

Paradise Pines Property Owner's Association Inc., 14211 Wycliff Way, Magalia CA 95954, 873-1114

Hignell & Hignell Property Managers serve as a representative to the various Home/Land/Property Owner Associations listed below. For further information, please contact Hignell Incorporated, 1750 Humboldt Rd, Chico CA 95928, 894-0404.

California Park  
Canyon Oaks  
Country Club  
Chateau East  
Chico Oaks  
Hollybrook  
Lucas Ranch  
Mission Ranch  
Morseman Village  
Mountain Oaks

Parque Estates  
Pebblewood Pines  
Philadelphia Square  
Plantation  
Plaza West  
Ridgeview II  
Sierra Lakeside  
Sierra Sunrise  
Stonebridge  
Stoneridge

The Retreat  
The Villas  
Tierra Oaks  
Upper Park  
Village Square  
Waterford  
Windmill Falls  
Woodcrest  
Woodoak

#### Mobile Home Parks:

Many mobile home parks have rules regarding outdoor political advertising. As a courtesy, please call the Park Manager for information.

## **State Department of Transportation (CalTrans) Guidelines**

Each candidate will be furnished with a copy of the State Outdoor Political Advertising Guidelines and Statement of Responsibility which outlines section 5405.3 of the Outdoor Advertising Act pertaining to Temporary Political Signs. For questions contact: (916) 654-6473.

Nothing in this chapter, including, but not limited to, section 5405, shall prohibit the placing of temporary political signs, unless a federal agency determines that such placement would violate federal regulations. However, no such sign shall be placed within the right-of-way of any highway or within 660 feet of the edge of and visible from the right-of-way of a landscaped freeway.

A temporary political sign is a sign which:

- (a) Encourages a particular vote in a scheduled election.
- (b) Is placed not sooner than 90 days prior to the scheduled election and is removed within 10 days after that election.
- (c) Is no larger than 32 square feet.
- (d) Has had a statement of responsibility filed with the department certifying a person who will be responsible for removing the temporary political sign and who will reimburse the department for any cost incurred to remove it.

(Business and Professions Code section 5405.3)

## **Electioneering Laws**

### **“Electioneering” Definition**

“Electioneering” means the visible display or audible dissemination of information that advocates for or against any candidate or measure on the ballot within 100 feet of a polling place, an elections official’s office, or a satellite location under section 3018. Prohibited electioneering information includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- (a) A display of a candidate’s name, likeness, or logo.
- (b) A display of a ballot measure’s number, title, subject, or logo.
- (c) Buttons, hats, pencils, pens, shirts, signs, or stickers containing electioneering information.
- (d) Dissemination of audible electioneering information. (Elections Code section 319.5)

### **Electioneering within 100 feet of a Vote Center**

No person, on election day, or at any time that a voter may be casting a ballot, shall, within 100 feet of a polling place, a satellite location under section 3018, or an elections official’s office:

- (a) Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall, or nomination petition or any other petition.
- (b) Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his or her ballot.
- (c) Place a sign relating to voters’ qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications except as provided in section 14240.
- (d) Do any electioneering as defined by section 319.5.

As used in this section, “100 feet of a polling place, or an elections official’s office” means a distance 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Elections Code section 18370)

## **Electioneering during vote by mail voting**

(a) No candidate or representative of a candidate, and no proponent, opponent, or representative of a proponent or opponent, of an initiative, referendum, or recall measure, or of a charter amendment, shall solicit the vote of a vote by mail voter, or do any electioneering, while in the residence or in the immediate presence of the voter, and during the time he or she knows the vote by mail voter is voting.

(b) Any person who knowingly violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(c) This section shall not be construed to conflict with any provision of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, nor to preclude electioneering by mail or telephone or in public places, except as prohibited by section 18370, or by any other provision of law.

(Elections Code section 18371)

## **Solicitation dissuading persons from voting**

(a) No person shall, with the intent of dissuading another person from voting, within 100 feet of a polling place, do any of the following:

(1) Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his or her ballot.

(2) Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications except as provided in section 14240.

(3) Photograph, video record, or otherwise record a voter entering or exiting a polling place.

(b) Any violation of this section is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than 12 months, or in the state prison. Any person who conspires to violate this section is guilty of a felony.

(c) For purposes of this section, 100 feet means a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.

(Elections Code section 18541)

## **Exit polls**

Election Day is a big news day. There is always the possibility that the press will visit the vote center to get some camera footage, an interview or to conduct an "Exit Poll".

The California Secretary of State and the Attorney General have reviewed the Electioneering provisions and have determined that these provisions do not apply to the Press and Media conducting "Exit Polls." However, no one may interfere with the conduct of the election. Therefore, news media conducting "Exit Polls" have been advised to remain at least 25 feet from the entrance to the vote center.

As a rule, the person conducting the "Exit Poll" has been advised of the 25-foot restriction and is more than willing to comply. Occasionally we have had problems, particularly in stormy weather. If you have any problems regarding members of the press or "Exit Polling", call the Butte County Clerk-Recorder Elections Division as soon as possible and request to speak with a Supervisor.

The Press and Media may take pictures or run a television camera inside the vote center providing they respect the voter's privacy and do not interfere with voting. They may speak to voters regarding how they are voting at a distance of 25 feet from the entrance to the vote center.

The Press and Media provide a valuable service to our community and we ask that you treat them courteously and with respect. If you have any questions regarding the activities of the Press and Media, please telephone the Butte County Clerk-Recorder Elections Division and ask to speak with a Supervisor.

# Laws on Campaign and Voting Violations

It is strongly urged that candidates provide all campaign workers and volunteers with copies of the following penal provisions.

## NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

### **Fictitious name to nomination petition**

Every person who subscribes to any nomination petition a fictitious name, or who intentionally subscribes thereto the name of another, or who causes another to subscribe a fictitious name to a nomination petition, is guilty of a felony and is punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years.

(Elections Code section 18200)

### **Defacing or destroying a nomination paper**

Any person who falsely makes or fraudulently defaces or destroys all or any part of a nomination paper, is punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years or by both that fine and imprisonment.

(Elections Code section 18201)

### **Deliberate failure to file nomination paper**

Every person acting on behalf of a candidate is guilty of a misdemeanor who deliberately fails to file at the proper time and in the proper place any nomination paper or declaration of candidacy in his or her possession that is entitled to be filed under this code.

(Elections Code section 18202)

### **False declaration of candidacy**

Any person who files or submits for filing a nomination paper or declaration of candidacy knowing that it or any part of it has been made falsely is punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years or by both that fine and imprisonment.

(Elections Code section 18203)

### **Suppression of nomination paper**

Any person who willfully suppresses all or any part of a nomination paper or declaration of candidacy either before or after filing is punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years or by both that fine and imprisonment.

(Elections Code section 18204)

### **Consideration for a person to become or withdraw from becoming a candidate**

A person shall not directly or through any other person advance, pay, solicit, or receive or cause to be advanced, paid, solicited, or received, any money or other valuable consideration to or for the use of any person in order to induce a person not to become or to withdraw as a candidate for public office. Violation of this section shall be punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years.

(Elections Code section 18205)



## ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

### Printing of simulated sample ballots

In addition to any other penalty, any person who prints or otherwise duplicates, or causes to be printed or duplicated, a simulated ballot or simulated sample ballot that does not contain the statement required by section 20009 or that uses an official seal or insignia in violation thereof, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Elections Code section 18301)

### Distribution of precinct polling place information

Every person is guilty of a misdemeanor who knowingly causes to be mailed or distributed, or knowingly mails or distributes, literature to any voter that includes a designation of the voter's precinct polling place other than a precinct polling place listed for that voter in an official precinct polling list that constituted the latest official precinct polling list at some time not more than 30 days prior to the mailing or distribution.

(Elections Code section 18302)

### Mass mailing penal provisions

Every person who violates section 84305 of the Government Code relating to mass mailing is subject to the penal provisions set forth in Chapter 11 (commencing with section 91000) of Title 9 of the Government Code.

(Elections Code section 18303)

### Use of seal in campaign literature is misdemeanor

- (a) Any person who uses or allows to be used any reproduction or facsimile of the seal of the county or the seal of a local government agency in any campaign literature or mass mailing, as defined in section 82041.5 of the Government Code, with intent to deceive the voters, is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- (b) For purposes of this section, the use of a reproduction or facsimile of a seal in a manner that creates a misleading, erroneous, or false impression that the document is authorized by a public official is evidence of intent to deceive.
- (c) For purposes of this section, the term "local government agency" means a school district, special or other district, or any other board, commission, or agency of local jurisdiction.

(Elections Code section 18304)

## POLITICAL PARTY CAUCUSES

### Payment for voting

A person shall not directly or through any other person pay or receive any money or other valuable consideration before, during, or after an election in order to reward any person or as a reward for voting for or against or agreeing to vote for or against the election or endorsement of any other person as the nominee or candidate of any caucus, convention, organized assemblage of delegates, or other body representing or claiming to represent a political party, candidate, or principle, or any club, society, or association. A violation of this section shall be punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years.

(Elections Code section 18310)

### Bribes offered or received at political gathering

Every person is punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years who:

- (a) Gives or offers a bribe to any officer or member of any political convention, committee, or political gathering of any kind, held for the purpose of nominating candidates for offices of honor, trust, or profit in this state, with intent to influence the person to whom the bribe is given or offered to be more favorable to one candidate than another.
- (b) Being a member of any of the bodies mentioned in this section receives or offers to receive any bribe described in subdivision (a). (Elections Code section 18311)

## DECEPTIVE ONLINE ACTIVITIES

### **“Political cyberfraud” defined**

(a) This act shall be known and may be cited as the “California Political Cyberfraud Abatement Act.”

(b) It is unlawful for a person, with intent to mislead, deceive, or defraud, to commit an act of political cyberfraud.

(c) As used in this section:

(1) “Political cyberfraud” means a knowing and willful act concerning a political Web site that is committed with the intent to deny a person access to a political Web site, deny a person the opportunity to register a domain name for a political Web site, or cause a person reasonably to believe that a political Web site has been posted by a person other than the person who posted the Web site, and would cause a reasonable person, after reading the Web site, to believe the site actually represents the views of the proponent or opponent of a ballot measure. Political cyberfraud includes, but is not limited to, any of the following acts:

(A) Intentionally diverting or redirecting access to a political Web site to another person’s Web site by the use of a similar domain name, meta-tags, or other electronic measures.

(B) Intentionally preventing or denying exit from a political Web site by the use of frames, hyperlinks, mousetrapping, popup screens, or other electronic measures.

(C) Registering a domain name that is similar to another domain name for a political Web site.

(D) Intentionally preventing the use of a domain name for a political Web site by registering and holding the domain name or by reselling it to another with the intent of preventing its use, or both.

(2) “Domain name” means any alphanumeric designation that is registered with or assigned by any domain name registrar, domain name registry, or other domain registration authority as part of an electronic address on the Internet.

(3) “Political Web site” means a Web site that urges or appears to urge the support or opposition of a ballot measure.

(Elections Code section 18320)

### **Application of article**

This article does not apply to a domain name registrar, registry, or registration authority.

(Elections Code section 18321)

### **Court may order transfer of domain name**

In addition to any other remedies available under law, a court may order the transfer of a domain name as part of the relief awarded for a violation of this article.

(Elections Code section 18322)

### **Jurisdiction**

Jurisdiction for actions brought pursuant to this article shall be in accordance with section 410.10 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

(Elections Code section 18323)

## MISREPRESENTATION BY CANDIDATES

### **Misleading of voters; incumbency; public officer**

A person is guilty of a misdemeanor who, with intent to mislead the voters in connection with his or her campaign for nomination or election to a public office, or in connection with the campaign of another person for nomination or election to a public office, does either of the following acts:

(1) Assumes, pretends, or implies, by his or her statements, conduct, or campaign materials, that he or she is the incumbent of a public office when that is not the case.

(2) Assumes, pretends, or implies, by his or her statements, conduct, or campaign materials that he or she is or has been acting in the capacity of a public officer when that is not the case.

A violation of this section may be enjoined in a civil action brought by a candidate for the public office involved. (Elections Code section 18350)

### **False statements in candidate statement; fine**

It is unlawful for a candidate in an election, or an incumbent in a recall election to knowingly make a false statement of a material fact in a candidate's statement, prepared pursuant to section 11327 or 13307, with the intent to mislead the voters in connection with his or her campaign for nomination or election to a nonpartisan office. A candidate or incumbent who is convicted of violating this section shall pay a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000). (Elections Code section 18351)

## SOLICITATION OF FUNDS

It is unlawful for any person that includes in any part of its name the name of any political party that was qualified to participate in the last preceding primary election, to directly or indirectly solicit funds for any purpose whatsoever upon the representation either express or implied that the funds are being solicited for the use of that political party unless that person shall have previously obtained the written consent of one of the following: a member of the national committee from California or the majority of the members of the national committee if there are more than two national committee members from California, chairman of the state central committee, executive committee of the state central committee, or executive committee of the county central committee of the party whose name is being used in the county in which the solicitation is to be made. If the county central committee of the party in that county does not have an executive committee, the written consent of the chairman and secretary of that county central committee is sufficient.

All persons soliciting funds in accordance with this section shall be furnished with adequate credentials bearing the name of the solicitor and a copy of the written consent that bears the signature of the person authorizing the solicitation.

(Elections Code section 20201)

Any person who violates section 20201 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Elections Code section 18360)

### **Unauthorized use of candidate or committee name**

Upon the complaint of the affected candidate or committee, any person who violates section 20202 or 20203 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Elections Code section 18361)

## **CORRUPTION OF THE VOTING PROCESS**

### **Fraud in connection with vote cast**

Any person who commits fraud or attempts to commit fraud, and any person who aids or abets fraud or attempts to aid or abet fraud, in connection with any vote cast, to be cast, or attempted to be cast, is guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment for 16 months or two or three years.

(Elections Code section 1850)

### **Public official who knowingly allows fraud shall forever be disqualified from holding office**

Any public official who knowingly violates any of the provisions of this chapter, and thereby aids in any way the illegal casting or attempting to cast a vote, or who connives to nullify any of the provisions of this chapter in order that fraud may be perpetrated, shall forever be disqualified from holding office in this state and upon conviction shall be sentenced to a state prison for 16 months or two or three years.

(Elections Code section 18501)

### **Interference with election officers**

Any person who in any manner interferes with the officers holding an election or conducting a canvass, or with the voters lawfully exercising their rights of voting at an election, as to prevent the election or canvass from being fairly held and lawfully conducted, is punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years.

(Elections Code section 18502)

## **CORRUPTION OF VOTERS**

### **Promise of employment**

A person shall not directly or through another person give, offer, or promise any office, place, or employment, or promise to procure or endeavor to procure any office, place, or employment to or for any voter, or to or for any other person, in order to induce that voter at any election to:

- (a) Refrain from voting.
- (b) Vote for any particular person.
- (c) Refrain from voting for any particular person.

A violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years.

(Elections Code section 18520)

### **Consideration for voting**

A person shall not directly or through any other person receive, agree, or contract for, before, during or after an election, any money, gift, loan, or other valuable consideration, office, place, or employment for himself or any other person because he or any other person:

- (a) Voted, agreed to vote, refrained from voting, or agreed to refrain from voting for any particular person or measure.
- (b) Remained away from the polls.
- (c) Refrained or agreed to refrain from voting.
- (d) Induced any other person to:
  - (1) Remain away from the polls.
  - (2) Refrain from voting.
  - (3) Vote or refrain from voting for any particular person or measure.

Any person violating this section is punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years.

(Elections Code section 18521)

## **Consideration for voting**

Neither a person nor a controlled committee shall directly or through any other person or controlled committee pay, lend, or contribute, or offer or promise to pay, lend, or contribute, any money or other valuable consideration to or for any voter or to or for any other person to:

- (a) Induce any voter to:
  - (1) Refrain from voting at any election.
  - (2) Vote or refrain from voting at an election for any particular person or measure.
  - (3) Remain away from the polls at an election.
  
- (b) Reward any voter for having:
  - (1) Refrained from voting.
  - (2) Voted for any particular person or measure.
  - (3) Refrained from voting for any particular person or measure.
  - (4) Remained away from the polls at an election.

Any person or candidate violating this section is punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years. (Elections Code section 18522)

## **Bribery at election**

A person shall not directly or through any other person advance or pay, or cause to be paid, any money or other valuable thing to or for the use of any other person, with the intent that it, or any part thereof, shall be used in bribery at any election, or knowingly pay or cause to be paid any money or other valuable thing to any person in discharge or repayment of any money, wholly or in part, expended in bribery at any election.

Any person violating this section is punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years. (Elections Code section 18523)

## **Payment for securing vote**

Elections Code section 18524. A person shall not directly or through any other person advance or pay, or cause to be paid, any money or other valuable thing to or for the use of any other person, with the intent that it, or any part thereof, will be used for boarding, lodging, or maintaining a person at any place or domicile in any election precinct, ward, or district, with intent to secure the vote of that person or to induce that person to vote for any particular person or measure.

Any person violating this section is punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years. (Elections Code section 18524)

## **INTIMIDATION OF VOTERS**

### **Compelling another in voting**

(a) Every person who makes use of or threatens to make use of any force, violence, or tactic of coercion or intimidation, to induce or compel any other person to vote or refrain from voting at any election or to vote or refrain from voting for any particular person or measure at any election, or because any person voted or refrained from voting at any election or voted or refrained from voting for any particular person or measure at any election is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years.

(b) Every person who hires or arranges for any other person to make use of or threaten to make use of any force, violence, or tactic of coercion or intimidation, to induce or compel any other person to vote or refrain from voting at any election or to vote or refrain from voting for any particular person or measure at any election, or because any person voted or refrained from voting at any election or voted or refrained from voting for any particular person or measure at any election is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years. (Elections Code section 18540)

## **Solicitation dissuading persons from voting**

(a) No person shall, with the intent of dissuading another person from voting, within 100 feet of a polling place, do any of the following:

- (1) Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his or her ballot.
- (2) Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his or her qualifications except as provided in section 14240.
- (3) Photograph, video record, or otherwise record a voter entering or exiting a polling place.

(b) Any violation of this section is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than 12 months, or in the state prison. Any person who conspires to violate this section is guilty of a felony.

(c) For purposes of this section, 100 feet means a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.

(Elections Code section 18541)

## **MISUSE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS**

### **Wrongful appropriation of money**

Every person who is entrusted with money or things of value for the purpose of promoting or defeating any initiative, referendum, or recall petition or any measure that has qualified for the ballot is a trustee of the money or things of value. If a person wrongfully appropriates the money or things of value to any use or purpose not in the due and lawful execution of the trust, the person shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of section 1170 of the Penal Code for 16 months or two or three years, or in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment.

The following expenses are within the due and lawful execution of the trust:

- (a) Securing signatures to initiative, referendum, or recall petitions.
- (b) Circulating initiative, referendum, or recall petitions.
- (c) Holding and conducting public meetings.
- (d) Printing and circulating prior to an election:
  - (1) Specimen ballots.
  - (2) Handbills.
  - (3) Cards.
  - (4) Other papers.
- (e) Advertising.
- (f) Postage.
- (g) Expressage.
- (h) Telegraphing.
- (i) Telephoning.
- (j) All salaries and expenses of:
  - (1) Campaign managers.
  - (2) Lecturers.
  - (3) Solicitors.
  - (4) Agents.
  - (5) All persons employed in transacting business at headquarters or branch offices, if the business transacted is related to promoting or defeating an initiative, referendum, or recall petition or any measure which has qualified for the ballot.
- (k) Maintaining headquarters and branch offices.
- (l) Renting of rooms for the transaction of the business of an association.
- (m) Attorney's fees and other costs in connection with litigation where the litigation arises directly out of any of the following:
  - (1) Activities related to promoting or defeating an initiative, referendum, or recall petition or any measure that has qualified for the ballot.

- (2) The enactment, by the initiative process, of any ordinance, charter amendment, statute, or constitutional amendment.
- (3) An election contest or recount.
- (4) A violation of state or local campaign, disclosure, or election laws.

The amendment of this section by adding subdivision (m) thereto, made at the 1991–92 Regular Session of the Legislature, does not constitute a change in, but is declaratory of, the existing law.

Expenses for food, clothing, shelter and other personal needs of the trustee are not within the due and lawful execution of the trust. However, expenses for travel and necessary accommodations for the trustee are within the due and lawful execution of the trust, if the travel and accommodations are related to promoting or defeating an initiative, referendum, or recall petition or any measure that has qualified for the ballot.  
(Elections Code section 18680)

For additional information see Division 18 of the California Elections Code.

## **County Employee Political Activities**

The laws governing political activities of County employees include the following:

- Provisions of the California Government Code concerning political activities of public employees (California Government Code §3201, et seq.)
- The Federal Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §7301, et seq.)
- The Butte County Charter (Article XII, Section 3), and Butte County Personnel Rule 7.7.

All County officers and employees are covered by the prohibitions of state law contained in Government Code sections 3201 through 3209 concerning political activities, and the Butte County Charter and Personnel Rules. In addition, a limited number of County officers and employees who are paid with federal grant money or loans, or whose principal employment is in connection with an activity or program which is financed in whole or in part by grants or loans made by the U.S. or a federal agency are also subject to the political restrictions of the Federal Hatch Act.

## Questions Frequently Asked by Candidates

### **Can I use my credit card or debit card to pay filing fees, purchase data processing material, or purchase Candidate Statement space in the Sample Ballot?**

YES. There is a \$2.50 convenience fee for credit/debit transactions. Additionally, cash, check, or money orders are all acceptable forms of payment. Checks and Money Orders can be made payable to Butte County Clerk-Recorder. **Note:** Voter-Nominated Offices make filing fees payable to the Secretary of State. Payment must be by check or money order only.

### **When will the qualified list of candidates be available?**

The qualified list of candidates will be available by the 68<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election. The list is available on the website [www.ButteVotes.net](http://www.ButteVotes.net).

### **If I submit a Candidate Statement and I change my mind, may I withdraw the statement and receive a refund?**

MAYBE. The candidate statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the candidate filing period and a refund can be made. Additionally, any candidate has until 5:00 p.m. the next business day following the close of the candidate filing period to withdraw their statement and a refund can be made.

Once the withdrawal period has ended, no refunds can be given and the statement cannot be withdrawn.

### **Can I authorize someone to pick up nomination documents for me?**

It is recommended that the candidate to come in and go over all paperwork to make sure there are no issues. However, if an authorized representative is required, the candidate may designate to act on their behalf. See Authorization for Candidate's Representative in this guide.

### **May someone other than the candidate file petitions in lieu or nomination papers on my behalf?**

Election law does not specifically prohibit another person filing petitions in lieu or nomination papers for a candidate.

### **I am unable to complete and file my campaign disclosure statement by the filing deadline. May I obtain an extension and will I be fined?**

NO. There is no provision in the law that allows for an extension of the filing deadline. It is best to get the statement filed no later than the deadline. The NetFile electronic filing system allows candidates to make electronic filings up until 11:59:59 on the day of the filing deadline.



# Election Night Results

All ballots are tabulated at central location.

Hall of Records  
155 Nelson Avenue, Oroville

Website: [www.ButteVotes.net](http://www.ButteVotes.net)  
Telephone: (530)552-3400 or (800)894-7761 toll free within Butte County.

## **Election Night Results**

The first election results are released at approximately 8:15pm. These results are vote by mail ballots cast throughout the county.

Following the initial release of results, we have to wait until ballots cast at the vote centers are received for tabulation at the County Clerk-Recorder Elections Division. This is usually around 9:30pm and results will be released approximately every 45 minutes thereafter until all ballots have been received and tabulated.

## **Updated Election Results**

Election results will be updated every Friday after 9am until Official Final Results are certified by the County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters.

The first update will contain polling place ballots that have been reviewed for voter intent and re-tabulated and some vote by mail ballots dropped at the polling place on Election Day.

Additional updates will contain vote by mail ballots and provisional ballots.

## **Final Election Results**

The Official Final Results are certified by the County Clerk-Recorder when the official canvass has been completed and all votes are tabulated. The certification must be no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the election.

## Important Contact Information

Office	Phone Number	Fax Number	Website Address
<b>FEDERAL</b>			
<b>Internal Revenue Service</b>	(800) 829-1040		<a href="http://www.irs.gov">http://www.irs.gov</a>
<b>Federal Elections Commission</b> 1050 First Street, NE Washington, D.C. 20463	(800) 424-9530 (202) 624-1000		<a href="http://www.fec.gov">http://www.fec.gov</a>
<b>STATE</b>			
<b>Secretary of State's Office Election Division</b> 1500 11th Street Sacramento, CA 95814	(916) 657-2166 (800) 345-VOTE	(916) 653-3214	<a href="http://www.sos.ca.gov">http://www.sos.ca.gov</a>
<b>Political Reform Division</b>	(916) 653-6224	(916) 653-5045	
<b>Fair Political Practices Commission</b> 428 J Street, Suite 620 Sacramento, CA 95814	(866) 275-3772	(916) 322-0886	<a href="http://www.fppc.ca.gov">http://www.fppc.ca.gov</a>
<b>Attorney General</b> P.O. Box 944255 Sacramento, CA 94244-2550	(800) 952-5225	(916) 323-5341	<a href="http://oag.ca.gov">http://oag.ca.gov</a>
<b>State Department of Transportation</b> Division of Traffic Operations Outdoor Advertising Branch P.O. Box 942874, MS-36 Sacramento, CA 94274-001	(916) 654-6473	(916) 651-9359	<a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/oda">http://www.dot.ca.gov/oda</a>
State Franchise Tax Board	(800) 338-0505		<a href="http://www.ftb.ca.gov">http://www.ftb.ca.gov</a>
<b>COUNTY</b>			
<b>Butte County Elections Division</b> Hall of Records 155 Nelson Ave Oroville, CA 95965-3411	(530) 552-3400 (800) 894-7761	(530) 538-6853	<a href="http://buttevotes.net">http://buttevotes.net</a>
<b>Butte County District Attorney</b> 25 County Center Drive, Suite 245 Oroville, CA 95965-3370	(530) 538-7411	(530) 538-7071	<a href="http://buttecounty.net/da">http://buttecounty.net/da</a>
<b>CITY</b>			
<b>City of Biggs</b> 465 C Street Biggs P.O. Box 307 Biggs, CA 95917	(530) 868-5493	(530) 868-5239	<a href="http://www.biggs-ca.gov">http://www.biggs-ca.gov</a>
<b>City of Chico</b> Administrative Offices 411 Main Street Chico P.O. Box 3420, Chico, CA 95927-3420	(530) 896-7250	(530) 896-7298	<a href="http://www.ci.chico.ca.us">http://www.ci.chico.ca.us</a>
<b>City of Gridley</b> Administrative Offices – City Hall 685 Kentucky Street Gridley, CA 95948	(530) 846-5695	(530) 846-3229	<a href="http://www.gridley.ca.us">http://www.gridley.ca.us</a>
<b>City of Oroville</b> Administrative Offices – City Hall 1735 Montgomery Street Oroville, CA 95965	(530) 538-2405	(530) 538-2468	<a href="http://www.cityoforoville.org">http://www.cityoforoville.org</a>
<b>Town of Paradise</b> Administrative Offices – Town Hall 5555 Skyway Paradise, CA 95969	(530) 872-6291	(530) 877-5059	<a href="http://www.townofparadise.com">http://www.townofparadise.com</a>

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<b>SCHOOL</b>			
<b>Butte County Board of Education</b> Butte County Office of Education 1859 Bird Street Oroville CA 95965	532-5650	532-5762	<a href="http://www.bcoe.org">http://www.bcoe.org</a>
<b>Butte Community College</b> 3536 Butte Campus Drive Oroville CA 95965	895-2484		<a href="http://www.butte.edu">http://www.butte.edu</a>
<b>Biggs Unified School District</b> 300 B St Biggs CA 95917	868-1281	868-1615	<a href="http://www.biggs.org">http://www.biggs.org</a>
<b>Chico Unified School District</b> 1163 East Seventh Street Chico CA 95928-5903	891-3000	891-3220	<a href="http://www.chicousd.org">http://www.chicousd.org</a>
<b>Durham Unified School District</b> 9420 Putney Drive PO Box 300, Durham CA 95938-0300	895-4675	895-4692	<a href="http://www.durhamunified.org">http://www.durhamunified.org</a>
<b>Gridley Unified School District</b> 429 Magnolia Street Gridley CA 95948	846-4721	846-4595	<a href="http://www.gusd.org">http://www.gusd.org</a>
<b>Marysville Joint Unified School District</b> 1919 B Street Marysville CA 95901	741-6000	741-6095	<a href="http://www.mjusd.k12.ca.us">http://www.mjusd.k12.ca.us</a>
<b>Paradise Unified School District</b> 6696 Clark Road Paradise CA 95969	872-6400	872-6409	<a href="http://www.pusdk12.org">http://www.pusdk12.org</a>
<b>Bangor Union Elementary School District</b> 7549 Oro Bangor Highway PO Box 340 Bangor CA 95914	679-2434	679-1018	<a href="http://www.bangorunion.org">http://www.bangorunion.org</a>
<b>Golden Feather Union Elementary School District</b> 11679 Nelson Bar Road Oroville CA 95965	533-3833	533-3887	<a href="http://www.gfusd.org">http://www.gfusd.org</a>
<b>Manzanita Elementary School District</b> 627 E Evans Reimer Road Gridley CA 95948	846-5594	846-4084	<a href="http://www.manzanitaelementary school.com">http://www.manzanitaelementary school.com</a>
<b>Oroville City Elementary School District</b> 2795 Yard Street Oroville CA 95966	532-3000	532-3050	<a href="http://www.ocesd.org">http://www.ocesd.org</a>
<b>Oroville Union High School District</b> 2211 Washington Avenue Oroville CA 95966	538-2300	538-2308	<a href="http://www.ouhsd.org">http://www.ouhsd.org</a>
<b>Palermo Union School District</b> 7390 Bulldog Way Palermo CA 95968	533-4842	532-1047	<a href="http://palermoschools.schoolfusion.us">http://palermoschools.schoolfusion.us</a>
<b>Pioneer Union Elementary School District</b> 286 Rockerfeller Road Berry Creek CA 95916	589-1633	589-5021	<a href="http://www.puesd.org">http://www.puesd.org</a>

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<b>SCHOOL, Continued</b>			
<b>Thermalito Union School District</b> 400 Grand Avenue Oroville CA 95965	538-2900	538-2909	<a href="http://www.thermalito.org">http://www.thermalito.org</a>
<b>SPECIAL DISTRICT</b>			
<b>El Medio Fire Protection District</b> 3515 Myers Street] Oroville CA 95966	533-4484		
<b>Durham Irrigation District</b> 9405 Midway PO Box 98 Durham CA 95938	343-1594		
<b>Paradise Irrigation District</b> 6332 Clark Road Paradise CA 95969	877-4971	876-0483	<a href="http://www.paradiseirrigation.com">http://www.paradiseirrigation.com</a>
<b>Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District</b> 1930 Elgin Street Oroville CA 95966	533-2000	533-1750	<a href="http://www.loapud.com">http://www.loapud.com</a>
<b>Chico Area Recreation and Park District</b> 545 Vallombrosa Avenue Chico CA 95926	895-4711	895-4721	<a href="http://www.chicorec.com">http://www.chicorec.com</a>
<b>Durham Recreation and Park District</b> 9447 Midway PO Box 364 Durham CA 95938	345-1921	345-6243	<a href="http://durhamrec.com">http://durhamrec.com</a>
<b>Feather River Recreation and Park District</b> 1875 Feather River Boulevard Oroville CA 95965	533-2011	533-2724	<a href="http://frrpd.com">http://frrpd.com</a>
<b>Paradise Recreation and Park District</b> 6626 Skyway Paradise CA 95969	872-6393	872-8619	<a href="http://www.paradisepripd.com">http://www.paradisepripd.com</a>
<b>Richvale Recreation and Park District</b> PO Box 432 Richvale CA 95974	513-2815		
<b>North Yuba Water District</b> 8691 LaPorte Road Brownsville CA 95919	675-2567		<a href="https://www.nywd.org">https://www.nywd.org</a>
<b>Richvale Sanitary District</b> 1453 Downer Street, Suite C Oroville CA 95965	538-7784	538-2847	
<b>South Feather Water and Power Agency</b> 2310 Oro Quincy Hwy Oroville CA 95966	533-4578	533-9700	<a href="http://southfeather.com">http://southfeather.com</a>
<b>Thermalito Water and Sewer District</b> 410 Grand Avenue Oroville CA 95965	533-0740	533-243	<a href="http://www.tusd.info">http://www.tusd.info</a>

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<b>SPECIAL DISTRICT, Continued</b>			
<b>Berry Creek Community Services District</b> 1477 Bald Rock Road Berry Creek CA 95916	589-2695		
<b>Buzztail Community Services District</b> 4541 Wilder Drive Chico CA 95928	966-3225		<a href="http://buzztail.org">http://buzztail.org</a>
<b>Richardson Springs Community Services District</b> 15850 Richardson Springs Road Chico CA 95973	893-6750		



**Butte County Clerk-Recorder  
Hall of Records  
155 Nelson Avenue, Oroville**

**From Chico**

Exit Highway 70 at Nelson Avenue

Turn Left

Building is located at corner of Second St and Nelson Avenue (right hand side of street).

Parking lot entrance off of Nelson Avenue.

**From Southern Butte County**

Exit Highway 70 at Grand Avenue

Go straight on to Third Street.

Proceed straight to stop sign (Nelson Avenue)

Turn Right. Go one block to parking lot entrance (right hand side of street)