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2014 ELECTIONS CALENDAR

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January

- 1st** First day on which Judicial Candidates and Candidates for U. S. Senate and Congress may qualify (MS Code Ann. § § 23-15-299(3), 23-15-977(1), 23-15-359(3)).
- 30th** Lobbying: 2013 Annual Report Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Lobbyist's Annual Report (FORM A) and Lobbyist's Client Annual Report (FORM C)
- 31st** Campaign Finance Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Annual Campaign Finance reports due in appropriate office (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(iii))

February

- 25th** Lobbying: 2014 Mid-Session Report Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Legislative Mid-Session Report (FORM E)

March

- 1st** Qualifying Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Party Primary and Independent Candidates for U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives (MS Code Ann. § § 23-15-299, 23-15-359(3))
- 5th** Purging/NVRA: Based upon the confirmation card process only, systematic purging activities must stop (42 U.S.C. § 1973gg-6(c)(2)(A)).

April

- 4th** Permanently Disabled Voters List: Circuit Clerks must deliver list of permanently disabled voters to the Election Commission for review and purging of voters who are no longer qualified electors (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-629(3)).

Applications for Absentee Voting must be available in the Circuit Clerk's Office (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-625).

- 14th** Sample Ballot Deadline: State Executive Committee of each party furnishes each county executive committee the names of all state and state-district candidates who have qualified and a sample of the official ballot to be used in the June 3 Primary (MS Code Ann. §§ 23-15-331, 23-15-1031).
- 16th** Lobbying: 2014 End-of-Session Reports Deadline, 5:00p.m.: (Sine Die April 6, 2014) Legislative Session Report (FORM E)
- 19th** Permanently Disabled Voter List: Election Commission to return list to Circuit Clerks' offices for Primary Election (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-629 (3)).

Absentee Ballots must be available for Primary Election; absentee ballot must be transmitted to all voters who have completed an application or Federal Post Card Application for an absentee ballot (MS Code Ann. §§ 23-15-683, 23-15-715)

- 24th** Circuit Clerks must mail absentee ballot to those voters on the permanently disabled list (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-629(4)).
- 28th** Voter Registration: Circuit Clerks' offices MAY remain open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., including the noon hour (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-37(2)). (4/28/2014 - 5/2/2014)

May

- 3rd** Voter Registration Deadline, 12:00 p.m.: Circuit Clerks' offices MUST remain open until noon (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-37(2)). Mail-In Registration Applications must be postmarked no later than Saturday, May 3rd (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-47(2)(a)).
- 6th** Voter Roll Maintenance: County Election Commissioners meet to revise voter rolls (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-153(1)(b)).
- 9th** Qualifying Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Nonpartisan Judicial Offices (MS Code Ann. § § 23-15-975, 23-15-977)

Campaign Finance Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Periodic Campaign Finance reports due in the appropriate office for all nonpartisan Judicial candidates (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-807(c))

- 13th** Deadline for Executive Committee to appoint persons to instruct poll managers in the use of voting machines and their duties (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-417).

- 21st** Deadline for Executive Committee to appoint poll managers (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-265).
- 24th** UOCAVA Voter Registration Deadline: Military and overseas voters (UOCAVA) utilizing the Federal Postcard Application or Federal Write-In-Absentee Ballot (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-677(2)).
- Absentee Voting, 12:00 p.m.: Circuit Clerks' offices MUST remain open from 8:00 a.m. until noon (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-653).
- 27th** Campaign Finance Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Pre-Election Campaign Finance reports due in the appropriate office for all Primary Election candidates. All candidates in contested races must submit reports. (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-805, 23-15-807(b)(i))
- 29th** Deadline to complete poll manager training for Primary Election (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-239(1)).
- 31st** Deadline to complete L & A testing (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-531.4(4)(a)).
- In-Person Absentee Voting Deadline, 12:00 p.m.: Circuit Clerks' offices MUST remain open from 8:00 a.m. until noon (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-653).

June

- 2nd** Absentee Ballot by Mail Deadline: Absentee ballots returned by mail must be received by the Circuit Clerk's Office (MS Code Ann. § § 23-15-631(1)(c), 23-15-637).
- 3rd** Primary Election Day (U.S. Senate/U.S. Congress): Polls open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-1031)
- Mississippi Levee Commissioners General Election. Bolivar, Humphreys, Sharkey & Washington counties (General Laws: 1930, Ch. 85; 1968, Ch. 574 and 1983, Ch. 317.)
- UOCAVA Absentee Ballot Deadline, 7:00 p.m.: Absentee ballots returned by Military and Overseas Voters (UOCAVA) must be received by 7:00 p.m. (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-699(6)).
- 4th** Absentee ballots received after election must be stamped with the day and hour of receipt upon the envelope; all absentee applications and absentee ballot envelopes must be preserved for 22 months (42 U.S.C. § 1973, MS Code Ann. § 23-15-647).
- 5th** County Executive Committee must receive and canvass returns and the returns must be mailed by registered mail, certified mail or any safe mode of transmission to the State Executive Committee within 36 hours after returns are canvassed and results are ascertained (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-597(1)).
- 10th** Campaign Finance Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Periodic Campaign Finance reports due no later than 5:00pm in the appropriate office for all nonpartisan Judicial candidates (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-807(c))

State Executive Committees must canvass the returns, declare the results and announce the names of those nominated in the first primary, and the names of those who are to be submitted to the second primary a week from the day of the first primary election (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-597(1)).

- 13th** State Executive Committee must certify primary election results to MSOS (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-599).
- 14th** Absentee Voting, 12:00 p.m.: Circuit Clerks' offices MUST remain open from 8:00 a.m. until noon (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-653).
- 17th** Campaign Finance Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Pre-Runoff Election Campaign Finance reports due in the appropriate office for all Primary Runoff candidates. All candidates in contested races must submit reports. (MS Code Ann. § § 23-15-805, 807(b)(i))
- 19th** Deadline to complete poll manager training for poll managers who have not received training once in the twelve (12) months preceding the Primary Runoff Election (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-239(1)).
- 21st** In-Person Absentee Voting Deadline, 12:00 p.m.: Circuit Clerks' offices MUST remain open from 8:00 a.m. until noon (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-653).

Deadline to complete L & A testing (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-531.4(4)(a)).

- 23rd** Absentee Ballot by Mail Deadline: Absentee ballots returned by mail must be received by the Circuit Clerk's Office. (MS Code Ann. §23-15-631 (1)(c)).

- 24th** Primary Runoff Election Day (U.S. Senate/U.S. Congress) (if required): Polls open from 7am-7pm. (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-1031)

MS Levee District Runoff Election (if required) (Gen. Laws 1968, Ch. 574), Bolivar, Humphreys, Sharkey, & Washington County

UOCAVA Absentee Ballot Deadline, 7:00 p.m.: Absentee ballots returned by Military and Overseas Voters (UOCAVA) must be received by 7:00 p.m. (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-699(6)).

- 25th** Absentee ballots received after election must be stamped with the day and hour of receipt upon the envelope; all absentee applications and absentee ballot envelopes must be preserved for 22 months (42 U.S.C. § 1973, MS Code Ann. § 23-15-647).

- 26th** County Executive Committee must receive and canvass returns and the returns must be mailed by registered mail, certified mail or any safe mode of transmission to the State Executive Committee within 36 hours after returns are canvassed and results are ascertained (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-597(1)).

July

- 1st** State Executive Committee must canvass the returns, declare the results, and announce the names of those nominated in the second primary (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-597(1)).
- 7th** State Executive Committee must certify Primary Runoff Election results to MSOS (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-599).
- 10th** Campaign Finance Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Periodic Campaign Finance reports due in the appropriate office for all nonpartisan Judicial candidates (MS Code Ann. §23-15-807(c)).

August

6th First day to Qualify: Consolidated/Consolidated Line School Board Trustee; Special Municipal School District Trustee; County Board of Education, District 5 (Miss Code Ann. §§ 37-7-225, 37-5-9, 37-7-711).

Purging/NVRA: Based upon the confirmation card process only, systematic purging activities must stop (42 U.S.C. § 1973gg-6(c)(2)(A)).

September

5th Qualifying Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Consolidated/Consolidated Line School Board Trustee; Municipal Separate School District Trustee; Special Municipal Separate School District Trustee (Warren/Vicksburg only); County Board of Education, District 5 (MS Code Ann. §§ 37-7-225, 37-7-211, 37-7-711, 37-5-9); County and County-District Special Election(s) (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-839(1)).

Permanently Disabled Voters List: Circuit Clerks must deliver list of permanently disabled voters to the Election Commission for review and purging of voters who are no longer qualified electors (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-629(3)).

Applications for Absentee Voting must be available in the Circuit Clerk's Office (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-625).

8th Voter Roll Maintenance: County Election Commissioners meet to perform voter roll maintenance. (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-153 (1)(d)).

10th MSOS provides County Election Commissioners sample of official ballot (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-367)

20th Permanently Disabled Voter List: Election Commission to return list to Circuit Clerks' offices for General Election (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-629(3)).

Absentee Ballots must be available for General Election; absentee ballots must be transmitted to all voters who completed an application or Federal Post Card Application for an absentee ballot (MS Code Ann. §§ 23-15-683, 23-15-715).

25th Circuit Clerks must mail absentee ballots to those voters on the permanently disabled list (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-629(4)).

29th Voter Registration: Circuit Clerks' offices MAY remain open from 8:00 a.m. until 7 p.m., including the noon hour (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-37(2)). (9/29/2014 - 10/3/2014)

October

4th Voter Registration Deadline, 12:00 p.m.: Circuit Clerks' offices MUST remain open from 8:00 a.m. until noon (Miss Code Ann. § 23-15-37 (2)). Mail-In Registration Applications must be postmarked no later than Saturday, October 4th (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-47(2)(a)).

Qualifying Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Special Municipal Separate School District Trustee (excluding Warren/Vicksburg) (MS Code Ann. § 37-7-711)

10th Campaign Finance Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Periodic Campaign Finance reports due in the appropriate office for all nonpartisan Judicial candidates (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-807(c)).

14th Deadline for Election Commissioners to appoint persons to instruct poll managers in the use of voting machines (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-417).

25th UOCAVA Voter Registration Deadline: Military and Overseas Voters (UOCAVA) utilizing the Federal Postcard Application or Federal Write-In-Absentee Ballot (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-677(2)).

Absentee Voting, 12:00 p.m.: Circuit Clerks' offices MUST remain open from 8:00 a.m. until noon (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-653).

28th Campaign Finance Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Pre-Election Campaign Finance reports due in the appropriate office for all General Election candidates. All candidates in contested races must submit reports (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-805, 807(b)(i)).

30th Deadline to complete poll manager training for General Election (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-239).

November

1st Deadline to complete L & A testing (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-531.4(4)(a)).

In-Person Absentee Voting Deadline, 12:00 p.m.: Circuit Clerks' offices MUST remain open from 8:00 a.m. until noon (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-653).

3rd Absentee Ballot by Mail Deadline: Absentee ballots returned by mail must be received by the Circuit Clerk's Office (MS Code Ann. §§ 23-15-631(1)(c), 23-15-637).

4th General Election Day (MS Code Ann. §§ 23-15-991 (Judicial Office), 23-15-1033 (Congress), 23-15-1041 (Senate)); Regular Special Election Day (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-833) (County, County District Vacancies); Consolidated/Consolidated Line School District Trustee; Municipal Separate School District Trustee, Special Separate Municipal School District Trustee; County Board of Education, District 5 (MS Code Ann. §§ 37-7-223, 37-7-215, 37-5-7). Polls open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. (MS Code Ann., 23-15-541).

UOCAVA Absentee Ballot Deadline, 7:00 p.m.: Absentee ballots returned by Military and Overseas Voters (UOCAVA) must be received by 7:00 p.m. (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-699(6)).

- 5th** Absentee ballots received after election must be stamped with the day and hour of receipt upon the envelope; all absentee applications and absentee ballot envelopes must be preserved for 22 months (42 U.S.C. § 1973, MS Code Ann. § 23-15-647).
- 10th** Municipal Separate School District and Special Municipal Separate School District Trustee: County Election Commissioners certify election results, and deliver certificate to the superintendent of the municipal separate or special municipal separate school district (MS Code Ann. § 37-7-217(4)).
- 14th** Election Commissioners certify General Election results to MSOS (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-603).
- 15th** Absentee Voting, 12:00 p.m.: Circuit Clerks' offices MUST remain open from 8:00 a.m. until noon (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-653).
- 18th** Campaign Finance Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Pre-Runoff Election Campaign Finance reports due in the appropriate office for all General Runoff Election candidates. All candidates in contested races must submit reports. (MS Code Ann. §23-15-805, 807(b)(i))
- Deadline to complete poll manager training for poll managers who have not received training once in the twelve (12) months preceding the General Runoff Election (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-239(1)).
- 22nd** In-Person Absentee Voting Deadline, 12:00 p.m.: Circuit Clerks' offices MUST remain open until noon (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-653).
- Deadline to complete L & A testing (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-531.4(4)(a)).
- 24th** Absentee Ballot by Mail Deadline: Absentee ballots returned by mail must be received by the Circuit Clerk's Office (MS Code Ann. §§ 23-15-631(1)(c), 23-15-637).
- 25th** General Runoff Election Day (if required) (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-981 (Judicial Office)); Regular Special Election (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-833); Consolidated/Consolidated Line School Board Trustee (MS Code Ann. §§ 37-7-227). Polls open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. (MS Code Ann. §§ 23-15-541).
- UOCAVA Absentee Ballot Deadline, 7:00 p.m.: Absentee ballots returned by Military and Overseas Voters (UOCAVA) must be received by 7:00 p.m. (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-699(6)).
- 26th** Absentee ballots received after election must be stamped with the day and hour of receipt upon the envelope; all absentee applications and absentee ballot envelopes must be preserved for 22 months (42 U.S.C. § 1973, MS Code Ann. § 23-15-647).

December

- 5th** Election Commissioners certify General Election Runoff results to MSOS (MS Code Ann. § 23-15-603).