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**2013 ELECTIONS CALENDAR**

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**DECEMBER 2012**

- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Qualifying Period Begins for Special Separate Municipal School District Trustee Grenada, Louisville, Tishomingo and Natchez/Adams) (§ 37-7-711, *Miss. Code Ann.*)
- 31<sup>st</sup>** Qualifying Deadline at 5 p.m.: Special Separate Municipal School District Trustee, Warren/Vicksburg only (§ 37-7-711, *Miss. Code Ann.*)

**JANUARY**

- 10<sup>th</sup>** 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)*)
- 21<sup>st</sup>** Qualifying Deadline at 5 p.m.: Municipal Separate School District Trustee (§ 37-7-211, *Miss. Code Ann.*)
- 30<sup>th</sup>** 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)

- 31<sup>st</sup> 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*)
- 31<sup>st</sup> 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

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

## MARCH

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Election Day: Municipal Separate School District Trustee (§ 37-7-215, *Miss. Code Ann.*)
- 8<sup>th</sup> 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)*)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Run-Off Day: Municipal Separate School District Trustee (§ 37-7-215, *Miss. Code Ann.*)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Statement of Economic Interest: File with Mississippi Ethics Commission (*Miss. Code Ann. § 25-4-29*) Non-incumbents must file within 15 days after qualifying.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Absentee ballots: Municipalities which conduct party primaries have absentee ballots for the primary available on and after March 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup>. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-715(a)*)

## APRIL

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

- 6<sup>th</sup> Voter Registration: Municipal Clerk's offices may remain open from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. for voter registration;
- 6<sup>th</sup> Voter Registration Deadline for Primary Election at 12:00 p.m. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37*)
- 17<sup>th</sup> 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)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Absentee ballots: Municipalities which do not conduct party primaries have absentee ballots for the general election prepared and available on and after April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-715(a)*)
- 27<sup>th</sup> 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*)
- 29<sup>th</sup> Voter Registration: Municipal Clerk's offices may remain open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day from April 29<sup>th</sup> until May 3<sup>rd</sup> for voter registration. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37(2)*)
- 30<sup>th</sup> 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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Statement of Economic Interest: Deadline for incumbents to file with the Mississippi Ethics Commission. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 25-4-29(a)*)
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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*)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Voter Registration Deadline for General Election at 12 p.m. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37*).
- 6<sup>th</sup> 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)*)

- 7<sup>th</sup> **PRIMARY ELECTION:** Municipal Office(s) (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-171*)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Campaign Finance Report: Pre-runoff election reports due. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-805 and 23-15-807(b)(i)*); Runoff candidates only.
- 11<sup>th</sup> 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*)
- 18<sup>th</sup> 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*)
- 20<sup>th</sup> 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*)
- 21<sup>st</sup> **RUNOFF ELECTION:** Municipal Office(s) (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-171*)
- 25<sup>th</sup> 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*)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Campaign Finance Report: Pre-General election Campaign finance report due. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-805 and 23-15-807*)

## JUNE

- 1<sup>st</sup> 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*)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)*)
- 4<sup>th</sup> **MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION** (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-173*)

## JULY

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

## AUGUST

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

## SEPTEMBER

6<sup>th</sup> 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*)

## NOVEMBER

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

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

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