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# 2012 ELECTION DATES

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| Municipal Party Primary Election | |
| Annual School Board Election | |
| General Election | |

**AUGUST 14, 2012**

- Municipal Party Primary Election *A.C.A. § 14-48-109(a)(2)(B)*
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday July 15, 2012*
  - Actual deadline is Monday, July 16, 2012

*A.C.A. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51*

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2012**

- Annual School Board Election *A.C.A. § 6-14-102(a)(1)*
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, August 19, 2012*
  - Actual deadline is Monday, August 20, 2012

*A.C.A. § 6-14-108; A.C.A. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51*

**OCTOBER 9, 2012**

- Annual School Board Runoff Election *A.C.A. § 6-14-121*
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, September 9, 2012*
  - Actual deadline is Monday, September 10, 2012

*A.C.A. § 6-14-108; A.C.A. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51*

**NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

- General Election *A.C.A. §7-5-102*
- Nonpartisan Judicial Runoff Election *A.C.A. § 7-10-102(c)(2)*
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, October 7, 2012*
  - Actual deadline is Tuesday, October 9, *2012 (Monday, Oct. 8 - Columbus Day)**

*A.C.A. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51*

**NOVEMBER 27, 2012**

- General Runoff Election (County and Municipal) A.C.A. § 7-5-106
  - In case of a tie for certain state or township offices
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, October 28, 2012*
  - Actual deadline is Monday October 29, 2012

*A.C.A. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51*

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

## 2012 ELECTIONS

Municipal Party Primary Election (City Administrator Form of Government Only), August 14, 2012
Annual School Election, September 18, 2012
Annual School Runoff Election, October 9, 2012
General Election, November 6, 2012
General Runoff Election, November 27, 2012

**JULY 2012**

**July 3, 2012 – Tuesday**

**77 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**

First day a candidate filing by petition can file a petition of candidacy, the political practice pledge and the affidavit of eligibility with the county clerk. Filing continues for a one week period and ends at 12:00 noon, 70 days before the Annual School Election.
*A.C.A. § 6-14-111(e), As amended by Act 1185 of 2011*

First day a write-in candidate can file a notice of intent to be a candidate, a political practice pledge, and an affidavit of eligibility with the county clerk. Filing continues for a one week period and ends at 12:00 noon, 70 days before the Annual School Election.
*A.C.A. § 6-14-111(g), As amended by Act 1185 of 2011*

**July 4, 2012 – Wednesday***

**30 DAYS PRIOR TO BALLOT DELIVERY (BEGINNING OF THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION)**

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to change precinct lines for the Annual School Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-101(d)*

***[*This day falls on a holiday. Per A.C.A. § 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 2012, due to this statute.]***

**July 6, 2012 – 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.
*Arkansas Constitution Amendment 7, Codified of Article 5, Section 1*

**July 10, 2012 – Tuesday**

**70 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**

**12:00 Noon –** D***eadline for a candidate filing by petition to file a petition of candidacy, affidavit of eligibility and political practice pledge with the county clerk for the Annual School Election.***
***A.C.A. § 6-14-111(e), As amended by Act 1185 of 2011***

**12:00 Noon –** Deadline for write-in candidates to file a 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.
*A.C.A. § 6-14-111(g),* ***As amended by Act 1185 of 2011***

**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.
*A.C.A. § 6-14-111(i)(2)*

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, the notice of the public meeting for ballot draw of candidates for the Annual School Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-207(c)(2)*

**July 11, 2012 – Wednesday**

**DAY AFTER DEADLINE TO FILE BY PETITION**
Deadline for county clerk to certify to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) the list of candidates who have qualified for ballot access by petition for the Annual School Election.
*A.C.A. § 6-14-111(i)(1)*

**July 13, 2012 – Friday**

**67 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**
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 names will appear on the ballot.
*A.C.A. § 6-14-111(j), As amended by Act 1185 of 2011*

**July 15, 2012 – Sunday ***

**30 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 change polling sites for the Municipal Primary Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-101(b)(2)*

Deadline to apply to register to vote in the Municipal Primary Election.
*A.C.A. § 6-14-108; A.C.A. § 7-5-201(a), Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 § 9(b)*

***[*This day falls on a weekend. Per A.C.A. § 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, 2012, due to this statute.]***

**July 16, 2012 – Monday**

Deadline for school board candidates to file a Statement of Financial Interest form (unless filed by an incumbent office holder by January 31, 2012).
*A.C.A. § 21-8-701(c)(1)(A)*

**July 20, 2012 – Friday**

**60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION/ 25 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT.**
Deadline for county clerks to make available applications for absentee ballots for the Annual School Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-405(a)(1)*

First day for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to demonstrate voting machines for the Municipal Primary Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-509(b)*

**July 24, 2012 – Tuesday**

Deadline for county clerk to notify each school board candidate, by mail, of filing deadlines for pre-election and final reports. Notice must include appropriate forms and instructions.
*A.C.A. § 7-6-208(b)(3)(A)*

**July 25, 2012 – 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.
*A.C.A. § 7-4-107(b)(1)*

**July 27, 2012 – 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 10 days.
*A.C.A. § 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.
*A.C.A. § 14-47-110(a)(2), As amended by Act 1185 of 2011*

**July 29, 2012 – Sunday***

**100 DAYS PRIOR TO GENERAL ELECTION**
Deadline for the 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 the ballot for the General Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-7-203(h)(2)(A), As amended by Act 1185 of 2011*

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.
*A.C.A. § 7-7-203(h)(1)(A)*

***[*This day falls on a weekend. Per A.C.A. § 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, 2012, due to this statute.]***

***July 30, 2012 – 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.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-409(f)*

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to prepare and post in a public place in the county clerk's office its list of election officials appointed to work in the Municipal Primary Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-202(b)(2)*

***July 31, 2012 – 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 have each voting machine tested to ascertain that the voting system or the electronic vote tabulating device will correctly count the votes for all offices.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-515(c)(1); A.C.A. § 7-5-611(a)(2)*

**AUGUST 2012**

**August 2, 2012 – Thursday**

**47 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk for mailing to all qualified applicants.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-407(a)(1), As amended by Act 1185 of 2011*

**August 3, 2012 – Friday**

**46 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**

Deadline for county clerk to deliver ballots to those absentee voters who made timely application under the law A.C.A. **§** 7-5-406.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-407(a)(2), As amended by Act 1185 of 2011*

**August 4, 2012 – Saturday**

**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 demonstrate the voting machines for the Municipal Primary Election. Machines must be demonstrated not more than 25 days prior and not less than 10 days before the election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-509(b)*

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

- Date of the election.
- Hours of voting on election day.
- 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.
- Candidates and offices to be elected at that time.
- Time and location of the opening, processing, canvassing, and counting of ballots.

*A.C.A. § 7-5-202(a)(1–6); A.C.A. § 7-5-101(d)(3)*

**August 6, 2012 – Monday**

**FIRST MONDAY OF AUGUST OF THE GENERAL ELECTION YEAR**

**12:00 Noon –** Deadline for a political group to have the names of its candidates for President and Vice President printed on the ballot to file a petition with the Secretary of State. The petition shall contain at the time of filing the names of 1,000 qualified electors of the state declaring their desire to have printed on the ballot the names of their candidate for President and Vice President. The Secretary of State shall verify the sufficiency of the petition within 10 days from the filing of the petition. The deadline is August 16, 2012.
*A.C.A. § 7-8-302(5)(B)*

**12:00 Noon –** Deadline for persons desiring to have their names printed on the ballot as independent candidates for President and Vice President printed on the ballot to file a petition with the Secretary of State. The petition shall contain at the time of filing the names of 1,000 qualified electors of the state declaring their desire to have printed on the ballot the names of the persons desiring their names to be printed on the ballot as independent candidates for President and Vice President. The Secretary of State shall verify the sufficiency of the petition within 10 days from the filing of the petition. The deadline is August 16, 2012.
*A.C.A. § 7-8-302(6)(A)*

**August 7, 2012 – Tuesday**

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

Early voting begins for the Municipal Primary Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-418(a)(2)*

Deadline for county clerk to receive absentee ballot applications by mail or electronic means for the Municipal Primary Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(2)(ii) and (vi)(a), As amended by Act 1188 of 2011.*

**August 8, 2012 – Wednesday**

**90 DAYS PRIOR TO GENERAL ELECTION**

Deadline for the 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 the certificates with the Secretary of State.
*A.C.A. § 7-7-203(h)(1)(B)(i)*

Deadline for each county committee of each political party to issue the certified list on behalf of those nominated candidates and submit the certified list to the county clerk.
*A.C.A. § 7-7-203(h)(2)(B)(i), As amended by Act 1185 of 2011*

**August 10, 2012 – 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.
*Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51, § 10(b)(2)(A)*

**August 13, 2012 – 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.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(2)(A)(i)*

Deadline for the voter to personally deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk no later than close of regular business hours.
*A.C.A. § 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.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-211(a)(1)(A – B)*

Last day for voter to participate in early voting. Early voting closes at 5:00 p.m. on the Monday before the election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-418*

**August 14, 2012 – Tuesday**

**MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT**

Polls open 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-304*

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

- The public notice of the election.
- At least two sample ballots marked with the word "SAMPLE" of each ballot style that will be used at the polling site.
- Two copies of the full text of measures on the ballot.
- At least two copies of the 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 have been violated.
- General information on federal and state laws regarding acts of fraud and misrepresentation.
- Double-sided signs containing the words "VOTE HERE" near each main driveway entrance to the polling site.
- One printout from each voting machine showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

*A.C.A. § 7-5-202(c)(1–8)*

**1:30 p.m. –** Deadline for delivery of application for an absentee ballot by an authorized agent of the voter.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(2)(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 p.m. 10 calendar days after the election. *A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)*

**7:30p.m. –** Deadline for the county clerk to receive delivery of the ballots by mail (excluding overseas or active status military), or hand delivered by the designated bearer, administrator or authorized agent of the voter.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(A); A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(2)*

**Immediately after the polls close--** Deadline for the poll workers to process returns and deliver all election materials from the polls to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC).
*A.C.A. § 7-5-317(a–b)*

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 absentee ballots.
*A.C.A. § 14-48-109(a)(6)(C)(ii)(b)*

**August 16, 2012 – Thursday**

**10 DAYS AFTER THE FILING OF PETITIONS FROM INDEPENDENTS AND POLITICAL GROUPS/ 48 HOURS AFTER THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT**

Deadline for the Secretary of State to verify the sufficiency of the petitions filed from political groups stating their desire to have printed on the ballot the names of their candidate for President and Vice President.
*A.C.A. § 7-8-302(5)(B)*

Deadline for the Secretary of State to verify the sufficiency of the petitions filed from independent candidates stating their desire to have their names to be printed on the ballot as independent candidates for President and Vice President.
*A.C.A. § 7-8-302(6)(A)*

The earliest time for the county board of election commissioners to meet to canvass returns and certify the Municipal Primary Election results providing that there are no outstanding overseas absentee ballots.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-701(a)(1)*

**August 17, 2012 –Friday**
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**81 DAYS PRIOR TO GENERAL ELECTION**

Deadline for petitions for delegates to a constitutional convention to be filed with the Secretary of State.
*A.C.A. § 7-9-304(c), As amended by Act 1185 of 2011*

**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 10 days.
*A.C.A. § 14-42-206(b)(1)*

**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.
*A.C.A.§ 14-47-110(a)(2), As amended by Act 1185 of 2011*

**August 19, 2012 – Sunday***

**30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to change polling sites for the Annual School Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-101(b)(2)*

Deadline to apply to register to vote in the Annual School Election.
*A.C.A. § 6-14-108; A.C.A. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 § 9(b)*

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.
*A.C.A. § 6-14-113(c)*

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**August 20, 2012 – Monday**

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.
*A.C.A. § 21-8-701(c)(1)(A); A.C.A. § 21-8-703(a)(3)*

**August 22, 2012 – Wednesday**

**30 DAYS PRIOR TO BALLOT DELIVERY (BEGINNING OF THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION)**

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to change precinct lines for the November General Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-101(d)*

**August 23, 2012 – Thursday**

**75 DAYS PRIOR TO GENERAL ELECTION**

**12:00 Noon –** Deadline for a political group that qualifies by petition to place its candidate on the ballot to submit a certificate of choice stating the name of its candidates for President and Vice President, signed under oath by either the chair, vice chair, or secretary of the political group's convention.
*A.C.A. § 7-8-302(5)(D)*

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.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-203(b)(1), As amended by Act 1185 of 2011*

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.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-203(a)(1), As amended by Act 1185 of 2011*

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 governments.
*A.C.A. § 14-47-110(a)(3)(D)(i); A.C.A. § 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 board of election commissioners (CBEC) of each county.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-204(a), As amended by Act 1185 of 2011*

Deadline for the Secretary of State to certify the names of all candidates and the position they are seeking in the constitutional convention to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) of the counties in the respective House districts.
*A.C.A. § 7-9-304(c), As amended by Act 1185 of 2011*

Deadline for public notice of ballot draw. Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to give notice of the public meeting by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county at least three days before the drawing.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-207(c)(2)*

**August 24, 2012 – Friday**

**25 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION/ 10 DAYS AFTER THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY ADMINSTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT**

First day for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to demonstrate voting machines for the Annual School Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-509(b)*

**5:00 p.m. –** 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 p.m. for the Municipal Primary Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)*

**August 26, 2012 – Sunday**

**72 DAYS PRIOR TO GENERAL ELECTION**

Deadline for ballot draw - The order in which the names of the respective candidates shall appear on the ballot shall be determined by lot at a public meeting of the county board of election commissioners (CBEC).
*A.C.A. § 7-5-207(c)(1), As amended by Act 1185 of 2011*

***August 29, 2012 – Wednesday***

***20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION***

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.
*A.C.A. § 6-14-109(a); A.C.A. § 6-14-109(b)*

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to appoint a sufficient number of election officials for the Annual School Election. *A.C.A. § 7-4-107(b)(1)*

**SEPTEMBER 2012**

**September 2, 2012 – Sunday**

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to provide public notice of L&A testing, if testing is held on Tuesday, September 4, 2012. Public notice must be given at least 48 hours prior to testing, by publication one time in one or more daily or weekly newspapers published in the town, city or county using the machines.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-515(c)(2); A.C.A. 7-5-611(a)(3)*

**September 3, 2012 – Monday***

**15 DAYS PRIOR TO ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**
First day for designated bearer to pick up a ballot for the Annual School Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-409(f)*

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to prepare and post in a public place in the county clerk's office its list of election officials appointed to work in the Annual School Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-202(b)(2)*

***[*This day falls on a holiday. Per A.C.A. § 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, September 4, 2012, due to this statute.]***

**September 4, 2012 – Tuesday**

**7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**
Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to conduct L&A testing. Each voting machine must be tested to ascertain that the voting system or the electronic vote tabulating device will correctly count the votes for all offices.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-515(c)(1); A.C.A. § 7-5-611(a)(2)*

**September 7, 2012 – Friday**

**60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION**
Deadline for county clerks to make available applications for absentee ballots for the General Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-405(a)(1)*

**September 8, 2012 – Saturday**

**10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**
Beginning date for the school board to publish polling site locations for the Annual School Election. Must be published no more than 10 days and no less than 3 days before the Annual School Election.
*A.C.A. § 6-14-106(d)*

Last day to demonstrate voting machines for the Annual School Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-509(b)*

**September 9, 2012 – Sunday***

**30 DAYS PRIOR TO ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION**
Deadline to apply to register to vote for the Annual School Runoff Election.
*A.C.A. § 6-14-108; A.C.A. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 § 9(b)*

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**September 11, 2012 – Tuesday**

**7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**

Early voting begins for the Annual School Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-418(a)(2)*

Deadline for county clerk to receive absentee ballot applications by mail or electronic means for the Annual School Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(2)(A)(ii) and (vi)(a), As Amended by Act 1188 of 2011*

**September 14, 2012 – Friday**

**4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**

Deadline for the county clerk to receive county to county transfers of registered voters.
*Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 §10(b)(2)(A)*

**September 15, 2012 – Saturday**

**3 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**

Last day for the school board to publish polling sites for the Annual School Election. Must be published no more than 10 days and no less than 3 days before the Annual School Election.
*A.C.A. § 6-14-106(d)*

**September 17, 2012 – Monday**

**1 DAY PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**

Deadline for county clerks to receive applications for absentee ballots (in person) by a designated bearer, administrator, or voter for the Annual School Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(2)(A)(i), (iii), and (v)*

Deadline for a voter to deliver a ballot to the county clerk not later than the close of regular business hours.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(3)*

Deadline for a voter to participate in early voting for the Annual School Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-418(a)(2)*

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to select and deliver ballots to a suitable person/persons for delivery to polling sites.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-211(a)(1)(A)*

**September 18, 2012 – Tuesday**

**ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**

Polls open 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-304(a)*

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

- The public notice of the election.
- At least two sample ballots marked with the word "SAMPLE" of each ballot style that will be used at the polling site.
- Two copies of the full text of measures on the ballot.

- At least two copies of the 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 have been violated.
- General information on federal and state laws regarding acts of fraud and misrepresentation.
- Double-sided signs containing the words "VOTE HERE" near each main driveway entrance to the polling site.
- One printout from each voting machine showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

*A.C.A. § 7-5-202(c)(1–8)*

**1:30 p.m. –** Deadline for delivery of application for an absentee ballot by an authorized agent of the voter for the Annual School Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(2)(A)(iv)*

**7:30 p.m. –** Deadline for the 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 voter.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(A); A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(2)*

**Immediately after the polls close--** Deadline for the poll workers to process returns and deliver all election materials from the polls to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC).
*A.C.A. § 7-5-317(a–b)*

County board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall declare and report to the county clerk the preliminary and unofficial results of the Annual School Election including a statement of outstanding overseas absentee ballots.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-701(a)(2)(A)*

**September 19, 2012 – Wednesday**

**20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION**
Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to appoint election officials for the Annual School Runoff Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-4-107(b)*

**September 20, 2012 – Thursday**

**47 DAYS PRIOR TO GENERAL ELECTION/ 48 HOURS AFTER ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**
Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk for mailing to all qualified applicants.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-407(a)(1), As amended by Act 1185 of 2011*

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

one copy of the ballot with the county clerk is no earlier than 48 hours and no later than the 10th calendar day after the Annual School Election.
*A.C.A. § 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. ****
*A.C.A. § 6-14-115 (b)*

**September 21, 2012 – Friday**

**46 DAYS PRIOR TO GENERAL ELECTION**
Deadline for county clerk to deliver ballots to those absentee voters who made timely application under the law A.C.A. **§** 7-5-406.
*A.C.A § 7-5-407(a)(2), As amended by Act 1185 of 2011*

**September 24, 2012 – Monday**

**15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION**
Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to prepare and post in a public place in the county clerk's office its list of election officials appointed to work in the Annual School Runoff Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-202(b)(2)*

**September 28, 2012 – Friday**

**10 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**
**5:00 p.m. –** Deadline for absentee ballots from armed services personnel serving in active status and overseas voters to be received by the county clerk.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i–ii)*

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.
*A.C.A. § 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.****
*A.C.A. § 6-14-115 (b)*

**September 29, 2012 – Saturday***

**10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION**
Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk for the Annual School Runoff Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-407(b)*

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to demonstrate voting machines for the Annual School Runoff Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-509(b)*

Beginning date for the school board to publish polling site locations for the Annual School Runoff Election. Must be published no more than 10 days and no less than 3 days before the election.
*A.C.A. § 6-14-106(d)*

***[*This day falls on a weekend. Per A.C.A. § 7-1-108, any deadline falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, October 1, 2012, due to this statute.]***

**October 2, 2012 – Tuesday**

**7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION**
Early voting begins for the Annual School Runoff Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-418(a)(2)*

Deadline for county clerks to receive absentee ballot applications by mail or electronic means for the Annual School Runoff Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a), As amended by Act 1188 of 2011*

**October 3, 2012 – Wednesday**

**15 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL 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.
*A.C.A. § 6-14-115(c)*

**October 5, 2012 – Friday**

**4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION**
Deadline for the county clerk to receive county to county transfers of registered voters.
*Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 § 10(2)(A)*

**October 6, 2012 – Saturday**

**3 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION**
Last date for the school board to publish polling site locations for the Annual School Runoff Election. Must be published no more than 10 days and no less than 3 days before the election.
*A.C.A. § 6-14-106(d)*

**October 7, 2012 – Sunday***

**30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION/ 19 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**
Deadline to apply to register to vote in the General Election.
*A.C.A § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 § 9(b)*

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to change polling sites for the General Election.
*A.C.A § 7-5-101(d)(2)*

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to deliver certificates of elections to the winning candidates of the Annual School Election, if no runoff is required.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-701(a)(3)*

***[*This day falls on a weekend. Per A.C.A. § 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, 2012, due to Monday being a legal holiday. ]***

**October 8, 2012 – Monday***

**1 DAY PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION**

Deadline for county clerks to receive applications for absentee ballots from a designated bearer, administrator, or voter for the Annual School Runoff Election.
A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(2)(A)(i), (iii), and (v)

Deadline for a voter to deliver a ballot in person to the county clerk is no later than the close of regular business hours.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(3)*

Deadline for a voter to participate in early voting for the Annual School Runoff Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-418(a)(2)*

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to select and deliver ballots to a suitable person/persons for delivery to polling sites.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-211(a)(1)(A)*

***[*This day falls on Columbus Day.]***

**October 9, 2012 – Tuesday**

**ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION**

Polls open 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-304*

Three weeks following the Annual School Election
*A.C.A. § 6-14-121(a)(3)*

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

- The public notice of the election.
- At least two sample ballots marked with the word "SAMPLE" of each ballot style that will be used at the polling site.
- Two copies of the full text of measures on the ballot.
- At least two copies of the 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 have been violated.
- General information on federal and state laws regarding acts of fraud and misrepresentation.
- Double-sided signs containing the words "VOTE HERE" near each main driveway entrance to the polling site.
- One printout from each voting machine showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

*A.C.A. § 7-5-202(c)(1–8)*

**1:30 p.m. –** Deadline for delivery of application for an absentee ballot by an authorized agent of the voter for the Annual School Runoff Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(2)(A)(iv)*

**7:30 p.m. –** Deadline for the county clerk to receive delivery of the ballots by mail (excluding overseas), the designated bearer, administrator or authorized agent of the voter for the Annual School Runoff Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(A); A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(2)*

**Immediately after the polls close--** Deadline for the poll workers to process returns and deliver all election materials from the polls to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC).
*A.C.A. § 7-5-317(a–b)*

County board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall declare and report to the county clerk the preliminary and unofficial results of the Annual School Runoff Election including a statement of outstanding overseas absentee ballots.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-701(a)(2)(A)*

**October 11, 2012 – Thursday**

**48 HOURS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION**

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 copy of the ballot with the county clerk is no earlier than 48 hours and no later than the 10th calendar day after the Annual School Run Off Election.
*A.C.A. § 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. ********
*A.C.A. § 6-14-115 (b)*

**October 12, 2012 – Friday**

**25 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION**

First day for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to demonstrate voting machines for the General Election. Arkansas law requires that the machines must be demonstrated not more than 25 days and not less than 10 days before the election. The final day to demonstrate machines will be Saturday, October 27, 2012*.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-509(b)*

***[*This day falls on a weekend. Per A.C.A. § 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 29, 2012, due to this statute.]***

**October 15, 2012 – Monday**

**7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING**

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to have each voting machine tested to ascertain that the voting system or the electronic vote tabulating device will correctly count the votes for all offices.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-515(c)(1); A.C.A. § 7-5-611(a)(2)*

**October 17, 2012 – Wednesday**

**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.
*A.C.A. § 7-4-107(b)(1)*

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

- Date of the 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.

*A.C.A. § 7-5-202(a)(1–6)*

Deadline for the 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.
*A.C.A. § 7-9-114(a)*

**October 19, 2012 – Friday**

**18 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION/ 10 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF 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.
*A.C.A. § 7-9-114(b)*

Deadline for the Secretary of State to furnish the State Board of Election Commissioners and county boards of election commissioners (CBEC) a certified copy of the ballot title and popular name for each proposed measure and each referred act to be voted upon at the ensuing election.
*A.C.A. § 7-9-115*

Deadline for the county clerk to receive absentee ballots from overseas voters and uniformed services personnel serving in active duty for the Annual School Runoff Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i)(ii)*

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to ascertain and declare the results and file the certification of election and one of the ballots with the county clerk.
*A.C.A. § 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.****
*A.C.A. § 6-14-115 (b)*

**October 22, 2012 – Monday**

**15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION**

Early voting begins for the General Election between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Early voting ends at 5:00 pm on the Monday prior to the election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-418(a)(1)(A)*
Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to prepare and post in a public place in the county clerk's office its list of appointed election officials.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-202(b)(2)*

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.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-101(d)(3)*

First day for a designated bearer to pick up from the county clerk a maximum of two 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.]*
*A.C.A. § 7-5-409(f–g)*

**October 24, 2012 – Wednesday**

**15 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL 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.
*A.C.A. § 6-14-115(c)*

**October 27, 2012 – Saturday**

**10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION**

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to demonstrate the voting machines for the General Election. Machines must be demonstrated not more than 25 days prior and not less than 10 days before the election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-509(b)*

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to make publication of all of the nominations, proposed amendments 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.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-206*

**October 28, 2012 – Sunday***

**19 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION/ 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION**

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to deliver certificates of elections to the winning candidates of the Annual School Runoff Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-701(a)(3)*

Deadline to apply to register to vote in the General Runoff Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 § 9(b)*

***[*This day falls on a weekend. Per A.C.A. §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 29, 2012, due to this statute.]***

**October 30, 2012 – Tuesday**

**7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION**

Deadline for the county clerk to receive absentee ballot applications by mail, fax or electronic mail for the General Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(2)(A)(ii) and (vi)(a), As amended by Act 1188 of 2011*

**NOVEMBER 2012**

**November 1, 2012 – Thursday**

**5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION**

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

- Date of the 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 information may also be posted at each polling site.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-202(a)*

**November 2, 2012 – Friday**

**4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION**

Deadline for the county clerk to receive county to county transfers of registered voters.
*Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 § 10*

**November 5, 2012 – Monday**

**1 DAY PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION**

Last day for voter to participate in early voting. Early voting closes at 5:00 p.m. on the Monday before the election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-418(a)(1)(A)*

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

*A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(2)(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.
*A.C.A. § 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.
*A.C.A. § 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.

*A.C.A. § 7-5-211(a)(2)(A–H).*

**November 6, 2012 – Tuesday**

**GENERAL ELECTION DAY**

Polls open 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-102; A.C.A. § 7-5-304(a)*

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

- The public notice of the election.
- At least two sample ballots marked with the word "SAMPLE" on each ballot style that will be at a polling site.
- Two copies of the full text of measures on the ballot.
- At least two copies of the instruction on how to vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot, and instruction 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 signs containing the words "VOTE HERE" near each main driveway entrance to the polling site.
- One printout from each voting machine showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

*A.C.A. § 7-5-202(c)(1–8)*

**1:30 p.m. –** 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.
*A.C.A. § 7 -5-404(a)(2)(iv)*

**7:30 p.m. –** Deadline for the 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.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(A); A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(2)*

**Immediately after the polls close--** Deadline for the poll workers to process returns and deliver all election materials from the polls to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC).
*A.C.A. § 7-5-317(a–b)*

County board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall declare preliminary and unofficial results of the election, including a statement of the number of outstanding absentee ballots of overseas voters, immediately after the count of the vote is complete and report the preliminary and unofficial results to the county clerk, who shall immediately transmit the results to the Secretary of State by the Internet website interface provided by the Secretary of State.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-701(a)(2)(A)*

**November 7, 2012 – Wednesday**

**20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION**

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to appoint a sufficient number of election officials for each polling site and other duties.
*A.C.A. § 7-4-107(b)(1)*

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

- Date of the 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.

*A.C.A. § 7-5-202(a)(1–6)*

Deadline for the 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 Arkansas Constitution Amendment 7, Article 5 § 1.
*A.C.A. § 7-9-114(a)*

**November 8, 2012 – 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 48 hours and no later than the 15th calendar day after the General Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-701(a)(1); A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)*

**November 12, 2012 – Monday**

**15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION**

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to prepare and post in a public place in the county clerk's office its list of appointed election officials.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-202(b)(2)*

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.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-101(d)(3)*

First day for a designated bearer to pick up from the county clerk a maximum of two 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.]*
*A.C.A. § 7-5-409(f–g)*

**November 13, 2012 – Tuesday**

**7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION**

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to have each voting machine tested to ascertain that the voting system or the electronic vote tabulating device will correctly count the votes for all offices.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-515(c)(1); A.C.A. § 7-5-611(a)(2)*

**November 16, 2012 – Friday**

**10 DAYS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION**

**5:00 p.m. –** Deadline for absentee ballots of armed services personnel serving in active status and overseas voters to be received by the county clerk.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(ii)*

**November 20, 2012 – Tuesday**

**7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION**

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

**November 21, 2012 – 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's office.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-701(a)(1)*

**November 23, 2012 – Friday**

**4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION**

Deadline for the county clerk to receive county to county transfers of registered voters.
*Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 § 10*

**November 25, 2012 – 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.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-701(a)(3)*

***[*This day falls on a weekend. Per A.C.A. § 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, 2012, due to this statute.]***

**November 26, 2012 – Monday**

**1 DAY PRIOR TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION**

Last day for voter to participate in early voting. Early voting closes at 5:00 p.m. on the Monday before the election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-418(a)(1)(A)*

Deadline for county clerk to receive applications for absentee ballots for the General Election from the voter, designated bearer, or administrator is no later than the close of regular business hours on the day before the election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(2)(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.
*A.C.A. § 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.
*A.C.A. § 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.

*A.C.A. § 7-5-211(a)(2)(A–H)*

**November 27, 2012 – Tuesday**

**GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION (For county and municipal officers ONLY, excludes municipal officers or members of boards for a city manager form of government)** *A.C.A. § 7-5-106*

Polls open 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

*A.C.A. § 7-5-102; A.C.A. § 7-5-304(a)*

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

- The public notice of the election.
- At least two sample ballots marked with the word "SAMPLE" on each ballot style that will be at a polling site.
- Two copies of the full text of measures on the ballot.
- At least two copies of the instruction on how to vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot, and instruction 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 signs containing the words "VOTE HERE" near each main driveway entrance to the polling site.
- One printout from each voting machine showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

*A.C.A. § 7-5-202(c)(1–8)*

**1:30 p.m. –** 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.

*A.C.A. § 7 -5-404(a)(2)(iv)*

**7:30 p.m. –** Deadline for the 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.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(A); A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(2)*

**Immediately after the polls close--** Deadline for the poll workers to process returns and deliver all election materials from the polls to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC).
*A.C.A. § 7-5-317(a–b)*

County board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall declare preliminary and unofficial results of the election, including a statement of the number of outstanding absentee ballots of overseas voters, immediately after the count of the vote is complete and report the preliminary and unofficial results to the county clerk, who shall immediately transmit the results to the Secretary of State by the Internet website interface provided by the Secretary of State.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-701(a)(2)(A)*

**November 29, 2012 – 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 Election results providing that there are no outstanding absentee ballots from overseas voters or armed services personnel serving in active status. No earlier than 48 hours and no later than the 15th calendar day after the General Election.
*A.C.A. § 7-5-701(a)(1); A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)*

**DECEMBER 2012**

**December 12, 2012 – 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.
*A.C.A. § 14-42-205 (d); A.C.A. § 14-43-304(b)(1); A.C.A. § 14-48-109(a)(6)(C)(ii)(b), A.C.A. § 7-5-701*

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