

2011 ELECTIONS CALENDAR



DELBERT HOSEMANN
Secretary of State

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
26	27	28	29	30	31	New Year's Day 1 <small>Terms Begin: Circuit Court Judge, Chancery Court Judge, County Court Judge, Court of Appeals Judge, County School Board Member (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 9-5-1, 9-7-1, 9-9-5, 9-4-5, 37-5-7 (1972)).</small> <small>Candidate Qualifying Period Begins: This is the first day candidates may file qualifying papers and pay qualifying fees for elective office in 2011 (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-299, 23-15-359 (1972)).</small> Days to Election 212		
2	3	Legislature: Legislative Session begins (Miss. Const. 1890 § 36 and Miss. Code Ann. 5-1-7 (1972)) 12:00 pm.	4	5	6	7		
211	210	209	208	207	206	205		
9	10	Election Commissions meet to purge voter roll (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-153 (1) (a) (1972)).	11	12	13	14		
204	203	202	201	200	199	198		
16	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s and Robert E. Lee's Birthdays	17	18	Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm	19	20	21	22
197	196	195	194	193	192	191		
23	Qualifying Deadline: Candidates in municipalities conducting Municipal School Board Trustee Elections must qualify by 5:00 pm (Miss. Code Ann. § 37-7-211 (1972)).	24	25	26	27	28	29	
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Circuit Clerk's Winter Conference in Jackson

ECAM Convention and Elections Certification Training

Orientation Training for New Commissioners at the ECAM Convention - Day 1

Orientation Training for New Commissioners at the ECAM Convention - Day 2

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		Days to Election	181	180	179	178
6	7	8	Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm	9	10	11
176	175	174	173	172	171	170
13	Counties send Security Key Cards to the Secretary of State's Office	14	15	16	17	18
169	168	167	166	165	164	163
20	Washington's Birthday	21	22	23	24	25
			ECAM Elections Certification Training Make-Up Session, Jackson			
162	161	160	Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm	159	158	157
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27	28	1 <small>Qualifying Deadline: The qualifying deadline for candidates running in the 2011 Primary and General Elections. NOTE: If the 2010 federal decennial census has not been received from the United States Secretary of Commerce by the Governor of the State of Mississippi by January 1, 2011, then the qualifying deadline for legislative offices shall be changed to 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2011 (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-299 & 23-15-359 (1972)).</small>	2	3 <small>Candidate Lists: Deadline for the Secretary of State to receive from all political parties and Circuit Clerks a certified list of candidates qualifying for the 2011 Primary and General Elections, with mailing address and office sought (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-296 (1972)).</small>	4	5 <small>Municipal School Trustee: Election for this office in some municipalities (Miss. Code Ann. § 37-7-215 (1972)).</small>
		Days to Election 153	152	151	150	149
6	7 <small>Counties can begin entering the candidates for the August 2 Primary in Districts and Precincts</small>	8	9 <small>Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm</small>	10	11	12
148	147	146	145	144	143	142
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 <small>Municipal School Trustee: Runoff election, where required, for this office in some counties (Miss. Code Ann. § 37-7-215 (1972)).</small>
141	140	139	138	137	136	135
20	21	22	23 <small>Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm</small>	24	25	26
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Legislative Session Ends: sine die (Miss. Const.1890 §36). 3	4	5	Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm 6	7	8	9
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17	18	19	Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm 20	21	22	23
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24	Confederate Memorial Day 25	26	27	28	29	30
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1 Days to Election 93	2 92	3 91	Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm 4 90	5 89	6 88	7 87
8 86	9 85	Campaign Finance: All candid- ates and political Committees must submit Periodic Reports by 5:00 p.m. on this date. All county candidates file their reports with the Circuit Clerk's Office in their respective counties. State- wide candidates, multi-county candi- dates, and all legislative candidates, in- cluding those in single county districts, must file reports with the Secretary of State's Office (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15- 807 (1972)) by 5:00 pm. 10 84	11 83	12 82	13 81	14 80
15 79	16 78	17 77	Inventory supplies and order as needed. Order affidavit ballot envelopes from MSOS Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm 18 76	19 75	20 74	21 73
22 72	23 71	24 70	25 69	26 68	27 67	28 66
29 65	30 64 Memorial Day and Jefferson Davis' Birthday	Counties send Security Key Cards to MSOS. 31 63	1 62	2 61	3 60	4 59

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
29	30	31	Election Process 1 Conference Call 2:00 pm <small>Qualifying Deadline for Legislative Offices (if applicable): If the 2010 federal decennial census has not been received from the United States Secretary of Commerce by the Governor of the State of Mississippi by January 1, 2011, then the qualifying deadline for legislative offices shall be changed from 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2011 to 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2011 (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-299 (1972)).</small> Days to Election 62	2	Permanently Physically Disabled Voters List: Deadline for Circuit Clerks to deliver to the Election Commissioners the list of permanently physically disabled voters who receive absentee ballots automatically for the August 2nd Primary Election. The Election Commissioners are then charged with examining the roll for purposes of purging and maintenance (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-629(3) (1972)). Absentee Ballot Applications: Circuit Clerks should have absentee ballot applications available for the August 2nd Primary Election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-625 (1972)). Place order for Absentee, emergency and affidavit ballots 60	4	
5	Counties create election in SEMS	County Executive Committees begin selecting poll workers and resolution boards 7 State Executive Committee furnishes candidate lists	State district ballot published in SEMS by MSOS 8	Counties verify all state and local races, then generate ballot styles in SEMS 9	Counties send SEMS ballot approval to MSOS 10 <small>Campaign Finance: All candidates and political committees must submit Periodic Reports by 5:00 p.m. on this date. All county candidates file their reports with the Circuit Clerk's Office in their respective counties. Statewide candidates, multi-county candidates, and all legislative candidates, including those in single county districts, must file reports with the Secretary of State's Office (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-805, 23-15-807 (1972)).</small> ES&S begins creating GEMS database 53	11	
12	<small>State Executive Committees: Deadline for the 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 August 2nd Primary Election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-331 (1972)).</small> 13	14	MSOS begins posting IBPPs on Secure Site 15 Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm	Counties begin sending IBPP approvals to MSOS 16	ES&S begins releasing print files to printing companies 17 <small>Absentee Ballots: Earliest day to vote absentee in the Circuit Clerk's Office for the first Primary Election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-715 (1972)). Absentee ballots should be available for voting in the Primary Election. [Saturday]</small>	<small>Permanently Physically Disabled Voter List: Last day for the County Election Commissions to return the purged permanent disabled voter list to the Circuit Clerks (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-629 (1972)).</small> 18	
19	20	21	22	Permanently Physically Disabled Voters: Last day for the Circuit Clerks to mail absentee ballots to voters on the permanent physically disabled list (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-629(4) (1972)). 23	24	25	
26	ES&S begins posting FBPP and database on secure site MSOS sends Security Key Cards to counties 27	28	MSOS Sends Security PINs to County 29 Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm	County begin sending FBPP approvals to MSOS 30	1	2	
37	Voter Registration-Primary Elections: Circuit Clerk's Offices may remain open from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., including the noon hour (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37 (1972)).						36

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	27	28	29	30	Voter Registration-Primary Election: Circuit Clerks' offices may remain open from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., including the noon hour (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37 (1972)). 1 Days to Election 32	Voter Registration-Primary Election: Circuit Clerks' Offices must remain open this Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. for voter registration. Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election in the Circuit Clerks' Office (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37 (1972)). 2 31
Mail-in Voter Registration: [Sunday] Mail-in voter registration forms must be post-marked no later than 5:00 p.m. this date to be accepted for the Primary Election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-47 (1972)). (Note: Since many post offices are closed weekends, applicants should mail or deliver applications no later than July 2nd to avoid missing this deadline.) 3 30	Independence Day 4 29	Counties check precinct facilities 5 Election Commissions meet to purge voter roll (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-153.(1) (c) (1972)). 5 28	Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm 6 27	7 26	Campaign Finance: All candidates and political committees must submit Periodic Reports by this date. All county candidates file their reports with the Circuit Clerk's Office in their respective counties. Statewide candidates, multi-county candidates, and all legislative candidates, including those in single county districts, must file reports with the Secretary of State's Office (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807 (1972)). Since this deadline actually falls on Sunday, July 10th, it is moved to Friday, July 8th (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(e) (1972)). 8 25	9 24
10 23	11 22	Pollworkers: Deadline for Executive Committees to appoint trainers to instruct pollworkers in use of voting machines for August 2nd Primary Election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-417 (1972)). 12 21	Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm 13 20	14 19	15 18	16 17
17 16	18 15	Appointment of Poll Managers: Last day for County Executive Committees to meet and appoint pollworkers for Primary Elections (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-265 (1972)). 19 Counties begin GEMS/TSX Election Prep 14 14	Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm 20 13	Counties begin printing poll books 21 12	22 11	Absentee Voting: Circuit Clerks' Offices must remain open until noon for absentee voting for the first Primary Election (Miss. Code Ann. §23-15-653 (1972)). 23 UOCAVA Voter Registration: Deadline for voter registration for a uniformed or overseas citizens who register to vote utilizing a Federal Postcard application or a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-677 (2) (1972)). 10
Campaign Finance- 48 Hour Reports: (Sunday, 12:01 a.m. through Sunday, July 31st, 12:01 a.m.): 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)). 24 31	Counties begin L&A Testing 25 8	Campaign Finance Pre-Election Reports: All county candidates and political committees who have accepted contributions or made expenditures for the first Primary Election must file Pre-Election Reports with the Circuit Clerks. Statewide candidates, multi-county candidates, and all legislative candidates, including those in single county districts, and all political committees required to be registered with the Secretary of State's Office must file reports with the Secretary of State's Office by 5:00 p.m. this day (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b) (i) (1972)). 26 7	Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm 27 6	Pollworker Training: Last day for County Executive Committee members to train poll workers for the August 2nd Primary Election. Notice of training must be announced to the general public five (5) days before the date upon which training session is to be conducted (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-239(b)(i) (1972)). 28 5	Deadline to complete L&A testing (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-531.4 (4) (a) (1972)). 29 County confirm poll workers Mail Backup Database CD to MSOS 4	Absentee Voting: [Saturday] Circuit Clerks' Offices must remain open until 12:00 p.m. for absentee voting for the first Primary Election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653 (1972)). Today at 12:00 p.m. is the last day to vote by absentee in the Circuit Clerks' Offices for the first Primary Election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-715 (1972)). 30 3

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	Absentee Voting: [Monday] 1 Mailed absentee ballots must be received by the Circuit Clerks no later than 5:00 p.m. for the first Primary Election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-631 (1972)). Delivery and set up of voting machines at precinct Days to Election 1	PRIMARY ELECTION: 2 Polls open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.	Counties begin posting Official Results in SEMS 3 Days to Election 20	Counties begin sending Official Certification of Election Results to MSOS 4 Days to Election 19	5 Days to Election 18	6 Days to Election 17
7	MSOS would like to receive certified results from Party Executive Committees so database preparation can begin for Run-Off 8 Counties complete Run-Off Approval Form 15	Counties mark winners and certify results in SEMS 9 MSOS marks winners and certifies results in SEMS	Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm 10 MSOS begins posting IBPP to Secure Site 13	11	Tabulated Statement of Party Vote: Deadline for Executive Committees to transmit to the Secretary of State a tabulated statement of the party vote cast (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-599 (1972)). MSOS begins posting Run-Off FBPP to Secure Site 12	Absentee Balloting (if applicable): [Saturday] 13 Circuit Clerk's Offices must remain open until noon today for absentee balloting for the second Primary Election on August 23rd (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653 (1972)). 10
<small>Campaign Finance 48 Hour Reports (if applicable) (Sunday, 12:01 a.m. through Sunday, August 21, 12:01 a.m.): For all Primary Runoff 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 by 5:00 pm (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(f)(i)(ii) (1972)).</small> 14	15	<small>Campaign Finance Pre-Election Reports (if applicable): All county candidates and political Committees who have accepted contributions or made expenditures for the second Primary (Run-off) Election must file pre-election reports with the Circuit Clerk's Office. Statewide candidates, multi-county candidates, and all legislative candidates, including those in single county districts, and all political Committees required to be registered with the Secretary of State's Office must file reports with the Secretary of State's Office, if participating in the run-off, by 5:00 p.m. (Miss Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(i) (1972)).</small> 16	Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm 17	18	19	Absentee Balloting (if applicable): 20 [Saturday] Circuit Clerks' Offices must remain open until 12:00 p.m. today for absentee balloting for the second Primary (Runoff) Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653 (1972)). Today at 12:00 p.m. is the deadline to vote absentee in the Circuit Clerk's Office for the second Primary Election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-631 & 715 (1972)). Deadline to complete random L & A testing prior to Primary Runoff Election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-531.4 (4) (b) (1972)). 3
21	Absentee Voting (if applicable): [Monday] 22 Mailed absentee ballots must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. for the second Primary Election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-631 (1972)). 1	PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION (if applicable): 23 Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the second Primary (Runoff) Election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-191 (1972)).	Counties begin posting Official Results in SEMS 24 Days to Election 76	Counties begin sending Official Certification of Election Results to MSOS 25 Days to Election 75	26 Days to Election 74	27 Days to Election 73
28	29	30	Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm 31	1	2	3
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28	29	30	31	1	2 Tabulated Statement of Party Vote: Deadline for Executive Committees to transmit to the Secretary of State a tabulated statement of the party vote cast (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-599 (1972)). Post history and close Primary elections in SEMS	3
				Days to Election 68	67	66
4	5	6 Inventory supplies and order as needed. Order affidavit ballot envelopes from MSOS Election Commissioners begin selecting poll workers and resolution board members Counties send Security Key Cards to the MSOS	7	8	9 Permanent Physically Disabled Voters: Last day for the Circuit Clerks to give the permanent physically disabled voter list to the Election Commissions for purging prior to General Election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-629 (1972)). Qualifying Deadline – County Special Elections: Last day for candidates in special elections to fill vacancies to qualify for the November 8th Special Election ballot (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-839 (1972)). Absentee Ballot Applications: Circuit Clerks should have absentee ballot applications available for the November 8th General Election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-625 (1972)).	10
65	Labor Day 64	63	62	61	60	59
11	12 Counties enter local and third party candidates in Districts and Precincts in SEMS Counties create election in SEMS Statewide ballot published in SEMS	13 Counties generate ballot styles in SEMS Counties send SEMS ballot approval to MSOS	14 ES&S begins creating GEMS database Sample Ballot: The Secretary of State furnishes county Election Commissions with the sample of the official ballot for the November 8th General Election, containing the names of statewide and multi-county candidates and any statewide ballot issues (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-367 (1972)). Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm	15	16	17
58	57	56	Circuit Clerks' Convention in Tunica			52
			55	54	53	
18	19 MSOS begins posting IBPP on secure site	20 Counties begin sending IBPP approval to MSOS	21 ES&S begins releasing print files to printers	22	23	24 Absentee Ballots – UOCAVA: Deadline to transmit an absentee ballot to UOCAVA voters who have requested an absentee ballot (42 U.S.C.A. §1973ff-1). Permanently Disabled Voters: Deadline for Election Commissions to return the list of permanently disabled voters to Circuit Clerks' Offices for the November 8th General Election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-629 (3) (1972)). Absentee Balloting: Earliest day to vote absentee in the Circuit Clerk's Office for the November 8th General Election (Miss. Code Ann. §23-15-715 (1972)).
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2	ES&S begins posting FBPP & database on secure site MSOS sends Security Key Cards to counties	3	4	Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm MSOS Sends Security PINs to County	5	County begin sending FBPP approvals to MSOS	6	7	Voter Registration: [Saturday] Circuit Clerks' Offices must remain open until 12:00 p.m. for voter registration for the General Election. This is the last day to register to vote in the Circuit Clerk's Office to be able to vote in the November 8th General Election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37 (1972)).	8	
Voter Registration – General Election: Circuit Clerks' Offices may remain open from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., including the noon hour (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37 (1972)).											
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Mail-in Voter Registration: [Sunday] Mail-in voter registration forms must be post-marked no later than this day to be accepted for the General Election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-47 (1972)). (Note: Since many post offices are closed on weekends, applicants should mail or deliver applications no later than October 7th to avoid missing this deadline.)	9	Campaign Finance: All candidates and political committees must submit Periodic Reports by 5:00 p.m. this day. All county candidates file their reports with the Circuit Clerk's Office in their respective counties. Statewide candidates, multi-county candidates, and all legislative candidates, including those in single county districts, must file reports with the Secretary of State's Office (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807 (1972)).	10	Counties check precinct facilities	11	Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm	12	13	14	15	
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16	17	Pollworkers: Deadline for Election Commissioners to appoint trainers to instruct pollworkers in use of voting machines for the November 8th General Election. Notice of training must be announced to the general public five (5) days before the date upon which training session is to be conducted (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-239(b)(1) (1972)).	18	Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm	19	20	21	22			
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Campaign Finance 48 Hour Reports (Sunday, 12:01 a.m. through Sunday, November 6, 12:01 a.m.) For all General & Special 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)).	23	24	Counties begin GEMS/TSX Election Prep	25	Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm	26	Counties begin printing poll books	27	28	Absentee Balloting: [Saturday] Circuit Clerks' Offices must remain open until 12:00 p.m. this day for absentee voting for the General Election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653 (1972)). UOCAVA Voter Registration: Deadline for voter registration for a uniformed or overseas citizens who register to vote utilizing a Federal Postcard application or a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-677 (2) (1972)).	29
30	Counties Begin L&A Testing	15	14	13	12	11	10				

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	<p>Campaign Finance Pre-Election Reports: All county candidates and political committees who have accepted contributions or made expenditures for the first General Election must file Pre-Election Reports with the Circuit Clerks. Statewide candidates, multi-county candidates, and all legislative candidates, including those in single county districts, and all political committees required to be registered with the Secretary of State's Office must file reports with the Secretary of State's Office by 5:00 p.m. this day (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b) (i) (1972)).</p> <p>Days to Election 7</p>	<p>Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm</p> <p>Days to Election 6</p>	<p>Pollworker Training: Last day for County Election Commissions and Circuit Clerks to train pollworkers for the General Election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-239 (1972)).</p> <p>Days to Election 5</p>	<p>Mail Backup Database CDs to MSOS</p> <p>Deadline to complete L&A testing (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-531.4 (4) (a) (1972))</p> <p>County confirm poll workers</p> <p>Days to Election 4</p>	<p>Absentee Balloting: [Saturday] Circuit Clerks' Offices must remain open until 12:00 p.m. 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)).</p> <p>Days to Election 3</p>
6	<p>Absentee Voting: [Monday] Mailed absentee ballots must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. to be accepted for the General Election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-631 (1972)).</p> <p>Deliver and set up voting machines at precincts</p> <p>Days to Election 1</p>	<p>GENERAL ELECTION: Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. for voting in the General Election (§102 Miss. Const. of 1890).</p> <p>REGULAR SPECIAL ELECTION DAY: Regular Special Election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-833 (1972)).</p> <p>Days to Election 20</p>	<p>Counties begin posting official results in SEMS</p> <p>Days to Election 19</p>	<p>Counties begin sending official certification of election results to MSOS</p> <p>Days to Election 18</p>	<p>Armistice Day (Veteran's Day)</p> <p>Days to Election 17</p>	12
13	<p>MSOS would like to receive certified results from County Election Commissions so database preparation can begin for Run-Off</p> <p>Counties mark winners and certify results in SEMS</p> <p>Counties complete Run-Off Approval Form</p> <p>Days to Election 15</p>	15	<p>State and Counties mark winners and certify in SEMS</p> <p>Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm</p> <p>MSOS begins posting IBPP to Secure Site</p> <p>Days to Election 13</p>	17	<p>MSOS begins posting Run-Off FBPP to Secure Site</p> <p>Canvass of Returns and Declaration of Results: Deadline for County Election Commissions to canvass the returns, ascertain and 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 to office unless all required campaign finance reports have been filed (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-611(1972)).</p> <p>Delivery of Returns: Deadline for County Election Commissions to transmit to the Secretary of State their counties' General Election returns, including: (1) certified recap sheets, (2) the electoral vote (which is the popular vote for the eight statewide offices by State House of Representatives district), and (3) the total number of votes cast in the county for each candidate. The certification of the election must be signed and dated by the majority of the Commissioners of election (Miss. Code Ann. §23-15-603 (1972), §§ 140 and 143 of Miss. Const. of 1890).</p> <p>Days to Election 11</p>	<p>Absentee Balloting (if applicable): [Saturday] Circuit Clerks' Offices must remain open until 12:00 p.m. this day for absentee voting for the Special Election Run-off (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 Special Election Runoff (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-715 (1972)).</p> <p>Days to Election 10</p>
<p>Campaign Finance 48 Hour Reports (Sunday, 12:01 a.m. through Sunday, November 27, 12:01 a.m.) For all Special 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 Committees 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(1)(i)(ii) (1972)).</p> <p>Days to Election 9</p>	21	<p>Campaign Finance (if applicable): All county candidates and political committees, who have accepted contributions or made expenditures for the Special Election Runoff, if such runoff is conducted, must file Pre-Election Reports with the Circuit Clerks. Multi-county candidates and all political committees required to be registered with the Secretary of State's Office must file reports with the Secretary of State's Office, if participating in such runoff election by 5:00 p.m. on this day (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-601 (1972)).</p> <p>Days to Election 7</p>	<p>Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm</p> <p>Days to Election 6</p>	24	25	<p>Absentee Balloting: [Saturday] Circuit Clerks' Offices must remain open until 12:00 p.m. today for absentee voting for the Special Election Run-off (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653 (1972)). Today at 12:00 p.m. is the last day to vote by absentee ballot in the Circuit Clerk's Offices for the Special Election Runoff (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-715 (1972)).</p> <p>Deadline to complete random L & A testing prior to Special Runoff Election (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-531.4 (4) (b) (1971)).</p> <p>Days to Election 4</p>
27	<p>Absentee Voting: [Monday] Mailed absentee ballots must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. for the Special Election Runoff (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-631 (1972)).</p> <p>Days to Election 2</p>	<p>SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF (if required): Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the second Special Election (Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-833 (1972)).</p> <p>Days to Election 1</p>	<p>Deadline for the Chairman of a party's State Executive Committees to notify the Secretary of State if the party intends to hold a Presidential Preference Primary (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-1085 (1972)).</p> <p>Days to Election 30</p>	1	2	3

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4	5	6	7 Election Process Conference Call 2:00 pm	8 Election Certification for November 8th General Election: Deadline for the Secretary of State to ascertain the results of the election for each office and declare each person duly elected (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-605 (1972)).	9	10
11	12	13	14 Purging: Deadline to systematically remove the names of ineligible voters from the official list of eligible voters for the March 13th Primary Election (42 USC 1973gg-6(c)(2)(A)).	15 Residual Vote Report: Deadline for County Election Commissions and party Executive Committees to provide the Secretary of State's Office with the Residual Vote Report (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-613 (1972)).	16	17
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Christmas 25	26	27	28	29 Elections Returns for Special Election Runoff (if necessary): Deadline for the Secretary of State to ascertain the results of the election for each office and declare each person duly elected (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-605 (1972)).	30 Post history and close General and Run-Off elections in SEMS	31

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