

ABSENTEE AND EARLY VOTING NOTICE

for the May 1, 2018, Republican and Democratic Primary Election

The Greene County Election Commission is hereby publishing notice of the early voting period for the May 1, 2018, Republican & Democratic Primary Election. Any registered voter who is eligible to vote in the May 1, 2018, Election may vote in person during a period beginning twenty (20) days prior to the election and ending five (5) days before the election (TCA 2-6-102(a)(1)). This period would run from **Wednesday, April 11, 2018, through Thursday, April 26, 2018.**

To vote in person during early voting, come to the **Election Commission Office located at 218 North Main St, Suite # 1, Greeneville, TN.** The office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays, April 14 and April 21, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The last day to register to vote in person or by postmark for the May 1, 2018, Primary Election is April 2, 2018. (TCA 2-2-109)

The Election Commission will be closed for all Greene County Government observed holidays excluding Election Day.

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 Greene County Election Commission or visit the Tennessee Division of Elections website at www.GoVoteTN.com.

A registered voter may vote absentee by mail if one of the following reasons applies (TCA 2-6-201):

1. If the voter will be outside the county where the voter is registered during the early voting period and on Election Day during all the hours the polls are open for any reason other than the fact that the voter will be imprisoned;
2. If a voter is enrolled as a full-time student or spouse of such student in an accredited college, university or similar accredited institution of learning in this state which is outside the county where the voter is registered;
3. If the voter is on the Permanent Absentee Voting Register. To be eligible for placement on the register, a voter shall file a statement by the person's licensed physician with the county election commission. The voter shall file the physician's statement and the application not less than seven (7) days before the election;
4. If the voter expects to be unable to appear during the early voting period or at the polling place on election day because the voter will be serving as a juror for federal or state court;
5. If the voter is 60 years of age or older;
6. If the voter is a caretaker of a hospitalized, ill or physically disabled person;
7. If the voter is hospitalized, ill, or physically disabled and because of such condition, is unable to appear at their polling place;
8. If the voter's polling place is not accessible and the voter has a disability;
9. If the voter is a candidate for office in the election for which the voter seeks to cast an absentee ballot;
10. If the voter is an election day official or a member or employee of the election commission on Election Day;
11. If the voter is unable to appear during the early voting period or at the polling place because of observance of a religious holiday;
12. If the voter possesses a valid commercial driver's license (CDL) or is the spouse of a person who possesses a valid commercial driver's license (CDL), who will be outside of the county or state during all hours of the early voting period and on election day during all hours the polls are opened, or if the voter has no specific out-of-county or out-of-state location in which they may receive mail during this time period. If this is your reason, you must provide the (CDL) number and enclose a copy of your (CDL) or your spouse's (CDL) with your request.
13. If the voter possesses a valid Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) card, who will be outside of the county or state during all hours of the early voting period and on election day during all hours the polls are opened, or if the voter has no specific out-of-county or out-of-state location in which they may receive mail during this time period. If this is your reason, you must enclose a copy of your (TWIC) card with your request.
14. If the voter is a member of the military, a spouse or dependent of the military, an active National Guard member on state orders, or an overseas citizen and otherwise qualified to vote in Tennessee.

PROCEDURES FOR VOTING ABSENTEE:

If voters meet one of the above requirements and wish to vote by mail, they must request a ballot in writing placed over the voter's signature. The first day to receive a request for the May 1, 2018, Republican & Democratic Primary Election is ninety (90) days prior to the election (**Wednesday, January 31, 2018**), and the last day to receive a request is seven (7) days prior to the election (**Tuesday, April 24, 2018**). (TCA 2-6-202 (a) (1))

A voter may make the request or submit an application to vote by mail, facsimile transmission or email with an attached document which includes a scanned signature. (TCA 2-6-202(a) (3))

The voter's request can serve as the application for ballot if it contains the following information:

1. The voter's name;
2. The voter's address of residence;
3. The voter's social security number;
4. The voter's date of birth;
5. The address where to mail the ballot;
6. The election in which the voter wishes to participate;
7. The reason the voter is requesting to vote absentee; and
8. The voter's signature.

If the request does not contain all the information listed above, the Election Commission shall send the voter an application for an absentee ballot to obtain the needed information.

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