

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION

ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE
BLACK CAUCUS, et al., *Plaintiffs*,

v.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. 2:12-cv-691-WKW-MHT-
WHP
(Three-Judge Court)

**ALBC Plaintiffs' Notice of Important Dates Regarding
Elections in 2017 and 2018**

1. Regular Sessions of the Legislature.

a. The next Regular Session of the Legislature begins on 7 February 2017 and ends no later than 23 May 2017. Ala. Code § 29-1-4.

b. The 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature begins on 9 January 2018 and ends no later than 24 April 2018. Ala. Code § 29-1-4.

2. 2018 Legislative Election.

a. Candidates for the Legislature may begin collecting campaign contributions for the 2018 general elections on 5 June 2017. Ala. Code § 17-5-7(b)(2).

b. The qualifying deadline for Republican and Democratic candidates for the Legislature will be 9 February 2018 (116 days before the primary). Ala. Code § 17-13-5(a).

c. The Republican and Democratic primaries will be 5 June 2018. Ala. Code § 17-13-3.

d. Runoff elections will be held, if needed, on 17 July 2018. Ala. Code § 17-13-3.

e. The General Election for members of the Legislature will be held on 6 November 2018. Ala. Code § 17-14-3.

3. Special Election for U.S. Senator, if needed.

a. “Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of senator of and from the State of Alabama in the Senate of the United States more than four months before a general election, the Governor of Alabama shall forthwith order an election to be held by the qualified electors of the state to elect a senator of and from the State of Alabama to the United States Senate for the unexpired term.” Ala. Code § 36-9-8.

b. Past experience with special elections to fill vacancies in the Legislature shows that the time from the proclamation to the special election is between 138 days (if no runoff is needed, with the special election being moved to the date set for the runoff) and 208 days (if a runoff is needed). See Governor’s Proclamation for a special election to fill the vacancy in HD 79,

<http://www.alabamavotes.gov/downloads/election/2016/HD79/HD79-Proclamation.pdf>.¹

¹ The Governor generally issues a Proclamation for the special election about a week after the triggering event. For instance, Rep. Mike Hubbard (HD 79) was convicted on 10 June 2016; the Governor issued Proclamation on 16 June 2016. Rep. Dan Williams (HD 5) died on 1 July 2015; the Governor’s Proclamation was issued

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on 19 December 2016 I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the attorneys of record in this case.

/s/ Edward Still

on 9 July 2015. <http://www.alabamavotes.gov/downloads/election/2015/HD5/HD5-proclamation.pdf>. Rep. Dario Melton (HD 67) was sworn in as mayor of Selma on 6 November 2016; the Governor issued the proclamation for a special election on 8 November 2016. <http://governor.alabama.gov/assets/2016/11/HD67-Proclamation.pdf>.