

Voters to choose party nominees from governor's race to county constables in Aug. 6 Party Primaries

From Staff Reports

Greene County voters will go to the polls in two weeks to select which candidates from the Democrat and Republican parties will advance to the General Election in November.

Party Primary Elections will be held Tuesday, Aug. 6, for a host of elected positions, ranging from the governor's race on the statewide level to constable at the local level. In Greene County, 38 candidates originally qualified to seek 15 elected positions, including seats on the Greene County Board of Supervisors and county-wide offices such as sheriff and chancery clerk. However, an incumbent supervisor has since removed his name from consideration, dropping the total number of local candidates seeking office to 37.

Six incumbent officials cleared the qualifying deadline without drawing opponents, while 3-of-4 supervisors have at least three opponents wanting to unseat them.

Among the county-wide

positions, the offices of sheriff and chancery clerk were the only ones to have challengers on the ballot moving forward. Greene County Sheriff Stanley McLeod, who is seeking re-election on the Democratic ticket, did not draw a primary challenge, but will face off against Republican Larry Byrd of Neely in the General Election. Incumbent Chancery Clerk Michelle D. 'Shelley' Eubanks is in a similar position in the sense she did not draw a primary challenger, but will have an opponent when voters go to the polls in November. Former Dist. Four Election Commissioner Sarah James, who resigned from that post earlier this year, has qualified to challenge Eubanks as an independent.

To follow is a full list of county offices and the candidates who have qualified to seek election to those positions. Party affiliations (or lack thereof) are noted in parenthesis, while incumbents are noted by an asterisk (*) after their names.

Circuit Clerk: Cecelia Bounds (D)* - unopposed

Chancery Clerk: Michelle "Shelley" Dobbins Eubanks (D)* Sarah James (I)

Coroner: Ladd Pulliam (R)* - unopposed

Tax Assessor / Collector: Mark Holder (D)* - unopposed

Sheriff: Stanley McLeod (D)* Larry Byrd (R)

Supervisor Dist. 1: G.L. Dearman (D)* James J. Radcliff (R)

Supervisor Dist. 2: Dorothy Mimbres-Woods (D) Oliver Walley (D) Elton L. Clark (R)

Supervisor Dist. 3: Wayburn D. Smith Jr. (R) Jerry C. Mills (R)* Scott Maxie (R) Efrid Eubanks (D)

Supervisor Dist. 4: John W. 'Wayne' Barrow (R)* Stuart McLeod (D) Neville Nate Williams (D) Cecil Pat Dickerson (R) Mark Hicks (R)

Supervisor Dist. 5: Gary F. Fairley (R) Steve McCluskey (R) Lonnie A. Roberts II (D) Jack Howard (D) Clyde Sylvester (D) William Gammill (R)

Justice Court Judge Post 1: Jeff Byrd (D)* - unopposed

Justice Court Judge Post 2: Ryan Longmire (D) Terril Green (R) Shannon Busby (D) Vince West (D)

Constable Post 1: Ryan E. Walley (D)* - unopposed

Constable Post 2: R.L. Denmark (D) James William Wilkins (R) Sherrell Bolton Washington (D)

On the state level, numerous positions are up for grabs with officials like current Gov. Phil Bryant not seeking re-election due to term limits, aspirations for higher office or a combination of the two.

With Bryant wrapping up his second and final term in the Governor's Mansion, a total of 12 candidates tossed their hats into the ring for the state's top executive position. Among the list of three Republicans, eight Democrats and one independent vying for governor are current Lt. Gov. Tate Reeves, current Attorney General Jim Hood and former Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court Bill Waller Jr.

The offices of Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, Commissioner of Insurance and the northern, central and



southern district commissioners for the Department of Transportation and Public Service Commission are also up for grabs this election season. District Attorney for the 19th Judicial District is on the ballot, but incumbent Angel Myers McIlrath (R) is unopposed as she goes for her first full term after being appointed to the post after former D.A. Tony Lawrence ran unopposed and was elected to the Mississippi Court of Appeals.

Also on the ballot are the states legislative seats, including the state representative posts for Dist. 105 and Dist. 86 and the Dist. 43 State Senate post. Incumbent Senator Dennis DeBar (R-Leakesville) is unopposed in his bid for a second term, as is Dist. 86 incumbent Shane Barnett (R-Waynesboro) who represents a small portion of the county in the State Line area in the

House of Representatives. However, incumbent State Representative Roun McNeal (R-Leakesville) drew two challengers in the Republican Primary with Matt Brewer, of Sand Hill, and Dale Goodin, of New Augusta, both attempting to unseat him. The winner of that primary matchup will take on Greene County Democrat Matt Hew Daves in the November General Election.

For a more complete breakdown of the individual state and regional races, readers are encouraged to visit www.mississippitoday.org/voter-guide-2019/ to check out *Mississippi Today's* 2019 Voter Guide. The online newspaper compiled a lot of information on candidates across the state and is a great opportunity for voters to become better informed about the candidates, their backgrounds and their platforms for election.



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