



Anderson County Election Commission

Agenda

**Wednesday, July 15, 2026
4:00 pm ET, Courthouse Room 118A**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Agenda**
- III. Consideration of approval of the minutes of the June 22nd meeting**
TN. Code Ann. § 2-1-113(a)(4)
- IV. Administrator's Report**
- V. Public Comment** (Previously approved motion limits each speaker to 3 minutes)
Id. § 8-44-112
- VI. Lock Election Day Ballot Boxes** Id. § 2-6-311(a)
- VII. Set next meeting**
- VIII. Adjourn**

Anderson County Election Commission Minutes

**Monday, June 22, 2026
4:00 p.m. ET, Room 118A, Courthouse**

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Chair Jane Miller. In addition, to Miller, Commissioners David Bradshaw, Bill Gallaher, Marion Stanford and Bear Stephenson were present along with Administrator Stephens, Chief Deputy Eby and Deputy Rivers Rogers. Also attending were members of the public.

Chair Miller said that she had an item to add to the agenda. Chair Miller received a memorandum from Coordinator of Elections, Mark Goins, that was sent to Election Commission Chairs, Subject: Certification of Congressional Candidates for Primary and General Elections (Attachment 1). A motion was made by Commissioner Bradshaw to approve the agenda with the addition. Commissioner Stephenson seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Gallaher made a motion to approve the minutes from May 5 and May 18 with a second from Commissioner Stephenson with all voting in favor.

The Commission conducted the quarterly inspection of voter registration forms. Fifty-five forms were inspected with no deficiencies found.

Administrator Stephens introduced Mike Carlson, candidate for the open Democratic Machine Technician position. After some discussion Commissioner Stephenson made a motion to hire Carlson. Commissioner Stanford seconded the motion. Both Democratic Commissioners voted in favor.

Administrator Stephens distributed the proposed poll worker appointments for the August 6 Election. Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve the list with a second from Commissioner Stanford. All voted in favor.

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The next order of business was to set the early voting hours for the August 6 Election. Early voting dates will be July 17-August 1. Commissioner Stephenson made a motion to keep the hours 10 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday and 9 am to 12 noon on Saturday. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stephenson to use the Clinton Community Center, the Midtown Community Center in Oak Ridge, and the North Anderson County government office for July 17-August 1 early voting for the August 6 Election. A second was made by Commissioner Gallaher with all voting in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bradshaw to keep the August 6 Election Day hours from 9 am to 8 pm. A second was made by Commissioner Stanford with all voting in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bradshaw to approve the August 6 Election Day Precinct locations. Commissioner Stephenson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Chair Miller distributed to the commission a copy of the June 11, 2026, memo sent to Election Commission Chairs by Coordinator of Elections, Mark Goins. The memo was concerning the 9th Congressional District Democratic Candidate Court case and included the official list of congressional candidates for both the primary and general elections (Attachment 1).

Administrator Stephens informed the Commission that he had submitted a reimbursement request for costs associated with the May 5, 2026 County Primaries to the State Election Coordinators office. The amount of the request was \$78,161.

Administrator Stephens distributed a current candidate list for the November 3, 2026 State and Federal General election (Attachment 2). The office began issuing nominating petitions for Municipal positions today, June 22, and have issued nine petitions. The November 3 election qualifying deadline is 12 noon on August 20.

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Administrator Stephens told the Commission that today, June 22, was the Military/Overseas ballot deadline. 17 ballots were sent by the deadline.

There was discussion about the Registered Voters graph 2010-2026 that was in the agenda packet (Attachment 3). Administrator Stephens said the number of registered voters was increasing and he expected this trend to continue.

There was discussion about moving the regular meeting date. A motion was made by Commissioner Bradshaw to change future meetings to the third Wednesday of the month. Commissioner Stephenson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The next meeting will be on July 15 at 4 pm.

There were public comments made by Chase Lindsey and Robert Walker.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Gallaher with a second by Commissioner Bradshaw. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Attachment 1: Mark Goins memo, Certification of Congressional Candidates for Primary and General Elections

Attachment 2: Candidate List for November 3, 2026 State and Federal General Election

Attachment 3: Anderson County Registered Voters

D. Jane Miller, Chair

William "Bear" Stephenson, Secretary

David Bradshaw, Commissioner

William T. Gallaher, Commissioner

Marion Stanford, Commissioner

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Tennessee Secretary of State

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Coordinator of Elections

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MEMORANDUM

To: All County Election Commission Chairs

From: Mark Goins *Mark Goins*
Coordinator of Elections

Date: June 11, 2026

Subject: Certification of Congressional Candidates for Primary and General Elections

Attachment: Candidates for United States House of Representatives

A candidate in the 9th Congressional District sought to qualify as a Democrat; however, the Tennessee Democratic Party (TNDP) determined the individual was not a bona fide member of the party. Earlier this week, the court denied the candidate's request to be placed on the ballot as a Democrat.

With that ruling now issued, the attached list is hereby formally certified as the official slate of congressional candidates for both the primary and general elections.

This list is the same one previously provided to begin ballot preparation for the August election. Some counties within the 9th Congressional District have been awaiting this decision in order to proceed with the printing and mailing of absentee by-mail ballots. You may now proceed with printing and mailing those ballots.

Separately, I would like to commend your Administrators of Elections and their staff for their diligent work in implementing these changes over the past several weeks. It is a privilege to serve alongside election officials who are committed to the integrity and success of elections in Tennessee. If you have any questions regarding the attached list or any aspect of the election process, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued service to the voters of Tennessee.



Candidates for United States House of Representatives

This list does not include candidates who did not file, have withdrawn, did not have enough signatures, were disqualified by the political party as not being bona fide, or otherwise have not met the qualifying criteria.

District 1

Candidate	Party	City
Diana Harshbarger	Republican	Kingsport
Kristi Burke	Democratic	Chuckey
Hernan H. Garcia	Democratic	Johnson City
David S. Kerr, Jr.	Democratic	Dandridge
Joshua Ray Ashburn	Independent	Bristol
Richard G. Baker	Independent	Johnson City
Chris Campbell	Independent	Bristol
Billy Cody	Independent	Kingsport
Tyler Brice Mitchell McClain	Independent	Kingsport

District 2

Candidate	Party	City
Tim Burchett	Republican	Knoxville
Michaela Barnett	Democratic	Knoxville
Bruce Fine	Independent	Thornhill
Adam Heimerman	Independent	Lenoir City

District 3

Candidate	Party	City
Chuck Fleischmann	Republican	Ooltewah
Anna Golladay	Democratic	Chattanooga
Bryan Martin	Democratic	Signal Mountain
Dean Arnold	Independent	Chattanooga
Jean Howard-Hill	Independent	Chattanooga
Rodney Joe King	Independent	Powell
Donnie Lynn Ownby	Independent	Philadelphia
Edward John Roland	Independent	Chattanooga



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District 4

Candidate	Party	City
Thomas E. Davis	Republican	Morrison
Scott DesJarlais	Republican	Sherwood
Joshua James	Republican	Murfreesboro
Harold "Rocky" Jones	Republican	Manchester
Victoria Broderick	Democratic	Fayetteville
Mike Cortese	Democratic	Nashville
Cliff Huffman	Democratic	Sewanee
Tim Lanier	Democratic	Nashville
Joyce E. Neal	Democratic	Antioch
Jacob Kristopher Anders	Independent	Tullahoma
Clay Faircloth	Independent	Nashville

District 5

Candidate	Party	City
Charlie Hatcher	Republican	College Grove
Andy Ogles	Republican	Columbia
Yolanda Cooper-Sutton	Democratic	Memphis
DeVante R. Hill	Democratic	Bartlett
Rachel Hurley	Democratic	Memphis
Carrie Ann Iacomini	Democratic	Memphis
Chaz Molder	Democratic	Columbia
James A. Johnson	Independent	Memphis
Micheál (Me-Haul) O'Leary	Independent	Nashville



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District 6

Candidate	Party	City
Natisha Brooks	Republican	Nashville
Johnny Garrett	Republican	Goodlettsville
Jon Henry	Republican	Ridgely
Van Hilleary	Republican	Hendersonville
Lore Bergman	Democratic	Hendersonville
Mike Croley	Democratic	Crossville
Christopher Martin Finley	Democratic	Sparta
Miriam Leibowitz	Democratic	Nashville
Chaney Mosley	Democratic	Nashville
Christopher B. Monday	Independent	Cookeville
Angus Purdy	Independent	Nashville

District 7

Candidate	Party	City
Matt Van Epps	Republican	Nashville
Darden Copeland	Democratic	Nashville
Vincent Dixie	Democratic	Nashville
Saletta Holloway	Democratic	Nashville
Joshua Warren Sales	Democratic	Pegram
Andrew J. Koontz	Independent	Portland
Lowell Reynolds	Independent	Nashville



Candidates for United States House of Representatives

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District 8

Candidate	Party	City
David Kustoff	Republican	Germantown
Dewey Gordon Bryan	Democratic	Germantown
Jordan D. Hinders	Democratic	Arlington
Heidi Kuhn	Democratic	Cordova
Leonard Perkins	Democratic	Memphis
Adam D. Austill	Independent	Covington
Wendell "Wells" Blankenship	Independent	Memphis
Antonio Futch	Independent	Memphis
Pamela Jeanine "P." Moses	Independent	Memphis
Horace Taylor	Independent	Germantown
Henry J. Ward, III	Independent	Millington

District 9

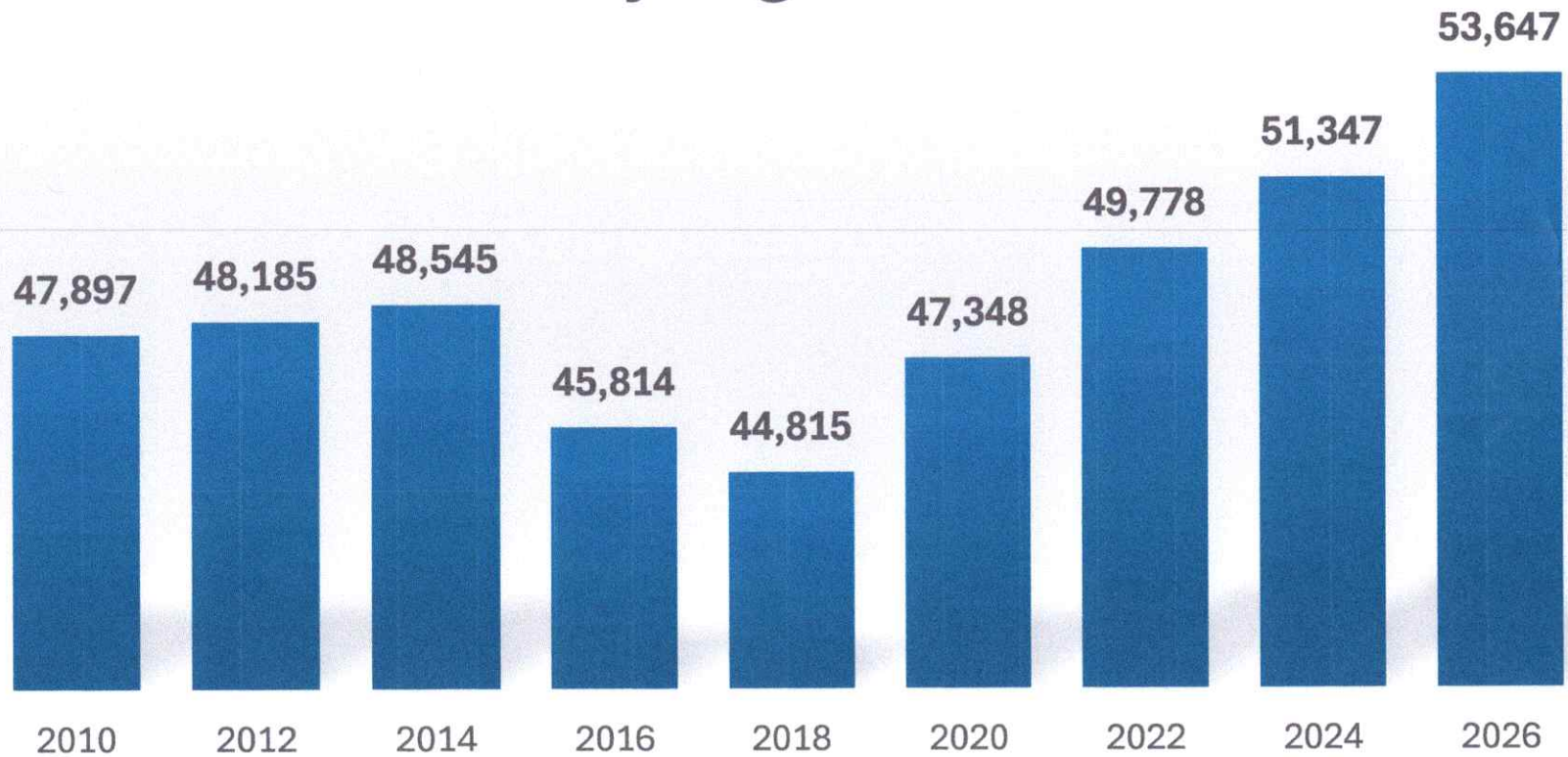
Candidate	Party	City
Charlotte Bergmann	Republican	Memphis
Brent Taylor	Republican	Eads
Jeremy Thompson	Republican	Fayetteville
Todd Warner	Republican	Lewisburg
M. LaTroy A-Williams	Democratic	Memphis
London Lamar	Democratic	Memphis
Justin J. Pearson	Democratic	Memphis
Jim Torino	Democratic	Columbia
Dennis Clark	Independent	Memphis
Michelle Davis Head	Independent	Lewisburg

**ANDERSON CO. ELECTION COMMISSION
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CLINTON, TN 37716-3683
CANDIDATES ELECTION: 2026-11-03GM**

ID	NAME	BAKNAME	POSITION	FILEDATE	FILEDATE	PARTY
45077	GATLIN, DUSTIN MICHAEL	DUSTIN M GATLIN	GOVERNOR, STATE OF TENNESSEE	2026-01-09		I
62393	KING, RODNEY J	RODNEY J KING	US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - 3RD CONGRESSIC	2026-02-20	2026-03-05	I
30425	BURTON, SCOTT N	SCOTT BURTON	MAYOR, CITY OF CLINTON	2026-06-22		
31826	MCNALLY, STEPHEN T	STEPHEN T MCNALLY	MAYOR, CITY OF CLINTON	2026-06-22		
66529	BIBLE, TIMOTHY A	TIMOTHY A. BIBLE	CLINTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, WARD 2	2026-02-20	2026-03-06	I
1449	MANESS, WENDY CROWE	WENDY MANESS	CLINTON CITY COUNCIL, WARD 3	2026-06-22		
20229	NICHOLSON, CHARLES P	CHARLES P. NICHOLSON	NORRIS CITY COUNCIL	2026-06-22		
41179	GADDIS, JOE B	JOE GADDIS	OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL	2026-06-22		
2247	HENSLEY, LEONARD CHARLES	L. C. "CHARLIE" HENSLEY	OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL	2026-06-22		
4995	SMITH, ELLEN D	ELLEN D. SMITH	OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL	2026-06-22		
55046	MCLEAN, LAURA PATTON	LAURA MCLEAN	OAK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION	2026-02-12	2026-02-25	I
0	WEBB, ERIN S	ERIN S. WEBB	OAK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION	2026-01-14	2026-02-23	I
28460	WALKER, JAMES M	MAURICE WALKER	OLIVER SPRINGS ALDERMAN, WARD 2	2026-06-22		
13896	VANHOOK, TERESA O	TERESA O. VAN HOOK	OLIVER SPRINGS ALDERMAN, WARD 4	2026-06-22		

TOTAL :14

Anderson County Registered Voters



2026 Proposed Constitutional Amendment #1



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

By Senators Johnson, Rose, Stevens, Powers, Reeves

and

Mr. Speaker Sexton; Representatives Howell, Capley, Lamberth, Powers, Atchley, McCalmon, Hardaway, Davis, Cepicky, Gillespie, Carringer, Littleton, Rudder, Haston, Williams, Russell, Eldridge, Zachary, Helton-Haynes, White, Alexander, Tim Hicks, Hale, Slater, Kumar, Burkhart, Vital, Raper, Parkinson

A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article I, Section 15 of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to bail.

WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution No. 919 of the One Hundred Thirteenth General Assembly, which proposed amendment of Article I, Section 15 of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to bail, was considered and agreed to by a majority of all the members elected to each of the two houses, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2024, such resolution proposing such amendment was published in compliance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that a two-thirds majority of all the members elected to each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that Article I, Section 15 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the following:

That all prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, unless for capital offences, when the proof is evident, or the presumption great. And the privilege of the writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in case of rebellion or invasion, the General Assembly shall declare the public safety requires it.

and substituting instead the following:

(a) All prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient sureties unless for the following when the proof is evident or the presumption great:

- (1) A capital offense;
- (2) An act of terrorism;
- (3) Second degree murder;
- (4) Aggravated rape of a child;
- (5) Aggravated rape;
- (6) Grave torture; and

(7) Any other offense for which, as of November 3, 2026, a defendant, if convicted, could not be released prior to the expiration of at least eighty-five percent of the entire sentence imposed.

(b) In any case in which bail for an offense listed in subsection (a) is granted or denied before conviction, the judge or magistrate shall place in the record the judge's or magistrate's reasons for granting or denying bail.

2026 Proposed Constitutional Amendment #2



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

By Senators Haile, Lowe, Walley, Bailey, Johnson, Briggs, White, Hensley, Pody, Stevens, Massey, Roberts, Rose, Harshbarger, Seal, Yager, Gardenhire, Powers, Bowling, Reeves, Crowe, Southerland, Taylor, Hatcher, Jackson; Mr. Speaker McNally; Senator Watson

and

Representatives Darby, White, Hakeem, Davis, Greg Martin, Burkhart, Powers, Bricken, Maberry, Butler, Russell, Alexander, Moon, Stevens, Reneau, Moody, Hale, Doggett, Helton-Haynes, Cepicky, Haston, Eldridge, Warner, Faison, Williams, Slater, Keisling, Hurt, Hawk, Rudder, Zachary, Carringer, Bulso, Todd, Howell, Reeves, Capley

A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article II, Section 28 of the Constitution of Tennessee, to prohibit taxation of property by the State.

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution No. 81 of the One Hundred Thirteenth General Assembly, which proposed amendment of Article II, Section 28 of the Constitution of Tennessee, was considered and agreed upon by a majority of all the members elected to each of the two houses, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals; and

WHEREAS, such resolution proposing such amendment was published in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 28 of the Constitution of Tennessee currently authorizes taxation of all property according to its value by any taxing authority, including the State, counties, and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the State can impose a property tax, as it did until 1949 to all property in the State; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, the Legislature repealed the State's property tax; and

WHEREAS, the current property tax is imposed at the local level at various county and municipal tax rates; and

WHEREAS, the controlling and predominant purpose of the property tax is for local purposes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that a two-thirds majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that Article II, Section 28 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee be amended by deleting the following language from the first sentence:

In accordance with the following provisions, all property real, personal or mixed shall be subject to taxation, but the Legislature

and substituting instead the following:

In accordance with the following provisions, all property real, personal, or mixed shall be subject to taxation, but the Legislature shall not levy, authorize, or otherwise permit any state tax upon such property, and the Legislature

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee, the foregoing proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people at

2026 Proposed Constitutional Amendment #3



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

By Senator Stevens; Mr. Speaker McNally; Senators Jackson, Powers, Taylor, Gardenhire, Hensley, Rose, Walley, Watson

and

Mr. Speaker Sexton; Representatives Doggett, Hardaway, Powers, Reneau, Moody, Davis, Cepicky, Gillespie, Carringer, Helton-Haynes, Eldridge, Howell, Williams, Alexander, Slater, Todd, White, Haston, Scarbrough, Parkinson

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article I, Section 35 of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to the rights of crime victims.

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution No. 94 of the One Hundred Thirteenth General Assembly, which proposed amendment of Article I, Section 35 of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to the rights of crime victims, was considered and agreed to by a majority of all the members elected to each of the two houses, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals; and

WHEREAS, such resolution proposing such amendment was published in compliance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that a two-thirds majority of all members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that Article I, Section 35 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting the following:

Section 35. That to preserve and protect the rights of victims of crime to justice and due process throughout the criminal and juvenile justice systems, a victim, as defined by law and which may be expanded by the General Assembly, shall have the following rights, which shall be protected:

- (1) The right to be treated with fairness for the victim's safety and dignity;
- (2) The right, upon request, to reasonable notice of all public criminal proceedings and all public juvenile delinquency proceedings involving the accused;
- (3) The right to be present at all public criminal proceedings and all public juvenile delinquency proceedings involving the accused;
- (4) The right upon request to be heard in any proceeding involving release, plea, sentencing, disposition, and parole, as well as any public proceeding when relevant during which a right of the victim is implicated;
- (5) The right to be heard and informed of all parole procedures, to participate in the parole process, to provide information to the parole authority to be considered before the parole of the offender, and to be notified, upon request, of the parole or other release of the offender;
- (6) The right to be free from harassment, intimidation, and abuse throughout the criminal justice system, including reasonable protection, as defined by the General Assembly, from the accused or any person acting on behalf of the accused;
- (7) The right, upon request, to reasonable notice of any release, transfer, or escape of the accused or convicted person;

Proposed for 2030



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 624

By Senators Johnson, Seal, Haile, Yager, Roberts, Reeves, White, Bowling, Crowe, Powers, Rose, Harshbarger, Stevens, Taylor

and

Representatives Farmer, Bricken, Rudd, McCalmon, Reeves, Sherrell, Moon, Helton-Haynes, Moody, Kumar, Howell, White, Davis, Maberry, Sparks, Hawk, Slater, Keisling, Brock Martin, Renea Jones

A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article IV, Section 1, of the Constitution of Tennessee, to specify that only citizens of the United States may vote in state, county, or municipal elections.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that Article IV, Section 1, of the Constitution of Tennessee is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Every person, being eighteen years of age, being a citizen of the United States, being a resident of the State for a period of time as prescribed by the General Assembly, and being duly registered in the county of residence for a period of time prior to the day of any election as prescribed by the General Assembly, shall be entitled to vote in all federal, state, and local elections held in the county or district in which such person resides. All such requirements shall be equal and uniform across the state, and there shall be no other qualification attached to the right of suffrage.

No person who is not a citizen of the United States shall be entitled to vote in any election held in this state, including elections for state, county, municipal, or district offices, or for any ballot measure, referendum, or other question submitted to the people.

The General Assembly shall have the power to enact laws requiring voters to vote in the election precincts in which they may reside, and laws to secure the freedom of elections and the purity of the ballot box.

All male citizens of this State shall be subject to the performance of military duty, as may be prescribed by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing amendment be referred to the One Hundred Fifteenth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee by posting such amendment on the official website of the Secretary of State and on the official website of the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Senate is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of State, with this final resolving clause being deleted from such copies.

Proposed for 2030



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 551

By Senators Haile, Gardenhire

and

Representatives Lamberth, Faison, Zachary, Moon, McCalmon, Davis, Sherrell, White,
Maberry, Slater

A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee, to change the date of elections for judicial and other civil officers.

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 5 requires elections for judicial and other civil officers to be held on the first Thursday in August, while Article II, Section 7 requires elections for members of the General Assembly to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 2 requires the election for Governor to be held on the same day as for members of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Congress has also specified the first Tuesday after the first Monday for the election of United States senators and representatives and electors for president, pursuant to 2 U.S.C.A. § 7 and 3 U.S.C.A. § 1, respectively; and

WHEREAS, having all federal, state, and local elections on the same day would save this State and its local governments money and increase voter participation in local government elections; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the following language:

Elections for Judicial and other civil officers shall be held on the first Thursday in August, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and forever thereafter on the first Thursday in August next preceding the expiration of their respective terms of service. The term of each officer so elected shall be computed from the first day of September next succeeding his election.

and substituting instead the following:

Beginning with the election held in 2034, judicial officers and all other elected county officials, except the assessor of property, are elected on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November next preceding the expiration of their respective terms of service. The term of each officer so elected is computed from the first day of December next succeeding the officer's election. Beginning with the election held in 2032, the assessors of property are elected on the first Thursday in August next preceding the expiration of their respective terms of service. The term of the assessor of property so elected is computed from the first day of September next succeeding his election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing amendment be referred to the One Hundred Fifteenth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published by the Secretary of State in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee by posting such amendment on the official website of the Secretary of State and on the official website of the General Assembly.

Proposed for 2030



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 618

By Senators Gardenhire, Powers, Taylor

and

Representatives Helton-Haynes, Parkinson, Alexander, Renea Jones

A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article VI, Section 4, of the Constitution of Tennessee regarding the residency requirements for judges.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that Article VI, Section 4 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the following language:

Every Judge of such Courts shall be thirty years of age, and shall before his election, have been a resident of the State for five years and of the circuit or district one year.

and substituting instead the following:

Every Judge of such Courts shall be thirty years of age, and shall before his election, have been a resident of the State for five years and a resident of a county of the respective circuit or district to which the judge is to be assigned for one year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing amendment be referred to the One Hundred Fifteenth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published by the Secretary of State in accordance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee by posting such amendment on the official website of the Secretary of State and on the official website of the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Senate is directed to deliver copies of this resolution to the Secretary of State, with this final resolving clause being deleted from such copies.



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 620

HOUSE BILL NO. 22

**By Representatives Davis, Sparks, Cepicky, Fritts, McCalmon, Rudd, Capley,
Greg Martin, Howell, Reneau, Hardaway, Todd**

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 178

By Senators Lowe, Bailey, Seal

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 44, relative to public meetings.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-44-112, is amended by designating subsection (a) as subdivision (a)(1) and by adding the following as subdivision (a)(2):

(2)

(A) A local governing body shall, for each public meeting, reserve a period for public comment to provide the public with the opportunity to comment:

(i) On matters that are germane to the items on the agenda for the meeting; and

(ii) On any matter that is germane to the jurisdiction of the local governing body, regardless of whether such matter is an item on the agenda for the meeting.

(B) As used in this subdivision (a)(2), "local governing body" means the governing body of an incorporated city or town, county, metropolitan government, school district, regional authority, or other political subdivision of this state other than a state governmental agency or entity.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 534

SENATE BILL NO. 367

By Briggs

Substituted for: House Bill No. 458

By Rudd, Moon, Crawford, Stinnett, Davis, Wright, Vital, Doggett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and Title 55, Chapter 50, relative to elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-13-203(e), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(4) For a vacancy for a judge, district attorney general, or public defender occurring after the deadline in subdivision (e)(1), the qualifying period is governed by § 17-4-308(j), and statewide political parties may select nominees by any method authorized under the rules of the party. No later than the qualifying deadline established in § 17-4-308(j), the chair of the nominating body shall certify to the coordinator of elections the person nominated pursuant to this subdivision (e)(4), and independent candidates shall qualify by filing nominating petitions under § 2-5-104. The coordinator of elections shall, thereafter, certify political party nominees to the county election commissions in each county in which the nominees are candidates.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 596

HOUSE BILL NO. 618

By Representatives Wright, Russell, Howell, Renea Jones, Greg Martin, Vital, Eldridge

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 624

By Senators Briggs, Gardenhire, Hatcher

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and Title 8, relative to public office.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 50, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) An individual holding an elected office of a local government shall not hold another elected office in this state at the same time.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), individuals holding an elected office of a local government and another elected office in this state on January 1, 2027, may continue holding such offices and may be reelected to such offices. If an individual ceases holding more than one (1) office after January 1, 2027, then the individual is subject to subsection (a).

(c) Subsection (a) does not apply to an office in a political party's state executive committee.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect January 1, 2027, the public welfare requiring it.



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1050

SENATE BILL NO. 232

By Akbari, Campbell, Kyle, Lamar, Yarbrow

Substituted for: House Bill No. 659

By Chism, Clemmons, Camper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 7, relative to polling places.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-111, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(e) A county election commission may designate restroom facilities in a building in which the election is to be held that are for the use of workers or volunteers working for a campaign. Workers and volunteers of a campaign working outside of a polling place may use restroom facilities in the building in which the election is held that have been designated for use by workers or volunteers working for a campaign, but shall not enter the polling place. A worker or volunteer of a campaign shall cover or remove clothing or accoutrements bearing campaign material before entering the boundary designated under subsection (a). A worker or volunteer of a campaign who enters the boundary without covering or removing campaign material, or who attempts to solicit votes within the boundary, may be subject to punishment under § 2-19-119.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2026, the public welfare requiring it.



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 605

SENATE BILL NO. 336

By Akbari, Campbell, Jackson, Lamar, Oliver

Substituted for: House Bill No. 687

By Camper, Behn, Brooks, Powell, Harris, Salinas, Pearson, Fritts, Clemmons, Parkinson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and Title 40, relative to voting rights.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-29-102, is amended by deleting subdivisions (c)(2) and (c)(3) and substituting:

(2) Has been compliant with all child support orders for the previous twelve (12) months, including orders related to child support arrearages.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 625

HOUSE BILL NO. 1513

By Representatives Zachary, Russell, Davis, McCalmon, Clemmons, Powell

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1624

By Senators Massey, Campbell, Bowling, Haile, Yarbro

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 19, relative to the
Transparency for Deepfakes in Political Advertising Act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act is known and may be cited as the "Transparency for Deepfakes in
Political Advertising Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-19-120(a), is amended by adding
the following as a new subdivision:

(6)

(A) Such communication, when in audio form, if considered a deepfake as
defined in § 39-17-1902 and impersonating a candidate for elected office
engaging in speech in which the candidate did not in fact engage, shall clearly
state at the beginning and at the end of the communication:

This communication contains fake content impersonating speech
that did not occur.

(B) Such communication, when in video form, if considered a deepfake as
defined in § 39-17-1902 and depicting a candidate for elected office engaging in
action or speech in which the depicted candidate did not in fact engage, shall
clearly state in large letters for the duration of the video:

(i) If the communication includes only video media:

This communication contains fake content depicting
actions that did not occur.

(ii) If the communication includes both audio and video media of a
candidate engaging in action or speech in which the candidate did not
engage:

This communication contains fake content depicting
actions and speech that did not occur.

(C) When the impersonated or depicted candidate is not an incumbent
office holder, subdivisions (a)(6)(A) and (a)(6)(B) apply only if the communication
is distributed within one hundred twenty (120) days of the initiation of voting in an
election in which the candidate for elected office appears on the ballot.

(D)

(1) A person or entity that is a host, third-party producer, or
internet service provider, including its affiliates or subsidiaries, or that
operates a search engine or a cloud service provider, is not liable under
this subdivision (a)(6) solely for providing access or connection to or from
a website or other information or content on the internet, nor is a facility,
system, or network not under the control of the internet service provider
liable under this subdivision (a)(6), including from transmission,



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 829

SENATE BILL NO. 1720

By Halle, Rose

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1659

By Moon, Stinnett, Alexander, Harris, Russell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and Title 10, Chapter 7, relative to public records.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-102, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c) Notwithstanding § 10-7-503, the addresses on a nominating petition for the office of judge, chancellor, district attorney general, and public defender are confidential and are not open to public inspection, unless requested by a candidate or law enforcement authority in anticipation of or as part of a contest of candidacy or contest of election. A person requesting such information shall certify on a form provided by the coordinator of elections the reason for the request under penalty of perjury.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 690

SENATE BILL NO. 1619

By Briggs, Taylor

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1669

By Rudd, Crawford, Reedy, Cepicky

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, relative to elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-12-109, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (e):

(e) In years in which the general assembly has appropriated funds for the purpose of providing reimbursements to county election commissions for primary elections, reimbursements are processed in the same manner as expenses for the presidential preference primary in subsection (d).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-11-114(a), is amended by deleting "unless such acceptance or expenditure is approved by the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-12-118(a), is amended by deleting "unless such acceptance or expenditure is approved by the secretary of state or designee of the secretary of state".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-126(a), is amended by deleting "alphabetically" and substituting the following "alphabetically or by date".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-125, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting the following:

(a) If the administrator of elections determines that the registrant is not entitled to be registered, the administrator shall tell the registrant the reason, record the reason, and file the rejected registration.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-134, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

(a) When a voter registration is required to be purged, the administrator shall place the permanent registration records of the voter in a file of purged registration records, which is a public record. The county election commission shall retain the file of purged registration records for two (2) years from the date of the purge, after which time the county election commission may destroy the purged registration records.

(b) The administrator shall record the reason for the purge in the voter registration system and shall maintain any associated reports or other records supporting the purge until the purged registration record is destroyed.

(c) Upon purging a registration record, the administrator shall determine whether the voter has an outstanding or uncounted absentee ballot. If the voter has an outstanding or uncounted ballot, it must be marked "Rejected," except as otherwise provided by § 2-6-306.

SECTION 7. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 913

HOUSE BILL NO. 1743

By Representatives Rudd, Crawford

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1757

By Senators Briggs, Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, relative to elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-19-120(a)(2), is amended by designating the subdivision as subdivision (a)(2)(A) and adding the following new subdivision (a)(2)(B):

(B) Notwithstanding another law, if a candidate changes treasurers and notifies the registry of election finance of the change pursuant to § 2-10-105(e)(1), the candidate may continue to use print communication that includes the identification of the former treasurer until the print communication is exhausted. As used in this subdivision (a)(2)(B), "print communication" means a physical sign, placard, pamphlet, flyer, sticker, or other physical material used for a communication, and does not include an audio, video, or digital communication.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 892

SENATE BILL NO. 1670

By Powers, Bailey, Bowling, Massey

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1989

By Lankford, McCalmon, Maberry, Crawford, Russell, Fritts, Reedy, Cepicky, Capley, Todd, Terry, Lafferty, Moody, Gillespie

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2; Title 6; Title 8; Title 36; Title 39; Title 40; Title 49; Title 55; Title 58; Title 62; Title 63 and Title 66, relative to armed forces.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-1-104(a)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead:

(1) "Armed forces personnel" means members of the army, navy, air force, space force, marine corps, coast guard, environmental science services administration, and public health service of the United States or members of the merchant marine of the United States and their spouses and dependents;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-54-143(b)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead:

(1) The active and reserve components of the army, navy, air force, space force, marine corps, or coast guard of the United States;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-18-101(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead:

(4) Soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, or guardians in the regular army, navy, air force, or space force of the United States; and

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-30-307(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead:

(a) When invitations to interview candidates are extended, whether for appointment or promotion, and the pool of candidates includes any person who has been honorably discharged from the army, navy, air force, space force, marine corps, or coast guard or any member of the reserve components, as defined in 10 U.S.C. § 10101, who performs active federal service in the armed forces of the United States, these persons must be invited to interview.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-48-201, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead:

"Military service," as used in this part, includes the enlistment or induction into the United States army or any branch thereof, the United States navy, the air force, the space force, the marine corps, the coast guard, the merchant marine, or any other military activity carried on in the aid of the war effort.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-7-102(18)(A), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead:



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 775

HOUSE BILL NO. 2185

By Representatives Lamberth, Reeves, Todd, Bricken, Crawford, Moody

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2204

By Senators Johnson, Bowling, Lowe, Pody, Rose, Seal, Stevens, White

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, relative to voter eligibility.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-401, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (c) and redesignating the existing subsection (c) and any subsequent subsection accordingly:

(c) The portal may also access data from the systematic alien verification for entitlements (SAVE) program from the United States department of homeland security, United States citizenship and immigration services (DHS-USCIS), if DHS-USCIS makes such data available via a secure web service.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.