

ELECTION NOTICE

For the March 5, 2024, Presidential Preference Primary, Washington County Republican & Democratic Primary Elections & Independent Candidates for the August General Election

To the voters of Washington County, TN, notice is hereby given pursuant to TCA 2-12-111(a), that a Presidential Preference Primary Election will be held in Washington County, Tennessee, on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, for the purpose of declaring preferences for candidates for the office of President of the United States and for selecting delegate candidates to attend the National Convention, if a party chooses popular vote method.

A Republican and Democratic Primary has also been called by both Washington County political party executive committees. The election will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, in conjunction with the Presidential Preference Primary, in all voting precincts in Washington County, TN. **Independent candidates** for county offices listed below, to be filled in the August General Election, must also file their qualifying petitions as stated below.

Federal Election for:

Presidential Candidates and Delegates at Large and First Congressional District (committed and uncommitted)

- The first day a nominating petition for non-nationally recognized Presidential party candidates for the Presidential Preference Primary may be issued is **Wednesday, September 6, 2023**. The qualifying deadline will be **Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 12:00 NOON** to qualify for the March Presidential Preference Primary Election. Political party candidates nominated by petition must file with the State Election Commission on this day **no later than 12:00 NOON** prevailing time.
- The withdrawal deadline for non-nationally recognized candidates will be **Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 12:00 Noon** prevailing time.
- The first day a nominating petition for delegate-candidates for the Presidential Preference Primary may be issued is **Friday, September 15, 2023**. The qualifying deadline will be **Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 12:00 NOON** for the March Presidential Preference Primary Election. Delegate candidates must file their nominating petitions with the State Election Commission on this day **no later than 12:00 NOON** prevailing time.
- The withdrawal deadline for delegate candidates will be **Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 12:00 NOON**.

A Republican and Democratic Primary have been called for the following offices:

Assessor of Property	4-year term
District 2 County School Board Members (3 seats)	4-year term
Districts 1, 2, & 3 Constables (3 seats each District)	4 year term

Any other office or question that may timely qualify to appear on the ballot

- The first day nominating petitions for the March 5, 2024, County Primary Election & August General may be issued is **Monday, October 16, 2023**.
- The qualifying deadline for all candidates, including independent candidates, for offices which will appear on the March primary ballot will be **Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 12:00 Noon**. This includes independent candidates for school board in which only a republican primary was called.
 - *No person shall qualify as a candidate for a position on a county board of education until the person has filed with the county election commission proof that the candidate graduated from high school or received a GED or HiSET evidenced by a diploma or other documentation satisfactory to the commission. The documentation must be filed no later than **Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 12:00 Noon**.*
- The last day candidates who have qualified may withdraw their name from the ballot is **Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 12:00 Noon**.
- The last day to register to vote in person or by mail postmark for the March 5, 2024, Election is **Monday, February 5, 2024**. TCA § 2-2-109

The Washington County Election Commission Office will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Storytelling Festival: October 5 & October 6, 2023 | Veteran's Day: November 10, 2023 | Thanksgiving: November 23, 2023 & November 24, 2023 | Christmas: December 22, 2023 & December 25, 2023 | New Year's Day: December 29, 2023 & January 1, 2024 | Martin Luther King, Jr Day: January 15, 2024 | President's Day: February 19, 2024

Regular Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Washington County Election Commission

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Public Notice for Elderly Voters or Voters with Disabilities

Any elderly voter or voter with a disability whose polling place is inaccessible may vote early by absentee ballot or at the Election Commission Office on Election Day. TCA 2-3-109 (e) (2)

If voters choose to vote at the Election Commission Office on Election Day, they must complete an affidavit at the Election Commission Office **no later than Saturday, February 24, 2024**, (ten days prior to the election), stating that their designated voting location is not accessible. For more information, please contact the Washington County Election Commission office.

PHOTO ID REQUIRED FOR VOTERS: If you are voting in person during Early Voting or on Election Day, a Federal or State of Tennessee Government issued **photo ID** is required for voting, unless an exception applies. College student ID's and out-of-state photo ID's will not be accepted. Forms of acceptable identification, even if expired, include a Tennessee driver license with your photo, United States passport, Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security photo ID, Photo ID issued by the federal government, United States military ID including a Veteran Identification Card, and a Tennessee handgun carry permit with your photo. To learn more about this law and its exceptions, please call the Washington County Election Commission or visit the Tennessee Division of Elections website at: www.GoVoteTN.gov

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