



STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Alabama House of Representatives, District 80, which resulted from the death of Representative Lesley Vance;

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 to fill said vacancy for the remainder of the term for which Representative Vance was elected;

WHEREAS, due consideration should be given to the rights and privileges of the citizens of Lee and Russell Counties who live in Alabama House of Representatives District 80, to be afforded full representation in the Legislature; and,

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

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 elections to be held in Lee and Russell Counties, State of Alabama, House of Representatives District 80, for the purpose of electing a member of the Alabama House of Representatives for said District 80.

A Special Primary Election shall be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. In the event that a Special Primary Election is not necessary, because the major parties have only one candidate, the Special General Election shall be held on April 12, 2016.

A Special Primary Runoff Election shall be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, if necessitated by one candidate not receiving a majority of the votes cast in the Special Primary Election.

In the event that a Special Primary Runoff Election is not necessary, because one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the Special Primary Election, then a Special General Election shall be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016. In the event a Special Primary Runoff Election is required to be held, then the Special General Election shall be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

FURTHERMORE, 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 November 17, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. The two 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 November 19, 2015.

FURTHERMORE, all third-party candidates, independent candidates, and/or minor party candidates seeking ballot access are advised that their deadline for filing of the appropriate notification, petitions, or supporting paperwork with the Secretary of State shall be January 19, 2016, 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 9 day of November, 2015.


ROBERT BENTLEY
GOVERNOR



ATTEST


JOHN H. MERRILL
SECRETARY OF STATE