

**NOTICE OF ELECTION  
MAY 5, 2026  
POLK COUNTY REPUBLICAN & DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY  
INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES FOR THE AUGUST GENERAL ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to TCA 2-12-111(a) that a Republican and Democratic Primary has been called by both Political Party Executive Committees. The election will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, in all voting precincts in Polk County, TN. Independent candidates for county offices listed below to be filled in the

August General Election must file their qualifying petitions as stated below.

**County Republican & Democratic Primary and Independent candidates for:**

County Executive, County Commission, Trustee, Sheriff, Clerk of Courts, County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and School Board.

The first day a nominating petition for County Primary and Independent Candidates may be issued is **December 22nd, 2025**.

Qualifying deadline will be **February 19, 2026 at 12:00 NOON** for those running as a **Republican, Democratic or Independent Candidate for any position listed above**.

The withdrawal deadline will be **February 26, 2026 at 12:00 NOON**.

First day to receive requests for by-mail ballots **February 4, 2026**.

Deadline for receiving an application for a by-mail ballot **April 25, 2022**.

The last day to register to vote in person or by mail postmark for the May 5, 2026 Primary Election will be **April 6, 2026**.

TCA 2-2109

**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) (1). If the voter chooses to vote at the Election Commission on Election Day, they must complete an affidavit at the Election Commission Office **no later than April 25, 2026** stating that their designated voting location is not accessible. For more information please contact: Polk County Election Commission Office 423-338-4531.

**PHOTO ID REQUIRMENTS FOR ALL VOTERS.**

Beginning January 1, 2012 all voters must present a Photo ID. The ID must be issued by the Federal or State of Tennessee Government and contain the voter's name and photograph. For more information regarding exemptions, acceptable and nonacceptable proof of photo ID contact our office. You may also visit the Tennessee

Division of Elections web site as listed: <https://sos.tn.gov/elections/voter-information>

Office location: Polk County Election Commission

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Website: [www.votepolktn.com](http://www.votepolktn.com)

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