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FCPA FORMS RE-DESIGNED FOR EASIER FILING

The Fair Campaign Practices Act committee and reporting forms have a new look for 1992. During the past election cycle, Elections Division staff saw first-hand some of the inconsistencies and reporting problems created by the old forms.

The new forms make the filing process easier for the candidates and political committee members. Also, the new forms will expedite the filing procedure at the filing agencies.

The Appointment of Principal Campaign Committee form for candidates now includes an identification number. The candidate should enter his/her social security number on this line. This information will eliminate filing problems that can occur when candidates have similar names in either current or past election cycles.

The Secretary of State's office will assign a similar identification number when a political committee files its Statement of Organization form. Existing political committees were assigned a number before the January annual report.

With the new Statement of Dissolution form, candidates or political committees will be able to file without attaching a report if there has been no activity since the last report. If there has been activity that has not been previously reported, it will be necessary to attach a termination report.

To eliminate any question of non-compliance, an optional Waiver of Report form has been included in the new forms. When there has been no activity in the committee account or when a



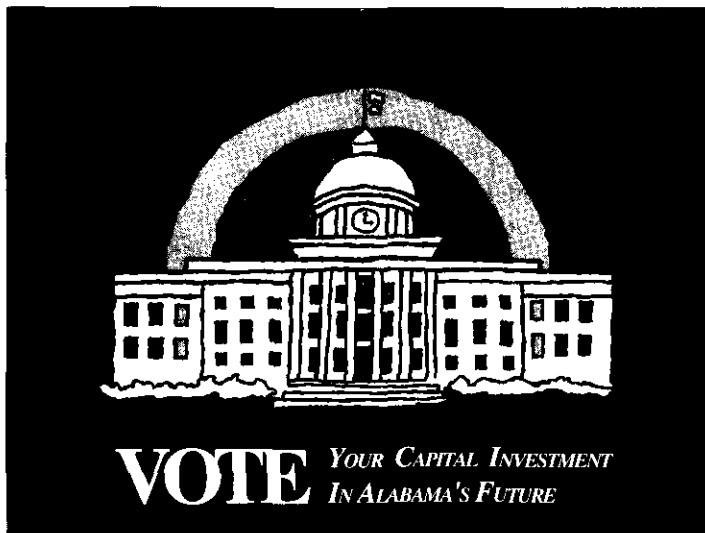
Secretary of State Billy Joe Camp (l) and Assistant Secretary of State Steve Evans examine newly designed forms.

candidate is under the threshold requiring the filing of contribution/expenditure reports, a Waiver of Report can be filed with the appropriate filing agency.

A new form has been added to the contribution/expenditure filing packet, allowing in-kind and cash contributions to be reported separately. This change was made so a true ending balance could be

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'92 VOTER GUIDE FOLLOWS FEDERAL GUIDELINES



The 1992 edition Alabama voter's guide containing information on citizens' rights is available now and has been updated to include public information requirements mandated by two federal laws, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the 1984 Voting Accessibility Act for the Elderly and Handicapped. The brochure also includes information on voting time limits set in the federal court order, Harris v. Siegelman.

The brochure features artwork (see left) first used on the 1980 version of the voter's guide. The design has remained a favorite with staff at the Federal Elections Commission.

A team of Russian delegates came to Washington, D.C., in 1989 to study the U.S. elections system, and then-FEC chairman Dick Thomas called the Alabama Secretary of State's Office to see if any of the brochures and posters remained. Thomas, calling the materials some of the most beautiful ever produced in the nation, said he wanted to include the Alabama samples in packets he was

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ELECTIONS FILINGS GO HIGH-TECH

"Beginning in January the Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA) disclosure reports will be available on the Secretary of State's optical imaging system," says Secretary of State Billy Joe Camp.

The 1992 annual reports will be scanned into the system upon receipt, and the public will be able to access the documents on a viewing station composed of a personal computer and a 19-inch screen. Viewing stations in the Elections Division located in the Sterling Centre in east Montgomery are already operational. The Secretary of State, the Assistant Secretary of State and their staff will move into the capitol this summer, and a viewing station will be installed there as well.

Dale Heizler, Executive Director for the Secretary of State's office, designed the high-tech system.

In addition to storing documents, the system will provide computer data on campaign financing and will track the election cycle from candidate qualification to the issuing of certificates of election.

Heizler's computer/optical scanning system has been operational in the Uniform



Secretary of State Camp (r) and Dale Heizler test the elections optical imaging program.

Commercial Code (UCC) Section for some months, and news of how successfully the program works has spread to other states. Louisiana adopted Alabama's UCC computerized program. The South Carolina Secretary of State was so impressed with reports on Alabama's optical scanning system that he sent a representative to view the opera-

tion, and Tennessee's Secretary of State came to look for himself.

"I'm extremely proud that the Alabama Secretary of State's office is gaining a national reputation for excellence in this field, and I am excited that the technology is now moving into the elections division," says Secretary Camp.

As state moves to meet federal requirements—

TDD INSTALLED FOR SPEECH/HEARING IMPAIRED

The Secretary of State's office has installed a telecommunications line, often called TDD service, to provide elections information to citizens with hearing or speech impairments.

The number, (205) 242-5748, is answered each working day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those who call after working hours may leave messages.

The service was first required under the 1984 Voting Accessibility Act for the Elderly and Handicapped.

"With the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, federal officials are putting new emphasis on providing services for the nation's handicapped," says Elections Director Jerry Henderson.

Federal Elections Commission staff began alerting the states' elections officials last summer that both Congress and the U.S. Department of Justice would be monitoring

attempts to comply with provisions of both acts.

William C. Kimberling, Deputy Director of the FEC National Clearinghouse on Election Administration, will be asked to testify to Congress on progress states have made during 1992. Kimberling writes: "I am especially hopeful that I will be able to testify in 1993 that all jurisdictions provide

telecommunications service . . . along with other voting aids and information services required by the (1984) act."

The posters and voter brochures that the office has produced for the 1992 election cycle are designed to satisfy the law's public information requirements for the TDD service. (See article page 1.)

FCPA FORMS

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shown. On the old forms, in-kind and cash contributions were included within the same entry, which often resulted in an inflated ending balance.

Another form included in the reporting packet itemizes receipts from other sources, such as loans. The FCPA requires full name and complete address disclosure of individuals endorsing or guaranteeing loans.

This new form provides a place where this information can be entered.

The new forms were mailed to all state candidates, elected officials, and political committees at the end of December 1991. Anyone needing additional forms or anyone not receiving the forms may obtain them by calling or writing to the Elections Division.

An updated filing guide is also available upon request.

NEED HELP? CALL AN ELECTIONS EXPERT

The Elections Division staff members answer questions on a variety of subjects that surface each election year ranging from administering elections and complying with the Fair Campaign Practices Act to educating voters of their rights.

Elections Director Jerry Henderson joined the office as an elections specialist in 1987 and assumed his current post in 1989. In addition to administrative duties, Henderson spends much of his time making sure Alabama meets federal election requirements set out by the United States Department of Justice Voting Rights Section, the Federal Voting Assistance Program, the Federal Elections Commission, and the federal court order issued in the Harris v. Siegelman case that mandates poll worker training programs.



HENDERSON

Elections Specialist Janice McDonald, who joined the office in 1988, enjoys compiling statistics and analyzing elections trends when time permits. But she has very little spare time as she answers questions on all aspects of elections administration. She's also considered the office expert on FCPA political action committee filings.



McDONALD

Elections Specialist Vicki Balogh joined the office in 1989. In her second week on the job, she wrote the line-by-line comparison of the Corrupt Practices Act (the old campaign finance law) and the FCPA. That report coupled with support documentation gathered by Henderson resulted in the U.S. Justice Department's pre-clearance of the FCPA. Like McDonald, Balogh answers questions on all aspects of elections procedures but specializes in FCPA candidate and elected officials' filings.



BALOGH

Division secretary Michelle Spears has been assisting callers and customers since 1988. She and Elaine Brown, who joined the office in 1989, keep the elections files in order and readily accessible to the public.

Receptionist Mary Taylor, who joined the staff last fall, handles the elections switchboard and instructs customers in use of the optical disk viewing stations.

The Elections Division office is in the Sterling Centre, located just off Interstate 85 at the Perry Hill Exit in east Montgomery. The Elections/Public Information offices are located on the first floor, and are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The telephone number is (205)242-7210.

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(205) 940-1231

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Michelle Spears (r), Elaine Brown (l), and Mary Taylor keep elections files in order and ready for public inspection.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY MOVES TO JUNE

Effective this election year, Alabama pulls out of the March Super Tuesday Presidential Preference Primary and moves its primary to June.

During the 1990 session, the Alabama Legislature passed an act moving the presidential preference primary to the first Tuesday in June when other state and county primary races are held.

The March 1988 Super Tuesday Primary cost Alabama taxpayers \$2,309,119.35, but only 26 percent of Alabama's registered voters bothered to participate. Some election analysts have suggested the early date limited the time voters had to acquaint themselves with candidates and the issues and to form opinions. Thus, they just stayed home.

The first presidential primary is scheduled in New Hampshire on February 18, 1992. Thirty-nine states will then hold primaries in

March, April, May, and June. Of the 39, 20 states combine presidential primaries with the regular primary election for state offices and members of Congress, while 19 devote a primary solely to presidential candidates.

Presidential elections tend to generate more activity than Alabama gubernatorial elections. Voter turnout for the past four gubernatorial elections averaged 49.5%, while the last four presidential elections averaged 69.5%.

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assembling for the Russians to take home.

The artwork is being re-used with permission from former Secretary of State Don Siegelman, whose staff created the illustration.

"It seemed especially appropriate to use the artwork since the state capitol is scheduled to re-open to the public this summer," says Secretary of State Billy Joe Camp. "We developed the slogan **VOTE: YOUR CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN ALABAMA'S FUTURE**, and will be using that theme on the brochure and other elections materials as one way of reminding Alabamians of the importance of taking time to vote.

"Only 51 percent of the state's 2,374,824 registered voters went to the polls in the 1990 General Election," he continues. "We'd like to get more people involved in all segments of the process, whether it's learning how to become a poll worker or just taking time to vote on election day."

A companion poster featuring the capitol artwork encourages interested citizens to call the Secretary of State for information on poll worker training sessions to be conducted throughout the state this year. The poster also publicizes the recently installed telecommunications line. (See related article page 2.)

For information on how to obtain the 1992 elections materials, call the Elections Division, (205)242-7210.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE--

A 1992 elections calendar listing important administrative dates is contained in this special issue.

Because the Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA) filing dates are so important, they are printed in green to stand out from the remaining administrative deadlines that are shown in blue. Election dates are red.

An August 31 petition deadline was established for the 1992 election cycle by the Secretary of State's office in consultation with members of the Constitution and Elections Committees of the Alabama Senate and House of Representatives.

It became necessary to re-establish an independent and minor party petition deadline when the United States Middle District Court struck down in June 1991 the portion of state law (17-7-1) setting those deadlines at 60 days prior to the primary. The administrative date was chosen to correspond with the petition deadline for presidential and vice presidential electors set in 17-19-2.

The ballot certification deadline was moved from six days after the primary run-off to September 8 to include independent and minor party candidates who properly qualified under the August 31 petition deadline and the September 8 Appointment of Principal Campaign Committee deadline.



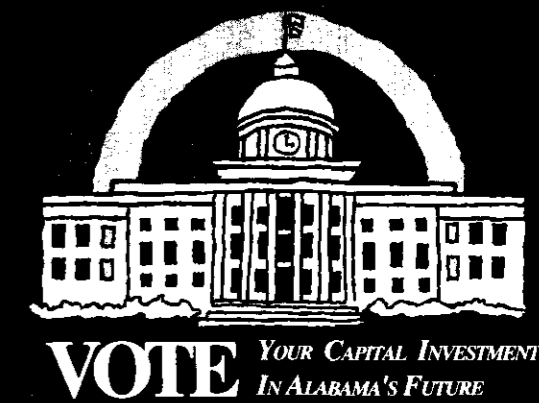
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APRIL 3

Last day for candidates to file a Declaration of Candidacy. Candidates file with the State Party Chairperson if seeking a state office or with the County Party Chairperson if seeking a county office. (17-16-11)

Last day a political party may hold meetings or conventions to nominate candidates to public office. (17-16-43)

Last day for parties not holding a Primary election to certify the names of nominees for the General Election to the Secretary of State for state offices or to the Probate Judge for county offices. Certificates of nomination must be filed with the appropriate official by 5 p.m. this date. (17-7-1)

APRIL 8

Last possible day for candidates to file with appropriate office a statement to show the names of persons elected to serve as Principal Campaign Committee. (17-22A-4)

State Party Chairperson must certify names of Primary candidates for state office to the Secretary of State and County Party Chairperson must certify names of candidates for county office to the Probate Judge by 5 p.m. (17-16-11)

APRIL 13

The Secretary of State must certify the form and content of the ballot to the Probate Judge and certify the text of the constitutional amendments to the Governor for publication in state newspapers four weeks prior to election. (17-16-11 and Amendment 24)

APRIL 17

FCPA 45-day pre-election campaign disclosure report due. (17-22A-8)

Probate Judge must furnish list of qualified electors to Absentee Election Manager. (17-10-5)

Last possible day Statement of Economic Interests can be filed with the Ethics Commission. (Statement of Economic Interests must be filed within 10 working days--excluding holidays and weekends--of the time one qualifies as a candidate.)

APRIL 23

Probate Judge to furnish Absentee Election Manager election supplies. (17-10-12)

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MAY 1

Last day for Sheriff to give public notice of election. (17-7-5)

MAY 8

Last day for candidates to submit names of nominees for Poll Workers to the County Party Executive Committee and for County Party Executive Committees to present the Appointing Board with the nominations for Poll Workers. (17-16-17)

MAY 13

First day Appointing Board may appoint absentee and regular Poll Workers. (17-6-1)

Last day for Probate Judge to publish the list of qualified electors. (17-4-129)

MAY 18

Last day Appointing Board may appoint absentee and regular Poll Workers. (17-6-1)

MAY 22

Voter registration cut-off date for all counties. (17-4-120)

County Board of Registrars begins the process of certifying the poll list to the Probate Judge and Secretary of State. (17-4-130)

First day to file FCPA 10-to-5-day pre-election campaign disclosure report. (17-22A-8)

MAY 26

Last day for Probate Judge to publish supplemental qualified electors list. (17-4-129)

MAY 28

Last day for Probate Judge to inform the Sheriff of the time and place of the instructional school for Poll Workers (machine counties only). (17-9-19)

Last day for Sheriff to publish notice of the instructional school for Poll Workers. (17-9-19)

Last day voters may apply for absentee ballots. (17-10-3)

Last day to file FCPA 10-to-5-day pre-election campaign disclosure report. (17-22A-8)

MAY 29

Last day for Appointing Board in counties with a population of 50,000 or more to appoint additional absentee Poll Workers, if necessary. (17-10-11)

MAY 30

Probate Judge must begin process of preparing the voting machines by 9 a.m. (17-9-17)

Probate Judge must deliver election supplies to Sheriff by this date. (17-16-22)

JUNE

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JUNE 2

PRIMARY ELECTION

Probate Judge must provide an alphabetical poll list to the Inspector at each polling place. A copy of the poll list must be certified to the Secretary of State and to the Board of Registrars. (17-4-130)

JUNE 3

Returning Officer must deliver the results, tally sheets, boxes and/or sealed envelopes to the office of the Probate Judge by 10 a.m. (17-16-32)

County Executive Committee must meet, no later than noon, to receive, canvass, and tabulate results of the Primary Election. (17-16-35)

JUNE 5

County Party Chairperson must certify results of the Primary Election and deliver them to the State Party Chairperson no later than noon. (17-16-35)

JUNE 8

State Executive Committee or subcommittee thereof must meet no later than noon to receive, canvass, and tabulate results of the Primary Election. (17-16-35)

State Party Committee must certify names of all Primary Run-off candidates running for state office to the Secretary of State, and the County Executive Committees must certify names of all Primary Run-off candidates for county office to the Probate Judge. (17-16-36)

JUNE 15

Secretary of State certifies the form and content of ballot to the Probate Judges. (17-16-36)

JUNE 17

Last day Secretary of State, Governor, and/or Attorney General can meet to canvass, tabulate, and announce results of election. (17-14-20)

JUNE 19

Voter registration cut-off for all counties. (17-4-120)

Board of Registrars begins process of certifying list of qualified voters to Probate Judge and Secretary of State. (17-4-130)

First day to file FCPA 10-to-5-day pre-election campaign disclosure report. (17-22A-8)

JUNE 25

Last day to file FCPA 10-to-5-day pre-election campaign disclosure report. (17-22A-8)

Last day voters may apply for absentee ballots. (17-10-3)

JUNE 26

Last day for Appointing Board in counties with population of 50,000 or more to appoint additional absentee Poll Workers, if necessary. (17-10-11)

JUNE 27

Last day for Probate Judge to deliver election supplies to Sheriff. (17-16-22)

Probate Judge must begin preparation of voting machines no later than 9 a.m. (17-9-17)

JUNE 30

PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION

Probate Judge must provide the Inspector at each polling place with an alphabetical poll list. A copy of each poll list must be certified to the Secretary of State and to the Board of Registrars. (17-4-130)

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JULY 1

Returning Officer must deliver results, tally sheets, and boxes and/or sealed envelopes to the office of the Probate Judge by 10 a.m. (17-16-32)

County Party Executive Committee must meet no later than noon and receive, canvass, and tabulate results of the Primary Run-off. (17-16-36)

JULY 3

County Executive Committee certifies results to State Executive Committee by noon. (17-16-36)

JULY 6

The State Executive Committee or subcommittee thereof meets by noon to receive, canvass, and tabulate the results of the Primary Run-off. (17-16-36)

JULY 15

Secretary of State, Governor, and/or Attorney General meet to canvass, tabulate, and announce results of the election. (17-14-20)

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AUGUST 31

Independent and minor party candidates must file their petitions by this date for ballot access with the Secretary of State's office if seeking state office or with the Probate Judge if seeking county office (Administrative date)

SEPTEMBER

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SEPTEMBER 8

Last possible day for independent and minor party candidates to file with appropriate office a statement to show the names of persons elected to serve as Principal Campaign Committee. (17-22A-4)

Secretary of State must certify the form and content of the ballot to the Probate Judge and must certify to the Governor the text of the constitutional amendments for publication in the state's newspapers for four weeks preceding the election. (Administrative date)

SEPTEMBER 18

Probate Judge must furnish list of qualified electors to the Absentee Election Manager. (17-10-5)

FCPA 45-day pre-election campaign disclosure report due. (17-22A-8)

SEPTEMBER 24

Probate Judge must deliver election supplies to the Absentee Election Manager by his date. (17-10-12)

OCTOBER

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OCTOBER 14

First day Appointing Board may appoint absentee and regular Poll Workers. (17-6-1)

OCTOBER 19

Last day Appointing Board may appoint absentee and regular Poll Workers. (17-6-1)

OCTOBER 23

First day to file FCPA 10-to-5-day pre-election campaign disclosure report for General Election. (17-22A-8)

Voter registration cut-off for all counties. (17-4-120)

Board of Registrars begins process of certifying the list of qualified voters to the Probate Judge. (17-4-130)

OCTOBER 29

Last day for holding instructional schools for Poll Workers (machine counties only). (17-9-19)

Last day for Sheriff to publish notice of instructional school for Poll Workers. (17-9-19)

Last day to file FCPA 10-to-5-day pre-election campaign disclosure report for General Election. (17-22A-8)

Last day voters may apply for absentee ballots. (17-10-3)

OCTOBER 30

Appointing Board in counties with a population of 50,000 or more meets to appoint additional absentee Poll Workers, if necessary. (17-10-11)

OCTOBER 31

Probate Judge must begin process of preparing voting machines by 9 a.m. (17-9-17)

Probate Judge must deliver election supplies to Sheriff by this date. (17-16-22)

NOVEMBER

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NOVEMBER 3

GENERAL ELECTION

Probate Judge must provide the Inspector at each polling place with an alphabetical poll list. A copy of each poll list must be certified to the Secretary of State and to the Board of Registrars. (17-4-130)

NOVEMBER 6

County Party Board meets at noon to canvass results of the General Election and to publicly declare results. (17-14-1)

NOVEMBER 18

Last day for the Secretary of State, Governor, and/or Attorney General to receive results of the General Election. (17-14-20)

The Governor, in the presence of the Secretary of State or the Attorney General, examines the returns, ascertains which electors are elected, and notifies them by proclamation. (17-9-5)

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DECEMBER 31

Public opinion accessibility survey due, as required by the Federal Voting Accessibility Act for the Elderly and Handicapped Act.

JANUARY 1993

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JANUARY 4

Appointing Board in counties with population of 50,000 or more files the list of absentee voters with the Probate Judge. (17-6-1)

JANUARY 29

Last day to file FCPA Annual Report. (17-22A-8)

MAY 1993

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MAY 3

If there is no contest over the election, the Sheriff may destroy the ballots and certificates of nomination on the canvassing board. If a contest is in progress, ballots and certificates must be destroyed at the end of the contest period. (17-9-35 and 17-9-36)