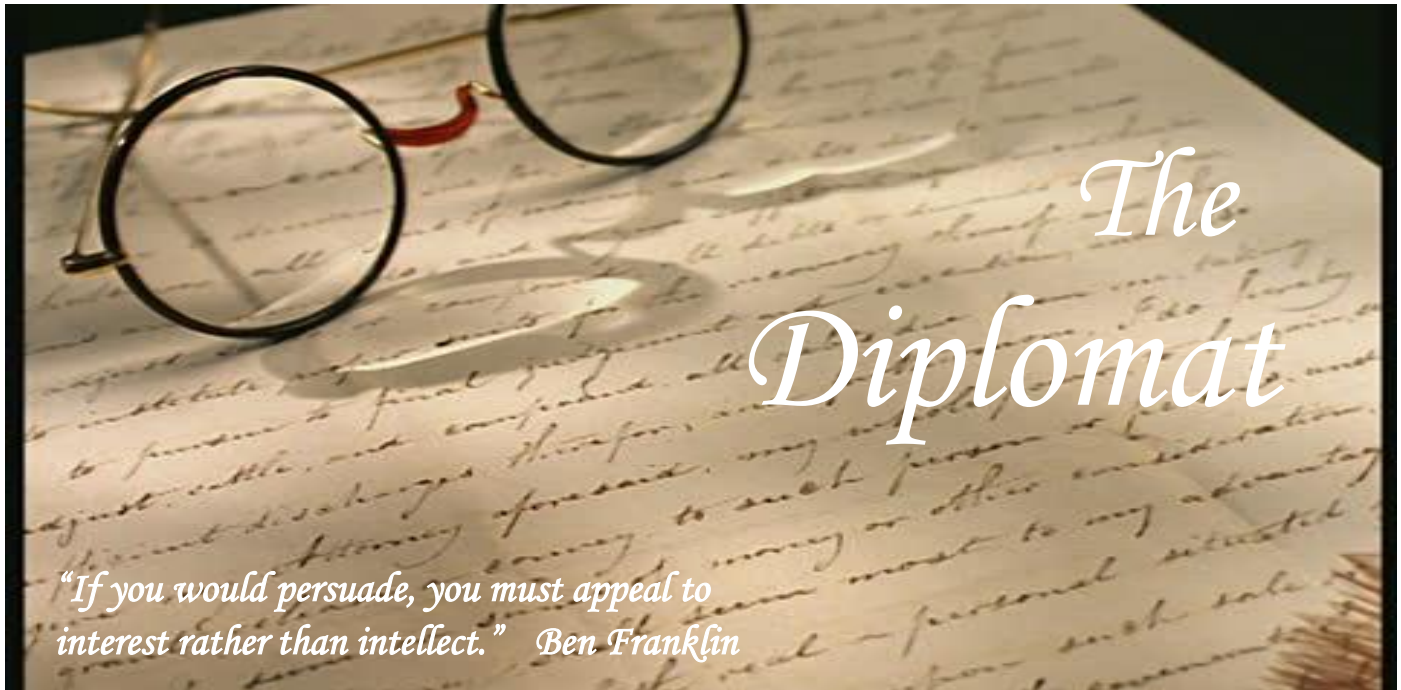


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## **ROBY NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION**

### **Who Might Run**

Perhaps the biggest political news of the month was the surprise announcement by U.S. Representative Martha Roby that she will not seek a sixth term in Congress. Although a specific reason was not given for her decision other than it was “time to close this wonderful chapter”, the thought is with children still at home and rumors that Alabama will lose a congressional seat after the 2020 census contributed to her decision not to run again.

It is expected that current Public Service Commission President Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh, who just lost a close race for Lt. Governor, will jump in this race. However, her decision might be tougher than other potential candidates considering a run because her PSC seat is up for election at the same time. This means she would have to abandon her re-election plans to the PSC and commit to the Congressional run.

State Senator Clyde Chambliss (R-Prattville) announced Monday he would not be a candidate. However, State Representative Will Dismukes, also from Prattville, is expected to announce his intention to run. Dismukes, who is only 29 and serving his first term in the Legislature, considered jumping into the U.S. Senate race earlier this year.

Former Congressman Bobby Bright and former State Rep. Barry Moore have also been mentioned as possible candidates for this seat. Bright, a former Democrat who Roby defeated for the seat in 2009, and Moore both ran against Roby last year. Bright finished second garnering 28 percent of the vote and Moore with 19 percent came in third. Roby went on to defeat Bright in the GOP runoff 68 percent to 32 percent.

Jeff Coleman, a former chairman of the Business Council of Alabama and owner of Coleman Worldwide, a moving company located in Dothan, has indicated he will dip his toes in the political water and will also likely be a candidate in next year’s election.

## **SPECIAL SESSION**

### **Probably Not**

The likelihood of a special session to address prison reform before the end of the year has all but evaporated. The Legislature is now considering holding a special session within the 2020 regular session, which begins February 4<sup>th</sup>. The reason for the delay is to give the new Criminal Justice Task Force time to study the issue and come up with solutions for the State. Time remains of the essence, as the Federal Authorities will likely intervene if the Governor and Legislature cannot institute satisfactory changes within the next year.

**UPCOMING ELECTIONS**  
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August 20<sup>th</sup> – Special GOP primary election for House District 42 (Autauga & Chilton) to replace Representative Jimmy Martin who died in June after a short illness. Candidates include Autauga County Commission Vice President Van Smith, Chilton County Commissioners Jimmie Hardee and Alan Canton and Jemison Town Manager Shannon Welch. If a runoff is necessary, the date will be announced and the GOP candidate will face Democrat Kenneth Allison in a Special General Election.

August 27<sup>th</sup> – Special GOP runoff for House District 74 (Montgomery) between Michael Fritz and Charlotte Meadows to replace Dimitri Polizos after his untimely death in March. The winner will face Democrat Candidate Rayford Mack in a Special General Election November 12<sup>th</sup>.

August – October – Various Local Elections/Referendums throughout the State that can be found on Secretary of State John Merrill's website: <https://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/upcoming-elections>



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