

**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 96 AND SETTING ELECTION-RELATED DEADLINES**

WHEREAS: Representative Grant Hodges, Arkansas State Representative for District 96, resigned from his post effective Friday, July 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS: The resignation of Representative Hodges has created a vacancy in the office of State Representative for District 96 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 Arkansas, do hereby proclaim as follows:

1. A special election shall be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the office of State Representative for District 96.
2. A special primary election for all eligible political parties shall be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.
3. If required, a special primary runoff election shall be held on Tuesday, September 8, 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, July 20, 2020, and end at 12:00 noon on Friday, July 24, 2020.
5. Certificates of nomination shall be issued by parties no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, September 11, 2020, and candidates shall file the certificates of nomination by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2020.
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 Friday, July 24, 2020. Petitions in support of independent candidates may be circulated from Wednesday, July 15, 2020, through 12:00 noon on Friday, July 24, 2020. The number of signatures required on the petition shall be reduced proportionately pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-103(b)(5).
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 Friday, July 24, 2020. Write-in candidates must also notify the county boards of election commissioners

of their intent to run in the special election, in writing, by 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 11, 2020.

8. Drawing for ballot position for the special primary election shall occur on or before Wednesday, July 29, 2020.
9. Drawing for ballot position for the special election shall occur on or before Friday, September 11, 2020.
10. The results of the special primary election shall be certified by the county boards of election commissioners on or before Friday, August 21, 2020.
11. The results of the special election shall be certified by the county boards of election commissioners on or before Wednesday, November 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, in the year of our Lord 2020.



  
Asa Hutchinson, Governor