

COUNTY OF FRESNO

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CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD OPENS TODAY FOR THE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 31ST SPECIAL ELECTION

FRESNO, CA –The Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters' office today announced that the Signature-In-Lieu Of Filing Fee period, for the Special Election, which will fill the vacancy in Assembly District 31, has opened effective today, Monday, January 4, 2016.

Assemblymember Henry T. Perea resigned from office effective December 31, 2015, leaving a vacancy for AD 31. The Governor will issue a proclamation, within 14 calendar days of the occurrence of the vacancy, which will call for a Special Election in Fresno County for Assembly District 31.

County Clerk/Registrar of Voters Brandi L. Orth explained, "Even though the Governor has14 calendar days to call the Special Election, the Signature in Lieu of Filing Fee opens today for all candidates for the 31st Assembly District." She went on to say, "As soon as the Governor issues the proclamation identifying the date of the election, we will immediately inform the public."

Due to the shortened candidate filing period inherent in special elections, the Petition In Lieu of Filing Fee is immediately available from the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters.

Questions can be directed to Brandi L. Orth, County Clerk/Registrar of Voters, at (559) 600-1730 or Rachel Lopez, at the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voter's Department, ralopez@co.fresno.ca.us or 559-600-VOTE (8683).

Additional information may also be found on the Secretary of State's website, specifically at: <u>The Secretary of State's website</u>.

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