

NOTICE OF ELECTION

HAWKINS COUNTY REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES

MAY 5, 2026

To the voters of Hawkins County, TN: Notice is hereby given, that the Hawkins County Republican and Democratic parties have each called for a primary election for the purpose of allowing members of their respective parties to elect nominees to appear on the August 6, 2026 General election ballot, said primaries to be held on **Tuesday, May 5, 2026**.

**The following offices will be on the ballots for both the
REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES:**

COUNTY MAYOR
14 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(two each from Districts 1-7)
COUNTY TRUSTEE
SHERIFF
CLERK OF COURTS
COUNTY CLERK
REGISTER OF DEEDS
ROAD SUPERINTENDENT
SCHOOL BOARD
(District Seats 3, 4, 6, & 7)
7 CONSTABLES
(one each from Districts 1-7)

*****PETITIONS & QUALIFYING DEADLINE *****

Qualifying petitions are now available and will be furnished only by the County Election Commission office. To qualify for listed offices, primary candidates must file their nominating petition no later than **12:00 Noon, Thursday, February 19, 2026**, in the County Election Commission office. Candidates for Sheriff and Road Superintendent must respectively meet POST and THOCB filing deadlines prior to qualifying.

NOTE: Independent **candidates** for the above offices must, too, file a qualifying petition by **12:00 Noon, Thursday, February 19, 2026**, in the County Election Commission office to appear on the August 6, 2026, General election ballot.

*****WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE*****

The last day a candidate who qualified by the deadline may withdraw his/her name from the ballot is **12:00 Noon on February 26, 2026**. Any such request must be written, signed by the candidate, and submitted by the above time and date at the County Election Commission office. Judicial candidates must withdraw from each county in which they filed.

*****WRITE-IN CANDIDATES*****

Notice is hereby given that **write-In votes** will be counted only if a candidate files, in the appropriate jurisdiction, a Certificate of Write-In Candidacy form no later than fifty (50) days before the May 5, 2026 Election in the Election Commission office which will be **12:00 Noon on Monday, March 16, 2026**. The candidate is required to sign this form requesting that all write-in votes in his/her name be counted for the office as requested. The last day that candidates who filed certification of write-in candidacy may withdraw their names from being counted in the appropriate jurisdiction is **April 30, 2026**.

*****REGISTRATION DEADLINE- MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026*****

Monday, April 6, 2026, is the last day to register to vote in person or by-mail. Voter registration forms postmarked by **April 6, 2026**, will be processed for the May 5, 2026 Election. If you have questions about your voter registration status, go to GoVoteTN.com or call the Election Office. By-mail voter registration forms may be printed from the Hawkins County Election Office webpage at www.hawkinscountyttn.gov or www.sos.tn.gov. The forms may also be found at Hawkins County library branches, or the County Clerk's Office in Church Hill. These same forms can be used to update your name and/or address and to cancel your registration from another state or county.

If you have had a change of address or change of name, now is the time to update your voter registration record before Early Voting and Election Day. This helps to avoid fail-safe voting lines at the polls on Election Day. These changes will be processed up to five days before Election Day.

******ABSENTEE/EARLY VOTING DEADLINES******

APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT ARE ONLY SENT AUTOMATICALLY IF YOU HAVE FILED A PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT WITH THE ELECTION OFFICE!! ALL OTHERS MUST BE REQUESTED FOR EACH ELECTION.

Voters 60 years or older may qualify to vote absentee based on age alone.

Beginning **February 4, 2026**, qualified voters who wish to vote an **absentee ballot** may call the Election Office to request an application to vote by absentee ballot. A request for ballot must be made in writing and include the voter's name (as registered), social security number, date of birth, residence address, mailing address (if different from residence address), the election(s) in which the voter wishes to vote, the reason for requesting to vote an absentee ballot, and the voter's signature. The written request may be received by mail or by email no later than **Saturday, April 25, 2026**. E-mailed requests must contain an attached document with the voter's scanned signature. (Note – If you registered to vote by mail you must vote in person the first election in which you vote after registering unless an exception applies.)

Early voting by personal appearance will be **Wednesday, April 15, 2026, through Thursday, April 30, 2026**. You may vote early either at the Election Commission early voting location, 1st floor of the original Courthouse, in Rogersville, or the Church Hill Satellite office located in the **Clay Lodge, 111 Hamilton St., Church Hill**. Early voting hours will be posted on our webpage at www.hawkinscountyttn.gov.

PHOTO ID REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL VOTERS

If you are voting in person on Election Day or during the Early Voting period, a federal or State of Tennessee government issued photo ID is required for voting, unless an exception applies. The photo ID must contain the person's name and photo. To learn more about this law and its exceptions, please visit GoVoteTN.com.

The Election Commission will be closed the following days:

**Christmas December 24th, 25th, & 26th New Year January 1st & 2nd
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 19th Presidents' Day February 16th**

Office Location: Hawkins County Election Office
Courthouse Annex, 2nd floor
110 East Main Street, Room 301
Rogersville, TN 37857

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information contact the Hawkins County Election Commission:

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E-mail: hawkins.commission@tn.gov Web: www.hawkinscountyttn.gov

Hawkins County Election Commission

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