

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 45 AND SETTING ELECTION-RELATED DEADLINES

WHEREAS: Representative Jeremy Gillam, Arkansas State Representative for District 45, resigned from his post effective Friday, June 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS: The resignation of Representative Gillam has created a vacancy in the office of State Representative for District 45 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 6, 2018, for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the office of State Representative for District 45.
2. Political parties shall choose their nominees by party convention. There shall be no special primary or special primary run-off election.
3. The deadline for parties to select nominees at a convention of delegates shall be Monday, August 6, 2018; the deadline for parties to issue certificates of nomination shall be Tuesday, August 7, 2018, and candidates shall file the certificates of nomination and political practices pledges with the Secretary of State no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday, August 8, 2018.
4. 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 Wednesday, August 8, 2018. Petitions in support of independent candidates may be circulated from Sunday, June 24, 2018 through 12:00 noon on Monday, August 6, 2018. The number of signatures required on the petition shall be reduced proportionately pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 7-7-103(b)(5).
5. 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 Wednesday, August 8, 2018. 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 Wednesday, August 8, 2018.
6. Drawing for ballot position for the special election shall occur on or before Monday, August 27, 2018.
7. The results of the special election shall be certified by the county boards of election commissioners on or before Wednesday, November 21, 2018.

8. 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 15th day of June, in the year of our Lord 2018.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary of State