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Replace line 12 on page 1 with the following:

accuracy of the originally reported results of the election; and to amend Sections 17-6-21, 17-9-3, 17-13-22, and 17-14-31, Code of Alabama 1975; to revise deadlines to qualify for a general election to accommodate national political party conventions.

Replace line 100 on page 4 with the following:

Section 2. Sections 17-6-21, 17-9-3, 17-13-22, and 17-14-31, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

"§17-6-21

(a) The official ballots shall contain the names of all candidates nominated by caucus, convention, mass meeting, primary election, or other assembly of any political party or faction, or by petition of electors and certified as provided in Section 17-9-3, but no person's name shall be printed upon the ballots who, within the time period set forth in subsection (c), notifies the judge of probate in writing, acknowledged



25 before an officer authorized by law to take
26 acknowledgments, that he or she will not accept the
27 nomination specified in the certificate of nomination
28 or petition of electors. The name of each candidate
29 shall appear but one time on the ballot and under only
30 one emblem.

31 (b) A nomination for a candidate in a primary or
32 general election shall be finalized by the respective
33 state executive committees not later than ~~76~~71 days
34 before the primary or general election. Any amendment
35 to a certification of a candidate by a state executive
36 committee shall be filed with the judge of probate in
37 the case of a county office, or the Secretary of State
38 in the case of a state or federal office. Any amendment
39 filed after the ~~76th~~71st day before a primary or a
40 general election shall be accepted by the judge of
41 probate or the Secretary of State but shall not be
42 cause for reprinting of the ballots. The name of a
43 candidate who is the subject of the amendment and who
44 is disqualified by a political party or who has
45 withdrawn as a candidate shall remain on the ballot,
46 not be replaced by the name of another candidate, and
47 the appropriate canvassing board shall not certify any
48 votes for the candidate. Any amendment to a



49 certification to correct the spelling of the name of a
50 candidate that is filed after the ~~76th~~71st day before a
51 primary or general election, or after the printing of
52 absentee ballots for a primary runoff election has
53 commenced, shall not be cause for reprinting of the
54 ballots and shall not affect the counting or
55 certification of any votes cast for the candidate.

56 (c) The notification deadline for persons who do
57 not wish to accept nomination in a primary election is
58 ~~76~~71 days before the date of the election. A person who
59 does not wish to accept nomination in a second primary
60 election shall submit the notification set forth in
61 subsection (a) before the printing of absentee ballots.
62 The notification deadline for persons who do not wish
63 to accept nomination in a general election is ~~76~~71 days
64 before the date of the election. In the event that a
65 candidate submits a notification of withdrawal after
66 the applicable deadline, the name of the candidate
67 shall remain on the ballot and the appropriate
68 canvassing board may not certify any votes for the
69 candidate."

70 "§17-9-3

71 (a) The following persons shall be entitled to
72 have their names printed on the appropriate ballot for



73 the general election, provided they are otherwise
74 qualified for the office they seek:

75 (1) All candidates who have been put in
76 nomination by primary election and certified in writing
77 by the chair and secretary of the canvassing board of
78 the party holding the primary and filed with the judge
79 of probate of the county, in the case of a candidate
80 for county office, and the Secretary of State in all
81 other cases, on the day next following the last day for
82 contesting the primary election for that office if no
83 contest is filed. If a contest is filed, then the
84 certificate for the contested office must be filed on
85 the day next following the date of settlement or
86 decision of the contest.

87 (2) All candidates who have been put in
88 nomination by any caucus, convention, mass meeting, or
89 other assembly of any political party or faction and
90 certified in writing by the chair and secretary of the
91 nominating caucus, convention, mass meeting, or
92 assembly and filed with the judge of probate, in the
93 case of a candidate for county office, and the
94 Secretary of State in all other cases, on or before
95 5:00 ~~P.M.~~p.m. on the date of the first primary election
96 as provided for in Section 17-13-3.



97 (3) Each candidate who has been requested to be
98 an independent candidate for a specified office by
99 written petition signed by electors qualified to vote
100 in the election to fill the office when the petition
101 has been filed with the judge of probate, in the case
102 of a county office and with the Secretary of State in
103 all other cases, on or before 5:00 ~~P.M.~~p.m. on the date
104 of the first primary election as provided for in
105 Section 17-13-3. The number of qualified electors
106 signing the petition shall equal or exceed three
107 percent of the qualified electors who cast ballots for
108 the ~~office~~Office of Governor in the last general
109 election for the state, county, district, or other
110 political subdivision in which the candidate seeks to
111 qualify.

112 (b) The Secretary of State, not later than ~~74~~69
113 days before the general election, shall certify to the
114 judge of probate of each county in the state, in the
115 case of an officer to be voted for by the electors of
116 the whole state, and to the judges of probate of the
117 counties composing the circuit or district in the case
118 of an officer to be voted for by the electors of a
119 circuit or district, upon suitable blanks to be
120 prepared by him or her for that purpose, the fact of



121 nomination or independent candidacy of each nominee or
122 independent candidate or candidate of a party who did
123 not receive more than 20 percent of the entire vote
124 cast in the last general election preceding the primary
125 who has qualified to appear on the general election
126 ballot. The judge of probate shall then prepare the
127 ballot with the names of each candidate qualified under
128 the provisions of this section printed on the ballot.
129 The judge of probate may not print on the ballot the
130 name of any independent candidate who was a candidate
131 in the primary election of that year and the name of
132 any nominee of a political party who was a candidate
133 for the nomination of a different political party in
134 the primary election of that year."

135 "§17-13-22

136 The Secretary of State shall, not later than
137 7469 days before the general election, certify to the
138 judge of probate of each county in the state a separate
139 list of nominees of each party for office and for each
140 candidate who has requested to be an independent
141 candidate and has filed a written petition in
142 accordance with Section 17-9-3, except nominees for
143 county offices, to be voted for by the voters of such
144 county."



145 "§17-14-31

146 (a) When presidential electors are to be chosen,
147 the Secretary of State of Alabama shall certify to the
148 judges of probate of the several counties the names of
149 all candidates for President and Vice President who are
150 nominated by any national convention or other like
151 assembly of any political party or by written petition
152 signed by at least 5,000 qualified voters of this
153 state.

154 (b) The certificate of nomination by a political
155 party convention must be signed by the presiding
156 officer and secretary of the convention and by the
157 chair of the state executive or central committee of
158 the political party making the nomination. Any
159 nominating petition, to be valid, must contain the
160 signatures as well as the addresses of the petitioners.
161 Such certificates and petitions must be filed in the
162 ~~office~~Office of the Secretary of State no later than
163 ~~the 82nd day next preceding the day fixed for~~74 days
164 before the date of the election.

165 (c) Each certificate of nomination and
166 nominating petition must be accompanied by a list of
167 the names and addresses of persons, who shall be
168 qualified voters of this state, equal in number to the



169 number of presidential electors to be chosen. Each
170 person so listed shall execute the following statement
171 which shall be attached to the certificate or petition
172 when the same is filed with the Secretary of State: "I
173 do hereby consent and do hereby agree to serve as
174 elector for President and Vice President of the United
175 States, if elected to that position, and do hereby
176 agree that, if so elected, I shall cast my ballot as
177 such elector for _____ for President and _____ for Vice
178 President of the United States" (inserting in the blank
179 spaces the respective names of the persons named as
180 nominees for the respective offices in the certificate
181 to which this statement is attached)."

182 Section 3. This act shall become effective
183 immediately.