

MISSISSIPPI, ARE YOU PREPARED TO OTE?

2020 ELECTIONS CALENDAR

PRIMARY ELECTION

Determines each party's candidate for U.S. President and federal legislative offices.



MON., FEB 10 VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE



SAT., MAR. 7 DEADLINE TO VOTE ABSENTEE IN PERSON: BY NOON



MON., MAR 9 DELIVERY DEADLINE FOR MAIL-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT (except President)



TUE., MAR. 10 ELECTION DAY: POLLS OPEN 7AM – 7PM
Absentee ballots for President must be delivered by 7PM

PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

If no candidate for federal legislative offices in the Primary Election receives more than 50% of the votes, the top two candidates in each race will have a runoff election.



MON., MAR. 2 VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE



SAT., MAR 28 DEADLINE TO VOTE ABSENTEE IN PERSON: BY NOON



MON., MAR 30 DELIVERY DEADLINE FOR MAIL-IN ABSENTEE



TUE., MAR 31 ELECTION DAY: POLLS OPEN 7AM – 7PM

GENERAL ELECTION AND REGULAR SPECIAL ELECTION

Elections held for U.S. President and Vice President, federal legislative offices, State Supreme Court, County Election Commission, Levee Commission, and school boards.



MON., APR. 27 VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE



MON., MAY 18 FIRST DAY TO VOTE EARLY IN PERSON



FRI., MAY 22 DELIVERY DEADLINE FOR MAIL-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT (except President)



TUE., MAY 26 ELECTION DAY: POLLS OPEN 7AM – 7PM
Absentee ballots for President must be delivered by 7PM

GENERAL AND SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION

If no candidate for State Supreme Court, County Election Commissions, Levee Commission, and/or school boards offices in the Primary Election receives more than 50% of the votes, the top two candidates in each race will have a runoff election.



MON., OCT. 26 VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE



FRI., NOV. 21 DEADLINE TO VOTE ABSENTEE IN PERSON



MON., NOV. 23 DELIVERY DEADLINE FOR MAIL-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT



TUE., NOV. 24 ELECTION DAY: POLLS OPEN 7AM – 7PM

FIND YOUR VOTING SITE:
tinyurl.com/pollingMS



ABSENTEE VOTING INFO:
tinyurl.com/MSabsent



VOTER REGISTRATION INFO:
tinyurl.com/voteMISS



ELECTION DAY CHECKLIST

- ✓ Confirm your registration status: tinyurl.com/MISSvote
- ✓ Look up your voting site: tinyurl.com/pollingMS
- ✓ Pack your photo ID (or learn about when one is not required): tinyurl.com/MSIDinfo
- ✓ Exercise your voting rights: tinyurl.com/MSvotingrights

and, if need be, report voting issues to our coalition of civil rights advocates: vote@naacpldf.org

KNOW YOUR VOTING RIGHTS

UNDER FEDERAL LAW YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO:

- ✓ vote free from intimidation.
- ✓ vote a provisional ballot if there is uncertainty regarding your registration status or eligibility.
- ✓ receive assistance when voting if you are unable to vote unaided due to blindness, disability, illiteracy, or inability to read English; and you have a right to choose who assists you, so long as they are not your employer or union representative.

UNDER MISSISSIPPI LAW YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO:

- ✓ vote privately from your vehicle with the help of pollworkers (curbside voting) if you are physically unable to wait in line or enter your polling place.
- ✓ register to vote if you have a prior felony conviction that does not appear on the list of 22 disenfranchising crimes found at tinyurl.com/MSdisenf

PHOTO ID REQUIREMENTS:

To vote at the polls or cast an absentee ballot in person at the Circuit Clerk's Office, you must show one of the following forms of photo ID:

- A driver's license
- A photo ID card issued by a branch, department, or entity of the State of MS
- A U.S. passport
- A U.S. military ID
- A tribal photo ID
- A government employee ID card
- A firearms license
- A student photo ID issued by an accredited MS university, college, or community/junior college
- Any other photo ID issued by any branch, department, agency or entity of the U.S. government or any state government
- A MS Voter ID Card

Expired ID? An expired photo ID will be accepted if it is not more than 10 years old, contains the voter's name and photograph, and was validly issued by the federal or a state government.

Don't have photo ID? You can apply for a "free" Mississippi Voter Identification Card at any Circuit Clerk's Office. Voters who do not present an accepted form of photo ID on Election Day must vote an affidavit ballot and bring a proper ID within five business days of the election to the Circuit or Municipal Clerk's Office. Voting by affidavit ballot should be a last resort, so it is important to obtain an accepted form of photo ID before Election Day. For more information, call 1-844-MSVOTER (1-844-678-6837).

There are three limited exceptions to these ID requirements. Specifically, voters in the following categories **do not** have to show ID:

1. Eligible voters casting an absentee ballot by mail do not have to show a photo ID, including Uniformed Military and Overseas Voters (UOCAVA) who cast an absentee ballot by fax or email.
2. Voters who reside at a state-licensed care facility and vote at a polling place located in that state-licensed care facility.
3. Voters who do not have a proper form of photo ID due to religious objections to being photographed and submit an affidavit ballot and sign a separate affidavit before the Circuit Clerk within five business days of the election.

PROTECT VOTING RIGHTS: REPORT ISSUES

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. ("LDF") and our partners work year-round to monitor, address, and eliminate barriers to voting. Email vote@naacpldf.org or call the numbers below if you identify any of the following issues:



NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc. Black Voters Matter Fund



MISSISSIPPI CENTER FOR JUSTICE

Mississippi Center for Justice



One Voice



SPLC Southern Poverty Law Center

Southern Poverty Law Center



Mississippi State Conference of the NAACP

REPORT ISSUES BY EMAIL: vote@naacpldf.org

CALL ELECTION PROTECTION: 888-601-VOTE

English: 888-601-8683

Spanish: 888-839-8682

Arabic: 844-925-5287

Asian Languages: 888-274-8683

- name(s) removed from voter rolls
- inaccessible voting sites or changes to their locations
- intimidation or the spread of misinformation about elections or voting rights
- inadequate training of poll workers
- voting machine or other technology issues
- long voting lines

DISCLAIMER: This card is a resource, not legal advice. It is provided for informational purposes only and not as a substitute for or supplement to the legal advice necessary to address the specific concerns of any individual. Moreover, Mississippi may revise its laws after the publication of this card. Therefore, it is your responsibility to determine how all applicable laws concerning voter registration, voting, and the restoration of voting rights in Mississippi affect you.