

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



WRIT OF ELECTION

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of United States Senator for Mississippi due to the resignation of the Honorable Chester Trent Lott; and

WHEREAS, official notice of such vacancy was received from the Secretary of the United States Senate by the Office of the Governor on December 20, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States 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; and

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

WHEREAS, 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution of the United States and under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby designate November 4, 2008, as the date for holding an election in the State of Mississippi to elect a United States Senator for Mississippi to fill the unexpired term of the retiring Honorable Chester Trent Lott.

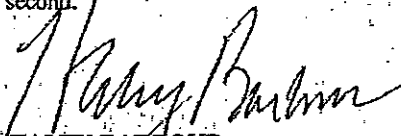
This special election shall be held and notice thereof shall be given in a manner consistent with the laws of the State of Mississippi governing special elections. Candidates shall qualify for this election by filing petitions pursuant to the provisions of Section 23-15-359 Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, with the State Board of Election Commissioners no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 11, 2008. If a runoff election shall be required, it shall be held on Tuesday, November 25, 2008, in accordance with Section 23-15-833, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. All relevant state laws not in conflict with the terms of this Writ of Election shall apply to this special election.

The Election Commissioners of each county in the State of Mississippi, and all other persons or officers charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the State of Mississippi, shall govern themselves consistent with, and according to, this proclamation.



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

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the ^{20th} day of December in the year of our Lord, two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-second.


HALEY BARBOUR
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE