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Election Dates & Voter Registration Deadlines

Presidential Primary

- January 7 — Voter Registration Deadline
- January 29 — Early Voting Begins
- February 5 — Election Day

Primary & Nonpartisan General Election

- April 21 — Voter Registration Deadline
- May 5 — Early Voting Begins
- May 20 — Election Day

Primary Election Runoff

- May 12 — Voter Registration Deadline
- June 3 — Early Voting Begins
- June 10 — Election Day

School Election

- August 18 — Voter Registration Deadline
- September 9 — Early Voting Begins
- September 16 — Election Day

General Election and Nonpartisan Runoff

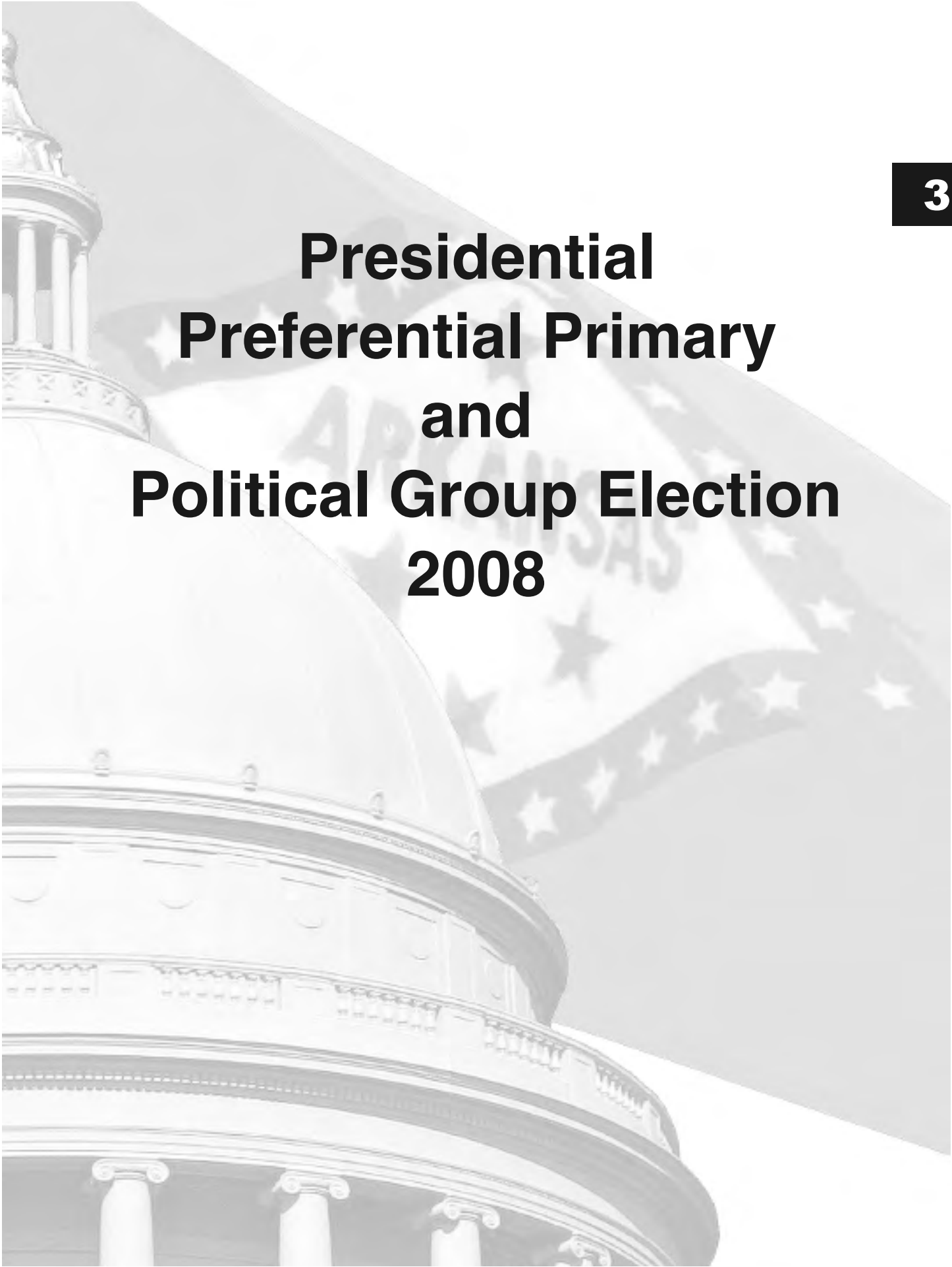
- October 6 — Voter Registration Deadline
- October 20 — Early Voting Begins
- November 4 — Election Day

General Election Runoff (County & Municipal Races)

- October 27 — Voter Registration Deadline
- November 18 — Early Voting Begins
- November 25 — Election Day

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**Presidential
Preferential Primary
and
Political Group Election
2008**

Presidential Preferential Primary and Political Group Election 2008

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NOVEMBER 2007

11/5/2007 Filing period opens for the Presidential Preferential Primary. First day for candidates to file party certificates with the Secretary of State.

§7-8-201(a)(3)(A)(ii), Act 987 of 2007, Section 4

12:00 Noon the first Monday in November

11/19/2007 Filing period for Presidential Preferential Primary closes. Act 987 of 2007

12:00 noon fourteen (14) days thereafter

DECEMBER 2007

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

12/2/2007* Secretary of State to transmit to each county board of election commissioners a certified list of the names of the candidates of each political party as they are to be printed on the Presidential Preferential Primary ballot.

§7-8-201(a)(3)(C), Act 987 of 2007, Section 4

No later than sixty-five (65) days before the Presidential Preferential Primary Election

12/4/2007 County board of election commissioners shall publish (in a newspaper of general circulation) a notice of the meeting to draw for ballot positions for the Presidential Preferential Primary Election.

§7-8-201(a)(3)(D)(ii), Act 987 of 2007, Section 4

Three (3) days before public meeting to draw for ballot positions for the Presidential Preferential Primary Election

12/7/2007 County board of election shall hold a public meeting to determine by lot the order in which the names of candidates for the Presidential Preferential Primary Election shall be placed on the ballot.

§7-8-201(a)(3)(D)(i), Act 987 of 2007, Section 4

Not later than 60 days before the Presidential Preferential Primary Election

JANUARY 2008

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

1/1/2008* Deadline to deliver absentee ballots.

§7-5-407(a), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 17

Thirty-five (35) days before Election Day

1/5/2008* Deadline for county election commissioners to change precinct boundaries and polling sites for the Presidential Preferential Primary Election.

§7-5-101(a)(4)(A)

Thirty-one (31) days before the election

1/6/2008* Last day to register to vote for the Presidential Preferential Primary. Amendment 51 §9, §7-5-201(a), AG Opinion 96-018

Thirty (30) days before the election

1/11/2008 First day to demonstrate voting machines for the Presidential Preferential Primary Election. §7-5-509(b)

Not more than twenty-five (25) days nor less than ten (10) days before the election

1/16/2008 County board of election commissioners to give public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county; the date of the election, hours of voting on Election Day, the places and times for early voting, polling sites for holding the elections in the county, the candidates and offices to be elected at that time and the time and location of opening, processing, canvassing, and counting of ballots. §7-5-202(a), Act 556 of 2007, Section 1

Twenty (20) days before the Presidential Preferential Primary Election

1/16/2008 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to appoint a sufficient number of election officials for each polling site and other duties. §7-4-107(b)(1)(A)

Twenty (20) days before the Presidential Preferential Primary Election

1/21/2008 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to prepare and post in a public place in its county clerk’s office its list of appointed election officials. §7-5-202(b)(2), Act 222 of 2007, Section 4

Fifteen (15) days before the election

1/21/2008 Deadline for county clerks to mail notice to all voters affected by changes in polling sites. §7-5-101(d)(2)

Fifteen (15) days before the election

1/21/2008 First day that a designated bearer shall be allowed to pick up an absentee ballot. §7-5-409(h), Act 556 of 2007, Section 7

Fifteen (15) days before the election

1/26/2008* Last day for the county board of election commissioners to demonstrate voting machines for the Presidential Preferential Primary Election. §7-5-509(b)

Ten (10) days before the election

1/29/2008 Early voting for the Presidential Preferential Primary Election begins. §7-5-418(a)(2), Act 556 of 2007, Section 15

Seven (7) days before the election and ending on the day before the election at the time the county clerk’s office regularly closes

1/29/2008 Deadline for county clerks to receive absentee ballot applications by mail or fax for the Presidential Preferential Primary Election. §7-5-403(a)(2)(A)(ii), §7-5-403(a)(2)(A)(v)(b)(1)

Seven (7) days before the Presidential Preferential Primary Election

1/31/2008 At least five (5) days prior to the election, a copy of the public notice may be posted at each polling site fixed for holding the election and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. §7-5-202(b), Act 222 of 2007, Section 4

5 days before the Presidential Preferential Primary Election

FEBRUARY 2008

February 2008						
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2/1/2008 Deadline for county-to-county transfer of voter registration. Amendment 51, §10 of the Arkansas Constitution, Act 560 of 2007

Four (4) days prior to the election

2/4/2008 Deadline for county clerk to receive in person or by designated bearer applications for absentee ballots for the Presidential Preferential primary Election §7-5-403(a)(2)(A)(i)(iii)

By closing time 1 day before the Presidential Preferential Primary Election

2/4/2008 Deadline for the voter (except for overseas voters) to personally deliver absentee ballot to the county clerk. §7-5-411(a)(3)

No later than the close of regular business hours on the day before the election

2/4/2008 Deadline for the county board of election commissioners to designate a suitable person/persons to deliver ballots to the polls. §7-5-211(a)(1)(A)

One (1) day before the Presidential Preferential Primary Election

2/4/2008 Early voting ends for the Presidential Preferential Primary Election.

§7-5-418(a)(1)(A), Act 556 of 2007, Section 15

At the county clerk's regular close of business on the day before the election

2/5/2008

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Polls are open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. §7-8-201(a)(2)

First Tuesday in February of the year in which the convention is held

2/5/2008 Deadline for delivery of application for an absentee ballot by an authorized agent of the voter in a hospital or nursing home.

§7-5-403(a)(2)(A)(iv)(a)

By 1:30 p.m. on the day of the Presidential Preferential Primary Election

2/5/2008 Deadline for the county clerk to receive absentee ballots (excluding overseas ballots) by mail, designated bearer, an administrator or authorized agent of the voter for the presidential preferential primary election.

§7-5-411(a)(1)(A), §7-5-411(a)(2)

Not later than 7:30 p.m. on Election Day

2/5/2008 Deadline for qualified electors outside of the United States to sign, date, postmark and mail absentee ballot to the county clerk. Must be received by the county clerk by 5:00 p.m. ten (10) calendar days after the election.

§7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i), Act 556 of 2007, Section 8

Day of election

2/5/2008 Deadline for active duty uniformed service personnel to execute absentee ballot. Must be received by the county clerk by 5:00 p.m. ten (10) calendar days after the election. §7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(ii) Act 556 of 2007, Section 8,

Day of election

2/5/2008 County board of election commissioners 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 polling site, two (2) copies of the full text of measurer on the ballot, at least two (2) copies of instructions on how to vote, how to cast a provisional ballot, instructions on fail-safe voting, general information of voting rights of an individual, general information on federal and state laws regarding acts of fraud and misrepresentation, a double sided sign containing the words "VOTE HERE" posted near each main driveway entrance to the polling site, and one (1) printout from each voting machine showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0). §7-5-202(c), Act 222 of 2007, Section 4

Day of election

2/5/2008 Deadline for return of all election material from the polls to the county board of election commissioners for the Presidential Preferential Primary Election.

§7-5-317(b)

Immediately after the close of the polls

2/5/2008 County board of election commissioners shall declare and report to the county clerk the preliminary and unofficial results of the presidential preferential primary election, including a statement of the number of outstanding absentee ballots. Clerk shall immediately transmit declaration to the Secretary of State by the internet website provided by the Secretary of State or by facsimile transmission if it is not possible to transmit the results via the internet website.

§7-5-701(a)(2)(A)

Immediately after the count of the vote is complete

2/7/2008 Earliest time for county board of election commissioners to meet to canvass returns, declare, and certify the results of the Presidential Preferential Primary Election providing that there are no outstanding overseas absentee ballots.

§7-7-309

No earlier than 48 hours after the election and not later than the 10th Calendar day after the election

2/15/2008 Deadline for the county board of election commissioners to meet, canvass, certify, and deposit certified copies of the abstracts of the returns for the Presidential Preferential Primary Election if there were any outstanding overseas absentee ballots. Meeting to be held at 5:00 pm unless otherwise specified.

§7-7-203(e)

Ten (10) days after the Presidential Preferential Primary Election

2/15/2008 Deadline for county clerks to receive absentee ballots from uniformed service personnel serving in active duty and from voters outside the United States for the Presidential Preferential Primary Election.

§7-5-411(a)(B)(ii), Act 543 of 2007, Section 5

5:00 p.m. ten (10) calendar days after the date of the Presidential Preferential Primary Election

2/20/2008 Deadline for each county election commissioner to file an affidavit, under the signature of all three (3) commissioners or individually, with the State Board of Election Commissioners in a form approved by the State board to the effect that all duties and responsibilities of the County election commissioner have been complied with. §7-5-707(e) Act 559 of 2007, Section 5

Fifteen (15) days following the election

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

JULY 2008

7/27/2008* Deadline for Secretary of State to notify by registered mail the chairman and secretary of the state committee of the respective political parties that a certificate of nomination is due for all nominated candidates for United States, state and district offices in order that the candidates' names be placed on the ballot of the General Election. §7-7-203(i)(1)(A), Act 1049, Section 25

One Hundred (100) days prior to the General Election

AUGUST 2008

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8/4/2008 Deadline for persons desiring their names printed on the ballot as independent candidates for President and Vice President to submit petitions. §7-8-302(6)(A) Act 822 of 2007, Section 1

By Noon on the First Monday in August in the year of the election

8/6/2008 Last day for candidates to file a copy of their certificate of nomination issued by the state committee with the Secretary of State.

7-7-203(B)(i), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 25

Ninety (90) days prior to the General Election

8/14/2008 Deadline for the Secretary of State to determine sufficiency of petitions for independent candidates for President and Vice President.

§7-8-302(6)(A), Act 822 of 2007, Section 2

Ten (10) days from the filing of the petition

SEPTEMBER 2008

September 2008						
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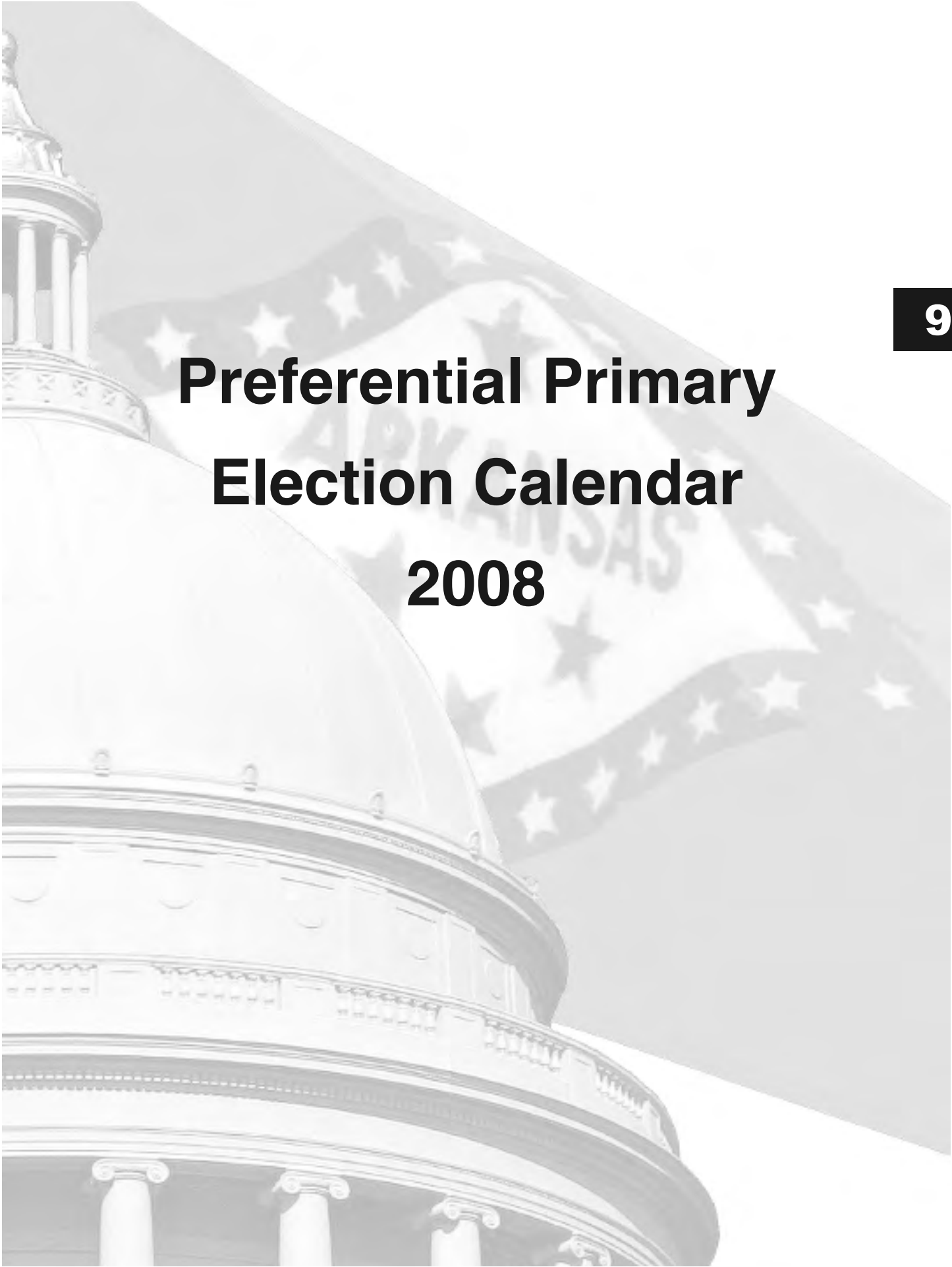
9/1/2008 Deadline for independent candidates who qualify by petition to be on the ballot to certify to the Secretary of State a total list of electors together with electors at large. §7-8-302(C), Act 822 of 2007, Section 2

By the first day of September

9/5/2008 Deadline for all nominated candidates to file a political practice pledge with the Secretary of State or county clerk, as the case may be.

§7-7-205(e)(3), Act 821 of 2007

Sixty (60) days prior to the General Election



**Preferential Primary
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2008**

Preferential Primary Election 2008

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JANUARY 2008

1/31/2008 Deadline for incumbent office holders to file Statement of Financial interest for 2007. State and district officials file with the Secretary of State; county, township and school officials file with the county clerk; and municipal officials file with the city clerk or recorder. §21-8-701 (c)

MARCH 2008

March 2008						
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* Deadlines that fall on a weekend revert to the next business day.

3/2/2008* First day for independent candidates desiring to have their names placed on the ballot without political party affiliation for any state, county, township, or district office to circulate petitions.

§7-7-103(b)(1)(B)(3), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 21

Not earlier than sixty (60) calendar days prior to the deadline for filing petitions (5/1/2008)

3/3/2008 12:00 Noon — Filing period opens for party candidates paying filing fees, and independent candidates filing their notice of candidacy.

§7-7-103 (a), §7-7-203(c)(1), Act 1049 of 2007, Sections 21 and Section 25

First weekday in March

3/3/2008 12:00 Noon—A Candidate or his or her agent shall notify in writing the county board of election commissioners of each county in which the candidate seeks election and either the Secretary of State, if a state or district candidate, or a county clerk, if a candidate for a county, township office, of his or her intention to be a write in candidate. §7-5-205(a)(1)

No earlier than noon on the third Tuesday in March and no later than ninety (90) days before Election Day

3/10/2008 12:00 Noon — Filing period closes for party candidates paying filing fees, and independent candidates filing their notice of candidacy.

§7-7-103(a) § 7-7-203(c)(1), Act 1049 of 2007, Sections 21 and Section 25

Seven (7) days following the first weekday in March

3/11/2008 Deadline for Secretary of State (for state and district offices) or county board of election commissioners for (county, township, school, and Municipal offices) to review candidate names and titles on political practices pledge.

§7-7-305(c)(2), Act 559 of 2007, Section 6

One business day after the filing deadline

3/11/2008 If any candidate, either prior to the certification of the ballot for the Preferential Primary or subsequent to the Preferential Primary but prior to the certification of the ballot for the General Primary Election, shall notify the secretary of the state committee in the case of US, state, or district office or the secretary of the county committee in the case of county, city, or township office in writing, signed by the candidate and acknowledged before an officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments, of his or her desire to withdraw as a candidate for the office or position, then the committee shall immediately notify the county board of election commissioners or the Secretary of State, as the case may be, and the name of the person shall not be printed on the Preferential Primary ballot or the General Primary ballot, as the case may be.

§7-7-304(b)(1), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 26

3/11/2008 Deadline for the Secretary of State to certify the ballot to the various county committees and to the various county boards of election commissioners with the names of all candidates who have qualified with the state committee for election by filing the party pledge and paying the filing fees of the political party within the time required by law. §7-7-203(d), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 25

Seventy (70) days before the Preferential Primary Election

3/15/2008* Deadline for Secretary of State or the county clerk to notify candidates of failure to file a signed political practices pledge. Notice shall include a copy of the form and be sent by certified mail.

§7-6-102(e)(2)(A), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 20

Within five (5) days from which the pledge is required to be filed

3/16/2008* Ballot positions determined by lot at a public meeting of the county board of election commissioners. §7-7-305(b), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 27

Sixty-five (65) days prior to the election

3/17/2008 Deadline for party candidates and independent candidates to file the Statement of Financial Interest unless the incumbent officeholder filed the Statement of Financial Interest by January 31 of the year in which the election is held. Act 267 of 2007, §21-8-701(c)(1)(A)

First Monday following the close of the period to file as a candidate for elective office

3/21/2008 Deadline for county clerks to make available upon request applications for absentee ballots for the Preferential Primary Election. §7-5-405(a)(1)

Sixty (60) days before the Preferential Primary

APRIL 2008

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4/15/2008 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk for the Preferential Primary Election.

§7-5-407(a), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 17

Thirty-five (35) days before the Preferential Primary Election

4/19/2008* Deadline for county election commission to change precinct boundaries and polling sites for the Preferential Primary Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election. §7-5-101(a)(4)(A)

Thirty-one (31) days before the Preferential Primary Election

4/20/2008* DEADLINE TO APPLY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION. §7-5-201(a)

30 calendar days prior to Preferential Primary Election on (5/20/2008)

4/25/2008 First day to demonstrate voting machines for the Preferential Primary Election. §7-5-509(b)

Not more than 25 days nor less than 10 days before Preferential Primary Election

4/30/2008 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to appoint election officials §7-4-107

20 days before Preferential Primary Election

4/30/2008 County board of election commissioners to give public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of date of the election, hours of voting on Election Day, the places and times for early voting, polling sites, candidates and offices to be elected in preferential primary election, the time and location of the opening, processing, canvassing, and counting of ballots §7-5-202(a) Act 556 of 2007, Section 1

20 days before Preferential Primary Election

MAY 2008

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

5/1/2008 12:00 Noon—Deadline for independent candidates to furnish petitions signed by not less than three percent (3%) of the qualified electors in the county, township, or district in which the person is seeking office. §7-7-103 (b)(1)(A)

5/1/2008 Deadline for independent candidates desiring to have their names placed on the ballot without political party affiliation for any state, county, township, or district office to file petitions. §7-7-103(b)(1)(A), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 21.

Deadline for petitions for nomination to be filed for independent candidates for any state, county, township or district offices

5/5/2008 Deadline for county clerks to mail notice to all voters affected by changes in polling sites. §7-5-101(d)(2).

At least 15 days before Preferential Primary Election

5/5/2008 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to prepare and post in a public place in its county clerk’s office its list of appointed election officials. §7-5-202(b)(2), ACT 222 of 2007, Section 4

15 days before the Preferential Primary Election

5/5/2008 Early voting begins for Preferential Primary Election. §7-5-418(a)(1)(A)Act 556, Section 15

Begins 15 days before a Preferential Primary or General Election between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Saturday and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the Monday before election day

5/5/2008 First day for designated bearer to pick up absentee ballot (2 maximum) for the Preferential Primary Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election. §7-5-409(h)

15 days prior to a Preferential Primary

5/10/2008* Deadline for county board of election commissioners to demonstrate voting machines for the Preferential Primary Election and Nonpartisan Judicial General Election. §7-5-509(b)

Not less than 10 days nor more than 25 days prior to an election

5/13/2008 Deadline for county clerks to receive absentee ballot applications by mail or fax for Preferential Primary and Nonpartisan Judicial General Election. §7-5-403(a)(2)(A)(ii), 7-5-403(b)(1)

7 days before Preferential Primary Election

5/15/2008 Deadline for posting election notice at each polling site (optional) and publishing in a newspaper of general circulation in the county (mandatory) for the Preferential Primary Election §7-5-202(b)(1)

5 days before Preferential Primary Election

5/16/2008 Deadline for county to county transfer of registered voters.
Amendment 51, §10 of the Arkansas Constitution, Act 560 of 2007, Section 1
4 days before an election

5/19/2008 Deadline for county clerks to receive in person or by designated bearer applications for absentee ballots for the Preferential Primary Election.
§7-5-403(a)(2)
Closing time 1 day before Preferential Primary Election

5/19/2008 Deadline for the voter to personally deliver absentee ballot to the county clerk. §7-5-411(a)(3)
Closing time 1 day before Preferential Primary Election

5/19/2008 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to designate a suitable person or persons to deliver ballots to polls. §7-5-211(a)(1)(A)
1 day before Preferential Primary Election

5/19/2008 5:00 p.m. — Deadline for voter to participate in early voting.
§7-5-418(a)(1)(A) Act 556 of 2007, Section 15
5:00 p.m. on Monday before election

5/20/2008

PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Polls are open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. §7-7-203(b), §7-5-304, §7-8-101.
Tuesday three weeks prior to General Primary Election (runoff)

5/20/2008 1:30 p.m. — Deadline for delivery of application for an absentee ballot by an authorized agent of voter in a hospital or nursing home.
§7-5-403(a)(2)(A)(iv)(a)
1:30 p.m. on day of Preferential Primary Election

5/20/2008 7:30 p.m. – Deadline for county clerk to receive absentee ballots (excluding overseas ballots) by mail, designated bearer, administrator or authorized agent of the voter for preferential primary election. §7-5-411(a)(1)(A)
Not later than 7:30 p.m. on Election Day

5/20/2008 County board of election commissioners shall post at each polling site the public notice of election, at least two (2) sample ballots marked with the word “SAMPLE” for each ballot style that will be used at a polling site, two (2) copies of the full text of measures on the ballot, and at least two (2) copies of instructions on how to vote, how to cast a provisional ballot, instructions on fail-safe voting, general information of voting rights of an individual and general information on federal and state laws regarding acts of fraud and misrepresentation, a double-sided sign containing the words “VOTE HERE” posted at each main driveway entrance to the polling site on each Public street bordering the polling site so as to be visible to all traffic, and one (1) printout from each voting machine showing whether the candidate and Question counters register zero (0).
§7-5-202(c), Act 222 of 2007, Section 4
Day of election

5/20/2008 Deadline for qualified electors and active duty uniformed services personnel outside the United States to sign, date, postmark, and mail absentee ballots to the county clerk. Must be received by the county clerk by 5:00 pm ten (10) days after election. §7-5-411. Act 556 of 2007. Section 8
Preferential Primary Election Day

5/20/2008 Deadline for return of all election material from the polls to the county board of election commissioners for the Preferential Primary and Nonpartisan Judicial General Election. §7-5-317(b)

Immediately after polls close

5/20/2008 County Board of Election Commissioners shall declare and report to the county clerk the preliminary and unofficial results of the Preferential Primary Election, including a statement of the number of outstanding overseas absentee ballots. Clerk shall immediately transmit declaration to the Secretary of State by the Internet website interface provided by the Secretary of State.

§7-5-701(a)(2)(A)

Immediately after the count of the vote is complete

5/22/2008 7:30 p.m. — Earliest time for county board of election commissioners to meet to canvass returns and certify the Preferential Primary and Nonpartisan Judicial General Election results if there are no outstanding overseas absentee ballots..) §7-7-203 (e) §7-5-701(a)(1)(A)

48 hours after Preferential Primary Election

5/30/2008 5:00 p.m. — Deadline for county clerks to receive absentee ballots from uniformed service personnel serving in active duty and from voters outside the United States for Preferential Primary Election and Nonpartisan Judicial General Election. §7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(ii)

5:00 p.m. ten calendar days after date of Preferential Primary Election (5/20/2008)

5/30/2008 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to meet and canvass returns and certify the Preferential Primary Election results if there were any outstanding overseas absentee ballots. §7-7-203(e) §7-7-309

10 days after Preferential Primary (meeting to be at 5:00 unless otherwise specified)

JUNE 2008

June 2008						
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6/4/2008 Deadline for each county board of election commissioner following any regularly scheduled Preferential Primary Election, General Election, or statewide special election, to file an affidavit, under the signature of all three (3) commissioners or individually, with the State Board of Election Commissioners in a form approved by the state board to the effect that all duties and responsibilities of the county election commission have been complied with.

§7-5-707(e), Act 559 of 2007, Section 5.

15 days after the election



Non-Partisan Judicial Election Calendar 2008

Non-Partisan Judicial General Election Calendar 2008

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DECEMBER 2007

12/2/2007* First day for nonpartisan judicial candidates not paying a filing fee to begin circulating petitions. §7-10-103(c)(1)(B)
60 days prior to filing deadline (1/31/2008)

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

JANUARY 2008

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1/17/2008 12:00 Noon — First day for nonpartisan judicial candidates to file petitions for ballot access in the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election without paying a filing fee. §7-10-103(c)(1)(A)(i), Act 1049 Of 2007, Section 32
46 days before the first weekday in March

1/31/2008 12:00 Noon — Deadline for nonpartisan judicial candidates to file petitions for ballot access in the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election without paying filing fee. §7-10-103(c)(1)(A)(i), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 32
32 days before the first weekday in March

FEBRUARY 2008

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2/1/2008 Deadline for Secretary of State for state and district candidates and the county board of election commissioners (for county offices) to review candidate names and titles on political practice pledges for nonpartisan judicial candidates filing by petition. §7-7-305(c), Act 559 of 2007, Section 6
One business day after filing deadline

2/4/2008 Deadline for nonpartisan judicial candidates filing by petition to file SFI's unless any incumbent officeholder filed the statement of financial interest by January 31 of the year in which the election is held.
 §21-8-701(c)(1)(A), Act 267 of 2007

First Monday following the close of the period to file as a candidate for elective office

2/5/2008 Deadline for Secretary of State or the county clerk to notify nonpartisan judicial candidates filing by petition of failure to file a signed political practice pledge. Notice shall include a copy of the form and be sent by certified mail.
 §7-6-102(e)(2)(A), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 20

Within 5 days from which the pledge is required to be filed

2/14/2008 Deadline for county clerk to notify each nonpartisan judicial candidate filing by petition of filing deadlines for 10-day pre-election report and final report and to furnish the appropriate forms and instructions. §7-6-208(b)(3)

14 days after filing deadline for office

2/20/2008 Deadline for Secretary of State to provide federal regulations to county clerks concerning voting by overseas citizens and uniform service personnel.
 §7-5-406(b)(2)

90 days before the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election (5/20/2008)

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

3/3/2008 12:00 Noon — Filing period opens for party candidates running for office in preferential primary election and for the nonpartisan judicial candidates paying filing fees. §7-10-103(b)(2)(B), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 25

First weekday in March

3/6/2008 Deadline for Secretary of State to certify to all county boards of election commissioners and the county clerk to certify to the county board of their county a full list of all candidates to be voted for as certified to them.

§7-5-203(a), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 18

75 days before the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election

3/10/2008 12:00 Noon — Filing period closes for nonpartisan judicial candidates paying filing fees. §7-10-103(b)(2)(B), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 25

Seven days following the first weekday in March (3/3/2008)

3/11/2008 Deadline for a candidate to notify either the Secretary of State or the county board a desire to withdraw from a race. Must be in writing, signed by the candidate and acknowledged before an officer authorized to take acknowledgements. §7-5-207(a) Act 1049 of 2007, Section 15

70 days before the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election

3/11/2008 Deadline for Secretary of State for state and district offices and the county board of election commissioners (for county offices) to review candidate names and titles on political practice pledges.

§7-7-305 (c)(2), Act 559 of 2007, Section 6

One business day after the filing deadline

3/15/2008* Deadline for Secretary of State or the county clerk to notify nonpartisan judicial candidates who filed by petition of failure to file a signed political practice pledge. Notice shall include a copy of the form and be sent by certified mail.

§7-6-102(e)(2)(A), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 20

Within 5 days from which the pledge is required to be filed

3/16/2008* Ballot positions determined by lot at a public meeting of the county board of election commissioners. §7-5-208(f)(4) Act 1049 of 2007, Section 20

65 days prior to the election

3/17/2008 Deadline for party candidate and nonpartisan judicial candidates paying filing fees to file the SFI unless the incumbent officeholder filed the statement of financial interest by January 31 of the year in which the election is held.

§21-8-701(c)(1)(A), Act 267 of 2007

First Monday following the close of the period to file as a candidate for elective office

3/21/2008 Deadline for write-in candidates in the nonpartisan judicial general election to file a notice of intent and a political practices pledge with the County Board of Election Commissioners and either the Secretary of State or the County Clerk. §7-10-103(d), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 32

60 days before the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election (5/20/2008)

3/22/2008* Deadline for the Secretary of State for state and district offices and the county board of election commissioners (for county offices) to review write-in candidate names and titles on political practice pledges for the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election. §7-7-305 (c)(2), Act 559 of 2007, Section 6

One day following filing deadline

3/24/2008 Deadline for write-in candidates for the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election to file the SFI unless the incumbent officeholder filed the statement of financial interest by January 31 of the year in which the election is held.

§21-8-701(c)(1)(A), Act 267 of 2007

First Monday following the close of the period to file as a candidate for elective office

3/24/2008 Deadline for county clerk to notify nonpartisan judicial candidates including unopposed candidates of filing deadlines for 10-day pre-election and final report and to furnish appropriate forms and instructions. §7-6-208(b)(3)

14 days after filing deadline for office

3/26/2008 Deadline for Secretary of State or the county clerk to notify write-in candidates for nonpartisan judicial office of failure to file a signed political practice pledge. Notice shall include a copy of the form and be sent by certified mail.

§7-6-102(e)(2)(A), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 20

Within 5 days from which the pledge is required to be filed

APRIL 2008

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

4/4/2008 Deadline for county clerks to notify write-in candidates of filing deadlines for 10-day pre-election report and final report and to furnish appropriate forms and instructions. §7-6-208 (b)(3)(A), Act 221 of 2007, Section 6

14 days after filing deadline for office

4/15/2008 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to deliver absentee ballots to the county clerks for Nonpartisan Judicial General Election.

§7-5-407(a), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 17

35 days before the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election

4/19/2008 Deadline for county election commission to change precinct boundaries and polling sites for the Nonpartisan Judicial and Preferential Primary Election.

§7-5-101(a)(4)(A)

31 days before the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election

4/20/2008* DEADLINE TO APPLY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL GENERAL ELECTION. §7-5-201 (a)

30 calendar days prior to the election on 5/20/2008

4/25/2008 First day to demonstrate voting machines for the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election. §7-5-509(b)

Not more than 25 days nor less than 10 days before the election

4/30/2008 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to appoint a sufficient number of election officials for each polling site and other duties.

§7-4-107(b)(1)

20 days before the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election

4/30/2008 County board of election commissioners to give public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of: the date of the election, hours of voting on election day, the places and times for early voting, polling sites for holding the elections in the county, the candidates and offices to be elected at that time and the time and location of opening, processing, canvassing, and counting of ballots. §7-5-202(a). Act 556 of 2007.

20 days before the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election

MAY 2008

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

5/5/2008 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to prepare and post in a public place in its county clerk's office its list of appointed election officials. §7-5-202, Act 222 of 2007, Section 4

15 days before the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election

5/5/2008 Early voting for the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election and the Preferential Primary Election begins. §7-5-418 (a)(1)(A)

15 days before the election

5/5/2008 Deadline for county clerks to mail notice to all voters affected by changes in polling sites. §7-5-101(d)(2)

15 days before the election

5/5/2008 First day that a designated bearer shall be allowed to pick up an absentee ballot. §7-5-409(h)

15 days before the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election

5/10/2008* Last day for county board of election commissioners to demonstrate voting machines for the Preferential Primary and the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election. §7-5-509(b)

10 days before the election

5/13/2008 Deadline for county clerks to receive absentee ballot applications by mail or fax for the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election. §7-5-403(a)(2);(b)(1)

7 days before the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election

5/15/2008 Deadline for posting election notice at each polling site (optional) and publishing in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. §7-5-202(b)(1), Act 222 of 2007, Section 4

5 days before the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election

5/16/2007 Deadline for county-to-county transfer of voter registration. Amendment 51, §10 of the Arkansas Constitution, Act 560 of 2007, Section 1

4 days prior to an election

5/19/2008 Deadline for county clerk to receive in person or by designated bearer applications for absentee ballots for the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election. §7-5-403(a)(2)(i)(iii)

Closing time 1 day before the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election

5/19/2008 Deadline for the voter (except for overseas voters) to personally deliver absentee ballot to the county clerk. §7-5-411(a)(3)

No later than the close of regular business hours on the day before the election

5/19/2008 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to designate a suitable person or persons to deliver ballots to polls. §7-5-211(a)(1)(A)

1 day before the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election

5/19/2008 Deadline for voter to participate in early voting. §7-5-418

5:00 pm on the Monday before the election

5/20/2008

NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL GENERAL ELECTION

Polls are open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. §7-10-102(b)(1), §7-7-203(b)

Same date, same time and same place as the Preferential Primary Election

5/20/2008 Deadline for delivery of application for an absentee ballot by an authorized agent of the voter in a hospital or nursing home. §7-5-403(a)(2)(A)

By 1:30 p.m. on the day of Nonpartisan Judicial General Election

5/20/2008 Deadline for the county clerk to receive absentee ballots (excluding overseas ballots) by mail, a designated bearer, an administrator or authorized agent of the voter for the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election. §7-5-411(a)

Not later than 7:30 p.m. on Election Day

5/20/2008 Deadline for qualified electors and active duty uniformed service personnel to sign, date, postmark, and mail absentee ballot to the county clerk. Must be received by the county clerk by 5:00 p.m. ten (10) days after the election.

§7-5-411 (a)(1)(B)(i)

Day of election

5/20/2008 County board of election commissioners shall post at each polling site the public notice of the election, at least 2 sample ballots marked with word “**SAMPLE**” on each ballot style that will be at polling site, two copies of the full text of measures on the ballot, at least two copies of 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 signs containing the words “**VOTE HERE**” posted near each main driveway entrance to the polling site and one (1) printout from each voting machine showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

§7-5-202(c), Act 222 of 2007, Section 4, (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)(7)(A)(C)(8)

Day of election

5/20/2008 Deadline for return of all election material from the polls to the county board of election commissioners for the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election.

§7-5-317(b)

Immediately after the close of polls

5/20/2008 County board of election commissioners shall declare and report to the county clerk the preliminary and unofficial results of the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election, including a statement of number of outstanding absentee ballots. Clerk shall immediately transmit declaration to the Secretary of State by the internet website provided by the Secretary of State or by facsimile transmission if it not possible to transmit the results via the internet website. §7-5-701(a)(2)(A)(B)

Immediately after the count of the vote is complete

5/22/2008 Earliest time for county board of election commissioners to meet to canvass returns, declare, and certify the results of the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election providing that there are no outstanding overseas absentee ballots. County board shall deposit certified copies of the abstracts of the returns of the election. Meeting held at 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

§7-7-203(e)(1), §7-7-309, §7-10-102(b)(1)

48 hours after the election and not later than the 10th calendar day after the Preferential Primary election

5/30/2008 5:00 p.m. — Deadline for county clerks to receive absentee ballots from uniformed service personnel serving in active duty and from voters outside the United States for the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election.

§7-5-411 (a)(1)(B)(ii), Act 543 of 2007

5:00 p.m. ten calendar days after the date of the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election

5/30/2008 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to meet and canvass returns and certify the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election results if there were any outstanding overseas absentee ballots. Meeting shall be held at 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified. §7-7-203(e)

10 days after the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election

JUNE 2008

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6/4/2008 Deadline for each county board of election commissioner following any regularly scheduled Preferential Primary Election, General Election, or statewide special election, to file an affidavit, under the signature of all three (3) commissioners or individually, with the State Board of Election Commissioners in a form approved by the state board to the effect that all duties and responsibilities of the county election commissioner have been complied with.

§7-5-707(e), Act 559 of 2007, Section 5

15 days after the election

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**General Primary Election
(Runoff) Calendar
2008**

General Primary Election (Runoff) 2008

April 2008						
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APRIL 2008

4/11/2008 Deadline for county clerk to make available upon request applications for absentee ballots for the General Election Runoff. §7-5-405 (a)(1).

60 days before the General Primary Election (runoff) (6/10/2008)

MAY 2008

May 2008						
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5/10/2008* Deadline for county board of election commissioners to change precinct boundaries and polling sites for the General Primary Election (runoff).

§7-5-101(a)(4)

31 days before the General Primary Election (runoff)

5/11/2008*

DEADLINE TO APPLY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE GENERAL

Primary Election (Runoff) §7-5-201

30 days before the General Primary Election (runoff)

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

5/21/2008 Deadline for county boards of election commissioners to appoint a sufficient number of election officials for each polling site and other duties.

§7-4-107(b)(1)

20 days before the General Primary Election (runoff)

5/26/2008 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to prepare and post in a public place in its county clerk's office its list of appointed election officials.

§7-5-202(b)(2), Act 222 of 2007

15 days before the General Primary Election (runoff)

5/26/2008 Deadline for county clerk to mail notice to all voters affected by changes in polling sites §7-5-101(d)(2)

15 days before the General Primary Election (runoff)

5/31/2008* Deadline for county board of election commissioners to deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk for the General Primary Election (runoff)

§7-5-407(b)

10 days before the General Primary Election (runoff)

5/31/2008* County board of election commissioners to give public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county on: the date of the election, hours of voting on election day, the places and times for early voting, polling sites for holding elections in the county, the candidates and offices to be elected at that time, and the time and location of opening, processing, canvassing and counting of the ballots. §7-5-202(a), Act 556 of 2007

10 days before the General Primary Election (runoff)

5/31/2008* Last day for county board of election commissioners to demonstrate voting machines for the General Election (runoff). §7-5-509(b)

10 days before the General Primary Election (runoff)

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JUNE 2008

6/3/2008 Early voting starts for the General Primary Election (runoff).

§7-5-418(a)(2), ACT 556 of 2007, Section 15

7 days before the General Primary Election (runoff)

6/3/2008 First day that a designated bearer shall be allowed to pick up an absentee ballot. §7-5-409(h), Act 556 of 2007

7 days before the General Primary Election (runoff)

6/3/2008 Deadline for county clerk to receive absentee ballot applications by mail or fax for the General Primary Election (runoff).

§7-5-403(a)(2)(A)(ii), §7-5-403(a)(2)(A)(v)(a)

7 days before the General Primary Election (runoff)

6/5/2008 Deadline for posting election notice at each polling site (optional) publishing in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. §7-5-202(b)

5 days before the General Primary Election (runoff)

6/6/2007 Deadline for county to county transfer of voter registration.

Amendment 51, §10 of the Arkansas Constitution, Act 560 of 2007, Section 1

4 days prior to an election

6/9/2008 Deadline for voter to participate in early voting.

§7-5-418(a)(2),

At the time the County Clerk's office regularly closes Monday before the General Primary Election (runoff)

6/9/2008 Deadline for county clerk to receive in person by designated bearer applications for absentee ballots for the General Primary Election (runoff).

§7-5-403(a)(2)(i)(iii)

Closing time 1 day before the General Primary Election (runoff)

6/9/2008 Deadline for the voter to personally deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk. §7-5-411(a)(3)

1 day before the General Primary Election (runoff) by the close of business

6/10/2008

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION (RUNOFF)

Polls are open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. §7-7-203 (a), §7-5-106(a)

Shall be held on the second Tuesday in June preceding the General Election

6/10/2008 Deadline for delivery of application of an absentee ballot by an authorized agent of the voter in a hospital or nursing home.

§7-5-403(a)(2)(A)(iv)(a)(b)

By 1:30 p.m. on the day of the General Primary Election (runoff)

6/10/2008 Deadline for the county clerk to receive absentee ballots (excluding overseas ballots) by mail, a designated bearer, an administrator or authorized agent of the voter for the General Primary Election (runoff). §7-5-411(a)

Not later than 7:30 p.m. on Election Day

6/10/2008 Deadline for qualified electors and active uniformed service personnel to sign, date, postmark, 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.

§7-5-411 (a)(1)(B)(i), Act 556 of 2007, Section 8

Day of election

6/10/2008 County board of election commissioners shall post at each polling site the public notice of election, at least two (2) sample ballots marked with the word "SAMPLE" on each ballot style that will be a polling site, two (2) copies of the full text of measures on the ballot, and at least two (2) copies of instructions on how to vote, how to cast a provisional ballot, instructions on fail-safe voting, general information of voting rights of an individual and general information on federal and state laws regarding acts of fraud and misrepresentation, a double-sided sign containing the words "VOTE HERE" posted at each main driveway entrance to the polling site on each Public street bordering the polling site so as to be visible to all traffic, and One (1) printout from each voting machine showing whether the candidate and Question counters register zero (0).

§7-5-202, Act 222 of 2007, Section 4

Day of election

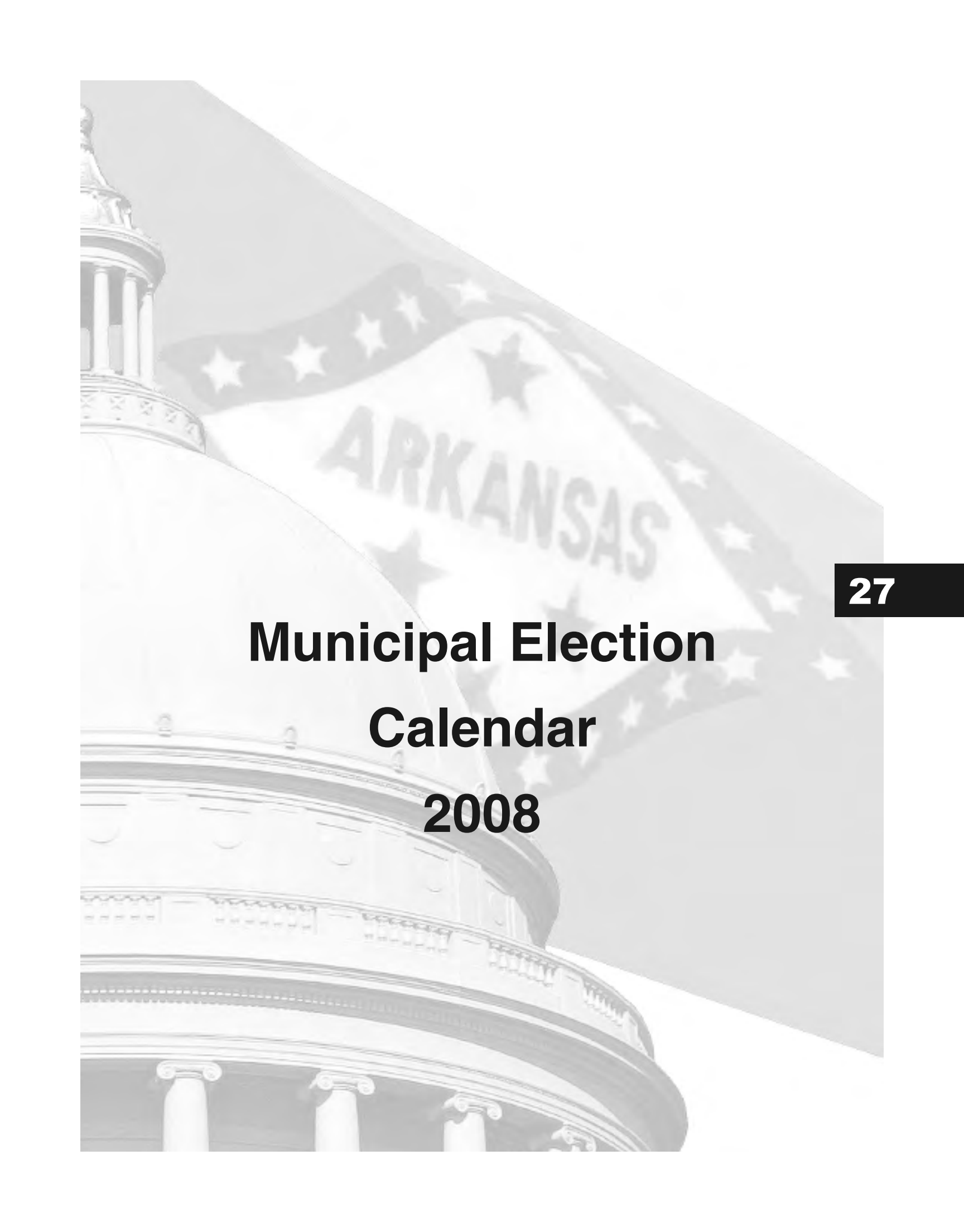
6/10/2008 Return of all election material from the polls to the county board of election commissioners for the General Primary Election (runoff). §7-5-317 (b)
Immediately after the close of the polls

6/10/2008 County board of election commissioners shall declare and report to the county clerk the preliminary and unofficial results of the General Primary Election (runoff), including a statement of the number of outstanding absentee ballots. Clerk shall immediately transmit declaration to the Secretary of State by the Internet website provided by the Secretary of State or by facsimile transmission if it is not possible to transmit the results via the internet website. §7-5-701(a)(2)(A)
Immediately after the count of the vote is complete

6/12/2008 Earliest time for county board of election commissioners to meet to canvass returns, declare and certify the results of the General Primary Election (runoff) providing that there are no outstanding overseas absentee ballots and to deposit certified copies of the abstracts of the returns of the election for the General Primary Election (runoff.) Meeting held at 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified. §7-7-203(e)
No earlier than 48 hours after the election and not later than the 10th calendar day after the election

6/20/2008 Deadline for county clerks to receive absentee ballots from uniformed service personnel serving in active duty and from voters outside the United States for the General Primary Election (runoff.) §7-5-411(a)(i)(B)(ii) Act 543 of 2007
5:00 p.m. ten (10) calendar days after the date of the General Election Primary (runoff)

6/20/2008 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to meet and canvass returns and certify the General Primary Election (runoff) results if there were any outstanding overseas absentee ballots. Meeting shall be held at 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified. §7-7-309
Ten (10) calendar days after the General Primary Election (runoff)

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**Municipal Election
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Municipal Election Calendar 2008

Mayor - Council Form of Government

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JANUARY 2008

Before 1/1/2008 Cities or town councils with the mayor-council form of government, by resolution passed before January 1 of the year of the election may request county party committees of the recognized political parties to conduct party primaries for municipal offices for the forthcoming year. §14-42-206 (a)(1)

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APRIL 2008

4/30/2008 (The Governing body of any city of the first class, city of the second class, or incorporated town may enact an ordinance requiring independent candidates for municipal office to file petitions for nomination as independent candidates with the county clerk.) Earliest day for these independent candidates for municipal office to file petitions for nomination and political practices pledge with the county clerk. §14-42-206(d)(1)(A)(i), & §14-42-206(b)(3)

20 days before the Preferential Primary Election

May 2008						
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MAY 2008

5/14/2008* First day that independent candidates running for municipal offices with mayor-council form of government may file petitions of nomination and political practice pledge with the county clerk. (County clerk must determine whether or not the petition contains a sufficient number of qualified electors.). §14-42-206(b)(1), Act 149 of 2007, Act 1049 of 2007, Section 20

Ninety (90) days before the Municipal General Election

5/19/2008 (The Governing body of any city of the first class, city of the second class, or incorporated town may enact an ordinance requiring independent candidates for municipal office to file petitions for nomination as independent candidates with the county clerk.) Last day for these independent candidates for municipal office to file petitions for nomination and political practices pledge with the county clerk. §14-42-206(d)(1)(A)(i) & 14-42-206(b)(3)

No later than 12:00 noon—the day before the Preferential Primary Election

June 2008						
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JUNE 2008

6/3/2008 Last day that independent candidates running for municipal offices with mayor-council form of government may file petitions of nomination and political practice pledge with the county clerk. Act 1049 of 2007, Section 20

By 12:00 noon—Seventy (70) days prior to the Municipal General Election

August 2008						
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AUGUST 2008

8/5/2008 Municipal Primary Election (other than initial Primary) for Mayor-Council Form of Government §14-48-109(a)(2)(B)(i)

Second Tuesday in August preceding the Municipal General Election (11/4/2008)

14-42-206(c)(1)(B) — In any case, except the office of Mayor, in which only one (1) candidate has filed and qualified for the office, the candidate shall be declared elected and the name of the person shall be certified as elected without the necessity of putting the person's name on the general election ballot for the office.

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

8/27/2008 County board of election commissioners to review candidate names and titles on the political practices pledge for municipal candidates.
 §7-7-305 (c)(2), Act 559 of 2007, Section 6

One business day after the filing deadline

8/31/2008* County board of election commissioners shall determine by lot at a public meeting the order in which the names of candidates shall appear on the ballot. §7-7-305(b)

Sixty-five (65) days before the General Election (11/4/2008)

SEPTEMBER 2008

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9/1/2008* Independent candidate running for municipal offices to file SFI unless the incumbent officeholder filed the statement of financial interest by January 31st of the year in which the election was held. §21-8-701(c)(1)(A), Act 267 of 2007

First Monday following the last day to file petitions and political practice pledges for candidates running as independent candidates for municipal offices in cities with mayor-council form of government.

§14-42-206(c)(1)(A)—If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the general election for municipal office, the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast for the office to be filled shall be the nominees for the respective offices, to be voted upon in a runoff election pursuant to §7-5-106

Municipal Election Calendar City Administrator Form of Government (Barling, Fort Smith and Siloam Springs)

- 14-48-104. Submission of governmental form question to electors
- 14-48-105. Procedure to change to another form of government
- 14-48-106. Effect of reorganization
- 14-48-108. Calling of Elections for directors and mayor
- 14-48-109. Election of directors and mayor — Oath
- 14-48-114. Removal of mayor or directors
- 14-48-115. Mayor or director vacancy
- 14-48-117. Powers and duties of city administrator
- 14-48-120. Meetings of board of directors
- 14-48-124. Creation of new departments, etc.

MAY 2008

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5/7/2008 First day candidates for mayor or director may file statement of candidacy and the petition for nomination with the city clerk. §14-48-109(a)(3)

Ninety (90) days before the municipal primary election

5/27/2008 Last day candidates running for mayor or director in cities with city administrator form of government to file statement of candidacy and petitions of nominations with the city clerk. §14-48-109(a)(3)

By 12:00 noon—Seventy (70) days before the Municipal Primary Election

5/27/2008 City Clerk or recorder to certify to the board of commissioners the name of the candidate mentioned on each petition fails to meet the requirements. §14-48-109(a)(6)

Seventy (70) days before the Municipal Primary Election

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

AUGUST 2008

8/5/2008 Municipal Primary Election other than the initial primary for those nominations for offices to be filled at the municipal general election shall be held the second Tuesday of August preceding the municipal general election. §14-48-109(a)(2)(B)(i)

14-48-109(a)(3)—Primary elections shall be held in the same place as are designated for the general election, so far as possible, and shall, so far as practicable, be conducted in the same manner as the elections under the laws of this state.

14-48-109(a)(7)—The names of all candidates at the election shall be printed upon the ballot in an order determined by draw. If two (2) candidates qualify for an office, the names of all candidates shall appear on the ballot at the primary election.

14-48-109(8)(A)—If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the primary, the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes for mayor and director position to be filled shall be the nominees for those respective offices to be voted upon in the General Election.

14-48-109(8)(B)—If no more than two (2) persons qualify as candidates for the office of mayor or for any director position to be filled, no municipal primary election shall be held for these positions, and the names of the two (2) qualifying candidates for each office or position shall be placed on the ballot at the municipal general election as the nominees for the respective positions. Primary elections shall be omitted in wards in which no primary contest is required.

14-48-109(8)(C)—In any case in which only one (1) candidate shall have filed and qualified for the office of mayor or any director position, or if a candidate receives a clear majority of the votes cast in a primary election, that candidate shall be declared elected. The name of the person shall be certified as elected without the necessity of the person's name on the general municipal election ballot for the office.

Municipal Election City Manager Form of Government (Arkadelphia, Hope, Hot Springs, Little Rock, Maumelle and Texarkana)

- 14-47-106. Election on city manager form of government**
- 14-47-107. Subsequent election on aldermanic form of government**
- 14-47-108. Effect of reorganization**
- 14-47-110. Election of directors**

Special election to elect the initial membership of the board—called by mayor's proclamation; special election to fill any vacancy called through a resolution of the board of directors. Petitions of candidacy shall be filed with the city clerk or recorder not more than ninety (90) nor fewer than seventy (70) days before the election (special or general) by 12:00 noon.

Petitions shall bear the signatures of at least fifty (50) qualified electors of the municipality, request the candidacy of the candidate. Petitions of nomination shall not show the name of more than one (1) candidate. If the election is a special election, the city clerk or recorder to the county board of election commissioners not less than thirty-five (35) days before the election unless the clerk or recorder finds that the petition fails to meet requirements.

**General Election
and
Nonpartisan Judicial Election
Runoff Calendar 2008**

General Election and Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff Calendar 2008

JULY 2008

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

7/4/2008* Deadline to file petitions with the Secretary of State to place an initiated measure on the General Election Ballot. Arkansas Constitution Amendment #7.

4 Months before the General Election

7/27/2008* Secretary of State shall notify by registered mail the chairman and secretary of the state committee of the respective parties that certificate of nomination is due for all nominated candidates for US, state, and district offices. §7-7-203(h)(1)(A), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 25

At least 100 days before the General Election

AUGUST 2008

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

8/4/2008 Deadline for persons desiring to have their names printed on the ballot as independent candidates for President and Vice President to submit a petition. Must have signatures of one thousand (1,000) qualified electors of the state at the time of filing. §7-8-302(6)(A), Act 822 of 2007

By 12:00 noon on the first Monday in August of the year of the election

8/4/2008 Deadline for a political group desiring to have the names of its candidates for President and Vice President printed on the ballot to submit a petition. Must have signatures of one thousand (1,000) qualified electors of the state declaring so. §7-8-302(B)

By 12:00 noon on the first Monday in August of the year of the election

8/6/2008 Deadline for Secretary of State to provide county clerks with federal regulations concerning voting by overseas citizens and uniformed service personnel. §7-5-406(b)(2)

Ninety (90) days prior to the General Election

8/6/2008 Deadline for Secretary of State to provide voter registration applications to colleges that request them. US Code, Title 20, Section 1094 (a)(23).

Sixty (60) days before the voter registration deadline (10/5/2008*) for the General Election

8/6/2008 Last day for nominated candidates for US, state, and district offices to file their certificate of nomination with the Secretary of State. §7-7-203(h)(1)(B)(i), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 25

At least ninety (90) days prior to the General Election

8/6/2008 Last day that a Candidate or his or her agent shall notify in writing the county board of election commissioners of each county in which the candidate seeks election and either the Secretary of State, if a state or district candidate, or a county clerk, if a candidate for a county or township office, of his or her intention to be a write in candidate. §7-5-205(a)(1) (General Election only)

Ninety (90) days before the General Election

8/6/2008 County clerks shall notify by registered mail the chairman 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 board of election commissioners in order that the candidates names are placed on the ballot.

§7-7-203(h)(2)(A), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 25

At least ninety (90) days prior to the General Election

8/6/2008 First day for independent candidates running for a municipal office in a city or town with mayor-council form of government to file petitions of nomination and the political practice pledge with the county clerk.

§14-42-206(b)(1), Act 149 of 2007, Section 1, Act 1049 of 2007, Section 45

Ninety (90) days before the General Election

8/6/2008 State committees shall issue certificates of nominations to nominated candidates and submit the certified list to the county board of election commissioners and the county clerk. §7-7-203, Act 1049 of 2007, Section 25

At least ninety (90) days prior to the General Election

8/14/2008 Deadline for the Secretary of State to certify independent candidates for President and Vice President petitions. §7-8-302(6)(A), Act 822 of 2007, Section 2

Ten (10) days from the filing of the petition for independent candidates for President and Vice President

8/21/2008 Deadline for Secretary of State to certify to all county boards of election commissioners a full list of all candidates to be voted for in their respective counties as the nominations have been certified to them.

§7-5-203(a), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 18

Not less than seventy-five (75) days before the General Election

8/21/2008 Deadline for County Clerks to certify to the county board a full list of all candidates to be voted for in the county as the nominations have been certified to them. §7-5-203(b), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 18

Not fewer than seventy-five (75) days before the General Election

8/26/2008 Last day for independent candidates running for a municipal position in a city or town with a mayor-council form of government to file their petitions of nomination and the political practice pledge with the county clerk.

§14-42-206(b)(1), Act 149 of 2007, Section 1, Act 1049 of 2007, Section 45

Before 12:00 noon not less than seventy (70) days before the General Election

8/26/2008 Deadline for the Secretary of State to certify an amendment, measure or question to the county board of election commissioners of each county in the state. §7-5-204(a), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 19

Not fewer than seventy (70) days before the General Election

8/26/08 Last day for candidate to notify in writing his or her desire to be withdrawn as a candidate. If a U.S., state, or district office notice shall be filed with the Secretary of State. In the case of a county, city, or township office notice shall be filed with the county board of election commissioners. Notification must be signed by the candidate and acknowledged before an officer authorized to take such acknowledgments.

No later than seventy (70) days before the election

8/31/2008* County board of election commissioners shall determine by lot at a public meeting the order in which the names of candidates shall appear on the ballot. §7-5-208(f)(4), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 16

Sixty-five (65) days before the General Election

SEPTEMBER 2008

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9/1/2008* Deadline for independent candidates for President and Vice President who qualified by petition to submit a certified total list of electors with electors at large. §7-8-302(6)(c), Act 822 of 2007, Section 2

By September 1 in the year of the election

9/5/2008 Deadline for county clerks to make available upon request applications for absentee ballots for the general election and the nonpartisan judicial election runoff. §7-5-405(a)(1)

Sixty (60) days before the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff

9/8/2008 First day for the Secretary of State to publish ballot measures (other than referred constitutional amendments) certified for the General Election ballot. §7-9-113(b)(2)

Publication should start 8 weeks prior to the General Election

9/30/2008 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to prepare and deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk.

§7-5-407(a), Act 1049 of 2007, Section 17

Thirty-five (35) days before the General Election

OCTOBER 2008

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

10/4/2008* Deadline for county election commissions to change the precinct boundaries and polling sites for the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff. §7-5-101(a)(4)(A)

Thirty-one (31) days before the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff

10/5/2008* DEADLINE TO APPLY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION AND THE NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL GENERAL ELECTION RUNOFF. §7-5-201(a)

Thirty (30) calendar days before the General Election and the Nonpartisan Nonpartisan Judicial General Judicial Election Runoff (11/4/2008)

10/10/2008 First day to demonstrate voting machines for the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff. §7-5-509(b)

Twenty-five (25) days before the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff

10/15/2008 Deadline for Attorney General to send abstract of initiative measures to the Secretary of State. §7-9-114

Not less than 20 days before the General Election

10/15/2008 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to appoint a sufficient number of election officials. §7-4-107(b)(1)(A),

Twenty (20) days before the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff

10/15/2008 County board of election commissioners to give public notice in newspaper of general circulation in the county of the date of the election, hours of voting on election day, the places and times for early voting, polling sites, candidates and offices to be elected in the general election and the nonpartisan judicial election runoff, the time and location of the opening, processing, canvassing and counting of ballots. §7-5-202(a) Act 556 of 2007, Section 1

At Least twenty (20) days before the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff

10/17/2008 Deadline for Secretary of State to furnish ballot title and popular name of each proposed ballot measure to the State Board of Election Commissioners and to all county boards of election commissioners. §7-9-115

18 days before the General Election

10/17/2008 Deadline for Secretary of State to send certified copies of Attorney General's abstract of initiated ballot measures to each county board of election commissioners, who shall post copies at all polling sites. §7-9-114(b)

18 days before the General Election

10/20/2008 Deadline for county clerks to mail notice to all voters affected by changes in polling sites. §7-5-101(d)(2)

At Least fifteen (15) days before the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff

10/20/2008 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to prepare and post in a public place in its county clerk's office its list of appointed election officials. §7-5-202 (b)(2)

Fifteen (15) days before the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff

10/20/2008 Early voting begins for the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff. §7-5-418(a)(1)(A), Act 556 of 2007, Section 15.

Begins 15 days before a Preferential Primary or General Election between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Saturday and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the Monday before Election Day

10/20/2008 First day for designated bearer to pick up absentee ballot (2 maximum) for the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff. §7-5-409(h)

Fifteen (15) days prior to the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff

10/25/2008* Last day for county board of election commissioners to demonstrate voting machines for the general election and the nonpartisan judicial election runoff. §7-5-509(b)

Ten (10) days before the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff

10/25/2008* County board of election commissioners shall make publication of all the nominations filed with it, of all nominations certified to it by the Secretary of state, of all proposed amendments to the Arkansas Constitution, and of all other measures and questions certified to it by the Secretary of State or required by law to be submitted to the electors at any election by posting a list at the door of the courthouse. §7-5-206, Act 222 of 2007, Section 7

Ten (10) days before the day of the election

10/28/2008 Deadline for county clerks to receive absentee ballot applications by mail or fax for the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Runoff Election. §7-5-403(a)(2)(A)(ii), §7-5-403(v)(6)(2)

Seven (7) days before the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff

10/30/2008 Deadline for posting election notice at each polling (optional) site and publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the county (mandatory) for the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff.

§7-5-202(b)(1), Act 222 of 2007, Section 4

Five (5) days before the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff

10/31/2007 Deadline for county to county transfer of registered voters.

Amendment 51, §10 of the Arkansas Constitution, Act 560 of 2007.

Four (4) days before the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff

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

11/3/2008 Deadline for county clerks to receive in person or by designated bearer applications for absentee ballots for the general election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff. §7-5-403(a)(2)(A)(i)

Closing time 1 day before the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff

11/3/2008 Deadline for the voter) to personally deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk. §7-5-411(a)(3).

Closing time 1 day before the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff

11/3/2008 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to designate a suitable person/persons to deliver ballots to the polls. §7-5-211(a)(1)

One (1) day before the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff

11/3/2008 Last day for voter to participate in early voting. §7-5-418

By 5:00 p.m. on the Monday before the election

11/4/2008

GENERAL ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL ELECTION RUNOFF

Polls are open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. §7-5-102, §7-5-304

Tuesday next after first Monday in November in every even numbered year

11/4/2008 1:30 p.m.—Deadline for delivery of application for an absentee ballot by an authorized agent of a voter. §7-5-403 (a)(2)

By 1:30 p.m. on the day of the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff

11/4/2008 7:30 p.m.—Deadline for county clerk to receive delivery of the ballots (excluding overseas ballots) by mail, the designated bearer, administrator or authorized agent of the voter for the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff. §7-5-411(a)(1)(A)(2), Act 556 of 2007, Section 8

No later than 7:30 p.m. on Election Day

11/4/2008 Deadline for qualified electors and active duty uniformed personnel to sign, date, postmark, 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. §7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i)(ii), Act 556 of 2007, Section 8

By 5:00 p.m. on the day of the General Election

11/4/2008 County board of election commissioners 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 polling site, two (2) copies of the full text of any measures on the ballot, at least two (2) copies of instructions on how to vote, how to cast a provisional ballot, instructions on fail-safe voting, general information on voting rights of an individual and general information on federal and state laws regarding acts of fraud and misrepresentation, a double sided sign containing the words "VOTE HERE" posted at each main driveway entrance to the polling site, and one (1) printout from each voting machine showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

§7-5-202, Act 222 of 2007, Section 4

Day of the election

11/4/2008 Deadline for return of all election material from the polls to the county board of election commissioners for the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Runoff. §7-5-317(b)

Immediately after the polls close

11/4/2008 County board of election commissioners shall declare and report to the county clerk the preliminary and unofficial results of the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff, including a statement of outstanding overseas absentee ballots. Clerk shall immediately transmit declaration to the Secretary of State by the Internet website interface provided by the Secretary of State.

§7-5-701(a)(2)(A)

Immediately after the count of the vote is complete

11/6/2008 7:30 p.m.—Earliest time for county board of election commissioners to meet to canvass returns and certify the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff results providing that there are no outstanding overseas absentee ballots. §7-5-701(a)(1)

No earlier than forty-eight (48) hours and no later than the 15th calendar day after the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff

11/14/2008 5:00 p.m.—Deadline for county clerks to receive absentee ballots from uniformed service personnel serving in active duty and from qualified electors outside the United States for the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff. §7-5-411(a)(B)(i)

By 5:00 p.m. ten (10) calendar days after the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff

11/19/2008 An abstract of all votes cast on any measure shall be certified by the county board and delivered or postmarked to the Secretary of State.

No earlier than forty-eight (48) hours and no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the election is held

11/19/2008 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to meet and canvass returns and certify the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff results if there were any outstanding overseas absentee ballots. Meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified. §7-5-701(a)(1)

Not earlier than 48 hours and no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff

11/19/2008 Deadline for each county board of election commissioner following any regular scheduled preferential primary election, general election, or statewide special election, to file an affidavit, under the signature of all three (3) commissioners or individually, with the State Board of Election Commissioners in a form approved by the state board to the effect that all duties and responsibilities of the county board of election commission have been complied with.

§7-5-707(e), Act 559 of 2007, Section 5

15 days after the election

11/23/2008* County board of election commissioners shall deliver a certificate of election to the person having the highest number of legal votes for any county office.

§7-5-701(a)(3)

Nineteen days after the General Election

11/24/2008 Deadline for candidate to file in circuit court a complaint if unsatisfied with the certificate of nomination or the certificate of the vote. §7-5-801(a)(d)

Within 20 days after the certification of election results

JANUARY 2009

January 2009						
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1/3/2009 Deadline for officials elected in November 4, 2008, General Election and the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff and for judges elected at the Nonpartisan Judicial General Election without a runoff to send legal fee for commission to the Secretary of State. §21-2-101, §21-6-202, §21-2-102

Note: *State legislators are not required to be commissioned. However, Legislators wanting to receive a commission must pay the fee.*

Sixty (60) days after the General Election and Nonpartisan Judicial Election Runoff on 11/4/2008

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

1/31/2009 Deadline for incumbent office holders to file Statement of Financial interest for 2007. State and district officials file with the Secretary of State; county, township and school officials file with the county clerk; and municipal officials file with the city clerk or recorder.) §21-8-701 (c)

* — **Denotes dates that fall on a weekend or holiday. Any deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day. §7-1-108.**

Note: For filing deadlines for campaign finance filings (campaign contribution and Expenditure reports, PAC and lobbyist reports), contact the Arkansas Ethics Commission at 501-324-9600 or visit their website at www.arkansasethics.com

Arkansas Code referring to complaints filed with the Circuit Court

§7-5-801. Right of action—Procedure

(d) The complaint shall be verified by the affidavit of the contestant to the effect that he believes the statements to be true and shall be filed within twenty (20) days of the certification of complained of.

**§7-5-807. Election illegalities--Complaint-Grand jury investigation
Indictment— Trial.**

(a) If ten (10) reputable citizens of any county shall file a complaint with the circuit judge within twenty (20) days after any election alleging that illegal or fraudulent votes were cast, that fraudulent returns or certifications were made, or that the Political Practices Act was violated, the circuit judge, if in his opinion there is good ground to believe the charges to be true, shall convene a special term at once unless the regular term is in session or will convene within thirty (30) days.

(b) If the charges come in a regular term, the judge shall specially charge the grand jury as to them.

(c) Should a special term be called, it shall in all respects be as if convened by law. The circuit judge shall cause to be summoned grand and petit jurors, either on lists selected by the jury commissioners, by the sheriff, or by disinterested persons selected by him for that purpose according to his opinion as to the best method to select unbiased jurors.

(d) Should indictments be returned, either at a special or regular term, for violating the general, primary, or special election laws, the defendants shall be given a speedy trial at the term, and the court may adjourn terms of other courts in order that they may be tried, unless for good cause shown or in the interests of justice a continuance or change of venue is granted. No change of venue shall be granted in such cases except after a hearing and a finding by the court that the defendant cannot obtain a fair and impartial trial in the district of the county where the indictment is pending.

General Election Runoff

2008

General Election Runoff 2008

(County and Municipal Only)
Three weeks following the General Election

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SEPTEMBER 2008

9/26/2008 Deadline for county clerk to make available upon request applications for absentee ballots for the General Election Runoff. §7-5-405 (a) (1).

60 days before the General Election Runoff (11/25/2008)

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10/25/2008* Deadline for County Board of Election Commissioners to change precinct boundaries and polling sites for the General Election Runoff.

§7-5-101(a)(4)(A)

31 days before the General Election Runoff

10/26/2008* Deadline to apply to register to vote in the General Election Runoff. §7-5-201(a), Amendment 51, §10 of the Arkansas Constitution

30 days before the General Election Runoff

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

NOVEMBER 2008

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11/5/2008 Deadline for county boards of election commissioners to appoint a sufficient number of election officials for each polling site to perform duties.

§ 7-4-107 (b) (1)

20 days before the General Election Runoff

11/10/2008 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to prepare and post in a public place in its county clerk's office its list of appointed election officials. §7-5-202 (b)(2). Act 222 of 2007

15 days before the General Election Runoff

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

11/10/2008 Deadline for county clerks to mail notice to all voters affected by changes in polling sites. §7-5-101(d)(2)

15 days before the General Election Runoff

11/15/2008* County board of election commissioners to give public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of: the date of the election, hours of voting on Election Day, the places and times for early voting polling sites for holding elections in the county, the candidates and offices to be elected at that time and the time and location of opening, processing, canvassing and counting of the ballots. §7-5-202 (a), Act 556 of 2007

10 days before the General Election Runoff

11/15/2008* Deadline for county board of election commissioners to deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk. §7-5-407(b), Act 1049 of 2007

10 days before the General Election Runoff

11/15/2008* Last day for county board of election commissioners to demonstrate voting machines for the General Election Runoff. §7-5-509(b)

10 days before the General Election Runoff

11/18/2008 First day that a designated bearer shall be allowed to pick up an absentee ballot. §7-5-409(f), Act 556 of 2007

7 days before the General Election Runoff

11/18/2008 Early voting for the General Election Runoff begins.

§7-5-418(a)(2) Act 556 of 2007, Section 15.

7 days before the General Election Runoff

11/18/2008 Deadline for county clerks to receive absentee ballot applications by mail or fax for the General Election Runoff.

§7-5-403(a)(2)(A)(ii), §7-5-403 (a)(2)(A)(v)(a)

7 days before the General Election Runoff

11/20/2008 Deadline for posting election notice at each polling site (optional) and publishing in a newspaper (mandatory) of general circulation in the county.

§7-5-202(b)

5 days before the General Election Runoff

11/21/2008 Deadline for county-to-county transfer of registered voters. Act 560 of 2007, Amendment 51, §10(b)(2)(A) of the Arkansas Constitution

4 days before the election

11/24/2008 Deadline for county clerk to receive in person by designated bearer applications for absentee ballots for the General Election Runoff.

§7-5-403(a)(2)(i)(iii)

Closing time 1 day before the General Election Runoff

11/24/2008 Deadline for the voter (except for overseas voters) to personally deliver absentee ballot to the county clerk. §7-5-411(a)(3)

No later than the close of regular business hours on the day before the election

11/24/2008 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to designate a suitable person/persons to deliver ballots to the polls. §7-5-211(a)(1)

1 day before the General Election Runoff

11/24/2008 Deadline for voter to participate in early voting. §7-5-418(a)(2), Act 556 of 2007, Section 15

At the time the County Clerk's office regularly closes Monday before the General Election Runoff

11/25/2008

GENERAL ELECTION RUNOFF

(County and Municipal only)

Polls are open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. §7-5-106(a)

Three weeks following the General Election

11/25/2008 Deadline for delivery of application for an absentee ballot by an authorized agent of the voter. §7-5-403(a)(2)(A)(iv)(a)(b)

By 1:30 p.m. on the day of the General Election Runoff

11/25/2008 Deadline for the county clerk to receive absentee ballots (excluding overseas ballots) by mail, a designated bearer, an administrator or authorized agent of the voter for the General Election Runoff. §7-5-411(a)

Not later than 7:30 p.m. on Election Day

11/25/2008 Deadline for qualified electors outside of the United States to sign, date, postmark, and mail absentee ballot to the county clerk. (Must be received by the county clerk by 5:00 p.m. ten (10) calendar days after the election.)
 §7-5-411 (a)(1)(B)(i), Act 556 of 2007, Section 8

Day of election

11/25/2008 County board of election commissioners shall post at each polling site the public notice of election, at least two (2) sample ballots marked with the word "SAMPLE" on each ballot style that will be at polling site, two (2) copies of the full text of measures on the ballot, and at least two (2) copies of instructions on how to vote, how to cast a provisional ballot, instructions on fail-safe voting, general information of voting rights of an individual and general information on federal and state laws regarding acts of fraud and misrepresentation. A double-sided sign containing the words "**VOTE HERE**" posted at each main driveway entrance to the polling site on each public street bordering the polling site so as to be visible to all traffic, and one (1) printout from each voting machine showing whether the candidate and question counters register zero (0).
 §7-5-202 (c), Act 222 of 2007, Section 4

Day of election

11/25/2008 Return of all election material from the polls to the county board of election commissioners for the General Election Runoff. §7-5-317(b).

Immediately after the close of the polls

11/27/2008 Earliest time for county board of election commissioners to meet to canvass returns, declare, certify and deposit the results of the General Election Runoff providing that there are no outstanding overseas absentee ballots.
 §7-5-701 (a)(1)

No earlier than 48 hours after the election and not later than the 15th calendar day after the election

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

12/5/2008* Deadline for county clerks to receive absentee ballots from uniformed service personnel serving in active duty and from voters outside the United States for the General Election Runoff. §7-5-411 (a)(1)(B)(ii), Act 556 of 2007

5:00 p.m. ten (10) calendar days after the date of the General Election Runoff

12/10/2008 Deadline for county board of election commissioners to meet and canvass returns and certify the general election runoff results if there were any outstanding overseas absentee ballots. Meeting shall be held at 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified. §7-5-701(a)(1)

Fifteen (15) calendar days after the General Election Runoff

12/14/2008* County board of election commissioners shall deliver a Certificate of Election to the person having the highest number of legal votes for any county office.
 §7-5-701(a)(3)

Within 19 days after the election

12/15/2008* Deadline for candidate to file in circuit court a complaint if unsatisfied with the certificate of nomination or certificate of vote. §7-5-801(a)(d)

Within 20 days after the certification of election results