

Administrative Calendar 2018 Statewide Election

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Alabama Statewide Primary Election - June 5, 2018
Primary Runoff Election - July 17, 2018
General Election - November 6, 2018

Activity	Date
Candidates intending to participate in the 2018 primary election may begin soliciting and accepting contributions. [17-5-7(b)(2)].	Monday, June 05, 2017
Candidates intending to participate in the 2018 general election, but not in the primary election, may begin soliciting and accepting contributions. [17-5-7(b)(2)].	Monday, November 06, 2017
State Holiday - Christmas Day	Monday, December 25, 2017
State Holiday - New Year's Day	Monday, January 01, 2018
First day of regular session for Alabama legislature.	Tuesday, January 09, 2018
The blackout period begins on this date for candidates for legislative and statewide offices from soliciting and receiving contributions. [17-5-7(b)(2)].	Tuesday, January 09, 2018
State Holiday - Robert E. Lee/Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday	Monday, January 15, 2018
Last day of legislative blackout period	Sunday, February 04, 2018
Candidates seeking nomination by a party primary must file declaration of candidacy with state party chairman (if seeking federal, state, circuit, district, or legislative office) or county party chairman (if seeking county office) no later than this day by 5:00 PM; 116 days before the election. [17-13-5(a)].	Friday, February 09, 2018
Mardi Gras - Observed in Baldwin and Mobile County only	Tuesday, February 13, 2018
State Holiday - George Washington/Thomas Jefferson Birthday	Monday, February 19, 2018
State party chairman must certify names of primary election candidates, except for candidates for county offices to Secretary of State no later than this day by 5:00 PM. 82 days prior to the primary. [17-13-5(b)].	Thursday, March 15, 2018
County party chairman must certify names of primary candidates for county office to probate judge no later than this day by 5:00 PM. 82 days prior to the primary. [17-13-5(b)].	Thursday, March 15, 2018
This is the last day for political parties to submit to the probate judge for county offices and the Secretary of State for state and federal offices any amendments or corrections to certifications of candidates for the primary election, 76 days prior to primary election. [17-13-23].	Wednesday, March 21, 2018
This deadline for persons who do not wish to accept nomination in a primary is 76 days before the date of the election. [17-6-21(c)].	Wednesday, March 21, 2018
The Secretary of State must certify names of opposed candidates for federal and state offices to probate judge no later than 74 days prior to the primary. [17-13-5(b)].	Friday, March 23, 2018
Probate judge must issue public notice in each voting precinct of the requirement for and the availability of registration and voting aids for all handicapped and elderly individuals not later than 60 days before any state election. [21-4-23(b)].	Friday, April 06, 2018
The last day political parties can decline to accept and come under primary election law is 60 days prior to the election. [17-13-42].	Friday, April 06, 2018
Probate judge must furnish list of qualified voters to the absentee election manager 55 days prior to the primary election. [17-11-5(b)].	Wednesday, April 11, 2018
Absentee ballots and supplies must be delivered to absentee election manager no later than 55 days prior to the primary. [17-11-12].	Wednesday, April 11, 2018
This is the last day to transmit absentee ballots to any UOCAVA voters whose absentee ballot request is received at least 45 days prior to the primary (ballot transmittal 45 days prior to the primary) per 52 U.S.C. § 20302(a)(8).	Saturday, April 21, 2018
This is the last day for candidates to present a list of desired election officers to their county executive committee at least 45 days before the election. [17-13-48].	Saturday, April 21, 2018
State Holiday - Confederate Memorial Day	Monday, April 23, 2018

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Probate judge must give notice of election, consisting of date of election and officers and subjects to be voted for and on at least 30 days before each election. [17-9-5].	Sunday, May 06, 2018
The first day for probate judge, sheriff, and clerk of the circuit court to appoint poll workers is not more than 20 nor less than 15 days before the election. [17-8-1(a)].	Wednesday, May 16, 2018
Probate judge must publish an alphabetical list of qualified electors by precinct, district or subdivision in a newspaper of general circulation in county on or before the 20th day prior to the election. [17-4-1].	Wednesday, May 16, 2018
Probate judge must issue public notice in each voting precinct of the requirement for and the availability of registration and voting aids for all handicapped and elderly individuals not later than 60 days before any state election. [21-4-23(b)]. This date is for the statewide primary runoff election.	Friday, May 18, 2018
This is the last day to register to vote for the primary election. [17-3-50(a)]	Monday, May 21, 2018
The last day for probate judge, sheriff, and clerk of the circuit court to appoint poll workers not more than 20 days nor less than 15 days before an election. [17-8-1(a)].	Monday, May 21, 2018
Probate judge must notify inspectors, returning officers, and clerks of their appointment and publish a list of these appointments in a county newspaper. [17-8-2].	Monday, May 21, 2018
First day election officials may begin testing automatic tabulating equipment for the primary election to ascertain that equipment will correctly count votes cast. [Adm. Rule 307-X-1-.04].	Tuesday, May 22, 2018
State Holiday - National Memorial Day	Monday, May 28, 2018
Probate judge must publish a supplemental list of qualified electors by precinct, district or subdivision in a newspaper of general circulation in county on or before the 7th day before the election. [17-4-1].	Tuesday, May 29, 2018
This is the last day for authority charged to hold a school of instruction for poll workers. Probate judge must notify these election officials of time and place of instruction school and must publish notice at least 48 hours before instruction school takes place not less than 5 days prior to the election. [17-8-9(a)].	Thursday, May 31, 2018
This is the last day to make application for absentee ballot for primary election 5 days prior to the election. [17-11-3(a)].	Thursday, May 31, 2018
If delivered by hand, absentee ballot must be returned to the absentee election manager no later than the close of the next business day preceding the election. [17-9-51;17-11-18].	Friday, June 01, 2018
The last day probate judges can deliver election supplies to sheriffs is not less than 3 days before the election. [17-13-9].	Saturday, June 02, 2018
State Holiday - Jefferson Davis' Birthday	Monday, June 04, 2018
This is the last day to postmark absentee ballot being returned by mail to the absentee election manager. [17-9-51;17-11-18].	Monday, June 04, 2018
Primary Election	Tuesday, June 05, 2018
This is the last day for military and other UOCAVA voters in the primary to postmark an absentee ballot returned by mail to the absentee election manager. [17-9-51(b);17-11-18(b)].	Tuesday, June 05, 2018
The medical emergency designee must deliver absentee ballot to absentee election manager no later than noon on this day. [17-9-51;17-11-18].	Tuesday, June 05, 2018

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The inspector or returning officer must deliver the ballots and returns to the sheriff. [17-13-12].	Tuesday, June 05, 2018
The last day to file petitions with probate judge for county offices and with Secretary of State for other offices to obtain ballot access as an independent candidate is no later than 5:00 PM on the day of the primary election. [17-9-3].	Tuesday, June 05, 2018
The last day to file petitions with the Secretary of State for minor/third parties to gain ballot access as a political party no later than 5:00 PM on the day of the primary election. [17-6-22(a)(1)].	Tuesday, June 05, 2018
The sheriff must deliver certificate of returns to chairman of county executive committee of each political party participating in primary election by 10:00 a.m. on the Wednesday following the election. [17-13-14(a)].	Wednesday, June 06, 2018
The written affirmations of provisional voters, inspector challenge statements, and voter reidentification forms must be delivered by the sheriff to the board of registrars by noon on the day following the election. [17-10-2(d)].	Wednesday, June 06, 2018
This is the last day candidates who would be eligible to be placed on primary runoff ballot can decline to have his/her name placed on ballot. [17-13-19].	Friday, June 08, 2018
Absentee ballots submitted by UOCAVA voters must be accepted until noon this day. The ballot must have been postmarked no later than election day and meet other absentee ballot requirement to be counted. [17-9-51(b);17-11-18(b)].	Tuesday, June 12, 2018
County executive committee must meet no later than noon and receive, canvass, and tabulate returns by precinct and publicly declare results Tuesday following the primary. [17-13-17].	Tuesday, June 12, 2018
Absentee ballots and supplies for primary runoff must be delivered to absentee election manager, 7 days after the primary. [17-11-12].	Tuesday, June 12, 2018
The board of registrars must deliver the provisional voter affirmations and inspector challenge statements, with the certified findings attached, to the judge of probate no later than noon, 7 days after the election. [17-10-2(e)].	Tuesday, June 12, 2018
At noon, the canvassing board shall tabulate provisional ballots which have been certified by the board of registrars. The canvassing board must certify the results of the provisional votes cast and must post one copy in the courthouse and must seal one copy into a container designated for each political party, 7 days after the election. [17-10-2(f)].	Tuesday, June 12, 2018
The chairman of county executive committee must certify to chairman of state executive committee a statement and tabulation by precinct of results of the primary no later than noon, 8 days after the election. [17-13-17].	Wednesday, June 13, 2018
State executive committee must meet at state capitol and receive, canvass, and tabulate returns and provide Secretary of State with state primary election returns by precinct [17-13-17] not later than noon, 10 days following the primary	Friday, June 15, 2018
Chairman of state executive committee must meet not later than noon this day to certify to Secretary of State and chairman of county executive committee must certify to probate judge names of candidates to be placed on primary run-off ballot [17-13-18(b)].	Friday, June 15, 2018
No later than this day, the probate judge must give notice of election, consisting of date of election and officers and subjects to be voted for and on at least 30 days before each election. [17-9-5]. This date for the primary runoff election.	Sunday, June 17, 2018
The Secretary of State shall, within two business days from the date the certification is received from the chair of the state executive committee, certify to the judge of probate of any county where a second primary election is to be held the name or names of the candidates certified. [17-13-18(b)].	Tuesday, June 19, 2018

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Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General must canvass election returns required by law to be sent to Secretary of State after the election within 22 days of the election. [17-12-17].	Wednesday, June 27, 2018
This is the last day to register to vote for the primary runoff election. [17-3-50(a)].	Monday, July 02, 2018
First day election officials may begin testing automatic tabulating equipment for the primary runoff election to ascertain that equipment will correctly count votes cast. [Adm. Rule 307-X-1-.04].	Tuesday, July 03, 2018
State Holiday - Independence Day	Wednesday, July 04, 2018
This last day to apply for an absentee ballot for the primary runoff election is 5 days before the election. [17-11-3(a)].	Thursday, July 12, 2018
The last day probate judges can deliver election supplies to sheriffs is not less than 3 days before the election. [17-13-9].	Saturday, July 14, 2018
If delivered by hand, absentee ballot must be returned to the absentee election manager no later than the close of business on the last business day prior to the election. [17-9-51;17-11-18].	Monday, July 16, 2018
This is the last day to postmark an absentee ballot being returned by mail to the absentee election manager the day prior to the election. [17-9-51;17-11-18].	Monday, July 16, 2018
Primary Runoff Election	Tuesday, July 17, 2018
The inspector or returning officer must deliver the ballots and returns to the sheriff. [17-13-12].	Tuesday, July 17, 2018
This is the last day for military and other UOCAVA voters in the primary runoff to postmark an absentee ballot returned by mail to the absentee election manager. [17-9-51(b);17-11-18(b)].	Tuesday, July 17, 2018
The medical emergency designee must deliver absentee ballot to absentee election manager no later than noon on this day. [17-9-51;17-11-18].	Tuesday, July 17, 2018
Sheriff must deliver certificate of returns to chairman of county executive committee of each political party participating in primary runoff election by 10:00 a.m. on the Wednesday following the primary runoff election. [17-13-14(a)].	Wednesday, July 18, 2018
The written affirmations of provisional voters, inspector challenge statements, and voter reidentification forms must be delivered by the sheriff to the board of registrars by noon on the day following the election. [17-10-2].	Wednesday, July 18, 2018
Absentee ballots submitted by UOCAVA voters must be accepted until noon on this day. The ballot must have been postmarked no later than election day and meet other absentee ballot requirements to be counted. [17-9-51(b);17-11-18(b)].	Tuesday, July 24, 2018
The board of registrars must deliver the provisional voter affirmations and inspector challenge statements, with the certified findings attached, to the judge of probate no later than noon 7 days after the election. [17-10-2(e)].	Tuesday, July 24, 2018
At noon, the canvassing board shall tabulate provisional ballots which have been certified by the board of registrars. The canvassing board must certify the results of the provisional votes cast and must post one copy in the courthouse and must seal one copy into a container designated for each political party 7 days after the election. [17-10-2(f)].	Tuesday, July 24, 2018
Last day for county executive committee to meet and receive, canvass, and tabulate returns by precinct and publicly declare results of primary runoff election not later than second Friday following second primary. [17-13-18(d)].	Friday, July 27, 2018
Last day for chairman of county executive committee to meet and certify to chairman of state executive committee a statement and tabulation by precincts of results of primary runoff not later than noon, second Monday following runoff. [17-13-18(d)].	Monday, July 30, 2018

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State executive committee must meet at state capitol and receive, canvass, and tabulate returns and provide Secretary of State with state primary runoff election returns by precinct on third Wednesday following the primary runoff election. [17-13-18(d)].	Wednesday, August 01, 2018
Chairman of state executive committee must certify names of those who have been nominated in first or second primary election as candidates of his/her party for state offices to Secretary of State. Chairman of county executive committee must certify names of those who have been nominated in first or second primary election as candidates of his/her party for county offices to probate judge not later than noon, third Wednesday following the primary runoff election. [17-13-18(d)].	Wednesday, August 01, 2018
The state executive committee shall provide the Secretary of State with the second primary returns by precincts according to county on a form authorized by the Secretary of State on the third Wednesday following the primary runoff election. [17-13-18(e)].	Wednesday, August 01, 2018
Absentee election manager must file list of applications for absentee ballots from primary election with probate judge 60 days after the primary. [17-11-5(c)].	Saturday, August 04, 2018
Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General must canvass election returns required by law to be sent to Secretary of State after the election within 22 days after the election. [17-12-17].	Wednesday, August 08, 2018
The deadline for state or county executive committees to decide contests for county offices is 90 days prior to general election. [17-13-86].	Wednesday, August 08, 2018
The deadline for state executive committee to decide contests for state offices is 83 days prior to general election. [17-13-86].	Wednesday, August 15, 2018
The last day for political parties to submit to the probate judge for county offices and the Secretary of State for state and federal offices any amendments or corrections to certifications of candidates for the primary election is 76 days prior to general election. [17-6-21(b)].	Wednesday, August 22, 2018
The last day candidates can withdraw their name from ballot is 76 days before the date of the election. [17-6-21(c)].	Wednesday, August 22, 2018
The Secretary of State must certify names of opposed candidates for federal and state offices and for each candidate for office who has requested to be an independent candidate and has filed a written petition in accordance with section [17-9-3(b)] and [17-13-22] to probate judge 74 days prior to the general election.	Friday, August 24, 2018
State Holiday - Labor Day	Monday, September 03, 2018
Probate judge must issue public notice in each voting precinct of the requirement for and the availability of registration and voting aids for all handicapped and elderly individuals not later than 60 days before any state election. [21-4-23(b)]. This date for the general election.	Friday, September 07, 2018
The last day for probate judge to furnish list of qualified voters to absentee election managers is 55 days prior to the general election. [17-11-5(b)].	Wednesday, September 12, 2018
The last day for absentee ballots and supplies to be delivered to the absentee election manager is 55 days prior to the general election. [17-11-12].	Wednesday, September 12, 2018
Absentee election managers must file list of applications for absentee ballots from primary runoff election with probate judge 60 days after the primary runoff election. [17-11-5(c)].	Saturday, September 15, 2018
This is the last day to transmit absentee ballots to any UOCAVA voters whose absentee ballot request is received at least 45 days prior to the general (ballot transmittal 45 days prior to the general) per 52 U.S.C. § 20302(a)(8).	Saturday, September 22, 2018

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The last day candidates in primary election can accept contributions to retire a campaign debt is 120 days after the election. [17-5-7(b)(3)].	Wednesday, October 03, 2018
The last day for probate judge to give notice of general election, consisting of date of election and officers and subjects to be voted for and on is 30 days before each election. [17-9-5].	Sunday, October 07, 2018
State Holiday - Columbus Day	Monday, October 08, 2018
The first day for probate judge, sheriff, and clerk of the circuit court to appoint poll workers is not more than 20 nor less than 15 days before the election. [17-8-1(a)].	Wednesday, October 17, 2018
The last day for probate judge, sheriff, and clerk of the circuit court to appoint poll workers not more than 20 days nor less than 15 days before an election. [17-8-1(a)].	Monday, October 22, 2018
The probate judge must notify inspectors and returning officers of their appointment and publish a list of these appointments in a county newspaper not more than 20, nor less than 15 days before the election. [17-8-2].	Monday, October 22, 2018
This is the last day to register to vote for general election. [17-3-50(a)].	Monday, October 22, 2018
First day election officials may begin testing automatic tabulating equipment for the general election to ascertain that equipment will correctly count votes cast. [Adm. Rule 307-X-1-.04].	Tuesday, October 23, 2018
This is the last day for authority charged to hold a school of instruction for poll workers. The probate judge must notify these election officials of time and place of instruction school and must publish notice at least 48 hours before instruction school takes place not less than 5 days before an election. [17-8-9(a)].	Thursday, November 01, 2018
The last day to make application for absentee ballot for the general election is not less than 5 days before the election. [17-11-3(a)].	Thursday, November 01, 2018
The last day probate judges can deliver election supplies to sheriffs is not less than 3 days before the election. [17-13-9].	Saturday, November 03, 2018
The last day to postmark an absentee ballot being returned by mail to the absentee election manager is the date prior to the day the election. [17-9-51; 17-11-18].	Monday, November 05, 2018
If delivered by hand, absentee ballot for the general election must be returned to the absentee election manager no later than the close of the last business day next preceding the election. [17-9-51; 17-11-18].	Monday, November 05, 2018
General Election	Tuesday, November 06, 2018
This is the last day for military and other UOCAVA voters in the general election to postmark an absentee ballot returned by mail to the absentee election manager. [17-9-51(b); 17-11-18(b)].	Tuesday, November 06, 2018
The medical emergency designee must deliver absentee ballot to absentee election manager no later than noon on this day. [17-9-51; 17-11-18].	Tuesday, November 06, 2018
The inspectors or returning officer must deliver ballots and returns to sheriff. [17-12-8].	Tuesday, November 06, 2018
The written affirmations of provisional voters, inspector challenge statements, and voter reidentification forms must be delivered by the sheriff to the board of registrars by noon on the day following the election. [17-10-2(d)].	Wednesday, November 07, 2018
State Holiday - Veterans Day	Monday, November 12, 2018
Absentee ballots submitted by UOCAVA voters must be accepted until noon this day. The ballot must have been postmarked no later than election day and meet other absentee ballot requirement to be counted. [17-9-51(b); 17-11-18(b)].	Tuesday, November 13, 2018

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The absentee election manager must report, for the general election, the number of military and overseas ballots mailed out and the number of ballots received to the secretary of state within 7 days after the election. [17-11-5(d)].	Tuesday, November 13, 2018
The board of registrars must deliver the provisional voter affirmations and inspector challenge statements, with the certified findings attached, to the judge of probate no later than noon 7 days after the election. [17-10-2(e)].	Tuesday, November 13, 2018
At noon, the canvassing board for poll workers shall tabulate provisional ballots which have been certified by the board of registrars. The canvassing board must certify the results of the provisional votes cast and must post one copy in the courthouse and must seal one copy into a container designated for each political party 7 days after the election. [17-10-2(f)].	Tuesday, November 13, 2018
The last day candidates in the primary runoff election can accept contributions to retire a campaign debt is 120 days after the election. [17-5-7(b)(2)].	Wednesday, November 14, 2018
The county canvassing board must canvass returns from county. Board of supervisors must make in writing a public declaration of results - noon, second Friday after the election. [17-12-15].	Friday, November 16, 2018
The county canvassing board must file the original canvass of returns for county offices, including state House and state Senate, in the probate office, post a copy of the returns at the courthouse door, and immediately transmit a copy of the returns by fax to the Secretary of State. [17-12-16].	Friday, November 16, 2018
The county canvassing board must file the county certificate of results for constitutional officers with the judge of probate. The judge of probate must immediately forward the certificate of results to the Secretary of State. [17-12-16].	Friday, November 16, 2018
State Holiday - Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 22, 2018
The Secretary of State must furnish certificates of election to members of the legislature and members of Congress within 10 days of receiving returns from the judge of probate of each county. [17-12-21].	Monday, November 26, 2018
The last day for the Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General to canvass election returns required by law to be sent to secretary of state is within 22 days after the election. [17-12-17].	Wednesday, November 28, 2018
State Holiday - Christmas Day	Tuesday, December 25, 2018
State Holiday - New Year's Day	Tuesday, January 01, 2019
Absentee election manager must file list of applications for absentee ballots from the general election with probate judge 60 days after the election. [17-11-5(c)].	Saturday, January 05, 2019
Inauguration Day for certain non-federal offices is on the first Monday after the second Tuesday in January after the election. [36-3-1 through 36-3-3].	Monday, January 14, 2019
State Holiday - Robert E. Lee/Martin Luther King Birthday	Monday, January 21, 2019
The last day candidates in the general election can accept contributions to retire a campaign debt is 120 days after the general election. [17-5-7(b)(3)].	Wednesday, March 06, 2019
The sheriff can destroy ballots 22 months after general election unless there is notification that election has been contested (52 USC 20701).	Sunday, September 06, 2020