

ABSENTEE AND EARLY VOTING NOTICE

for the March 3, 2020, Presidential Preference & County Primary Election

The Greene County Election Commission is hereby publishing notice of the early voting period for the March 3, 2020, Presidential Preference Primary and County Primary Election. Any registered voter who is eligible to vote in the March 3, 2020, Election may vote in person during a period beginning twenty (20) days prior to the election and ending seven (7) days before the election (TCA 2-6-102 (c)). This period would run from **Wednesday, February 12, 2020, through Tuesday, February 25, 2020.**

To vote in person during early voting, come to the **Election Commission Office located at 218 North Main Street, Greeneville, TN.** The office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays, February 15, 2020 and February 22, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

The last day to register to vote in person or by postmark for the March 3, 2020, Presidential Preference Primary and County Primary Election is Monday, February 3, 2020. (TCA 2-2-109)

The Greene County Election Commission will be closed Monday, February 17, 2020, in observance of President's 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 Tennessee which is outside the Tennessee 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, or is a spouse or dependent of the military or an overseas citizen and otherwise qualified to vote in Tennessee.

PROCEDURES FOR VOTING ABSENTEE:

If a voter meets one of the above conditions and wishes to vote by mail, you must request a ballot in writing over your signature. The first day to receive a request for the March 3, 2020, Presidential Preference Primary and County Primary Election is ninety (90) days prior to the election (**Wednesday, December 4, 2019**) and the last day to receive a request is seven (7) days prior to the election (**Tuesday, February 25, 2020**). (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 to mail the ballot to;
6. The election in which the voter wishes to participate in; (***Note:** In Primary Elections, please indicate primary preference)
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 in order to obtain the needed information.

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