## FCPA Filing Calendar - 2017 SD26 Special Primary Election Cycle

## **Primary Election:**

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

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)] Weekly reports are 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. [17-5-8(a)(3)]. Daily reports are only due on those days that the \$5,000 threshold is met.

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 for the special primary election 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).

Date	Activity
October 2, 2017	Candidates intending to participate in the special Alabama Senate District 26 primary, primary runoff or general election may begin soliciting and accepting contributions
October 9, 2017	State Holiday - Columbus Day
October 10, 2017	Last day candidates may qualify with political parties to participate in the special primary election (set by proclamation)
October 11, 2017	State Executive Committees certify candidates to Secretary of State by 12:00pm
October 31, 2017	Deadline to close books for the monthly report
November 2, 2017	Certified mail deadline for the monthly report
November 2, 2017	Deadline to file the October monthly report
November 10, 2017	State Holiday - Veterans Day Day
November 17, 2017	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the special primary election; includes all reportable activity since last filed report
November 20, 2017	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the special primary election
November 20, 2017	Deadline to file the weekly report for the special primary election
November 23, 2017	State Holiday - Thanksgiving
November 24, 2017	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the special primary election; includes all reportable activity since last filed report

November 27, 2017	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the special primary election
November 27, 2017	Deadline to file the weekly report for the special primary election
December 1, 2017	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the special primary election; includes all reportable activity since last filed report
December 4, 2017	Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.
December 4, 2017	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the special primary election
December 4, 2017	Deadline to file the weekly report for the special primary election
December 5, 2017	Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.
December 6, 2017	Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.
December 7, 2017	Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page.
December 8, 2017	Deadline to close books for the weekly report for the special primary election; includes all reportable activity since last filed report
December 8, 2017	Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page
December 9, 2017	Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page
December 10, 2017	Daily report due. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page
December 11, 2017	Certified mail deadline for the weekly report for the special primary election
December 11, 2017	Deadline to file the weekly report for the special primary election
December 11, 2017	Daily report due by 12:01 p.m. Please refer to the instructions on the top of the calendar page
December 12, 2017	Last day third-party candidates, independent candidates, and/or minor party candidates seeking ballot access may file appropriate notification, petitions, or supporting paperwork with the Secretary of State, no later than 5:00 p.m. (set by proclamation)
December 12, 2017	Special Primary Election (set by proclamation)
February 9, 2018	Last day candidates may qualify with political parties to participate in the 2018 primary election
April 11, 2018	Last day candidates in the special primary election can accept contributions to retire a campaign debt