



STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Senator Jeff Sessions resigned from his office as United States Senator effective at 11:55 p.m. EST, February 8, 2017;

WHEREAS, under the United States Constitution and the laws of the State of Alabama, I, Robert Bentley, as Governor, have made a temporary appointment to hold the office of United States Senator until a successor to Senator Sessions is elected and qualified;

WHEREAS, under the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama, it is my duty as Governor, by proclamation, to call and set the dates for special elections to be held of qualified electors to elect a United States Senator of and from the State of Alabama to serve as Senator for the remainder of the term for which Senator Sessions was elected;

WHEREAS, due consideration should be given to the rights and privileges of the citizens of the State of Alabama to be afforded full representation in the United States Congress;

WHEREAS, all interested citizens and political parties should be allowed to reasonably participate therein;

WHEREAS, the setting of this special election to run concurrent with the 2018 general election will increase voter participation and turnout for the special election, will save the State substantial expenses in holding the election, will increase candidates' ability to prepare and campaign for this office, and reduce potential confusion and logistical problems regarding precinct locations and deadlines; and

WHEREAS, the setting of this election to run concurrent with the 2018 general election will ensure compliance with UOCAVA, 42 U.S.C. section 1973ff and the decision rendered in *Hall v. Merrill*, 2016 W.L. 5796871 (M.D. Ala. 2016).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Bentley, Governor of the State of Alabama, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Governor, do hereby proclaim and call the following special statewide election to be held for the purpose of electing a member to the United States Senate for the remainder of the term for which Senator Sessions was elected.

A Special Primary Election shall be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, if more than one candidate qualifies with either of the major political parties.

A Special Primary Runoff Election shall be held on Tuesday, July 17, 2018, if necessitated by one candidate, of any qualified political party, not receiving a majority of the votes cast in the Special Primary Election.

The Special General Election shall be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

FURTHERMORE, qualifying of candidates with major political parties will open at the date set by the major political parties for qualifying for the 2018 election cycle. All candidates qualifying with major political parties should be advised that the last day for any candidate to qualify with their respective parties, regarding such election, will be

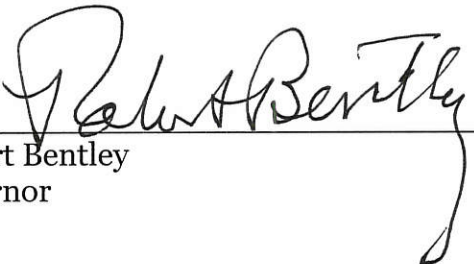
Friday, February 9, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. The major political parties shall certify their qualified candidates to the Secretary of State as soon as possible after the qualification deadline but by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2018.

FURTHERMORE, all independent candidates, and minor parties seeking ballot access are advised that their deadline for filing of the appropriate ballot access, petitions, and supporting paperwork with the Secretary of State shall be Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

FURTHERMORE, each of the minor political parties must submit the name of its nominee to the Secretary of State by the deadline of Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State, at the State Capitol, in the City of Montgomery, Alabama, on this the 14 day of Feb, 2017.





Robert Bentley
Governor

ATTEST:



John H. Merrill
Secretary of State