



2018 ELECTION DATES

DECEMBER 31, 2017* (HOLIDAY – ACTUAL DATE: JANUARY 2, 2018)

- **12:00 Noon** – First day for nonpartisan prosecutor and judicial candidates to file petitions for ballot access in the Nonpartisan Election without paying a filing fee. *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-10-103(c)(1)(A)(i)*
 - This day falls on a holiday. Filing begins Tuesday, January 2, 2018.
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108

JANUARY 7, 2018* (WEEKEND – ACTUAL DATE: JANUARY 8, 2018)

- **12:00 Noon** – Last day for nonpartisan prosecutor and judicial candidates to file petitions for ballot access in the Nonpartisan Election without paying a filing fee. *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-10-103(c)(1)(A)(i)*
 - This day falls on a weekend. Filing begins Monday, January 8, 2018.
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108

FEBRUARY 22, 2018

- Party Filing Period Begins at **12:00 Noon** *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-203(c)(1)*
- Nonpartisan Filing Period Begins at **3:00 pm** *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-10-103(b)(2)(B)*

MARCH 1, 2018

- Party Filing Period Ends at **12:00 Noon** *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-203(c)(1)*
- Nonpartisan Filing Period Ends at **3:00 pm** *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-10-103(b)(2)(B)*

MAY 7, 2018

- Early voting begins at 8:00 am *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-418(a)(1)*

MAY 22, 2018

- Preferential Primary Election *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-203(b), Act 1088 of 2017*
- Nonpartisan General Election *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-10-102(b)(1)*
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, April 22, 2018*
 - Actual deadline is Monday, April 23, 2018
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitutional Amendment 51

MAY 22, 2018 (OR NOVEMBER 6 – See below)

- Annual School Board Election *Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-102(a)(1); Act 910 of 2017*
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, April 22, 2018*
 - Actual deadline is Monday, April 23, 2018
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitutional Amendment 51

JUNE 19, 2018

- General Primary Runoff Election *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-203(a); Act 1088 of 2017*
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, May 20, 2018*
 - Actual deadline is Monday, May 21, 2018
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitutional Amendment 51

JUNE 19, 2018 (OR DECEMBER 4 – See below)

- Annual School Board Runoff Election *Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-121; Act 910 of 2017*
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, May 20, 2018*
 - Actual deadline is Monday, May 21, 2018
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitutional Amendment 51



AUGUST 14, 2018

- Municipal Primary Election (City Administrator) Ark. Code Ann. § 14-48-109(a)(2)(B)
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, July 15, 2018*
 - Actual deadline is Monday, July 16, 2018
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitutional Amendment 51

OCTOBER 22, 2018

- Early voting begins for the General Election between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and 10:00 am – 4:00 pm on Saturday. Early voting ends at 5:00 pm on the Monday prior to the election.
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-418(a)(1)(A)

NOVEMBER 6, 2018

- General Election Ark. Code Ann. § 7-10-102
- Nonpartisan Runoff Election Ark. Code Ann. § 7-10-102(c)(2)
- Annual School Election Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-102(a)(1); Act 910 of 2017
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, October 7, 2018*
 - Deadline is Tuesday, October 9, 2018
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitutional Amendment 51

December 4, 2018

- General Runoff Election (County and Municipal) Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-106, Act 1104 of 2017
 - In case of a tie for certain state or township offices
- Annual Runoff School Election Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-121; Act 910 of 2017
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, November 4, 2018*
 - Actual deadline is Monday, November 5, 2018
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitutional Amendment 51

***Deadlines that fall on a weekend or holiday will advance to the next business day.**

2017-18 ELECTION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2017

November 8, 2017 – Wednesday

60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PETITION FILING DEADLINE FOR NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES

First day for nonpartisan candidates, who want to file by petition and not pay a filing fee, to begin circulating petitions.
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-10-103(c)(1)(B)

DECEMBER 2017

December 1, 2017 – Friday

90 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE FOR FILING PETITIONS AS AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE

First day for individuals who want to qualify as an independent candidate to circulate petitions (due March 1, 2018)
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-103(b)(3)(B)

December 24, 2017 – Sunday*

60 DAYS PRIOR TO PARTY FILING PERIOD

Deadline for new political parties who wish to select nominees at the next General Election to file petitions with the Secretary of State to form a new political party.
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-205(a)(6)



*[*This day falls on a weekend and holiday. Per Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Wednesday, December 27, 2017, due to this statute.]*

December 29, 2017 - Friday

DEADLINE FOR CITY OR TOWN COUNCILS WITH THE MAYOR-COUNCIL FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Deadline for city or town councils with the mayor-council form of government to pass a resolution requesting the county party committees of recognized political parties under the laws of the state to conduct party primaries for municipal offices for the forthcoming year.

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-42-206(a)(1)

December 31, 2017 – Sunday*

53 DAYS PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF PARTY FILING PERIOD

12:00 Noon – First day for nonpartisan prosecutor and judicial candidates to file petitions for ballot access in the Nonpartisan Election without paying a filing fee. Political practices pledge to be filed with petition.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-102(a)(6); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-10-103(c)(1)(A)(i)

*[*This day falls on a weekend and then holiday. Per Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Tuesday, January 2, 2017, due to this statute.]*

JANUARY 2018

January 7, 2018 – Sunday*

46 DAYS PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF PARTY FILING PERIOD

12:00 Noon – Deadline for nonpartisan prosecutor and judicial candidates to file petitions for ballot access in the Nonpartisan Election without paying a filing fee. Political practices pledge to be filed with petition.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-102(a)(6); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-10-103(c)(1)(A)(i)

*[*This day falls on a weekend. Per Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, January 8, 2018, due to this statute.]*

January 9, 2018 – Tuesday

DEADLINE TO REVIEW NAMES ON POLITICAL PRACTICES PLEDGE

The names and titles as proposed to be used by each candidate on the political practices pledge shall be reviewed no later than one (1) business day after the filing deadline by the Secretary of State for state and district offices (including nonpartisan candidates filing by petition) and by the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) for nonpartisan county, township, and municipal offices filing by petition.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-305(c)(2)

January 10, 2018 – Wednesday

2 DAYS FOLLOWING THE DEADLINE TO FILE THE POLITICAL PRACTICES PLEDGE BY NONPARTISAN PROSECUTOR AND JUDICIAL CANDIDATES FILING BY PETITION

Deadline for Secretary of State or the county clerk to notify, by certified mail, that requires a return receipt signed by candidate, those candidates who have failed to file a signed political practices pledge. The notice shall include a copy of the written pledge required by this section.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-102(a)(6); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-102(e)(2)(A)

January 26, 2018 – Friday

30 DAYS AFTER DEADLINE FOR NEW POLITICAL PARTY FILING

Secretary of State: Complete review of new party petitions within 30 days of the filing.

Ark. Code Ann. 7-7-205(b)(1)



January 30, 2018 – Tuesday

30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION FILING DEADLINE [IF BEING HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION]

First day for candidates filing by petition to circulate petitions for Annual School Election when election is being held during Preferential Primary Election (May 22, 2018). Clerk shall not count as valid any signature dated more than thirty (30) days before the filing deadline (March 1, 2018). Petition must contain at least twenty (20) registered voters who are residents of the school district.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(d-f); Act 910 of 2017

January 31, 2018 – Wednesday

DEADLINE FOR INCUMBENT OFFICEHOLDERS TO FILE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST FOR 2017

- State and district officials file with the Secretary of State.
- District Judges file with the Secretary of State.
- County, township, and school officials file with the county clerk.
- Municipal officials file with the city clerk or recorder.
- City attorneys file with the city clerk or recorder.
- Members of regional boards or commissions file with the county clerk of the county in which they reside.

- Note: this now includes members of an advertising and promotion commission as well as members of a research park authority board.

Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-701(c)(1)(A); Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-703(a); Act 721 of 2017

DEADLINE FOR MEMBERS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO FILE CERTAIN REPORTS

Deadline for every member of a county board of election commissioners to report to the Secretary of State any goods or services sold during the previous calendar year by himself or herself, his or her spouse, or any business in which the member or his or her spouse is an officer, director, or stockholder owning more than 10% of the stock having a total annual value in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to an office, department, commission, council, board, bureau, committee, legislative body, agency, or other establishment of the State of Arkansas, a county, a municipality, and a school district.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-4-119(a)

FEBRUARY 2018

February 20, 2018 – Tuesday

90 DAYS PRIOR TO MODIFIED MUNICIPAL PETITION DEADLINE (of May 21, 2018)

Deadline for governing body of a city or town to enact an Ordinance requiring independent candidates for municipal office to file petitions prior to Preferential Primary Election – modifying July 27, 2018 statutory deadline. [Does not include City Administrator form of government.]

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-42-206(d)(2)(A)

February 21, 2018 – Wednesday

90 DAYS BEFORE BEGINNING OF FEDERAL ELECTION

County Clerks: NVRA § 8 removal process shall cease on February 21 as the “90 days before a federal election” date when NVRA § 8 removal is prohibited. Removal of voters pursuant to §8 could resume after any primary runoff in June, but must stop again 90 days before general election UOCAVA date, so no later than August 8, 2018.

Statutory and Constitutional exceptions (allowing removal of felons, decedents, etc.) continue to be allowed – as always.

52 U.S.C. §20507 (c)(2)(A)



February 22, 2018 – Thursday

PARTY FILING PERIOD BEGINS AT 12:00 NOON

12:00 Noon – The party filing period shall be a one-week period beginning at 12:00 noon one (1) week prior to the first day in March and ending at 12:00 noon on the first day of March. Party pledges, if any, and affidavits of eligibility shall be filed, any filing fees of a political party, if any, shall be paid, and party certificates shall be issued by the party during regular office hours during the filing period. A party certificate and the political practices pledge shall be filed with the county clerk or the Secretary of State, as the case may be, during regular office hours during the party filing period.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-203(c)(1-3)

NEW POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATE TO BE NOMINATED BY CONVENTION – BEGIN: FILING NOTICE OF POLITICAL PRACTICES PLEDGE

A new political party candidate to be nominated by convention shall file a political practices pledge with the Secretary of State or county clerk, as the case may be, during the party filing period. The political party convention shall be held no later than noon on the date of the preferential primary election (May 22, 2018). Also, certificates of nomination shall be filed by noon on the preferential primary election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-205(c)(2-3); Act 297 of 2017

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES WITHOUT PARTY AFFILIATION – BEGIN: FILING NOTICE

Start of the period for a person desiring to have his or her name on placed on the ballot as an independent candidate without political party affiliation to file petitions**, affidavit of compliance, a political practices pledge, an affidavit of eligibility, and notice of candidacy.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-103(a)(1)

*[**Petition deadline currently in litigation.]*

BEGIN: FILING NOTICE OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY, POLITICAL PRACTICES PLEDGE AND AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY

A notice of write-in candidacy, the political practices pledge, and the affidavit eligibility must be filed no later than the last day of the party filing period (also applies to municipal write-in candidates).

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-205(3)

BEGIN: PAYMENT OF FILING FEES FOR NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES

3:00 pm – The period for paying fees and filing political practices pledges for nonpartisan offices not filing by petition shall begin at 3:00 pm on the first day of the party filing period.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-10-103(b)(2)(B)

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES FOR NONPARTISAN ELECTION GIVE WRITTEN NOTICE OF INTENT

Earliest date for candidates who wish to run in the Nonpartisan Election as a write-in candidate to give notice in writing of his or her intention to be a write-in candidate. Political practices pledge to be filed at same time as notice of intention.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-10-103(d)(2)and(3)



SCHOOL DISTRICT DEADLINE: NOTIFY COUNTY CLERK – DATE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

Deadline for a school district to notify the county clerk which election date under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-102(a)(1)(A)(i) and (ii) it chooses to hold the election.
Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-102(a)(1)(B); Act 910 of 2017

BEGIN: CANDIDATE FILING FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION (IF HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION)

12:00 Noon – First day a candidate filing by petition can file a petition of candidacy, the political practices pledge and the affidavit of eligibility with the county clerk. School elections held concurrently with the Preferential Primary Election shall file during the party filing period as set forth in Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-203.
Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(e); Act 910 of 2017

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION- GIVE NOTICE OF INTENT

12:00 Noon – First day a write-in candidate can file a notice of intent to be a candidate, a political practices pledge, and an affidavit of eligibility with the county clerk. School elections held concurrently with the Preferential Primary Election shall file during the party filing period as set forth in Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-203.
Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(g); Act 910 of 2017

MARCH 2018

March 1, 2018 – Thursday

PARTY FILING ENDS AT 12:00 NOON

12:00 Noon - The party filing period shall be a one-week period beginning at 12:00 noon one (1) week prior to the first day in March and ending at 12:00 noon on the first day of March. Party pledges, if any, and affidavits of eligibility shall be filed, any filing fees of a political party, if any, shall be paid, and party certificates shall be issued by the party during regular office hours during the filing period. A party certificate and the political practices pledge shall be filed with the county clerk or the Secretary of State, as the case may be, during regular office hours during the party filing period.
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-203(c)(1-3)

NEW POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATE TO BE NOMINATED BY CONVENTION – DEADLINE: FILING NOTICE OF POLITICAL PRACTICES PLEDGE

A new political party candidate to be nominated by convention shall file a political practices pledge with the Secretary of State or county clerk, as the case may be, during the party filing period. The political party convention shall be held no later than noon on the date of the preferential primary election (May 22, 2018). Also, certificates of nomination shall be filed by noon on the preferential primary election.
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-205(c)(2-3); Act 297 of 2017

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES WITHOUT PARTY AFFILIATION – DEADLINE: FILING NOTICE

Deadline for a person desiring to have his or her name on placed on the ballot as an independent candidate without political party affiliation to file petitions**, affidavit of compliance, a political practices pledge, an affidavit of eligibility, and notice of candidacy.
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-103(a)(1)
*[**Petition deadline currently in litigation.]*



DEADLINE FOR FILING: FILING NOTICE OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY, POLITICAL PRACTICES PLEDGE AND AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY

A notice of write-in candidacy, the political practices pledge, and the affidavit eligibility must be filed no later than the last day of the party filing period (also applies to municipal write-in candidates).

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-205(3)

DEADLINE: PAYMENT OF FILING FEES FOR NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES

3:00 pm – The period for paying fees and filing political practices pledges for nonpartisan offices not filing by petition shall end at 3:00 pm on the last day of the party filing period.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-10-103(b)(2)(B)

DEADLINE: CANDIDATE FILING FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION (IF HELD MAY 22ND)

12:00 Noon – Deadline for a candidate filing by petition to file a petition of candidacy, affidavit of eligibility, and political practices pledge with the county clerk for the Annual School Election held concurrently with the Preferential Primary Election (May 22, 2018).

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(e); Act 910 of 2017

DEADLINE FOR FILING NOTICE OF INTENT AS WRITE-IN CANDIDATE FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION (IF HELD MAY 22ND)

12:00 Noon – Deadline for write-in candidates to file notice of intent to be a candidate, a political practices pledge, and an affidavit of eligibility with the county clerk for the Annual School Election held concurrently with the Preferential Primary Election (May 22, 2018).

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(g); Act 910 of 2017

Immediately after the close of the filing period for write-in candidates – The county clerk must certify to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) any write-in candidates who have filed the affidavit of eligibility, notice of write-in candidacy, and the political practices pledge for the Annual School Election held concurrently with the Preferential Primary Election (May 22, 2018).

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(i)(2)

The county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall give at least ten (10) days written notice of the time and place of the ballot draw meeting to the chairs of the county committees, if the chairs are not members of the board, and at least three (3) days before the meeting, shall publish notice of the time and place of holding the meeting in some newspaper of general circulation in the county.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-305(b)

March 2, 2018 – Friday

DEADLINE TO REVIEW NAMES ON THE POLITICAL PRACTICES PLEDGE

The names and titles as proposed to be used by each candidate on the political practices pledge shall be reviewed no later than one (1) business day after the filing deadline by the Secretary of State for state and district offices and by the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) for nonpartisan county, township, and municipal offices filing by petition.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-305(c)(2)



1 DAY AFTER DEADLINE TO FILE BY PETITION FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION HELD MAY 22ND

Deadline for county clerk to certify to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) the names of those candidates who are registered voters in the school district and the electoral zone, if applicable, and who have qualified for ballot access by petitions for the Annual School Election held concurrently with the Preferential Primary Election (May 22, 2018).

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(i)(1)

March 3, 2018 – Saturday*

2 DAYS FOLLOWING THE DEADLINE TO FILE THE POLITICAL PRACTICES PLEDGE

Deadline for Secretary of State or the county clerk to notify by certified mail those candidates who have failed to file a signed political practices pledge.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-102(e)(2)(A)

*[*This day falls on a weekend. Per Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, March 5, 2017, due to this statute.]*

March 3, 2018 – Saturday*

80 DAYS BEFORE THE NONPARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline for candidates who wish to run in the Nonpartisan Election as a write-in candidate to give notice to Secretary of State and all affected CBECS in writing of his or her intention to be a write-in candidate. Political practices pledge to be filed at same time as notice of intention.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-10-103(d)(2) and (3)

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March 5, 2018 – Monday

DEADLINE FOR NON-INCUMBENT CANDIDATES TO FILE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Non-incumbent candidates for elective office shall file the Statement of Financial Interest for the previous calendar year on the first Monday following the close of the period to file as a candidate.

- State and district officials with the Secretary of State.
- District Judges file with the Secretary of State.
- County, township, and school officials file with the county clerk.
- Municipal officials file with the city clerk or recorder.
- City attorneys file with the city clerk or recorder.
- Members of regional boards or commissions file with the county clerk of the county in which they reside.

Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-701(c)(1)(A); Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-703(a); Act 721 of 2017

DEADLINE FOR NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES FILING NOTICE OF INTENT TO RUN AS WRITE-IN CANDIDATES TO FILE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Non-incumbent and nonpartisan write-in candidates for elective office shall file the statement of Financial Interest on the first Monday following the close of the period to file as a write-in candidate.

- State and district officials file with the Secretary of State.
- District Judges file with the Secretary of State.

Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-701(c)(1)(A); Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-703(a); Act 721 of 2017



March 8, 2018 – Thursday

75 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

Deadline for the Secretary of State to certify to all county boards of election commissioners (CBEC) full lists of names of all candidates who have filed party certificates in order to be placed on the preferential primary ballots in their respective counties.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-304(a)(1)

Deadline for the clerk of each county to certify to the county board of election commissioners of his or her county a full list of candidates who have filed party certificates with him or her to be placed on the ballot.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-304(b)(1)

March 11, 2018 – Sunday*

72 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

Deadline for ballot draw. The order in which the names of candidates shall appear on the ballot shall be determined by lot at a public meeting of the county board not less than seventy-two (72) days before the Preferential Primary Election.

The county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall give at least ten (10) days written notice of the time and place of the ballot draw meeting to the chairs of the county committees, if the chairs are not members of the board, and at least three (3) days before the meeting, shall publish notice of the time and place of holding the meeting in some newspaper of general circulation in the county.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-305(b)

72 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION (IF BEING HELD ON MAY 22ND)

Deadline for ballot draw. Deadline for public meeting of county board of election commissioners (CBEC) and candidates to determine by lot the order in which the names appear on the ballot.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(j); Act 910 of 2017

*[*This day falls on a weekend. Per Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, March 12, 2018, due to this statute.]*

March 15, 2018 – Thursday

14 DAYS AFTER THE FILING DEADLINE

Deadline for county clerk to notify each candidate in person or by mail of the deadlines for filing the financial disclosure reports, including the ten-day pre-election and final reports required, and at that time, furnish each candidate with the appropriate forms and instructions for complying with deadlines. If notice is sent by mail, then notice shall be postmarked within fourteen (14) days after the deadline for filing for office. Note: This deadline also applies to school board candidates if the Annual School Election is being held concurrently with the Preferential Primary Election on May 22, 2018.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-208(b)(3)(A)

March 23, 2018 – Friday

DEADLINE FOR CBEC TO CHANGE PRECINCT BOUNDARIES FOR PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to change precinct boundaries for Preferential Primary Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(b)(2)



Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to change precinct boundaries for Annual School Election if held concurrently with Preferential Primary Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(b)(2)

March 23, 2018 – Friday

60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

Deadline for county clerks to make available applications for absentee ballots for the Preferential Primary Election and Nonpartisan Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-405(a)(1)

Deadline for county clerks to make available applications for absentee ballots for the Annual School Election if held concurrently with Preferential Primary Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-405(a)(1)

APRIL 2018

April 5, 2018 – Thursday

NO LATER THAN 47 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk for mailing to all qualified applicants. Note: this deadline also applies if an Annual School Election is being held concurrently with the Preferential Primary Election (May 22, 2018).

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-407(a)(1)

April 6, 2018 – Friday

NO LATER THAN 46 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

Deadline for county clerk to deliver ballots to those absentee voters who made timely application under the law, Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-406 (members of uniformed services and other citizens residing outside the United States). Note: Deadline also applies to the Annual School Election if being held concurrently with the Preferential Primary Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-407(2)

April 20, 2018 – Friday

DEADLINE FOR CBEC TO CHANGE PRECINCT BOUNDARIES

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to change precinct boundaries for the General Primary Runoff Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(b)(2)

30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION (AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF BEING HELD CONCURRENTLY ON MAY 22ND)

Deadline for county board of election commissioner (CBEC) to change a polling site.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(d)(2)

Deadline for the State Board of Education to distribute school election kits, upon request, to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) for the schools. Deadline applies if the Annual School Election is being held concurrently with the Preferential Primary Election on May 22, 2018.

Ark. Code Ann. §6-14-113(c)

15 DAYS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) or county clerk to prepare and post in a public place in the county clerk's office its lists of appointed election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting. The



list may appoint election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting in the event of a runoff election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(b)(2); Act 798 of 2017

April 22, 2018 – Sunday*

Deadline to apply to register to vote in the Preferential Primary Election and the Nonpartisan Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 § 9(b)

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April 27, 2018 – Friday

25 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION (& ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF BEING HELD CONCURRENTLY ON MAY 22ND)

The county clerk automatically shall mail, no later than twenty-five (25) days before each election, an absentee ballot for each election for those persons voting by absentee ballot who reside outside the county in which they are registered to vote, have a disability as defined in § 7-5-311, or reside in a long-term care or residential care facility licensed by the state. The absentee ballot application for those voters shall remain in effect for one (1) year unless revoked by the voter or the administrator of the facility has presented an absentee ballot request from the voter authorizing the administrator to receive absent ballot on behalf of the voter for that election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(b)(2)(A)

PUBLICATION DEADLINE: AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO PUBLIC TEST.

The county board shall give public notice of the time and place of the test at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the public test by publication one (1) time in one (1) or more daily or one (1) weekly newspaper published in the town, city, or county using the machines.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-515(c)(2)(A); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-611(b)(1)

April 30, 2018 – Monday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION (& ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD CONCURRENTLY ON MAY 22ND)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to conduct logic and accuracy testing by having all election media tested to ascertain that the voting system has been correctly configured and will correctly tabulate the votes casts for all offices and on all measures.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-515(c)(1)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to conduct logic and accuracy testing by having all election media from each electronic vote tabulation device tested to ascertain that the devices will correctly tabulate the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-611(a)(2)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to conduct a public test of each voting system and electronic vote tabulation device. The county board shall give public notice of the time and place of the test at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the public test by publication one (1) time in one (1) or more daily or one (1) weekly newspaper published in the town, city, or county. After completion of the logic & accuracy test and the public test, the county board of election commissioners shall certify the accuracy of the voting system by sending a copy of the electronic results to the Secretary of State and filing the test results with the county clerk.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-515(c)(2)(A); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-611(c)



MAY 2018

May 2, 2018 – Wednesday

NOT LESS THAN 20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to appoint a sufficient number of election officials for each polling site and other duties. Note: Deadline also applies to the Annual School Election if being held concurrently with the Preferential Primary Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-4-107(b)(1)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to give first public notice of the following in a newspaper of general circulation in the county:

- Date of election.
- Hours of voting on election day.
- Places and times for early voting.
- Polling sites for holding the elections in the county.
- Candidates and offices to be elected at that time.
- Time and location of the opening, processing, canvassing, and counting of ballots.
- The location where a list of appointed election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting can be found and the date the list is available.
 - A person shall not serve as an election official, deputy county clerk, or additional deputy if the person is married to or related within the second degree or consanguinity to a candidate running for office in the election; and another person makes an objection to his or her service to the county board of election commissioners within ten (10) calendar days after posting the list of officials.
- Directions for filing objection to the service of an election official, deputy county clerk, or additional deputy.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(a)(1)(A-G); Act 798 of 2017

NO EARLIER THAN 20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON ON THE DAY BEFORE THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION – FILING DEADLINE

[Governing body of a city or town may enact an ordinance requiring independent candidates for municipal office to file petitions (and ordinance had to be passed at least 90 days prior to this filing deadline).] The time frame for filing petitions of nomination with the county clerk of any city of the first class, city of the second class, or incorporated town must be set no earlier than twenty (20) days prior to the Preferential Primary Election and no later than 12:00 noon on the day before the Preferential Primary Election. [Does not include City Administrator form of government.]

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-42-206(d)(1)(A)(i) and (ii)

PUBLICATION DATE FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION (IF HELD MAY 22ND)

Beginning date for the school board to publish notice for the school election. Notice must be published in a newspaper once a week for three weeks.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-109(a-b)



May 7, 2018 – Monday

15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

Early voting begins for Preferential Primary Election and Nonpartisan Election between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday. Early voting ends at 5:00 pm on the Monday prior to the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-418(a)(1)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) or county clerk to prepare and post in a public place in its county clerk's office its list of appointed election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting. The list may appoint election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting in the event of a runoff election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(b)(2); Act 798 of 2017

DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CLERKS TO MAIL NOTICE

Deadline for the county clerk to mail a notice of any changes made in polling sites used in the last election to each affected registered voter.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(d)(3)

BEGINNING OF PERIOD FOR DESIGNATED BEARER TO PICK UP ABSENTEE BALLOTS

First day for a designated bearer to pick up from the county clerks a maximum of two (2) absentee ballots for the Preferential Primary Election. Upon delivery of an absentee ballot to an individual authorized to receive an absentee ballot, the county clerk shall mark the precinct voter registration list to indicate that an absentee ballot has been delivered to the voter. *[Please refer to Act 1043 of 2011 for additional requirements needed when providing absentee ballots to designated bearers.]*

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-409(f-g); See also Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-403

May 11, 2018 – Friday

10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to make publication of all nominations, all proposed amendments to the Arkansas Constitution, and of all other measures and questions required by law to be submitted to the electors by posting a list thereof at the door of the courthouse at least ten (10) days before the date of election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-206 [Recommended: posting prior to the beginning of early voting on May 7].

May 12, 2018 – Saturday

10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION (IF HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION)

Beginning date for the school board to publish polling site locations for the Annual School Election (held May 22, 2018). Must be published no more than ten (10) days and no less than three (3) days before the Annual School Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-106(d)

May 15, 2018 – Tuesday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

Deadline for county clerk to receive absentee ballot applications by mail, fax, or electronic mail for the Preferential Primary Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(ii) and (vi)(a)



NO EARLIER THAN THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE ELECTION

First day the election officials can meet in a place designated by the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) for the purpose of opening the outer envelope, processing, and canvassing the absentee ballot paper work.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-416(a)(1); Act 790 of 2017

May 16, 2018 – Friday

NO MORE THAN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO AND NOT LESS THAN 75 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT

12:00 Noon – First day candidates for mayor or director may file with the city clerk a statement of candidacy and the petition for nomination.

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-48-109(a)(3)

May 17, 2018 – Thursday

5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

Deadline for second public notification by county board of election commissioners (CBEC) of information described in Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(a)(1); Act 798 of 2017 (see description requirements on May 2, 2018). Information shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. The information may also be posted at each polling site.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(b)(1)

May 18, 2018 – Friday

4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

Deadline for the county clerk to receive county to county transfer of registered voters allowed to vote in Preferential Primary Election.

Arkansas Constitutional Amendment 51 § 10(b)(2)(B)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to change polling sites for the General Primary Runoff Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(d)(2)

May 19, 2018 – Saturday

3 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Last day for the school board to publish polling sites for the Annual School Election. Must be published no more than ten (10) days and no less than three (3) days before the Annual School Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-106(d)

May 20, 2018 – Sunday*

30 DAYS TO THE GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline to register to vote to participate in the General Primary Runoff Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 § 9(b)

Deadline to apply to register to vote for the Annual School Runoff Election [if Annual School Election was held May 22, 2018].

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-108

*[*This day falls on a weekend. Per Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, May 21, 2018, due to this statute.]*



May 21, 2018 – Monday

**1 DAY PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND
NONPARTISAN ELECTION**

Last day for voter to participate in early voting. Early voting closes at 5:00 pm on the Monday before the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-418(a)(1)(A)

Deadline for county clerk to receive in-person applications for absentee ballots for the Preferential Primary Election and Nonpartisan Election from the voter, designated bearer, or administrator is no later than the close of regular business hours on the day before the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(i), (iii), and (v)

Deadline for the voter to personally deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk is no later than the close of regular business hours on the day before the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(3)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to designate suitable person/persons to deliver ballots and necessary supplies to the polls. The suitable person/persons shall not be an elected official, an elected official's deputy, or a candidate.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-211(a)(1)(A-B)

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to deliver to the designated person/persons, for each set of poll workers at each polling site, the following additional election supplies, if applicable:

- A good and sufficient ballot box with numbered seals.
- Sufficient list-of-voters forms adequate to record the names of all registered voters who appear to vote in the polling site.
- A precinct voter registration list.
- Sufficient tally sheets.
- Envelopes to seal the ballots and certificates.
- Separate sheets containing blank forms of certificates prepared to enable the poll workers to properly certify the paper ballot count at the polling site, upon which certificates shall be endorsed.
- A blank form of oath to be taken by poll workers before entering upon the discharge of their duties.
- Voter registration application forms for voters using fail-safe voting and other record-keeping supplies necessary to document fail-safe voting procedures.
- In those counties in which an optical scanner is used to count paper ballots, the marking instrument recommended by the manufacturer of the optical scanner for proper marking on the ballots.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-211(a)(2)(A-H)

12:00 Noon – Deadline for independent candidates for municipal office to file petitions for nomination as independent candidates with the county clerk for any city of the first class, city of the second class, or incorporated town, if local Ordinance setting petition deadline has previously been adopted (before February 20, 2018). Does not include City Administrator form of government.

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-42-206(d)(1)(A)(ii)



May 22, 2018 – Tuesday

**PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION
(& ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF BEING HELD CONCURRENTLY
WITH PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION)**

Polls open 7:30 am to 7:30 pm.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-203(b); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-10-102(b)(2);

*Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-304; Act 1088 of 2017; Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-102(a)(1)(A);
Act 910 of 2017*

County board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall post at each polling site:

- The public notice of the election.
- At least two (2) sample ballots marked with “SAMPLE”, of each ballot style that will be used at the polling site.
- Two (2) copies of the full text of all measures on the ballot.
- At least two (2) copies of instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot and instructions for fail-safe voting.
- General information on voting rights under applicable federal and state laws, including information on the right of an individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged to have been violated.
- General information on federal and state laws regarding prohibitions on acts of fraud and misrepresentation.
- Double-sided two foot (2') by two foot (2') signs, each containing the words “VOTE HERE”, and an arrow pointing to the polling site, shall be posted near each main driveway entrance to the polling site.
- One (1) printout from each voting machine, terminal, or ballot tabulator showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(c)(1-8); Act 798 of 2017

8:30 am – First time the election officials can meet for the purpose of opening the inner absentee ballot envelope and counting the absentee ballots.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-416(a)(1); Act 790 of 2017

12:00 Noon – Deadline for a new political party to hold a convention under Arkansas Code Ann. § 7-7-205(c)(2)(A). Certificates of nomination shall be filed with the Arkansas Secretary of State or the county clerk no later than 12:00 noon of the date of the Preferential Primary Election. Note: A candidate to be nominated by convention should have filed a political practices pledge with the Secretary of State or county clerk, as the case may be, during the party filing period (deadline March 1, 2018).

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-205(c)(2)(B-C) and 7-7-205(c)(3); Act 297 of 2017

1:30 pm – Deadline for delivery of application for an absentee ballot to the office of the county clerk by an authorized agent of the voter for the Preferential Primary Election and the Nonpartisan General Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(iv)

7:30 pm – Deadline for county clerk to receive delivery of the ballots by mail (excluding military and overseas), or by the designated bearer, administrator, or authorized agent of the absentee voter.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(A) and Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(2)

Deadline for qualified electors outside the United States or active duty uniformed personnel to sign, date, and postmark (not required by military), and mail absentee



ballots to the county clerk. Must be received by the county clerk by 5:00 pm, ten (10) calendar days after the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i-ii)

Immediately after the polls close – Deadline for the poll workers to process returns and deliver all election materials and stub boxes from the polls to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC).

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-317; Act 621 of 2017

After the close of voting, the certified printout, signed by the poll workers, shall be returned to the county board and filed with the election returns.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-518(c)(2)

As results are received and tabulated on election night, the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall immediately transmit results by precinct to the Secretary of State through the election night reporting interface provided by the Secretary of State and declare preliminary and unofficial results of the election as soon as early voting, absentee, or individual precinct results are tabulated on election night.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701(a)(3)(A); Act 730 of 2017

On election night, immediately after the count of the vote is complete, the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall immediately transmit the results by precinct to the Secretary of State through election night reporting interface provided by the Secretary of State and declare preliminary and unofficial results of the election, including a statement of the number of outstanding ballots of voters who requested ballots under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act and provisional ballots.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701(a)(3)(C); Act 730 of 2017

As soon as practical after the polls close – The county board of election commissioners shall report by precinct the initial count of early votes and absentee ballot votes to the Secretary of State as provided under § 7-5-701.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-416(a)(5)(B)(i); Act 790 of 2017

May 24, 2018 – Thursday

48 HOURS AFTER THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

The earliest time for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to meet to canvass the returns and certify the Preferential Primary Election and Nonpartisan Election results providing that there are no outstanding absentee ballots of overseas voters or armed services personnel serving in active status is no earlier than forty-eight (48) hours and no later than the tenth (10th) calendar day after the Preferential Primary Election and the Nonpartisan Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-309; Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)

Unopposed candidates, other than candidates for mayor, governor, and circuit clerk, shall be separately declared and certified to the Secretary of State as elected in the same manner as if the candidate had been voted upon at the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701(a)(2); Act 730 of 2017

EARLIEST DATE – 48 HOURS TO 10 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION (IF HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION)

The earliest the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) may ascertain and declare results for the Annual School Election and file certification of election and one



copy of the ballot with the county clerk is no earlier than forty-eight (48) hours and no later than the 10th calendar day after the Annual School Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(a)

The county clerk of the county in which the school district is administered after receiving the certification of election form the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall file a certified copy of the certification of election with the county clerk of each county in which any part of the school district lies.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(b)

The county clerk or his or her designee shall deliver to the person having the highest number of legal votes: a certificate of election, notice of the requirement to all directors elected to an initial or nonconsecutive term that he or she must subscribe to the director's oath, the date that is ten (10) days later, within which to have the oath administered, a list of individuals qualified to give the oath under, a copy of the directors oath, notice that the individual shall be unable to assume the duties of a director until a copy of the administration of the oath is received by the county clerk or his or her designee.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(a)(2)

May 28, 2018 – Monday*

15 DAYS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR THE GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) or county clerk to prepare and post in a public place in its county clerk's office its list of appointed election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting. The list may appoint election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting in the event of a runoff election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(b)(2); Act 798 of 2017

MONDAY FOLLOWING THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

12:00 Noon – Deadline for a voter, who voted a provisional ballot because of failure to provide verification of registration, to present a copy of a document or identification card to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) or the county clerk.

Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 13; Act 633 of 2017

*[*This day falls on a holiday. Per Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Tuesday, May 29, 2018, due to this statute.]*

May 30, 2018 – Wednesday

20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to appoint a sufficient number of election officials for each polling site and other duties.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-4-107(b)(1)

May 31, 2018 – Thursday

NOT LESS THAN 75 DAYS NOR MORE THAN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT

12:00 Noon – Deadline for candidates for mayor or director to file with the city clerk or recorder a statement of candidacy and the petition for nomination.

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-48-109(a)(3)



JUNE 2018

June 1, 2018 – Friday

10 DAYS AFTER THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

5:00 pm – Deadline for absentee ballots of overseas voters or armed services personnel serving in active status to be received by the county clerk no later than 5:00 pm for the Preferential Primary Election and Nonpartisan Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i-ii)

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to meet to canvass the returns and certify the Preferential Primary Election and Nonpartisan Election results. No earlier than forty-eight (48) hours and no later than the tenth (10th) calendar day after the Preferential Primary Election and Nonpartisan Election. If no time is specified for the meeting of the county board of election commissioners (CBEC), the meeting shall be at 5:00pm.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-309; Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-203(e)(2)

Unopposed candidates, other than candidates for mayor, governor, and circuit clerk, shall be separately declared and certified to the Secretary of State as elected in the same manner as if the candidate had been voted upon at the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701(a)(2); Act 730 of 2017

10 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION (IF HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION)

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to ascertain and declare results for the Annual School Election and to file the certification of election and one copy of each ballot with the county clerk.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(a)

****The county clerk of the county in which the school district is administered after receiving the certification of election from the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall file a certified copy of the certification of election with the county clerk of each county in which any part of the school district lies.****

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(b)

LATEST DATE AND DEADLINE – ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

The county clerk or his or her designee shall deliver to the person having the highest number of legal votes: a certificate of election, notice of the requirement to all directors elected to an initial or nonconsecutive term that he or she must subscribe to the director’s oath, the date that is ten (10) days later, within which to have the oath administered, a list of individuals qualified to give the oath under, a copy of the directors oath, notice that the individual shall be unable to assume the duties of a director until a copy of the administration of the oath is received by the county clerk or his or her designee.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(a)(2)

June 3, 2018 – Sunday*

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF DIRECTOR’S OATH OF OFFICE (IF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION WAS HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION)

Deadline for submission of Director’s certificate of administration of the oath of office, and Commission of new directors of School Board elected at School Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-617



*[*This day falls on a weekend. Per Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, June 4, 2018, due to this statute.]*

June 4, 2018 – Monday

15 DAYS BEFORE THE GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to prepare and post in a public place in its county clerk’s office its list of election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting. The list may appoint election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting in the event of a runoff election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(b)(2); Act 798 of 2017

Deadline for the county clerk to mail a notice of any changes made in polling sites used in the last election to each affected registered voter.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(d)(3)

June 5, 2018 – Tuesday

NOT LESS THAN 70 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Deadline for city clerk or recorder to certify list of names to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) of all persons filing by petition for the office of mayor or director signed by at least fifty (50) qualified electors of the municipality requesting the candidacy of the candidate.

Note: If no more than two (2) persons qualify as candidates for the respective offices of mayor or director, no municipal primary shall be held for that office.

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-48-109(a)(6)(B)

PUBLICATION DEADLINE: AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE FOR THE PUBLIC TEST FOR THE GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF (& ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION IF HELD CONCURRENTLY)

The county board shall give public notice of the time and place the test shall be given at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the public test by publication one (1) time in one (1) or more daily or one (1) weekly newspaper published in the town, city, or county using the machines.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-515(c)(2)(A); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-611(b)(1)

ONE DAY AFTER RECEIPT OF OATH(S) OF OFFICE OF NEW DIRECTORS

County clerks must notify superintendent by phone of receipt of certification of administration of oath to new directors elected at Annual School Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-617(b)(2)

June 6, 2018 – Wednesday

PUBLICATION DEADLINE: PETITIONS FOR BALLOT

At least thirty (30) days prior to filing a petition to place an initiated measure on the General Election Ballot, the proposed measure shall have been published once, at the expense of the petitioners, in some paper of general circulation.

Arkansas Constitution Amendment 7 or (Article 5 § 1 as amended)



June 7, 2018 – Thursday

5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR THE GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION (& ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION IF HELD CONCURRENTLY)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to conduct logic and accuracy testing by having all election media tested to ascertain that the voting system has been correctly configured and will correctly tabulate the votes cast for all offices and all measures.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-515(c)(1); Act 164 of 2017

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to conduct logic and accuracy testing by having all election media from each electronic vote tabulation device tested to ascertain that the devices will correctly tabulate the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-611(a)(3); Act 164 of 2017

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to conduct a public test of each voting system and electronic vote tabulation device. The county board shall give public notice of the time and place of the test at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the public test by publication one (1) time in one (1) or more daily or one (1) weekly newspaper published in the town, city, or county. After completion of the logic & accuracy test and the public test, the county board of election commissioners shall certify the accuracy of the voting system by sending a copy of the electronic results to the Secretary of State and filing the test results with the county clerk.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-515(c)(2); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-611(c)

June 8, 2018 – Friday

WITHIN 5 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF OATH(S) OF OFFICE OF NEW DIRECTORS

County clerk must send Notice of Receipt of Certification of administration of oath of office for new school board directors to School District Central Office.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-617(b)(2)

10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to give first public notice of the following in the newspaper of general circulation in the county:

- The date of the election.
- The hours of voting on election day.
- The places and times for early voting.
- Polling sites for holding the elections in the county.
- The candidates and offices to be elected at that time.
- The time and location of the opening, processing, canvassing, and counting of ballots.
- The location where a list of appointed election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting can be found and the date the list is available.
 - Note: A person shall not serve as an election official, deputy county clerk, or additional deputy if the person is married to or related within the second degree of consanguinity to a candidate running for office in an election and another person makes an objection to his or her service to the county board of election commissioners within ten (10) calendar days after posting the list of officials.
- Directions for filing an objection to the service of an election official, deputy county clerk, or additional deputy.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(a)(1)(A-G); Act 798 of 2017



Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to prepare official absentee ballots and deliver them to the county clerk for mailing to any qualified applicants for the General Primary Runoff Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-407(b)

June 9, 2018 – Saturday

10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION (IF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION WAS HELD MAY 22ND)

Beginning date for the school board to publish polling site locations for the Annual School Runoff Election. Must be published no more than ten (10) days and no less than three (3) days before the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-106(d)

June 12, 2018 – Tuesday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

Early voting begins for General Primary Runoff Election and shall be available to any qualified elector who applies to the county clerk during regular office hours. Early voting ends the day before Election Day at the time the county clerk's office regularly closes.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-418(a)(2)

First day for designated bearer to pick up from the county clerk a maximum of two absentee ballots for the General Primary Election. Upon delivery of an absentee ballot to an individual authorized to receive an absentee ballot, the county clerk shall mark the electronic voter registration list and precinct voter registration list to indicate that an absentee ballot has been delivered to the voter.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-409(f-g)

Deadline for the county clerk to receive absentee ballot applications by mail, fax, or electronic mail for the General Primary Runoff Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(ii) and (vi)(a)

NO EARLIER THAN THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE ELECTION

First day the election officials can meet in a place designated by the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) for the purpose of opening the outer envelope, processing, and canvassing the absentee ballot paper work.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-416(a)(1); Act 790 of 2017

June 14, 2018 – Thursday

5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for second public notification by county board of election commissioners (CBEC) of information described in Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(a)(1); Act 798 of 2017 (see description requirements on June 9, 2018). Information shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. The information may also be posted at each polling site.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(b)(1)

June 15, 2018 – Friday

4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for county clerk to receive county to county transfer of registered voters allowed to vote in General Primary (Runoff) Election.

Arkansas Constitutional Amendment 51 § 10(b)(2)(A)



3 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION (IF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION WAS HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION)

Last date for the school board to publish polling site locations for the Annual School Runoff Election. Must be published no more than ten (10) days and no less than three (3) days before the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-106(d)

60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT

First day for county clerks to furnish applications for absentee ballots for the Municipal Primary Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-405(a)(1)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to change precinct boundaries for the Municipal Primary Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(b)(2)

June 18, 2018 – Monday

1 DAY PRIOR TO THE GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

Last day for voter to participate in early voting. Early voting closes the day before the election day at the time the county clerk's office regularly closes.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-418(a)(2)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to designate suitable person/persons to deliver ballots and necessary supplies to the polls. The suitable person/persons shall not be an elected official, an elected official's deputy, or a candidate.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-211(a)(1)

Deadline for county clerk to receive applications for absentee ballots for the General Primary Runoff Election from the voter, designated bearer, or administrator is no later than the close of regular business hours on the day before the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(iii-v)

Deadline for the voter to personally deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk is no later than the close of regular business hours on the day before the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(3)

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to deliver to the designated person/persons of each set of poll workers at each polling site, the following additional election supplies, if applicable:

- A good and sufficient ballot box with numbered seals.
- Sufficient list-of-voters forms adequate to record the names of all registered voters who appear to vote in the polling site.
- A precinct voter registration list.
- Envelopes to seal the ballots and certificates.
- Separate sheets containing blank forms of certificates prepared to enable the poll workers to properly certify the paper ballot count at the polling site; upon which the certificates shall be endorsed.
- A blank form of oath to be taken by poll workers before entering upon the discharge of their duties.



- Voter registration application forms for voters using fail-safe voting and other record-keeping supplies necessary to document fail-safe voting procedures.
- In those counties in which an optical scanner is used to count paper ballots, the marking instrument recommended by the manufacturer of the optical scanner for proper marking on the ballots.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-211(a)(2)(A-H)

June 19, 2018 – Tuesday

GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

Polls open 7:30 am to 7:30 pm

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-203(a); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-304; Act 1088 of 2017

ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION (IF HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH GENERAL PRIMARY)

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-121(a)(3); Act 910 of 2017

County board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall post at each polling site:

- The public notice of the election.
- At least two (2) sample ballots marked with the word “SAMPLE” of each ballot style that will be used at the polling site.
- Two (2) copies of the full text of measures on the ballot.
- At least two (2) copies of instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot, and instructions for fail-safe voting.
- General information on voting rights including information on the right of an individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged to be violated.
- General information on federal and state laws regarding acts of fraud and misrepresentation.
- Double-sided two foot (2’) by two foot (2’) signs, each containing the words “VOTE HERE,” and an arrow pointing to the polling site, shall be posted near each main driveway entrance to the polling site.
- One (1) printout from each voting machine, terminal, or ballot tabulator showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(c)(1-8); Act 798 of 2017

8:30 am – First time the election officials can meet for the purpose of opening the inner absentee ballot envelope and counting the absentee ballots.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-416(a)(1); Act 790 of 2017

1:30 pm – Deadline for delivery of application for an absentee ballot to the office of the county clerk by an authorized agent of the voter for the General Primary Runoff Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(iv)

7:30 pm – Deadline for the county clerk to receive delivery of the ballots by mail (excluding military and overseas absentee voters who did not cast “instant runoff” ballots), or by the designated bearer, administrator or authorized agent of the absentee voter who is medically unable to vote at the regular polling site for the General Primary Runoff Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(A) and (a)(2)

Immediately after the polls close – Deadline for poll workers to process returns and deliver all election materials and stub boxes from the polls to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC).

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-317; Act 621 of 2017



After the close of voting the certified printout, signed by poll workers, shall be returned to the county board and filed with the election returns.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-526

As results are received and tabulated on election night, the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall immediately transmit the results by precinct to the Secretary of State through the election night reporting interface provided by the Secretary of State, and declare preliminary and unofficial results of the election as soon as early voting, absentee, or individual precinct results are tabulated on election night.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701(a)(3)(A); Act 730 of 2017

On election night, immediately after the count of the vote is complete, the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall immediately transmit the results by precinct to the Secretary of State through the election night reporting interface provided by the Secretary of State and declare preliminary and unofficial results of the election, including a statement of the number of outstanding ballots of voters who requested ballots under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act and provisional ballots.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701(a)(3)(C); Act 730 of 2017

As soon as practical after the polls close – The county board of election commissioners shall report by precinct the initial count of early votes and absentee ballot votes to the Secretary of State as provided under § 7-5-701.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-416(a)(5)(B)(i); Act 790 of 2017

June 21, 2018 – Thursday

48 HOURS AFTER THE GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

The earliest time for county board of election for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to meet to canvass the returns and certify the General Primary Runoff Election results providing that there are no outstanding absentee ballots of overseas voters or armed services personnel serving in active status is no earlier than forty-eight (48) hours and no later than the tenth (10th) calendar day after the General Primary Runoff Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-309; Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)

Unopposed candidates, other than candidates for mayor, governor, and circuit clerk, shall be separately declared and certified to the Secretary of State as elected in the same manner as if the candidate had been voted upon at the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701(a)(2); Act 730 of 2017

48 HOURS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION (IF ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION WAS HELD JUNE 19TH)

The earliest the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) may ascertain and declare results for the school board election and file the certification of election and one (1) copy of the ballot with the county clerk is no earlier than forty-eight (48) hours and no later than the tenth (10th) calendar day after the Annual School Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(a)

EARLIEST DATE – 48 HOURS TO 10 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION: NOTICE FROM CLERK TO CANDIDATES

The county clerk or his or her designee shall deliver to the person having the highest number of legal votes: a certificate of election, notice of the requirement to all directors elected to an initial or nonconsecutive term that he or she must subscribe to the director's oath, the date that is ten (10) days later, within which to have the oath



administered, a list of individuals qualified to give the oath under, a copy of the directors oath, notice that the individual shall be unable to assume the duties of a director until a copy of the administration of the oath is received by the county clerk or his or her designee.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(a)(2)

The county clerk of the county in which the school district is administered after receiving the certification of election form the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall file a certified copy of the certification of election with the county clerk of each county in which any part of the school district lies.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(b)

June 25, 2018 – Monday

MONDAY FOLLOWING THE GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

12:00 Noon – Deadline for a voter, who voted a provisional ballot because of failure to provide verification of registration, to present a copy of a document or identification card to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) or the county clerk.

Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 13; Act 633 of 2017

June 28, 2018 – Thursday

47 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk for mailing to all qualified applicants.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-407(a)(1)

June 29, 2018 – Friday

10 DAYS AFTER THE GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to meet to canvass the returns and certify the General Primary Election results no earlier than forty-eight (48) hours and no later than the tenth (10th) calendar day after the General Primary Runoff Election. If no time is specified for the meeting of the county board of election commissioners (CBEC), the meeting shall be at 5:00 pm.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-309; Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-203(e)(2)

Unopposed candidates, other than candidates for mayor, governor, and circuit clerk, shall be separately declared and certified to the Secretary of State as elected in the same manner as if the candidate had been voted upon at the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701(a)(2); Act 730 of 2017

10 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION (IF ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION WAS HELD JUNE 19TH)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to ascertain and declare the results and tile the certification of annual school runoff election and one (1) of the ballots with the county clerk.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(a)

LATEST DATE – 48 HOURS TO 10 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION: NOTICE FROM CLERK TO SCHOOL ELECTION CANDIDATES

The county clerk or his or her designee shall deliver to the person having the highest number of legal votes: a certificate of election, notice of requirement for all directors elected to an initial or nonconsecutive term that he or she must subscribe to the director's oath, the date that is ten (10) days later, within which to have the oath administered, a list of individuals qualified to give the oath under, a copy of the



directors oath, notice that the individual shall be unable to assume the duties of director until a copy of the administration of the oath is received by the county clerk or his or her designee.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(a)(2)

The county clerk of the county in which the school district is administered after receiving the certification of annual school runoff election from the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall file a certified copy of the certification of election with the county clerk of each county in which any part of the school district lies.*

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(b)

46 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Deadline for county clerk to deliver ballots to those absentee voters who made timely application under the law Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-406 (members of uniformed services and other citizens residing outside the United States).

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-407(a)(2)

JULY 2018

July 1, 2018 – Sunday*

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF DIRECTOR’S OATH OF OFFICE – SCHOOL RUNOFF

Deadline for submission of Director’s certificate of administration of the oath of office, and Commission of new directors of School board elected at School Runoff Election (June 19, 2018).

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-617

*[*This day falls on a weekend. Per Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, July 2, 2018, due to this statute.]*

July 3, 2018 – Tuesday

ONE DAY AFTER RECEIPT OF OATH(S) OF OFFICE OF NEW DIRECTORS – SCHOOL RUNOFF

County clerks must notify superintendent by phone of receipt of certification of administration of oath to new directors elected at Annual School Runoff Election (June 19, 2018).

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-617(b)(2)

July 4, 2018 – Wednesday*

15 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION (IF HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION)

Deadline for county clerk to submit a certified copy of the certification of election and a copy of the ballot to the Commissioner of Education.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(c)

*[*This day falls on a holiday. Per Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Thursday, July 5, 2018, due to this statute.]*

July 6, 2018 – Friday

4 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline to file petitions with the Secretary of State to place an initiated measure on the General Election ballot. At least thirty (30) days prior to filing a petition to place an initiated measure on the General Election ballot, the proposed measure shall have been published once, at the expense of the petitioners, in some paper of general circulation.

Arkansas Constitution Amendment 7 or (Article 5 § 1 as amended)



WITHIN 5 DAYS OF RECEIPT – SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION (IF HELD JUNE 19TH)

County clerk must send Notice of Receipt of Certification of administration of oath of office for new school board directors elected in School Runoff Election, to School District Central Office.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-617(b)(2)

July 9, 2018 – Monday

30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION FILING DEADLINE [WHEN ELECTION IS HELD NOVEMBER 6TH]

First day for candidates filing by petition to circulate petitions for Annual School Election when election is being held during General Election (November 6, 2018). Clerk shall not count as valid any signature dated more than thirty (30) days before the filing deadline (August 8, 2018). Petition must contain at least twenty (20) registered voters who are residents of the school district.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(e-f); Act 910 of 2017

July 13, 2018 – Friday

DEADLINE FOR CBEC TO CHANGE POLLING SITES (MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to change polling sites for the Municipal Primary Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(b)(2)

July 15, 2018 – Sunday*

30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Deadline to apply to register to vote in the Municipal Primary Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 § 9(b)

*[*This day falls on a weekend. Per Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, July 16, 2018, due to this statute.]*

July 20, 2018 – Friday

25 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT

The county clerk shall mail, no later than twenty-five (25) days before each election, an absentee ballot for each election for those persons voting by absentee ballot who reside outside the county in which they are registered to vote, have a disability as defined § 7-5-311, or reside in long-term care or residential care facility licensed by the state. The absentee ballot application for those voters shall remain in effect for one (1) year unless revoked by the voter or the administrator of the facility has presented an absentee ballot request from the voter authorizing the administrator to receive the absentee ballot on behalf of the voter for that election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(b)(2)

July 25, 2018 – Wednesday

20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to appoint a sufficient number of election officials for each polling site.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-4-107(b)(1)

July 27, 2018 – Friday

NOT MORE THAN 102 DAYS OR LESS THAN 81 DAYS BEFORE THE GENERAL ELECTION

First day that independent candidates running for municipal offices with **MAYOR-COUNCIL FORM OF GOVERNMENT** may file petitions of nomination, affidavit of eligibility and political practices pledge with the county clerk. County clerk must



determine whether or not the petition contains a sufficient number of qualified electors within ten (10) days. [Assumes city/town did not have or adopt ordinance altering this date – see February 20, 2018].

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-42-206(b)(1)

First day for candidates running for the office of director in a city manager form of government to file petitions with the city clerk or recorder.

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-47-110(a)(2)

**48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE FOR THE PUBLIC TEST:
MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY
ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT**

The county board shall give public notice of the time and place the test shall be given at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the public test by publication one (1) time in one (1) or more daily or one (1) weekly newspapers published in the town, city, or county using the machines.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-515(c)(1)(A); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-611(b)(1)

July 29, 2018 – Sunday*

100 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline for the Secretary of State to notify by registered mail the chair and secretary of the state committee of the respective political parties that a certificate of nomination is due for all nominated candidates for the United States, state, and district offices in order that the candidates' names be placed on the ballot of the General Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-203(h)(1)(A)

Deadline for county clerk to notify by registered mail the chairs and secretaries of the county committees of the respective political parties that a certified list of all nominated candidates for county, township, and municipal offices is due and shall be filed with the county clerk in order that the candidates' names be placed on ballot for the General Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-203(h)(2)(A)

*[*This day falls on a weekend. Per Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, July 30, 2018, due to this statute.]*

July 30, 2018 – Monday

**15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES
WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT**

First day for designated bearer to pick up a ballot for the Municipal Primary Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-409(f)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) or county clerk to prepare and post in a public place in the county clerk's office its lists of appointed election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting. The list may appoint election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting in the event of a runoff election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(b)(2); Act 798 of 2017

July 31, 2018 – Tuesday

**7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR THE
MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY
ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT**

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to conduct logic and accuracy testing by having all election media tested to ascertain that the voting system, has been correctly configured and will correctly tabulate the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-515(c)



Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to conduct logic and accuracy testing by having all election media from each electronic vote tabulation device tested to ascertain that the devices will correctly tabulate the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-611(a)(2)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to conduct a public test of each voting system and electronic vote tabulation device. The county board shall give public notice of the time and place of the test at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the public test by publication one (1) time in one (1) or more daily or one (1) weekly newspaper published in the town, city, or county. After completion of the logic & accuracy test and the public test, the county board of election commissioners shall certify the accuracy of the voting system by sending a copy of the electronic results to the Secretary of State and filing the test results with the county clerk.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-515(c)(2)(A); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-611(c)

AUGUST 2018

August 1, 2018 – Wednesday

BEGIN: CANDIDATE FILING FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH GENERAL ELECTION (NOVEMBER 6TH)

12:00 Noon – First day a candidate filing by petition can file a petition for candidacy, the political practices pledge, and an affidavit of eligibility with the county clerk. Annual School Elections held concurrently with the General Election, or in odd years, shall file during a one-week period ending at 12:00 noon ninety (90) days before the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(e); Act 910 of 2017

BEGIN: WRITE-IN CANDIDATES FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION GIVE NOTICE OF INTENT

12:00 Noon – First day for write-in candidates to file notice of intent to be a candidate, a political practices pledge, and an affidavit of eligibility with the county clerk. Annual School Elections held concurrently with the General Election, or in odd years, shall file during the one-week period ending at 12:00 noon ninety (90) days before the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(g); Act 910 of 2017

August 3, 2018 – Friday

10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to give first public notice of the following in the newspaper of general circulation in the county:

- The date of the election.
- The hours of voting on election day.
- The places and times for early voting.
- Polling sites for holding the elections in the county.
 - If the county has changed or consolidated polling sites from those used in the last General Election, the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) must post notice of those changes at the polling sites used in the preceding election, fifteen (15) days before the election.
- The candidates and offices to be elected at that time.
- The time and location of the opening, processing, canvassing, and counting of ballots.



- The location where a list of appointed election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting can be found and the date the list is available.
 - Note: A person shall not serve as an election official, deputy county clerk, or additional deputy if the person is married to or related within the second degree of consanguinity to a candidate running for office in an election and another person makes an objection to his or her service to the county board of election commissioners within ten (10) calendar days after posting the list of officials.
- Directions for filing an objection to the service of an election official, deputy county clerk, or additional deputy.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(a)(1)(A-G); Act 798 of 2017

August 7, 2018 – Tuesday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Early voting begins for the Municipal Primary Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-418(a)(2)

Deadline for county clerk to receive absentee ballot applications by mail or electronic means for the Municipal Primary Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(ii) and (vi)(a)

NO EARLIER THAN THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE ELECTION

First day the election officials can meet in a place designated by the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) for the purpose of opening the outer envelope, processing, and canvassing the absentee ballot paper work.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-416(a)(1); Act 790 of 2017

August 8, 2018 – Wednesday

90 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline for state committee of each political party to issue certificates of nomination to all nominated candidates for United States, state, and district offices, who shall file certificates with the Secretary of State.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-203(h)(1)(B)(i)

Deadline for each county committee of each political party to issue certified list on behalf of those nominated candidates and submit the certified list to the county clerk.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-203(h)(2)(B)(i)

Deadline for general election write-in candidates to notify in writing the county boards of election commissioners of each county in which the candidate seeks election and previously filed the notice with either: the Secretary of State if candidate is for United States Senate, United States House of Representatives, or any state or district office; or the county clerk, if a candidate for a county or township office. [This is a calculated deadline].

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-205(1)

90 DAYS BEFORE THE GENERAL ELECTION, REMOVALS

County Clerks: NVRA §8 removal processes must cease. Statutory and Constitutional exceptions (allowing removal of felons, decedents, etc.) continue to be allowed as always.

52 U.S.C. § 20507(c)(2)(A)



CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION (NOVEMBER 6TH)

12:00 Noon – Deadline for a candidate filing by petition to file a petition of candidacy, affidavit of eligibility, and a political practices pledge with the county clerk for the Annual School Election held concurrently with the General Election (November 6, 2018).

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(e); Act 910 of 2017

DEADLINE: WRITE-IN CANDIDATES FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION GIVE NOTICE OF INTENT

12:00 Noon – Deadline for write-in candidates to file notice of intent to be a candidate, a political practices pledge, and an affidavit of eligibility with the county clerk for the Annual School Election held concurrently with the General Election (November 6, 2018).

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(g); Act 910 of 2017

Immediately after the close of the filing period for school write-in candidates –

The county clerk must certify to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) any write-in candidates who have filed the affidavit of eligibility, notice of write-in candidacy, and the political practices pledge for the Annual School Election held concurrently with the General Election (November 6, 2018).

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(i)(2)

August 9, 2018 - Thursday

1 DAY AFTER DEADLINE TO FILE BY PETITION FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION HELD NOVEMBER 6TH

Deadline for county clerk to certify to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) the names of those candidates who are registered voters in the school district and the electoral zone, if applicable, and who have qualified for ballot access by petitions for the Annual School Election held concurrently with the General Election (November 6, 2018).

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(i)(1)

5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION (CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT)

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to give second public notice of the following in the newspaper of general circulation in the county:

- The date of the election.
- The hours of voting on election day.
- The places and times for early voting.
- Polling sites for holding the elections in the county.
 - If the county has changed or consolidated polling sites from those used in the last General Election, the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) must post notice of those changes at the polling sites used in the preceding election, fifteen (15) days before the election.
- The candidates and offices to be elected at that time.
- The time and location of the opening, processing, canvassing, and counting of ballots.
- The location where a list of appointed election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting can be found and the date the list is available.



- Note: A person shall not serve as an election official, deputy county clerk, or additional deputy if the person is married to or related within the second degree of consanguinity to a candidate running for office in an election and another person makes an objection to his or her service to the county board of election commissioners within ten (10) calendar days after posting the list of officials.
- Directions for filing an objection to the service of an election official, deputy county clerk, or additional deputy.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(a)(1)(A-G); Act 798 of 2017

August 10, 2018 – Friday

4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Deadline for the county clerk to receive county to county transfer of registered voters allowed to vote in Municipal Primary Election, with City Administrator form of government.

Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51, § 10(b)(2)(A)

August 13, 2018 – Monday

DEADLINE FOR SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES TO FILE A STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST [WHEN ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IS HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 6TH]

[Unless filed by an incumbent office holder by January 31, 2018.]

Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-701(c)(1)(A)

August 13, 2018 – Monday

1 DAY PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Deadline for county clerk to receive applications for absentee ballots for the Municipal Primary Election from the voter, designated bearer, or administrator.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(i)

Deadline for the voter to personally deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk no later than close of regular business hours.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(3)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to designate suitable person/persons to deliver ballots and necessary supplies to the polls. The suitable person/persons cannot be an elected official, an elected official's deputy, or a candidate.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-211(a)(1)

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to deliver the designated person/persons, for each set of poll workers at each polling site, the following additional election supplies if applicable:

- A good and sufficient ballot box with numbered seals.
- Sufficient list-of-voters forms adequate to record the names of all registered voters who appear to vote in the polling site.
- A precinct voter registration list.
- Sufficient tally sheets.
- Envelopes to seal the ballots and certificates.
- Separate sheets containing blank forms of certificates prepared to enable the poll workers to properly certify the paper ballot count at the polling site, upon which certificates shall be endorsed.



- A blank form of oath to be taken by the poll workers before entering upon the discharge of their duties.
- Voter registration application forms for voters using fail-safe voting and other record-keeping supplies necessary to document fail-safe voting procedures.
- In those counties in which an optical scanner is used to count paper ballots, the marking instrument recommended by the manufacturer of the optical scanner for proper marking on the ballots.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-211(a)(2)

Last day for voter to participate in early voting. Early voting closes at 5:00 pm on the Monday before the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-418(a)(1)(A)

August 14, 2018 - Tuesday

MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Polls open 7:30 am to 7:30 pm.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-304; Ark. Code Ann. § 14-48-109(a)(2)(B)

County board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall post at each polling site:

- The public notice of the election.
- At least two (2) sample ballots marked with the word "SAMPLE" of each ballot style that will be used at the polling site.
- Two (2) copies of the full text of measures on the ballot.
- At least two (2) copies of instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot, and instructions for fail-safe voting.
- General information on voting rights including information on the right of an individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged to be violated.
- General information on federal and state laws regarding acts of fraud and misrepresentation.
- Double-sided two foot (2') by two foot (2') signs, each containing the words "VOTE HERE," and an arrow pointing to the polling site, shall be posted near each main driveway entrance to the polling site.
- One (1) printout from each voting machine, terminal, or ballot tabulator showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(c)(1-8); Act 798 of 2017

8:30 am – First time the election officials can meet for the purpose of opening the inner absentee ballot envelope and counting the absentee ballots.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-416(a)(1); Act 790 of 2017

1:30 pm – Deadline for delivery of application for an absentee ballot to the office of the county clerk by an authorized agent of the voter.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(iv)

Close of business for the county clerk's office – Deadline for qualified electors outside of the United States or active duty uniformed personnel to sign, date, postmark (not required for military), and mail absentee ballots to the county clerk. Must be received by the county clerk by 5:00 pm ten (10) calendar days after the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)

7:30 pm – Deadline for the county clerk to receive delivery of the ballots by mail (excluding military and overseas absentee voters who did not cast "instant runoff")



ballots), or by the designated bearer, administrator or authorized agent of the absentee voter who is medically unable to vote at the regular polling site.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(A) and (a)(2)

Immediately after the polls close – Deadline for poll workers to process returns and deliver all election materials and stub boxes from the polls to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC).

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-317(b); Act 621 of 2017

After the close of voting the certified printout, signed by poll workers, shall be returned to the county board and filed with the election returns.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-518(c)(2)

County board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall report to the city clerk or recorder the preliminary and unofficial results of the Municipal Primary Election including a statement of outstanding overseas and military absentee ballots.

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-48-109(a)(6)(C)(ii)(b)

August 16, 2018 – Thursday

48 HOURS AFTER THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION (CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT)

The earliest time for the county boards of election commissioners to meet to canvass returns and certify the Municipal Primary Election results providing that there are no outstanding overseas absentee ballots.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701(a)

Unopposed candidates, other than candidates for mayor, governor, and circuit clerk, shall be separately declared and certified to the Secretary of State as elected in the same manner as if the candidate had been voted upon at the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701(a)(2); Act 730 of 2017

August 17, 2018 – Friday

81 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

12:00 Noon – Deadline for independent candidates running for municipal offices with **MAYOR-COUNCIL FORM OF GOVERNMENT** to file petitions of nomination, affidavit of eligibility and political practices pledge with the county clerk. County clerk must determine whether or not the petition contains a sufficient number of qualified electors within ten (10) days.

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-42-206(b)(1) and (2)(B)(i)

12:00 Noon – Deadline for candidates running for the office of director in a **CITY MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT** to file petition with city clerk or recorder.

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-47-110(a)(2)

August 20, 2018 – Monday

DEADLINE FOR MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES IN CITY MANAGER AND MAYOR-COUNCIL FORMS OF GOVERNMENT TO FILE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Deadline for municipal candidates in **CITY MANAGER AND MAYOR-COUNCIL** forms of government to file Statement of Financial Interest with the city clerk or recorder, unless previously filed by January 31, 2018.

Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-701(c)(1)(A); Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-703(a)(3)



MONDAY FOLLOWING THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION (CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT)

Deadline for a voter, who voted a provisional ballot because of failure to provide verification of registration, to present a copy of a document or identification to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) or the county clerk.

Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 13; Act 633 of 2017

August 22, 2018 – Wednesday

14 DAYS AFTER THE DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATE FILING FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline for county clerk to notify each school board candidate, in person or by mail, of filing deadlines for pre-election and final reports. Notice must include appropriate forms and instructions.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-208(b)(3)(A)

August 23, 2018 – Thursday

75 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline for the county clerk to certify to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) of his or her county a full list of all candidates to be voted for in the county as the nominations have been certified or otherwise properly submitted.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-203(b)(1)

Deadline for the Secretary of State to certify to all county boards of election commissioners (CBEC) full lists of all candidates to be voted for in their respective counties as the nominations have been certified or otherwise properly submitted.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-203(a)(1)

Deadline for city clerk or recorder to certify to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) full lists of all candidates to be voted for in their respective municipalities for **CITY MANAGER AND MAYOR-COUNCIL** forms of government.

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-47-110(a)(3)(D)(i); Ark. Code Ann. § 14-42-206(b)(2)(B)(ii)

Deadline for the Secretary of State to certify any proposed amendments to the Arkansas Constitution, measures, or questions to the county boards of election commissioners (CBEC) of each county.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-204(a)

Deadline for public notice of ballot draw for the General Election. Deadline for the county boards of election commissioners (CBEC) to give notice of the public meeting by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in at least three (3) days before the drawing.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-207(c)(2)

August 24, 2018 – Friday

10 DAYS AFTER THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT

5:00 pm – Deadline for absentee ballots of overseas voters or armed services personnel serving in active status to be received by the county clerk no later than 5:00 pm for the Municipal Primary Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(ii)



August 26, 2018 – Sunday*

72 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION (& ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF BEING HELD CONCURRENTLY ON NOVEMBER 6TH)

Deadline for ballot draw – the order in which the names of respective candidates shall appear on the ballot shall be determined by lot at a public meeting of the county board of election commissioners (CBEC).

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-207(c)(1); Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(j); Act 910 of 2017

*[*This day falls on a weekend. Per Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, August 27, 2018, due to this statute.]*

SEPTEMBER 2018

September 7, 2018 – Friday

60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline for county clerks to make available applications for absentee ballots for the General Election (and Annual School Election if being held concurrently).

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-405(a)(1)

DEADLINE FOR CBEC TO CHANGE PRECINCT BOUNDARIES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to change precinct boundaries for General Election (and Annual School Election if being held concurrently).

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(b)(2)

September 20, 2018 – Thursday

47 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION (AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF BEING HELD CONCURRENTLY)

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk for mailing to all qualified applicants.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-407(a)(1)

September 21, 2018 – Friday

46 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION (AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF BEING HELD CONCURRENTLY)

Deadline for county clerk to deliver ballots to those absentee voters who made timely application under the law Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-406 (UOCAVA voters)

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-407(a)(2)

OCTOBER 2018

October 5, 2018 – Friday

30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION (AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF BEING HELD CONCURRENTLY ON NOVEMBER 6TH)

Deadline for county board of election commissioner (CBEC) to change a polling site.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(d)(2)

15 DAYS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) or county clerk to prepare and post in a public place in the county clerk’s office its lists of appointed election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting. The list may appoint election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting in the event of a runoff election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(b)(2); Act 798 of 2017

October 7, 2018 – Sunday*

Deadline for the State Board of Education to distribute school election kits, upon request, to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) for the schools.



Deadline applies if the Annual School Election is being held concurrently with the General Election on November 6, 2018.
Ark. Code Ann. §6-14-113(c)

*[*This day falls on a weekend. Per Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, October 8, 2018, due to this statute.]*

October 7, 2018 – Sunday*

DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline to apply to register to vote in the General Election.
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 § 9(b)

*[*This day falls on a weekend followed by a federal holiday which does not allow mail to run (Columbus Day). Per Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Tuesday, October 9, 2018, due to this statute.]*

October 12, 2018 – Friday

25 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION (& ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF BEING HELD CONCURRENTLY ON NOVEMBER 6TH)

The county clerk automatically shall mail, no later than twenty-five (25) days before each election, an absentee ballot for each election for those persons voting by absentee ballot who reside outside the county in which they are registered to vote, have a disability as defined in § 7-5-311, or reside in a long-term care or residential care facility licensed by the state. The absentee ballot application for those voters shall remain in effect for one (1) year unless revoked by the voter or the administrator of the facility has presented an absentee ballot request from the voter authorizing the administrator to receive absent ballot on behalf of the voter for that election.
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(b)(2)(A); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(b)(2)(c)

PUBLICATION DEADLINE AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE FOR THE PUBLIC TEST – GENERAL ELECTION

The county board shall give public notice of the time and place the test shall be given at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the public test by publication one (1) time in one (1) or more daily or one (1) weekly newspaper published in the town, city, or county using the machines.
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-515(c)(2)(A); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-611(b)(1)

October 15, 2018 – Monday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION (& ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD CONCURRENTLY ON NOVEMBER 6TH)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to conduct logic and accuracy testing by having all election media tested to ascertain that the voting system has been correctly configured and will correctly tabulate the votes casts for all offices and on all measures.
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-515(c)(1)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to conduct logic and accuracy testing by having all election media from each electronic vote tabulation device tested to ascertain that the devices will correctly tabulate the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-611(a)(2)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to conduct a public test of each voting system and electronic vote tabulation device. The county board shall give public notice of the time and place of the test at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the public test by publication one (1) time in one (1) or more daily or one (1)



weekly newspaper published in the town, city, or county. After completion of the logic & accuracy test and the public test, the county board of election commissioners shall certify the accuracy of the voting system by sending a copy of the electronic results to the Secretary of State and filing the test results with the county clerk.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-515(c)(2); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-611(b)

October 17, 2018 – Wednesday

NOT LESS THAN 20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to appoint a sufficient number of election officials for each polling site and other duties. Note: Deadline also applies to the Annual School Election if being held concurrently with the General Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-4-107(b)(1)

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to give first public notice of the following in a newspaper of general circulation in the county:

- The date of the election.
- The hours of voting on election day.
- The places and times for early voting.
- Polling sites for holding the elections in the county.
- The candidates and offices to be elected at that time.
- The time and location of the opening, processing, canvassing, and counting of ballots.
- The location where a list of appointed election official, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting can be found and the date the list is available.
 - Note: A person shall not serve as an election official, deputy county clerk, or additional deputy if the person is married to or related within the 2nd degree of consanguinity to a candidate running for office in the election and another person makes an objection to his or her service to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) within ten (10) calendar days after posting the list of officials.
- Directions for filing an objection to the service of an election official, deputy county clerk, or additional deputy.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(a)(1)(A-G); Act 798 of 2017

Deadline for Attorney General to prepare and transmit to the Secretary of State a concise abstract of the contents of each statewide initiative and referendum measure proposed under the Arkansas Constitution Amendment 7, Article 5 § 1.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-114(a)

PUBLICATION DATE FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION (IF HELD NOVEMBER 6TH)

Beginning date for the school board to publish notice for the school election. Notice must be published in a newspaper once a week for three weeks.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-109(a-b)

October 19, 2018 – Friday

18 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline for the Secretary of State to transmit a certified copy of the Attorney General’s Abstract to the county boards of election commissioners (CBEC), who shall cause copies to be printed and posted conspicuously at all polling places in the county.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-114(b)



Deadline for the Secretary of State to furnish the State Board of Election Commissioners and county board of election commissioners (CBEC) a certified copy of the ballot title and a popular name for each proposed measure and each referred act to be voted upon at the ensuing election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-115

October 22, 2018 – Monday

15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

Early voting begins for General Election between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday. Early voting ends at 5:00 pm on the Monday prior to the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-418(a)(1)

DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CLERKS TO MAIL NOTICE

Deadline for the county clerk to mail a notice of any changes made in polling sites used in the last election to each affected registered voter.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(d)(3)

BEGINNING OF PERIOD FOR DESIGNATED BEARER TO PICK UP ABSENTEE BALLOTS

First day for a designated bearer to pick up from the county clerks a maximum of two (2) absentee ballots for the General Election. Upon delivery of an absentee ballot to an individual authorized to receive an absentee ballot, the county clerk shall mark the precinct voter registration list to indicate that an absentee ballot has been delivered to the voter. *[Please refer to Act 1043 of 2011 for additional requirements needed when providing absentee ballots to designated bearers.]*

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-409(f-g); See also Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-403

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) or county clerk to prepare and post in a public place in the county clerk's office its list of appointed election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting. The list may appoint election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional hired to conduct early voting in the event of a runoff election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(b)(2); Act 798 of 2017

October 26, 2018 – Friday

10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to make publication of all of the nominations, proposed amendment to the Arkansas Constitution, and of all other measures and questions required by law to be submitted to the electors at any election by posting a list thereof at the door of the courthouse.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-206 [Recommended: posting prior to the beginning of early voting on October 22].

October 27, 2018 – Saturday

10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION

Beginning date for the school board to publish polling site locations for the Annual School Election (held November 6, 2018). Must be published no more than ten (10) days and no less than three (3) days before the Annual School Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-106(d)

October 30, 2018 – Tuesday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline for county clerk to receive absentee ballot applications by mail, fax, or electronic mail for the General Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(ii) and (vi)(a)



NO EARLIER THAN THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE ELECTION

First day the election officials can meet in a place designated by the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) for the purpose of opening the outer envelope, processing, and canvassing the absentee ballot paper work.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-416(a)(1); Act 790 of 2017

NOVEMBER 2018

November 1, 2018 – Thursday

5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to give second public notice of the following in a newspaper of general circulation in the county:

- The date of the election.
- The hours of voting on election day.
- The places and times for early voting.
- Polling sites for holding the elections in the county.
- The candidates and offices to be elected at that time.
- The time and location of the opening, processing, canvassing, and counting of ballots.
- The location where a list of appointed election official, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting can be found and the date the list is available.
 - Note: A person shall not serve as an election official, deputy county clerk, or additional deputy if the person is married to or related within the 2nd degree of consanguinity to a candidate running for office in the election and another person makes an objection to his or her service to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) within ten (10) calendar days after posting the list of officials.
- Directions for filing an objection to the service of an election official, deputy county clerk, or additional deputy.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(a)(1)(A-G); Act 798 of 2017

November 2, 2018 – Friday

4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline for the county clerk to receive county to county transfers of registered voters allowed to vote in the General Election.

Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 §10(b)(2)(A)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to change polling sites for General Runoff Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(d)(2)

November 3, 2018 – Saturday

3 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION (IF HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION)

Last day for the school board to publish polling sites for the Annual School Election. Must be published no more than ten (10) days and no less than three (3) days before the Annual School Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-106(d)

November 4, 2018 – Sunday*

30 DAYS TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline to register to vote to participate in the General Primary Runoff Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 § 9(b)



Deadline to apply to register to vote for the Annual School Runoff Election [if Annual School Election was held November 6, 2018].

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-106(d)

*[*This day falls on a weekend. Per Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, November 5, 2018, due to this statute.]*

November 5, 2018 – Monday

1 DAY PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

Last day for voter to participate in early voting. Early voting closes at 5:00 pm on the Monday before the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-418(a)(1)(A)

Deadline for county clerk to receive in-person applications for absentee ballots for the General Election from voter, designated bearer, or administrator is no later than the close of regular business hours on the day before the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(3)(A)(i), (iii), and (v)

Deadline for the voter to personally deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk is no later than the close of regular business hours on the day before the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(3)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to designate suitable person/persons to deliver ballots and necessary supplies to the polls. The suitable person/persons shall not be an elected official, an elected official's deputy, or a candidate.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-211(a)(1)(A-B)

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to deliver to the designated person/persons, for each set of poll workers at each polling site, the following additional election supplies, if applicable:

- A good and sufficient ballot box with numbered seals.
- Sufficient list-of-voters forms adequate to record the names of all registered voters who appear to vote in the polling site.
- A precinct voter registration list.
- Sufficient tally sheets.
- Envelopes to seal the ballots and certificates.
- Separate sheets containing blank forms of certificates prepared to enable the poll workers to properly certify the paper ballot count at the polling site.
- A blank form of oath to be taken by the poll workers before entering upon the discharge of their duties.
- Voter registration application forms for voters using fail-safe voting and other record-keeping supplies necessary to document fail-safe voting procedures.
- In those counties in which an optical scanner is used to count paper ballots, the marking instrument recommended by the manufacturer of the optical scanner for proper marking on the ballots.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-211(a)(2)(A-H)

November 6, 2018 – Tuesday

GENERAL ELECTION DAY (& ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH GENERAL ELECTION)

Polls open 7:30 am to 7:30 pm

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-102; Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-304(a); Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-102(a)(1)(A)(ii); Act 910 of 2017



County board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall post at each polling site:

- The public notice of the election.
- At least two (2) sample ballots marked with the word "SAMPLE" on each ballot style that will be at a polling site.
- Two (2) copies of the full text of measures on the ballot.
- At least two (2) copies of the instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on fail-safe voting.
- General information of voting rights including information on the right of an individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the appropriate officials if these rights have been violated.
- General information on federal and state laws regarding acts of fraud and misrepresentation.
- Double-sided two foot (2') by two foot (2') signs, each containing the words "VOTE HERE," and an arrow pointing to the polling site, shall be posted near each main driveway entrance to the polling site.
- One (1) printout from each voting machine, terminal, or ballot tabulator showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(c)(1-8); Act 798 of 2017

8:30 am – First time the election officials can meet for the purpose of opening the inner absentee ballot envelope and counting the absentee ballots.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-416(a)(1); Act 790 of 2017

1:30 pm – Deadline for delivery of application for an absentee ballot to the office of the county clerk by an authorized agent of the voter for the General Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(a)(3)A(iv)

7:30 pm – Deadline for county clerk to receive delivery of absentee ballots by mail (excluding overseas), or by hand-delivery from the designated bearer, administrator, or authorized agent of the absentee voter.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(A); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(2)

Deadline for qualified electors outside of the United States or active duty uniformed personnel to sign, date, postmark (not required for military), and mail absentee ballots to the county clerk. Must be received by the county clerk by 5:00 pm, ten (10) calendar days after the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)

Immediately after the polls close – Deadline for the poll workers to process returns and deliver all election materials and stub boxes from the polls to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC).

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-317; Act 621 of 2017

After the close of voting, the certified printout signed by poll workers, shall be returned to the county board and filed with the election returns.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-526

As results are received and tabulated on election night, the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall immediately transmit the results by precinct to the Secretary of State through the election night reporting interface provided that the Secretary of State and declare the preliminary and unofficial results of the election as soon as early voting, absentee, or individual precinct results are tabulated on election night.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701(a)(3)(A); Act 730 of 2017



On election night, immediately after the count of the vote is complete, the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall immediately transmit the results by precinct to the Secretary of State through the election night reporting interface provided by the Secretary of State and declare preliminary and unofficial results of the election, including a statement of the number of outstanding ballots of voters who requested ballots under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act and provisional ballots.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701(a)(3)(C); Act 730 of 2017

As soon as practical after the polls close – The county board of election commissioners shall report by precinct the initial count of early votes and absentee ballot votes to the Secretary of State as provided under § 7-5-701.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-416(a)(5)(B)(i); Act 790 of 2017

November 8, 2018 – Thursday

48 HOURS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION

The earliest time for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to meet to canvass the returns and certify the General Election results providing that there are no outstanding absentee ballots from overseas voters or armed services personnel serving in active status is no earlier than forty-eight (48) hours and no later than the 15th calendar day after the General Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701(a); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)

Unopposed candidates, other than candidates for mayor, governor, and circuit clerk, shall be separately declared and certified to the Secretary of State as elected in the same manner as if the candidate had been voted upon at the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701(a)(2); Act 730 of 2017

EARLIEST DATE – 48 HOURS TO 10 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION (IF HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION)

The earliest the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) may ascertain and declare results for the Annual School Election and file certification of election and one copy of the ballot with the county clerk is no earlier than forty-eight (48) hours and no later than the 10th calendar day after the Annual School Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(a)(1)

The county clerk of the county in which the school district is administered after receiving the certification of election form the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall file a certified copy of the certification of election with the county clerk of each county in which any part of the school district lies.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(b)

The county clerk or his or her designee shall deliver to the person having the highest number of legal votes: a certificate of election, notice of the requirement to all directors elected to an initial or nonconsecutive term that he or she must subscribe to the director's oath, the date that is ten (10) days later, within which to have the oath administered, a list of individuals qualified to give the oath under, a copy of the directors oath, notice that the individual shall be unable to assume the duties of a director until a copy of the administration of the oath is received by the county clerk or his or her designee.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(a)(2)



November 12, 2018 – Monday*

15 DAYS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) or county clerk to prepare and post in a public place in the county clerk’s office its lists of appointed election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting. The list may appoint election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting in the event of a runoff election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(b)(2); Act 798 of 2017

MONDAY FOLLOWING THE GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

12:00 Noon – Deadline for a voter, who voted a provisional ballot because of failure to provide verification of registration, to present a copy of a document or identification card to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) or the county clerk.

Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 13; Act 633 of 2017

*[*This day falls on a holiday. Per Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Tuesday, November 13, 2018, due to this statute.]*

November 14, 2018 – Wednesday

20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION (AND ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION IF HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to appoint a sufficient number of election officials for each polling site and other duties.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-4-107(b)(1)

November 16, 2018 – Friday

10 DAYS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION

5:00 pm – Deadline for absentee ballots of overseas voters or armed services personnel serving in active status to be received by the county clerk no later than 5:00 pm for the General Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i-ii)

10 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION (IF HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION)

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to ascertain and declare results for the Annual School Election and to file the certification of election and one copy of each ballot with the county clerk.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(a)(1)

****The county clerk of the county in which the school district is administered after receiving the certification of election from the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall file a certified copy of the certification of election with the county clerk of each county in which any part of the school district lies.****

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(b)

LATEST DATE AND DEADLINE – ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

The county clerk or his or her designee shall deliver to the person having the highest number of legal votes: a certificate of election, notice of the requirement to all directors elected to an initial or nonconsecutive term that he or she must subscribe to the director’s oath, the date that is ten (10) days later, within which to have the oath administered, a list of individuals qualified to give the oath under, a copy of the directors oath, notice that the individual shall be unable to assume the duties of a



director until a copy of the administration of the oath is received by the county clerk or his or her designee.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(a)(2)

November 18, 2018 – Sunday*

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF DIRECTOR’S OATH OF OFFICE (IF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION WAS HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION)

Deadline for submission of Director’s certificate of administration of the oath of office, and Commission of new directors of School Board elected at School Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-617(a)(1)

*[*This day falls on a weekend. Per Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, November 19, 2018, due to this statute.]*

November 19, 2018 – Monday

15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to prepare and post in a public place in the county clerk’s offices its list of appointed election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(b)(2); Act 798 of 2017

Deadline for the county clerk to mail a notice of any changes made in polling sites used in the last election to each affected registered voter.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(d)(3)

November 20, 2018 – Tuesday

PUBLICATION DEADLINE: AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE FOR THE PUBLIC TEST

The county board shall give public notice of the time and place the test shall be given at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the public test by publication one (1) time in one (1) or more daily or one (1) weekly newspapers published in the town, city, or county using the machines.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-515(c)(2)(A); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-611(b)(1)

ONE DAY AFTER RECEIPT OF OATH(S) OF OFFICE OF NEW DIRECTORS

County clerks must notify superintendent by phone of receipt of certification of administration of oath to new directors elected at Annual School Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-617(b)(2)

November 21, 2018 – Wednesday

15 DAYS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to certify election results to the Secretary of State.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701(a)(1)

November 22, 2018 – Thursday

5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION (& ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION IF HELD CONCURRENTLY)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to conduct logic and accuracy testing by having all election media tested to ascertain that the voting system has been correctly configured and will correctly tabulate the votes cast for all offices and all measures.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-515(c)(1); Act 164 of 2017

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to conduct logic and accuracy testing by having all election media from each electronic vote tabulation



device tested to ascertain that the devices will correctly tabulate the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-611(a)(2); Act 164 of 2017

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to conduct a public test of each voting system and electronic vote tabulation device. The county board shall give public notice of the time and place of the test at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the public test by publication one (1) time in one (1) or more daily or one (1) weekly newspaper published in the town, city, or county. After completion of the logic & accuracy test and the public test, the county board of election commissioners shall certify the accuracy of the voting system by sending a copy of the electronic results to the Secretary of State and filing the test results with the county clerk.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-515(c)(2)(A); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-611(c)

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(b)(1)

November 23, 2018 – Friday

WITHIN 5 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF OATH(S) OF OFFICE OF NEW DIRECTORS

County clerk must send Notice of Receipt of Certification of administration of oath of office for new school board directors to School District Central Office.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-617(b)(2)

10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to give first public notice of the following in a newspaper of general circulation in the county:

- Date of election.
- Hours of voting on election day.
- Places and times for early voting.
- Polling sites for holding the elections in the county.
- Candidates and offices to be elected at that time.
- Time and location of the opening, processing, canvassing, and counting of ballots.
- The location where a list of appointed election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting can be found and the date the list is available.
 - A person shall not serve as an election official, deputy county clerk, or additional deputy if the person is married to or related within the second degree or consanguinity to a candidate running for office in the election; and another person makes an objection to his or her service to the county board of election commissioners within ten (10) calendar days after posting the list of officials.
- Directions for filing objection to the service of an election official, deputy county clerk, or additional deputy.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(a)(1)(A-G); Act 798 of 2017

NO LATER THAN 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for CBEC to prepare and deliver absentee ballots to county clerk for mailing.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-407(b)

November 24, 2018 – Saturday

10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION (IF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION WAS HELD NOVEMBER 6TH)

Beginning date for the school board to publish polling site locations for the Annual School Runoff Election. Must be published no more than ten (10) days and no less than three (3) days before the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-106(d)



November 25, 2018 – Sunday*

19 DAYS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to deliver a certificate of election to the person having the highest number of legal votes for any county office.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701(a)(4); Act 730 of 2017

*[*This day falls on a weekend. Per Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, November 26, 2018, due to this statute.]*

November 27, 2018 – Tuesday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION

Early voting for the general runoff election shall be available to any qualified elector who applies to the county clerk during regular office hours, beginning seven (7) days before the election and ending on the day before the election day at the time the county clerk’s office regularly closes.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-418(a)(2)

First day for a designated bearer to pick up from the county clerk a maximum of two absentee ballots for the General Runoff Election. Upon delivery of an absentee ballot to an individual authorized to receive an absentee ballot, the county clerk shall mark the precinct voter registration list to indicate that an absentee ballot has been delivered to the voter. *[Please refer to Act 1043 of 2011 for additional requirements needed when providing absentee ballots to designated bearers.]*

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-409(f-g)

NO EARLIER THAN THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE ELECTION

First day the election officials can meet in a place designated by the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) for the purpose of opening the outer envelope, processing, and canvassing the absentee ballot paper work.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-416(a)(1); Act 790 of 2017

November 29, 2018 – Thursday

5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for second public notification by county board of election commissioners (CBEC) of information described in Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(a)(1); Act 798 of 2017 (see description requirements on November 24, 2018). Information may also be posted at each polling site.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(b)(1)

November 30, 2018 – Friday

4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for county clerk to receive county to county transfers of registered voters to vote in the General Runoff Election.

Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 § 10(b)(2)(A)

DECEMBER 2018

December 1, 2018 – Saturday

3 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION (IF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION WAS HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION)

Last date for the school board to publish polling site locations for the Annual School Runoff Election. Must be published no more than ten (10) days and no less than three (3) days before the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-106(d)



December 3, 2018 – Monday

1 DAY PRIOR TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION

Last day for voter to participate in early voting. Early voting closes at 5:00 pm on the Monday before the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-418(a)(1)(A)

Deadline for county clerk to receive applications for absentee ballots for the General Runoff Election from the voter, designated bearer, or administrator is no later than the close of regular business hours on the day before the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(i), (iii), and (v)

Deadline for the voter to personally deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk is no later than the close of regular business hours on the day before the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(3)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to designate suitable person/persons to deliver ballots and necessary supplies to the polls. The suitable person/persons shall not be an elected official, an elected official's deputy, or a candidate.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-211(a)(1)(A-B)

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to deliver to the designated person/persons, for each set of poll workers at each polling site, the following additional election supplies, if applicable:

- A good and sufficient ballot box with numbered seals.
- Sufficient list-of-voters forms adequate to record the names of all registered voters who appear to vote in the polling site.
- A precinct voter registration list.
- Sufficient tally sheets.
- Envelopes to seal the ballots and certificates.
- Separate sheets containing blank forms of certificates prepared to enable the poll workers to properly certify the paper ballot count at the polling site, upon which certificates shall be endorsed.
- A blank form of oath to be taken by poll workers before entering upon the discharge of their duties.
- Voter registration application forms for voters using fail-safe voting and other record-keeping supplies necessary to document fail-safe voting procedures.
- In those counties in which an optical scanner is used to count paper ballots, the marking instrument recommended by the manufacturer of the optical scanner for proper marking on the ballots.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-211(a)(2)(A-H)

December 4, 2018 – Tuesday

GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION [For county and municipal officers, excluding municipal officers or members of boards for a city manager form of government]

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-106; Act 1104 of 2017

Polls open 7:30 am to 7:30 pm.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-106; Ark. Code Ann. 7-5-304(a)

ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION (IF HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH GENERAL ELECTION)

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-121(a)(3); Act 910 of 2017



County board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall post at each polling site:

- The public notice of the election.
- At least two (2) sample ballots marked with the word "SAMPLE" on each ballot style that will be at a polling site.
- Two (2) copies of the full text of measures on the ballot.
- At least two (2) copies of the instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on fail-safe voting.
- General information of voting rights including information on the right of an individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the appropriate officials if these rights have been violated.
- General information on federal and state laws regarding acts of fraud and misrepresentation.
- Double-sided two foot (2') by two foot (2') signs, each containing the words "VOTE HERE," and an arrow pointing to the polling site, shall be posted near each main driveway entrance to the polling site.
- One (1) printout from each voting machine, terminal, or ballot tabulator showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(c)(1-8); Act 798 of 2017

8:30 am – First time the election officials can meet for the purpose of opening the inner absentee ballot envelope and counting the absentee ballots.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-416(a)(1); Act 790 of 2017

1:30 pm – Deadline for delivery of application for an absentee ballot to the office of the county clerk by an authorized agent of the voter for the General Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(a)(3)A(iv)

7:30 pm – Deadline for county clerk to receive delivery of absentee ballots by mail (excluding overseas), or by hand-delivery from the designated bearer, administrator, or authorized agent of the absentee voter.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(A); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(2)

Immediately after the polls close – Deadline for the poll workers to process returns and deliver all election materials and stub boxes from the polls to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC).

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-317; Act 621 of 2017

After the close of voting, the certified printout signed by poll workers, shall be returned to the county board and filed with the election returns.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-526

As results are received and tabulated on election night, the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall immediately transmit the results by precinct to the Secretary of State through the election night reporting interface provided that the Secretary of State and declare the preliminary and unofficial results of the election as soon as early voting, absentee, or individual precinct results are tabulated on election night.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701(a)(3)(A); Act 730 of 2017

On election night, immediately after the count of the vote is complete, the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall immediately transmit the results by precinct to the Secretary of State through the election night reporting interface provided by the Secretary of State and declare preliminary and unofficial results of the election, including a statement of the number of outstanding ballots of voters who



requested ballots under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act and provisional ballots.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701(a)(3)(C); Act 730 of 2017

As soon as practical after the polls close – The county board of election commissioners shall report by precinct the initial count of early votes and absentee ballot votes to the Secretary of State as provided under § 7-5-701.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-416(a)(5)(B)(i); Act 790 of 2017

December 6, 2018 – Thursday

48 HOURS AFTER THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION

The earliest time for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to meet to canvass the returns and certify the General Runoff Election results providing that there are no outstanding absentee ballots from overseas voters or armed services personnel serving in active status is no earlier than forty-eight (48) hours and no later than the 15th calendar day after the General Runoff Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701(a); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)

48 HOURS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION (IF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION WAS HELD NOVEMBER 6TH)

The earliest the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) may ascertain and declare results for the school board election and file the certification of election and one (1) copy of the ballot with the county clerk is no earlier than forty-eight (48) hours and no later than the tenth (10th) calendar day after the Annual School Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(a)

EARLIEST DATE – 48 HOURS TO 10 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION: NOTICE FROM CLERK TO CANDIDATES

The county clerk or his or her designee shall deliver to the person having the highest number of legal votes: a certificate of election, notice of the requirement to all directors elected to an initial or nonconsecutive term that he or she must subscribe to the director’s oath, the date that is ten (10) days later, within which to have the oath administered, a list of individuals qualified to give the oath under, a copy of the directors oath, notice that the individual shall be unable to assume the duties of a director until a copy of the administration of the oath is received by the county clerk or his or her designee.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(a)(1)

The county clerk of the county in which the school district is administered after receiving the certification of election form the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall file a certified copy of the certification of election with the county clerk of each county in which any part of the school district lies.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(b)

December 10, 2018 – Monday

MONDAY FOLLOWING THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION

12:00 Noon – Deadline for a voter, who voted a provisional ballot because of failure to provide verification of registration, to present a copy of a document or identification card to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) or the county clerk.

Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 13; Act 633 of 2017

December 14, 2018 – Friday

10 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION (IF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION WAS HELD NOVEMBER 6TH)

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to ascertain and declare the results and file the certification of annual school runoff election and one (1) of the ballots with the county clerk.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(a)(1)



LATEST DATE – 48 HOURS TO 10 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION: NOTICE FROM CLERK TO SCHOOL ELECTION CANDIDATES

The county clerk or his or her designee shall deliver to the person having the highest number of legal votes: a certificate of election, notice of requirement for all directors elected to an initial or nonconsecutive term that he or she must subscribe to the director’s oath, the date that is ten (10) days later, within which to have the oath administered, a list of individuals qualified to give the oath under, a copy of the directors oath, notice that the individual shall be unable to assume the duties of director until a copy of the administration of the oath is received by the county clerk or his or her designee.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(a)(2)

The county clerk of the county in which the school district is administered after receiving the certification of annual school runoff election from the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall file a certified copy of the certification of election with the county clerk of each county in which any part of the school district lies.*

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(b)

December 16, 2018 – Sunday*

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF DIRECTOR’S OATH OF OFFICE – SCHOOL RUNOFF

Deadline for submission of Director’s certificate of administration of the oath of office, and Commission of new directors of School board elected at School Runoff Election (December 4, 2018).

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-617]

*[*This day falls on a weekend. Per Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed is extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, December 17, 2018, due to this statute.]*

December 18, 2018 – Tuesday

ONE DAY AFTER RECEIPT OF OATH(S) OF OFFICE OF NEW DIRECTORS – SCHOOL RUNOFF

County clerks must notify superintendent by phone of receipt of certification of administration of oath to new directors elected at Annual School Runoff Election (December 4, 2018).

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-617(b)(2)

December 19, 2018 – Wednesday

15 DAYS AFTER THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to certify election results to the county clerk, mayor of the municipality, or city clerk or recorder.

*Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701; Ark. Code Ann. § 14-43-304(b)(1)***

*[**Conflict noted: Ark. Code Ann. § 14-43-304 (Seven day certification for certain municipal offices): effectively replaced by newer law so seven day time limit is no longer effective law.]*

15 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION (IF HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION)

Deadline for county clerk to submit a certified copy of the certification of election and a copy of the ballot to the Commissioner of Education.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(c)



WITHIN ONE DAY OF RECEIPT – SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION

By the close of business day following the receipt of the certification of the administration of oath, the county clerk or his or her designee shall notify the superintendent of the school district by phone that the individual has subscribed to the director's oath.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-617(b)(2)

December 21, 2018 – Friday

WITHIN 5 DAYS OF RECEIPT – SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION (IF HELD DECEMBER 4TH)

County clerk must send Notice of Receipt of Certification of administration of oath of office for new school board directors elected in School Runoff Election, to School District Central Office.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-617(b)(2)

****All deadlines and requirements shall be provided for by the election laws of this State.****

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