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2020 ELECTION DATES

Includes dates for 2020 March and November School Elections.

Please see separate calendar for 2019 November School Election.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

- 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 § 7-10-103(c)(1)(A)(i)*

SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

- 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 § 7-10-103(c)(1)(A)(i)*

NOVEMBER 4, 2019

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

NOVEMBER 11, 2019

- Party Filing Period Ends at 12:00 Noon *Ark. Code § 7-7-203(c)(1)*
- Nonpartisan Filing Period Ends at 3:00 pm *Ark. Code § 7-10-103(b)(2)(B)*
 - This day falls on a holiday. Filing ends Tuesday, November 12, 2019. *Ark. Code § 7-1-108*

FEBRUARY 17, 2020

- Early voting begins for the Preferential Primary Election, and shall be available between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and 10:00 am – 4:00 pm on Saturday. Early voting ends at 5:00 pm on the Monday prior to the election. *Ark. Code § 7-5-418(a)(1)(4)*
 - This day falls on a holiday. Early Voting begins Tuesday, February 18, 2020. *Ark. Code § 7-1-108*

MARCH 3, 2020

- Preferential Primary Election *Ark. Code § 7-7-203(b)*
- Nonpartisan General Election *Ark. Code § 7-10-102(b)(1)*
- Annual School Election (If held in March) *Ark. Code § 6-14-102(a)(1)*
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, February 2, 2020*
 - Actual deadline is Monday, February 3, 2020.
Ark. Code § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51

MARCH 31, 2020

- General Primary Election *Ark. Code § 7-7-203(a)*;
- Annual School Runoff Election (If election was held in March) *Ark. Code § 6-14-121*
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, March 1, 2020*
 - Actual deadline is Monday, March 2, 2020
Ark. Code § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51

AUGUST 11, 2020

- Municipal Primary Election (City Administrator) *Ark. Code § 14-48-109(a)(2)(B)*
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, July 12, 2020*
 - Actual deadline is Monday, July 13, 2020.
Ark. Code § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51

OCTOBER 19, 2020

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

NOVEMBER 3, 2020

- General Election Ark. Code § 7-10-102
- Nonpartisan Runoff Election Ark. Code § 7-10-102(c)(2)
- Annual School Election (If held in November) Ark. Code § 6-14-102(a)(1)
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, October 4, 2020*
 - Deadline is Monday, October 5, 2020
Ark. Code § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51

DECEMBER 1, 2020

- General Runoff Election (County and Municipal) Ark. Code § 7-5-106
 - Or in case of a tie for certain state or township offices.
- Annual Runoff School Election (If election was held in November) Ark. Code § 6-14-121
- Deadline to apply to register to vote – Sunday, November 1, 2020*
 - Actual deadline is Monday, November 2, 2020.
Ark. Code § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51

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

2019-2020 ELECTION CALENDAR

Includes dates for 2020 March and November School Elections.

Please see separate calendar for 2019 November School Election

- July 21, 2019 – Sunday
- 60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PETITION FILING DEADLINE FOR NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES**
First day for nonpartisan candidates wishing to file by petition to begin circulating petitions.
Ark. Code § 7-10-103(c)(1)(B)
- July 27, 2019 – Saturday*
- 100 DAYS PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF PARTY FILING PERIOD**
Deadline for school district to notify county clerk and CBEC of its chosen election date for the forthcoming year. If a school district does not update its policy, the election will be held in accordance with the most recent policy the school district provided.
Ark. Code § 6-14-102(a)(1)(B); Act 597 of 2019
- [*Deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day, per Ark. Code § 7-1-108. The actual deadline will be Monday, July 29, 2019.]*
- August 14, 2019 – Wednesday
- 90 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION FILING DEADLINE [IF BEING HELD IN MARCH]**
First day for candidates filing by petition to circulate petitions for Annual School Election. Petition must contain at least twenty (20) registered voters who are residents of the school district and, if applicable, the position's electoral zone.
Ark. Code § 6-14-111(d-f); Act 597 of 2019
- September 5, 2019 – 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 § 7-7-205(a)(6)
- (*New party requirements are currently the subject of litigation. Please contact the Secretary of State for additional information.)*
- DEADLINE FOR CITY OR TOWN COUNCILS WITH THE MAYOR-COUNCIL FORM OF GOVERNMENT**
Deadline for city or town councils with 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 § 14-42-206(a)(1); Act 545 of 2019
- September 12, 2019 – Thursday
- 53 DAYS BEFORE BEGINNING OF PARTY FILING PERIOD**
12:00 Noon – First day for nonpartisan prosecutor and judicial candidates to file petitions for ballot access in the Nonpartisan Election without paying a filing fee. Political practices pledge to be filed with petition.
Ark. Code § 7-6-102(a)(6); Ark. Code § 7-10-103(c)(1)(A)(i)

September 19, 2019 – Thursday

46 DAYS BEFORE 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 § 7-6-102(a)(6); § 7-10-103(c)(1)(A)(i)

September 20, 2019 – Friday

DEADLINE TO REVIEW NAMES ON POLITICAL PRACTICES PLEDGE

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

Ark. Code § 7-7-305(c)(2)

September 21, 2019 – 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 county clerk to notify by certified mail those candidates who have failed to file a signed political practices pledge.

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

*[*Deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day, per Ark. Code § 7-1-108. The actual deadline will be Monday, September 23, 2019.]*

November 4, 2019 – Monday

PARTY FILING PERIOD BEGINS AT 12:00 NOON

12:00 Noon – Party pledges, if any, and affidavits of eligibility shall be filed, 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 § 7-7-203(c)(1-3)

BEGIN FILING: NEW POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATE TO BE NOMINATED BY CONVENTION

A new political party candidate to be nominated by convention shall file a political practices pledge with the Secretary of State or county clerk, as the case may be, during the party filing period. The political party convention shall be held, and certificates of nomination filed, no later than noon on the date of the preferential primary election (March 3, 2020).

Ark. Code § 7-7-205(c)(2-3)

BEGIN FILING: INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

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

Ark. Code § 7-7-103(a)(1)

BEGIN FILING: WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Start of the period for write-in candidates to file a notice of write-in candidacy, political practices pledge, and affidavit eligibility.

Ark. Code § 7-5-205(3)

BEGIN PAYMENT OF FILING FEES FOR NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES

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

Ark. Code § 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 § 7-10-103(d)(2)and(3)

BEGIN: CANDIDATE FILING FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION (IF HELD IN MARCH)

12:00 Noon – First day a candidate filing by petition can file a petition, political practices pledge, and affidavit of eligibility with the county clerk.

Ark. Code § 6-14-111(e); Act 597 of 2019

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

12:00 Noon – First day a write-in candidate can file a notice of intent to be a candidate, a political practices pledge, and an affidavit of eligibility with the county clerk.

Ark. Code § 6-14-111(g)

November 11, 2019 – Monday*

PARTY FILING ENDS AT 12:00 NOON

12:00 Noon – Deadline for party pledges, if any, and affidavits of eligibility to be filed, any filing fees of a political party, if any, to be paid, and party certificates shall be issued by the party. 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 § 7-7-203(c)(1-3)-3

DEADLINE FOR FILING: NEW POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATE TO BE NOMINATED BY CONVENTION

Deadline for a new political party candidate to be nominated by convention to file a political practices pledge with the Secretary of State or county clerk, as the case may be. The political party convention shall be held, and certificates of nomination filed, no later than noon on the date of the preferential primary election (March 3, 2020).

Ark. Code § 7-7-205(c)(2-3)

DEADLINE FOR FILING: INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES WITHOUT PARTY AFFILIATION

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

Ark. Code § 7-7-103(a)(1)

DEADLINE FOR FILING: WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Deadline for notice of write-in candidacy, political practices pledge, and affidavit eligibility to be filed no later.

Ark. Code § 7-5-205(3)

DEADLINE: PAYMENT OF FILING FEES FOR NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES

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

Ark. Code § 7-10-103(b)(2)(B)

DEADLINE: CANDIDATE FILING FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN MARCH

12:00 Noon – Deadline for a candidate filing by petition to file a petition of candidacy, affidavit of eligibility, and political practices pledge with the county clerk for the Annual School Election held in March.

Ark. Code § 6-14-111(e)

DEADLINE: WRITE-IN CANDIDATE FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN MARCH

12:00 Noon – Deadline for write-in candidates to file notice of intent to be a candidate, a political practices pledge, and an affidavit of eligibility with the county clerk for the Annual School Election held March 3.

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

Immediately after the close of the filing period for write-in candidates – The county clerk must certify to the CBEC any write-in candidates who have filed the affidavit of eligibility, notice of write-in candidacy, and the political practices pledge for the Annual School Election held in March.

Ark. Code § 6-14-111(i)(2)

*[*Deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day, per Ark. Code § 7-1-108. The actual deadline will be Tuesday, November 12, 2019.]*

November 13, 2019 – Wednesday

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 CBEC for nonpartisan county, township, and municipal offices filing by petition.

Ark. Code § 7-7-305(c)(2)

1 DAY AFTER DEADLINE TO FILE BY PETITION FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION, IF HELD IN MARCH

Deadline for county clerk to certify to CBEC the names of those candidates who are registered voters in the school district and the electoral zone, if applicable, and who have qualified for ballot access by petitions for the Annual School Election held March 3.

Ark. Code § 6-14-111(i)(1)

November 14, 2019 – Thursday

2 DAYS FOLLOWING THE DEADLINE TO FILE THE POLITICAL PRACTICES PLEDGE

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

Ark. Code § 7-6-102(c)(2)(A)

November 18, 2019 – Monday

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

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

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

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

November 25, 2019 – Monday

10 DAYS PRIOR TO DEADLINE FOR BALLOT DRAW

The CBEC shall give at least ten (10) days written notice of the time and place of the ballot draw meeting to the chairs of the county committees.

Ark. Code § 7-7-305(b)

November 26, 2019 – Tuesday

14 DAYS AFTER THE FILING DEADLINE

Deadline for county clerk to notify each candidate in person or by mail of the deadlines for filing the financial disclosure reports, including the ten-day pre-election and final reports required, and at that time, furnish each candidate with the appropriate forms and instructions for complying with deadlines. If notice is sent by mail, then notice shall be postmarked within fourteen (14) days after the deadline for filing for office.

Ark. Code § 7-6-208(b)(3)(A)

December 2, 2019 – Monday

92 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

Deadline for the Secretary of State to certify to all CBECs full lists of names of all candidates who have filed party certificates in order to be placed on the preferential primary ballots in their respective counties.

Ark. Code § 7-7-304(a)(1)

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

Ark. Code § 7-7-304(b)(1)

3 DAYS PRIOR TO BALLOT DRAW DEADLINE

At least three (3) days before the ballot draw meeting, the CBEC shall publish notice of the time and place of holding the meeting in some newspaper of general circulation in the county.

Ark. Code § 7-7-305(b); § 6-14-111(j); Act 545 of 2019

December 3, 2019 – Tuesday

90 DAYS PRIOR TO MODIFIED MUNICIPAL PETITION DEADLINE (of March 2, 2020)

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. [Does not include City Administrator form of government.]

Ark. Code § 14-42-206(d)(2)(A)

December 4, 2019 – Wednesday

90 DAYS BEFORE FEDERAL ELECTION

County Clerks: NVRA § 8 removal process shall cease on December 4 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 general election UOCAVA date, so no later than June 20, 2020. Statutory and Constitutional exceptions (allowing removal of felons, decedents, etc.) continue to be allowed.

52 U.S.C. §20507 (c)(2)(A)

December 5, 2019 – Thursday

89 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

Deadline for ballot draw. The order in which the names of candidates shall appear on the ballot shall be determined by lot at a public meeting of the CBEC not less than 89 days before the Preferential Primary Election. (Recommend including school candidates.)

Ark. Code § 7-7-305(b); § 6-14-111(j); Act 545 of 2019

December 14, 2019 – Saturday*

80 DAYS BEFORE THE NONPARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION

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

Ark. Code § 7-10-103(d)(2) and (3)

*[*Deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day, per Ark. Code § 7-1-108. The actual deadline will be Monday, December 16, 2019.]*

January 3, 2020 – Friday

60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, NONPARTISAN ELECTION, AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN MARCH

Deadline for county clerks to make available applications for absentee ballots.

Ark. Code § 7-5-405(a)(1)

Deadline for CBEC to change precinct boundaries.

Ark. Code § 7-5-101(b)(2)

Deadline for school district to submit to the county clerk the language to be used to submit the rate of tax to the voters during the annual school election if held in March.

Ark. Code § 6-14-111(h), Act 552 of 2019

January 16, 2020 – Thursday

47 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, NONPARTISAN ELECTION, AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS HELD IN MARCH

Deadline for the CBEC to deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk for mailing to all qualified applicants.

Ark. Code § 7-5-407(a)(1)

January 17, 2020 – Friday

UOCAVA DEADLINE - 46 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, NONPARTISAN ELECTION, AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS HELD IN MARCH

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-407(2)

January 31, 2020 – Friday

DEADLINE FOR CERTAIN DISCLOSURE FILINGS

Deadline for incumbent office holders to file statement of financial interest for 2019.

- State and district officials file with the Secretary of State.
- District Judges file with the Secretary of State.
- County, township, and school officials file with the county clerk.
- Municipal officials file with the city clerk or recorder.
- City attorneys file with the city clerk or recorder.
- Members of regional boards or commissions file with the county clerk of the county in which they reside.
 - Note: this now includes members of an advertising and promotion commission as well as members of a research park authority board.

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

Deadline for every member of a CBEC to file required annual disclosure report to the Secretary of State.

Ark. Code § 7-4-119(a)

February 1, 2020 – Saturday

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 for any United States office (other than President or Vice President) or state, county, township, or district office to circulate petitions (due May 1, 2020).

Ark. Code § 7-7-103(b)(3)(B); Act 68 of 2019

February 2, 2020 – Sunday*

30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, NONPARTISAN ELECTION, AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS HELD IN MARCH

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

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

Deadline for CBEC to change polling sites.
Ark. Code § 7-5-101(d)(2)

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

Deadline for CBEC or county clerk to prepare and post in a public place in the county clerk's office its lists of appointed election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting. The list may appoint election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting in the event of a runoff election.
Ark. Code § 7-5-202(b)(2)

Deadline to apply to register to vote in the Preferential Primary Election and the Nonpartisan Election.
Ark. Code § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51 § 9(b)

*[*Deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day, per Ark. Code § 7-1-108. The actual deadline will be Monday, February 3, 2020.]*

February 7, 2020 – Friday

25 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, NONPARTISAN ELECTION, AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN MARCH

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-404(b)(2)(A)

February 8, 2020- Saturday

PUBLICATION DEADLINE: AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO PUBLIC TEST

CBEC shall give public notice of the time and place of logic and accuracy 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 § 7-5-515(c)(2)(A); Ark. Code § 7-5-611(b)(1)

February 10, 2020 – Monday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, NONPARTISAN ELECTION, AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN MARCH

Deadline for CBEC to conduct logic and accuracy testing and public testing of voting machines, election media, and vote tabulation devices. After completion of the logic & accuracy test and the public test, the CBEC 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 § 7-5-515(c); § 7-5-611(a) and (c)

February 12, 2020 – Wednesday

20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, NONPARTISAN ELECTION, AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN MARCH

Deadline for CBEC to appoint a sufficient number of election officials for each polling site and other duties.

Ark. Code § 7-4-107(b)(1)

Deadline for CBEC to give first public notice of the following in a newspaper of general circulation in the county:

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-202(a)(1)(A-G); Acts 258 and 473 of 2019

EARLIEST DATE: 20 DAYS PRIOR TO PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON ON DAY BEFORE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

For cities or towns with an ordinance (passed at least 90 days prior to the deadline of March 2) requiring independent candidates for municipal office to file petitions during the earlier filing period. 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 § 14-42-206(d)(1)(A)(i) and (ii)

February 14, 2020 - Friday

FINAL BUSINESS DAY PRIOR TO EARLY VOTING

If a county is providing sample ballots for a specified polling site in bound volumes or electronic databases under § 7-5-202(c), the sample ballots must have been posted to an internet website prior to the beginning of early voting.

Ark. Code § 7-5-202(c); Act 199 of 2019

February 17, 2020 – Monday*

15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, NONPARTISAN ELECTION, AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN MARCH

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-418(a)(1)

First day for a designated bearer to pick up 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.

Ark. Code § 7-5-409(f-g); § 7-5-403

*[*This day falls on a holiday. Pursuant to § 7-5-418, early voting shall not be available on state holidays. Early voting will actually begin on Tuesday, February 18, 2020.]*

February 17, 2020 – Monday*

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-202(b)(2)

DEADLINE FOR COUNTY CLERKS TO MAIL NOTICE

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-101(d)(3)

*[*Deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day, per Ark. Code § 7-1-108. The actual deadline will be Tuesday, February 18, 2020.]*

February 22, 2020 – Saturday*

10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, NONPARTISAN ELECTION, AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN MARCH

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-206

*[*Deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day, per Ark. Code § 7-1-108. The actual deadline will be Monday, February 24, 2020.]*

February 25, 2020 – Tuesday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

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

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

NO EARLIER THAN TUESDAY BEFORE THE ELECTION

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-416(a)(1)

February 27, 2020 – Thursday

5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, NONPARTISAN ELECTION, AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN MARCH

Deadline for second public notification by CBEC of information described in Ark. Code § 7-5-202(a)(1). Information shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. The information may also be posted at each polling site.

Ark. Code § 7-5-202(b)(1)

February 28, 2020 – Friday

4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION

Deadline for the county clerk to receive county to county transfer of registered voters allowed to vote in the election.

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

March 1, 2020 – Sunday*

30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL PRIMARY AND ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION IF APPLICABLE

Deadline to register to vote to participate in the General Primary Election and Annual School Runoff Election if applicable.

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

Deadline for CBEC to change polling sites for the General Primary and Annual School Runoff Election if applicable.

Ark. Code § 7-5-101(d)(2)

*[*Deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day, per Ark. Code § 7-1-108. The actual deadline will be Monday, March 2, 2020.]*

March 2, 2020 – Monday

1 DAY PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-418(a)(1)(A)

Deadline for county clerk to receive in-person applications for absentee ballots for the Preferential Primary Election, Nonpartisan Election, and Annual School Election if held in March 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 § 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 § 7-5-411(a)(3)

Deadline for 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 § 7-5-211(a)(1)(A-B)

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

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

Ark. Code § 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. Does not include City Administrator form of government.

Ark. Code § 14-42-206(d)(1)(A)(ii)

March 3, 2020 – Tuesday

PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, NONPARTISAN ELECTION, AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF BEING HELD IN MARCH

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

Ark. Code § 7-7-203(b); § 7-10-102(b)(2); § 7-5-304; § 6-14-102(a)(1)(A); Act 545 of 2019

CBEC shall post at each polling site:

- The public notice of the election.
- At least two sample ballots marked with the word “SAMPLE” of each ballot style that will be used at the polling site, OR, if sample ballots were posted online before early voting began, two bound volumes of sample ballots marked with the word “SAMPLE”, or one bound volume and one electronic device allowing access to sample ballots.
- Two copies of the full text of measures on the ballot.
- At least two copies of the instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot, and instructions for fail-safe voting.
- General information on voting rights including information on the right of an individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on

how to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged to have been violated.

- General information on federal and state laws regarding acts of fraud and misrepresentation.
- Double-sided 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, terminal, or ballot tabulator showing that the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

Ark. Code § 7-5-202(c) (1-8), Act 199 of 2019, Act 398 of 2019

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-416(a)(1)

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

Ark. Code § 7-7-205(c)(2)(B-C) and 7-7-205(c)(3)

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(iv)

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

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

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i-ii)

Immediately after the polls close – Deadline for poll workers to process returns and deliver all election materials and stub boxes to CBEC.

Ark. Code § 7-5-317

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-518(c)(2)

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-701(a)(3)

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-416(a)(5)(B)(i)

March 5, 2020 – Thursday

48 HOURS AFTER THE ELECTION

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

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

The timeframe in which the CBEC must ascertain and declare results for the Annual School Election and file certification of election with the county clerk is no earlier than forty-eight (48) hours and no later than the 15th calendar day after the Annual School Election.

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(a), Act 552 of 2019

The county clerk of the county in which the school district is administered, after receiving the certification of election from the CBEC, shall file a certified copy of the certified results and a certification of the outcome of each race or issue with the county clerk of each county in which any part of the school district lies.

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(b), Act 552 of 2019

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

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(a)(2)

*(*Further instruction and timelines regarding the administration of oaths for school board members are located in Ark. Code § 6-13-617.)*

March 9, 2020 – Monday

15 DAYS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION IF APPLICABLE

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-202(b)(2)

MONDAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION

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

Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 13

March 11, 2020 – Wednesday

20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Deadline for the CBEC to appoint a sufficient number of election officials for each polling site and other duties.

Ark. Code § 7-4-107(b)(1)

March 13, 2020 – Friday

10 DAYS AFTER THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, NONPARTISAN ELECTION, AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN MARCH

5:00 pm – Deadline for absentee ballots of overseas voters or armed services personnel serving in active status to be received by the county clerk.

Ark. Code § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i-ii)

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

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

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-701(a)(2)

March 16, 2020 – Monday

15 DAYS BEFORE THE GENERAL PRIMARY AND ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION IF APPLICABLE

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

Ark. Code § 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 § 7-5-101(d)(3)

March 17, 2020 – Tuesday

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

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

March 18, 2020 – Wednesday

15th CALENDAR DAY FOLLOWING ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION HELD IN MARCH

Deadline for CBEC to ascertain and declare results for the Annual School Election and file certification of election with the county clerk.

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(a), Act 552 of 2019

The county clerk of the county in which the school district is administered, after receiving the certification of election from the CBEC, shall file a certified copy of the certified results and a certification of the outcome of each race or issue with the county clerk of each county in which any part of the school district lies.

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(b), Act 552 of 2019

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

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(a)(2)

*(*Further instruction and timelines regarding the administration of oaths for school board members are located in Ark. Code § 6-13-617.)*

March 19, 2020 – Thursday

5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR THE GENERAL PRIMARY & ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION IF APPLICABLE

Deadline for CBEC to conduct logic and accuracy testing and public testing of voting machines, election media, and vote tabulation devices.

After completion of the logic & accuracy test and the public test, the CBEC 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 § 7-5-515(c); § 7-5-611(a) and (c)

March 21, 2020 – Saturday

10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL PRIMARY AND ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION IF APPLICABLE

Deadline for the CBEC to give first public notice of the following in the newspaper of general circulation in the county:

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-202(a)(1)(A-G); Act 258 and 473 of 2019

Deadline for the CBEC to prepare official absentee ballots and deliver them to the county clerk for mailing to any qualified applicants for the General Primary Election.

Ark. Code § 7-5-407(b)

March 23, 2020 – Monday

FINAL BUSINESS DAY PRIOR TO EARLY VOTING

If a county is providing sample ballots for a specified polling site in bound volumes or electronic databases under § 7-5-202(c), the sample ballots must have been posted to an internet website prior to the beginning of early voting.

Ark. Code § 7-5-202(c); Act 199 of 2019

20 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

Deadline for county clerk of county in which the school district is administered to submit certified copies of election results, certification of the outcome of each race, and text of each issue on the ballot to the Commissioner of Education.

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(c), Act 552 of 2019

March 24, 2020 – Tuesday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Early voting begins for General Primary 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 § 7-5-418(a)(2)

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

Ark. Code §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 Election.

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

NO EARLIER THAN THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE ELECTION

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

Ark. Code §7-5-416(a)(1)

March 26, 2020 – Thursday

5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL PRIMARY AND ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION IF APPLICABLE

Deadline for second public notification by CBEC of information described in § 7-5-202(a)(1). Information shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. The information may also be posted at each polling site.

Ark. Code §7-5-202(b)(1)

March 27, 2020 – Friday

4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL PRIMARY AND ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION IF APPLICABLE

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

Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 5 §10(b)(2)(A)

March 30, 2020 – Monday

1 DAY PRIOR TO THE GENERAL PRIMARY AND ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION IF APPLICABLE

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 §7-5-418(a)(2)

Deadline for 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 §7-5-211(a)(1)

Deadline for county clerk to receive applications for absentee ballots for the General Primary 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 §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 § 7-5-411(a)(3)

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

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-211(a)(2)(A-H)

March 31, 2020 – Tuesday

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION IF APPLICABLE

Polls open 7:30 am to 7:30 pm

Ark. Code § 7-7-203(a); § 7-5-304; § 6-14-121(a)(3)

CBEC shall post at each polling site:

- The public notice of the election.
- At least two sample ballots marked with the word “SAMPLE” of each ballot style that will be used at the polling site, OR, if sample ballots were posted online before early voting began, two bound volumes of sample ballots marked with the word “SAMPLE”, or one bound volume and one electronic device allowing access to sample ballots.
- Two copies of the full text of measures on the ballot.
- At least two copies of the instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot, and instructions for fail-safe voting.
- General information on voting rights including information on the right of an individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged to have been violated.
- General information on federal and state laws regarding acts of fraud and misrepresentation.
- Double-sided 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, terminal, or ballot tabulator showing that the candidate and question counters register zero (0).
Ark. Code § 7-5-202(c) (1-8), Act 199 of 2019, Act 398 of 2019

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-416(a)(1)

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(iv)

7:30 pm – Deadline for county clerk to receive absentee 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 voter.

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

Immediately after the polls close – Deadline for poll workers to process returns and deliver all election materials and stub boxes to CBEC.

Ark. Code § 7-5-317

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-526

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-701(a)(3)

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-416(a)(5)(B)(i)

April 2, 2020 – Thursday

48 HOURS AFTER THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION IF APPLICABLE

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

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

The timeframe in which the CBEC must ascertain and declare results for the Annual School Election and file certification of election with the county clerk is no earlier than forty-eight (48) hours and no later than the 15th calendar day after the Annual School Runoff Election.

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(a), Act 552 of 2019

The county clerk of the county in which the school district is administered, after receiving the certification of election from the CBEC, shall file a certified copy of the certified results and a certification of the outcome of each race or issue with the county clerk of each county in which any part of the school district lies.

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(b), Act 552 of 2019

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

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(a)(2)

*(*Further instruction and timelines regarding the administration of oaths for school board members are located in Ark. Code § 6-13-617.)*

April 6, 2020 – Monday

MONDAY FOLLOWING THE GENERAL PRIMARY AND ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION IF APPLICABLE

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

Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 13

April 10, 2020 – Friday

10 DAYS AFTER THE GENERAL PRIMARY AND ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION IF APPLICABLE

5:00 pm – Deadline for absentee ballots of overseas voters or armed services personnel serving in active status to be received by the county clerk.

Ark. Code § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i-ii)

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

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

April 15, 2020 – Wednesday

15th CALENDAR DAY FOLLOWING ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION HELD IN MARCH

Deadline for CBEC to ascertain and declare results for the Annual School Election and file certification of election with the county clerk.

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(a), Act 552 of 2019

The county clerk of the county in which the school district is administered, after receiving the certification of election from the CBEC, shall file a certified copy of the certified results and a certification of the outcome of each race or issue with the county clerk of each county in which any part of the school district lies.

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(b), Act 552 of 2019

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

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(a)(2)

*(*Further instruction and timelines regarding the administration of oaths for school board members are located in Ark. Code § 6-13-617.)*

April 20, 2020 – Monday

20 DAYS AFTER ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for county clerk of county in which the school district is administered to submit certified copies of election results, certification of the outcome of each race, and text of each issue on the ballot to the Commissioner of Education.

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(c), Act 552 of 2019

May 1, 2020 – Friday

DEADLINE FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES TO FILE PETITIONS.

12:00 Noon – Deadline for independent candidates to file petitions and signature collection affidavits with the Secretary of State or county clerk. The candidate must have previously filed a political practices pledge, an affidavit of eligibility, and a notice of candidacy stating the name and title the candidate proposes to appear on the ballot and identifying the elective office sought, including the position number, if any during the party filing period.

Ark. Code § 7-7-103(a); Act 68 of 2019

May 3, 2020 – Sunday

90 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION FILING DEADLINE, IF BEING HELD IN NOVEMBER

First day for candidates filing by petition to circulate petitions for Annual School Election. Petition must contain at least twenty (20) registered voters who are residents of the school district and, if applicable, the position's electoral zone.

Ark. Code § 6-14-111(d-f); Act 597 of 2019

May 7, 2020 – Thursday	<p>90 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATS TO FILE PETITIONS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICES First day that independent candidates running for municipal offices with MAYOR-COUNCIL FORM OF GOVERNMENT may circulate petitions of nomination. <i>Ark. Code § 14-42-206(b); Act 597 of 2019</i></p>
May 13, 2020 – Wednesday	<p>NO MORE THAN 90 DAYS AND NOT LESS THAN 75 DAYS PRIOR TO 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. <i>Ark. Code § 14-48-109(a)(3)</i></p>
May 28, 2020 – Thursday	<p>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. <i>Ark. Code § 14-48-109(a)(3)</i></p>
June 2, 2020 – Tuesday	<p>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 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. <i>Ark. Code § 14-48-109(a)(6)(B)</i></p>
June 3, 2020 – Wednesday	<p>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. <i>Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 1</i></p>
June 12, 2020 – Friday	<p>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. <i>Ark. Code § 7-5-405(a)(1)</i></p> <p>Deadline for CBEC to change precinct boundaries for the Municipal Primary Election. <i>Ark. Code § 7-5-101(b)(2)</i></p>

June 25, 2020 – Thursday
47 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT
Deadline for the CBEC to deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk for mailing to all qualified applicants.
Ark. Code § 7-5-407(a)(1)

June 26, 2020 – 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 § 7-5-406* (members of unformed services and other citizens residing outside the United States).
Ark. Code § 7-5-407(a)(2)

July 3, 2020 – Friday*
4 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION
Deadline to file petitions with the Secretary of State to place an initiated measure on the General Election ballot.
Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 1

*[*Deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day, per Ark. Code § 7-1-108. The actual deadline will be Monday, July 6, 2020.]*

July 12, 2020 – Sunday*
30 DAYS PRIOR TO MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION
Deadline for CBEC to change polling sites.
Ark. Code § 7-5-101(d)(2)
30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT
Deadline to apply to register to vote in the Municipal Primary Election.
Ark. Code § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51 § 9(b)

*[*Deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day, per Ark. Code § 7-1-108. The actual deadline will be Monday, July 13, 2020.]*

July 17, 2020 – Friday
25 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT
The county clerk shall mail, no later than twenty-five (25) days before each election, an absentee ballot for each election for those persons voting by absentee ballot who reside outside the county in which they are registered to vote, have a disability as defined *§ 7-5-311*, or reside in long-term care or residential care facility licensed by the state. The absentee ballot application for those voters shall remain in effect for one (1) year unless revoked by the voter or the administrator of the facility has presented an absentee ballot request from the voter authorizing the administrator to receive the absentee ballot on behalf of the voter for that election.
Ark. Code § 7-5-404(b)(2)

July 22, 2020 – Wednesday
20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Deadline for the CBEC to appoint a sufficient number of election officials for each polling site.
Ark. Code § 7-4-107(b)(1)

July 24, 2020 – Friday

NOT MORE THAN 102 DAYS OR LESS THAN 81 DAYS BEFORE THE GENERAL ELECTION
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 § 14-47-110(a)(2)

July 25, 2020 – Saturday*

BEGIN: CANDIDATE FILING FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION (IF HELD IN NOVEMBER)
12:00 Noon – First day a candidate filing by petition can file a petition, political practices pledge, and affidavit of eligibility with the county clerk.
Ark. Code § 6-14-111(e); Act 597 of 2019

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION- GIVE NOTICE OF INTENT
12:00 Noon – First day a write-in candidate can file a notice of intent to be a candidate, a political practices pledge, and an affidavit of eligibility with the county clerk.
Ark. Code § 6-14-111(g)

*[*This date falls on a weekend. The filing period will begin Monday, July 27, 2020.]*

July 26, 2020 – Sunday

PUBLICATION DEADLINE: AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE FOR THE PUBLIC TEST
The CBEC 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 § 7-5-515(c)(1)(A); Ark. Code § 7-5-611(b)(1)

July 26, 2020 – Sunday*

100 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION
Deadline for the Secretary of State to notify by registered mail the chair and secretary of the state committee of the respective political parties that a certificate of nomination is due for all nominated candidates for the United States, state, and district offices in order that the candidates' names be placed on the ballot of the General Election.
Ark. Code § 7-7-203(h)(1)(A)

Deadline for county clerk to notify by registered mail the chairs and secretaries of the county committees of the respective political parties that a certified list of all nominated candidates for county, township, and municipal offices is due and shall be filed with the county clerk in order that the candidates' names be placed on ballot for the General Election.
Ark. Code § 7-7-203(h)(2)(A)

*[*Deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day, per Ark. Code § 7-1-108. The actual deadline will be Monday, July 27, 2018.]*

July 27, 2020 – Monday

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

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.

Ark. Code § 7-5-409(f-g)

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-202(b)(2)

July 28, 2020 – Tuesday

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

Deadline for CBEC to conduct logic and accuracy testing and public testing of voting machines, election media, and vote tabulation devices. After completion of the logic & accuracy test and the public test, the CBEC 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 § 7-5-515(c); § 7-5-611(a) and (c)

July 29, 2020 – Wednesday

BEGIN: CANDIDATE FILING FOR MAYOR-COUNCIL FORM OF GOVERNMENT

12:00 Noon – 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.

Ark. Code § 14-42-206(b)(1); Act 597 of 2019

August 1, 2020 – Saturday

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

Deadline for the CBEC to give first public notice of the following in the newspaper of general circulation in the county:

- The date of the election.
- The hours of voting on election day.
- The places and times for early voting.
- Polling sites for holding the elections in the county.
- The candidates and offices to be elected at that time.
- The time and location of the opening, processing, canvassing, and counting of ballots.
- The location where a list of appointed election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting can be found and the date the list is available.

- A person shall not serve as an election official, deputy county clerk, or additional deputy if: the person is married to or related within the second degree or consanguinity to a candidate running for office in the election, the spouse of a member of the CBEC, or a county party chairman or his/her spouse, AND another person makes an objection to his or her service to the CBEC within ten (10) calendar days after posting the list of officials.
 - Directions for filing an objection to the service of an election official, deputy county clerk, or additional deputy.
- Ark. Code § 7-5-202(a)(1)(A-G); Act 258 of 2019*

August 1, 2020 – Saturday*

CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION HELD IN NOVEMBER

12:00 Noon – Deadline for a candidate filing by petition to file a petition of candidacy, affidavit of eligibility, and a political practices pledge with the county clerk for the Annual School Election held in November.
Ark. Code § 6-14-111(e)

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

12:00 Noon – Deadline for write-in candidates to file notice of intent to be a candidate, a political practices pledge, and an affidavit of eligibility with the county clerk for the Annual School Election held in November.
Ark. Code § 6-14-111(g)

Immediately after the close of the filing period for school write-in candidates – The county clerk must certify to the CBEC any write-in candidates who have filed the affidavit of eligibility, notice of write-in candidacy, and the political practices pledge for the Annual School Election held in November.
Ark. Code § 6-14-111(i)(2)

*[*Deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day, per Ark. Code § 7-1-108. The actual deadline will be Monday, August 3, 2020.]*

August 2, 2020 – Sunday*

1 DAY AFTER DEADLINE TO FILE BY PETITION FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

Deadline for county clerk to certify to the CBEC the names of those candidates who are registered voters in the school district and the electoral zone, if applicable, and who have qualified for ballot access by petitions for the Annual School Election.
Ark. Code § 6-14-111(j)(1)

*[*Deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day, per Ark. Code § 7-1-108. The actual deadline will be Monday, August 3, 2020.]*

August 3, 2020 – Monday

FINAL BUSINESS DAY PRIOR TO EARLY VOTING

If a county is providing sample ballots for a specified polling site in bound volumes or electronic databases under § 7-5-202(c), the sample ballots must have been posted to an internet website prior to the beginning of early voting.
Ark. Code § 7-5-202(c); Act 199 of 2019

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.

Ark. Code § 7-8-302

August 4, 2020 – 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 § 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 § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(ii) and (vi)(a)

NO EARLIER THAN THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE ELECTION

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-416(a)(1)

August 5, 2020 – Wednesday

90 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

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

Ark. Code § 7-7-203(h)(1)(B)(i)

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

Ark. Code § 7-7-203(h)(2)(B)(i)

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-205(1)

90 DAYS BEFORE THE GENERAL ELECTION, REMOVALS

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

52 U.S.C. § 20507(c)(2)(A)

CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE FOR MAYOR-COUNCIL FORM OF GOVERNMENT

12:00 Noon – Last 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 days.

Ark. Code § 14-42-206(b)(1); Act 597 of 2019

August 6, 2020 - Thursday

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

Deadline for second public notification by CBEC of information described in Ark. Code § 7-5-202(a)(1). Information shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. The information may also be posted at each polling site.

Ark. Code § 7-5-202(b)(1)

August 7, 2020 – Friday

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

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

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

August 10, 2020 – Monday

DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES TO FILE A STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST WITH THE COUNTY CLERK

Unless filed by an incumbent office holder by January 31, 2020.

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

DEADLINE FOR MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES IN MAYOR-COUNCIL FORMS OF GOVERNMENT TO FILE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST WITH CITY CLERK OR RECORDER

Unless previously filed by January 31, 2020.

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

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 § 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 § 7-5-411(a)(3)

Deadline for 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 § 7-5-211(a)(1)

Deadline for the 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 § 7-5-211(a)(2)

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-418(a)(1)(A)

August 11, 2020 - Tuesday

MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR CITIES WITH CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT

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

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

CBEC shall post at each polling site:

- The public notice of the election.
- At least two sample ballots marked with the word “SAMPLE” of each ballot style that will be used at the polling site, OR, if sample ballots were posted online before early voting began, two bound volumes of sample ballots marked with the word “SAMPLE”, or one bound volume and one electronic device allowing access to sample ballots.
- Two copies of the full text of measures on the ballot.
- At least two copies of the instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot, and instructions for fail-safe voting.
- General information on voting rights including information on the right of an individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged to have been violated.
- General information on federal and state laws regarding acts of fraud and misrepresentation.
- Double-sided 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, terminal, or ballot tabulator showing that the candidate and question counters register zero (0).
Ark. Code § 7-5-202(c) (1-8), Act 199 of 2019, Act 398 of 2019

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-416(a)(1)

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-404(a)(3)(A)(iv)

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)

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

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

Immediately after the polls close – Deadline for poll workers to process returns and deliver all election materials and stub boxes to CBEC.

Ark. Code § 7-5-317(b)

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-518(c)(2)

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 § 14-48-109(a)(6)(C)(ii)(b)

August 13, 2020 – Thursday

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

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-701(a)

10 DAYS PRIOR TO DEADLINE FOR BALLOT DRAW

The CBEC shall give at least ten (10) days written notice of the time and place of the ballot draw meeting to the chairs of the county committees.

Ark. Code § 7-7-305(b)

August 14, 2020 – Friday

81 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

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 § 14-47-110(a)(2)

August 15, 2020 – Saturday*

14 DAYS AFTER THE FILING DEADLINE

Deadline for county clerk to notify each candidate in person or by mail of the deadlines for filing the financial disclosure reports, including the ten-day pre-election and final reports required, and at that time, furnish each candidate with the appropriate forms and instructions for complying with deadlines. If notice is sent by mail, then notice shall be postmarked within fourteen (14) days after the deadline for filing for office.

Ark. Code § 7-6-208(b)(3)(A)

*[*Deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day, per Ark. Code § 7-1-108. The actual deadline will be Monday, August 17, 2020.]*

August 17, 2020 – Monday

DEADLINE FOR MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES IN CITY MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT TO FILE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST WITH CITY CLERK OR RECORDER

Unless previously filed by January 31, 2020.

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

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

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

Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 13

August 20, 2020 – Thursday

75 DAYS PRIOR TO THE 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 CBEC 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 § 7-5-203(b)(1)

Deadline for the Secretary of State to certify to all CBECs 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 § 7-5-203(a)(1)

Deadline for city clerk or recorder to certify to the CBEC full lists of all candidates to be voted for in their respective municipalities for City Manager and Mayor-Council forms of government.

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

Deadline for the Secretary of State to certify any proposed measures, questions, or amendments to the Arkansas Constitution to the CBECs of each county.

Ark. Code § 7-5-204(a)

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-207(c)(2)

August 21, 2020 – Friday

10 DAYS AFTER THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION (CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT)

5:00 pm – Deadline for absentee ballots of overseas voters or armed services personnel serving in active status to be received by the county clerk for the Municipal Primary Election.

Ark. Code § 7-5-411(a)(1)B(ii)

August 23, 2020 – Sunday*

72 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION & ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN NOVEMBER

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-207(c)(1); § 6-14-111(j);

*[*Deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day, per Ark. Code § 7-1-108. The actual deadline will be Monday, August 24, 2020.]*

September 4, 2020 – Friday

60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline for county clerks to make available applications for absentee ballots for the General Election and Annual School Elections held in November.

Ark. Code § 7-5-405(a)(1)

Deadline for CBEC to change precinct boundaries for General Election and Annual School Election if held in November.

Ark. Code § 7-5-101(b)(2)

Deadline for school district to submit to the county clerk the language to be used to submit the rate of tax to the voters during the annual school election if held in March.

Ark. Code § 6-14-111(h), Act 552 of 2019

September 15, 2020 - Tuesday

LISTS OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS DUE

Total list of Electors and Electors at Large for Party, Group, and Independent Presidential candidates due to Secretary of State.

Ark. Code Ann. § 7-8-302

September 17, 2020 – Thursday

47 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF APPLICABLE

Deadline for the CBEC to deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk for mailing to all qualified applicants.

Ark. Code § 7-5-407(a)(1)

September 18, 2020 – Friday

UOCAVA DEADLINE - 46 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF APPLICABLE
Deadline for county clerk to deliver ballots to those absentee voters who made timely application under § 7-5-406 (members of uniformed services and other citizens residing outside the United States).

Ark. Code § 7-5-407(a)(2)

October 4, 2020 – Sunday*

30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN NOVEMBER

Deadline for CBEC to change polling sites.

Ark. Code § 7-5-101(d)(2)

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

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

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

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-202(b)(2)

*[*Deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day, per Ark. Code § 7-1-108. The actual deadline will be Monday, October 5, 2020.]*

October 9, 2020 – Friday

25 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION & ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN NOVEMBER

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-404(b)(2)(A); Ark. Code § 7-5-404(b)(2)(c)

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

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

October 12, 2020 – Monday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN NOVEMBER

Deadline for CBEC to conduct logic and accuracy testing and public testing of voting machines, election media, and vote tabulation devices. After completion of the logic & accuracy test and the public test, the CBEC 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 § 7-5-515(c); § 7-5-611(a) and (c)

October 14, 2020 – Wednesday

NOT LESS THAN 20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN NOVEMBER

Deadline for CBEC to appoint a sufficient number of election officials for each polling site and other duties. Note: Deadline also applies to the Annual School Election if being held in November.

Ark. Code § 7-4-107(b)(1)

Deadline for the CBEC to give first public notice of the following in a newspaper of general circulation in the county:

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-202(a)(1)(A-G); Act 258 and 473 of 2019

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

Ark. Code § 7-9-114(a)

October 16, 2020 – Friday

18 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN NOVEMBER

Deadline for the Secretary of State to transmit a certified copy of the Attorney General's Abstract to the CBECs, who shall cause copies to be printed and posted conspicuously at all polling places in the county.

Ark. Code § 7-9-114(b)

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

Ark. Code § 7-9-115

FINAL BUSINESS DAY PRIOR TO EARLY VOTING

If a county is providing sample ballots for a specified polling site in bound volumes or electronic databases under § 7-5-202(c), the sample ballots must have been posted to an internet website prior to the beginning of early voting.

Ark. Code § 7-5-202(c); Act 199 of 2019

October 19, 2020 – Monday

15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN NOVEMBER

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-418(a)(1)

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-101(d)(3)

First day for a designated bearer to pick up from the county clerks a maximum of two (2) absentee ballots for the General Election. Upon delivery of an absentee ballot to an individual authorized to receive an absentee ballot, the county clerk shall mark the precinct voter registration list to indicate that an absentee ballot has been delivered to the voter.

Ark. Code § 7-5-409(f-g)

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-202(b)(2)

October 24, 2020 – Saturday

10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN NOVEMBER

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-206

October 27, 2020 – Tuesday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN NOVEMBER

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

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

TUESDAY BEFORE THE ELECTION

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-416(a)(1)

October 29, 2020 – Thursday

5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN NOVEMBER

Deadline for second public notification by CBEC of information described in Ark. Code § 7-5-202(a)(1). Information shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. The information may also be posted at each polling site.

Ark. Code § 7-5-202(b)(1)

October 30, 2020 – Friday

4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN NOVEMBER

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

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

November 1, 2020 – Sunday*

30 DAYS PRIOR TO GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION AND ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION, IF APPLICABLE

Deadline for CBEC to change polling sites for General Runoff Election.

Ark. Code § 7-5-101(d)(2)

Deadline to apply to register to vote in the General Runoff Election and the Annual School Runoff Election, if applicable.

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

*[*Deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day, per Ark. Code § 7-1-108. The actual deadline will be Monday, November 2, 2020.]*

November 2, 2020 – Monday

1 DAY PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-418(a)(1)(A)

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

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

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-411(a)(3)

Deadline for 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 § 7-5-211(a)(1)(A-B)

Deadline for the 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 § 7-5-211(a)(2)(A-H)

November 3, 2020 – Tuesday

GENERAL ELECTION & ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN NOVEMBER

Polls open 7:30 am to 7:30 pm

Ark. Code § 7-5-102; § 7-5-304(a); § 6-14-102(a)(1)(A)(ii)

CBEC shall post at each polling site:

- The public notice of the election.
- At least two sample ballots marked with the word “SAMPLE” of each ballot style that will be used at the polling site, OR, if sample ballots were posted online before early voting began, two bound volumes of sample ballots marked with the word “SAMPLE”, or one bound volume and one electronic device allowing access to sample ballots.
- Two copies of the full text of measures on the ballot.
- At least two copies of the instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot, and instructions for fail-safe voting.
- General information on voting rights including information on the right of an individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged to have been violated.
- General information on federal and state laws regarding acts of fraud and misrepresentation.
- Double-sided 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, terminal, or ballot tabulator showing that the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

Ark. Code § 7-5-202(c) (1–8), Act 199 of 2019, Act 398 of 2019

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-416(a)(1)

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-404(a)(3)A(iv)

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

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

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)

Immediately after the polls close – Deadline for poll workers to process returns and deliver all election materials and stub boxes to CBEC.

Ark. Code § 7-5-317

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-526

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-701(a)(3)

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-416(a)(5)(B)(i)

November 5, 2020 – Thursday

48 HOURS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION

The earliest time for the 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 § 7-5-701(a); Ark. Code § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-701(a)(2); Act 254 of 2019

The timeframe in which the CBEC must ascertain and declare results for the Annual School Election and file certification of election with the county clerk is no earlier than forty-eight (48) hours and no later than the 15th calendar day after the Annual School Election.

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(a), Act 552 of 2019

The county clerk of the county in which the school district is administered, after receiving the certification of election from the CBEC, shall file a certified copy of the certified results and a certification of the outcome of each race or issue with the county clerk of each county in which any part of the school district lies.

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(b), Act 552 of 2019

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

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(a)(2)

*(*Further instruction and timelines regarding the administration of oaths for school board members are located in Ark. Code § 6-13-617.)*

November 9, 2020 – Monday

15 DAYS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION AND ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION IF APPLICABLE

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-202(b)(2)

MONDAY FOLLOWING THE GENERAL ELECTION

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

Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 13

November 11, 2020 – Wednesday*

20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION AND ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION IF APPLICABLE

Deadline for CBEC to appoint a sufficient number of election officials for each polling site and other duties.

Ark. Code § 7-4-107(b)(1)

*[*Deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day, per Ark. Code § 7-1-108. The actual deadline will be Thursday, November 12, 2020.]*

November 13, 2020 – Friday

10 DAYS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION

5:00 pm – Deadline for absentee ballots of overseas voters or armed services personnel serving in active status to be received by the county clerk.

Ark. Code § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i-ii)

November 16, 2020 – Monday

15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION

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

Ark. Code § 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 § 7-5-101(d)(3)

November 17, 2020 – Tuesday

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

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

November 18, 2020 – Wednesday

15 DAYS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN NOVEMBER

Deadline for the CBEC to certify election results to the Secretary of State.

Ark. Code § 7-5-701(a)(1)

Deadline for CBEC to ascertain and declare results for the Annual School Election and file certification of election with the county clerk.

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(a), Act 552 of 2019

The county clerk of the county in which the school district is administered, after receiving the certification of election from the CBEC, shall file a certified copy of the certified results and a certification of the outcome of each race or issue with the county clerk of each county in which any part of the school district lies.

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(b), Act 552 of 2019

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

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

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(a)(2)

*(*Further instruction and timelines regarding the administration of oaths for school board members are located in Ark. Code § 6-13-617.)*

November 19, 2020 – Thursday

5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION & ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION IF APPLICABLE

Deadline for CBEC to conduct logic and accuracy testing and public testing of voting machines, election media, and vote tabulation devices.

After completion of the logic & accuracy test and the public test, the CBEC 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 § 7-5-515(c); § 7-5-611(a) and (c)

November 21, 2020 - Saturday*

10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION AND ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION IF APPLICABLE

Deadline for the CBEC to give first public notice of the following in a newspaper of general circulation in the county:

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-202(a)(1)(A-G); Acts 258 and 473 of 2019

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-407(b)

November 22, 2020 – Sunday*

19 DAYS AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-701(a)(4)

*[*Deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day, per Ark. Code § 7-1-108. The actual deadlines will be Monday, November 23, 2020.]*

- November 23, 2020 – Monday **20 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION**
Deadline for county clerk of county in which the school district is administered to submit certified copies of election results, certification of the outcome of each race, and text of each issue on the ballot to the Commissioner of Education.
Ark. Code § 6-14-115(c); Act 552 of 2019
- November 23, 2020 – Monday **FINAL BUSINESS DAY PRIOR TO EARLY VOTING**
If a county is providing sample ballots for a specified polling site in bound volumes or electronic databases under § 7-5-202(c), the sample ballots must have been posted to an internet website prior to the beginning of early voting.
Ark. Code § 7-5-202(c); Act 199 of 2019
- November 24, 2020 – 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 § 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.
Ark. Code § 7-5-409(f-g)
- NO EARLIER THAN THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE ELECTION**
First day the election officials can meet in a place designated by the CBEC for the purpose of opening the outer envelope, processing, and canvassing the absentee ballot paper work.
Ark. Code § 7-5-416(a)(1)
- November 26, 2020 – Thursday **5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION**
Deadline for second public notification by CBEC of information described in § 7-5-202(a)(1). Information shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. The information may also be posted at each polling site.
Ark. Code § 7-5-202(b)(1)
- November 27, 2020 – Friday **4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION**
Deadline for county clerk to receive county to county transfers of registered voters to vote in the General Runoff Election.
Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51 § 10(b)(2)(A)

November 30, 2020 – Monday

I DAY PRIOR TO THE GENERAL 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 § 7-5-418(a)(2)

Deadline for 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 § 7-5-211(a)(1)(A-B)

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 § 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 § 7-5-411(a)(3)

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

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-211(a)(2)(A-H)

December 1, 2020 – Tuesday

GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION AND ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION IF APPLICABLE

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-106; 7-5-304(a); § 6-14-121(a)(3)

CBEC shall post at each polling site:

- The public notice of the election.
- At least two sample ballots marked with the word "SAMPLE" of each ballot style that will be used at the polling site, OR, if sample ballots

were posted online before early voting began, two bound volumes of sample ballots marked with the word “SAMPLE”, or one bound volume and one electronic device allowing access to sample ballots.

- Two copies of the full text of measures on the ballot.
- At least two copies of the instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot, and instructions for fail-safe voting.
- General information on voting rights including information on the right of an individual to cast a provisional ballot and instructions on how to contact the appropriate officials if these rights are alleged to have been violated.
- General information on federal and state laws regarding acts of fraud and misrepresentation.
- Double-sided 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, terminal, or ballot tabulator showing that the candidate and question counters register zero (0).

Ark. Code § 7-5-202(c) (1-8), Act 199 of 2019, Act 398 of 2019

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-416(a)(1)

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-404(a)(3)A(iv)

7:30 pm – Deadline for county clerk to receive absentee 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 voter.

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

Immediately after the polls close – Deadline for poll workers to process returns and deliver all election materials and stub boxes to CBEC.

Ark. Code § 7-5-317

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-526

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

Ark. Code § 7-5-701(a)(3)

As soon as practical after the polls close – The CBEC shall report by precinct the initial count of early votes and absentee ballot votes to the Secretary of State as provided under § 7-5-701.
Ark. Code § 7-5-416(a)(5)(B)(i)

December 3, 2020 – Thursday

48 HOURS AFTER THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION

The earliest time for the CBEC to meet to canvass the returns and certify the General Runoff Election results providing that there are no outstanding absentee ballots from overseas voters or armed services personnel serving in active status is no earlier than forty-eight (48) hours and no later than the 15th calendar day after the General Runoff Election.
Ark. Code § 7-5-701(a); Ark. Code § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)

The timeframe in which the CBEC must ascertain and declare results for the Annual School Election and file certification of election with the county clerk is no earlier than forty-eight (48) hours and no later than the 15th calendar day after the Annual School Runoff Election.
Ark. Code § 6-14-115(a), Act 552 of 2019

The county clerk of the county in which the school district is administered, after receiving the certification of election from the CBEC, shall file a certified copy of the certified results and a certification of the outcome of each race or issue with the county clerk of each county in which any part of the school district lies.
Ark. Code § 6-14-115(b), Act 552 of 2019

The county clerk (or designee) shall deliver to the person having the highest number of legal votes: a certificate of election, notice of the requirement to all directors elected to an initial or nonconsecutive term that he or she must subscribe to the director's oath, the date that is ten (10) days later, within which to have the oath administered, a list of individuals qualified to give the oath under, a copy of the directors oath*, notice that the individual shall be unable to assume the duties of a director until a copy of the administration of the oath is received by the county clerk or his or her designee.
Ark. Code § 6-14-115(a)(2)

(*Further instruction and timelines regarding the administration of oaths for school board members are located in *Ark. Code § 6-13-617*.)

December 7, 2020 – Monday

MONDAY FOLLOWING THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION AND ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION IF APPLICABLE

12:00 Noon – Deadline for a voter, who voted a provisional ballot because of failure to provide verification of registration, to present a copy of a document or identification card to the CBEC or the county clerk.
Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 13

December 15, 2020 – Tuesday

100 DAYS PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF FILING PERIOD FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTIONS HELD IN MAY 2021

Deadline for school district to notify county clerk and CBEC of its chosen election date for the forthcoming year. If a school district does not update its policy, the election will be held in accordance with the most recent policy the school district provided.

Ark. Code § 6-14-102(a)(1)(B); Act 597 of 2019

December 16, 2020 – Wednesday

15 DAYS AFTER THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION

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

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

Deadline for CBEC to ascertain and declare results for the Annual School Election and file certification of election with the county clerk.

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(a), Act 552 of 2019

The county clerk of the county in which the school district is administered, after receiving the certification of election from the CBEC, shall file a certified copy of the certified results and a certification of the outcome of each race or issue with the county clerk of each county in which any part of the school district lies.

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(b), Act 552 of 2019

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

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(a)(2)

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December 21, 2020 – Monday

20 DAYS AFTER ANNUAL SCHOOL RUNOFF ELECTION

Deadline for county clerk of county in which the school district is administered to submit certified copies of election results, certification of the outcome of each race, and text of each issue on the ballot to the Commissioner of Education.

Ark. Code § 6-14-115(c), Act 552 of 2019

*[*Deadlines falling on a weekend or holiday when the designated filing office is closed are extended to the following business day, per Ark. Code § 7-1-108. The actual deadline will be Monday, December 28, 2020.]*

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