

**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 SENATOR FOR DISTRICT 8 AND SETTING ELECTION-RELATED DEADLINES**

WHEREAS: Senator Jake Files, Arkansas State Senator from District 8, resigned from his post effective Friday, February 9, 2018; and

WHEREAS: The resignation of Senator Files has created a vacancy in the office of State Senator for District 8 of the Arkansas Senate; 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, August 14, 2018, for the purpose of filling the vacancy in the office of State Senator for District 8.
2. A special primary election for all eligible political parties shall be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018.
3. If required, a special primary runoff election shall be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018.
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 Thursday, February 22, 2018, and end at 12:00 noon on Thursday, March 1, 2018.
5. Certificates of nomination shall be issued by parties holding primaries no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 28, 2018 and candidates shall file the certificates of nomination by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2018.
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 Thursday, March 1, 2018. Petitions in support of independent candidates may be circulated from Wednesday, February 14, 2018 through 12:00 noon on Thursday, March 1, 2018. 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 Thursday, March 1, 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 Thursday, June 28, 2018.
8. Drawing for ballot position for the special primary election shall occur on or before Monday, March 12, 2018.

9. Drawing for ballot position for the special election shall occur on or before Friday, June 29, 2018.
10. The results of the special primary election shall be certified by the county boards of election commissioners on or before Friday, June 1, 2018.
11. The results of the special election shall be certified by the county boards of election commissioners on or before Wednesday, August 29, 2018.
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 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord 2018.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State