

## New Edition of CQ Press's *Guide to U.S. Elections* Hitting Bookshelves

Los Angeles, London, New Delhi, Singapore, and Washington DC (October 29, 2009) — CQ Press is pleased to announce the release of the sixth edition of its renowned ***Guide to U.S. Elections***, an unrivaled reference source for essential information on the U.S. electoral process, with in-depth analysis on specific political eras and issues as well as thorough historical coverage of every major aspect of federal and gubernatorial elections in the United States.

Described by *American Reference Books Annual* as “an indispensable resource for students, scholars, and everyone else interested in the history of electoral politics in the United States,” this latest edition of the two-volume ***Guide*** is as up-to-date as it is comprehensive. Infused with new data, analysis, and discussion of issues relating to elections from 2006 to 2008, the ***Guide*** covers:

- the historic national elections of 2008, in which Barack Obama became the first African American president of the United States after defeating Republican senator John McCain
- new trends and patterns in voting, including the increased number of younger and minority voters that changed the electoral map
- the Democrats' gain of control in both houses of Congress and the subsequent decline in strength of the Republican Party following the presidency of George W. Bush
- analysis of the impact of ongoing campaign finance reform efforts and the utility of the federal regulation of presidential election spending
- the origins and development of U.S. elections at the federal and state levels and the history of reapportionment and redistricting

VOLUME I examines the evolution of the U.S. electoral system, the impact of major post–World War II political issues, the evolution of campaign finance, the development of political parties, profiles of major and minor parties, and the historical significance of Southern primaries. It also presents an overview and chronology of presidential elections, in addition to information and data on presidential primaries, nominating conventions, popular and electoral voting, and the Electoral College.

VOLUME II contains an overview of Congress, a history of elections for the House and Senate, an examination of reapportionment and redistricting, detailed general election returns for House and Senate races, and a list of senators and their dates of service since 1789. Also included are a history of gubernatorial elections, a list of governors and their terms of service since 1776, gubernatorial general election returns since 1776, and gubernatorial primary election returns since 1919. This volume concludes with key reference materials, including primary documents and data tables, a selected bibliography, and six indexes for locating general or candidate-specific information.

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