

Administrative Calendar Alabama State House District 78 Special Election

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General Election	Tuesday, September 7, 2021

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Activity	Date
Proclamation issued calling for special State House District 78 election (78 days prior to primary election).	Monday, March 8, 2021
Candidates intending to participate in the State House District 78 special primary or general election may begin soliciting and accepting contributions. [§ 17-5-7(b)(2)]	Monday, March 8, 2021
Candidates seeking nomination by a party primary must file declaration of candidacy with state party chairman no later than 5 PM on this day, 63 days prior to primary election.	Tuesday, March 23, 2021
State chairman must certify names of primary election candidates to Secretary of State by 12 PM no later than this day, 62 days prior to the primary election.	Wednesday, March 24, 2021
Secretary of State must certify names of opposed candidates for state office to probate judge no later than this day, 60 days prior to the primary election.	Friday, March 26, 2021
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 no later than 60 days before any state election. [§ 21-4-23(b)] This date for the primary election.	Friday, March 26, 2021
Last day political parties can decline to accept and come under primary election law; at least 60 days prior to the election. (§ 17-13-42)	Friday, March 26, 2021
Probate judge must furnish list of qualified voters to absentee election manager 55 days prior to the primary election. [§ 17-11-5(b)]	Wednesday, March 31, 2021
Absentee ballots and supplies must be delivered to absentee election manager no later than this day, 55 days prior to the primary election. (§ 17-11-12)	Wednesday, March 31, 2021
Last day for candidates to present a list of desired election officers to their county executive committee is at least 45 days before the election. (§ 17-13-48)	Saturday, April 10, 2021
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 no later than 60 days before any state election. [§ 21-4-23(b)] This date for the primary runoff election.	Friday, April 23, 2021
State Holiday - Confederate Memorial Day	Monday, April 26, 2021
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 an election. [§ 17-8-1(a)]	Wednesday, May 5, 2021
Last day for probate judge, sheriff, and clerk of the circuit court to appoint poll workers is not more than 20 days nor less than 15 days before an election. [§ 17-8-1(a)]	Monday, May 10, 2021
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 10, 2021
Last day to register to vote for the primary election. [§ 17-3-50(a)] (15th day before the election)	Monday, May 10, 2021
Probate Judge must give notice of election, consisting of date of election and officers and subjects to be voted for and on at least 14 days before each election. (§ 17-9-5) This date for the primary election.	Tuesday, May 11, 2021

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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 11, 2021
First day probate judge may print poll lists or load registration data into electronic poll books for the primary election. (§§ 17-4-2, 17-4-2.1)	Saturday, May 15, 2021
For any absentee application received on or after the 8th day prior to the election that does not contain a copy of an approved form of identification, the absentee election manager shall issue a provisional ballot to that voter.	Monday, May 17, 2021
Absentee applications returned by mail must be received no later than 7 days prior to the election. (§ 17-11-3)	Tuesday, May 18, 2021
An application for a voter who requires emergency treatment by a licensed physician within 5 days before an election may be forwarded to the absentee election manager by the applicant or by his or her designee.	Thursday, May 20, 2021
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; no less than 5 days prior to the election. [§ 17-8-9(a)]	Thursday, May 20, 2021
Absentee applications returned by hand must be received not less than 5 days prior to the election. (§ 17-11-3)	Thursday, May 20, 2021
The last day probate judges can deliver election supplies to sheriffs is no less than 3 days before the election. (§ 17-13-9)	Saturday, May 22, 2021
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. [§ 17-11-18(a)]	Monday, May 24, 2021
Primary Election	Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Absentee ballots being returned by mail to the absentee election manager must be received no later than noon on this day. [§ 17-11-18(a)]	Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Last day for military and other UOCAVA voters in the primary to postmark an absentee ballot returned by mail to the Absentee Election Manager. [§ 17-11-18(b)]	Tuesday, May 25, 2021
The medical emergency designee must deliver absentee ballot to absentee election manager no later than noon on this day. [§§ 17-11-18(a), 17-11-3(c)]	Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Inspector or returning officer must deliver the ballots and returns to the sheriff. (§ 17-13-12)	Tuesday, May 25, 2021
Last day to file petition with probate judge for county offices and with Secretary of State to obtain ballot access as an independent candidate; no later than 5 PM on the day of the primary election. (§ 17-9-3)	Tuesday, May 25, 2021
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 PM on the day of the primary election. [§ 17-6-22(a)(1)]	Tuesday, May 25, 2021

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Sheriff must deliver certificate of returns to chairman of county executive committee of each political party participating in primary election by 10 AM on the Wednesday following the election. [§ 17-13-14(a)]	Wednesday, May 26, 2021
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, May 26, 2021
Deadline for voters whose ballot became provisional due to lack of identification to provide identification (or provisional ballot and identification) including the address and telephone number of the voter to the board of registrars no later than 5 PM. [§ 17-10-2(a)(3)]	Friday, May 28, 2021
Last day candidates who would be eligible to be placed on primary runoff ballot can decline to have his/her name placed on ballot; no more than 3 days after holding the first primary. (§ 17-13-19)	Friday, May 28, 2021
State Holiday - National Memorial Day	Monday, May 31, 2021
Absentee ballots submitted by UOCAVA voters must be accepted until noon this day. Ballot must have been postmarked no later than election day and meet other absentee ballot requirements to be counted. [§ 17-11-18(b)]	Tuesday, June 1, 2021
County executive committee must meet no later than noon on the Tuesday following the primary to receive, canvass, and tabulate returns by precinct and publicly declare results. (§ 17-13-17)	Tuesday, June 1, 2021
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 1, 2021
The canvassing board shall tabulate provisional ballots which have been certified by the board of registrars at noon 7 days after the election. 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. [§ 17-10-2(f)]	Tuesday, June 1, 2021
Chairman of county executive committee must certify to chairman of state executive committee a statement and tabulation by precinct of results of primary 7 days following the election. (§ 17-13-17)	Tuesday, June 1, 2021
Chairman of state executive committee must meet no later than noon on this day, 8 days following the primary, 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 runoff ballot. (§ 17-13-17)	Wednesday, June 2, 2021
State executive committee must meet and receive, canvass, and tabulate returns and provide Secretary of State with state primary election returns by precinct, no later than noon, 8 days following the primary. (§ 17-13-17)	Wednesday, June 2, 2021
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 probate judge of any county where a second primary election is to be held the name or names of the candidates certified. [§ 17-13-18(b)]	Friday, June 4, 2021

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Last day to register to vote for the primary runoff election. [§ 17-3-50(a)]	Monday, June 7, 2021
State Holiday - Jefferson Davis' Birthday	Monday, June 7, 2021
Absentee ballots and supplies for primary runoff must be delivered to absentee election manager 14 days after the primary. (§ 17-11-12)	Tuesday, June 8, 2021
Probate judge must give notice of election, consisting of date of election and officers and subjects to be voted for and on at least 14 days before each election. (§ 17-9-5) This date for the primary runoff election.	Tuesday, June 8, 2021
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, June 8, 2021
First day probate judge may print poll lists or load registration data into electronic poll books for the primary runoff election. (§§ 17-4-2, 17-4-2.1)	Saturday, June 12, 2021
For any absentee application received on or after the 8th day prior to the election that does not contain a copy of an approved form of identification, the absentee election manager shall issue a provisional ballot to that voter.	Monday, June 14, 2021
Absentee applications returned by mail must be received no later than 7 days prior to the election. (§ 17-11-3)	Tuesday, June 15, 2021
An application for a voter who requires emergency treatment by a licensed physician within 5 days before an election may be forwarded to the absentee election manager by the applicant or by his or her designee.	Thursday, June 17, 2021
Absentee applications returned by hand must be received not less than 5 days prior to the election. (§ 17-11-3)	Thursday, June 17, 2021
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 19, 2021
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. [§ 17-11-18(a)]	Monday, June 21, 2021
Primary Runoff Election	Tuesday, June 22, 2021
Absentee ballots being returned by mail to the absentee election manager must be received no later than noon on this day. [§ 17-11-18(a)]	Tuesday, June 22, 2021
The inspector or returning officer must deliver the ballots and returns to the Sheriff. (§ 17-13-12)	Tuesday, June 22, 2021
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. [§ 17-11-18(b)]	Tuesday, June 22, 2021
The medical emergency designee must deliver absentee ballot to absentee election manager no later than noon on this day. [§§ 17-11-18(a), 17-11-3(c)]	Tuesday, June 22, 2021
Sheriff must deliver certificate of returns to chairman of county executive committee of each political party participating in primary runoff election by 10 AM on the Wednesday following the primary runoff. [§ 17-13-14(a)]	Wednesday, June 23, 2021

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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 23, 2021
Deadline for voters whose ballot became provisional due to lack of identification to provide identification (or provisional ballot and identification) including the address and telephone number of the voter to the board of registrars no later than 5 PM. [§ 17-10-2(a)(3)]	Friday, June 25, 2021
Last day for Absentee Election Manager to receive a ballot cast by military or other UOCAVA voters and returned by mail for the primary runoff election. Ballots must have been postmarked no later than election day and meet other absentee ballot requirements to be counted. [§ 17-11-18(b)]	Tuesday, June 29, 2021
The board of registrars must deliver the provisional voter affirmations and inspector challenge statements, with the certified findings attached, to the probate judge no later than noon, 7 days after the election. [§ 17-10-2(e)]	Tuesday, June 29, 2021
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 29, 2021
Last day for county executive committee to meet and receive, canvass, and tabulate returns by precinct and publicly declare results of primary runoff election is no later than the second Friday after the primary runoff election. [§ 17-13-18(d)]	Friday, July 2, 2021
State Holiday - Independence Day Recognized	Monday, July 5, 2021
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 is the second Monday following runoff, no later than noon. [§ 17-13-18(d)]	Monday, July 5, 2021
State executive committee must meet at state capitol and receive, canvass, and tabulate returns and provide Secretary of State with primary runoff election returns by precinct on the third Wednesday following primary runoff election. [§ 17-13-18(d)]	Wednesday, July 7, 2021
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 to Secretary of State no later than noon on the third Wednesday following the runoff. [§ 17-13-18(d)]	Wednesday, July 7, 2021
Secretary of State must certify names of opposed candidates to be placed on the general election ballot to the probate judge no later than this day. (§ 17-6-21)	Friday, July 9, 2021
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, July 9, 2021
Last day for probate judge to furnish list of qualified voters to absentee election manager is 55 days prior to the general election. [§ 17-11-5(b)]	Wednesday, July 14, 2021

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Absentee ballots and supplies must be delivered to absentee election manager no later than 55 days prior to the general election. (§ 17-11-2)	Wednesday, July 14, 2021
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, July 24, 2021
First day for probate judge, sheriff, and clerk of the circuit court to appoint poll workers no more than 20 nor less than 15 days before an election. (§ 17-8-1(a))	Wednesday, August 18, 2021
Absentee election manager must file list of applications for absentee ballots from primary runoff election with probate judge 60 days after the election. (§ 17-11-5(c))	Saturday, August 21, 2021
Last day for probate judge, sheriff, and clerk of the circuit court to appoint poll workers no more than 20 nor less than 15 days before an election. (§ 17-8-1(a)) Probate judge must notify inspectors and returning officers of their appointment and publish a list of these appointments in a county newspaper no more than 20 nor less than 15 days before an election. (§ 17-8-2)	Monday, August 23, 2021
Last day to register to vote for general election. (§ 17-3-50(a)) (15th day before the election)	Monday, August 23, 2021
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 at least 14 days before each election. (§ 17-9-5) This date for the general election.	Tuesday, August 24, 2021
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, August 24, 2021
First day probate judge may print poll lists or load registration data into electronic poll books for the general election. (§§ 17-4-2, 17-4-2.1)	Saturday, August 28, 2021
For any absentee application received on or after the 8th day prior to the election that does not contain a copy of an approved form of identification, the absentee election manager shall issue a provisional ballot to that voter.	Monday, August 30, 2021
Absentee applications returned by mail must be received no later than 7 days prior to the election. (§ 17-11-3)	Tuesday, August 31, 2021
An application for a voter who requires emergency treatment by a licensed physician within 5 days before an election may be forwarded to the absentee election manager by the applicant or by his or her designee.	Thursday, September 2, 2021
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, September 2, 2021
Absentee applications returned by hand must be received not less than 5 days prior to the election. (§ 17-11-3)	Thursday, September 2, 2021
An application for a voter who requires emergency treatment by a licensed physician within 5 days before an election may be forwarded to the absentee election manager by the applicant or by his or her designee.	Thursday, September 2, 2021

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Last day to hand-deliver an absentee ballot to the absentee election manager is the date prior to the day of the election. [§ 17-11-18(a)] Due to State Holiday on Monday.	Friday, September 3, 2021
Last day probate judge can deliver election supplies to sheriff is not less than 3 days before the election. (§ 17-13-9)	Saturday, September 4, 2021
The chair of each local political party as defined in Section 17-13-40, any person whose name is on the ballot as an independent, and any announced or known write-in candidates shall be given a minimum of 24 hours notice of the time and place where the canvassing board will meet to determine the number of write-in votes cast for each office on the ballot, ballot image, results tape, or other media prescribed by the Secretary of State by administrative rule and shall be permitted to be present when the determination is made. [§ 17-6-28(c)]	Monday, September 6, 2021
State Holiday - Labor Day	Monday, September 6, 2021
General Election	Tuesday, September 7, 2021
Absentee ballots being returned by mail to the absentee election manager must be received no later than noon on this day. [§ 17-11-18(a)]	Tuesday, September 7, 2021
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. [§ 17-11-18(b)]	Tuesday, September 7, 2021
No later than noon, the medical emergency designee must deliver absentee ballot to absentee election manager. [§§ 17-11-18(a), 17-11-3(c)]	Tuesday, September 7, 2021
Inspectors or returning officer must deliver ballots and returns to sheriff. (§ 17-12-8)	Tuesday, September 7, 2021
Upon the closing of the polls, all write-in votes, which may be in the form of a ballot or, if an electronic voting system is utilized in the polling place, a ballot image, results tape, or other media as prescribed by the Secretary of State by administrative rule, from each polling place in the county shall be returned to a central location in the county as determined by the probate judge where the canvassing board shall determine the number of write-in votes cast for each office on the ballot, ballot image, results tape, or other media as prescribed by the Secretary of State by administrative rule. [§ 17-6-28(c)]	Tuesday, September 7, 2021
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, September 8, 2021
Deadline for voters whose ballot became provisional due to lack of identification to provide identification (or provisional ballot and identification) including the address and telephone number of the voter to the board of registrars no later than 5 PM. [§ 17-10-2(a)(3)]	Friday, September 10, 2021
The county canvassing board must prepare and transmit to the Secretary of State a written report itemizing the number of write-in votes cast for each separate federal or state office and the total votes cast for each of the candidates (top two) receiving the greatest number of votes for that office. [§ 17-6-28(c)]	Friday, September 10, 2021

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The county canvassing board must post a notice stating the number of write-in votes cast in each office on the ballot and, for each specific county office on the ballot, stating whether the number of write-in votes cast for the office is greater than or equal to the difference in votes between the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for the specific county office. The notice shall be posted on the door of the courthouse and any other place deemed appropriate by the canvassing board including, but not limited to, a county website. [§ 17-6-28(c)]	Monday, September 13, 2021
The county canvassing board must determine whether the number of write-in votes cast is greater than or equal to the difference in votes between the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for the specific county office. [§ 17-6-28(c)]	Monday, September 13, 2021
Upon receipt of all county reports setting out the number of write-in votes for each federal or state office, the Secretary of State shall determine whether the number of write-in votes cast statewide for any specific federal or state office is greater than or equal to the difference in votes between the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for that office. In the event the Secretary of State determines that the number of write-in votes cast statewide for any federal or state office is greater than or equal to the difference in votes between the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for that office, no later than <u>noon</u> on the first Monday following the election, the Secretary of State shall notify each probate judge from a county where write-in votes for that office were cast that the write-in votes for that office shall be counted and reported as provided in this section. [§ 17-6-28(c)]	Monday, September 13, 2021
Last day for Absentee Election Manager to receive a ballot cast by military or other UOCAVA voters and returned by mail for the general election. [§ 17-11-18(b)]	Tuesday, September 14, 2021
Upon determining the number of write-in votes as required, all ballots, ballot images, or results tapes with write-in votes shall be delivered to the sheriff who shall securely keep them in the same manner as provisional ballots are kept. [§ 17-10-2(d)]	Tuesday, September 14, 2021
When the number of write-in votes for any specific office is greater than or equal to the difference in votes between the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for that office write-in votes shall be counted at the same time and in the same manner as provisional ballots are counted. [§ 17-10-2(f)]	Tuesday, September 14, 2021
The board of registrars must deliver the provisional voter affirmations and inspector challenge statements, with the certified findings attached, to the probate judge no later than noon, 7 days after the election. [§ 17-10-2(e)]	Tuesday, September 14, 2021
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 at noon, 7 days after the election. [§ 17-10-2(f)]	Tuesday, September 14, 2021

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County canvassing board must canvass returns from county. Canvassing Board must make in writing a public declaration of results by noon on the second Friday after the election. (§ 17-12-15)	Friday, September 17, 2021
County canvassing board must file the original canvass of returns 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, September 17, 2021
County canvassing board must file the county certificate of results for constitutional officers with the probate judge. The probate judge must immediately forward the certificate of results to the Secretary of State. (§ 17-12-19)	Friday, September 17, 2021
The last day candidates in the primary election can accept contributions to retire a campaign debt is 120 days after the election. [§ 17-5-7(b)(2)]	Wednesday, September 22, 2021
The Secretary of State must furnish certificates of election to members of the legislature within 10 days of receiving returns from the probate judge of each county. (§ 17-12-21)	Monday, September 27, 2021
Last day for Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General to canvass election returns required by law to be sent to Secretary of State within 22 days after the election. (§ 17-12-17)	Wednesday, September 29, 2021
State Holiday - Columbus Day	Monday, October 11, 2021
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, October 20, 2021
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, November 6, 2021
State Holiday - Veterans Day	Thursday, November 11, 2021
State Holiday - Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 25, 2021
State Holiday - Christmas Day Recognized	Friday, December 24, 2021
State Holiday - New Year's Day Recognized	Friday, December 31, 2021
The last day candidates in the general election can accept contributions to retire a campaign debt is 120 days after the election. [§ 17-5-7(b)(2)]	Wednesday, January 5, 2022
Sheriff can destroy ballots 22 months after general election unless there is notification that election has been contested. (53 U.S.C. § 20701)	Saturday, July 8, 2023