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2013 ELECTIONS CALENDAR

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DECEMBER 2012

3rd Qualifying Period Begins for Special Separate Municipal School District Trustee Grenada, Louisville, Tishomingo and Natchez/Adams) *(§ 37-7-711, Miss. Code Ann.)*

31st Qualifying Deadline at 5 p.m.: Special Separate Municipal School District Trustee, Warren/Vicksburg only *(§ 37-7-711, Miss. Code Ann.*)

JANUARY

10th Campaign Finance Report at 5 p.m.: Periodic report (October 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012) due for judicial candidates and judicial committees only. *(Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(ii))*

30th Lobbying: 2012 Annual Reports due at 5 p.m.: Lobbyist's Annual Report (FORM A) and Lobbyist's Client Annual Report (FORM C) (Fines begin Saturday, February 9, 2013)

31st Campaign Finance Report at 5 p.m.: Annual report (January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012) due for all candidates and all political committees that made political expenditures in Mississippi during the 2012 election period. *(Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807)*

31st Qualifying Deadline at 5 p.m.: Special Separate Municipal School District Trustee (Grenada, Louisville, Tishomingo and Natchez/Adams) *(§ 37-7-711, Miss. Code Ann.*).

FEBRUARY

25th Lobbying: 2013 Mid-Session Reports due at 5 p.m.: Legislative Session Report (FORM E) (Fines begin Thursday, March 7, 2013).

MARCH

8th Qualifying Deadline at 5 p.m.: Deadline to file qualifying fee and statement of intent (or petition, if qualifying as an independent candidate) with the Municipal Clerk. *(Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-309(1) and 23-15-361(1))*

22nd Statement of Economic Interest: File with Mississippi Ethics Commission (*Miss. Code Ann. § 25-4-29)* Non-incumbents must file within 15 days after qualifying.

23rd Absentee ballots: Municipalities which conduct party primaries have absentee ballots for the primary available on and after March 23th. Absentee ballots for the general election in such municipalities must be prepared as soon as possible after party nominees are determined, but not before May 7th. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-715(a))*

APRIL

1st Voter Registration: Municipal Clerk's offices may remain open from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. every day from April 1st until April 5th for voter registration. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37(2))*

6th Voter Registration: Municipal Clerk's offices may remain open from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. for voter registration.

6th Voter Registration Deadline for Primary Election at 12:00 p.m. *(Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37)*

17th Lobbying: 2013 End-of-Session Reports Due at 5 p.m.: (Sine Die April 7, 2013) Legislative Session Report (FORM E) (Fines begin Saturday, April 27, 2013)

22nd Absentee ballots: Municipalities which do not conduct party primaries have absentee ballots for the general election prepared and available on and after April 22nd, if the municipal clerk's office is normally not open on Saturdays. If the

clerk's office is normally open on Saturdays, then absentee ballots for the general election are prepared and available on and after April 20th. *(Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-715(a))*

27th Voting by Absentee Ballot: Municipal Clerk's office open from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. for absentee voting if a primary election is being held. *(Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653*)

29th Voter Registration: Municipal Clerk's offices may remain open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day from April 29th until May 3rd for voter registration. *(Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37(2))*

30th Campaign Finance Report: Pre-Primary election campaign finance report due at Municipal Clerk's office. *(Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-805 and 23-15-807(b)(i))*

MAY

1st Statement of Economic Interest: Deadline for incumbents to file with the Mississippi Ethics Commission. *(Miss. Code Ann. § 25-4-29(a))*

4th Deadline for Voting by Absentee Ballot in Person for Primary Election: Municipal Clerk's office open from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. *(Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-653)*

4th Voter Registration Deadline for General Election at 12 p.m. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37*)

6th Deadline for Receipt of Absentee Ballots by Mail at 5 p.m.: Deadline for receipt of mailed absentee ballots by the Municipal Clerk in order to be counted for Primary Election. *(Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-631(c))*

7th **PRIMARY ELECTION:** Municipal Office(s) *(Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-171)*

11th Voting by Absentee Ballot: Municipal Clerk's office open from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. for absentee voting if a runoff primary election is being held. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653)

14th Campaign Finance Report: Pre-runoff election reports due. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-805 and 23-15-807(b)(i))*; Runoff candidates only.

18th Deadline for Voting by Absentee Ballot in Person for Runoff Primary Election: Deadline for casting absentee ballots for second primary election in Municipal

Clerk's office. Municipal Clerk's office open until noon, if a runoff primary election is being held. *(Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-715 and 23-15-653)*

20th Deadline for Receipt of Absentee Ballots by Mail at 5 p.m.: Deadline for receipt of mailed absentee ballots by the Municipal Clerk in order to be counted for runoff (second) primary election. *(Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-631)*

21st **PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION:** Municipal Office(s) *(Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-171)*

25th Voting by Absentee Ballot: Municipal Clerk's office open from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. for absentee voting for General Election. *(Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653)*

28th Campaign Finance Report: Pre-General Election Campaign finance report due. (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-805 and 23-15-807)

JUNE

1st Deadline for Voting by Absentee Ballot in Person for General Election: Deadline for casting absentee ballots for general election in Municipal Clerk's office. Municipal Clerk's office open from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. *(Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-715, 23-15-631)*

3rd Deadline for Receipt of Absentee Ballots by Mail at 5 p.m.: Deadline for receipt of mailed absentee ballots by the Municipal Clerk in order to be counted for general election. *(Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-631(c))*

4th **MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION** *(Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-173)*

JULY

1st Municipal officer's terms begin. *(Miss. Code Ann. §§ 21-15-1 and 21-15-39)*

AUGUST

7th Qualifying Period: First day of qualifying for Consolidated/Consolidated Line School District Trustees. *(Miss. Code Ann. § 37-7-225)*

SEPTEMBER

6th Qualifying Deadline for Consolidated/Consolidated Line at 5 p.m.: School District Trustees and Regular Special Election. *(Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-833 and 37-7-225)*

6th Qualifying Deadline at 5 p.m.: Municipal Separate School District Trustee *(§ 37-7-211, Miss. Code Ann.*)

NOVEMBER

5th **ELECTION DAY: Regular Special Election(s)** *(MS Code Ann. § 23-15-833)*

5th **ELECTION DAY:** Consolidated/ Consolidated Line School District Trustee election. *(Miss. Code Ann.§ 37-7-223).*

5th **ELECTION DAY:** Municipal Separate School District Trustee *(§ 37-7-215, Miss. Code Ann.)*

19th **RUNOFF ELECTION:** Consolidated/Consolidated Line School District Trustee *(Miss. Code Ann. § 37-7-227*)

19th **RUNOFF ELECTION**: Municipal Separate School District Trustee *(§ 37-7-215, Miss. Code Ann.*)

26th **RUNOFF ELECTION: Regular Special Election(s)** *(MS Code Ann. § 23-15-833)*

JANUARY 2014

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