

City of Birmingham Regular Municipal Elections
schedule for
Mayor, City Council and School Board

DISCLAIMER: This election calendar is provided as a service to candidates running for municipal office to be held on August 22, 2017, with a run-off on October 3, 2017, if necessary in the City of Birmingham. *Use of this calendar is at the sole risk of the candidate. It is the responsibility of the candidate or official to verify the dates on which forms are due.*

*Please visit the **City Clerk's page** of the City of Birmingham's website for additional and updated election information (www.birminghamal.gov).*

Next Scheduled Election:

August 22, 2017 (4th Tuesday in August)

Tuesday, August 22, 2016

First day candidates for municipal elections can begin to raise money. §17-5-7(b)(2). Under general law, there is no limitation on the amount an individual or corporation may contribute to the campaign of a person running for municipal office.

NOTE: Once a candidate establishes a principle campaign committee pursuant to the Fair Campaign Practices Act, the committee must file monthly campaign disclosure reports pursuant to §17-5-8. Please refer to the attached "Candidate Filing Guidelines" from the Alabama Secretary of State for report filing requirements.

FCPA Forms for municipal candidates must be filed with the probate judge in the county in which the office is sought. See §17-5-9(a). Where the municipality is located in more than one county, the statements and reports shall be filed *in the county where the city hall of the municipality is located*. The probate judge of the county where the report is filed, which is Jefferson County for City of Birmingham municipal candidates, shall provide a copy of the report to the probate judge of the other county or counties where the municipality is located (Shelby County). See §17-5-9(c).

Please check with the Probate Office as it relates to all campaign filing deadlines and guidelines or visit the Alabama Secretary of State's website at www.alabamavotes.gov (under the tab Candidates).

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Last day a person can become a resident of the municipality and district and still be a candidate for election. Candidates must reside in the municipality and the district for a period of 90 days before the election.

Friday, June 23, 2017 (latest date)

Election Commission scheduled to call the Election (at least 60 days prior to election)

Friday, June 23, 2017

Qualifying begins upon publication of the notice of election (All candidates for Birmingham Municipal Elections, qualify in the Judge of Probate Office of Jefferson County- Election Division)

Contact person: Alexandria Stephens, County Elections Supervisor- 254-7387

Friday, July 7, 2017

Qualifying ends at 5:00 p.m. as outlined by the MCA (at least 45 days prior to the date of the election)

Monday, **August 7, 2017**

Last day to register to vote for the municipal general election, 14th day before the election.

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Electronic Voting Rule – First day to test electronic vote counters, not more than 14 days before the election. The test must be conducted as close as practicable to the date of the election. The test is open to the public. (48hrs notice)

Thursday, August 17, 2017

Last day to make application for regular absentee ballot and vote absentee in person:
Thursday, August 17, 2017 (5 days prior to election)

Last day to conduct a training school for officials who will conduct an election using electronic voting machines, not less than 5 days before an election.

Friday, August 18, 2017

Last day for an absentee voter who is required to provide identification but failed to include it with the ballot to submit identification to the absentee election manager (City Clerk) by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election to prevent the ballot from becoming a provisional ballot.

Monday, August 21, 2017

Last day for a voter to apply for an emergency absentee ballot if he or she is required by his or her employer to be out of the country on election day.

If an absentee ballot is returned by mail, it must be postmarked by August 22 and received by noon the day of the election. The deadline for hand-delivery of absentee ballots is the close of business on August 21.

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

Election Day- Polling hours 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Candidates may appoint a poll watcher to observe voting procedures in the polling place. **The appointment must be made in writing, signed by the candidate,** and filed with the election officials at the polling place.

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

Municipal clerk must deliver the written affirmations of the provisional voters, inspector challenge statements, and all voter re-identification forms in a sealed envelope addressed to the board of registrars to the board of registrars no later than noon on the day following the election.

Friday, August 25, 2017

Last day for an absentee voter who was required to provide identification but failed to provide it before the election to submit identification to the board of registrars in order to have the vote counted no later than 5:00 PM on the Friday following the election.

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

12:00 noon Election Commission Meeting (Canvass election results-location tba)
Conference Room 215, 2nd Floor City Hall- 710 N. 20th Street

THE FOLLOWING DATES APPLY TO THE RUNOFF ELECTION – IF NECESSARY

Monday, **September 18, 2017**

Last day to register to vote for the municipal runoff election, 14th day before the election.

Monday, September 25, 2017

First day to test electronic vote counters, not more than 14 days before the election. The test must be conducted as close as practicable to the date of the election. The test is open to the public. (48hrs notice)

Thursday, September 28, 2017

Last day for a voter to apply for a regular absentee ballot 5 days before the election.

September 29, 2017

Last day for an absentee voter who is required to provide identification but failed to include it with the ballot to submit this identification to the absentee election manager by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election to prevent the ballot from becoming a provisional ballot.

October 2, 2017

Last day for a voter to apply for an emergency absentee ballot if he or she is required by his or her employer to be out of the country on election day.

If an absentee ballot is returned by mail, it must be postmarked by October 3 **and** received by noon the day of the election. The deadline for hand-delivery of absentee ballots is the close of business on October 2.

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

Run-off Election Day. Candidates may appoint a poll watcher to observe voting procedures in the polling place. The appointment must be made in writing, signed by the candidate, and filed with the election officials at the polling place.

October 4, 2017

Municipal clerk must deliver the written affirmations of the provisional voters, inspector challenge statements, and all voter re-identification forms in a sealed envelope addressed to the board of registrars to the board of registrars no later than noon.

Friday, October 6, 2017

Last day for an absentee voter who was required to provide identification but failed to provide it before the election to submit identification to the board of registrars in order to have the vote counted no later than 5:00 P.M. on the Friday following the election.

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

12:00 noon Election Commission Meeting (Canvass election results-location tba)

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Newly elected City Councilmembers take office.