

May 3, 2022 County Primary petitions available beginning December 20, 2021

Petitions for the Tuesday, May 3, 2022 Sumner County Primary will be issued beginning Monday, December 20, 2021 at the Sumner County Election Commission Office, 355 N. Belvedere Dr., Room 106 in Gallatin.

There are numerous changes associated with the county primary in 2022 due to changes in state law and the every 10 year redistricting process.

In November 2021 the Tennessee General Assembly voted to allow School Board seats to be part of the primary election. Previously School Board seats were considered by state law nonpartisan and not allowed on the primary ballot. Both the Sumner County Republican and Democratic parties have called for School Board seats to be on the May 3, 2022 primary ballot.

As part of redistricting the Sumner County Commission voted to have 24 commission districts instead of 12 with one commissioner per district instead of two. This allows for smaller districts with less population for each district.

Potential commission candidates should check the district maps to make sure they are requesting the petition for their correct district. County Commission maps can be found on the Sumner County Election Commission website, www.votesumnertn.org.

Offices on the May 3, 2022 Sumner County Primary Ballot are: Circuit Court Judge 18th Judicial District, Chancellor 18th Judicial District, Criminal Court Judge 18th Judicial District, District Attorney 18th Judicial District, Public Defender 18th Judicial District, County Mayor, County Commissioners Districts 1-24, County Trustee, General Sessions Judge Division I, General Sessions Judge Division II, General Sessions Judge Division III, Sheriff, Circuit Court Clerk, County Clerk, Register of Deeds, Road Superintendent and School Board Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11.

The petition deadline for the May 3, 2022 primary is Noon, Thursday, February 17, 2022. Anyone wishing to be on the ballot must have their petition filed by that Noon deadline. The withdrawal deadline for those who have turned in a petition but decided not to run for office is Noon, Thursday, February 24, 2022.

Persons who are interested in running for office should file an Appointment of Political Treasurer with the Election Office before raising or spending any money. This can be done prior to obtaining a petition if fundraising begins before that date. Current office holders who plan to seek reelection must file a new Appointment of Political Treasurer for each election cycle.

For more information go to the Sumner County Election Commission website www.votesumnertn.org or call the office at 615-452-1456.