

FCPA Filing Calendar - 2018 Election Cycle

Statewide Primary Election
 Primary Runoff Election
 General Election

Tuesday, June 5, 2018
 Tuesday, July 17, 2018
 Tuesday, November 6, 2018

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 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 only to legislative, state school board, and statewide candidates, not circuit, district, county, or city office. [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 if 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 2018 primary election may not begin soliciting or accepting contributions until June 5, 2017. Candidates may loan funds to their campaigns prior to June 5, 2017.

Independent candidates intending to participate in the 2018 general election may not begin soliciting or accepting contributions until Nov. 6, 2017. Independent candidates may loan funds to their campaigns prior to Nov. 6, 2017.

Reports prior to the June 2017 monthly report are not required and are optional.

Date	Activity
February 7, 2017	First day of regular session for the Alabama legislature.
February 20, 2017	State Holiday - George Washington/Thomas Jefferson Birthday
February 28, 2017	State Holiday - Mardi Gras (Mobile and Baldwin Counties Only)
February 28, 2017	Date to close books for the optional monthly report
<i>March 2, 2017</i>	<i>Date to file the optional February monthly report</i>
March 8, 2017	The last day to retire campaign debt for the 2016 general election (120 days after the election). [17-5-7(b)(3)].
March 31, 2017	Date to close books for the optional monthly report
<i>April 4, 2017</i>	<i>Date to file the optional March monthly report</i>
April 24, 2017	State Holiday - Confederate Memorial Day
April 30, 2017	Date to close books for the optional monthly report
<i>May 2, 2017</i>	<i>Date to file the optional April monthly report</i>
May 22, 2017	Last day of regular session for the Alabama legislature.
May 29, 2017	State Holiday - Memorial Day
May 31, 2017	Date to close books for the optional monthly report

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<i>June 2, 2017</i>	<i>Date to file the optional <u>May</u> monthly report</i>
June 5, 2017	State Holiday - Jefferson Davis' Birthday
June 5, 2017	Major party candidates intending to participate in the 2018 primary election may begin soliciting and accepting contributions
June 30, 2017	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
July 4, 2017	State Holiday - Independence Day
July 5, 2017	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<i>July 5, 2017</i>	<i>Deadline to file the <u>June</u> monthly report</i>
July 31, 2017	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
August 2, 2017	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<i>August 2, 2017</i>	<i>Deadline to file the <u>July</u> monthly report</i>
August 31, 2017	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
September 4, 2017	State Holiday - Labor Day
September 5, 2017	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<i>September 5, 2017</i>	<i>Deadline to file the <u>August</u> monthly report</i>
September 30, 2017	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
October 3, 2017	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<i>October 3, 2017</i>	<i>Deadline to file the <u>September</u> monthly report</i>
October 9, 2017	State Holiday - Columbus Day
October 31, 2017	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
November 2, 2017	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<i>November 2, 2017</i>	<i>Deadline to file the <u>October</u> monthly report</i>
November 6, 2017	Independent & minor party candidates may begin soliciting and accepting contributions
November 10, 2017	State Holiday - Veterans' Day
November 23, 2017	State Holiday - Thanksgiving Day
November 30, 2017	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
December 4, 2017	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<i>December 4, 2017</i>	<i>Deadline to file the <u>November</u> monthly report</i>
December 25, 2017	State Holiday - Christmas Day
December 31, 2017	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
January 1, 2018	State Holiday - New Year's Day
January 3, 2018	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<i>January 3, 2018</i>	<i>Deadline to file the <u>December</u> monthly report</i>
January 8, 2018	First day candidates may qualify with major political parties to participate in primary election
January 9, 2018	First day of regular session for the Alabama legislature and the first day of the legislative blackout.
January 15, 2018	State Holiday - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 31, 2018	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
January 31, 2018	Certified mail deadline for the annual report
<i>January 31, 2018</i>	<i>Annual Report Due. [17-5-8(b)] Only for PACs and elected officials not already filing monthly reports in the 2018 election cycle. Also applies to PACs and Principal Campaign Committees not participating in the 2018 election cycle.</i>

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February 2, 2018	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<i>February 2, 2018</i>	<i>Deadline to file the <u>January</u> monthly report</i>
February 4, 2018	Final day of the legislative blackout.
February 9, 2018	Last day candidates may qualify with major political parties to participate in primary election [17-13-5(a)]
February 13, 2018	Mardi Gras - Observed in Baldwin and Mobile Counties
February 19, 2018	State Holiday - George Washington/Thomas Jefferson Birthday
February 28, 2018	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
March 2, 2018	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<i>March 2, 2018</i>	<i>Deadline to file the <u>February</u> monthly report</i>
March 31, 2018	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
April 3, 2018	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<i>April 3, 2018</i>	<i>Deadline to file the <u>March</u> monthly report</i>
April 23, 2018	State Holiday - Confederate Memorial Day
April 23, 2018	Last day of regular session for the Alabama legislature.
April 30, 2018	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
May 2, 2018	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<i>May 2, 2018</i>	<i>Deadline to file the <u>April</u> monthly report</i>
May 11, 2018	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the primary election
May 14, 2018	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the primary election
<i>May 14, 2018</i>	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the primary election</i>
May 18, 2018	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the primary election
May 21, 2018	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the primary election
<i>May 21, 2018</i>	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the primary election</i>
May 25, 2018	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the primary election
May 28, 2018	State Holiday - Memorial Day
<i>May 28, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
May 29, 2018	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the primary election
<i>May 29, 2018</i>	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the primary election</i>
<i>May 29, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
May 30, 2018	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the primary election
May 30, 2018	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the primary election
<i>May 30, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
<i>May 31, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>

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<i>June 1, 2018</i>	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the primary election</i>
<i>June 1, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
<i>June 2, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
<i>June 3, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
June 4, 2018	State Holiday - Jefferson Davis' Birthday
<i>June 4, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due by 12:01 p.m. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
June 5, 2018	Primary Elections
June 22, 2018	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the primary runoff election
June 25, 2018	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the primary runoff election
<i>June 25, 2018</i>	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the primary runoff election</i>
June 29, 2018	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the primary runoff election
June 30, 2018	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
July 3, 2018	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<i>July 3, 2018</i>	<i>Deadline to file the <u>June</u> monthly report; <u>only</u> for candidates <u>not</u> participating in primary runoff election</i>
July 3, 2018	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the primary runoff election
<i>July 3, 2018</i>	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the primary runoff election</i>
July 4, 2018	State Holiday - Independence Day
July 6, 2018	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the primary runoff election
July 9, 2018	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the primary runoff election
<i>July 9, 2018</i>	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the primary runoff election</i>
<i>July 9, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
<i>July 10, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
<i>July 11, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
<i>July 12, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
July 13, 2018	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the primary runoff election
<i>July 13, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
<i>July 14, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
<i>July 15, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>

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July 16, 2018	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the primary runoff election
<i>July 16, 2018</i>	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the primary runoff election</i>
<i>July 16, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due by 12:01 p.m. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
July 17, 2018	Primary Runoff Elections
July 31, 2018	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
August 2, 2018	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<i>August 2, 2018</i>	<i>Deadline to file the <u>July</u> monthly report</i>
August 31, 2018	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
September 3, 2018	State Holiday - Labor Day
September 5, 2018	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<i>September 5, 2018</i>	<i>Deadline to file the <u>August</u> monthly report</i>
September 30, 2018	Deadline to close books for the monthly report for the general election
October 2, 2018	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
<i>October 2, 2018</i>	<i>Deadline to file the <u>September</u> monthly report</i>
October 3, 2018	The last day to retire campaign debt for the 2018 primary election (120 days after the election). [17-5-7(b)(3)].
October 8, 2018	State Holiday - Columbus Day
October 12, 2018	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the general election
October 15, 2018	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the general election
<i>October 15, 2018</i>	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the general election</i>
October 19, 2018	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the general election
October 22, 2018	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the general election
<i>October 22, 2018</i>	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the general election</i>
October 26, 2018	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the general election
October 29, 2018	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the general election
<i>October 29, 2018</i>	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the general election</i>
<i>October 29, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
<i>October 30, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
<i>October 31, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
<i>November 1, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
November 2, 2018	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the general election
<i>November 2, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>

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<i>November 3, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
<i>November 4, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
November 5, 2018	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the general election
<i>November 5, 2018</i>	<i>Deadline to file the weekly report for the general election</i>
<i>November 5, 2018</i>	<i>Daily report due by 12:01 p.m. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.</i>
November 6, 2018	General Election
November 14, 2018	The last day to retire campaign debt for the 2018 primary runoff election (120 days after the election). [17-5-7(b)(3)].
January 31, 2018	Certified mail deadline for annual report
<i>January 31, 2018</i>	<i>2018 annual report due (on or before January 31 of the succeeding year) next after general election</i>
March 6, 2019	The last day to retire campaign debt for the 2018 general election (120 days after the election). [17-5-7(b)(3)].