

# FCPA Filing Calendar - 2020 Election Cycle

Statewide Primary Election  
 Primary Runoff Election  
 General Election

Tuesday, March 3, 2020  
 Tuesday, July 14, 2020  
 Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Purple lines indicate deadlines involving monthly reports. Monthly reports are due on the second business day of the subsequent month beginning 12 months before the election date and after crossing the threshold which is \$1000. [17-5- 8(a)(1)] Monthly reports are not due if filing weekly reports. [17-5-8(k)]
Blue lines indicate deadlines involving weekly reports. Weekly reports covering the period Saturday through Friday are due on the Monday of the subsequent week beginning four weeks before the election date. [17-5-8(a)(2)] The last weekly report is not due if filing daily reports. [17-5-8(k)]
Red lines indicate deadlines involving daily reports. Beginning on the 8th day prior to the election, daily reports are due for principal campaign committees and PACs that receive or spend \$5,000 or more on that day with a view toward influencing the election. Daily reports are only due on those days that the \$5,000 threshold is met. Daily reports apply <u>only</u> to legislative, state school board, and statewide candidates, <u>not</u> circuit, district, county, or city candidates. [17-5-8(a)(3)(a)]
Principal campaign committees and PACs must file a report disclosing the receipt of any single contribution of \$20,000 or more within two (2) business days of receiving the contribution <u>if</u> the contribution has not already been reported in a finance disclosure report. [17-5-8.1(c)]
Green lines indicate the legislative blackout beginning and ending dates. The FCPA prohibits candidates for legislative and statewide offices from raising money while the Alabama Legislature is in session, except within 120 days of a primary, primary runoff, or general election. [17-5-7(b)(2)]
Electioneering communication is defined as any communication disseminated through any federally regulated broadcast media, any mailing, or the distribution, electronic communication, phone bank, or publication containing (1) the name or image of a candidate; (2) is made within 120 days of an election in which the candidate will appear on the ballot; (3) the only reasonable conclusion to be drawn from the presentation and content of the communication is that it is intended to influence the outcome of an election; and (4) entails an expenditure in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000). [17-5- 2(a)(5)]

Party candidates intending to participate in the 2020 primary election may not begin soliciting or accepting contributions until March 3, 2019. Candidates may loan funds to their campaigns prior to March 3, 2019.	
Independent candidates intending to participate in the 2020 general election may not begin soliciting or accepting contributions until Nov. 3, 2019. Independent candidates may loan funds to their campaigns prior to Nov. 3, 2019.	
Date	Activity
February 18, 2019	State Holiday - George Washington/Thomas Jefferson Birthday
March 3, 2019	Major party candidates intending to participate in the 2020 primary election may begin soliciting and accepting contributions
March 5, 2019	State Holiday - Mardi Gras (Mobile and Baldwin Counties Only)
March 5, 2019	First day of regular session for the Alabama legislature and the first day of the legislative blackout.
March 6, 2019	The last day to raise funds to retire campaign debt for the 2018 general election (120 days after the election). [17-5-7(b)(3)].
March 31, 2019	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
April 2, 2019	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<b>April 2, 2019</b>	<b>Deadline to file the March monthly report</b>
April 22, 2019	State Holiday - Confederate Memorial Day
April 30, 2019	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
May 2, 2019	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<b>May 2, 2019</b>	<b>Deadline to file the April monthly report</b>
May 27, 2019	State Holiday - Memorial Day
May 31, 2019	Deadline to close books for the monthly report

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June 3, 2019	State Holiday - Jefferson Davis' Birthday
June 5, 2019	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<b>June 5, 2019</b>	<b>Deadline to file the May monthly report</b>
June 17, 2019	Last day of regular session for the Alabama legislature and last day of the legislative blackout, unless a special legislative session is called.
June 30, 2019	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
July 2, 2019	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<b>July 2, 2019</b>	<b>Deadline to file the June monthly report</b>
<b>July 4, 2019</b>	State Holiday - Independence Day
July 31, 2019	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
August 2, 2019	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<b>August 2, 2019</b>	<b>Deadline to file the July monthly report</b>
August 31, 2019	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
<b>September 2, 2019</b>	State Holiday - Labor Day
September 4, 2019	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<b>September 4, 2019</b>	<b>Deadline to file the August monthly report</b>
September 30, 2019	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
October 2, 2019	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<b>October 2, 2019</b>	<b>Deadline to file the September monthly report</b>
<b>October 14, 2019</b>	State Holiday - Columbus Day
October 31, 2019	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
November 3, 2019	Independent & minor party candidates may begin soliciting and accepting contributions
November 4, 2019	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<b>November 4, 2019</b>	<b>Deadline to file the October monthly report</b>
November 8, 2019	Last day candidates may qualify with major political parties to participate in primary election [17-13-5(a)]
<b>November 11, 2019</b>	State Holiday - Veterans' Day
<b>November 28, 2019</b>	State Holiday - Thanksgiving Day
November 30, 2019	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
December 3, 2019	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<b>December 3, 2019</b>	<b>Deadline to file the November monthly report</b>
<b>December 25, 2019</b>	State Holiday - Christmas Day
December 31, 2019	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
<b>January 1, 2020</b>	State Holiday - New Year's Day
January 3, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<b>January 3, 2020</b>	<b>Deadline to file the December monthly report</b>
<b>January 20, 2020</b>	State Holiday - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 31, 2020	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
January 31, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the annual report
<b>January 31, 2020</b>	<b>Annual Report Due. [17-5-8(b)] Only for PACs and elected officials not already filing monthly reports in the 2020 election cycle. Also applies to PACs and Principal Campaign Committees not participating in the 2020 election cycle.</b>
February 4, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<b>February 4, 2020</b>	<b>Deadline to file the January monthly report</b>

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February 4, 2020	First day of regular session for the Alabama legislature. No legislative blackout for this session.
February 7, 2020	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the primary election
February 10, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the primary election
<b>February 10, 2020</b>	<b>Deadline to file the weekly report for the primary election</b>
February 14, 2020	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the primary election
<b>February 17, 2020</b>	<b>State Holiday - George Washington/Thomas Jefferson Birthday</b>
February 18, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the primary election
<b>February 18, 2020</b>	<b>Deadline to file the weekly report for the primary election</b>
February 21, 2020	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the primary election
<b>February 24, 2020</b>	<b>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</b>
February 24, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the primary election
<b>February 24, 2020</b>	<b>Deadline to file the weekly report for the primary election</b>
February 25, 2020	<b>Mardi Gras - Observed in Baldwin and Mobile Counties</b>
<b>February 25, 2020</b>	<b>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</b>
<b>February 26, 2020</b>	<b>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</b>
<b>February 27, 2020</b>	<b>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</b>
February 28, 2020	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the primary election
<b>February 28, 2020</b>	<b>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</b>
February 29, 2020	Deadline to close books for the monthly report; <u>only</u> for candidates <u>not</u> participating in primary election.
<b>February 29, 2020</b>	<b>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</b>
<b>March 1, 2020</b>	<b>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</b>
March 2, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the primary election
<b>March 2, 2020</b>	<b>Deadline to file the weekly report for the primary election</b>
<b>March 2, 2020</b>	<b>Daily report due by 12:01 p.m. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</b>
March 3, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report; <u>only</u> for candidates <u>not</u> participating in primary election.
<b>March 3, 2020</b>	<b>Deadline to file the February monthly report; <u>only</u> for candidates <u>not</u> participating in primary election</b>
<b>March 3, 2020</b>	<b>Primary Elections</b>
March 6, 2020	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the primary runoff election

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March 9, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the primary runoff election
<b>March 9, 2020 –prior to postponement</b>	<b>Deadline to file the weekly report for the primary runoff election</b>
March 13, 2020	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the primary runoff election
March 16, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the primary runoff election
<b>March 16, 2020 –prior to postponement</b>	<b>Deadline to file the weekly report for the primary runoff election</b>
March 31, 2020	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
April 2, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<b>April 2, 2020</b>	<b>Deadline to file the March monthly report</b>
April 30, 2020	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
May 4, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<b>May 4, 2020</b>	<b>Deadline to file the April monthly report</b>
May 18, 2020	Last day of regular session for the Alabama legislature.
<b>May 25, 2020</b>	<b>State Holiday - Memorial Day</b>
May 31, 2020	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
<b>June 1, 2020</b>	<b>State Holiday - Jefferson Davis' Birthday</b>
June 3, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<b>June 3, 2020</b>	<b>Deadline to file the May monthly report</b>
June 19, 2020	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for runoff election.
June 22, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for runoff election.
<b>June 22, 2020</b>	<b>Deadline to file the weekly report for runoff election.</b>
June 26, 2020	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for runoff election.
June 29, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for runoff election.
<b>June 29, 2020</b>	<b>Deadline to file weekly report for runoff election.</b>
June 30, 2020	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
July 1, 2020	The last day to raise funds to retire campaign debt for the 2020 primary election (120 days after the election). [17-5-7(b)(3)].
July 2, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<b>July 2, 2020</b>	<b>Deadline to file the June monthly report</b>
<b>July 3, 2020</b>	<b>State Holiday - Independence Day</b>
July 3, 2020	Deadline to close books for weekly report for runoff election.
July 6, 2020	Certified mail deadline for weekly report for runoff election.
<b>July 6, 2020</b>	<b>Deadline to file weekly report for runoff election.</b>
<b>July 6, 2020</b>	<b>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</b>
<b>July 7, 2020</b>	<b>Daily Report Due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</b>
<b>July 8, 2020</b>	<b>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</b>
<b>July 9, 2020</b>	<b>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top</b>

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<b>July 10, 2020</b>	<b>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</b>
July 10, 2020	Deadline to close books for weekly report for runoff election.
July 13, 2020	Certified mail deadline for weekly report for runoff election.
<b>July 13, 2020</b>	<b>Deadline to file weekly report for runoff election.</b>
<b>July 13, 2020</b>	<b>Daily report due by 12:01 p.m. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</b>
<b>July 14, 2020</b>	<b>Primary Runoff Elections</b>
July 31, 2020	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
August 4, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<b>August 4, 2020</b>	<b>Deadline to file the July monthly report</b>
August 31, 2020	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
September 2, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<b>September 2, 2020</b>	<b>Deadline to file the August monthly report</b>
<b>September 7, 2020</b>	<b>State Holiday - Labor Day</b>
September 30, 2020	Deadline to close books for the monthly report for the general election
October 2, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<b>October 2, 2020</b>	<b>Deadline to file the September monthly report</b>
October 9, 2020	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the general election, includes all reportable activity since last report
<b>October 12, 2020</b>	<b>State Holiday - Columbus Day</b>
October 13, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the general election
<b>October 13, 2020</b>	<b>Deadline to file the weekly report for the general election</b>
October 16, 2020	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the general election
October 19, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the general election
<b>October 19, 2020</b>	<b>Deadline to file the weekly report for the general election</b>
October 23, 2020	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the general election
October 26, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the general election
<b>October 26, 2020</b>	<b>Deadline to file the weekly report for the general election</b>
<b>October 26, 2020</b>	<b>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</b>
<b>October 27, 2020</b>	<b>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</b>
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<b>October 29, 2020</b>	<b><i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i></b>
October 30, 2020	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the general election
<b>October 30, 2020</b>	<b><i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i></b>
<b>October 31, 2020</b>	<b><i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i></b>
<b>November 1, 2020</b>	<b><i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i></b>
November 2, 2020	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the general election
<b>November 2, 2020</b>	<b><i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the general election</i></b>
<b>November 2, 2020</b>	<b><i>Daily report due by 12:01 p.m. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i></b>
<b>November 3, 2020</b>	<b>General Election</b>
<b>November 11, 2020</b>	The last day to raise funds to retire campaign debt for the 2020 runoff election (120 days after the election). [17-5-7(b)(3)].
January 31, 2021	Certified mail deadline for annual report
<b>January 31, 2021</b>	<b><i>2020 annual report due (on or before January 31 of the succeeding year) next after general election</i></b>
March 3, 2021	The last day to raise funds to retire campaign debt for the 2020 general election (120 days after the election). [17-5-7(b)(3)].