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2005 ELECTIONS CALENDAR

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JANUARY

- 10th** (5:00 P.M.) Campaign Finance Report: Periodic report (October 1, 2004, through December 31, 2004) due for judicial candidates and judicial committees only. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807*)
- 24th** (5:00 P.M.) Qualifying Deadline: Deadline for Municipal Separate School District Trustee (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-7-203; 37-7-209 and 37-7-211*)
- 31st** (5:00 P.M.) Campaign Finance Report: Annual report (January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004) due for all candidates and all political committees that made political expenditures in Mississippi during the 2004 election period. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807*)

MARCH

- 4th** (5:00 P.M.) Qualifying Deadline: 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 and 23-15-361*)

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

5th ELECTION DAY: School board trustee positions. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-7-203 and 37-7-215*)

19th Absentee ballots: Municipalities which conduct party primaries have absentee ballots for the primary available on and after March 19th. 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 3rd (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-715*)

RUNOFF ELECTION: School board trustee positions. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-7-203 and 37-7-215*)

28th Voter Registration: Municipal Clerk's offices remain open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day from today until April 1st for voter registration. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37*)

APRIL

2nd (NOON) Voter Registration Deadline: Municipal Clerk's office open until noon. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37*)

23rd (NOON) Absentee ballots: Municipal Clerk's office open until noon for absentee voting if a primary is being held. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653*)

Absentee ballots: Municipalities which do not conduct party primaries have absentee ballots for the general election prepared and available on and after April 25th, 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 23rd. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-715*)

26th 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*)

30th (NOON) Absentee Ballots: Deadline for casting absentee ballots for primary election in Municipal Clerk's office. Municipal Clerk's office open until noon for absentee voting, if a primary is being held. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-653 and 23-15-715*)

MAY

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

2nd (5 P.M.) Absentee Ballots: 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*)

Voter Registration: Municipal Clerk's offices may remain open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day from today until May 6th for voter registration. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37*)

3rd PRIMARY ELECTION (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-171*)

7th (NOON) Voter Registration: Deadline for General Election. Municipal Clerk's office open until noon for voter registration (and absentee voting, if a runoff is being held). (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-37 and 23-15-653*)

10th Campaign Finance Report: Pre-runoff election reports due. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-805 and 23-15-807*); Runoff candidates only.

14th (NOON) Absentee Ballots: Deadline for casting absentee ballots for second primary election in Municipal Clerk's office. Municipal Clerk's office open until noon, if a runoff is being held. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-715 and 23-15-653*)

16th (5:00 P.M.) Absentee Ballots: Deadline for receipt of mailed absentee ballots by the Municipal Clerk in order to be counted for second primary election. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-631*)

17th RUNOFF ELECTION (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-171*)

28th Absentee ballots: Municipal Clerk's office open until noon for absentee voting. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653*)

31st Campaign Finance Report: Pre-General election Campaign finance report due. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-805 and 23-15-807*)

JUNE

4th (NOON) Absentee Ballots: Deadline for casting absentee ballots for general election in Municipal Clerk's office. Municipal Clerk's office open until noon. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-715 and 23-15-631*)

6th (5:00 P.M.) Absentee Ballots: 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*)

7th **GENERAL ELECTION** (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-173*)

JULY

4th Municipal officer's terms begin. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 21-15-1 and 21-15-39*)

AUGUST

10th Qualifying Period: First day of qualifying for Consolidated/Consolidated Line School District Trustees. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 37-7-225*)

SEPTEMBER

9th Qualifying Deadline (5:00 P.M.): Deadline for Consolidated/Consolidated Line School District Trustees and Regular Special Election. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-833 and 37-7-225*)

NOVEMBER

8th SPECIAL ELECTION DAY: School board trustee elections in some counties (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-833*)

22nd RUNOFF ELECTION: School board trustee elections in some counties (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-833*)