

# OFFICE OF THE MISSISSIPPI SECRETARY OF STATE

## 2006 ELECTIONS CALENDAR

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### JANUARY

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Legislature: Legislative session begins. (*Miss. Code Ann. 5-1-7*)

**10<sup>th</sup>** Purging: County Election Commissioners meet to purge rolls. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-153(1)(a)*)

**31<sup>st</sup>** Campaign Finance: Annual reports due today no later than 5pm in the appropriate office.  
(*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-807(b)(iii)*)

### MARCH

**1<sup>st</sup>** Qualifying Deadline: Qualifying deadline for U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives running in the 2006 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*)

**4<sup>th</sup>** Municipal School Trustee: Election for this office in some counties.  
(*Miss. Code Ann. 37-7-215*)

**8th** Purging/NVRA: Under NVRA, purging activities for change in residence must cease 90 days before the June 6 Federal Primary Election and resume after the June 27 primary runoff. HOWEVER, purging should continue for death, criminal conviction, mental incapacity, upon receipt of a voter cancellation card, and any other written confirmation from the voter that he or she has moved.(NVRA)

**16th** Statement of Economic Interest: Deadline for candidates who qualified on March 1, to file their statement of economic interest reports with the Ethics Commission. These reports are due within 15 days of becoming a candidate.

**18th** Municipal School Trustee-Added Territory: Runoff election, where required, for this office in some counties. (*Miss. Code Ann. 37-7-215*)

## APRIL

**5th** \*Legislative Session Ends\*: sine die. (*Miss. Const.1890 §36*)  
*\*See HCR 119 (2006 Regular Session)*

**7th** Disabled Voters List: Circuit Clerks must deliver the list of permanently disabled voters who receive absentee ballots automatically for the June 6 primary 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)*)

**17th** 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 6th Primary. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-331*)

**22nd** Permanently Disabled Voters List: Deadline for Election Commission to return permanently disabled voters list to Circuit Clerks' office for the June 6th Primary election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-629(3)*) [Saturday]

Absentee Balloting: First day to vote absentee in the Circuit Clerk's office for the first primary election or to apply for an absentee ballot by mail. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-715*) Absentee ballots should be available for voting in the primary election.

**27th** Permanently Disabled Voters: Circuit Clerks mail absentee ballots to permanently disabled voters on file for the June 6th Primary election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-629(4)*)

## MAY

**1st** Economic Interest Statement: Deadline for incumbent elected officials (except Election Commissioners) and some appointed officials to file a Statement of Economic Interest with the Ethics Commission by this date. The phone number for the Ethics Commission is 359-1289. (*Miss. Code Ann. 25-4-29(a)*)

**1st-5th** Voter Registration: 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(2)*) Extended hours required unless individual counties obtain preclearance from US Justice Department to end extended hours.

**2nd** County Election Commissioners: Election Commissioners meet to revise and purge registration books and pollbooks before the June 6th Primary. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-153(1)(b)*)

**5th** Qualifying Deadline: Qualifying deadline for nonpartisan judicial offices, including county court judge. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-977*)

**6th** Voter Registration: Circuit Clerks' offices may remain open this Saturday until noon for voter registration. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-37(2)*) [Saturday] Extended hours required unless individual counties obtain preclearance from US Justice Department to end extended hours.

Qualifying Deadline: Qualifying deadline is noon for candidates for Mississippi Levee District Commissioner. (*Miss. Const. § 231*) One office in each of the following counties: Bolivar, Humphreys, Sharkey, Washington, Issaquena.

**10th** Campaign Finance-Nonpartisan Judicial Offices: Periodic campaign finance disclosure report is due no later than 5pm in the appropriate office.

**16th Poll Workers:** Deadline for Executive Committee to appoint instructors for pollworkers for June 6 primary election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-417*)

**23rd Pollworkers:** Deadline for Executive Committee to appoint poll managers. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-265*)

**27th Absentee Ballots:** Circuit Clerks' offices must remain open today until noon. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-653*) [Saturday]

**Campaign Finance-Mississippi Levee District:** For candidates in the June 6th Mississippi Levee District General Election, pre-election report period ends. All candidates in contested races must submit these reports to the circuit clerk no later than May 28th. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-807(b)(i)*) [Saturday]

**30th Campaign Finance-Mississippi Levee District:** Campaign finance deadline for the pre-election reports for the June 6th election. All candidates in contested races must submit these reports. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-807(b)(i)*)

## **JUNE**

**3rd Absentee Ballots:** Circuit Clerk's office open until noon for absentee voting in primary election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-631(1)(c) and 23-15-715(a)*) [Saturday]

**5th Absentee Ballots:** Deadline for receipt of mailed absentee ballots by 5:00 p.m. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-631(1)(c)*)

**6th PRIMARY ELECTION DAY:** 1st Primary election day. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-1031*)

**Levee Commissioners:** 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, Washington, Issaquena; majority vote required for election, with runoff, if required, on June 20. (*Gen. Laws 1930: Ch. 85; Gen Laws 1968: Ch. 574; and Gen. Laws 1983: Ch. 317*)

**10th Campaign Finance-Mississippi Levee District:** For candidates in the June 20 Mississippi Levee District Run-off General Election, pre-election report period ends. All candidates in contested races must submit these reports to the circuit clerk no later than June 13th. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-807(b)(1)*) [Saturday]

**10th Campaign Finance-Nonpartisan Judicial Offices:** Periodic campaign finance disclosure report is due no later than 5pm in the appropriate office.

**17th Absentee Ballots:** Circuit Clerks' offices open until noon for primary runoff absentee voting, if absentee ballots are available. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-653*) [Saturday]

**Absentee Ballots-Mississippi Levee District:** Last day to vote by absentee ballot in the Circuit Clerks' office, which is open until noon, for the June 20 runoff general election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-631(1)(c) and 23-15-715(a)*) [Saturday]

**20th Mississippi Levee District Run-off Election** (if required.) Polls open 7am to 7pm.

**24th Absentee Ballots:** Last day to vote by absentee ballot in the Circuit Clerks' office, which is open until noon, for the June 27th primary runoff election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-631(1)(c) and 23-15-715(a)*) [Saturday]

**26th Absentee Ballots:** Mail-in ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. today, the day preceding the June 27 Primary Runoff Election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-631(1)(c)*)

**27th PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION DAY:** Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-1031*)

**28th Election Returns:** The County Executive Committee will meet on the first or second day (i.e. June 28th or 29th) after the June 27 run-off primary election to receive and canvass returns, declare results, and announce the names of those candidates to be submitted to the November 7 general election as nominees.

**NOTE:** The vote for state districts containing more than one county or parts of more than one county shall be tabulated by precincts and certified to and

returned to the State Executive Committee within 36 hours after they are canvassed. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-597*)

## JULY

**4th** Election Returns: The State Executive Committee meets today to canvass the returns and to declare the result, announcing nominees to be placed on the General Election Ballot. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-597*)

**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*)

## AUGUST

**9th** 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*)

**9th** Purging/NVRA: Under NVRA, purging activities for change in residence must cease 90 days before the November 7 Federal Election and resume after that election. HOWEVER, purging should continue for death, criminal conviction, mental incapacity, upon receipt of a voter cancellation card, and any other written confirmation from the voter that he or she has moved. 42 USC 1973gg-6(c)(2)(A).

## SEPTEMBER

**8th** 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*)

**8th** Qualifying Deadline-County Special Elections: Deadline for person to qualify for county and county-district special elections to fill vacancies. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-839*)

**8th** Permanently Disabled Voters List: Circuit Clerks must deliver the list of permanently disabled voters who receive absentee ballots automatically for the June 6th primary 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)*)

**13<sup>th</sup>** Sample Ballot Distribution: Date for the Secretary of State's Office to supply each county election commission with sample of the official ballot for the November 7th General Election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-367*)

**23rd** Permanently Disabled Voters: Deadline for Election Commission to return the permanently disabled voters list to Circuit Clerks' office for the November 7th General Election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-629(3)*)  
[Saturday]

Absentee Balloting: Earliest day to vote absentee in the Circuit Clerk's office for the general election or to apply for an absentee ballot by mail. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-715*) Absentee ballots should be available for voting in the general election. Since this day is a Saturday, which for most clerk's offices is not a working day, this deadline will in fact fall on Monday, September 25.

Statement of Economic Interest: Deadline for candidates running in any special election or for county school board or consolidated school district trustee to file a Statement of Economic Interest with the Ethics Commission. This must be done within 15 days of qualifying as a candidate. (*Miss. Code Ann. 25-4-29(b)*)

**28th** Permanently Disabled Voters: Last day for the Circuit Clerks to mail absentee ballots to disabled voters on the permanent list for the November 7th General Election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-629(4)*)

# OCTOBER

**2nd-6th** 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)*) Extended hours required unless individual counties obtain preclearance from US Justice Department to end extended hours.

**7th** Voter Registration Deadline for General Election: Circuit Clerks' offices 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, if the clerk's office is required to be open. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-37(2)*) [Saturday] Extended hours required unless individual counties obtain preclearance from US Justice Department to end extended hours.

**8th** Voter Registration: Deadline for mail-in voter registration forms to be postmarked when mailed to the Circuit Clerks' office for the November 5 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 7th, 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.

**28th** Campaign Finance: Pre-election report period ends for candidates and political committees in the November 7th General Election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-807(b)(i)*) [Saturday]

Official Ballots: Deadline for official ballots to be printed and delivered to the Circuit Clerks' offices for the November 7th General Election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-353*) [Saturday]

Absentee Voting: Circuit Clerks' offices must remain open until noon for absentee voting. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-653*) [Saturday]

**31st** Campaign Finance: Campaign finance deadline for the pre-general election reports for the November 7th General Election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-807(b)(i)*)

## NOVEMBER

**4th** Absentee Ballots: Last day to vote by absentee ballot in the Circuit Clerks' office, which is open until noon, for the November 7th General Election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-631(1)(c) and 23-15-715(a)*) [Saturday]

**6th** Absentee Ballots: Mailed absentee ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. today, the day preceding the November 7th General Election. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-631(1)(c)*)

**7th** GENERAL ELECTION: Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. (*Miss. Const. 1890, §102*)

Campaign Finance: Pre-election report period ends for candidates and political committees in the November 21st General Election Runoff. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-807(b)(1)*) [Saturday]

**14th** Campaign Finance: Campaign finance deadline for the pre-runoff election reports for the November 21st General Election Runoff. (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-807(b)(1)*)

**17th** 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*)

**21st** GENERAL ELECTION RUNOFF: (if required) Runoff for Nonpartisan Judicial Offices, certain other offices and special elections.

## DECEMBER

**7th** Election Returns: By this date, the Secretary of State's office declares officials duly elected in the November 7th General Election (multi-county office). (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-605*)

**21st Election Returns:** By this date, the Secretary of State's office declares officials duly elected in the November 21st General Election Runoff (multi-county office). (*Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-605*)