



STATE OF ALABAMA  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Alabama Senate, District 7, which vacancy has resulted from the resignation of Senator Parker Griffith; and

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 Senator Griffith was elected; and

WHEREAS, due consideration should be given to the rights and privileges of the citizens of Madison County who live in Alabama Senate District 7, 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, Bob Riley, 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 Madison County, State of Alabama, Senate District 7, for the purpose of electing a member of the Alabama Senate for said District 7.

A Special Primary Election shall be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2009.

A Special Primary Runoff Election shall be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, 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 the major parties have only one candidate, or 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 21, 2009. In the event a Special Primary Runoff Election is required to be held, it shall be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009; then the Special General Election shall be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2009.

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, January 6, 2009, 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 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

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 Tuesday, March 3, 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 8th day of December 2008.

  
BOB RILEY  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
BETH CHAPMAN  
SECRETARY OF STATE