

SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES/SUPPORTERS

Pursuant to TCA 2-7-103 Persons allowed to be in polling place.

(a) No person may be admitted to a polling place while the procedures required by this chapter are being carried out except election officials, voters, persons properly assisting voters, the press, poll watchers appointed under 2-7-104 and others bearing written authorization from the county election commission.

What this means:

You **CAN NOT** enter the polling place to use the restroom or make any inquiry to any voting official as to number of people who have voted, wait times, etc. Taking off your voting paraphernalia is **NOT** sufficient. Unless you are at your precinct to vote, which means that is your precinct, you get in line, do not speak to voters, do not greet or otherwise engage voters, sign in with the registrar, vote on the machine and leave the polling place, you are **NOT TO BE IN THE BUILDING!**

(b) Candidates may be present after the polls close.

NOTE: This does not say Candidates or their representatives. Only a CANDIDATE has a right to be present after the polls close. Someone collecting numbers for you **HAS NO RIGHT TO BE THERE!** This also does not mean you have the right to interfere with machine operators or officers in the performance of their duties. The tally tapes will be posted in an area visible when the poll workers leave - ie a window or door on the outside of the building.

100' Boundary:

TCA 2-7-111 and 2-19-119 discuss specifically that a 100' boundary exists where the display of campaign posters, signs or other campaign materials, distribution of campaign materials, and solicitation of votes for or against any person, political party, or position on a question are prohibited.

Sometimes, often times, the boundary line falls in the middle of a road, parking lot, gravel area, etc. where we cannot safely place the marker. In this situation, the Coordinator of Elections has concluded that we **CAN EXTEND THE BOUNDARY** to the closest possible area where we can place the marker. We had candidates in May and August who were obnoxious and abusive to poll workers over a few feet and a boundary notification. These candidates likewise angered voters, other candidates and poll workers - I do not believe this to be a good strategy when asking a voter for their support, and I doubt any candidacy hinges on a few feet at the polling place.

Your cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated.

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