

2012 ELECTIONS CALENDAR

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JANUARY

- **Qualifying Period Begins:** First day to submit petitions to be placed on the presidential preference primary ballot. The petitions must be submitted to the state executive committee of the appropriate political party. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-1093)
- **2nd** <u>Qualifying Period Begins</u>: First day to qualify as a candidate for U.S. Congress, Election Commissioner and Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee Commissioner. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-299 & Gen. Laws of 1928, Ch. 12)
- 3rd <u>Legislature</u>: Legislative session begins. (Miss. Code Ann. § 5-1-7)
- **10**th <u>Campaign Finance Periodic Report</u>: Deadline for all candidates participating in the 2011 Elections cycle to file periodic report. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(ii))
- 10th <u>Purging</u>: Election Commissioners meet to purge their rolls. *NOTE: This is within 90 days of an election no <u>systematic purging</u> should occur at this time. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-153(1)(a)).
- 13th Qualifying Deadline: The qualifying deadline for U.S. Congressional

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candidates running in the 2012 Primary and General Elections. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-299)

- State Executive Committees must transmit to the Secretary of State a copy of the written statements accompanying the fees paid by individuals who have submitted qualifying papers not later than 6:00 p.m. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-299(4)(b))
- 13th Qualifying Deadline: The qualifying deadline for Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee Commission candidates. (Gen. Laws of 1928, Ch. 12 & Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-299)
- **13th** Absentee Ballot Applications: Deadline for Circuit Clerks to have absentee ballot applications available for the March 13, 2012 Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-625)
- 13th <u>Permanently Disabled Voters List</u>: Circuit Clerks must deliver the list of permanently disabled voters for the March 13th Primary Election to the Election Commission. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-629(3))
- **14**th <u>Qualifying Deadline</u>: Deadline for candidates to file petition to appear on presidential preference primary ballot with the state executive committee of the appropriate political party. *NOTE: This deadline falls on <u>SATURDAY</u> (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-1093).
- 17th Candidate Lists: Secretary of State receives from all political parties a list of all candidates who submitted qualifying papers for the 2012 Primary Elections, with mailing address and office sought. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-296)
- 23rd <u>State Executive Committee</u>: Deadline for state executive committee of each political party to furnish to each county executive committee the names of all state district candidates and a sample official ballot to be used in the March 13th Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-331)
- **23rd** <u>Qualifying Deadline</u>: Candidates in municipalities conducting Municipal School Board Trustee Elections must qualify by 5:00 pm. (Miss. Code Ann. §37-7-211 (1972))
- **28**th <u>Absentee Balloting</u>: Absentee ballots shall be prepared and printed for the Primary Election no later than today. *NOTE: This deadline falls on a <u>SATURDAY</u>. Arrangements should be made to ensure absentee ballots are prepared no later than today. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-683 (1972))
- **28**th Absentee Balloting: Deadline to transmit absentee ballots to military and overseas voters who have submitted requests on or before this date. *NOTE: This

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- deadline falls on <u>SATURDAY</u>. Arrangements should be made to ensure UOCAVA ballots are transmitted <u>ON or BEFORE</u> this date. (42 USCA § 1973ff-1(8)(A)-(B))
- **28th** Permanently Disabled Voters: Deadline for Election Commission to return list of permanently disabled voters to Circuit Clerk's office for the March 13th Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-629(3) (1972))
- 31st Campaign Finance: Annual reports due today no later than 5:00 p.m. in the appropriate for candidates who did not run in a regularly scheduled election in 2011. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(iii)(1972))

FEBRUARY

- 2nd <u>Permanently Disabled Voters</u>: Circuit Clerks mail absentee ballots to permanently disabled voters on file for the March 13th Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-629(4) (1972))
- **6th-10th** <u>Voter Registration- Primary Elections</u>: Circuit Clerk's office <u>may</u> remain open for voter registration from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm, including the noon hour. (Miss. Code Ann. §23-15-37(2) (1972))
- 7th <u>Purging</u>: Election Commissioners meet to purge their rolls. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-153(1)(b) (1972)) *NOTE: This is within 90 days of an election no <u>systematic purging</u> should occur at this time.
- 11th <u>Voter Registration- Primary Elections</u>: Circuit Clerk's offices must remain open this Saturday until noon for voter registration. Last day to register to vote in person for the March 13 Primary Election in the Circuit Clerk's office. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-47 (1972))
- 12th <u>Mail-in Voter Registration</u>: Mail-in voter registration forms must be postmarked no later than this day to be accepted for the Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-47 (1972)) (NOTE: This is a SUNDAY. Applicants should mail applications <u>no later than February 11th</u> to avoid missing this deadline.)
- **21**st <u>Pollworkers</u>: Deadline for Executive Committee to appoint instructors to train pollworkers for March 13th Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-417 (1972)
- 25th Campaign Finance Deadline: Deadline for candidates running for Municipal School Trustee to file Campaign Finance Pre-Election Report with the municipal clerk. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(i) (1972)

28th <u>Pollworkers</u>: Deadline for Executive Committee to appoint poll managers for the March 13th Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-265 (1972))

MARCH

- 3rd Official Ballots: Deadline for officer charged with printing and distributing the official ballot to ascertain from the Circuit Clerk the number of registered voters in each voting precinct for the March 13th Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-353)
- **3rd** Municipal School Trustee: Election for this office in some municipalities from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. (Miss. Code Ann. §37-7-215 (1972)).
- 3rd <u>Absentee Voting</u>: Circuit Clerk's offices <u>must</u> remain open until noon for absentee voting for the first Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-653 (1972)).
- 3rd <u>Voter Registration</u>: Deadline for a military or overseas voter to register to vote utilizing a federal postcard application (FPCA) or Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB). (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-677)
- 4th <u>Campaign Finance 48 Hour Reports</u>: For all Primary election candidates. *NOTE: If a candidate receives a contribution of more than \$200.00 after the tenth day, but more than forty-eight (48) hours before 12:01 a.m. on the day of the election, the candidate must fully disclose the contribution by filing a "Forty-Eight Hour Report" with the appropriate office designated in Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-805 (1972) within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the contribution. The notification shall be in writing, and may be transmitted by overnight mail, courier service, or other reliable means, including electronic facsimile (FAX), but the candidate or candidate's committee shall ensure that the notification shall in fact be received in the appropriate office within forty-eight (48) hours of the contribution. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(f)(i)(ii) (1972)).
- 6th <u>Campaign Finance Deadline</u>: Deadline for Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee Board candidates participating in the March 13, 2012 Primary Election to file Campaign Finance Pre- Election Report. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(i) (1972)).
- 9th <u>Campaign Finance Deadline</u>: Deadline for candidates participating in the March 17, 2012 Municipal School Trustee Runoff Election to file Campaign Finance Pre-Election Report with Municipal Clerk. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-

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- 10th Absentee Voting: Circuit Clerk's offices <u>must</u> remain open until noon for absentee voting for the first Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653 (1972)) Today at noon is the last day to vote by absentee in the Circuit Clerk's office for the first Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-715 (1972))
- 12th Absentee Voting: Mailed absentee ballots must be received by the circuit clerk no later than 5:00 pm for the first Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-631 (1972)) * NOTE: Absentee ballots received after this deadline are valid only for purposes of counting votes for the Presidential race if received by 7:00 pm on Election Day. Military absentee ballots received until 7:00 pm on Election Day.
- 13th Primary Election Federal Offices & Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee District: Polls open from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm for voting in the first Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-1031 & 23-15-1083 (1972); Gen. Laws of 1928, Ch. 12)
- Canvass and Declaration of Results-County: Deadline for County Executive Committee to meet to canvass returns, declare result, and announce the names of nominees and names to be submitted to the second Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-597 (1972)) No candidate shall be certified as a party nominee unless all required campaign finance reports have been filed. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-811 (1972)) Within 36 hours of declaration of result, tabulated returns for multi-county office must be securely mailed or delivered to the State Executive Committee. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-597 (1972))
- 17th <u>Municipal School Trustee-Added Territory</u>: Runoff election, where required, for this office in some counties. (Miss. Code Ann. §23-15-215 (1972))
- 20th Canvass and Declaration of Results State: State Executive Committee must meet after the first Primary Election to canvass the returns, declare results and announce the names of nominees and the names to be submitted for the second primary election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-587 (1972)) No candidate shall be certified as a party nominee unless all required campaign finance reports have been filed. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-811 (1972))
- **24**th <u>Absentee Balloting</u>: Clerks must remain open until noon for absentee balloting for the second Primary Election (if run-off required). (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653 (1972))
- 25th Campaign Finance 48 Hour Reports: For all Primary election candidates. *NOTE: If a candidate receives a contribution of more than \$200.00 after the tenth day, but more than forty-eight (48) hours before 12:01 a.m. on the day of the election, the candidate must fully disclose the contribution by filing a "Forty-Eight

Hour Report" with the appropriate office designated in Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-805 (1972) within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the contribution. The notification shall be in writing, and may be transmitted by overnight mail, courier service, or other reliable means, including electronic facsimile (FAX), but the candidate or candidate's committee shall ensure that the notification shall in fact be received in the appropriate office within forty-eight (48) hours of the contribution. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(f)(i)(ii) (1972)).

- 27th Campaign Finance Deadline: Deadline for all candidates participating in the April 3, 2012 Primary Runoff Election to file Campaign Finance Pre Election Report. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(i) (1972)).
- **31**st <u>Absentee Balloting</u>: Clerks must remain open until noon for absentee balloting for the second Primary Election (if run-off required). (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653 (1972))

APRIL

- 2nd Absentee Voting: (Monday) Mailed absentee ballots must be received no later than 5:00 pm for the second Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-631 (1972))
- 3rd PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION FOR FEDERAL OFFICES & Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee District (if required): Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the second Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-1031 & 23-15-1083 (1972))
- Canvass and Declaration of Results-County: Deadline for County Executive Committee to meet to canvass returns, declare result, and announce the names of nominees. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-597 (1972)) No candidate shall be certified as a party nominee unless all required campaign finance reports have been filed. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-811 (1972)) Within 36 hours of declaration of result, tabulated returns for multi-county office must be securely mailed or delivered to the State Executive Committee. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-597 (1972))
- 10th <u>Declaration of Results-State</u>: State Executive Committee must meet after the second Primary Election to canvass the returns, announce results, and report names of nominees to the Secretary of State for placement on the general election ballot. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-597, 23-15-599 (1972)) No candidate shall be certified as a party nominee unless all required campaign finance reports have been filed. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-811 (1972))

MAY

- 1st <u>Economic Interest Statement</u>: Deadline for incumbent elected officials (except Election Commissioners) and some appointed officials to file a statement of Economic Interest with the Ethics Commission by this date. The phone number for the Ethics Commission is 601-359-1289. (Miss. Code Ann. § 25-4-29 (1972))
- **6**th <u>Qualifying Deadline (Mississippi Levee District Commissioner)</u>: Qualifying deadline for candidates running for Mississippi Levee District Commissioner. (Miss. Const. §231)
- 6th *Legislative Session Ends*: sine die. *Note: This date is subject to change. (Miss. Const.1890 §36)
- **10th** <u>Campaign Finance</u>: Periodic Reports due no later than 5:00 p.m. in the appropriate office for all Judicial Candidates and Judicial Committees. (Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-807(c) (1972)).
- **11**th <u>Qualifying Deadline (Non-partisan Judicial Offices)</u>: Qualifying deadline is 5:00 p.m. for Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-977)
- **26**th Absentee Ballots-Mississippi Levee District: Circuit Clerk's office open until noon for absentee balloting for the June General Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-631(1)(c); 23-15-637 & 23-15-653 (1972))
- Campaign Finance 48 Hour Reports: For all Mississippi Levee Commission candidates. *NOTE: If a candidate receives a contribution of more than \$200.00 after the tenth day, but more than forty-eight (48) hours before 12:01 a.m. on the day of the election, the candidate must fully disclose the contribution by filing a "Forty-Eight Hour Report" with the appropriate office designated in Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-805 (1972) within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the contribution. The notification shall be in writing, and may be transmitted by overnight mail, courier service, or other reliable means, including electronic facsimile (FAX), but the candidate or candidate's committee shall ensure that the notification shall in fact be received in the appropriate office within forty-eight (48) hours of the contribution. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(f)(i)(ii) (1972)).
- 29th Campaign Finance-Mississippi Levee District: Campaign finance for the pre-election reports for the Mississippi Levee Commission Election. All candidates must file these reports in the appropriate Circuit Clerk's office. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(i) (1972))

JUNE

2nd Absentee Ballots-Mississippi Levee District: Last day to vote by absentee

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- ballot in the Circuit Clerk's office, which is open until noon for the June General Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-631(1)(c); 23-15-637 & 23-15-653 (1972))
- **4**th <u>Qualifying Deadline</u>: Deadline to qualify for County Election Commissioner. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-213 (1972))
- Mississippi Levee District General Election: A General Election in certain areas for Mississippi Levee Commissioners will be held on this day. One office in each of the following counties: Bolivar, Washington, and Issaquena; majority vote required for election, with runoff if required on June 19. (Gen. Laws of 1930, Ch. 85; Gen. Laws of 1968, Ch. 574; and Gen. Laws of 1983, Ch. 317)
- 9th Absentee Ballots-Mississippi Levee District: Circuit Clerk's office open until noon for absentee balloting for the Runoff Election (if necessary). (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-631(1)(c); 23-15-637 & 23-15-653 (1972))
- 10th Campaign Finance- 48 Hour Reports: For all Mississippi Levee Commission runoff candidates. *NOTE: If a candidate receives a contribution of more than \$200.00 after the tenth day, but more than forty-eight (48) hours before 12:01 a.m. on the day of the election, the candidate must fully disclose the contribution by filing a "Forty-Eight Hour Report" with the appropriate office designated in Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-805 (1972) within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the contribution. The notification shall be in writing, and may be transmitted by overnight mail, courier service, or other reliable means, including electronic facsimile (FAX), but the candidate or candidate's committee shall ensure that the notification shall in fact be received in the appropriate office within forty-eight (48) hours of the contribution. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(f)(i)(ii) (1972)).
- 10th <u>Campaign Finance</u>: Periodic Reports due no later than 5:00 pm in the appropriate office for all Judicial Candidates and Judicial Committees. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(c) (1972)) * NOTE: This deadline falls on a Sunday. Reports should be submitted not later than 5:00 pm on Friday, June 8th.
- 12th <u>Campaign Finance Deadline</u>: Deadline for candidates participating in the June 19, 2012 runoff election for Mississippi Levee District Commission to file a pre-election report. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(i) (1972))
- **16th** Absentee Ballots-Mississippi Levee District: Last day to vote by absentee ballot in the Circuit Clerk's office, which is open until noon for the Runoff Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-631(1)(c); 23-15-637 & 23-15-653 (1972))
- 19th <u>Mississippi Levee District Run-off Election</u>: (if required) (Gen Laws 1930: Ch. 85; Gen Laws 1968: Ch. 574; and Gen laws 1983: Ch. 317)

JULY

10th <u>Campaign Finance</u>: Periodic Reports due no later than 5:00 pm in the appropriate office for all Judicial Candidates and Judicial Committees. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(c) (1972))

AUGUST

- **8th** <u>County School Board Candidates</u>: First day in which a person can qualify as a candidate for a county school board member position. (Miss. Code Ann. § 37-5-9 (1972))
- **8th** Consolidated School District: Today is the earliest date for consolidated school district trustee candidates to qualify. (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-7-221, 223 and 225 (1972))
- 8th <u>Purging</u>: Deadline to systematically remove the names of ineligible voters from the official list of eligible voters for the November 6, 2012 General Election <u>systematic purging</u> must cease 90 days before an election. (42 USC 1973gg-6(c)(A))

SEPTEMBER

- 7th <u>Absentee Ballot Applications</u>: Deadline for circuit clerk to have absentee ballot applications available for the November 6, 2012 General Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-625)
- 7th Permanently Disabled Voters List: Circuit Clerks must deliver the list of permanently disabled voters who receive absentee ballots automatically for the November 6th General Election to the Election Commission. The Election Commission is then charged with examining the roll for purposes of purging and maintenance. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-629(3))
- **7th** <u>Qualifying Deadline</u>: Deadline to submit certificate of nomination by a political party and petition by independent candidates to be placed on the general election ballot for President. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-785(3) (1972))
- **7th** <u>Qualifying Deadline</u>: Last day to qualify for School Board and special elections to fill vacancies for the November ballot. (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-373, 23-15-839, and 37-5-9 (1972))

- 10th <u>Purging</u>: Election Commissioners are required to meet to purge the poll books. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-153(1)(d) (1972)) *Note no <u>systematic</u> purging may occur within 90 days of an election.
- 12th Sample Ballot: Deadline for the Secretary of State to furnish county Election Commissions with the sample of the official ballot for the November 6, 2012 General Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-367 (1972))
- 22nd Absentee Balloting: Absentee ballots shall be prepared and printed for the General Election no later than today. *NOTE: This deadline falls on a <u>SATURDAY</u>. Arrangements should be made to ensure absentee ballots are prepared no later than today. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-683 (1972))
- <u>Absentee Balloting:</u> Deadline to transmit absentee ballots to military and overseas voters who have submitted requests on or before this date. (42 USCA § 1973ff-1(8)(A)-(B)) *NOTE: This deadline falls on <u>SATURDAY</u>. Arrangements should be made to ensure UOCAVA ballots are transmitted <u>ON or BEFORE</u> this date.
- 22nd <u>Permanently Disabled Voters</u>: Deadline for Election Commission to return permanently disabled voters to Circuit Clerk's office for the November 6th General Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-629(3)
- 27th <u>Permanently Disabled Voters</u>: Deadline for Circuit Clerks to mail absentee ballots to permanently disabled voters on file for the November 6th General Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-629(4) (1972))

OCTOBER

- **1st-5th** <u>Voter Registration</u>: Circuit Clerk's offices <u>may</u> remain open from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm every day for voter registration. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37 (1972))
- 6th <u>Voter Registration</u>: Circuit Clerk's Office must remain open this Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon for voter registration. Last day to register to vote for the General Election in the Circuit Clerk's Office. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37 (1972))
- Mail-in Voter Registration: Mail-in voter registration forms must be postmarked no later than this day to be accepted for the General Election. (*NOTE: This is a <u>SUNDAY</u>. Applicants should mail applications <u>no later than October 6th</u> to avoid missing this deadline.) (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-47 (1972))

- **10**th <u>Campaign Finance</u>: Periodic Reports due no later than 5:00 pm in the appropriate office for all Judicial Candidates and Judicial Committees. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(c) (1972))
- 27th <u>Absentee Balloting</u>: (Saturday) Circuit Clerk's offices <u>must</u> remain open until noon for absentee voting for the General Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653 (1972))
- **27**th Official Ballots: Deadline for official ballots to be printed and delivered to the Circuit Clerk's office for the November 6th General Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-353)
- 27th <u>Voter Registration</u>: Last day for military and overseas voters to register to vote using a Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) or Federal Write in Absentee Ballot (FWAB). (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-677)
- 28th Campaign Finance 48 Hour Reports: For all General Election candidates. *NOTE: If a candidate receives a contribution of more than \$200.00 after the tenth day, but more than forty-eight (48) hours before 12:01 a.m. on the day of the election, the candidate must fully disclose the contribution by filing a "Forty-Eight Hour Report" with the appropriate office designated in Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-805 (1972) within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the contribution. The notification shall be in writing, and may be transmitted by overnight mail, courier service, or other reliable means, including electronic facsimile (FAX), but the candidate or candidate's committee shall ensure that the notification shall in fact be received in the appropriate office within forty-eight (48) hours of the contribution. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(f)(i)(ii) (1972)).
- **30**th Campaign Finance: Pre-Election Reports due no later than 5:00 p.m. in the appropriate office for all candidates and all political committees. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(i) (1972))

NOVEMBER

- 3rd Absentee Balloting: Circuit Clerk's offices must remain open until noon this Saturday for absentee voting for the General Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653 (1972)) Today at noon is the last day to vote by absentee ballot in the Circuit Clerk's office for the general election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-715 (1972))
- Absentee Balloting: (Monday) Mailed absentee ballots must be received no later than 5:00 pm to be accepted for the General Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-631 (1972)) * NOTE: Absentee ballots received after this deadline are valid only for purposes of counting votes for the Presidential race if received by 7:00 pm on Election Day. Military absentee ballots received until 7:00 pm on Election Day.

- 6th <u>GENERAL ELECTION</u>: Polls are open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm for voting in the General Election. (§102 Miss. Const. of 1890)
- 16th Election Commissions: Deadline for County Election Commissions to declare results of the General Election and deliver certificates of elections to those elected. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-601 (1972)) No candidate shall be certified as elected unless all required campaign finance reports have been filed. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-811 (1972))
- **16**th <u>Delivery of Returns</u>: Deadline for County Election Commissions to transmit to the Secretary of State their county's General Election return. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-603 (1972))
- 17th Absentee Balloting: (Saturday) Circuit Clerk's offices remain open until noon for absentee voting for the Run-off Election (if run-off required). (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653 (1972))
- 18th Campaign Finance 48 Hour Reports: For all Run-off Election candidates. Note: If a candidate receives a contribution of more than \$200.00 after the tenth day, but more than forty-eight (48) hours before 12:01 a.m. on the day of the election, the candidate must fully disclose the contribution by filing a "Forty-Eight Hour Report" with the appropriate office designated in Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-805 (1972) within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the contribution. The notification shall be in writing, and may be transmitted by overnight mail, courier service, or other reliable means, including electronic facsimile (FAX), but the candidate or candidate's committee shall ensure that the notification shall in fact be received in the appropriate office within forty-eight (48) hours of the contribution. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(f)(i)(ii) (1972)).
- **20**th <u>Campaign Finance</u>: Pre-Runoff Reports due by 5:00 pm in the appropriate office for all Political Committees and all Run-off candidates. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(i) (1972))
- 24th Absentee Balloting: Circuit Clerk's offices must remain open until noon this Saturday for absentee voting for the Run-off election, if a Run-off is being held. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653 (1972)) Today at noon is the last day to vote by absentee ballot in the Circuit Clerk's office for the Run-off Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-715 (1972))
- 27th <u>Run-off Election</u>: (if required) For any special election or other office requiring a majority vote to be elected, polls are open today from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-833, 37-7-227, 23-15-849 (1972))

DECEMBER

- 6th <u>Election Returns</u>: By this date, the Secretary of State's office declares officials duly elected in the November 6th General Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-605 (1972))
- 15th Residual Vote Report: Deadline for County Election Commission and party executive committees to provide Secretary of State's Office with the Residual Vote Report. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-613 (1972))
- 17th Meeting of Electors: Electors meet at the seat of government to give their votes for President and Vice-President of the United States (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-789)
- **27th** Elections Returns: By this date, the Secretary of State's office declares officials duly elected in the November 27th General Election Run-off. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-605 (1972))

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- 10th <u>Campaign Finance</u>: Periodic Reports due no later than 5:00 pm in the appropriate office for all Judicial Candidates and Judicial Committees who submitted qualifying papers to run in 2012. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(c) (1972))
- **31**st <u>Campaign Finance</u>: Annual Reports due no later than 5:00 pm in the appropriate office for all political candidates and political committees who were not required to file the January 10, 2013 Periodic Report.