

## STATE OF ALABAMA

## PROCLAMATION

## BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Alabama House of Representatives, District 67;

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 of all related special elections to fill said vacancy for the remainder of the term for which Representative Darrio Melton was elected;

WHEREAS, due consideration should be given to the rights and privileges of the citizens of Dallas County who live in Alabama House of Representatives District 67, 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 election to be held in Dallas County, State of Alabama, House of Representatives District 67, for the purpose of electing a member of the Alabama House of Representatives for said District 67.

A Special Primary Election shall be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2017. In the event that a Special Primary Election is not necessary, because the major parties each have only one candidate, the Special General Election shall be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

A Special Primary Runoff Election shall be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, if necessitated by one candidate not receiving a majority of the votes cast in the Special Primary Election for either major party.

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 for each major party, then a Special General Election shall be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. In the event a Special Primary Runoff Election is required to be held, then the Special General Election shall be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2017.

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 Tuesday, November 29, 2016, 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 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2016.

FURTHERMORE, all independent candidates, and/or minor parties 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 Tuesday, January 31, 2017, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2016.

ROBERT BENTLEY GOVERNOR

ATTEST

JOHN H. MERRILL SECRETARY OF STATE