

2018 ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION with PRIMARY ELECTION (5/22/2018)

CANDIDATE FILING INFORMATION

A.C.A. §6-14-111 / ACT 910 (EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018)

Any person desiring to be a candidate for a position on a school district's Board of Directors must:

- Be a qualified voter
- Be a resident of the district and respective electoral zone, if elected from zones
- File a petition containing at least **20 signatures** of qualified registered voters of the district and zone, if elected from zones; or file a Notice of Write-In Candidacy with the County Clerk
- Complete and file an Affidavit of Eligibility, in person at the County Clerk's Office
- Complete and file a Political Practice Pledge, in person at the County Clerk's Office

FILING BY PETITION:

- **January 30, 2018** is the first day for candidates filing by petition to circulate petitions for Annual School Election when election is being held during Preferential Primary Election (May 22, 2018). Clerk shall not count as valid any signature dated more than thirty (30) days before the filing deadline (March 1, 2018). A Candidate must **FILE** the Political Practice Pledge, Affidavit of Eligibility, and the Petition during the one-week period beginning one week prior to the first day in March ending at 12:00 noon on the first day of March. **(Filing Time: Noon February 22, 2018 through Noon March 01, 2018)**
- Petition forms are available at any of the County Clerk's office locations and on the Benton County Clerk's website at vote.bentoncountyar.gov

The petition for nomination shall indicate:

- The name and title of the candidate as proposed to appear on the ballot
- The resident address of the candidate
- The school district name, position or zone, in which the candidate seeks nomination
- The date of the school board election in which the candidate seeks nomination
- The name, residence address and date of birth of the qualified electors signing the petition and the date signed
- (By signature) that the signer is a qualified elector and the information provided is correct
- **The County Clerk's office must verify the accuracy of the petition.**

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:

- Must file the Political Practice Pledge, Affidavit of Eligibility, and the Notice of Write-In Candidacy with the County Clerk of the county in which the school district is domiciled for administrative purposes during a one-week period beginning one week prior to the first day in March ending at 12:00 noon on the first day of March. **(Filing Time: Noon February 22, 2018 through Noon March 01, 2018)**

WHERE TO FILE:

- Candidates can file a petition at any of the County Clerk's office locations and are asked to do so **IN PERSON.**

Bentonville: 215 E Central Ave., Suite 217 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Rogers: 1428 W. Walnut St. (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Siloam Springs: 707 S Lincoln St, Suite C (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

CANDIDATES AT THE TIME OF FILING WILL:

- Receive a condensed version of the School Election calendar
- Receive a Notice of Ballot Drawing - A.C.A. §6-14-111(j)
- Receive a Notice of Deadlines to file reporting forms:
 - Receive two Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Forms - Pre-Election Report (if required); and Final Report (required)
 - Receive a Statement of Financial Interest – due on the first Monday following the close of the filing period, if one was not previously filed by January 31, 2018

DRAWING FOR BALLOT ORDER A.C.A. §6-14-111(j):

- Deadline for public meeting of County Board of Election Commissioners to determine by lot the order in which names will appear on the ballot is sixty-seven days before the election:
 - **BALLOT DRAW: March 6th, 2018 @ 6:00**

Deadline to register to vote for the Annual School Election is **APRIL 23, 2018**

Early voting for the Annual School Election is Monday May 7th through Friday, May 18th weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Monday, May 21st 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE ARE LISTED BELOW:

School District	Position No. / Zone No.	Years of of Term	Currently Held by:
DECATUR #17	ZONE 1	UNEXPIRED	VACANT
	ZONE 3	5 YEARS	KEVIN SMITH
GENTRY #19	ZONE 4	5 YEARS	RANDALL BOLINGER
	ZONE 5	UNEXPIRED	JIM BARNES
GRAVETTE #20	POSITION 7	5 YEARS	JOHN EDWARDS
PEA RIDGE #109	POSITION 3	5 YEARS	JEFFREY NEIL
ROGERS #30	ZONE 2	5 YEARS	CURTIS CLEMENTS
SILOAM SPRINGS # 21	ZONE 3	5 YEARS	AUDRA FARRELL

School Board Candidate Petition

To: County Clerk of Benton County

We, the undersigned qualified electors, propose the name of _____,
(Name As To Appear On Ballot)

whose address is _____, Arkansas, to be placed on the ballot as a Candidate for the Board of Directors of the _____ School District, Position _____ or Zone _____ for the State of Arkansas, in the School Board Election to be held on MAY 22, 2018 . Each of us for himself or herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a legal voter of the State of Arkansas and a resident of the school district and/or electoral zone to be represented, and my printed name, date of birth, residence address, city/town of residence and date of signing are correctly written after my signature.

	Signature	Printed Name	Date of Birth	Residence Address	City/town of Residence	Date of Signing
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January

01/30/2018 First day to circulate petitions for school election, 20 signatures required (resident of district required). § 6-14-111(d)(1)&(f) (**100 days prior to annual school election**)

When a candidate has identified the position sought on the petition or notice of write-in candidacy, the candidate shall not be allowed to change the position on that petition or notice of write-in candidacy but may withdraw a petition or notice of write-in candidacy and file a new petition or notice of write-in candidacy designating a different position before the deadline for filing. §6-14-111(k)

February - March

02/22/2018 – 03/01/2018 (Noon) Filing Period by Petition
02/22/2018 – 03/01/2018 (Noon) Filing Period – Write-In Candidate

02/22/2018 First day to file petitions, an affidavit of eligibility, and a political practice pledge for school election. § 6-14-111(e) (**A one-week period ending at Noon seventy days before the annual school election**)

First day for write-in candidates to file a notice of intent, an affidavit of eligibility, and a political practice pledge. §6-14-111(g) (**A one-week period ending at Noon seventy days before the annual school election**)

03/01/2018 **12:00 Noon** is the deadline for a candidate filing by petition to file petitions of candidacy, an affidavit of eligibility, and a political practice pledge with the County Clerk. § 6-14-111(e) (**Seventy days before the annual school election**)

12:00 Noon – Deadline for write-in candidates to file a notice of intent to be a candidate, a political practices pledge, and an affidavit of eligibility with the county clerk for the Annual School Election A.C.A. § 6-14-111(g)

Immediately after the close of the filing period for write-in candidates - The county clerk must certify to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) any write-in candidates who have filed the affidavit of eligibility, notice of write-in candidacy, and the political practices pledge for the Annual School Election. A.C.A. § 6-14-111(i)(2)

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, the notice of the public meeting for ballot draw of candidates for the Annual School Election. A.C.A. § 7-5-207(c)(2)

03/02/2018 Deadline for the County Clerk to certify to the Election Commission the names of any candidates who have qualified for the ballot by petition with the clerk. § 6-14-111(i)(1) (**On the day after the deadline to file for office**)

03/16/2018 **67 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION** Deadline for ballot draw. Deadline for public meeting of county board of election commissioners (CBEC) and candidates to determine by lot the order in which names will appear on the ballot. A.C.A. § 6-14-111(j), *As amended by Act 1185 of 2011*

03/05/2018 Deadline for school board candidates ***filing by petition*** to file Statement of Financial Interest form (unless filed as incumbent office holder by **January 31, 2015**) §21-8-701(c) **(On the first Monday following close of the period to file as a candidate for the elective office)**

3/23/2018 Deadline for County Clerk to begin furnishing applications on request for absentee ballots for school election. § 7-5-405 (a)(1) **(60 days before the annual school election)**

07/26/2016 Deadline for county clerk to notify each school board candidate, by mail, of filing deadlines for pre-election and final reports. Notice must include appropriate forms and instructions.

April - May

04/05/2018 **47 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION** Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk for mailing to all qualified applicants. *A.C.A. § 7-5-407(a)(1)*

04/06/2018 **46 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION** Deadline for county clerk to deliver ballots to those absentee voters who made timely application under the law *A.C.A. § 7-5-406. A.C.A. § 7-5-407(a)(2), As amended by Act 1185 of 2011*

04/23/2018 **30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION** Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to change precinct boundaries and polling sites for the Annual School Election. *A.C.A. § 7-5-101(d)(2)*

Deadline to apply to register to vote in the Annual School Election. *A.C.A. § 6-14-108; A.C.A. § 7-5-201(a); Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 § 9(b)*

04/27/2018 **25 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION** First day for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to demonstrate voting machines for the Annual School Election. *A.C.A. § 7-5-509(b)*

05/02/2018 **20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION** Beginning date for the school board to publish notice for the school election. Notice must be published in a newspaper once a week for three weeks. *A.C.A. § 6-14-109(a); A.C.A. § 6-14-109(b)*

05/07/2018 **15 DAYS PRIOR TO ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION** First day for designated bearer to pick up a ballot for the Annual School Election. *A.C.A. § 7-5-409(f)*

Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to prepare and post in a public place in the county clerk's office its list of election officials appointed to work in the Annual School Election. *A.C.A. § 7-5-202(b)(2)*

4/30/2017 **7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION** Deadline for county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to conduct L&A testing. Each voting machine must be tested to ascertain that the voting system or the electronic vote tabulating device will correctly count the votes for all offices. *A.C.A. § 7-5-515(c)(1); A.C.A. § 7-5-611(a)(2)*

05/14/2018 **10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION** Beginning date for the school board to publish polling site locations for the Annual School Election. Must be published no more than 10 days and no less than 3 days before the Annual School Election. *A.C.A. § 6-14-106(d)*

Last day to demonstrate voting machines for the Annual School Election. *A.C.A. § 7-5-509(b)*

05/15/2018 7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION Early voting begins for the Annual School Election. *A.C.A. § 7-5-418(a)(2)*

Deadline for county clerk to receive absentee ballot applications by mail or electronic means for the Annual School Election. *A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(2)(A)(ii) and (vi)(a)*

05/18/2018 Friday 4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION Deadline for the county clerk to receive county to county transfers of registered voters. *Arkansas Constitution Amendment 51 §10(b)(2)(A)*

05/19/2018 3 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION Last day for the school board to publish polling sites for the Annual School Election. Must be published no more than 10 days and no less than 3 days before the Annual School Election. *A.C.A. § 6-14-106(d)*

05/21/2018 1 DAY PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION Deadline for county clerks to receive applications for absentee ballots (in person) by a designated bearer, administrator, or voter for the Annual School Election. *A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(2)(A)(i), (iii), and (v)*

Deadline for a voter to deliver a ballot to the county clerk not later than the close of regular business hours. *A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(3)*

Deadline for a voter to participate in early voting for the Annual School Election. *A.C.A. § 7-5-418(a)(2)*

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Polls open 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. *A.C.A. § 7-5-304(a)*

1:30 p.m. – Deadline for delivery of application for an absentee ballot by an authorized agent of the voter for the Annual School Election. *A.C.A. § 7-5-404(a)(2)(A)(iv)*

7:30 p.m. – Deadline for the county clerk to receive delivery of absentee ballots by mail (excluding overseas), or by hand-delivery from the designated bearer, administrator or authorized agent of the voter. *A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(A); A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(2)*

Immediately after the polls close-- Deadline for the poll workers to process returns and deliver all election materials from the polls to the county board of election commissioners (CBEC). *A.C.A. § 7-5-317(a-b)*

County board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall declare and report to the county clerk the preliminary and unofficial results of the Annual School Election including a statement of outstanding overseas absentee ballots. *A.C.A. § 7-5-701(a)(2)(A)*

June

06/01/2018 Friday 10 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

5:00 p.m. – Deadline for absentee ballots from armed services personnel serving in active status and overseas voters to be received by the county clerk. *A.C.A. § 7-5-411(a)(1)(B)(i-ii)*

Deadline for the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) to ascertain and declare results for the Annual School Election and to file the certification of election and one copy of each ballot with the county clerk. *A.C.A. § 6-14-115(a)*

****The county clerk of the county in which the school district is administered after receiving the certification of election from the county board of election commissioners (CBEC) shall file a certified copy of the certification of election with the county clerk of each county in which any part of the school district lies.****

A.C.A. § 6-14-115 (b)

06/06/2018 Wednesday 15 DAYS AFTER THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION Deadline for county clerk to submit a certified copy of the certification of election and a copy of the ballot to the Commissioner of Education. *A.C.A. § 6-14-115(c)*

06/30/2018 Thursday 30 DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH IN WHICH THE CANDIDATE APPEARED ON THE BALLOT Deadline for candidates to file their **FINAL** Campaign Contribution and Expenditure report. All Candidates are required to file a **FINAL** report.