

Election Notice Early/ Absentee Voting/ Elderly Voters or Voters with Disabilities

Presidential Preference Primary and County Primary Tuesday, March 6, 2012

The Sumner County Election Commission will conduct Early Voting for any eligible Voter to cast a ballot by personal appearance at the Election Commission.

February 15, 2012 through February 28, 2012
Office hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Saturdays: February 18th & 25th 9:00A.M. to NOON

The Sumner County Election Commission will be closed Monday, February 20, 2012 in observance of Presidents Day.

Registered Voters who will be unable to go to their polling place on Election Day may vote by one of the following methods:

1. Voting by personal appearance:

Beginning February 15 through February 28, a Voter desiring to vote by personal appearance shall go to the Election Commission Office, sign an application to vote, and cast their vote there. The last Day to vote by personal appearance is Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at 4:30 P.M. at the Sumner County Election Commission Office. **State Law requires the Voter to have proper identification and a photo ID.**

2. Voting by mail

A Voter must meet certain legal qualifications, in order to vote absentee by mail. A Voter desiring to vote absentee by mail, shall in Person at the Election commission office, by Mail, by Fax or by E-Mail with attached document with Voter's Signature, request an application for an absentee ballot. Such request for an application may be received no later than February 28, 2012. The request can serve as an application for ballot if it contains the following: Name of Registered Voter, Voter's Legal Address, Voter's Social Security Number, Address to Mail the Ballot to, Elections in which the Voter wishes to Vote, Legal Reason to Vote Absentee, Voter's Date of Birth, and the Voter's Signature. (*Note – If the Voter registered by mail, they must vote in person in the first Election in which they vote after registering.)

Any elderly Voter or a Voter with a disability whose polling place is inaccessible may vote early by Absentee Ballot or at the Election Commission Office on Election Day. If the Voter chooses to vote at the Election Commission Office on Election Day, they must complete an Affidavit at the Election Commission Office no later than 10 Days prior to Election Day, stating that their designated voting location does not comply with the provisions of Public Law 98-435 of the 98th Congress.

Federal or state government issued photo ID is now required to vote, unless an exception applies. College student IDs will not be accepted. To learn more about the new law and its exceptions, please call 452-1456 or visit govotetn.com. Voters who do not have the proper photo ID will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot and will have two (2) business days after the election to appear at the election commission office and present the proper photo ID. **Examples of acceptable photo IDs are listed below even if they are expired:** Tennessee Driver's License with your photo or any other state issued Driver's License, United States Passport, Department of Safety Photo ID, photo issued by the Federal Government, such as an employee ID from the U.S. Department of Safety with photo, United States Military Photo ID, including Veteran Identification Card, or a State-issued Handgun Carry Permit with photo.

The election commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability. If there are questions about needed accommodations in the voting process, please call 452-1456. Voters with impaired hearing can call the Tennessee Relay Service at 1-800-848-0299 or TDD users can call 1-800-848-0298.

For additional information or for questions, please contact the Sumner County Election Commission at 452-1456.

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