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2010 ELECTIONS CALENDAR **ELECTIONS DIVISION 1-800-829-6786**

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JANUARY

- 5th** Legislature: Legislative session begins. (*Miss. Code Ann. 5-1-7*)
- 12th** Purging: County Election Commissioners meet to purge rolls. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-153(1)(a)*).
- 29th** Campaign Finance: Annual reports due today no later than 5:00 p.m. in the appropriate office. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-807(b)(iii) and (e)*).

MARCH

- 1st** Qualifying Deadline: Qualifying deadline for U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives running in the 2010 primary and general

election. Primary candidates pay fees and file statement of intent with proper executive committee. Independent candidates file qualifying petitions with the Secretary of State. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-299*).

- 3rd** Purging/NVRA: Systematic purging activities must cease before the June 1 Primary Election. (*42 U.S.C. 1973gg-6(c)(2)(A)*).
- 6th** Municipal School Trustee: Election for this office in some counties. (*Miss. Code Ann. 37-7-215*)
- 20th** Municipal School Trustee-Added Territory: Runoff election, where required, for this office in some counties. (*Miss. Code Ann. 37-7-215*)

APRIL

- 2nd** Permanently Disabled Voters List: Circuit Clerks must deliver to the Election Commission the list of permanently disabled voters who receive absentee ballots automatically for the June 1 primary. The Election Commission is then charged with examining and maintaining the roll. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-629(3)*)
- 5th** *Legislative Session Ends*: sine die. (*Miss. Const. 1890 §36*)
- 12th** State Executive Committee: 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 June 1 Primary. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-331*)
- 17th** Permanently Disabled Voters List: Deadline for Election Commission to return permanently disabled voters list to Circuit Clerk's office for the June 1 Primary election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-629(3)*) [Saturday]
- 19th** Absentee Balloting: Absentee ballots should be available for voting in the primary election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-715*)
- 22nd** Permanently Disabled Voters: Deadline for Circuit Clerks to mail absentee ballots to permanently disabled voters on file for the June 1 Primary election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-629(4)*)

26th-30th Voter Registration: Circuit Clerks' offices may remain open from 8:00a.m. until 7:00 p.m., including the noon hour. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-37(2)*) Any change in hours of operation from the last election cycle must be precleared by the county from US Justice Department.

MAY

1st Voter Registration: Circuit Clerk's office must remain open this Saturday until noon for voter registration. Noon is also the deadline for Circuit Clerks to accept hand delivered mail-in voter registration applications. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-37(2)*) [Saturday].

7th Qualifying Deadline: Qualifying deadline for nonpartisan judicial offices, including county court judge. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-977*)

10th Campaign Finance-Nonpartisan Judicial Offices: Periodic campaign finance disclosure report is due no later than 5pm in the appropriate office. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-815-807(c)*)

11th Poll Workers: Deadline for Executive Committee to appoint instructors for poll workers for June 1 primary election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-417*)

18th Poll Workers: Deadline for Executive Committee to appoint poll managers. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-265*)

22nd Absentee Ballots: Circuit Clerk's office must remain open until noon for absentee balloting. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-653*) [Saturday]

25th Campaign Finance: Campaign finance deadline for the pre-election reports for the June 1 Primary Election. All non-federal candidates in contested races, except for non-partisan judicial races, must submit these reports. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-807(b)(i)*)

29th Absentee Ballots: Circuit Clerk's office must remain open until noon for absentee balloting. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-653 and 23-15-715(a)*) [Saturday]

31st Absentee Ballots: Deadline for receipt of mailed absentee ballots by

5:00 p.m. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-631(1)(c)*)

JUNE

- 1st** **PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**: Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-1031*)
- 8th** **Mississippi Levee Commissioners – General Election**: A General Election in certain areas for Mississippi Levee Commissioners will also be held on this day. One office in each of the following counties: Bolivar, Humphreys, Sharkey, and Washington. (*Gen. Laws 1930: Ch. 85; Gen Laws 1968: Ch. 574; and Gen. Laws 1983: Ch. 317*)
- 10th** **Campaign Finance-Nonpartisan Judicial Offices**: Periodic campaign finance disclosure report is due no later than 5:00 p.m. in the appropriate office. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-815-807(c)*)
- 12th** **Absentee Ballots**: Circuit Clerk's offices open until noon for primary runoff absentee voting, if absentee ballots are available. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-653*) [Saturday]
- 15th** **Campaign Finance**: Campaign finance deadline for the pre-election reports for the June 22 Primary Runoff Election. All non-federal candidates in contested races, except for non-partisan judicial races, must submit these reports. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-807(b)(i)*)
- 19th** **Absentee Ballots**: Last day to vote by absentee ballot in the Circuit Clerk's office, which is open until noon, for the June 22nd primary runoff election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-631(1)(c) and 23-15-715(a)*) [Saturday]
- 21st** **Absentee Ballots**: Mail-in ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. today, the day preceding the June 22 Primary Runoff Election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-631(1)(c)*)
- 22nd** **Mississippi Levee District Run-off Election** (if required.) Polls open 7am to 7pm. (*Gen. Laws 1968, Chapter 574*)
- 22nd** **PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION DAY**: Polls open at 7:00 a.m.

and close at 7:00 p.m. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-1031*)

JULY

- 9th** Campaign Finance-Nonpartisan Judicial Offices: Periodic campaign finance disclosure report is due no later than 5pm in the appropriate office. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-807*)

AUGUST

- 4th** School Board Candidates: First day in which a person can qualify as a candidate for a county school board member position. (*Miss. Code Ann. 37-5-9*) Today is the earliest date for consolidated school district trustee candidates to qualify. (*Miss. Code Ann. 37-7-225*)
- 4th** Purging/NVRA: Systematic purging activities must cease before the November 2 General Election. (*42 U.S.C. 1973gg-6(c)(2)(A)*).

SEPTEMBER

- 3rd** School Board Candidates: Deadline for persons running for county school board member position to qualify. (*Miss. Code Ann. 37-5-9*). Deadline for consolidated school district trustee candidates to qualify. (*Miss. Code Ann. 37-7-225*).
- 3rd** Special Election: Deadline for person to qualify for county and county-district special elections to fill vacancies. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-839*)
- 3rd** Permanently Disabled Voters List: Circuit Clerks must deliver the list of permanently disabled voters who receive absentee ballots automatically for the November 2 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)*)
- 13th** Purging: County Election Commissioners meet to purge rolls. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-153*).
- 18th** Permanently Disabled Voters: Deadline for Election Commission to

return the permanently disabled voters list to Circuit Clerk's office for the November 2 General Election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-629(3)*) [Saturday]

20th Absentee Balloting: Absentee ballots should be available for voting in the general election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-715*)

23rd Permanently Disabled Voters: Last day for the Circuit Clerks to mail absentee ballots to disabled voters on the permanent list for the November 2 General Election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-629(4)*)

27th - 30th Voter Registration: Circuit Clerks' offices may remain open from 8:00a.m. until 7:00 p.m., including the noon hour. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-37(2)*) Any change in hours of operation from the last election cycle must be precleared by the county from US Justice Department.

OCTOBER

1st Voter Registration: Circuit Clerks' offices may remain open from 8:00a.m. until 7:00 p.m., including the noon hour. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-37(2)*) Any change in hours of operation from the last election cycle must be precleared by the county from US Justice Department.

2nd Voter Registration: Circuit Clerk's office may remain open this Saturday until noon for voter registration. Noon is also the deadline for Circuit Clerks to accept hand delivered mail-in voter registration applications. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-37(2)*) [Saturday]. Upon preclearance of House Bill 312 (2009 Regular Legislative Session), extended hours become mandatory.

3rd Voter Registration Deadline for General Election: Deadline for mail-in voter registration forms to be postmarked when mailed to the Circuit Clerks' office for the November 2 General Election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-47(2)(a)*) [Sunday]

NOTE: Since the legal 30 day deadline for mail-in voter registration forms falls on a Sunday, registration forms must be postmarked no later than Saturday, October 2, to accommodate those post offices which do not affix postmarks on Sundays.

- 10th** Campaign Finance-Nonpartisan Judicial Offices: Periodic campaign finance disclosure report is due no later than 5pm in the appropriate office. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-807(c)*)
- 23rd** Absentee Voting: Circuit Clerk's office must remain open until noon for absentee voting. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-653*) [Saturday]
- 26th** Campaign Finance: Campaign finance deadline for the pre-general election reports for the November 2 General Election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-807(b)(i)*)
- 30th** Absentee Voting: Circuit Clerks' office must remain open until noon for absentee voting. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-653*) [Saturday]
- 30th** Absentee Ballots: Last day to vote by absentee ballot in the Circuit Clerk's office, which is open until noon, for the November 2 General Election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-631(1)(c) and 23-15-715(a)*) [Saturday]

NOVEMBER

- 1st** Absentee Ballots: Mailed absentee ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. today, the day preceding the November 2 General Election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-631(1)(c)*)
- 2nd** **GENERAL ELECTION**: Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. (*Miss. Const.1890, §102; Miss Code Ann. 23-15-991*)
- 2nd** **SPECIAL ELECTION**: Regular Special Election (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-833*)
- 12th** Election Returns: Deadline for County Election Commissioners to canvass returns from all voting precincts and transmit to the Secretary of State the election results. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-603*)
- 16th** Campaign Finance: Campaign finance deadline for the pre-runoff election reports for the November 23 General Election Runoff. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-807(b)(i)*)

23rd GENERAL ELECTION RUNOFF: (if required) Runoff for Nonpartisan Judicial Offices, certain other offices and special elections. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-981*)