



2016 ELECTION DATES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

- **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)*

SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

- **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)*

NOVEMBER 2, 2015

- 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)*

NOVEMBER 9, 2015

- 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)*

FEBRUARY 15, 2016 (HOLIDAY – ACTUAL DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2016)

- Early voting begins 8:00 am *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-418(a)(1)*
 - This day falls on a holiday. Early voting begins Tuesday, February 16, 2016. *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-1-108*

MARCH 1, 2016

- Preferential Primary Election *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-203(b)*
- Nonpartisan General Election *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-10-102(b)(1)*
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, January 31, 2016*
 - Actual deadline is Monday, February 1, 2016 *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51*

MARCH 22, 2016

- General Primary Runoff Election *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-203(a)*
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, February 21, 2016*
 - Actual deadline is Monday, February 22, 2016 *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51*

AUGUST 9, 2016

- Municipal Primary Election (City Administrator) *Ark. Code Ann. § 14-48-109(a)(2)(B)*
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, July 10, 2016*
 - Actual deadline is Monday, July 11, 2016 *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51*

SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 OR NOVEMBER 8

- Annual School Board Election *Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-102(a)(1); Act 1281 of 2015*
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, August 21, 2016*
 - Actual deadline is Monday, August 22, 2016 *Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-108; Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51*

OCTOBER 11, 2016

- Annual School Board Runoff Election *Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-121*
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, September 11, 2016*
 - Actual deadline is Monday, September 12, 2016 *Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-108; Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51*



NOVEMBER 8, 2016

- General Election *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-102*
- Nonpartisan Runoff Election *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-10-102(c)(2)*
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, October 9, 2016*
 - Actual deadline is Monday, October 10, 2016
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51

NOVEMBER 29, 2016

- General Runoff Election (County and Municipal) *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-106*
 - In case of a tie for certain state or township offices
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, October 30, 2016*
 - Actual deadline is Monday October 31, 2016
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51

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

2016 ELECTIONS

- Preferential Primary Election and Nonpartisan Election, March 1, 2016
- General Primary Runoff Election, March 22, 2016
- Municipal Primary Election, August 9, 2016 (City Administrator Form of Government Only)
- Annual School Election, September 20, 2016
- Annual School Runoff Election, October 11, 2016
- General Election, November 8, 2016
- General Runoff Election, November 29, 2016

JULY 2015

July 19, 2015 – Sunday

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); Act 4 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2015

AUGUST 2015

August 11, 2015 – Tuesday

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 November 9)

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-103(b)(3); Act 4 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2015

SEPTEMBER 2015

Prior to September 3, 2015 - Thursday PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

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); Act 4 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2015



September 3, 2015 - Thursday

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); Act 4 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2015

September 10, 2015 - Thursday

53 DAYS PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF PARTY FILING PERIOD

12:00 Noon – First day nonpartisan prosecutor and judicial candidates can 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)

September 17, 2015- Thursday

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)

September 18, 2015 – 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)

Deadline to review names and titles as proposed to be used by each candidate for the Nonpartisan Election filing by petition.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-305(c)(2)

September 19, 2015 – Saturday*

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 the 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)

*[*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, September 21, 2015, due to this statute.]*

OCTOBER 2015

October 3, 2015 - Saturday

30 DAYS AFTER DEADLINE FOR NEW POLITICAL PARTY FILING

Secretary of State: complete review of new party petitions.



October 16, 2015 – Friday

90 DAYS BEFORE BEGINNING OF FEDERAL ELECTION

County Clerks: NVRA § 8 removal processes shall cease on October 16 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 March, but must stop again 90 days before the general election UOCAVA date, so no later than June 24, 2016. Statutory and Constitutional exceptions (allowing removal of felons, decedents, etc.) continue to be allowed – as always.

NOVEMBER 2015

November 2, 2015 - Monday

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 on the first Monday in November and ending at 12:00 noon one (1) week after the first Monday of November. 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); Act 4 of First Extraordinary Session of 2015

A new political party candidate nominated by convention shall file a political practices pledge during the party filing period. This deadline does not apply to Political Groups nominating only candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-205(c)(3)

Start of the period for a person desiring to have his or her name placed upon the ballot as an independent candidate to file petitions, affidavit of compliance, a political practices pledge, an affidavit of eligibility, and a notice of candidacy. This deadline does not apply to Independent Candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-103(a)(1); Act 340 of 2015

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 of 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 p.m. – The period for paying fees and filing political practices pledges for nonpartisan offices not filing by petition shall begin at 3:00 p.m. 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)

November 9, 2015 - Monday

PARTY FILING PERIOD ENDS AT 12:00 NOON

12:00 Noon – The party filing period shall be a one-week period beginning at 12:00 noon on the first Monday in November and ending at 12:00 noon one (1) week after the first Monday of November. 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)

Deadline for a new political party candidate nominated by convention to file a political practices pledge. This deadline does not apply to Political Groups nominating only candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-205(c)(3)

Deadline for a person desiring to have his or her name placed upon the ballot as an independent candidate to file petitions, affidavit of compliance, a political practices pledge, an affidavit of eligibility, and a notice of candidacy. This deadline does not apply to Independent Candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-103(a)(1) Act 340 of 2015

Deadline for filing: notice of write-in candidacy, the political practices pledge, and the affidavit of eligibility to be filed (also applies to municipal write-in candidates).

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-205(3)

3:00 p.m. – The period for paying fees and filing political practices pledges for nonpartisan offices shall end at 3:00 p.m. on the last day of the party filing period.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-10-103(b)(2)(B)

November 11, 2015 – Wednesday

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)



November 16, 2015 – 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 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.
- District Judges file with County Clerk

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

November 23, 2015- Monday

14 DAYS AFTER THE FILING DEADLINE

Deadline for the 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 the deadlines. If notice is sent by mail, then notice shall be postmarked within fourteen (14) days after the deadline for filing for office.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-208(b)(3)(A)

November 30, 2015- Monday

92 DAYS PRIOR TO 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 the names of all candidates who have filed party certificates in order to be placed on the ballots in their respective counties.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-304(a)(1); Act 4 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2015

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 all candidates who have filed party certificates with him or her to be placed on the ballot.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-304(b)(1); Act 4 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2015

DECEMBER 2015

December 1, 2015- Friday

90 DAYS PRIOR TO MODIFIED MUNICIPAL PETITION DEADLINE (of February 29, 2016)

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 29, 2016 statutory deadline. [Does not include City Administrator form of government.]

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-42-206(d)(2)(A)

December 3, 2015- Thursday

89 DAYS PRIOR TO PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

Deadline for ballot draw. The order in which the names of the candidates shall appear on the ballot shall be determined by lot at a public meeting of the county board not less than eighty-nine (89) days before the Preferential Primary Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-305(b)



The county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall give at least ten (10) days written notice of the time and place of the 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)

December 12, 2015- Saturday*

80 DAYS BEFORE NONPARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline 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)

*[*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 14, 2015, due to this statute.]*

December 21, 2015 – Monday

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 County Clerk

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

December 31, 2015 – Thursday

DEADLINE FOR CBEC TO CHANGE PRECINCT BOUNDARIES FOR PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

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

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(b)(2)

JANUARY 2016

January 1, 2016-Friday*

60 DAYS PRIOR TO 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)

*[*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 Monday, January 4, 2016, due to this statute.]*



January 14, 2016- Thursday

NO LATER THAN 47 DAYS PRIOR TO 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-407(a)(1)

January 15, 2016- Friday

NO LATER THAN 46 DAYS PRIOR TO 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).

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-407(a)(2)

January 22, 2016- 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)

January 31, 2016-Sunday*

30 DAYS PRIOR TO PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

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

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101 (d)(2)

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)

DEADLINE FOR INCUMBENT OFFICEHOLDERS TO FILE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST FOR 2015

- State and district officials 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.
- District Judges file with County Clerk.

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

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

Deadline for candidate for elective office to file a statement of financial interest for the previous calendar year.

Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-705; Act 4 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2015



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)

*[*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, February 1, 2016, due to this statute.]*

FEBRUARY 2016

February 5, 2016- Friday

25 DAYS PRIOR TO PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

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 the absentee 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 THE 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)(1)(A); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-611(b)(1); Act 1218 of 2015

February 8, 2016- Monday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

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)(1); Act 1218 of 2015

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 1218 of 2015



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 using the machines if a newspaper is published in the town, city, or county. After completion of the logic and 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); Act 1218 of 2015

February 10, 2016- Wednesday

NOT LESS THAN 20 DAYS PRIOR TO 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.

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:

- 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(a)(1-6)

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

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)

February 12, 2016-Friday

DEADLINE FOR CBEC TO POST APPOINTED ELECTION OFFICIALS

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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(b)(2)



February 12, 2016-Friday

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)

February 15, 2016-Monday*

BEGINNING OF PERIOD FOR DESIGNATED BEARER TO PICK UP ABSENTEE BALLOTS

First day for a designated bearer to pick up from the county clerk 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

*[*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 start date is Tuesday, February 16, 2016, due to this statute.]*

February 15, 2016-Monday*

15 DAYS PRIOR TO PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

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

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-418(a)(1)

*[*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 start date is Tuesday, February 16, 2016, due to this statute. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-418(a)(1), early voting shall not be available on a state holiday.]*

February 20, 2016-Saturday

10 DAYS PRIOR TO 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 the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-206 [Recommended: posting prior to the beginning of early voting on February 15].

February 21, 2016-Sunday*

30 DAYS PRIOR 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 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)

*[*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, February 22, 2016, due to this statute.]*

February 23, 2016-Tuesday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

Deadline for the 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)

February 25, 2016-Thursday

5 DAYS PRIOR TO 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(b)(1)* (see description requirements on February 10, 2016). Information may also be posted at each polling site.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(b)(1)

February 26, 2016-Friday

4 DAYS PRIOR TO 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 Constitution Amendment 51 § 10(b)(2)(B).

February 29, 2016-Monday

1 DAY PRIOR TO PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

Last day for voter to participate in early voting. Early voting closes at 5:00 p.m. 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 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).

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 December 1, 2015). Does not include City Administrator form of government.

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

MARCH 2016

March 1, 2016-Tuesday

PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

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

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-203(b); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-10-102(b)(1);

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-304; Act 4 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2015

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 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 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 printout from each voting machine showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

Ark. Code Ann. § 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 Preferential Primary Election and the Nonpartisan General Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(iv)

7:30 p.m. – Deadline for the 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 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., 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 from the polls to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC), or to the county treasurer in the case of stub boxes.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-317

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); Act 1218 of 2015

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)(2)(A)

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)(2)(C)



March 2, 2016-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)

March 3, 2016-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 the 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 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)

March 4, 2015 – Friday

PUBLICATION DEADLINE: AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE FOR THE PUBLIC TEST FOR THE GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF.
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)

March 7, 2016-Monday

15 DAYS PRIOR TO 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 appointed election officials.
Ark. Code Ann. § 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.
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(d)(3)

March 8, 2016-Tuesday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR THE GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION
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)(1); Act 1218 of 2015

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 1218 of 2015



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 using the machines if a newspaper is published in the town, city, or county. After completion of the logic and 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); Act 1218 of 2015

March 11, 2016 - Friday

10 DAYS AFTER THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

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 Preferential Primary Election and the 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 10th calendar day after the Preferential Primary Election and the Nonpartisan Election. If no time is specified for the meeting of the county board of election commissioners (CBEC), the meeting shall be at 5:00 p.m.

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

March 12, 2016-Saturday

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 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(a)(1-6)

March 12, 2016- Saturday*

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)

*[*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 14, 2016, due to this statute.]*



March 15, 2016-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 a 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 the 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)

March 17, 2016-Thursday

5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF 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:

- 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(a)(1-6) and (b)(1)

March 18, 2016-Friday

4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

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

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

March 21, 2016-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.
- 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)(A-H)

March 22, 2016-Tuesday

GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

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

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-203(a); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-304

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 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 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 showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

Ark. Code Ann. § 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 Primary Runoff Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(iv)

7:30 p.m. – 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 the poll workers to process returns and deliver all election materials from the polls to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC), or to the county treasurer in the case of stub boxes.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-317

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. § 7-5-526; Act 1218 of 2015

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)(2)(A)

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)(2)(C)



March 24, 2016-Thursday

48 HOURS AFTER THE GENERAL PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

The earliest time 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 10th calendar day after the General Primary Runoff Election.

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

APRIL 2016

April 1, 2016 – 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 is no earlier than forty-eight (48) hours and no later than the 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 p.m.

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

MAY 2016

May 11, 2016 – Wednesday

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 26, 2016 – 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)

May 31, 2016 – 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



JUNE 2016

June 8, 2016 – 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 10, 2016 – Friday

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

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(b)(2)

June 12, 2016 – Sunday

100 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

First day for candidates filing by petition to circulate petitions for Annual School Election. Clerk shall not count as valid any signature dated more than one hundred (100) days before the school election. Petition must contain at least twenty (20) registered voters who are residents of the school district.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(d-f)

June 23, 2016 – 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 24, 2016 –Friday

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 unformed services and other citizens residing outside the United States).

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-407(a)(2)

June 24, 2016- Friday

90 DAYS BEFORE 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.



JULY 2016

July 5, 2016 – Tuesday

77 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL 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. Filing continues for a one (1) week period and ends at 12:00 noon, seventy (70) days before the Annual School Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(e)

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. Filing continues for a one (1) week period and ends at 12:00 noon, seventy (70) days before the Annual School Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(g)

July 8, 2016 – 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)

July 10, 2016 – 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(b)(2)

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

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-108; 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 11, 2016, due to this statute.]*

July 12, 2016 – Tuesday

70 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(e)

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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(g)



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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-207(c)(2)

July 13, 2016 – Wednesday

1 DAY AFTER DEADLINE TO FILE BY PETITION

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 petition for the Annual School Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(i)(1)

July 15, 2016 – 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-111(j)

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

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 the absentee ballot on behalf of the voter for that election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(b)(2)

July 18, 2016 – Monday

DEADLINE FOR SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES TO FILE A STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST FORM

[Unless filed by an incumbent office holder by January 31, 2016.]

Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-701(c)(1)(A)

July 20, 2016 – 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 22, 2016 – Friday

60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION/

Deadline for county clerks to make available applications for absentee ballots for the Annual School Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-405(a)(1)

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

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(b)(2)

July 22, 2016 – Friday

**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 25, 2016 – 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) 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(b)(2)

July 26, 2016 – Tuesday

**14 DAYS AFTER THE DEADLINE FOR FILING FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL
ELECTION**

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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-208(b)(3)(A)

**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 count tabulate the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-515(c)(1); Act 1218 of 2015

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 1218 of 2015



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 newspapers published in the town, city, or county using the machines if a newspaper is published in the town, city, or county. After completion of the logic and 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); Act 1218 of 2015

July 29, 2016 – 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 December 1, 2015].

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)

July 29, 2016 – 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 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, fifteen (15) days before the election.
- Candidates and offices to be elected at that time.
- Time and location of the opening, processing, canvassing, and counting of ballots.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(a)(1-6); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(d)(3)

July 31, 2016 – 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-203(h)(2)(A)



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)

*[*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 1, 2016, due to this statute.]*

AUGUST 2016

August 1, 2016- Monday

PETITION DEADLINE: CERTAIN CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

12:00 Noon - Political groups [Ark. Code Ann. § 7-8-302(5)(B)]; Independent Candidates [Ark. Code Ann. § 7-8-302(6)(A)] File Notice of Candidacy, Political Practices Pledge, and affidavit of eligibility at the same time. This deadline solely for President and Vice-President of Political Groups and Independent Candidates.

August 2, 2016 – 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)

August 4, 2016 – 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-407(a)(1)

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

Deadline for county board of election commissioners to give second 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, fifteen (15) days before the election.
- Candidates and offices to be elected at that time.
- Time and location of the opening, processing, canvassing, and counting of ballots.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(a)(1-6); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(d)(3)



August 5, 2016 – 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 Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-406.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-407(a)(2)

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 8, 2016 – 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 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 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 p.m. on the Monday before the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-418(a)(1)(A)

August 9, 2016 – Tuesday

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

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

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 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 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 showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

Ark. Code Ann. § 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.

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 p.m. ten (10) calendar days after the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)

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.

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 from the polls to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC), or to the county treasurer in the case of the stub boxes.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-317



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); Act 1218 of 2015

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 10, 2016 – 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-203(h)(2)(B)(i)

Write-In Candidates must notify each county board of election commissioners in which they seeks election, in writing, at least ninety (90) days prior to the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-205(1).

Deadline for 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 a candidate for President and Vice-President of the United States, 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)

August 11, 2016 – Thursday

48 HOURS AFTER THE MUNICIPAL PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION (CITY ADMINISTRATOR)

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)(1)

Secretary of State: deadline to verify sufficiency of petition for President and Vice President [Political Group]; *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-8-302(5)(B)*; [Independent Candidates]; *Ark. Code Ann. § 7-8-302(6)(A)*

August 19, 2016 – Friday

81 DAYS PRIOR TO 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)

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

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

August 21, 2016 – 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.
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(d)(2)

Deadline to apply to register to vote in the Annual School Election.
Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-108; Ark. Code Ann. § 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.
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, August 22, 2016, due to this statute.]*

August 22, 2016 – 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, unless previously filed by January 31, 2016.
Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-701(c)(1)(A); Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-703(a)(3)

August 25, 2016 – 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.
Ark. Code Ann. § 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.
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 governments.

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. 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 the county at least three (3) days before the drawing.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-207(c)(2)

August 26, 2016 – Friday

25 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

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 the absentee 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)(D)(ii)

August 28, 2016 – 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).

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-207(c)(1)

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August 31, 2016 – 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-109(a); Ark. Code Ann. § 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-4-107(b)(1)

SEPTEMBER 2016

September 2, 2016 – Friday

PUBLICATION DEADLINE AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE FOR THE PUBLIC TEST FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL 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 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)

September 2, 2016 – Friday

DEADLINE FOR CBEC TO POST NOTICE OF ELECTION OFFICIALS

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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(b)(2)

September 5, 2016 – Monday*

15 DAYS PRIOR TO ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

First day for designated bearer to pick up a ballot for the Annual School Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-409(f)

*[*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, September 6, 2016, due to this statute.]*

September 6, 2016 – 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 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)(1); Act 1218 of 2015

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 1218 of 2015

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 1 weekly newspapers published in the town, city, or county using the machines if a newspaper is published in the town, city, or county. After completion of the logic and 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); Act 1218 of 2015



September 9, 2016 – Friday

60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline for county clerks to make available applications for absentee ballots for the General Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-405(a)(1)

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

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(b)(2)

September 10, 2016 – 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 ten (10) days and no less than three (3) days before the Annual School Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-106(d)

September 11, 2016 – Sunday*

30 DAYS PRIOR TO ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline to apply to register to vote for the Annual School Runoff Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-108; 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 are extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, September 12, 2016, due to this statute.]*

September 13, 2016 – Tuesday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

Early voting begins for the Annual School 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 Annual School Election.

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

September 15, 2016 – Thursday

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT QUALIFYING BY PETITION

Total list of Electors, together with Electors at Large due to Secretary of State.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-8-302(6)(C)

September 16, 2016 – Friday

4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

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

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

September 17, 2016 – 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 ten (10) days and no less than three (3) days before the Annual School Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-106(d)



September 19, 2016 – 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.

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

Deadline for a voter to deliver a ballot to the county clerk not later than the close of regular business hours.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(3)

Deadline for a voter to participate in early voting for the Annual School Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-211(a)(1)(A)

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 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).

September 20, 2016 – Tuesday

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

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

Ark. Code Ann. § 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 (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 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 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 showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

Ark. Code Ann. § 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(iv)

7:30 p.m. – Deadline for the county clerk to receive delivery of absentee ballots by mail (excluding military and overseas), or by hand-delivery from the designated bearer, administrator or authorized agent of the 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 p.m., 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 from the polls to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) or to the county treasurer in the case of stub boxes.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-317

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. § 7-5-527; Act 1218 of 2015

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 military and overseas absentee ballots.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701(a)(2)(A)

September 21, 2016 – 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-4-107(b)(1)



September 22, 2016 – 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 for General Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-407(a)(1)

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 forty-eight (48) hours and no later than the 10th calendar day after the Annual School Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(a)

EARLIEST DATE – 48 HOURS TO 10 DAYS AFTER 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 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 (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); Act 379 of 2015

****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)

September 23, 2016 – 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 Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-406 (UOCAVA voters)

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-407(a)(2)

PUBLICATION DEADLINE AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE FOR THE PUBLIC TEST FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF 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 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)



September 26, 2016 – 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(b)(2)

September 27, 2016 – Tuesday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION

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)(1); Act 1218 of 2015

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 1218 of 2015

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 1 weekly newspapers published in the town, city, or county using the machines if a newspaper is published in the town, city, or county. After completion of the logic and 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); Act 1218 of 2015

September 30, 2016 – Friday

10 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)

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 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 (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); Act 379 of 2015

OCTOBER 2016

October 1, 2016 – Saturday

10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION

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)

October 1, 2016 – Saturday*

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk for the Annual School Runoff Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-407(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 are extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, October 3, 2016, due to this statute.]*

October 2, 2016 – Sunday*

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF DIRECTOR’S OATH OF OFFICE

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; Act 379 of 2015

*[*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 are extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, October 3, 2016, due to this statute.]*

October 4, 2016 – Tuesday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION

Early voting begins for the Annual School Runoff Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(a)

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); Act 379 of 2015



October 5, 2016 – 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(c)

October 7, 2016 – Friday

4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for the county clerk to receive county to county transfers of registered voters allowed to vote in school runoff election.

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

WITHIN 5 DAYS OF RECEIPT

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; Act 379 of 2015

October 8, 2016 – 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 ten (10) days and no less than three (3) days before the election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-106(d)

October 9, 2016 – Sunday*

30 DAYS PRIOR TO 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)

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

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(d)(2)

*[*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 10, 2016.]*

October 10, 2016 – Monday

1 DAY PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for county clerks to receive applications for absentee ballots (in person) from a designated bearer, administrator, or voter for the Annual School Runoff Election.

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

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(3)

Deadline for a voter to participate in early voting for the Annual School Runoff Election.

Ark. Code Ann. § 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-211(a)(1)(A)



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 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).

October 11, 2016 – Tuesday

ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION

Three weeks following the Annual School Election

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

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-304(a); Ark. Code Ann. § 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 (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 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 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 showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

Ark. Code Ann. § 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(iv)



7:30 p.m. – Deadline for the county clerk to receive delivery of the ballots by mail (excluding military and overseas), the designated bearer, administrator or authorized agent of the voter for the Annual School Runoff Election.

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 from the polls to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) or to the county treasurer in the case of stub boxes.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-317

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. § 7-5-526; Act 1218 of 2015

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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701(a)(2)(A)

October 13, 2016 – 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 (1) 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)

EARLIEST DATE – 48 HOURS TO 10 DAYS AFTER ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION RUNOFF: 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 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 (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); Act 379 of 2015

****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)



October 14, 2016 – Friday

25 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

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 the absentee 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)

October 14, 2016 – Friday

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 17, 2016 – Monday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING – GENERAL ELECTION

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 count tabulate the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-515(c)(1); Act 1218 of 2015

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 1218 of 2015

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 using the machines if a newspaper is published in the town, city, or county. After completion of the logic and 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); Act 1218 of 2015

October 19, 2016 – 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.

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:

- 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-9-114(a)

October 21, 2016 – 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 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.

Ark. Code Ann.. § 7-9-115

10 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for the 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)

LATEST DATE – 48 HOURS TO 10 DAYS AFTER ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION RUNOFF: 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 the 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 (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); Act 379 of 2015



****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)

October 23, 2016 – 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.
Ark. Code Ann. 6-13-617; Act 379 of 2015

*[*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 are extended to the following business day. The actual deadline will be Monday, October 24, 2016, due to this statute.]*

October 24, 2016 – 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.
Ark. Code Ann. § 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.
Ark. Code Ann. § 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.
Ark. Code Ann. § 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.]*
Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-409(f-g)

October 25, 2016 – 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.
Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-617(b)(2); Act 379 of 201



October 26, 2016 – 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-14-115(c)

October 28, 2016 – Friday

WITHIN 5 DAYS OF RECEIPT – SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION

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; Act 379 of 2015

October 29, 2016 – Saturday

10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-206 [Recommended: posting prior to the beginning of early voting on October 24].

October 30, 2016 – Sunday*

30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline to apply to register to vote in the General Runoff Election.

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

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

Ark. Code Ann. 7-5-101(d)(2)

*[*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 31, 2016, due to this statute.]*

NOVEMBER 2016

November 1, 2016 – 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.

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

November 3, 2016 – 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:

- 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(a); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(b)(1)



November 4, 2016 – Friday

4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

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

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

November 7, 2016 – 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.

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 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.
- 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 8, 2016 – Tuesday

GENERAL ELECTION DAY

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

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-102; Ark. Code Ann. § 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 (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 showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

Ark. Code Ann. § 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(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 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 p.m., 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 from the polls to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC), or to the county treasurer in the case of the stub boxes.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-317

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. § 7-5-526; Act 1218 of 2015



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)(2)(A)

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)(2)(C)

November 9, 2016 – 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-4-107(b)(1)

November 10, 2016 – 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)(1); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)

November 10, 2016 – Thursday

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)

November 14, 2016 – 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(d)(3)



November 15, 2016 – Tuesday

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

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)(1); Act 1218 of 2015

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 1218 of 2015

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 newspapers published in the town, city, or county using the machines if a newspaper is published in the town, city, or county. After completion of the logic and 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); Act 1218 of 2015

November 18, 2016 – Friday

10 DAYS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION

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 General Election.

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

November 19, 2016 – Saturday

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 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202 (a); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(b)(1)

November 19, 2016 – Saturday*

Deadline for CBEC to prepare and deliver absentee ballots to County Clerk for mailing.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-407(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, November 21, 2016, due to this statute.]*



November 22, 2016 – 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)

November 23, 2016 – 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701(a)(1)

November 23, 2016 – Wednesday

5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF 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:

- 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-202(b)(1)

November 25, 2016 – Friday

4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION

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

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

November 27, 2016 – 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)(3)

*[*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 28, 2016, due to this statute.]*



November 28, 2016 – 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.

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.
- 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 29, 2016 – 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

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

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-102; Ark. Code Ann. § 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 (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 showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

Ark. Code Ann. § 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.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-404(a)(3)(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 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 from the polls to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC), or to the county treasurer in the case of the stub boxes.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-317

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. § 7-5-526; Act 1218 of 2015

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)(2)(A)

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)(2)(C)

December 1, 2016 – 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 forty-eight (48) hours and no later than the 15th calendar day after the General Election.

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

December 14, 2016 – 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. § 14-42-205 (d); Ark. Code Ann. § 14-43-304(b)(1);

Ark. Code Ann. § 14-48-109(a)(6)(C)(ii)(b); Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-701

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

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