

**IMPORTANT 2016 DATES FOR ELECTIONS
IN MOST ALABAMA MUNICIPALITIES**

2016 Municipal Election Dates

DATE	ACTIVITY
July 5-19	<u>Qualifying Dates for candidates</u> for municipal office
July 26	<u>Absentee Ballots</u> must be printed and available in the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE (or the equivalent) at City Hall. They will not be in the Circuit Clerk's office at the County Courthouse, as would be the case in all other elections. Registered voters may apply for an absentee ballot by mail to the City Clerk' office, or may cast their absentee ballot in person at City Hall. Voters will be asked to <u>present an approved picture ID</u> and to complete a form indicating the reason the absentee ballot is needed.
August 8	<u>Last day to register to vote in time for the municipal election.</u> Registration forms available at County Board of Registrars, DMV, at libraries, and probably city hall for this election. A voter who is duly registered may vote in any election in his/her designated district. Changes of address should also be completed to avoid the risk having to cast a provisional ballot at the polls.
August 18	<u>Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail for the August 23rd municipal election.</u> Contact the City Clerk's office. Upon receipt, the absentee ballot should be completed and returned immediately to ensure its timely arrival at City Hall.
August 22	Last day absentee ballot can be hand-delivered to City Clerk. When the ballot is returned by mail, the postmark may be no later than this date, which is one day before the election.
August 23	ELECTION DAY <u>Mailed absentee ballots must be received by City Clerk's office by noon on election day.</u>
October 8	Run-off municipal elections as needed.

Exceptions and Additions to 2016 Election Dates

DATE	LOCATION OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION
March 7, 2017	City of Tuscaloosa - Regular Municipal Election
August 1, 2017	City of Dothan - Regular Municipal Election
August 22, 2017	City of Birmingham - Regular Municipal Election City of Mobile – Regular Municipal Election
August 28, 2018	City of Auburn - Regular Municipal Election City of Bessemer - Regular Municipal Election City of Gadsden – Regular Municipal Election City of Huntsville – Regular Municipal Election City of Mountain Brook – Municipal Elections – City Council Seats City of Scottsboro- Municipal Elections – City Council Seats

Sources: Ed Packard, Elections Division, Secretary of State's Office on 6/16/2016
EdPackard@sos.alabama.gov 1-800-272-8683 or 334-242-7210; Election dates:
<http://www.alabamavotes.gov/upcomingElections.aspx?sm=voters> of Secretary
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