

ELECTION NEWS

From the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters

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SUBJECT: Vacancy Election Called for 17th Senate District

Governor Schwarzenegger Tuesday called a special election to fill the State Senate seat vacated by George Runner, Jr. when he resigned to assume his seat on the State Board of Equalization. The vacancy for the 17th State Senate district will be filled for the duration of the term which will end in 2012.

A Special Primary Election will be held February 15, 2011, prior to the Special General Election set by the governor for April 19, 2011. Voters who reside within the district may file as candidates for the office before the 5:00pm, January 3, 2011 filing deadline. Filing can be done at the Registrar of Voters office in the county in which the interested party resides.

Voters approved Proposition 14 in June 2010, which now allows voters to cast their votes for candidates from any party, regardless of the voters' or candidates' registered party affiliation. All candidates will be listed on the ballot and voters may make their choice from the entire list.

The new law also allows candidates to choose whether or not they designate with which party they are affiliated.

Only the top two vote-getters, regardless of party, will participate in the Special General Election. Additionally, since this is a special primary election to fill a vacancy, if any candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the primary, no general election will be held.

The San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters will be open during a holiday schedule Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 27-29, from 8:00am to 5:00pm, and will resume regular days and hours on January 3, 2011, from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

For more information about these elections, contact the Registrar of Voters at (909) 387-8300, during scheduled business hours.