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## STATE OF ALABAMA

May 27, 2026

The Honorable Wes Allen  
Secretary of State  
Alabama State Capitol  
600 Dexter Avenue  
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Dear Secretary Allen:

On May 26, 2026, a federal court ordered Alabama to administer our 2026 congressional elections in districts 1, 2, 6, and 7 using districts previously drawn by the court. The State has appealed this decision to the U.S. Supreme Court. To ensure the State is in the best position should the Court rule in its favor, amendments to the previously set Special Primary Election Calendar are needed. Therefore, pursuant to Alabama Act 2026-612, I hereby set the enclosed Amended Special Primary Election Calendar for the August 11, 2026, Special Primary Election in Congressional Districts 1, 2, 6, and 7.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kay Ivey".

Kay Ivey  
Governor

Enclosure

## Amended Special Primary Election Calendar Congressional Districts 1, 2, 6, and 7

### Special Primary Election - August 11, 2026

Activity	Date
The first day candidates may begin qualifying with political parties.	Wednesday, May 20, 2026
The deadline for any candidate to qualify with a major political party no later than 5:00 p.m.	Friday, May 22, 2026
The deadline for major political parties to certify qualified candidates to the Secretary of State no later than noon.	Tuesday, May 26, 2026
The Secretary of State must certify names of opposed candidates to probate judge no later than 69 days prior to the special primary election.	Wednesday, June 3, 2026
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)).	Friday, June 12, 2026
Probate judge must furnish list of qualified voters to the absentee election manager; 55 days prior to the special primary election.	Wednesday, June 17, 2026
Absentee ballots and supplies must be delivered to absentee election manager no later than 55 days prior to the special primary election.	Wednesday, June 17, 2026
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, June 27, 2026
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, June 27, 2026
First day election officials may begin testing automatic tabulating equipment for the primary election to ascertain that equipment will correctly count votes cast.	Tuesday, July 21, 2026
The first day for probate judge, sheriff, and clerk of the circuit court to appoint poll workers is no more than 20 nor less than 15 days before the election. (§ 17-8-1(a)).	Wednesday, July 22, 2026
This is the last day to register to vote for the special primary election. (§ 17-3-50(a)).	Monday, July 27, 2026
The last day for probate judge, sheriff, and clerk of the circuit court to appoint poll workers no more than 20 days nor less than 15 days before an election. (§ 17-8-1(a)).	Monday, July 27, 2026
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, July 27, 2026
Probate judge must give notice of election, consisting of date of election and the officers and subjects to be voted for and at least 14 days before each election. (§ 17-9-5).	Tuesday, July 28, 2026
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, August 1, 2026
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. (§ 17-10-2(c)(1)).	Monday, August 3, 2026
Absentee applications returned by mail must be received not less than 7 days prior to the election. (§ 17-11-3(b)).	Tuesday, August 4, 2026
Probate judge must notify election officials of the time and place of holding a school of instruction for poll workers, and must publish notice at least 48 hours before instruction school takes place. (§ 17-8-9(a)).	Tuesday, August 4, 2026
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. (§ 17-11-3(d)).	Thursday, August 6, 2026
This is the last day for the authority charged to hold a school of instruction for poll workers; no less than 5 days prior to the election. (§ 17-8-9(a)).	Thursday, August 6, 2026
Absentee applications returned by hand must be received not less than 5 days prior to the election. (§ 17-11-3(b)).	Thursday, August 6, 2026

## Amended Special Primary Election Calendar Congressional Districts 1, 2, 6, and 7

### Special Primary Election - August 11, 2026

Activity	Date
The last day probate judges can deliver election supplies to sheriffs is no less than 3 days before the election. (§ 17-13-9).	Saturday, August 8, 2026
Absentee ballots being returned by hand to the absentee election manager must be received no later than the close of business on the day prior to the election. (§ 17-11-18).	Monday, August 10, 2026
<b>Special Primary Election</b>	<b>Tuesday, August 11, 2026</b>
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, August 11, 2026
This is the last day for military and other UOCAVA voters in the special primary election to postmark an absentee ballot returned by mail to the absentee election manager. (§ 17-11-18(b)).	Tuesday, August 11, 2026
The medical emergency designee must deliver absentee ballot to absentee election manager no later than noon on this day. (§ 17-11-18(a)).	Tuesday, August 11, 2026
The inspector or returning officer must deliver the ballots and returns to the sheriff. (§§ 17-12-8, 17-13-12).	Tuesday, August 11, 2026
The last day to file petitions with the Secretary of State to obtain ballot access as an independent candidate is no later than 5 PM on the day of the special primary election. (§ 17-9-3(a)(3)).	Tuesday, August 11, 2026
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 PM on the day of the special primary election. (§ 17-6-22(a)(1)).	Tuesday, August 11, 2026
The sheriff must deliver certificate of returns to chairman of county executive committee of each political party participating in special primary election by 10 AM on the Wednesday following the election. (§ 17-13-14(a)).	Wednesday, August 12, 2026
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, August 12, 2026
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, August 14, 2026
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 all other absentee ballot requirements to be counted. (§ 17-11-18(b)).	Tuesday, August 18, 2026
County executive committee must meet no later than noon and receive, canvass, and tabulate returns by precinct and publicly declare results the Tuesday following the primary. (§ 17-13-17).	Tuesday, August 18, 2026
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, August 18, 2026
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, August 18, 2026
Chairman of state executive committee must meet no later than noon on this day to certify to Secretary of State names of candidates nominated in the special primary election.	Monday, August 24, 2026
The last day for political parties to submit to the secretary of state any amendments or corrections to certification of candidates nominated in the special primary election.	Tuesday, August 25, 2026