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ALEXANDRIA, Va. -The State of Alabama will hold a special general election in the 1st Congressional District on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Jo Bonner. The 1st Congressional District consists of Baldwin, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe and Washington counties, and a portion of Clarke County.

December 17 special general election deadlines are as follows:

Deadline to register to vote: Friday, December 6, 2013

Ballot request deadline: Thursday, December 12, 2013

Ballots must be postmarked No later than: Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Ballots must be received No later than: Friday, December 27, 2013 at 12 noon CST

All Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) voters with an active absentee ballot application on file with the county Absentee Election Manager, or who have submitted an absentee ballot application to the Alabama Special State Absentee Election Manager, will be sent general election ballots based on the following schedule:

Application on File as of November 2, 2013: a special general election ballot containing the names of the Democratic Party candidate and two Republican Party candidates.

Application on File as of November 19, 2013: a standard general election ballot containing the names of the Democratic Party candidate and Republican Party candidate.

Once the Absentee Election Manager receives your application, you will receive your general election ballot from the Alabama Secretary of State's office electronically or by mail, based on your preference as stated on the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or the Federal Absentee Write-In Ballot (FWAB). If you reside outside the United States and have requested your ballot be mailed to you, it will be sent by express mail and will include a return express mail envelope for return of your voted ballot. Absentee ballot applications are also available from a Voting Assistance Officer or the Alabama Secretary of State's website: www.alabamavotes.gov.

You can register to vote and/or request an absentee ballot at:

https://alabama.overseasvotefoundation.org/vote/home.htmor

https://www.fvap.gov/r3/fpca/home?state=AL. Do not forget to indicate on the FPCA how you would like to receive your absentee ballot (electronically or by mail).

If you are concerned about not receiving your ballot in time to vote, use the FWAB.

The FWAB online assistant is available at:

https://alabama.overseasvotefoundation.org/vote/FwabStart.htmor https://www.fvap.gov/r3/fwab/home?state=AL. The FWAB is also available at many military installations, embassies and consulates.

You can track the status of your ballot at: https://myinfo.alabamavotes.gov/VoterView/AbsenteeBallotSearch.do.

Submit your FPCA to:

Ed Packard Special State Absentee Election Manager 600 Dexter Avenue Room E-210 Montgomery, Alabama 36130

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