

## **Sumner County Election Commission Public Comment Policy**

- (a) The period for public comment will be listed on the agenda as the newly enacted Tennessee law effective 07/01/2023 states that the purpose of the period is to provide the public with the opportunity to comment on matters that are germane to items on the agenda.
- (b) The Commission shall allow a maximum of FIVE (5) people to speak during the public comment period for a maximum of two minutes. The Election Commission will take all practicable steps to ensure that opposing viewpoints are represented fairly including giving each view point an equal number of speakers, if any.
- (c) To reiterate, the Sumner County Election Commission will provide each person with a maximum of TWO (2) minutes to speak during the public comment period.
- (d) The Sumner County Election Commission will utilize a physical sign-up sheet (5) minutes before the meeting begins for a maximum five persons who want to provide comments to the Sumner County Election Commission. The public comment sign-up sheet must include the name, residential Tennessee address and topic on the agenda the speaker wishes to address, and whether the speaker is for or against the agenda item, if applicable.