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2007 ELECTIONS CALENDAR

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JANUARY

1st 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)).

1st Candidate Qualifying Period Begins: This is the first day candidates may file qualifying papers and pay qualifying fees for elective offices in 2007. (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-299, 23-15-359 (1972)).

2nd Legislative Session Begins: The legislature shall meet at the seat of government, in regular session, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of January. (Miss. Code Ann. § 5-1-7 (1972)).

9th Purging: Election Commissioners meet to purge their rolls. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-153 (1972)).

22nd Qualifying Deadline: Candidates in municipalities conducting Municipal School Board Trustee Elections must qualify by 5:00 pm. (Miss. Code Ann. §37-7-211 (1972)).

MARCH

1st Qualifying Deadline: The qualifying deadline for candidates running in the 2007 Primary and General Elections. (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-299, 23-15-359 (1972)).

3rd Municipal School Trustee: Election for this office in some municipalities. (Miss Code Ann. § 37-7-215 (1972)).

3rd Candidate Lists: Secretary of State receives from all political parties and Circuit Clerks a certified list of candidates qualifying for the 2007 Primary and General Elections, with mailing address and office sought. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-296 (1972)).

16th Statement of Economic Interest: Deadline for candidate 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. (Miss. Code Ann. § 25-4-29(b) (1972)).

17th Municipal School Trustee-Added Territory: Run-off Election, where required, for this office in some municipalities. (Miss Code Ann. § 37-7-217 (1972)).

APRIL

3rd Legislative Session Ends: sine die. (Miss Const. 1890 § 36)
***See HCR 119 (2007 Regular Session)**

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 (601) 359-1289. (Miss. Code Ann. § 25-4-29(a) (1972)).

10th Campaign Finance: All candidates and political committees must submit Periodic Reports by 5:00 p.m. 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)).

JUNE

8th Permanently Physically Disabled Voters List: Deadline for Circuit Clerks to deliver the list of permanently physically disabled voters who receive absentee ballots automatically for the August 7th Primary 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) (1972)).

8th Campaign Finance: All candidates and political committees must submit Periodic Reports by 5:00 p.m. 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)).

18th State Executive Committee: Deadline for 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 7th Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-331 (1972)).

23rd Permanently Physically Disabled Voter List: Last day for the County Election Commission to return the purged permanent disabled voter list to the Circuit Clerk. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-629 (1972)).

23rd Absentee Ballots: Earliest 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 (1972)). Absentee ballots should be available for voting in the Primary Election.

28th Permanently Physically Disabled Voters: Last day for the Circuit Clerk to mail absentee ballots to voters on the permanent physically disabled list. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-629(4) (1972)).

JULY

2nd Purging: Election Commissioners are required to meet to purge the poll books. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-153 (1972)).

2nd-6th 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(2) (1972)).

7th Voter Registration-Primary Elections: Circuit Clerks' Offices may remain open this Saturday until noon for voter registration. Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election in the Circuit Clerk's Office, if the office is open. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37 (1972)).

8th Mail-in Voter Registration: (Sunday) Mail-in voter registration forms must be postmarked 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 6 to avoid missing this deadline.)

10th 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)).

17th Pollworkers: Deadline for Executive Committee to appoint instructors for pollworkers for August 7th Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-417 (1972)).

24th Appointment of Polling Managers: Last day for County Executive Committees to meet and appoint pollworkers for Primary Elections. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-265 (1972)).

28th 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)).

28th Official Ballots: Deadline for officer charged with printing and distributing the official ballots to ascertain for the Circuit Clerk the number of registered voters in each voting precinct; and have printed and distributed a sufficient number of ballots for use in each precinct for the August 7th Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann § 23-15-353 (1972)). [Saturday]

29th Campaign Finance Forty-Eight Hour Reports (Sunday, 12:01 a.m. through August 5, 2007 Sunday, 12:01 a.m.): For all Primary Election candidates. **NOTE**: If a candidate receives a contribution of more than \$200 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)).

31st 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 Clerk. 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)).

AUGUST

2nd Pollworker Training: Last day for County Executive Committee members and the Circuit Clerk to train poll workers for the August 7th 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 (1972)).

4th Absentee Voting: (Saturday) Circuit Clerks' offices must remain open until noon for absentee voting for the first Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653 (1972)). Today at noon is the last day to vote by absentee in the Circuit Clerk's office for the first Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-715 (1972)).

6th Absentee Voting: (Monday) Mailed absentee ballots must be received by the circuit clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. for the first Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann § 23-15-631 (1972)).

7th PRIMARY ELECTION: Polls open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. for voting in the first Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-191 (1972)).

7th Special Elections: Deadline to schedule special election due to vacancy for county or district offices. (Miss. Code Ann § 23-15-839(1972)).

9th Canvass and Declaration of Results-County: Deadline for County Executive Committee to canvass returns, declare result, and announce the names of nominees and names to be submitted to the second Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-597 (1972)). No candidate shall be certified as a party nominee unless all required campaign finance reports have been filed. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-811 (1972)). Within 36 hours of declaration of result, tabulated returns for multi-county office must be securely mailed or delivered to the State Executive Committee. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-597 (1972)).

14th Canvass and Declaration of Results-State: State Executive Committee must meet after the first Primary Election to canvass the returns, declare results, and announce the names of nominees and the names to be submitted for the second Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-597 (1972)). No candidate shall be certified as a party nominee unless all required campaign finance reports have been filed. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-811 (1972)).

17th Tabulated Statement of Party Vote: Deadline for Executive Committee to transmit to the Secretary of State a tabulated statement of the party vote cast. (Miss. Code Ann § 23-15-599 (1972)).

18th Absentee Balloting (If applicable): Circuit Clerks' Offices must remain open until noon today (Saturday) for absentee balloting for the second Primary Election on August 28th. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653 (1972)).

19th Campaign Finance Forty-Eight Hour Reports (Sunday, 12:01 a.m. through August 26, 2007 Sunday, 12:01 a.m.): For all Primary Run-off Election candidates. **NOTE**: If a candidate receives a contribution of more than \$200 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)).

21st 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. 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)).

25th Absentee Balloting: Clerks must remain open until noon today (Saturday) for absentee balloting for the second Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653 (1972)). Today at noon 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)).

27th Absentee Voting (if applicable): (Monday) 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)).

28th PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION (if applicable): Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the second Primary Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-191 (1972)).

30th Canvass and Declaration of Result-County: Deadline for County Executive Committee to canvass returns, declare result, and announce the names of nominees. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-597 (1972)). No candidate shall be certified as a party nominee unless all required campaign finance reports have been filed. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-811 (1972)). Within 36 hours of declaration of result, tabulated returns for multi-county office must be securely mailed or delivered to the State Executive Committee. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-597 (1972)).

SEPTEMBER

4th Declaration of Results-State: State Executive Committee must meet after the second Primary Election to canvass returns, announce results, and report names of nominees to the Secretary of State for placement on the general election ballot. (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-597, 23-15-599 (1972)). No candidate shall be certified as a party nominee unless all required campaign finance reports have been filed. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-811 (1972)).

7th Tabulated Statement of Party Vote: Deadline for Executive Committee to transmit to the Secretary of State a tabulated statement of the party vote cast. (Miss. Code Ann § 23-15-599 (1972)).

7th Permanent Physically Disabled Voters: Last day for the Circuit Clerks to give the permanent physically disabled voter list to the Election Commission for purging. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-629 1972)).

7th Qualifying Deadline-County Special Elections: Last day for candidates in Special elections to fill vacancies to qualify for the November 6th General Election ballot. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-839 (1972)).

10th Purging: Election Commissioners are required to meet to purge the poll books. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-153 (1972)).

11th State Board of Election Commissioners: Deadline for State Board of Election Commissioners meet to approve petitions of independent candidates and to approve the sample of the official ballot.

12th Sample Ballot: The Secretary of State furnishes county Election Commissions with the sample of the official ballot for the November 6th General Election, containing the names of statewide and multi-county candidates and any statewide ballot issues. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-367 (1972)).

22nd Permanently Disabled Voters: Deadline for Election Commission to return permanently disabled voters to Circuit Clerk's office for the November 7th General Election. (Miss. Code Ann. 23-15-629(3) (1972)).

22nd 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 (1972)).

OCTOBER

1st-5th Voter Registration: Circuit Clerks' Offices may remain open from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. every day until October 5th for voter registration. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37 (1972)).

6th Voter Registration: (Saturday) Circuit Clerks' Offices may remain open until noon for voter registration for the General Election. This is the last day to register to vote in the Circuit Clerk's Office, if the clerk's office is open on Saturday. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37 (1972)).

7th Mail-in Voter Registration: (Sunday) Mail-in voter registration forms must be postmarked 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 weekends, applicants should mail or deliver applications no later than October 5th to avoid missing this deadline.)

10th 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)).

16th Pollworkers: Deadline for Election Commissioners to appoint instructors for pollworkers for the November 6th General Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-417 (1972)).

27th Absentee Balloting: Circuit Clerks' Offices must remain open until noon this Saturday for absentee voting for the General Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15- 653 (1972)).

27th Official Ballots: Deadline for official ballots to be printed and delivered to the Circuit Clerk's office for the November 6th General Election. (Miss. Code Ann § 23-15-353) [Saturday]

28th Campaign Finance Forty-Eight Hour Reports (Sunday, 12:01 a.m. through November 4, 2007 Sunday, 12:01 a.m.): For all General Election Candidates. **NOTE**: If a candidate receives a contribution of more than \$200 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)).

30th Campaign Finance Pre-Election Reports: All county candidates and political committees who have accepted contributions or made expenditures for the general election must file Pre-Election Reports with the Circuit Clerk. 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 by 5:00 p.m. this day, with the Secretary of State’s Office. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(i) (1972)).

NOVEMBER

1st Pollworker Training: Last day for Election Commissioners and Circuit Clerks to train pollworkers for the General Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-239 (1972)).

3rd Absentee Balloting: (Saturday) Circuit Clerks’ Offices must remain open until noon 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)).

5th Absentee Balloting: (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)).

6th GENERAL ELECTION: Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for voting in the General Election. (§102 Miss. Const. of 1890)

8th Poll Managers: 12pm Noon deadline for poll managers to deliver to the commissioners of election a statement of the whole number of votes given for each person and for what office. (Miss. Code Ann § 23-15-601(1972)).

10th Absentee Balloting: Clerks must remain open until noon today (Saturday) for absentee balloting for the Run-off Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653 (1972)).

13th Campaign Finance: All county candidates and political committees who have accepted contributions or made expenditures for the special or general (run-off) election, if such run-off is conducted, must file Pre-Election Reports with the Circuit Clerk. 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 run-off by 5:00 p.m. this day. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(i) (1972)).

16th 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. § 23-15-811 (1972)).

16th 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) 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 273 of Miss. Const. of 1890)

17th Absentee Balloting: Circuit Clerks' Offices must remain open until noon this Saturday for absentee voting for the Run-off Election, if a run-off is being held. (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 Run-off Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-715 (1972)).

19th Absentee Voting: (Monday) Mailed absentee ballots must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. for the Run-off Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-631 (1972)).

20th GENERAL RUN-OFF ELECTION (if required): For any special election for an office requiring a majority vote to be elected, polls are open today from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-833, 37-7-227, 23-15-849 (1972)).

30th Deadline for the chairman of a party's State Executive Committee to notify the Secretary of State if the party intends to hold a presidential preference primary. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-1085 (1972)).

DECEMBER

6th Election Certification for November 6th 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)).

12th Purging: Deadline to systematically remove the names of ineligible voters from the official list of eligible voters for the March 11, 2008 Primary Election. (42 USC 1973gg-6(c)(A)).

14th Residual Vote Report: Deadline for County Election Commission and party executive committees to provide Secretary of State's Office with the Residual Vote Report. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-613 (1972)).

20th Elections Returns for Runoff Election (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)).