

STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

A PROCLAMATION CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR DISTRICT 36 AND SETTING ELECTION-RELATED DEADLINES

WHEREAS: Representative Charles Blake, Arkansas State Representative for District 36, resigned from his post effective Friday, May 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS: The resignation of Representative Blake has created a vacancy in the office of State Representative for District 36 of the Arkansas House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS: In such circumstance, Arkansas law requires that I set the date for a special election to fill the vacancy, as well as other election-related deadlines and requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim as follows:

1. A special election shall be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the office of State Representative for District 36.
2. A special primary election for all eligible political parties shall be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019.
3. If required, a special primary runoff election shall be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.
4. The period for filing for candidacy as a party candidate with the Secretary of State's Office shall commence at 12:00 noon on Monday, June 3, 2019, and end at 12:00 noon on Friday, June 7, 2019.
5. Certificates of nomination shall be issued by parties no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, September 6, 2019, and candidates shall file the certificates of nomination by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, September 6, 2019.
6. Independent candidates for the special election, if any, must submit their notices of candidacy, political practices pledges, affidavits of eligibility and petitions to the Office of the Secretary of State, in Little Rock, no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, June 7, 2019. Petitions in support of independent candidates may be circulated from Thursday, May 30, 2019, through 12:00 noon on Friday, June 7, 2019. The number of signatures required on the petition shall be reduced proportionately pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-103(b)(5).
7. Write-in candidates for the special election must file notices of candidacy, political practices pledges, and affidavits of eligibility for office, no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, June 7, 2019. Write-in candidates must also notify the county boards of election commissioners of their intent to run in the special election, in writing, by 12:00 noon Friday, September 6, 2019.

8. Drawing for ballot position for the special primary election shall occur on or before Wednesday, June 12, 2019.
9. Drawing for ballot position for the special election shall occur on or before Wednesday, September 11, 2019.
10. The results of the special primary election shall be certified by the county boards of election commissioners on or before Friday, August 16, 2019.
11. The results of the special election shall be certified by the county boards of election commissioners on or before Wednesday, November 20, 2019.
12. All other deadlines and requirements not provided for in this proclamation shall be as provided for by the election laws of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 29th day of May, in the year of our Lord 2019.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



John Thurston, Secretary of State