

Election Deadlines for Candidates

<p>August 23, 2015</p>	<p>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 may contribute to the campaign of a person running for municipal office.</p>
<p>May 25, 2016</p>	<p>Last day a person can become a resident of the municipality and still be a candidate for election. Candidates must reside in the municipality for a period of 90 days before the election. §11-46-25(g); §11-43-63.</p>
<p>July 5</p>	<p>Mayor gives notice of the election for the August 23 Municipal Election. Candidates may begin qualifying. Qualifying forms are available from the City Clerk. §11-46-22(a).</p> <p>NOTE: The Fair Campaign Practices Act requires all candidates to file with the PROBATE JUDGE a list of from two to five persons who will serve as their campaign committee. Candidates may serve as their own committee, but must still file a form to this effect with the PROBATE JUDGE. THIS FORM MUST BE FILED WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS OF QUALIFYING TO RUN FOR OFFICE. THIS FORM MUST BE FILED REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE CANDIDATE HAS REACHED THE \$1,000 THRESHOLD UNDER THE FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT. Forms are available from the probate judge or Secretary of State or the municipal clerk. §17-5-4.</p> <p>IN ADDITION, once a candidate establishes a principal campaign committee pursuant to the Fair Campaign Practices Act, the committee must file monthly campaign disclosure reports pursuant to §17-5-8. The reports are due on the last day of the month up to one month from the election at which point the reports are due weekly on Fridays leading up to the election. §17-5-8.</p> <p>FURTHER, the Ethics Law requires candidates to file a statement of economic interests with the STATE ETHICS COMMISSION. . . In addition, the Ethics Commission must confirm to the municipal clerk within five (5) business days that the candidate has filed the form required. § 36-25-15. THE CLERK IS REQUIRED TO REMOVE FROM THE BALLOT THE NAME OF ANY CANDIDATE WHO FAILS TO FILE THE STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS BY THE DEADLINE. Incumbents do not have to file the statement of economic interests as they are required to submit an annual report which is on file with the ETHICS COMMISSION. §36-25-15.</p>
<p>July 19</p>	<p>Last day to qualify to run for municipal office. The qualifying form must be filed by 5:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time, with the <u>MUNICIPAL CLERK</u>. Forms are available from the clerk.</p>
<p>July 25</p>	<p>For candidates qualifying on July 19, last possible day to file with the PROBATE JUDGE a statement showing the names of their campaign committee. §17-5-4.</p>
<p>August 1</p>	<p>Principal campaign committee must file a weekly campaign disclosure report with the PROBATE JUDGE pursuant to §17-5-8.</p>
<p>August 8</p>	<p>Principal campaign committee must file a weekly campaign disclosure report with the PROBATE JUDGE pursuant to §17-5-8. Last day for the countil to appoint election officials.</p> <p>Last day to register to vote for the municipal general election, 15th day before the election § 17-3-50(a)</p>
<p>August 15</p>	<p>Principal campaign committee must file a weekly campaign disclosure report with the PROBATE JUDGE pursuant to §17-5-8.</p>

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August 18	Last day for voter to apply for a regular absentee ballot. §17-11-3(a).
August 22	<p>Principal campaign committee must file a weekly campaign disclosure report with the PROBATE JUDGE pursuant to §17-5-8.</p> <p>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 §17-11-3(d).</p> <p>The clerk, along with two watchers, must inspect and seal voting machines which will be used in the election beginning not later than 9:00 a.m. §11-46-33.</p> <p>If an absentee ballot is returned by mail, it must be postmarked by August 22nd and received by noon the day of the election. The deadline for hand-delivery of absentee ballots is the close of business on August 22. §17-11-3©, 17-11-18.</p>
August 23	<p>ELECTION DAY</p> <p>Polls Open 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Orange Beach Community Center</p> <p>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. §11-46-35</p>

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