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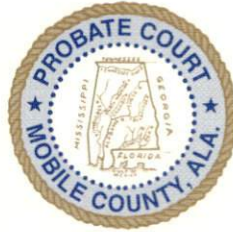
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## PROBATE COURT OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

### PRESS RELEASE

**TO:** All Mobile County, Alabama News Producers  
**FROM:** Don Davis, Judge of Probate and Chief Election Officer  
**RE:** 2024 General Election - Election Results - What To Expect  
**DATE:** November 4, 2024

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Mobile County, Alabama has 80 geographic election poll sites across the County. The poll workers at each election poll will generate election results from their respective polls. The results will be posted on the door of each poll as expeditiously as possible.

Once the polls complete their work and generate the results for the poll, the electronic "flash drive" from each ballot counter will be removed and a set of the results generated by the election poll workers will be transmitted by the Mobile County Sheriff's Department to the Courthouse. We understand that there will be 12 deputies assigned to this task. There is a legal "chain of custody" relating to the flash drives and results that must be addressed between the deputies and the inspectors of the election polls. *It will take some amount of time for the deputies to go to each of their assigned election polls to pick up the flash drives and copies of election results and transport them to the Courthouse. If all goes well and based on past election experiences, we expect to start receiving the materials at the Courthouse between 8:30 and 10:30 p.m.*

When the flash drives and results are received at the Courthouse, the flash drives are read by a special computer (not connected to the Internet) AND the electronic results are compared to the printed results provided by the election polls. Once the results are confirmed after comparison, the results will be posted to the Court's Internet web site. The Court's Internet web site will be periodically updated throughout the evening until all flash drives have been received and processed.

The Absentee Ballot Election Poll is located at the Courthouse. The same procedure is utilized with the results from this Poll. *The Absentee Election Manager's Office has advised that 10,045 absentee ballots were issued. As of today, approximately 9,400 absentee ballots have been returned. It is estimated that it will take approximately two (2) to three (3) hours to process the absentee ballots.* The tabulation process begins at 7:00 o'clock p.m., when the election concludes. Once the results of the Absentee Ballot Election Poll have been confirmed (same manner as outlined above), the absentee ballot results will be posted on the Court's Internet web site.

**Mobile County does NOT transmit election results from the election polls to the Courthouse electronically because of ballot/election security and integrity related concerns.**

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