

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



WRIT OF ELECTION

A vacancy exists in the office of United States Senator for Mississippi due to the resignation of the Honorable William Thad Cochran.

Official notice of such vacancy was received from the Honorable William Thad Cochran by the Office of the Governor on April 1, 2018.

The Seventeenth Amendment to the United States Constitution provides that when a vacancy happens in the representation of any State in the United States Senate, the executive authority of such State shall issue a writ of election to fill such vacancy.

Article V, Section 116 of the Mississippi Constitution provides that the executive authority of the State of Mississippi shall be vested in the Governor.

Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-855 provides that when a vacancy occurs in a year in which a general state or congressional election is held, the Governor's proclamation shall designate the general election day as the time for electing a United States Senator.

The vacancy in the office of United States Senator for Mississippi has occurred in a year in which there shall be held a general state or congressional election.

Therefore, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the United States Constitution, Mississippi Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby designate **November 6, 2018**, as the date for holding an election in the State of Mississippi to elect a United State Senator for Mississippi to fill the unexpired term of the Honorable William That Cochran.

This special election shall be held and notice thereof shall be given in a manner consistent with the laws of the State of Mississippi governing special elections. Candidates shall qualify for this election by filing petitions pursuant to the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-359 with the State Board of Election Commissioners no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 24, 2018. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the special election, then a runoff election shall be held on November 27, 2018, in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-833. All relevant state laws not in conflict with the terms of this Writ of Election shall apply to this special election.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, this the 2nd day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-second


PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR



C. DELBERT HOSEMANN, JR.
SECRETARY OF STATE