

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

A PROCLAMATION CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR DISTRICT 22 AND SETTING ELECTION-RELATED DEADLINES

WHEREAS: Representative Mickey Gates, Arkansas State Representative for District 22, was expelled from his post effective Friday, October 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS: The expulsion of Representative Gates has created a vacancy in the office of State Representative for District 22 of the Arkansas House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS: In such circumstance, Arkansas law requires that I set the date for a special election to fill the vacancy, as well as other election-related deadlines and requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim as follows:

1. A special election shall be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the office of State Representative for District 22.
2. A special primary election for all eligible political parties shall be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019.
3. If required, a special primary runoff election shall be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.
4. The period for filing for candidacy as a party candidate with the Secretary of State's Office shall commence at 12:00 noon on Monday, November 4, 2019, and end at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.
5. Certificates of nomination shall be issued by parties no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, January 17, 2019, and candidates shall file the certificates of nomination by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 17, 2019.
6. Independent candidates for the special election, if any, must submit their notices of candidacy, political practices pledges, affidavits of eligibility and petitions to the Office of the Secretary of State, in Little Rock, no later than 12:00 noon on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. Petitions in support of independent candidates may be circulated from Monday, October 28, 2019 through 12:00 noon on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.
7. Write-in candidates for the special election must file notices of candidacy, political practices pledges, and affidavits of eligibility for office, no later than 12:00 noon on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. Write-in candidates must also notify the county boards of election commissioners of their intent to run in the special election, in writing, by 12:00 noon Friday, January 17, 2020.
8. Drawing for ballot position for the special primary election shall occur on or before Wednesday, November 20, 2020.

9. Drawing for ballot position for the special election shall occur on or before Wednesday, January 29, 2020.
10. The results of the special primary election shall be certified by the county boards of election commissioners on or before Friday, December 20, 2019.
11. The results of the special election shall be certified by the county boards of election commissioners on or before Wednesday, March 18, 2020.
12. All other deadlines and requirements not provided for in this proclamation shall be as provided for by the election laws of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 21st day of October, in the year of our Lord 2019.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



John Thurston, Secretary Of State